

GDHC Newsletter

**Red Rag
August 2023**



**Glebe
District
Hockey
Club Inc.**

Message from our President

Dear Life Members, Players and Families,

Welcome to the second edition of the Red Rag for 2023.

I love a good moment of reflection. This moment of luxury, squeezed into the crazy of our lives. Moments when one can stop to consider, validate, critique and learn. These moments of reflection keep us honest and humble, because we don't always get it right. That's ok by the way, because learning from the experience creates deeper insights and opportunities. But when we do (get it right), the level of empowerment and validation we feel, is truly powerful.

This year we have focussed some serious energy into social connection. With the hard days of the pandemic behind us (hopefully), the need to connect remains important for most of us. As a result, we've had the opportunity to connect through an awesome pub crawl, an amazing Arthur Stubbs Foundation event and under the banner of Glebe Cares, we know more about the importance of Mental Health, concussion and respecting equality through our Pride round. We've hosted the first Minkey and U9 Disco, opened the Clubhouse for our U11 and U13 teams to 'hang out', and we've celebrated significant milestones for players who demonstrate incredible commitment.

Connection means everything to me, and our great Club is generous in providing these opportunities. It is truly uplifting to spend quality time with players, coaches, managers, parents and supporters. It's incredibly satisfying to hear first-hand that the experiences we are providing are making a difference.



Connection that stands the test of time. Glebe Family.

Which is a great segue to the GDHC Annual Club Survey.... In the ongoing pursuit of constructive feedback, I invite all GDHC members to take a moment to reflect and participate in our annual survey. All feedback is respected and appreciated and will help shape our future. Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete it.

With a handful of rounds in the season proper to play out, I wish all teams the very best of luck. Whether your team is heading towards finals or not, I am continually impressed and proud of your efforts on and off the field. Your determination and commitment to your teammates is inspiring. Thank you for keeping our Club spirit alive and well.



*2nd Grade – determination and commitment
(photo courtesy of Margaret Rodriguez)*

And finally, if you have a year 12 student in your life like I do, I wish you (and your child) the very best of luck through Trials and HSC. What a ride!

Take care.

Sue Heath
GDHC President



Player milestones

500



Brad Goodridge
500 Senior club games

350



Lou Tapsell
350 Senior club games

200



Ross Bougoukas
200 Men's First Grade games

100



Asha Machin-Hunt
100 Senior club games

100



Claudia Otto
100 Senior club games

100



Travis Dehnert
100 Senior club games

100



Gareth Mealing
100 Senior club games

100



Litiana Field
100 Senior club games (inclusive
of GWD games)

50



Hannah Goodchild
50 Senior club games

Player milestones



Celebrating a legend

Brad is the quintessential club legend, who played his 500th seniors game for Glebe in June. Brad continues to be an active member of our Club, kicking off his illustrious career in U17s. Currently playing 3rd grade, Brad has played through the grades, including regular appearances in state squads with Masters, noting this year he will jet off to Perth for NSW Masters over 40 team.

Congratulations Brad. Our Club thanks you for your significant contribution and commitment.

2023 Arthur Stubbs Event

A night to celebrate

On the evening of Wednesday 14 June, we gathered at Jubilee Oval for our annual fundraiser for The Arthur Stubbs Foundation.

It was an amazing night of connection and celebration, and we thank everyone who participated in helping us achieve our financial target of \$20,000.

Our night officially kicked off with wonderful music led by our good friend Mr Jorge Campano. With face painting on offer for our kids, our famous Glebe cake stall, multiple food options to choose from, and even more options to donate including raffles, auctions and the ever-popular lucky square game; there was plenty to keep us all entertained..... Until THE event.

The game we were all very excited to cheer for, Young Guns v Old Stars. A full field game of epic proportions – competitive and hilarious, fast and furious. Hosted by Men's Club Captain Mack Noller and Women's Legend Gabby Paterson, we were entertained and educated, as we watched our Young Guns take the win for the second year in a row. Again, in a penalty shootout!

Nights like this simply don't happen without the support of many, and this year we proved that working together, chipping in along the way, makes for a fabulous event.

If you came along to set up, stayed back to clean up, cooked food, served food, poured drinks, baked cakes, took photos, played in the ASF game, commented, painted faces, sold raffle tickets, haggled for raffle prizes and amazing auction items, shopped, liaised with council, supplied audio equipment and donated – **OUR CLUB THANKS YOU.**



Glebe gets social

Pub Crawl

Glebe District Hockey Club held its first Pub Crawl since pre-COVID on Saturday 20 May and what a night it was!

