

G.D.H.C Newsletter

**Red Rag
May 2023**



**Glebe
District
Hockey
Club Inc.**

Message from our President

Dear Life Members, Players and Families,

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

Our season is now well underway and it's incredibly satisfying to see our Juniors, Women and Men approach training and game day with such enthusiasm and commitment. I am hopeful that your experience at GDHC, regardless of your role, is meeting your expectations.

Hold the Press!! I am so very pleased to communicate that Sydney Council's final approval of the tenderer to build the synthetic turf on the Crescent took place on the 15th May and was passed. According to meeting materials, we could well have access to a local (albeit small) turf as early as February 2024, in time for the 2024 season. Enormous thanks go to Life Member Les Wark and his team, who's tireless efforts over many years have finally paid off. Our Club is incredibly grateful to you all. We will continue to update our members as the next phase of this critical initiative begins.



So much work happens behind the scenes for our great Club, and I encourage you to take a moment to offer up a thank you (or two) to your Directors: Tara, Shorty, Phoebe, Adrian, Josh, Carolyn and Veronica. I know first hand how hard they work to deliver a positive experience for you. As volunteers, they give enormous time to our Club, whilst balancing family and careers. A special thank you also to our various committees who provide support and an additional personal touch to our Club, and of course to our Coaches, Managers and senior Club Captains who are generous beyond words.

This season we have greeted a bunch of new players including the addition of our Women's ML1 and ML2 teams, under the GWD collaboration. With social connection high on our agenda this year, I look forward to getting to know you all soon.

Speaking of such things, it was great to see (in recent times), our first ANZAC Day BBQ at the Clubhouse. The sun was shining and the BBQ, coffees, home made scones and biscuits were in high demand. A new tradition that will grow over time, I have no doubt.



Proud Glebe hands on the Trevenar – Wark Cup!

There is great energy across our Club at present and I do hope you are feeling it as well. Contributing to the spirit are some impressive wins and close calls, the return of the Trevenar – Wark Cup after 8 years (it's sitting proudly in the trophy cabinet in the Clubhouse), a trip across to Singapore where our Women came home plate winners of the 2023 Singapore Sixes Tournament, our growing number of state players, finalisation of a new sponsorship deal with our friends at Leichhardt Bowlo, and an increased following of Juniors and their families connecting to our Clubhouse. Yep, such great spirit.

As I sign off my remarks, I would like to remind you all that many hands make light work. If you have yet to contribute to our Club this season, there is plenty to do. Please keep an eye and ear out for the call for help. Your support is greatly appreciated and simply a must if we are to continue to grow our presence in our sport and community.

I am truly proud of our great Club and remain focussed on making a positive difference. Take care everyone.

Sue Heath
GDHC President



Glebe gets social

Senior Season Launch

Making the most of the Easter long weekend, the Glebe Seniors headed down to club supporter Leichhardt Bowlo to kick off the 2023 Season in the social way.

It was a great night for all, with the Bowlo being the perfect place to unwind into the weekend.



Celebrating a couple of legends

Clubhouse nights have started strong this year, with some great playing Milestones providing the perfect opportunity to catch up after PL round three.

Congratulations to Ross Bougoukas and Josie Barron – see the following page for more details!



ANZAC Day

With remembering and paying our respects to those who have given great service to Australia more important than ever, on ANZAC Day Glebe District Hockey Club had a presence at the Glebe community service. Some of our youngest club members laid a wreath at the Glebe Memorial, before we headed down to the clubhouse for breakfast and a chance to catch up as a community club.

We hope to see you there next year.



Thanks to Glebe sponsor Galuzzo's for keeping our energy up with fresh fruit!

UPCOMING DATES

- SAT 20 MAY – U13 Social Event, Clubhouse
- SAT 20 MAY – Pub Crawl (18+)
- SAT 27 MAY – U9 Disco, Clubhouse
- wc 29 MAY – Mental Health awareness week
- WED 14 JUNE 5:30PM – Arthur Stubbs Foundation, Jubilee Oval
- SAT 12 AUG – Sydney Uni Derby Day, Lidcombe
- SUN 27 AUG – Juniors Carnival (Minkey-U13), Jubilee
- SAT 23 SEPT – Senior Presentation Night

And many more along the way!

Player milestones

300



Ross Bougoukas
300 Senior club games

250



Josie Barron
250 Senior club games

150



Amy Whalley
150 Senior club games

50



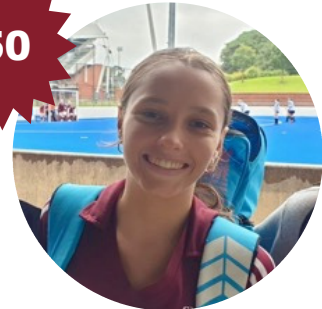
Steph Boyce
50 Senior club games

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Molly Busch
50 Senior club games

50



Allegra Symonds
50 Senior club games

Ross Bougoukas – the big 3-0-0!

