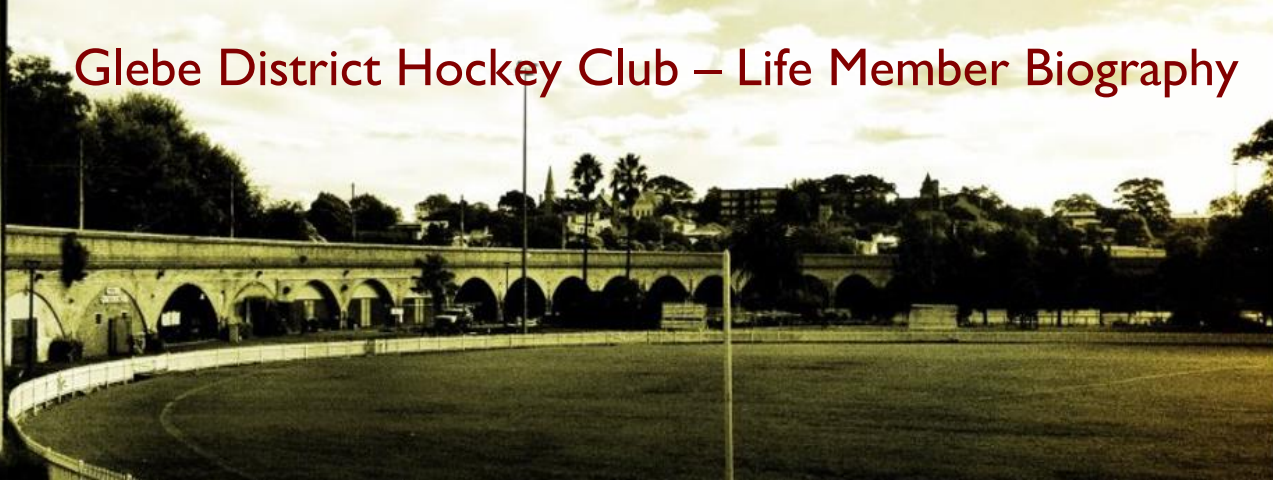


Glebe District Hockey Club – Life Member Biography



Peter Busch

Elected Life Member in 2017

Born 12, September 1963



Peter grew up in Lismore on the New South Wales Far North Coast. He started his hockey career at the age of 8 years, playing for the Northern Star Hockey Club, a club founded in 1927, four years before the Glebe District Hockey Club, and which is still going strong in 2021, 96 years later. Interestingly, Northern Star Club fielded women's hockey teams since its earliest years.

Peter and his brother Jeff went to high school at Marist Brother's Saint Joseph's Catholic High School Lismore (now Trinity College Lismore). After leaving school Peter came to Sydney in 1983 to study for a Degree in Primary School Teaching at the Australian Catholic University, graduating in 1986.

Bob Barratt, Peter's cousin and also from Lismore, had come to Sydney looking for work opportunities in 1983 and had commenced playing for Glebe. Peter's brother Jeff came to Sydney in 1984 and also joined the GDHC. Peter followed his cousin and brother to Glebe.

Glebe has had a long history of attracting people from the Coraki, Lismore area to play for the Club. Cousins Roy Birmingham (1970-1979, 145 games), Royce Jenkins (1970-1998, 268 games), and Tom Jenkins (1970-1981, 100 games) were the first of the Far North Coast lads to arrive. They were followed by Warren Birmingham (1978-1983, 80 games), and Bob Barratt (1983-1986, 63 games).

Peter was a skillful and accomplished hockey player when he came to Glebe, already in the NSW U21 squad and slotted straight into the Club's 1985 first grade team. He played 14 Club games during the 1985 season, playing with his brother and cousin. The team was defeated at the semi-final stage. After four years playing in the first-grade team, in 1988 Peter won the J W Kenny Trophy. This Trophy was donated to the Club by the late Jim Kenny (23.7.1914 –17.3.1996) and is awarded annually to the most outstanding first grade player. Peter took over the Club Captain's job from Kevin Sweeney the same year.

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The Club's 1988 Junior Convenor Martin Howe commented in the 1988 Junior Annual Report: "the general apathy within the club towards the juniors is alarming and unless this situation is not arrested, we could find ourselves in very distressed circumstances as without juniors the club has no future whatsoever". Martin recommended, among other things, that Minkey Hockey be established at Glebe to encourage young children to play hockey. Up until 1988 the youngest competitive age division for juniors was under 11.

Peter was the Club's first Minkey coach in 1989, when Minkey hockey for 4–8-year-old children was reintroduced as a sporting option for the children of the area. Hockey for players too young to play in the Club's under 11 teams had been tried several years earlier, but this endeavour had been unsuccessful.

