

GDHC

Newsletter

June 2022



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Hockey
Club Inc.**

Message from the president

Dear Life Members, Members, Players and Families,

Welcome to the 2022 season and our first edition of our Club Newsletter.

Like you, I'm thrilled to be back into the swing of all things hockey and extremely excited for the season ahead. So much energy and genuine care has been channelled towards starting our season, and that same dedication is still very much in play today.

To all of our members and extended family that continue to contribute regularly to our Club – thank you. To those of you that have contributed for the very first time – thank you for stepping forward.

There is always plenty to do, so if you have yet to offer your time, your skills, and your ideas, please know that they will be greatly appreciated. Your skills will contribute to our strong desire **to continuously improve as a Club, to grow sustainably, and to retain our members by offering a superior Club experience.**

With the half way mark of our season upon us, it is fantastic to see our Juniors, Women and Men playing some fabulous hockey. There is a mixed bag of results as you would expect, and despite the weather and the ever present Covid, our players continue to show up at training, at fitness, and on game day. We have a number of players often playing two games to help bolster numbers, helping out with occasional coaching support and umpiring.

We have registered 25 teams this season. We have seen notable growth in our Juniors as a result of early pre-season work led by our Juniors Director, Tara Taylor, and Development Director, Katrina 'Shorty' Cochrane. That important work continues, and I look forward to sharing more results with you as the season progresses.

In my emails to members in February and March I talked to our focus on increasing support for all our Coaches this season. This important work, led by Clare Prideaux, is being well received by our Coaching team. New learnings on training techniques and nurturing pathways to further development are well underway. Feedback from Coaches has been really positive thus far, confirming this is an area we are right to focus on.

Rosa Smith our Communications Director continues to build out our social calendar for 2022, with nine 'save the dates' already communicated. Please circle these dates in your diaries to connect with your Club, team mates and wider Glebe Family. Everyone is welcome!

Before I sign off, allow me to again welcome our four new Life Members – Carole Wark, Ann Rochester, Colin Rochester and Michael Bougoukas. At the AGM last year, they joined a treasured group of dedicated and loyal people that have given a large part of their lives to serving our Club. We can all learn a great deal from them.



And finally, I wish to acknowledge our committed and passionate GDHC Board. Josh, Tara, Adrian, Shorty, Rosa and new Directors Veronica and Rachael, thank you.

Take care,

Sue Heath
GDHC President



Handwritten signature of Sue Heath in black ink.



Glebe gets social

On Saturday, 9 April, we hosted the 2022 season kick off and new player welcome event at the clubhouse. After a week of torrential rain, the skies cleared up and it was a glorious day down at Jubilee Oval.

A huge thank you to those that helped out on the day and to those providing the musical entertainment for the afternoon. It was great to see so many faces, both old and new, come down for laughs & snags in the sunshine.

There's plenty to get excited about, not least the prospect that this year we will actually play a full season!

Other than that, there is so much happening for you to be involved in.

- Come support your fellow club members
- Join a social event!
- Come to the clubhouse and watch live screening of our men's 1st and 2nd grade games (see dates below)



SAVE THE DATES

WED 22 JUNE 5:30PM- Arthur Stubbs Foundation, Jubilee Oval

SAT 25 & SUN 26 JUNE - Mental Health Round

SUN 26 JUNE - Social at the Clubhouse

SAT 23 & SUN 24 JULY - LGBTQI round

SAT 30 JULY - Social at the Clubhouse

and also live screening Men's PL1 & PL2 games

SAT 13 AUG - Sydney Uni Derby Day, Lidcombe

SAT 1 OCT - Senior Presentation Night



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Player milestones

250



Mark Paterson
250 1st Grade Games

150



Mon Bordignon
150 club games

100



Elena Hux
100 club games

50



Tim Pritchard
50 1st Grade Games

50



Dylan Howe
50 1st Grade Games

50



Annie Millar
50 Club Games

50



Chantelle Hughes
50 Club Games

50



Kate Gardener
50 Club Games

50



Alex Brien – 5th Grade Goalie
50 Club Games

50



Cate Heath
50 Club Games

George Manou has played the 3rd most Men's games in the clubs history – 721!



George Manou, pictured with Glebe Men's
Fighting 5ths.

George Manou, goal keeper for Glebe's 4th and 5th grades recently played his 721st game for the club! This puts George near the top of the table for the men's players – George has now played the 3rd most Men's Games in Glebe's history!! George is always a positive force on and off the field. Congratulations George !! You are a club legend.



Glebe juniors

It has been a busy start to the 2022 playing year for our Glebe Juniors. This year we have 14 teams from U9 through to U17 playing in both the SEHA and Sydney Metro competitions plus about 40 players in our Minkeys group. We have seen substantial growth in our playing numbers in 2022 through the hard work of many in both promotion of our Juniors, more opportunities for children to “come and try” hockey as well as consistent development opportunities.