Starting as a Glebe Junior before progressing through to the Men's grades in 2005, Ross has given a lot to the Glebe Club. Becoming a first grade fixture from 2009, including being the current captain, and being part of the indoor team for years, his playing skills are undeniable.

But it's off the field where his club contribution has really shone. From coaching our first grade women in recent years, to upskilling our up and coming juniors and generally helping out whenever and wherever he can, Ross shows what living our Glebe values is all about.



Ross and his famous headband with PL1 in 2019

Glebe Juniors

It has been a fantastic start to the 2023 playing year for Glebe Juniors.

This year, there are 14 teams from U9 through to U17 playing in both the SEHA and Sydney Metro competitions, plus about 40 players in the Minkeys group.

Many new families have joined Juniors this year, and the Juniors numbers are expected to be as large as any year Glebe has had (in recent decades) by the end of the season. The Club is growing in its Junior base, and once the turf is built on the Crescent, a highly visible location next to a skatepark and children's play area, the visibility of the Club will expand, which we anticipate will lead to a rise in the number of Juniors joining the Club in future years.

As a volunteer-run Club, the question for the Club is how to manage the current growth and growth into the future. To ensure the Club can continue to sustainably deliver the Juniors program, the roles within the Juniors team are being expanded. This year, a team of close to 50 adults is working in set roles across Juniors to make all of this happen, with the number still needing to increase further. The Club is working to formalize more small volunteer roles as the season progresses, including enabling role changes at times so that there is a depth of experience in running various parts of the Juniors amongst the team, ensuring sustainability for the future and succession possibilities.

So far this year, Glebe volunteers have been exceptional across coaching, management, development, administration, and umpiring. The volunteering is not just limited to the adults. Already this year, Glebe Junior players have been getting involved in acting as ball-persons for Men's first grade, selling raffle tickets (our best-ever sales we think at Derby Day), acting as Assistant Coaches for Minkey, helping with Development Academy, assisting with preparations for events and just being generally helpful with small tasks at training, games and events. The Club hopes that the Junior players also see the difference their contributions make and that this also enriches their skills and lives, as it does the life of the community.

We are seeing a renewed interest in social catch-ups across the age divisions this year, led by the team managers, who are focusing on team building, bonding, and club community culture, showing the shackles of the pandemic which curbed community interaction are now well behind us.



Glebe@Glebe

There was a torrential downpour of rain mid-way through this year's annual Glebe@Glebe event in February.

Notwithstanding the rain, this was a great turn out and a fabulous social start to the year, welcoming many new families to the Club. The kids had a fabulous time on the oval in the rain getting back into hockey.



Glebe Juniors

Pre-Season Development Academy

The year so far has seen 20 hours of pre-season development across 6 weeks via the Junior Development Academy for U9-U17 players, led by Katrina Cochrane, our Development Director.

For the first time this year, separate U9-U13 and U15-U17 sessions were run to cater to the differing development levels of the two groups. The Academy sessions were well attended in each age-level. We also had a great turnout from Senior players in supporting coaching at these sessions.



School Holiday Development Academy

For the second year in a row, Glebe Juniors ran a long-format School Holiday Development Academy program that saw over 40 of our Juniors attend a 5.5-hour session with coaches across a whole day, led by the Development Director, Katrina Cochrane.



Glebe Juniors

U9 Competition

The U9s kicked off their season at the end of April, and the Club has four Glebe teams for the first time ever in this division. The SEHA U9 competition is now six teams, with UNSW and St George making up the rest. The teams each play two short 20-minute games each Saturday at 8am, at Jubilee Oval every second week and at either Daceyville or Kyeemagh in the other weeks.

Mark Paterson has taken up the new role of "U9 Coordinator" this year to manage the growth in our U9 program. Mark is also leading the U9s in squad training with our U9 coaches each week at Jubilee Oval, with a BBQ after. Thank you to our team of regular volunteers for making the weekly BBQ a reality.



Our mighty U9s after their much anticipated first game in April.

Transition to Seniors

We continue to support Juniors transitioning to Seniors and have many U15 and U17 players who are starting to also play for Senior teams for the first (or second or third) year this year.

We are also continuing to work on engagement between Juniors and other parts of the Club to ensure Juniors feel more and more comfortable making their transition to the Senior club towards the end of their Junior years, including via our *Juniors Train with Seniors* program which started in May and will continue monthly to the end of the year. This enables Juniors to connect with and get to know Senior players as well as build their confidence working on some drills with the teams.



Our U15 Redbacks, 9 of whom are also playing in our Senior Glebe teams - impressive!

Umpiring

Peter Bestel continues to do a wonderful and much needed job of coordinating our Junior umpires and overseeing their training and mentoring.

It is great to see several new umpires coming through this year again. The feedback is that it is fun, combined with watching hockey and getting paid – a great “deal” for our young umpires.

We do need to continue to build our pool of umpires to cater for our Junior games and to continue to support and mentor those who are coming through. If your child has an interest in starting to umpire or you are interested in mentoring or supporting our Junior umpires in some way, please let me know.