In 1990 Peter was helped by Women's teams' players. Peter ran the very popular Minkey program for 7 years from 1989 to 1995 with usually over 30 children in attendance, sometimes double that number attended. President Robert Wark commented in the 1990 Annual Report "Peter Busch - how encouraging it is to see a first grader being involved with the establishment of Minkey and ensuring its success by being on hand every Saturday. Minkey will be of an ever-increasing significance to the junior development of the Club and Peter's contribution this year was reflected by the children's eagerness to learn and their parents' acceptance of the scheme."

Peter was succeeded as Minkey coach in 1996 by the duo of Robert Wark and Vernon Howe. Robert, Vernon and Peter all became Life-Members of the Club. Many years later, in 2012-2013 Peter again became involved with the Club's Minkey program, this time as a parent when he brought his daughters Molly and Sophie down to Minkey for hockey skill acquisition, exercise, enjoyment and socialisation.

In 2021 Peter's daughter Molly was co-coach of a Glebe under 9 team and Peter helped with transport and as a general roustabout.

To illustrate the circular life-cycle of a local community sporting club, in 2020 Mark Paterson, who Peter coached in his first Minkey squad of 1989, became the Club's Minkey coach.

Mark Paterson, Ian Paterson, Matthew Wark, Michael Wark, Andrew Cheong and Zac Farlow were coached by Peter in the Minkey squads of the late 1980s and early 1990s and



The Minkey squad of 1991 at Jubilee Oval, Glebe with the grandstand circa 1908 in the background.

Left to right: Andrew Cheong, Kylie Lawson, Peter Busch (Head Coach), Randolph and Ralph Loyola, Andrew Fox, Gabrielle Wark, Kathleen Oman, Daniel Carey, Amanda Cheong, Bob Fox (background), Helen Howe (Assistant Coach), Mark Paterson, Emma Fox.

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they went on to be part of the Club's first grade premierships winning teams of 2005, 2006 and 2008. Mark Paterson went on to play for NSW and Australia and Matthew Wark played for NSW. The harvest from Peter's efforts of the late 1980s and early 1990s was reaped 15-18 years later.

It gives Peter a deep sense of satisfaction watching his Minkey graduates enjoying themselves playing for the Club on a Saturday and Sunday in the senior ranks.

Peter's Glebe first grade teams of 1988 and 1989 finished the season as minor premiers, but unfortunately lost both grand-finals to Moorebank-Liverpool, though the tables were turned in the Grand Final of the HNSW State League. In 1988 all six Glebe teams made the Grand Finals on the same day, unfortunately winning only 50% of the games! By the end of the 1994 season Peter had played 221 games for the GDHC, all but three of them in first grade. The 1994 first grade team also lost the grand-final 6-3 to Moorebank-Liverpool. Players in this team with Peter were Aaron Nilan, Shane Nilan, Glen Barnes, Stephen Hurst, Steven Cain, Craig Greaves, Warren "Buster" Birmingham, Simeon Booth, Pat McCann, Craig Stubbs (c), Brett Stubbs, Kevin Chivers, Colin Rochester, Ken Wark, Brad Goodridge, Alan Alderson, Stuart Corkery, George Manou with Les Wark as coach and John Nilan as manager.

Peter was Club Captain for six years in 1988, 1989, 1990, 1992, 1993 and 1994. His immediate predecessor in 1987 was Kevin Sweeney, and he was succeeded in 1995 by Craig Stubbs. David Rochester was Club Captain in 1991. Peter served the Club as Vice-President for 5 years from 2013 to 2017 and was on the Club's Management Committee for a total of 11 years.

In 1995 Peter's first grade team coached by Colin Rochester and managed by John Nilan, won the Premiership turning the tables on 1994 Premiers Moorebank, winning the grand-final 4-2. The 1995 Annual Report records that the game was played at the Moorebank Turf before an army of Glebe supporters.



A photo of the **1985 Glebe first grade team** taken at the Village Green Oval UNSW, Kensington.

Back row left to right: Geoff Busch, Steve Hurst, Terry Diviney, Colin Rochester, Robert Wark, Peter Busch, Craig Stubbs, Terry Reece.

Front row left to right: George Manou (goalkeeper), Les Wark, Bob Barrett, Danny O'Brien, Geoff Paterson.

Peter played in the Club's first grade team for 12 seasons from 1985-1995, winning a single first-grade premiership in 1995. During these years Peter was selected in Sydney teams that played at NSW Senior Men's Hockey Championships. At the end of the 1995 season, he had played 247 games for the Club, 218 of these in first grade.