As always our Glebe volunteers have been exceptional and a huge amount of effort goes on running our Glebe Juniors and making these opportunities happen – thank you to our many volunteers across coaching, management, development, administration and umpiring. This section outlines a few of the highlights of the year so far.

We kicked off 2022 with pre season preparations that saw the club run 6 weeks of **Junior Development Academy Sessions** for our U9s-U17 players. The sessions were led by our talented and experienced Senior players and Club Coaches throughout February and March. This was a great success with up to 70 players attending some of the sessions.

In November 2021, we ran 4 “**Hookin2Hockey**” sessions providing a great opportunity for children 4-14 to try the game out. Thank you to Mark Paterson and our amazing Glebe coaches who made this series such a success. 17 new players joined our Club in 2022 following these sessions, across Minkey through to U15.



It was a great turn out for our annual **Glebe@Glebe** event in February. We had over 60 juniors out on the Oval and even more in attendance. It was in all likelihood our biggest Glebe@Glebe ever! A great start for the 2022 season. A huge thank you to all our volunteers. It was truly a whole of club effort.



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It was great to see so many of our U13 and U15 junior players in action at the Centre of Development (COD) program in the 2022 Hockey NSW Regional Challenge in Newcastle early this year.



Glebe's Molly Busch was selected in the Sydney Metro Academy team to play in the NSW State Academy games. The games saw eight teams made up of U18 Academy of Sports Teams from across NSW compete. Molly played 8 games for the Sydney Metro Academy team and her team won all their games (without conceding a goal). The grand final went to a nail biting penalty shoot out, which saw the team take the win.



Molly Robinson, from our U15 Redbacks represented NSW U15 Girls Lions Team at the Nationals in Newcastle.



L to R: Glebe players Miki Cooper, Emilie Srdic, Airley Goodridge, Jess Weatherall, Lilli Seebacher, Siala Cochrane representing our Association, Sydney East Hockey Association, at the U13 Girls Indoor Greater Sydney Cup where they were runners up.



Glebe Junior (and Women's player) Cate Heath joined Women's players Billy Pritchard and Madeleine Scott in representing SEHA at the Indoor Women Opens State Champs in Goulburn.



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Glebe has 4 U11 teams each with 11 or 12 players this year, which is our biggest contingent in this age group for several years. More teams means more coaches, umpires and managers and our Glebe family has really stepped up to make this happen for our Juniors. It also means Glebe v Glebe games and seeing other Glebe teams are the same venue. Shown here are 3 of our U11 teams playing at the same venue in one of the early rounds of 2022.



Under the Sydney Hockey rules, home teams are required to provide two ball-people for men's first grade games. Our Juniors make sure this happens for each home game. It is a great way for Juniors to contribute to our wider Club and to get up close to some exciting hockey.



Imogen and Nicholas with Mum Georgia



Jess and Airley from our U15 Redbacks.



Nate and Lilli our U13 Redbacks.



Glebe U17 Redback and Men's first player, Orlando Travis, completed at the U18 Men's Field Championships and has also been selected in the 2022/2023 Hockey AAP Squad who are working towards the 2023 U18 State Championships in April 2023.



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For the first time ever Glebe, ran a long format School Holiday Development Academy program which saw over 80 of our Juniors attend a 5 hour session with Glebe coaches as well as external coaches. We had 12 Glebe coaches and other volunteers helping to run the day. It was a great success and we look forward to repeating this in the July School Holidays.



With more Junior teams, we need more umpires and our Juniors have stepped up this year. We had 9 Juniors umpiring for us in the first part of the year including 4 in training. Their efforts are supplemented by seniors player Jamie Travis and Peter Bestel and others from time to time. Peter Bestel continues to do an amazing job of coordinating our Junior umpires and overseeing their training and mentoring.

U17 Redback, Aidan Najdzion (bottom left), represented SEHA at the U15 Boys Indoor State Champs in Orange in January. The team won their division!! Aidan and other U17 Redbacks (shown here Zane, Will, Orlando) also competed strongly in the U18 SEHA Indoor team.



Congratulations to Emilie Srdic, Airley Goodridge, Jess Weatherall and Aislinn Walsh-Sams, who have all been announced as members of the U15 Girls UNSW squad in June after their experiences at the recent U15 Girls State Championships. This is an amazing achievement from all girls. The squad will now work towards being part of the 2023 UNSW teams. The squad may be supplemented by additional players after the U13 Championships where players will be U15 players in 2023.

The SEHA field competition is well underway and we have over 40 Glebe representatives on the SEHA representative teams this year. We look forward to updating you on this in our next issue as well as other activities across Glebe Juniors as the year progresses.