Glebe Juniors

SEHA Representation and COD

The SEHA field competition is well underway, and we have over 50 Glebe players in the SEHA representative teams this year – this must be our largest contingent ever.

Glebe also had many U13 and U15 Junior players in action at the Centre of Development (COD) program in the 2023 Hockey NSW Regional Challenge in Newcastle in February.

Both SEHA and COD are fabulous development opportunities for all of the players, not to mention fun – thank you to the families for their support in getting to the weekends away to make these opportunities happen.

Many of our Juniors have also represented Glebe at school championships this year.



The "Metro Central Eagles" at COD in Newcastle this February, featuring some Glebe Juniors.



Some of our older SEHA boys representatives.



Some of our SEHA U11 reps at Moorebank carnival in May.

NSW State Representation

Congratulations to Glebe Juniors Airley Goodridge, Jess Weatherall, Miki Cooper, and new Glebe Junior, Sophia Grey, who all represented NSW at the recent U15 Girls Championships in the Northern Territory in April.

The girls did a fantastic job and found it to be an inspiring and rich experience socially and in terms of their hockey development.



Miki, Jess and Airley in their NSW uniforms

We look forward to updating you on our rep players' progress in our next issue as well as other activities across Glebe Juniors as the year continues.

Tara Taylor
Junior's Director



Glebe Men

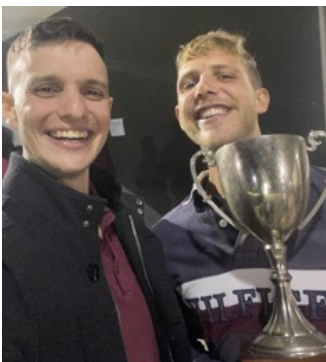
The 2023 season is off to a flying start, albeit with numerous breaks due to public holidays and some strange scheduling of games. Glebe's Premier League sides have been provided with back to back bye rounds. Despite the challenging fixtures, Glebe's men have been training hard and playing some brilliant hockey.

1st Grade's success last year in making the quarter finals has translated into a higher seeding this year for all Premier League teams. Some massive games kicked things off, and the going was tough as Glebe took on the heavy hitters of the League in the first 3 rounds of the season: Moorebank Liverpool, Ryde and Sutherland.

Highlights have been 1st Grade's great win over Briars at the Trevenar – Wark Derby Day, with 2nd Grade bringing things home with a stunning victory (7-1). The large score line was crucial at the end of the day, as the trophy was brought back home under the arches due to goal difference. The Derby Day was a great experience for all who attended, and is getting better and better each and every year.



Three generations of the Paterson clan arriving for Briar's Derby Day.



The Trevenar-Wark Cup came home at the end of the day! Held by Mack Noller and Jake Ribarovski.



Harry Wark, scribe for 3rd Grade.

Coaching staff

Our coaching staff is stacked with experience and enthusiasm, which is necessary this year due to a large influx of new players.

1st Grade is steered by the steady hand of Craig Martin, with assistant coach Mark Paterson. 2nd Grade Adam Campano, and 3rd Grade Ken Wark. Terry Kelly is currently managing the sides on match days, which is much appreciated by everyone. 4th Grade has a newly appointed coach, Julian Derrick and 5th Grade is ably steered by Mark 'Foz' Naylor.

A big thanks to our independent selectors this year, who were Geoff Paterson and George Manou.



Glebe's coaching staff (left>right): Ken Wark, Craig Martin, Brad Goodridge, Mark Naylor and Adam Campano. (absent: Mark Paterson, Terry Kelly and Julian Derrick).

Volunteering

There has been a great focus on volunteering recently by Glebe's players, who are stepping up and assisting wherever they can.

Some particular mentions are to Jake Ribarovski who is coaching a Women's team, Mack Noller who is coaching a Junior team, Henry Hunt who is the new clubhouse manager, and of course our men's coaches. Thanks guys! Your work is greatly appreciated and is inspiring more and more players to put up their hands and help out with the running of our amazing club.

Glebe Men

Training

Training has been in full swing since February, and there are currently higher numbers than ever attending both Tuesday and Thursday night turf training, including a contingent that travels most weeks down from the Central Coast (Craig Martin, Ben Martin and Adam Campano), along with regular appearances by goalies Mick Sneezby and Robert Frew (Wollongong) and Mitchell Brain, who travels from Lithgow to play and train!

Mack Noller continues to do an incredible job marshalling the troops and getting things moving with his inspiring selections emails.



The Cennie Connection: Currently playing for Norths Hockey Club, Newcastle, are 3 time 1st Grade premier Zachy 'Smooth' Farlow with fellow Glebe boys Ben Martin and Matthew Wark.

Representative players

We have a large number of Juniors playing this year, which is a fantastic testament to the hard work of Glebe's amazing Juniors Director, Tara Taylor, and Development Director, Katrina 'Shorty' Cochrane, and the whole Board, who have been working collaboratively to engage with players and inspire their involvement.