The pub crawl t-shirt tradition was honoured once again, as we reacquainted ourselves to local watering holes. It truly felt like the clock had been wound back as we meandered (slowly) back to the Clubhouse.... And our newbies to the Club finally got a taste of what a true Glebe Clubhouse night is like!

The night was the first big senior social event on our calendar for the season thus far and we hope everyone enjoyed themselves!

A big thank you to the Leichhardt Bowlo, Kauri Foreshore, Friend In Hand and Nag's Head Hotel for hosting us.

Bring on Pub Crawl 2024!

Top, L-R Josie Baron and Ian Paterson, Victor Dunand and Nicolas D'Onofrio, and the Friend in Hand Hotel



Minkey and U9 Disco

Our Clubhouse was lit up with disco balls, bubbles and sugar, as we welcomed our youngest Glebe members to their very own disco!

With a play list and food menu designed by their small working committee, the afternoon was a huge success.

From the Nutbush to The Macarena, Pink to Queen, all bases were covered, and the kids (and parents) had a fantastic afternoon.

Huge thanks to Maureen Paterson (the brains behind the operation).



UPCOMING DATES

SAT 12 AUG – Sydney Uni Derby Day, Lidcombe

WED 23 AUG – 2023 Club Survey closes

SUN 27 AUG – Juniors Carnival (Minkey-U13), Jubilee

WED 20 SEPT – Juniors Presentation Night, Jubilee

SAT 23 SEPT – Senior Presentation Night, Wests Ashfield Leagues Club

SUN 10 DEC – 2023 Annual General Meeting, Jubilee

SAT 2 & SUN 3 MAR 2024 - Singapore 6's Tournament

*Mark the calendars
and keep watch for
more information!*

*Including the
inaugural GDHC
Long Lunch 4 Nov*

Glebe celebrates Pride!

Equality shines at Glebe

Every June, Pride Month celebrates the diversity of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex community. It's a time to reflect on just how far civil rights have progressed in half a century and an opportunity to stand in solidarity with the LGBTQIA+ members of our community. Sporting communities are a microcosm of the wider communities we connect with, and GDHC is no exception to this.

Equality is a core value at Glebe, and acknowledging diversity further demonstrates our connection and respect of each other.

To demonstrate support for the LGBTQIA+ members of our community, each senior team marked Pride round by wearing rainbow sweatbands. A visual representation of the value we place on inclusivity and acceptance within our Glebe Hockey community.

Let's continue to work together to foster an environment that accepts, supports and rallies behind every member of our club.



Glebe Juniors

200

We did it

It is with absolute delight that I share with you, a significant milestone for our Club. After much energy and focus, we recently welcomed our 200th Junior to GDHC this season. This is such a fantastic result for our Club and for our sport. It's also testament to what we are doing here in Glebe. A big thank you to everyone who participates in support of our Juniors, and to our parents and children who believe in our offering.

Thank you

I'd like to reiterate our President's message regarding the support of our Senior players this season. Seeking regular volunteers has always been problematic and seriously time consuming. This season however, with a solid roster in place, we've been able to run our Saturday Juniors at Jubilee without the usual panic and burn out of members who pick up the slack.

Our senior Women and Men have also stepped up to support coaching this season. Your generous efforts are making such a positive impact, and I am confident that as we continue to grow our Junior base, our older and experienced members will want to do more.

Look out for the invitation to join our ranks in 2024.



GDHC School Holiday Clinic

Our third school holiday clinic is now under our belts, and it was great to see so many of our Juniors attend. Led by our tireless Development Director, Katrina 'Shorty' Cochrane and her team of generous coaches, our kids had a fabulous day. Whilst hockey skill development is high on the agenda, the opportunity for our kids to create new friendships and release some energy through physical activity is the true benefit of these sessions. I hope you agree.



Glebe Juniors

Excelling at representative level

It is wonderful to see Glebe Junior's excelling at representative level as well as for their Club. In the last couple of months our Glebe Juniors have been recognised through the SEHA representative season with over 50 Glebe Juniors on the SEHA U11 to U17 teams at the State Championships and other carnivals.

Congratulations to Glebe Juniors Airley Goodridge, Jess Weatherall, Miki Cooper and Sophia Grey, who following those carnivals have been named in the U16 NSW State Girls Field Squad. Congratulations also to Glebe Juniors Lauren Heaney and Annabelle Roxburgh who have both been named in the U14 NSW State Girls Field Squad. Oliver Tordoff from our U17 Redbacks has also been named in NSW Hockey's AAP Squad for the year ahead.