Tara Taylor
Junior's Director



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Glebe men

The 2022 season has been a great one so far for Glebe's men and juniors playing senior hockey. At week 5 of the season:

- Glebe's 1st grade is sitting 6th on the table and have been playing great hockey.
- 2nd and 3rd grades are both currently sitting in 4th position.
- 4th grade are in 5th spot and
- 5th grade are sitting in 3rd place – their best start in several seasons.

There is a high work rate at Tuesday and Thursday night turf training and a great level of commitment. Coaches and players are travelling from as far away as the Central Coast (Craig Martin and Adam Campano), along with our new 1st grade goalie, Michael Sneezby. Mitchell Brain travels from Lithgow to play and train!



2nd Grade after a recent win!

Front row: Robbie Macintosh, Josh Laspina, Andrew Cheong, Michael Wark, Adam Campano. Rear row: Jackson Howe, Dylan Howe, Zane Goodrich, Matt Wilson, Patrick Wark, Al Cullen and Tony Wark.



First grade: Michael Sneezby, new 1st grade goalie, Ian Paterson back after a year away from hockey, Sam Alexander-Prideaux and an intense huddle.

I've just realised I've managed to go 2 whole paragraphs before mentioning COVID19, which is now a 'normal' part of life. Many club members have now had it, and in many cases, thankfully, it has been mild. This is not to say the pandemic is over by any stretch of the imagination. It is common for players who have had it to be experiencing symptoms of 'long COVID' many weeks after recovering from the primary symptoms. Long COVID typically involves breathlessness and low stamina, but in some cases is far more serious, with ongoing cardiac problems and fatigue.

On a weekly basis, there are typically 6-10 players out with COVID19 across the 5 men's grades. This makes scheduling difficult for coaches, and Club Captain Mack has his job cut out. Despite the challenges, our great club is in a better position than many other clubs, who have fewer grades to draw players from. Forfeits are common place but Glebe has not had to forfeit any games so far.



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Glebe men

Glebe's playing numbers are helped out by a large number of new players taking to the field in the maroon and white this year. Special mention to our juniors playing seniors hockey as well, including Tom Alexander-Prideaux, Aiden Najdzion, Zane Goodridge, Harry McCarthy (apologies if I've left anyone out). Orlando Travis continues to shine for NSW and Glebe in 1st grade (and U17 Redbacks) and we're pleased to have him back after his performance at the U18s Nationals in Cairns.

A shout out to new men's players including Billy Cheung, Cooper Drabsch, Cameron Johnston, Julian Derrick, Robbie Macintosh (returning), Jack Halliday, Alex Gibson, Lachlan Hall and Siddarth Roche.

Introducing Glebe's 1st grade goalie Michael Sneesby.

Michael 'Mick' Sneesby joined Glebe at the beginning of the 2022 season and has fit right in to the playing culture of Glebe's highest grades. He says he is loving the camaraderie of the squad and contributing to the terrific results that have come along in recent weeks. Not much gets past Mick in goals!

Mick says he loves being competitive on the field as well as the family and social aspects off the field. He has been playing hockey since he was 8 years old and comes from a long line of goalies! He, and started in goals after he got sick of watching his mum play goalie!

Fast forward to the future – Mick's kids are now following in his footsteps. His daughters Sophie and Madison are in their 2nd and 3rd seasons playing as goalies. They have both seen Covid interrupted seasons and are keen to get a full season in. Looks like they will both have their first rep season with the Central Coast U11s this year!



Glebe's Orlando Travis in sunny Cairns competing at the U18 Nationals for the NSW Blues.



Mick Sneesby and his 2 kids Madison and Sophie, who are also goalies!

Yours in Hockey

Adrian McKeown
Men's Director



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Glebe women

Welcome to my first newsletter update as your Women's Director.

Long time member - driven by the positive wellbeing benefits of team sport.

I've been a member of Glebe Hockey for over 10 years now with all my children (Sarah, William and James) playing and my partner (Lindesay Brine) umpiring. After years of seeing the team spirit, friendships and fun players were having, 5 years ago I too decided to play! With still much to learn, the wellbeing benefits of playing with my mates in 6th grade continues to be a highlight of my weekends. It is these benefits, along with the strong sense of community that Glebe hockey has given my family that fuels my motivation as your incoming Women's Director. I am passionate about ensuring all our women and girl players have opportunities to play good hockey and build positive friendships in a supportive environment.



Over the years - Brine Family - Aug 2018

Off to a cracking season - six mighty teams for 2022

This season, we have over ninety players forming our six women teams. We are a diverse group of players - varying in our hockey skill, experiences, ages, stages of life, occupations and pet choices, but all happily coming together as one Glebe hockey family.