Particular mentions go to new and continuing Juniors players who are now playing Men's hockey and doing us all proud, including Aiden Najdzion, Oliver Tordoff, Marley Seebacher, Zane Goodridge, Will Brine, Cody Finlayson, Robert Frew, Clark Gibson and Orlando Travis.

Several of the above have been selected to represent both the SEHA and NSW under 18 sides. Jacob Warnock was goalkeeper for the successful Federal Police side, competing in the National Defence and Police Tournament.



Orlando Travis in action for SEHA U18s.

New players

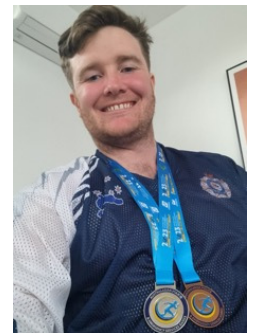
We've had a huge influx of new players this year, who have slotted in to all grades and have been made to feel welcome, on and off the field.

I'm hoping I don't miss out on any names, but shout outs to Neil Murphy, Robert Frew, Evan Cooper, Michael Hosking, Nicolas D'Onofrio, James Brine, Marley Seebacher, Oliver Tordoff, Cody Finlayson, Clayton Herbst, Hamil Bulla, John Hammond, Liam Crowhurst, Jackson Harrison, Henry Hunt, Douglas Allison, Kael Webster.

Left: Rob Frew in goal for Illawarra South Coast U18s.



Right: Jacob Warnock with his Australasian Police & Emergency Services Games medals.



Some of our players, old and new:



Jacob Warnock, Victor Dunand, Liam Crowhurst and Ed Noller.



Dylan Howe, Doug Allison and Al Cullen.



Kael Webster and Henry Hunt.

Glebe Men

Writing this Men's report makes me realise how good it is to represent Glebe both on and off the field.

What is important is that when you are a Glebe player or supporter:

- **you play for the best club in the Sydney area**
- **you train as hard as you play**
- **you play as fair as you train**
- **you look after your mates, mentor our juniors and volunteer to help out.**

See Player Milestones on page 3 for details of Ross Bougoukas notching up 300 club games for the maroon and white. Ross is an inspiring player who gets the job done on the field for 1st Grade, as well as assisting off the field with coaching, particularly women's teams over the last few years.

Congratulations Rosco!

Adrian McKeown
Men's Director



Glebe and GWD women

Welcome to the 2023 Women's Season

I wanted to start my first update as Women's Director by saying a huge thank you to everyone from across the club for all your sage advice and help in getting up to speed on the new role.

I've been playing for Glebe since Minkey days in the 90s (deliberately ambiguous), and now you can find me puffing in the mid field for our ML2 GWD team.

As we come together this season please don't be a stranger – say hello, and share your ideas and thoughts on how we can continually improve. I will need everyone's positive contribution as we work and enjoy our hockey season together.

Seven teams for 2023

We have one hundred and ten players forming our seven women's teams and for the first time in a long time we have a team in every division in Sydney Women's Hockey League (SWHL).

This season has seen the beginning of a wonderful collaboration between Glebe and Western Districts and it has been so heartening seeing our players and supporters rally around our girls who are working so hard in games and training.



Also a huge thank you to our independent selectors, Helen Howe and Louise Kershaw, travelling to Sydney for our three trial games and helping ensure we have a fair and transparent selection process.



The mighty Glebe ML4.



All smiles for GWD ML2.



The fearsome wall of Glebe ML5.



Great to see Junior Jess Weatherall debut in ML1 early in the season.

Our 2023 Coaches

I wanted to say a big thank you to our coaches from last year who are coaching again this year, Katrina Cochrane and Kate Alexander. I also want to give a huge shout out to our 2022 coaches Ross, Josh, Julie and Andrew (Googa) for their contributions last year. They have all played a huge part in the development and support of all our players helping them to find their place and confidence on the field.

Our coaches this season are:

ML1 **Corrina Aitken** (new)

Corrina is currently the head physiotherapist for NSW Hockey. She is the physio for the Australian Jillaroos team and has toured with most NSW teams this season. Corrina played for the Australian U21 team and many years in NSW opens. She still plays at ML1 and ML2 level and is one of NSW's most respected hockey players and coaches. Corrina has coached Western Districts for over a decade.

ML2 **Jemma Laverty** (new)

Jemma is the current ML1 goal keeper for GWD. In 2020 she was selected in the NSW Open's women's team. She has also been selected in NSW junior teams. Jemma has a NSW level one coaching accreditation and has coached Western Districts teams and Nepean Association representative teams. She is also incredibly generous with her time and has been great working with our GKs across our Women's teams.

ML1 and ML2 Tuesday night training **Ken Wark**

Ex-Olympian and club legend Ken has generously volunteered his time on Tuesday nights, helping out our ML1 and ML2 girls with skills and drills. Ever the task master, Ken's eagle eye at games has resulted into tough training sessions that emphasise discipline and field smarts.