Miki, Jess and Airley



Sophia



Oliver



Annabelle



Lauren



Grace

'We blev [sic] in you Glebe'

That's the message from one of our younger Juniors. Grace Paterson, as she prepares for a day of cheering our Men's top teams (and playing hide & seek). We think Grace has some fairly strong Glebe 'blood' running through her young body! Thanks for the wonderful poster Gracie!

Tara Taylor
Juniors Director



Supporting each other

What a season our Women are having. Attendance at training is great, we are supporting each other on and off the field and we are even winning a few matches!

As we head into finals time, I want to make a special shout out to ML1, ML3, ML6 and SEHA who are all vying for a place in finals this year. It is a big achievement to be in the running for finals, so I want to say a huge congratulations to all players and coaches.



ML3 Women, supporting Saturday Juniors at Jubilee

So many stars amongst us

A big shout out to the following Women who have been selected in state teams this season:

NSW O/40s

- ▶ Katrina Cochrane

NSW country team

- ▶ Clare Bosman (ML1)
- ▶ Imogen Fowles (ML1)

Under 21s 2023 - 2024 field squad

- ▶ Maya McGrath (ML1)
- ▶ Imogen Fowles (ML1)
- ▶ Jemma Murray (ML1)

Under 21s Blues field team

- ▶ Maya McGrath (ML1)
- ▶ Rylee Millar (ML1)

Under 18s State field team

- ▶ Maya McGrath (ML1)

Under 18s Blues field team

- ▶ Jemma Murray (ML1)

Under 16s 2023 - 2024 field squad

- ▶ Evie Ryder (ML2)
- ▶ Jessica Weatherall (ML2)
- ▶ Anneliese Cullen (ML1)
- ▶ Miki Cooper (ML5)

Under 15s State field team

- ▶ Anneliese Cullen (named player of the tournament) (ML1)
- ▶ Jessica Weatherall (ML2)

Under 15s Blues field team

- ▶ Miki Cooper (ML5)



Maya and Jemma

Let's hear from the front line

It is a long season and sometimes it's easy to get absorbed in your own team or area of the club, so I have asked representatives from each Women's team to provide a short team snapshot to give us all a flavour of what the season has been like so far.

ML1 - Corrina (ML1 Coach) Starting the year as a new entity brought about equal amounts of nerves and excitement. Everyone was positive with reservation but there was no need. 2023 has by far been our most positive experience for years. The girls embraced it and are keen - the results are showing it - and the numbers at training are showing it. We have been able to debut 5 players in ML1 this year - with more to come. The support on and off the field has enabled positive growth within the new entity. Thank you for the opportunity to make both our clubs great again.



GWD ML1, ready to go

ML2 - Jen (ML2 Manager) The newly formed ML2 team is progressing well. The team is gelling better each week. It is obvious when there has been a great turn up for training, the results are evident in the next game, although the results don't seem to show it. Currently in 7th place, the goals are coming. The comradery is great within the team with great support all round. 3 wins and 2 draws and most of the losses have been only by one or two. Every week we give the opposing team a run for their money. Looking forward to seeing the improvements showcase in the second half of the rounds.



GWD ML1 and ML2, enjoying time away from the pitch

Glebe and GWD Women



ML3 - Erin (ML3 Manager) Glebe 1 (ML3) have had a strong start to the season, mixing it with the best teams in the competition and in a strong position to be serious finals contenders. Under the guidance of Kate, the team has been led by the formidable defensive unit of Amy, Loz, Alisha, Caro and Hannah, with Jess having a ripper of a season in goals. The midfielders Chantelle, Jess, Liv, Bridget and Lou are the best in the business, and our forwards of Cate, Tessa and Molly have been ever reliable at finding space and slotting in goals. A big thanks must go to the numerous legends that have stepped up from other teams throughout the season to ensure we have a full team on the field.