A big thank you to all those volunteers who have worked tirelessly to get us to this point for the season. The pre and early season work to get us on the field cannot be underestimated.

Special thanks to:

- Our respected independent selectors Helen Howe and Nat White, travelling to Sydney for our Sunday trial games.
- Clara O'Donnell welcoming and supporting new players to connect and find their fit in the club.
- Innes Linton for streamlining our 'game day' trial process,
- Wendy Machin who didn't let COVID interfere in her "no contact" distribution and allocation of shirts for new players.
- Julie Phillip's spreadsheet wizardry.
- Lucy Brennan for being the power force on registration - ensuring all players were fully insured and registered before taking the field in Round 1.



Second Trial day - Rachael, Innes Linton and Jess Kennedy.



Behind the scenes support Carla O'Donnell and Innes Linton



Glebe women

Women Club Captains 2022

I am proud to introduce Phoebe Kershaw and Michelle Hancock as the Women's Club Captains.

Phoebe Kershaw - 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade Club Captain

After living in the UK for 18 months, Phoebe wasted no time in returning to Glebe for preseason fitness in January. With a long history of playing for Glebe through juniors and women's, Phoebe brings to her captain role a bright encouraging style, boundless energy and bold determination for good hockey.

Michelle Hancock - 4th, 5th and 6th grade Club Captain

Having played over 150 games with Glebe, Michelle also knows the importance of contribution and giving back and has been quick to get into helping with weekly team lists and streamlining the busy Women's inbox! Furthermore, her much awaited reunion with family in the UK hasn't stopped her involvement - regularly logging in and replying to WhatsApp messages regardless of UK local time!



Selectors and Club captains - Phoebe, Nat, Michelle and Helen.

New Players, not pictured: 3rd grade: Emilie Srdic and Hannah Yeo. 4th grade: Lydia Najdzion and Jess Malcom. 5th grade: Kylie Bordignon-Hock; Renee Pascalle Brierley; and Lauren Barclay. 6th grade: Amanda Chivers; Ally Catterson;; and Stefania Capogreco.

Welcome new players - so glad you've chosen Glebe

Big welcome to our twenty two enthusiastic new players who are already making strong positive contributions both on and off the field. We are so glad to have you all.



Welcome 1st grade new players Anna Matthews & Valentina Alonso



New players 2nd grade Jess Higgson, Sarah McPhail and Carolyn 'Caro' Pitt "Caro"



Some of 6th grade new players; Renee Traves, Kelsey Priest, and Zoe Le Marinel



Welcome new junior players into 4th grade; Innes Linton, Gracie Spiller, Emerson Bonhote & Aislinn Walsh-Sams



Some new 5th grade players Chloe Quinlan & Christina De Bruin.



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Our Fantastic 2022 Coaches

Our generous and respected coaches this season are:

1st Grade Coaching Team

Ross Bougoukas and Katrina Cochrane (aka Shorty)

Ross, a loyal Glebe Men's 1st grade hockey player and committed coach again brings his coaching skills to our first grade team - coaching this season with the support of Shorty.

Celebrating Shorty's recent appointment into the NSW Hockey coaching team we are excited to support Shorty's coaching aspirations as Assistant Coach to our First grade team. In a shared coaching arrangement, Ross and Shorty bring a wealth of high quality coaching skills and experience to our first grade team.

2nd Grade

Despite stepping down as Women's Director, **Kate** was happy to help out when the call for a second grade coach was made. Kate brings with her years of strong hockey playing experience along with a strong track record from her years coaching junior teams. We are grateful for your ongoing commitment to all our players and the club.

3rd Grade

Josh La Spina has once again agreed to coach 3rd grade again after taking them to second on the ladder before the COVID lockdown ended the 2021 season. Josh too, has a long history with Glebe. He started playing as a junior and this season is playing in the men's 2nd grade team and is adding to his total of 383 games played. Worth noting is that his commitment doesn't just stop with coaching 3rd grade he is also our club Treasurer - talk about commitment and contribution - thanks Josh!

4th Grade - still vacant - please share and help us fill this coaching gap.

5th Grade

Googa - a long standing men's player and contributor to the club Googa has coached many players and teams across the decades of his involvement with the club and has played over 549 senior games. Always a passionate supporter of Glebe, Googa brings a sharp eye for reading oppositional playing styles that will support our 5th grade team this season.

6th Grade

Julie Phillips returns again as coach of 6th grade. A determined defender Julie brings plenty of calm wisdom and leadership supporting all players to find their place and confidence on the field.



Supporting juniors transition into playing hockey in women's teams.

Recognising the benefits of staying connected and enjoying team sport we are excited to support a number of junior players transitioning into playing in women's teams too this year.