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In 1996 Peter became captain of the second-grade team, comprising John Nilan (Manager), Leo Sherwood (Coach), Colin Rochester, Peter Busch, Simeon Booth, Craig Stubbs, Trent Benfield, Richard Pate, Brett Stubbs, Anthony Wark, Jeff Busch, Craig Martin, Aaron Oman, Steven Sherwood, Daniel Little, Christian Campano, and Brad Goodridge. The team was defeated in the grand-final by Ryde.

In 1997 Peter captained the Club's third grade team that won the Premiership. Players in this team were Les Wark, Mick Diviney, Anthony Wark, David Rochester, Alan Morris, David Krepp, Danny O'Brien, Colin Sargent, Shane Casey, Jeff Busch, Craig Stubbs, Peter Busch, Colin Rochester and Daniel Little. For 18 years from 1997-2014 Peter played in the Club's third grade team, winning third grade premierships in 1997, 2005 and 2011. He was captain/coach for many of these years. While playing in the third-grade team Peter filled-in for the second-grade team as and when required.

Third grade manager Steve Howard had this to say about Peter in his 2002 end of season report: "Peter Busch, in his role as captain coach, eventually coerced the team into a style of play, which was conducive to better attack. He was extremely patient at times, with long discussions in the dressing sheds. His efforts began to pay off towards the end of the season with players more attuned to their positions." Peter was a mentor to many as they worked their way up the grades.

Players in the premiership winning 2005 third grade team with Peter were Liam O'Donnell, Ken Wark, Scott Howard, Adam Turnbull, Colin Rochester, Andrew Fox, Greg Evans, Daniel Cleary, Anderson McDonald, Scott Bortfield, Paul Jowett and Simon Bracht.

In 2006, as well as playing third grade, Peter was a vital cog in the Club's Veteran's team that won the Division 2 Competition. Players in this team with Peter were Craig Bagley, Donald Ball, Mick Bougoukas, Steven Casey, John Cullen, Terry Diviney, Leo Kalispiros, Steve McGill, Garry Manou, George Manou, Keith Marsh, Robert McDonald, Danny O'Brien, Amrit Parbhu, Geoff Roberts, Colin Rochester, Craig Stubbs, Les Wark and Robert Wark. Peter played Veterans again in 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010, with the 2009 and 2010 teams winning the Division 2 Veterans Competition.

At the end of the 2007 season Peter had played 504 senior games for Glebe.



A photo of the **1992 Women's first grade team** at Heffron Park, Daceyville after it won the Eastern District's Third Grade Grand-Final.

Back row L-R: Peter Busch (coach), Linda Tait, Elaine Trodden (nee McNicol), Christine McNichol, Melanie Reid, Nicole Horley, Adele Lucas, Anne Rochester, Lisa McPhail.

Front Row L-R: Helen Howe, Carole Wark, Jane Goldsmith, Leanne Hodges, Vanessa Hardman.

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Players in the 2010 Veteran's team were Peter Busch, Craig Bagley, Ben Nichols, Andrew Goodrick, Arun Aggarwal, John Cullen, Danny O'Brien, Amrit Parbhu, Craig Martin, George Manou, Geoff Baird, Milcho Klimoski, Keith March, Tim Sutton, Wayne Madden, Donald Bell, Bernard Adcock, Trevor Nicol, Terry Kelly, Stephen McGill, Syed Rizvi and Kevin Chivers. Veterans' teams need a big squad to cover for injuries, family and social absences.

2011 saw Peter's third grade team win the Premiership. Players in this team were: Peter Busch captain/coach, Adam Campano, Simon Wark, Paul Jowett, Scott Howard, Rowan Kelly, Peter Laslett, Brayden Mead, Matt Redenbach, BJ Bruton, Dominic Kavanagh, Oliver Holyoak and Evan McGilivray.

In the early 2010s Peter was heavily involved in the Club's quest to site a synthetic turf in the Glebe heartland, particularly during negotiations to site a synthetic turf at the Glebe High School Site.

2014 was a busy year for Peter as he coached the second-grade team and played third grade. In addition, Peter won the Pat Nilan Trophy, which is awarded annually to the: the Most Outstanding Club Member, Junior or Senior, for the year as adjudicated by the Management Committee.

In 2015 he coached the men's first grade team and played third grade when he could. Third grade captain coach Adam Campano had this to say about Peter in his end of year report: "Pete's season was limited as a result of a conflicting schedule as coach of the Men's first grade team. Always a great asset experience wise when on the field and great at settling things down when things get a bit silly."