ML3 teammates get together for post training dumplings

ML4 - Mon (ML4 Captain) Glebe Women's ML4 team faced a challenging start to the season, but with the second round underway, have managed to grab some much-needed points on the board. We've gone from strength-to-strength each week, always looking to improve in areas where possible. It's been great watching our Juniors (Ayisha, Emerson, Ash) develop - Daisy Noble was having a cracking season until she unfortunately hurt her knee in u17s. We can't wait to have her back next year - she'll certainly be a force to be reckoned with in defence! Our international stars in Katy Smith and Merel De Graaf gave us a huge boost - we certainly miss Katy's good Scottish banter and humour on and off the field! The team has gelled well by making the most of the social events (Pub Crawl was a definite highlight!) which has certainly helped us to re-gather quickly after some disappointing and tough games. The end of Round 12 saw Asha Machin-Hunt reach her 100-game milestone which was also her last game of the season before she headed overseas for placement. Watching Asha develop from her time in Juniors has been wonderful to see and despite the scoreline, she never fails to remain positive and upbeat amongst the group. With five games to go, we can't wait to get a few more wins on the board to see out the season!



ML4 enjoying their hockey

Glebe and GWD Women



ML5 - Steph (ML5 Manager) It's been a tumultuous season for ML5! Some excellent wins and losses all together, and some hard-fought games. Our juniors are shining bright and improving with each game, showing their true potential as they make their debut in the women's league. Some welcome new additions mid-way through the season included returning players Carla and Megs, and new to the club Sophie, all of whom are proving to be fantastic assets on the pitch. Every player on the team has fought hard in each game, and the fact we continually have ties and/or all players getting points for our Players Player each week shows that when we play, we play as a TEAM!



ML5 working together

ML6 - Amelia (ML6 Manager) Glebe 5 have had a ripper first half of the season. It was touch and go for a few games but with consistent coaching from Jake and strong teamwork, we have managed to win 5 of our last 6 games and drew with the group leaders. We are looking forward to staying strong for the rest of the season in the hopes we earn a spot in semifinals.



ML6 as strong as ever

SEHA - Aiofe (SEHA Manager) We are Team SEHA, aka SEHA Slayers, a group of passionate, dedicated players who play with our hearts on our sleeves each and every week. With the team getting a coach late in the preseason, the Team had very little time to get used to a new style of playing. Team SEHA rose to the challenge and adapted well to an attacking style of hockey along with an aggressive press. Our ability to execute on both offence and defence extremely well has led to dominating score lines consistently throughout the season. Never afraid to have a go, one can only imagine what we can achieve by this year's end!



Phoebe Kershaw
Women's Director



Glebe Men

The 2023 season is rocketing towards the end, with only 3 rounds remaining of Sydney League and 4 rounds of Premier League at the time of writing. Glebe's men are looking to 2nd and 4th grades for finals hopes, both teams are within contention, with 2nd grade running 5th of 11 teams and 4th grade running 4th out of 9 teams. Our remaining teams are playing great hockey and training hard but are outside of finals contention for this year.

Training continues to go from strength to strength this season, with displays of great energy at both Tuesday and Thursday night sessions. Keep up the great work Men.

A big thank you to our Men who've put their hand up this season (thus far), to support our Juniors. Our Club thanks you for contributing your time in coaching, mentoring and hosting Saturday Juniors at Jubilee. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.



Saturday Juniors at Jubilee supported by (L-R) 5th Grade and 2nd Grade

In other news, Sydney Hockey have been very short of umpires this year and we are being asked to provide umpires on a regular basis. I want to extend a big thanks to these legends covering Hockey umpiring assignments – Riley, Ken, Mack and Nico. In 2024, we will need to put forward one umpire per men's team and a call out is being made for volunteers to undertake umpire training and put up their hands for the umpiring 'pool'. Training will be provided, and nominations are now open – with two enquiries already.



L-R, Ben Martin, Jake Riborowski, Doug Allison

Glebe Men

Representative hockey continues to thrive, with many of our Glebe men participating including legends Aaron Oman and Matt Wark, who traded in their Glebe jerseys for a weekend to help Newcastle take out the over 34s NSW Masters Championships in Newcastle.

Other players representing for Glebe include...

- ▶ Orlando Travis (NSW U/18 and 2024 NSW U/21 squad)
- ▶ Henry Hunt (NSW U/18 Blues)
- ▶ Darren French (NSW O/34 2 VC)
- ▶ Chris Farrugia (WA O/40s)
- ▶ Brad Goodridge (NSW O/45s)
- ▶ Craig Martin (Tas O/55s)
- ▶ Peter Busch (NSW O/60s 1)
- ▶ George Manou (NSW O/60s 2 VC)
- ▶ Kael Webster (U21 NSW Indoor)
- ▶ Riley Nilan (U21 NSW Indoor)