Special welcome to Sarah McPhail, Emilie Srdic, Aislinn Walsh-Sams, Emerson Bonhote and Gracie Spiller who play in a women's team for the first time this season. We look forward to supporting you build your hockey skills and enjoyment over the season.



Glebe women

Our Mighty 2022 Managers

Behind every great team are skilful managers providing the organisational backbone to our teams. From confirming players availability, printing off match cards, sharing game information and providing dugout motivation/support - thank you you are critical members of our teams.

Our 2022 fantastic managers are:

Dean Morrow - supported by partner Deanna, Dean is no stranger to hockey dugouts from years of working with Glebe junior, senior and Hockey NSW teams. We are excited to have Dean and Deanna in the dugout with us again.

Amy Whalley - Taking a break from playing this season, Amy eagerly took up the opportunity to stay connected with Glebe and her fellow teammates as 2nd grade manager. So great to have you part of the team Amy.

Mon Bordignon (acting) Whilst we are still seeking a permanent manager, Mon, fellow 3rd grade team member kindly stepped up to fill this role for 3rd grade. Mon's efficiencies and skill in supporting the team is greatly appreciated.

Lucy Brennen - Returning manager for 4th grade, Lucy's nature, welcoming style and strong organisation skills will ensure all 4th grade players are in safe hands. Thanks Lucy.

Amelia White - There was no hesitation from Amelia in saying yes to being manager for 5th grade again this year. Thanks Amelia, having you share your knowledge and skills with new team managers is wonderful.

Gabe Wilkinson - Stepping into manager role for the first time Gabe is already setting a high standard of managerial organisation for 6th grade. Thanks Gabe.



Managers briefing session; L-R Gabe Wilkinson, Amelia White, Lucy Brennan, Amy Whalley and Rachael Beckett

As we continue to bond within our teams and warm up the score boards with some early wins, one thing that is already crystal clear for our season, after two years of COVID interruptions, Glebe women are super happy to be back playing hockey with their mates. You can feel it on the sidelines, see it in players' faces and hear it in the dugout chatter. Let's use this positive momentum to keep us strong across the season.

Go Glebe.

Rachael Beckett
Women's Director



Coach line up

We have a great line up of coaches in 2022 to support our teams through the season. Our coaches will be supported by Coach Developer, Clare Prideaux, who will support our coaches develop in areas such as training, playing principles and accreditation.

Women's team coaches

- 1st Grade: Ross Bougoukas and Katrina 'Shorty' Cochrane (Assistant Coach)
- 2nd Grade: Kate Alexander
- 3rd Grade: Josh La Spina
- 4th Grade: Position to be filled
- 5th Grade: Andrew Goodrick aka Googa
- 6th Grade - Julie Phillips

Men's teams coaches

- 1st Grade: Craig Martin and Mark Paterson (Assistant Coach)
- 2nd Grade: Adam Campano
- 3rd Grade: Position to be filled
- 4th Grade: Brad Goodridge
- 5th Grade: Mark Naylor

Junior team coaches

- Minkeys: Mark Paterson
- U9s: Abbie Sen, Mon Bordignon, Tom Alexander Prideaux
- U11 Redback: Sarah Brine
- U11 Wasps: Alex Gibson
- U11 Strikers: Jess Kennedy
- U11 Hornets: Ben Harrison
- U13 Strikers: Bill Neild
- U13 Hornets: Mack Noller
- U13 Redbacks: Katrina "Shorty" Cochrane
- U15 Strikers: Ross Bougoukas
- U15 Redbacks: Brad Goodridge
- U17 Redbacks: Ken Wark
- U17 Hornets: Julian Derrick



Clare Prideaux
Coach Developer

As a former Hockeyroo and international player, Clare played with the Hockeyroos from 1986 - 1991. In 1990 at the World Cup in Sydney she won the silver medal (with the Netherlands taking the gold).

From 1986 -1991 she was a resident at the AIS High Performance Centre. Since 2019, Clare has held a Board position for FIH. She was a Board member of Hockey Australia for nearly a decade serving as Vice President for over five years.

Clare has been coaching with Glebe since 2007 and was a third grade player from 2019 - 2020.

We're delighted to have Clare lead our Coach Developer role for Glebe.



Coaches

With such a great line up of coaches this season, we thought it appropriate to profile our great coaching community in our newsletters. It is our aim to include each and every one of our coaches, thanking them for their time and commitment that they give so generously to our Club and allow you, our readers, to get to know them better.



Craig Martin – 1st grade Men's coach

Craig 'Toecutter' Martin played 1st grade for Glebe in the 1990s and has been playing hockey for 49 years, 45 of those for Glebe!! Craig has coached Club and Representative hockey for junior's, women's and men's teams and is coaching Glebe's 1st grade men's side for the second year in a row.