A photo of Peter Busch playing for the Glebe third grade team against Sutherland in 2008. Adam Campano is the Glebe player behind Peter.

In 2016 Peter coached the men's first grade team and played when he could for the fourth-grade team. First grade team captain Mark Paterson had this to say about Peter in the first-grade end of year report: "Peter's communication skills, professional approach and knowledge of the game added to the success and the team's enjoyment throughout the season. Peter is the embodiment of asking 'what can Peter do for the Club and not what the Club can do for Peter.' Peter on behalf of the Glebe First Grade Team I thank you for all your efforts during the season."

Players in the 2016 first grade team were: BJ Bruton, Aleks (Mouse) Manou, Matthew Wark, Will Noller, Dominic Tinter, Alister Cullen, Ian Paterson, Sam Alexander-Prideaux, Josh La Spina, Ross Bougoukas, Michael Wark, Mitchell Tudor, Dave Stokes, Jackson Tutor, George Manou (manager).

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In 2017 and 2018 Peter did not play, but concentrated on coaching the Men's first grade team. For the 2019 season after four years in the men's first grade coaching job, Peter was replaced as first grade coach by Jai Singhota, and he watched from the sidelines.

Peter started playing again in 2020 with the Glebe fourth grade team that made the SL3 grand-final, in a Covid-19 affected season. The team was beaten by Ryde in a penalty shoot-out after the score was 2-2 all at the end of ordinary and extra time. Players in this team were Brad Goodridge, Suresh Raja, Matthew West, Edward Noble, Zac MacPherson, Zane Goodridge, Orlando Travis, Jamie Travis, Jackson Howe, Peter Busch, Ivan Gorrige, Nicky Vera, Paul Diaper, Gareth Mealing and Tyson Hickey.

The 2021 hockey season was cut short by the Covid-19 pandemic, but before the season was abandoned Peter played 8 games for the fourth-grade team. At the end of the 2021 season Peter had played 664 senior Club games.

Peter has played for most of his career in the half-line, and when required as a full-back. He is a thoughtful player who reads a game well, takes good options and takes excellent field position. He is an excellent on-field organiser, has excellent ball distribution skills and he is an effective tackler. For the most part, Peter has been injury free during his hockey career, save for the odd hamstring twinge here and there. He played 12 seasons in first grade and 18 seasons in third grade.

He coached Glebe Women's hockey teams for six years from 1987 to 1992, mostly the first-grade team. Players in the 1991 team that Peter coached were: Janette Brazil (c), Lisa McPhail, Amanda Berthold, Carole Wark, Colleen Millar, Jill Lucas, Linda Glassock, Nicole Horley, Jane Goldsmith, Vanessa Hardman, Christine McNicol, and Ann Rochester. In 1992 the first-grade team that he coached won the Eastern District's third grade competition beating YWCA in the grand-final 2-1 at the David Phillips Field, Daceyville. In 1993 Les Wark succeeded Peter as the Women's first grade coach.

Peter has contributed to the Club as a player, Minkey coach, first, second and third grade men's coach, women's first grade coach, Club Captain, Turf Committee Member, and a Management Committee Member for 11 years.

As well as his involvement with the GDHC Peter was Vice President of the Sydney Hockey Association from 2015-2017 and has served as its' President from 2018 onwards.



A photo taken outside the Glebe Clubhouse at Number 5 Railway Arch, Jubilee Oval, Glebe after the 2017 Annual General Meeting, at which Peter and Andrew Goodrick (on Peter's right) were elected Life-Members.

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In his early days in Sydney, Peter shared a house with Danny O'Brien in Saint John's Road, Glebe. Danny (644 senior Club games between 1977-2015), a Club Life-Member, is only the second person in the history of the Club to have served as President, Treasurer and Secretary.

Peter met his wife Trudi, in 1991 and they married five years later on 12th October, 1996 at the Sacred Heart Monastery in Kensington. They have two daughters Molly, born in 2005 and Sophie, born in 2009. The Busch family lived in Petersham for many years before moving to Forest Lodge in 2019.

After obtaining his Bachelor of Primary School Teaching Degree, Peter has worked in teaching for over 30 years. He has been Deputy Headmaster at Regina Coeli Catholic Primary School Beverly Hills, Sydney for many years.