Mens Open State Champs

- ▶ Kael Webster (Central Coast 1)
- ▶ Ben Martin (Newcastle 2)
- ▶ Henry Hunt (Newcastle 2)
- ▶ Orlando Travis (Sydney East 1)
- ▶ Robert Frew (Sydney East 1)
- ▶ Zane Goodridge (Sydney East 1)
- ▶ Mitch Brain (Lithgow)
- ▶ Riley Nilan (Illawarra South Coast)
- ▶ Michael Sneesby (Newcastle 1)
- ▶ Liam Crowhurst (Sydney East 2)
- ▶ Lachlan Hall (Sydney East 2)
- ▶ Cameron Johnston (Sydney East 2)
- ▶ Aidan Najdzion (Sydney East 2)
- ▶ Mack Noller (Sydney East 2)
- ▶ Dan Palomeque (Sydney East 2)
- ▶ Matt Wilson (Sydney East 2)



Aaron Oman (top left) and Matt Wark (top right), playing for Newcastle



L-R, Mark Paterson, Jackson Harrison, Orlando Travis

Adrian McKeown
Men's Director



Glebe cares

Mental Health Round

There is no single 'official' definition of mental health. Mental health refers to a person's psychological, emotional, and social well-being; it influences what they feel and how they think and behave. The mind is one of the most powerful organs in the body, regulating the functioning of all other organs. While our focus on the field is often on our physical fitness, it's our mental wellbeing and that of our teammates that should be front of mind. Mental Health challenges are real as highlighted globally in recent years, and as a community we want to promote the need to speak up and look out for each other.

As part of our mental health round, we hosted a guest speaker from Beyond Blue who shared insights on identifying and recognising challenges we or those around us are facing and how to remove personal barriers to seeking help and support. Her insights also helped to build greater understanding of ways we can exercise our minds to build better mental wellbeing.

We closed out the round by sporting the Beyond Blue wristbands in all senior games, coming together as a community to show support for each other's mental wellbeing.



If you are worried about a friend, it's important to let them know what you've noticed. Listen to what they say without judgement and let them know you will help them get support. Remember, you do not have to offer a solution. Listening to and validating someone's feelings can be just as helpful.

Additional information can be found here:

<https://www.beyondblue.org.au/mental-health>

<https://www.beyondblue.org.au/mental-health/check-your-mental-health>

Glebe cares

Concussion training

For those senior players that attended our concussion training in June, thank you for your attendance and questions. We will be onto the Juniors shortly. Preventing and actively managing potential concussions is part of our responsibility to keep our players as safe as possible. A big thank you to Dr Dale Wilson, a Glebe family member for helping us deliver these important messages.

Remember:

- All players are required to wear a mouthguard on the field;
- All junior players (regardless of whether they are playing in juniors or seniors) are required to wear a mask in defensive short corners; and
- All senior players are asked to wear masks in defensive short corners. No one wants to see their mate taking a hit to a head that isn't protected. Protect your head, for yourself, your family, friends and your team.

What are our Roles and Responsibilities?

PLAYER	COACH / MANAGER	TEAMMATES
Self report, monitor own symptoms for 48 hours	Critically assess player for symptoms using template	Let coach or manager know if you see symptoms in another player immediately
Participate willingly and truthfully with the coach / manager assessment	Keep player off field if any symptoms or to be safe	Support any player that is off the field due to concussion or suspected concussion. Even if it means you might lose the game
If you are experiencing symptoms, ask for help in getting to the GP or ED	If player has symptoms, ensure they can safely attend GP or ED (i.e., get a support person to go with them)	Support any player that cannot return to training or play
Attend emergency department GP willingly (and if directed by the coach/manager)	Fill in relevant reports	
Obtain medical clearance	Ensure player does not return to training or playing until they are cleared, in accordance with policy	

We strongly encourage all members to be familiar with concussion resources available through Hockey Australia

<https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/cups/hockeyaus/files/miitis3co9pxxhpi.pdf>

<https://bjsm.bmj.com/content/bjsports/47/5/267.full.pdf>

Glebe cares

Must do's for a suspected concussion

RETURN TO PLAY – HOCKEY AUSTRALA POLICY



When a player has a suspected concussion, the below are not negotiable

- A player must have a medical certificate from a medical professional clearing them to resume full training and to play in matches. *NB: If you have attended an Emergency Department ask for this as they may not offer it, or go to your GP*
- Adult players over the age of 18 who do not consult with and receive clearance from a medical practitioner following the onset of their concussion symptoms cannot resume full training and playing in matches until at least 14 days from the date of the suspected concussion
- Players under 18 years of age cannot return to full training or playing in matches until:
 - a) At least 14 days from the resolution of all symptoms and the player has received medical clearance; or
 - b) Medically cleared by a specialist concussion doctor (neurologist, neurosurgeon or sport and exercise physician).