Craig speaks highly of the club members who coached him over the years when he was a junior and men's player. As part of the Glebe family, Craig feels it is his duty to pass on this knowledge to younger players. Craig enjoys seeing players reach their full potential.

Craig is extremely committed to Glebe hockey, and travels every Tuesday night to training from the Central Coast as well as every weekend for games. When not playing hockey or coaching, Craig works with racehorses, treating and rehabilitating them.



Adam Campano – 2nd grade Men's coach

Adam has been involved with hockey for 36 years. He has an extensive background in coaching, having coached Glebe's U/17s for 6 years, women's ML1 and ML2 sides for 2 years, as well as Captain/Coached Men's 3rd Grade for 4 years, before stepping up to coach Glebe's 2nd grade side at the beginning of the 2022 season.

Adam feels that there is huge potential for the development of players in the current men's Premier League cohort. He is excited to motivate individual players as well as to facilitate the development of Glebe's top 3 PL sides. Adam is coaching Glebe's 2nd grade whilst playing for 3rd grade and working with 1st grade coaches to encourage new playing styles consistently across the top 3 grades.

Adam brings a collaborative and refreshing approach to coaching. Whilst he doesn't claim to be an expert, he feels he has a fair amount of hockey knowledge and good communication skills. (Readers, I think you would have to agree this is an understatement!)

Adam feels that apart from some very talented juniors coming through the ranks, there are a lot of new players to the club, all of whom he wants to provide a positive and fun hockey experience for, with the support of the senior playing group.

Adam is passionate about the Glebe Hockey Club and wants other club members to have a similar, incredible and rewarding experience as what he has had over the years. He aims to facilitate the development of teams' and players' skill bases, to engage with them in a way that will interest them and promote accountability in their performance and to the team. He feels Glebe's 2nd grade team has been extremely competitive to date and aims for success this season. Adam enjoys seeing self-belief grow within the playing group and believes the group is worthy of winning more hockey games than they lose and dreaming of having a shot at playing finals hockey this season.



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Coach profiles

Julie Philips - 6th Grade Women's Coach

Julie started playing at primary school in Adelaide at the age of 8 inspired by her year 4 teacher who played first grade club hockey.

She continued playing through high school and university at 2nd grade level for Brighton Hockey Club and Westminster Old Scholars in Adelaide, mostly on grass / mud, in an Adelaide winter. At the age of 23 she took a break from hockey to focus on medical school as she was not afforded the flexibility to do both.

After 27 years, Julie picked up her stick again when her daughter, Claudia, started playing women's for Glebe and the team was always short. She figured at worst she could just stand there in defence and make up the numbers. That was four years ago.

Julie has been part of GDHC for over 12 years, since her daughter started in U11s. Over the years, she has given what time she had to help out and in addition to coaching she is the self-appointed Executive Assistant to the Women's Director, Rachael, helping to wrangle spreadsheets and printing stuff for her to try to keep her sane.

This will be Julie's third year coaching 6th grade and playing. She likes the balance that the role gives her. She struggled to play entire games due to repeated injuries and the role means she can have a bit of a trot on the field and bench herself when she's had enough around 7 minutes later and get back to directing the team.



Julie in her school hockey team

Her role as 6th grade coach is to ensure the team are enjoying the whole hockey experience and gaining in confidence to try some new stuff and increase skills over time. The team often has players who have not played for years or not at all, from a huge range of backgrounds and ages. It also has a role as an incubator for juniors who are transitioning to Women's.

The standard in SEHA 4th grade can be surprisingly strong and it takes a few years to build a good team nucleus and then start smashing it out of the ball-park – the team were undefeated last season! One of the challenges as a lower grade coach is that the best players are often moved up into higher grades and while it is really rewarding to see them develop and do well, it does mean 6th grade have a continuous rebuilding phase. But Julie is up for the challenge and says it is all part of the coaching and team development cycle.

Outside of hockey life, Julie works for organisations (mainly in the not-for-profit/for purpose space) at a Board/governance level. She says it is incredibly rewarding being associated with organisations like Beyond Blue, Butterfly Foundation, and Uniting. All brilliant organisations making a real difference to vulnerable communities. She also volunteers with Sabi her spaniel-cross as a Delta Therapy Dog. She recently become a Pilates nut which has really helped stop injuries at hockey. She loves skiing and mountains and finds the scenery refreshes the sole. She has walked the Overland Track in Tassie twice in the last 5 years. It's one of the toughest things she has done and would do it again in a heartbeat!



Julie with the 6th grade team



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Coaches



Ken Wark - U17s Redbacks Coach

Ken has played 214 games for Australia from 1985 to 1996. He competed in 3 world cups winning the Gold Medal in 1986 and has played 3 Olympic Games winning bronze and silver medals.