ML3 **Kate Alexander** (returning)

Kate could smell finals last season and is continuing her cracker combo of motivating players with cherry ripes and caring support. With a tonne of coaching experience and a deep commitment to club and players we are all excited to see how the season pans out for the mighty ML3 team.

ML4 **Katrina Cochrane** (returning)

Due to injury we are sad that we can't see Shorty's prowess on the field at the start of this year but she is bringing her NSW hockey coaching experience to ML4. With experience, care and huge commitment to the development of all our players, she is leading the charge with a tough but fun training regime.

ML5 **Michael Monteforte** (new)

You might know Michael as one of our wonderful Men's players, a Smashing Pumpkin, and long time supporter of our ML5 team but this year he is stepping out of the grandstand and into the dugout. Quick to learn and pick up new skills he is bringing his encouragement and an adorable assistant coach to lead ML5 this year.

ML6 **Jake Ribarovski** (new)

This long time club member, ex-Junior and Men's player superstar can now add coach of ML6 to his list of accolades. This is Jake's first year coaching and he is bringing his expertise, warmth and positivity to every training and game.

SEHA **Glen Lim** (new)

With 9 years of coaching experience this is Glen's first year coaching for Glebe and he is bringing structure and competitiveness, and is helping players to find confidence and fun on the field.



ML1-3 coaches Jem Laverty (ML2), Corrina Aitken (ML1) and Kate Alexander (ML3), celebrating Corrina's birthday in April.

Glebe and GWD women



Our 2023 Managers

Where would our coaches be without their organisational and motivational backbone, our managers. Thank you, you are critical members of our teams.

Our 2023 managers are:

ML1 – Andrew Burns

ML2 – Jen O'Toole

ML3 – Erin McCleave

ML4 – Lisa Bonhote

ML5 – Stephanie Boyce

ML6 – Amelia White

SEHA – Aoife Mullan

Women's Committee 2023

The Glebe Women's Committee has been hard at work setting up for the new season. The beginning of the season is always a big undertaking and we have also been working closely with SWHL and WD to ensure a smooth first season for our combined teams.

A special thanks to all those who organise events, welcome new players, register our players, organise the umpires, keep our women in uniforms and lead our teams.

Our wonderful committee for 2023 is:

Upper grade club captain – Chantelle Hughes

Lower grade club captain – Gemma Mckenzie-Booth

Events team – Monica Bordignon (Coordinator), Amanda Chivers and Olivia Branson

Registrations – Olivia Edwards (Registrar), Olivia Cain (weekly match card entry)

Administrator – Rupali McPhail

Umpire Coordinator – Hannah Yeo

Uniform Coordinator – Wendy Machin

New Players Coordinator – Louise Tapsell

SWHL Representative – Carole Wark

SEHA Representative – Rachel Beckett

Welcome new players:

We're so glad you've chosen Glebe

Big welcome to 15 new players to the club. We are so glad to have you all and it's awesome to see your contribution and Glebe spirit already.

Supporting Juniors transition into Women's

Special welcome to Anna Kepert, Ella Tamir, Miki Cooper, Sophia Chen, Lilli Seebacher, Ciara Jarvis and Siala Cochrane who play in a Women's team for the first time this season. We look forward to supporting you to build your hockey skills and enjoyment over the season.



Juniors who've joined the women's ranks: Siala, Sophia, Ella, Lili, Miki and Ciara.



Members of our Women's Committee hard at work planning a great season

With good turnouts at training, lots of happy players who get to socialise and keep fit, the cherry on top is some impressive early season wins! Let's use this positive momentum to keep us strong across the season.

Go GWD and Glebe.

Phoebe Kershaw

Women's Director



Glebe on tour

Touring is back!

SCC Singapore 6s

The first weekend of March saw nine ladies compete in the annual Singapore 6s Hockey tournament, hosted by the Singapore Cricket Club.

The team consisted of Glebe Women's players Cate Heath, Aisling Klimoski, Mon Bordignon, Phoebe Kershaw, Carolyn Pitt, Liv Branson and Hannah Yeo. Our numbers were bolstered by wildcards (and Crookwell's finest hockey players) Georgia and Alex Branson.

Singapore was in the midst of the backend of their La Nina period, which meant we were spared the gruelling exposure to Singapore's infamous steamy, sunny conditions and instead were met with endless torrential downpours. Nevertheless, the group made the most of their tour overseas and were keen to have some pre-tournament fun – hitting up Universal Studios, catching the infamous Sentosa cable car and enjoying the satay delights of La Pau Sat.



The team was rearing to go on the first morning of the competition. However, what were initially thought to be nervous butterflies turned out to be the repercussions of one too many satays. How were we going to get through the first game, yet alone five throughout the day?! The girls dug deep and wrangled together in true Glebe spirit to battle through. The moral support from the lovely Physios from Perth Wellness who also let us seek refuge in their tent from the rain and provided free spine and neck realignments was warmly welcomed. If you're ever in Perth and need a physio, be sure to check them out!