If a concussion continues more than three weeks with persistent symptoms, the player should be medically referred to a neurologist, neurosurgeon or other specialist who is experienced in the management of concussion.

ADULTS

CHILDREN



Glebe cares

GDHC is a safe kids club

For anyone working in a child related sector you may be aware of the NSW Office of the Childrens Guardian regulation changes in the last year related to the findings of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. We are fortunate that Hockey Australia has been working on this for a number of years, so we have access to their Safe Kids policies, procedures and materials that we adopt in full.

Safe Hockey Community Guidelines

The Safe Hockey Community Guidelines are the one stop shop for community hockey.

Here you will find information, fact sheets, resources and more to help guide you towards safer environments for our young athletes.

Whatever your role, there is information for you here. Check out each zone below.



There is a significantly greater responsibility on all members of the club that interact with young people to provide and maintain a safe environment for our children and to report instances where this may not be occurring. Further we are required to actively encourage kids to speak up with any concerns and listen to what they are saying, and again report as appropriate. Instances where children may not be safe are not limited to suspecting some kind of grooming, emotional or physical abuse, at the club or at home, but also where children are not feeling mentally safe due to:

- Bullying;
- inappropriate game pressure being put on them; or
- being belittled alone or in front of others.

All managers and coaches of any Junior player (including playing seniors) are required to read the Coaches and Managers section of the Safe Hockey Community Guidelines (yes, there's a few documents and many pages!) so that you understand your critical responsibilities in keeping our Glebe Juniors safe.

We will continue to do more on this important topic as the season progresses.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or would like to chat further (confidentially), please contact the Administration Director at Club.Secretary@glebehockey.org.au

We strongly encourage all members to be familiar with safe kid's resources available through Hockey Australia

<https://www.hockey.org.au/info-hub/safe-hockey/>

Club Song – Women

Yes, it's time for our Women to have a song!

In our last newsletter, we pitched an opportunity to create a victory song for our Women to own. Whilst we have not been inundated with recommendations (c'mon ladies!), we thought this version was fun.....

1, 2, 3, the Glebe girls are we
4, 5, 6, we're stronger on our sticks
7, 8, 9, we do it all the time
10, 11, 12, we'll win the comp as well

If you believe what I believe
Glebe's the place for me
We play hard, we tackle hard
And win it for our team

Sing it loud and sing it proud
The girls are here to win
Maroon and white all the way
Glebe is here to stay

Gooooo Glebe!!!!!

Inspired? Let's land the song and road test it at Senior Presentation Night, Saturday 23 September.

Send your suggestions to:

communications.director@glebehockey.org.au



Juniors team song

And not to forget the Juniors – what would you like to sing?

A song that you can sing before or after a game, at practice, or just around the house?

That talks about how fun hockey is, how you like playing hockey with your teammates?

Let us know!

Around the grounds

New GDHC Family Members

Welcome to the world.....

George

Congratulations Zach Domrow (5th Grade) and partner Mary.



Frances

Congratulations Alex Sheard (1st Grade) and partner Julia.



Charlie

Congratulations Mark Paterson (1st Grade) and partner Gabby.



Oliver

Congratulations Alister Cullen (2nd Grade) and partner Lou.



Jaya

Congratulations Dom Tintner (1st Grade) and partner Tika.



Noah

Congratulations Erin McCleave (ML3) and Dan.



We need you...!

If you like merch. Wish that GDHC had more merch. Have great ideas on new merch. Have a flair with design. Or just keen to add more merch to the walk-in wardrobe (aka Campo).... Then please contact Carolyn Pitt at communications.director@glebehockey.org.au

Let's hit the 2024 season with a new catalogue of merchandise for our members.

Match Reports – want to immortalise your team?

Have you seen Men's 3rd Grade's impressive Match Reports weekly at <https://glebehockey.org.au/match-reports/>?

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 communications.director@glebehockey.org.au

A journey through the history of our playing uniforms

Greetings, Glebe District Hockey enthusiasts!

As we celebrate the rich history and achievements of the Glebe District Hockey Club, it is only fitting that we delve into the story behind the evolution of our iconic playing uniforms. From humble beginnings to the vibrant colours, we proudly wear today, our uniforms have mirrored the growth and spirit of our beloved hockey club over the years.