Ken played for NSW from 1983 to 2000, a total of 15 seasons and captained the team in the 1990s. His last game for NSW was against Australia prior to the 2000 Olympics and NSW beat them 2-1. He has also won Australian Championships in 1989, 1990 and 1997. He trained at the AIS in Perth for two years where the AIS Played the Australian team prior to them going to the 1984 Olympic games.

Ken Joined Glebe in 1976 playing with the U16's. In 1982, 1995 and in 1997 Ken played in Glebe's First Grade premiership winning teams. He captained the 1995 and 1997 teams.

He is a Life Member and has coached Men's and Women's teams over his time. In November 2016, Ken was inducted into the Australian Hockey Hall of Fame.



Abbie Sen - U9s Coach

Abbie joined GDHC in Minkeys in grade 4. She has played hockey for over seven years and has been playing for Glebe for the past 4 years.

This is her second year coaching the U9s. She frequently volunteers her time to coach having helped out at the Centre of Development (COD), Minkeys and the club's highly successful Development Academies.

She is excited to see how the U9s improve during the season, individually and as a team. She loves working with players that are excited to pick up their stick and play. They are the most fun to work with and its so rewarding to see them improve their skills.



Mark Paterson - 1st Grade Assistant and Minkeys Coach

Mark plays for and also coaches Glebe's 1st grade side. He also coaches Glebe's Minkeys, including his own kids Frank and Grace. Mark is a Former Club Secretary and has been involved in hockey for 32 years! Mark recently played his 250th games for Glebe's 1st grade and is 1 of only 4 players who have played over 200 junior games for the club. Mark started playing in the 1990 Minkey squad and never left. Mark's father Geoff (pictured) and grandfather (Keith Paterson) are life members of the Club and his uncle (Stephen Casey) played over 700 games for Glebe. Mark was the first Glebe Minkey player to represent Australia and was selected in the National Men's Hockey Team between 2009 and 2012. He also represented NSW between 2004 and 2012. Mark is appreciative of the time, energy and enthusiasm put in by his coaches as he was growing up in junior teams. He was an integral member of an extremely successful era of the Club where large numbers of juniors came through and continued playing senior hockey. He is now proud to contribute his time to this great club of ours. Mark feels that junior players are the lifeblood of any hockey club and feels privileged to be able to give back and grow the game particularly in the Inner West of Sydney. He has enjoyed watching the young Minkey players learn new skills and progress each and every week. During the few moments Mark is not playing or coaching hockey, Mark is a proud Dad of 3 kids and works as a high school teacher.



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Coaches



Brad Goodridge – 4th grade Men's Coach

Brad is a former 1st grade player for Glebe and has represented NSW at the under 21s level and in the indoor competition.

Brad has been playing since he was 6 years old. His hockey career started at Northern Districts before he transferred to the Glebe Club. His earliest hockey memory is playing at left wing in the under 10s on the grass 'Field 2' at Pennant Hills!! Brad joined Glebe in 1990 in the U17's, and took out the Premiership that year, coached by Glebe legend Pat Nilan.

Brad has extensive coaching and leadership experience for Glebe. He has been Captain of 2nd and 3rd grade teams and has coached his own kids Zane and Airlie for the last 8 years as they have progressed up through the junior ranks. He has recently coached SEHA junior rep teams in both outdoor and indoor competitions.

Brad relishes the chance to build up players and teams and considers the highlight to be seeing a team grow and improve through the season. He is passionate about continuously learning about the game and analysing different styles of play.

Brad considers his greatest achievements for Glebe as having played in grand final winning teams for Glebe's 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades and also in Super 8 indoor. For NSW, his greatest achievements include representing NSW in U17's and indoor, in U21's and Seniors including winning a National Championship.

Brad continues to play for and to coach Glebe's 4th grade men's side. Whilst everybody knows him as a dominant full back, he started out being an inside forward, and played in this position for the NSW U17 side. He switched to playing as a back a few years later.

In a true life Romeo and Juliet story, Brad's better half Cindy, plays for and is on the executive of local rivals Briars Hockey Club. Their son Zane plays for Glebe's 2nd grade men's side and for the under 17s, and their daughter Airlie plays for Briars Hockey in the senior women's comp as well as for Glebes under 15s!



Mark Naylor – 5th grade Men's Coach

Mark joined Glebe in 2021 and has already proved himself to be a competent leader, stepping up to coach Glebe's 5th grade side in 2022. Mark hails from Armidale's Harlequins Hockey club and has played hockey since he was 12. He took a long break from the sport until joining Glebe.