Our results from the Saturday round-robin landed us in the middle tier of the competition (Ladies Plate). Happy with our efforts, we continued the success off-field, donning very impressive cherry-blossom costumes for the official tournament party.

The following morning, feeling slightly dusty but relieved to have some reprieve from the rain, the GDHC girls kickstarted their finals campaign in full throttle – winning the quarter final 4-0. Surprised, but also expecting that our success could be short lived, frozen margheritas were the drink of choice to rehydrate before our semi final. A 1-0 win and we were through to the big dance!

After generating such a strong fan base over the last 24 hours, we felt confident that the sideline support would be the difference in getting us over the line. After conceding a goal in the first 10 seconds, the Glebe girls put their heads down and came back to win 2-1! Ladies Plate Champions!

A tour to remember, we can't wait to go back in 2024 and defend our title. A big thank you to El Presidente, Sue, who helped make the tour possible and even travelled over to support the team. Thank you also to Josh La Spina for sacrificing his Sentosa golf game to coach the side for the finals instead. Hopefully we can convince some more Red Men and Women to tag along next year!



Hunter Cup

While the women were in Singapore, our men made a quick roadtrip to Newcastle to compete in the Hunter Cup.

Wins against NWS and Port Macquarie, a goalless draw against Port Stephens, and a close fought loss to NSW U21s saw Glebe just miss out on the A Division final.

Great day of hockey and super hit out for the boys!



Trevenar-Wark Cup

Go Glebe!

Back in the Clubhouse for the first time since 2015

What a day! The day GDHC won the Bruce Trevenar – Harry Wark Memorial Cup for the first time since 2015. A whole club effort, each Glebe team displayed triumphant effort and played good, hard hockey.

The day started with Women's ML5 team who played with true Glebe spirit, never giving up until the final whistle. Being the first team to play on the day is tough and while the team unfortunately went down 4-3, the scoreline was certainly not a reflection of their efforts. Next up was the Women's ML4 team that currently includes five junior players in its line-up. This team is going from strength to strength each week. Unlucky to not have sealed a point or goal this season, the team was determined to prove what they are capable of. Scoring a goal in the first quarter certainly put Briars on the backfoot and the Glebe ladies did well to absorb the relentless attacking efforts from their counterparts. Kudos to young goalie Ash who had a blinder and kept them in the game. Unfortunately Briars scored an equaliser, but it was a great game that saw everyone across the pitch putting in 110% and securing the draw (which would later prove very valuable in sealing the trophy).

As an interlude between the Men's and Women's games, our Minkeys and U9s absolutely stole the show! It was great to see the new skills that have been learned over these last few weeks and the true determination of our youngest players. The future certainly looks bright!



Next up was the highly-anticipated PL1 Men's game. Glebe's 1st Grade has had a strong, yet tough, start to the season. Having proven they can now be competitive with Clubs such as Ryde, Moorebank-Liverpool and Sutherland, the crowd was ready to witness a strong contest against Briars. Coming away with a 3-2 win was a great result, and put the GDHC in good contention for the trophy.

It was great to hear the Song sung for the first time this year by our 1st Grade men!

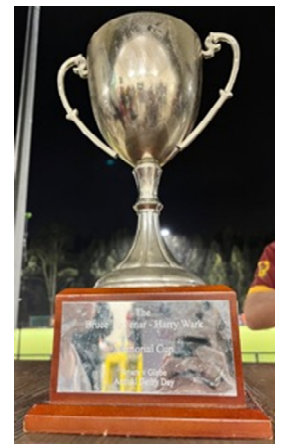


Our PL2 squad looked equally strong at the beginning of their game against Briars. After generating a steady 2-0 lead, the flood gates certainly opened after a cracking goal by Lachlan Hall. The Redmen quickly capitalised on the momentum and by the third quarter, were up 6-0. The final score of 7-1 was dominant and certainly shows what this group is capable of. The goal difference in this game directly impacted the Club's success at the end of the day.

While our PL3 squad unfortunately went down 3-1, their efforts can't be denied. Bolstered by former 1st Grade player and stalwart, Matthew Wark, the side played competitively and should be proud of their efforts.

Winning the trophy back symbolises a significant shift for the Club. Having gone through what can only be described as a 'rebuild' period over the last 10 years, particularly in our higher grade Men's teams, having that trophy back at the Clubhouse is a credit to all the players, coaches, managers and volunteers that kept the faith and knew that the tide would turn one day soon.

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And the rest of our Women kept the winning going

While not all of our Women's teams who were versing Briars that weekend could feature on Derby Day, in the Sunday Session Glebe still came out on top, with GWD ML1, GWD ML2, and Glebe ML6 all unbeaten to underscore our Derby dominance!

Club Song – Women

It is time for the Women to have a song!

Following the success of Glebe / Briars day, and with some of our Men's players coaching Women's sides recently, the question has been raised...

**Should the women of Glebe also have a victory song?
Should we have a way to celebrate our wins
loudly and proudly?**



Glebe ladies, we want to hear from you!

The recent growth of women's AFL within Sydney and nationally has certainly exposed the benefits of singing a Club Song at the end of a win.