The Glebe District Hockey Club came into existence on December 20, 1932, when the St James' Sports' Club Hockey Teams made the decision to field two teams in the upcoming 1933 Metropolitan Hockey Association Competition. This move granted the St James Sports Club Hockey Teams district status, giving birth to what we now know as the Glebe District Hockey Club.

In its early years, both the St James Sports Club Hockey Teams and GlebeDHC's uniforms were simple and functional, reflecting the modest resources available at the time. Players of the St James Sports Club Hockey Teams took to the field in the club colours of blue and gold, that is, a gold shirt with blue V and blue trousers [shorts]. Although the picture is predominantly black and white the 1932 St. James 1st Grade team can be seen pictured in blue and gold playing uniform. The 1932 St James' Sports' Club players were keen to test themselves in first grade and only District teams were admitted to the first-grade competition. This is what motivated the change from the St James' Sports' Club hockey teams to the GlebeDHC teams.

The colours were changed to maroon shirts with a white V both back and front with white shorts and maroon socks with a white border at the top before the commencement of the 1933 Hockey season in April. Maroon has since been the colour worn by all teams that have represented the Glebe District area.

ST. JAMES' SPORTS CLUB Reserve Grade Premiers, Metropolitan Hockey Association, 1932



*Back Row: Jim Burt, Mick Cummins, Jack Ryan, John (Jack) Taylor, E. (Ted) Mockler, Greg Walsh, Tom Barklmore
Second Row: John Quinlan, Bro. Macartan Keegan (Coach), William (Billy) Bourke (Capt.), J. Denis ('Doc') Donovan (Sec.), Tom Pearce (Vice-Capt.)
Front Row: Mick Dunn, Stephen McCormack, George Mockler.*

All teams that represented Glebe before the formation of the Hockey Club had worn maroon these included the cricket club, rugby league club, rugby union club, athletics club, and lacrosse club. The Glebe Cricket Club wore maroon caps from the mid-1850s. In line with this tradition of Glebe teams wearing maroon, it was decided that the GlebeDHC would wear maroon and white as its playing strip. Legend has it that the maroon-coloured seawater of White, Rozelle, and Blackwattle Bays provided the inspiration for the choice of maroon for the playing strip for the teams representing the Glebe District.

The uniforms were functional and served their purpose admirably, but little did anyone know that they were the first brushstrokes in a vibrant canvas that would evolve over the decades.

As the Glebe District Hockey Club grew in prominence and success through the '30s, '40s, '50s, and '60s, so did the aspirations of its players.

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The maroon shirts with a white V on both back and front with white shorts and maroon socks became a symbolic representation of the club's strength and unity and a symbol of the club's commitment to excellence and determination on the playing field. It also served as a reminder to the team of the importance of hard work and dedication which is why the founder Br Macartan Keegan instilled the creed of 'no train, no game'; together with his general enjoyment and love of the game.

In the late 1960s, a touch of flair was added to the uniforms, with the white V jerseys replaced by a double white strip running right to left diagonally across the playing tops. A simple **G** was the emblem displayed on the shirt accompanying this change. This shirt was predominately used from 1968 to 1974 and symbolised a vibrant club.

Among these notable shirts, the GlebeDHC playing shirts from 1975 through to the 1990s hold a special place in the hearts of Glebe hockey enthusiasts, with their simple, classic, and sleek design.

The hallmark of the GlebeDHC playing shirts during this era was their distinctive maroon colour. The 'Dirty Reds', referring to the boldness of the maroon colour resonated with the club's spirit and left a lasting impression on opposition players who encountered the Glebe players on the field.

Accompanying the dominant maroon hue, the shirts featured a white collar and white sleeve trim. The white collar and sleeve trim enhanced the overall aesthetics of the shirts, creating a visually pleasing and balanced ensemble.

GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB A GRADE TEAM, 1935



Standing: Danny Mockler (Selector), Michael Schultz, Tom Bourke, Tom Taylor, Jim Burt, Jack Norton (Selector), Jim Kenny, Jack Mockler (Selector), Seated: Tom Barklmore, Tom Pearce (Vice. Capt.) Jack Quinlan (Capt.), Jack Andrews, George Mockler, J. Heckenberg Photo was taken in the grounds of Jubilee Oval, Glebe, to the northern side of the grandstand. The palm tree now stands 30 metres high and the big rock is still there.



GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB 1974 SECOND GRADE TEAM Jubilee Oval, Glebe featuring three brown brothers. Back Row: Gary Morrison, Bob MacLachlan, Graham Lisk, Robert 'Charlie' Brown, John McDonald, Peter Howe, Front Row L-R: Royce Jenkins, Dennis Brown, Colin Brown, Victor Westacott ©, Robert Wark

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At the heart of these playing shirts lay the iconic GlebeDHC logo and crest. The centrepiece of the emblem was the classic stickman, an instantly recognizable symbol associated with the club and its players. The stickman, in its simplicity, captured the essence of hockey—a sport where skills, technique, and strategy intertwine. The stickman evoked a sense of movement and dynamism, embodying the passion and dedication of the GlebeDHC players.

The choice to retain this traditional logo and crest throughout the 1975 to 1990s period spoke to the team's commitment to its roots. It honoured the legacy of the club and fostered a sense of continuity and tradition within the GlebeDHC players and members.

The GlebeDHC playing shirts from 1975 through to the 1990s was more than just a uniform; they were a representation of the club's identity and values. Their classic and sleek design, with the maroon base, white collar and sleeve trim, and the timeless stickman logo, evoked a sense of pride and unity among the players and supporters alike.

These shirts witnessed countless victories, defeats, and moments of sheer brilliance on the field. They became the backdrop for the team's triumphs and struggles, etching themselves into the collective memory of the GlebeDHC. The sight of players donning these iconic shirts became a symbol of passion, teamwork, and the pursuit of excellence.



*Back Row: C. Stubbs, B. Bissaker, G. Kirkland, H. Wark Snr Capt., D. Smith, C. Savva, T. Martin
Front Row: P. Casey, P. Abate, G. Manou (G.K), R. Birmingham, B. Jardine, V. Ferrari*

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A journey through the history of our playing uniforms

In 1978, the GlebeDHC for the first time in the club's history, fielded two women's teams in the North Shore Competition. This brings to our attention the unique uniforms worn by the female players, during this time. In the photograph of the 1978 2nd grade team in contrast to the predominantly maroon playing shirts of the men's uniforms, the women's shirts were predominantly white with maroon trim. Complementing the white shirts, the maroon trim added a touch of familiarity and connection to the broader GlebeDHC. The maroon colour, synonymous with the club's history, acted as a unifying thread between the men's and women's teams.



The 1978 second grade team (inaugural year of the women's Club). The photo was taken at Primrose Park, North Sydney, while a men's fixture was in progress. Back row left to right: Caroline McMahon, Jocelyn Jenkins, Anne Wark, Chris Ridgley, Maija Gibson, Lisa Barrett. Front row left to right: Bev Birmingham, Robyn Letham, Jan Hammond, Jackie McNicholl.

Stay tuned for Part 2 whereby we look at the playing shirts through the 90s till the current day.

Regards

Mark Paterson
GlebeDHC Assistant Historian

From the archives

Edition 2: Unforgettable May 1966 Break-In at the Glebe District Hockey Clubhouse!

In the spirit of reminiscing and sharing some of our club's unforgettable moments, we want to take you back to the July 1996 edition of the Red Rag Newsletter. We would like to revisit a rather peculiar incident that occurred at our unique GlebeDHC Clubhouse in May 1996—a break-in that became the talk of the Club!

As the saying goes, truth is sometimes stranger than fiction, and this particular break-in certainly falls into that category. In our Clubhouse in 1996, with its sturdy sandstone front and back walls and solid cast iron door, an intruder managed to find their way in, leaving members a little amused.

The audacious thief made their way through the fenced-off area known as "The Hill," a piece of contaminated Crown land at the back of our clubhouse. Despite the obstacles in their path, they successfully breached the sandstone back wall, gaining access to our canteen and other clubhouse facilities.

Once inside, it seems the thief had a particular craving for confectionery. Our clubhouse canteen's stock of delectable treats, including chips, lollies, and soft drinks, fell victim to this mischievous raid. Additionally, a few discretionary items mysteriously disappeared.

The story took a turn when, later on, the police spotted the thief sitting at a bus stop on the crescent. To their surprise, the intruder was carrying a goalie bag brimming with the very confectionery they had taken from our clubhouse. Adding a touch of irony to the situation, the thief was even wearing a vintage Australian playing shirt donated by Ken Wark Snr, dating back to the 1950s!

To capture the lighter side of this incident, our July 1996 Red Rag Newsletter featured a cartoon strip that cleverly depicted the comical nature of the break-in. Even amidst the shock and inconvenience caused by the intrusion, our club community found solace in humour, emphasizing our ability to find joy in unexpected situations.

I hope this little trip down memory lane brings a smile to your face.

Yours in hockey,

Mark Paterson

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