This is Mark's first foray into coaching, and he says he doesn't have to do too much, as he reckons Glebe's 5th grade coach themselves. But readers, I'm not sure this is correct! Mark leads from the front, and attends training every week. His enthusiasm rubs off on other players, and the results follow. Glebe's 5th grade has had their best start in years at the beginning of the 2022 season and is currently sitting at around 4th on the table.

Mark says he has been warmly welcomed by Glebe club members, ever since he turned up to his first fitness training session at the beginning of 2021. He says he is just happy to help out the team and club.

Mark says he loves the doing the paperwork that goes with coaching and the weekly selection discussions. He arrives at games prepared and has input into team strategy. Again, the results show.

Mark finished university with a degree in mathematics and in a move that greatly excited his parents, went snowboarding in Aspen Colorado and didn't come back for 5 years!! He then worked as a blackjack, roulette and craps dealer in a casino before working in aviation safety for 10 years throughout SE Asia - everywhere from Cambodia, Korea, the Philippines and India whilst being based in Hong Kong. Mark now works in safety for a global alcohol company.



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Turf report

The Hockey Club's representative has been in discussions with the City of Sydney Council in the preparation of the Development Application for the Multi Purpose Field at the Crescent.

The Council has confirmed that the surface will have the following in principle design elements:

- The turf will be suitable for hockey, short pile, it will be green in colour, it will not be water base but a hybrid surface possibly sand infused.
- Markings on the field will be for Hockey International 5's, Futsal and 2 full size field hockey circles at either end.
- The boards required for International 5's will be stored at the field.
- The fencing around the field will be high on 3 sides, the goal ends and along the Crescent.
- Water and power points will be distributed around the field.
- The field will be floodlit from 4 light poles.
- Seating will be provided for teams but there will be limited spectator seating.
- The design will attempt to incorporate a ball rebound area.
- The turf will be slightly raised to ensure that it is out of the 1:100 year flood zone.

The addition of two full size circles has been added to the design specification which will allow two teams to train at one time on the surface.

We have requested that the field be ready for the start of the 2023 season. At present there is a backlog of Council projects which could move the completion date of the field back to mid or late 2023. However, Council advised that they will do their best to get the field completed as early as possible.

We have asked Council if we could have a detailed plan of the proposed field, however, due to probity issues, no plans or comprehensive details can be issued until the field goes to tender. Once the field is sent to tender, plans and field details will be sent to the Club's members.

The Club knows that members have been waiting for a surface for a very long time and that we want and need it now, however, more patience is required to allow the DA and tendering process to take its course. The field is coming and that is something we could never say before.

This field will be a game changer for the Club, allowing the Club to conduct training for seniors and juniors, play junior games and allow for a summer competition. After a wait of nearly 40 years, a solution to realise our hopes is just around the corner.

Les Wark

Life Member and Turf Coordinator



Around the grounds

New GDHC Family Members

We're excited to welcome two new babies that have arrived into the Glebe family this year!



1st Grade's Lynsey Askew and partner, Alex, celebrated the arrival of baby Edie on the 16 February 2022.



Former Glebe Secretary and 1st Grade player Kat Hughes and partner Nikki welcomed the arrival of baby Eden on the 27 January 2022.



Congratulations to Corey Morrow and partner Jane, for the birth of their child Dusty Dean Morrow born 13 March 2022



Weddings

Congratulations to Glebe's Al Cullen (2nd Grade) who married his sweetheart Louise Gell in the Hunter Valley.

New Match Report Section Live

Head to the GCHC website to check out the new Match Reports section now available.

We'd love to get more reports from across the club each week. If you feel inspired to report on your team's game, please send the write up to commsglebehockey@gmail.com

We love feedback, especially this kind – thank you to Julie Phillips for sharing!

Obituary

It is with great sadness that we share the news that Helen Booth has passed. Helen is the wife of Colin and Mother to Simon, Darryn, Brendon and Troy. The

Booth family was involved with our Club for many years with the boys playing Juniors from Under 15's through to Seniors and played a major part in many premiership wins. Helen and Colin were known to throw open their home in Warilla to host the annual Golf weekend which is still going strong today, connecting past members with current members.

There are many times I am proud of this club. This weekend epitomized the culture the Board and all the leaders and volunteers have created. Sitting at Olympic Park on Sunday with parents of new players in 3rds and 4ths I was struck by the conversations. All talked of their daughters and themselves feeling so supported by the club's culture even though they have only been involved for weeks or even days.

Many spoke of leaving other clubs – many high performing clubs (if you measure success by wins) but where their daughters were not happy. The Board should feel very proud of this. First create the right culture – success will follow.

I must also call out the amazing effort of Rachael – first year as Women's Director. Working so hard behind the scenes and always has time for a conversation with anyone. She definitely lives the culture.



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