It creates solidarity and purpose in a playing group.

To reflect the oneness and inclusivity of the Club, it's proposed the first verse will align with the current Club song sung by the Men, as:

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

But the rest is up to us all to design!

Send your suggestions to:

communications.director@glebehockey.org.au

Men's Current Remaining verses

Verse 2

If you believe what I believe
The copper said to me
If you're one of the Glebe boys
You'd better come with me

Verse 3

He grabbed me by the collar
He tried to run me in
I put up my fist and knocked him stiff
And that was the end of him

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 Weddings

We're excited to welcome a new baby into the Glebe family already this year.

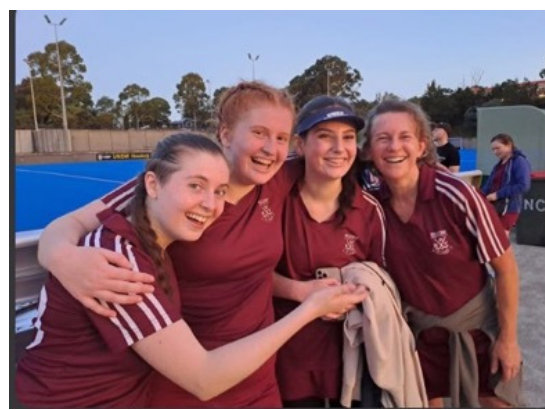
Welcome to ML6's new mascot – Joseph! Congratulations Shell and Sian on the new arrival in March 2023. Believe it or not, Shell is already back playing with her beloved ML6!



The Gibson Girls!

We love seeing the joy that comes from playing in a family club – thank you to the Women's SEHA team for sharing!

Sisters Zoe and Eleanor, long time family friend Sophia, and proud Mum Helen – all playing together in ML6. With Eleanor, Zoe and Sophia having just received players' player 3-2-1s in their 30 April game. Go Girls!



Obituaries

Our thoughts are with our Glebe family members who have recently lost loved ones.

—
Geoff Hammet (Glebe player from the 1990s-2000s) lost his mother. Geoff's father Rod was also heavily involved in the GlebeDHC Turf Committee, in the ongoing quest to secure a home turf for our club.

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Craig Greaves (Glebe Player from the 1990s) lost his wife, Megan Kelly. Megan was the sister-in-law of Craig's twin brother Jason Greaves and daughter-in-law of their mum, Brenda Greaves.

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Al Cullen (current Glebe player) lost his father-in-law, Steve Gell, father of Louise, Al's wife.

—
John McDonald (Glebe player from the 1970s to the 2010s) lost his brother David. Uncle to Jason McDonald, Glebe player from the 1990s to 2010s.

Keeping the kids fed

More things you love to see: Our new Clubhouse Manager for Wednesday nights at Jubilee, Henry Hunt (2nd Grade), on the tools with Life Member Bob Taylor.

Thanks for your contribution fellas!



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

From the archives

Edition 1: Ken Wark Jnr tribute

The Glebe District Hockey Club's newsletter was first published on May 10th, 1958, with the first headline reading: **Official Publication of the Glebe District Hockey Club – Introducing a Newsletter to the Glebe DHC.** The fact that it has existed since 1958 is a testament to the dedication of the Club members to keeping everyone informed about the Club's activities and achievements.

The addition of a comic strip by former player, Christian Campano, in the mid-90s is a great example of how the newsletter has adapted to changing times and interests. At the time a group of Junior players who were all good friends and who lived a stone's throw away from the Jubilee Oval and the GlebeDHC clubhouse spent their days playing Junior hockey on Saturday mornings at Jubilee Oval before watching 4th, 5th, and 6th Grade play in the afternoon. They would often stay on and hang around under the arches [clubhouse] enjoying the atmosphere and camaraderie.

The group including Aaron Oman ~ *Dazzler*, Geoffrey Hammett ~ *Fluro*, Adam Campano ~ *Weapon*, Christian Campano ~ *Theo*, Patrick Wark ~ *Brussell* and Anthony Wark ~ *Batman* formed the group GBDC [Glebe Boys Don't Cry] which was borrowed from popular NSW 80's Premier Neville Wran and used as a Club motto by some of the older peers of this group, some of whom are depicted in the comics.

The friends would meet regularly on a Friday night during the hockey season and storyboard the comic strip to be published in the upcoming Red Rag newsletter.

The one featured on the following page is just before Ken Wark Jnr left to represent Australia in the 1996 Atlanta Summer Olympics where he won a bronze medal. It was published in the July 1996 Red Rag Newsletter and it involves some colourful characters all helping Ken to hopefully win a Gold Medal. The comic strip was a prominent part of the newsletter letter through the 90s and always added a fun and lighthearted element to the newsletter.

Overall, it's clear that the Glebe District Hockey Club's newsletter has played an important role in keeping the Club's members and supporters informed and engaged for many decades. A newsletter is only as good as its contributors so please do not hesitate to contribute, comment, or simply reminisce.