The 12 players who have played over 600 senior games for the Club are:

- Les Wark 813 (1966-2009)
- Harry A Wark 757 (1947-1987) deceased*
- Steve Casey 720 (1970-2007)
- George Manou 714 (1975-)
- Martin Howe 712 (1961-1998) deceased*
- **Peter Busch 664 (1985-)**
- Colin Brown 660 (1962-1994)
- Harry J Wark 643 (1961-2003)
- Peter Howe 641 (1959-1995) deceased*
- Danny O'Brien 633 (1977- 2015)
- Victor Westacott 629 (1952-1992)
- Vernon Howe 620 (1972-2004)



27 July 2013 Homebush Olympic Pitch: Guard of honor for Peter Busch in his 600th game for Glebe in 3rd grade. Celebrated with a 7-1 win.

In his Life-Member Citation for the 2017 AGM Peter's nominee for Life-Membership Adam Campano noted the following;

“During his time at the Club, Peter has always treated others he has encountered along the way with respect and dignity whilst always working away in the background, never seeking personal glorification or honours. His calm and considered manner when communicating with other Club members, particularly with young players, is impressive and somewhat unique historically in the Glebe men's area of the Club.”

For his outstanding contribution to the GDHC for over 32 years Peter was elected a Club Life-Member in 2017. Thank you, Peter.

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Peter Busch Life Membership Testimonial written by Adam Campano for the 2017 AGM

Peter Busch joined the Glebe DHC in 1984 from Lismore on the NSW far - north coast. A primary school teacher by profession Peter came to Sydney to attend Teachers' College and so was seen as a perfect fit to become the Club's foundation Minkey coach in the year 1990, a program which today is still going as strong as ever with 30+ attendees taking to Jubilee Oval each Saturday morning during the season. At its height in 1993 and under Peter's tutelage, there were 120 registered Minkey players.

At the same time, Peter was the coach of the Glebe women's 1st Grade side, during their first year as members of the Glebe District Hockey Club, when he used his contacts to get helpers from the women's teams to assist with conducting Minkey sessions. In 1992, Peter's women's 1st Grade team won the Grand-Final in the 3rd Grade Division of the Eastern Districts Women's Hockey Association competition.



Peter Busch and Andrew Goodrick being welcomed as the 30th and 31st GDHC life members by other life members of the Club. L-R John Nilan, Les Wark, Pat Nilan, Harry Wark, Andrew Goodrick, Charlie Brown, George Manou, Peter Busch 30 November 2017 outside the GlebeDHC Clubhouse Jubilee Oval Glebe

As of 2017, Peter is the 7th highest games record holder for men in the Club's 88th year of operation sitting on 643 senior club games. He also played 218 1st Grade games from Glebe beginning in 1985. This is an amazing achievement by anyone's standards.

Peter has won premierships in 1st grade; 2nd grade and 3rd grade since joining the club in 1984 with his brother Jeff and cousin Bob Barratt. Since joining the Club, Peter has served the Club in the capacity of Vice – President (for 5 years until present), Club Captain (6 years), foundation Minkey coach, junior coach, senior men's coach - he is the Club's current 1st Grade men's coach and has served on the SHA board for a number of years on the Competition Committee and as Vice-President.

Peter has been the Club's advocate in recent years in our ongoing search for a suitable site for an artificial turf. Peter has used his high-level communication skills to broker many important meetings with council members, politicians and other stakeholders to this effect.

When Peter finished his 1st Grade playing career he came down through the grades and for much of this century to date, captain-coached the Men's 3rd Grade side to several

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premierships (last one in 2011) and helped develop a number of talented U/15 and U/17 players, who have since gone on to play 1st grade and higher honours.

Peter won the JW Kenny Trophy for the Club's best senior men's player in 1988 and more recently won the Pat Nilan Trophy in 2014, awarded to the Best Club Member.

The Club is very fortunate to have had the services of Peter over the past 32 years when we look back at Peter's involvement with the Club. Peter has a good eye for detail and is known for setting high standards whether it be playing, coaching or serving on the Club's Management Committee.

Peter continually takes on the many tasks that confront him and is not afraid to ensure that they are all completed in a quiet way as no one else would know of the hours that he has spent completing them and in the detail that we are accustomed to expect from this outstanding Club member.

During his time at the Club, Peter has always treated others he has encountered along the way with respect and dignity whilst always working away in the background, never seeking personal glorification or honors. His calm and considered manner when communicating with other Club members, particularly with young players, is impressive and somewhat unique historically in the Glebe men's area of the Club.

In summary, I believe Peter Busch to be an outstanding candidate for Life Membership to the GDHC, and I hope you all support and endorse this resolution.



The Busch Family Pictured L – R Back: Peter Busch, Middle L – R: Molly Busch, Trudi Busch and Sophie Busch. Photo taken on 30 November 2017 outside the GlebeDHC Clubhouse Jubilee Oval Glebe upon Peter being elected a Life Member

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