*From the archives of
Mark Paterson and Adam Campano*



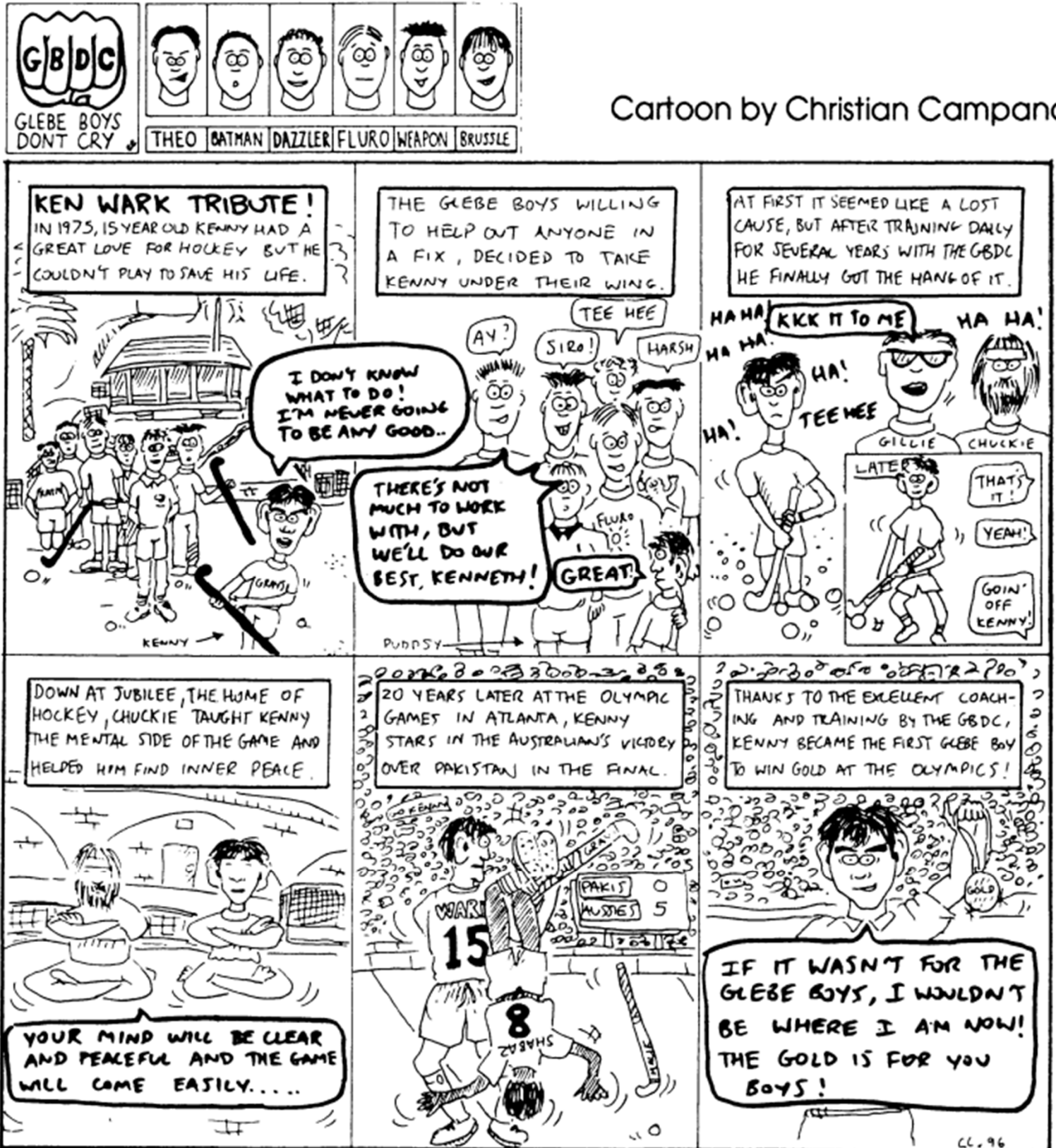
See full cartoon on following page

From the archives

Cheering on Ken Wark at the Atlanta Summer Olympics

From July 1996 Red Rag Newsletter

Cartoon by Christian Campano



Sponsor spotlight



In 2023 we're delighted to welcome Leichhardt Bowlo as a new sponsor.

We have a great deal in common with Leichhardt Bowlo. We serve the community and have done so for a combined number of years, 192 to be exact. We know how to welcome new members and we create social connections. So it is incredibly pleasing to announce Leichhardt Bowlo's generous sponsorship with GDHC in 2023. We encourage our members to pop into the Bowlo and say 'hi'. Dinner and drinks in the beer garden whilst the kids go nuts in the onsite children's playground. Membership is affordable and worthwhile and can be obtained pretty quickly at the bar. Here's to a long partnership.

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We endeavour to ensure that information in this newsletter is accurate. If you notice any errors or omissions we will do our utmost to correct it. And if we have missed anything that you think should be included, please get in touch so we can consider for future editions.

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