



Glebe District Hockey Club

2023

Annual Report

Celebrating 92 years

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land where we live, work and play. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging. We celebrate the stories, culture and traditions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders of all communities who also live, work and play on this land.



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We endeavour to ensure that information in this Annual Report is accurate. If you notice any errors or omissions we will do our utmost to correct it. If we have missed anything that you think should be included, please let us know so we can consider for future reports.



Life Members

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| 1947 Mrs Ester Taylor * | 1998 Les Wark |
| 1947 Jack Quinlin * | 2000 Margaret Howe * |
| 1952 Jim Kenny * | 2000 Robert Wark |
| 1956 Bill Ryan * | 2008 Danny O'Brien |
| 1958 Jack Worley * | 2010 John Nilan |
| 1964 Harry Wark Snr * | 2012 George Manou |
| 1967 Kelvin Dickey * | 2013 Vernon Howe |
| 1969 Ken Wark Snr * | 2017 Peter Busch |
| 1971 Patrick Nilan | 2017 Andrew Goodrick |
| 1973 Bill Stubbs | 2018 Helen Howe |
| 1975 Fred Letts | 2018 Adam Campano |
| 1975 Graeme Gilmour * | 2019 Ken Wark Jnr |
| 1975 Robert 'Charlie' Brown | 2021 Ann Rochester |
| 1977 Paul Rogers | 2021 Carole Wark |
| 1981 John Diviney * | 2021 Michael Bougoukas |
| 1986 Molly Wark * | 2021 Colin Rochester |
| 1989 Colin Brown | 2023 Jim Oman |
| 1989 Keith Paterson * | 2023 Maureen Paterson |
| 1992 Martin Howe * | 2023 Terry Kelly |
| 1996 Robert 'Bob' Taylor | 2023 Aaron Nilan |
| 1997 Harry Wark Jnr | 2023 Melissa Newton |
| 1997 Geoffrey Paterson | |

* Deceased

You can read the Life Member Nomination submission for each of 2023's new Life Members from [page 98](#).

GDHC Board of Directors 2023



President
Sue Heath



Junior's Director
Tara Taylor



Women's Director
Phoebe Kershaw



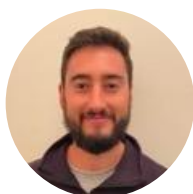
Men's Director
Adrian McKeown



Development Director
Katrina Cochrane



Communications Director
Carolyn Pitt



Finance Director
Josh La Spina



Administrative Director
Veronica Collins

Public Officer
Josh La Spina

Honorary Auditor
Stephan W. Van

A brief history of GDHC

★ 1930s GDHC began

- 1931 – Brother Macartan Keegan creates a hockey team at Saint James Patrician Brothers School Forest Lodge (Glebe).
- 1933 – First season played under the GDHC banner.
- 1937 – Brother Macartan Keegan transferred back to India.

★ 1940s to 1950s GDHC's golden years

- 1947 to 1954 – 7 first grade premierships (SHA record).
- 1948 – First Junior team fielded (Under 16s).
- 1949 – Vernon Joseph Turner expands the Junior teams from 1 to 6.

★ 1970s GDHC women join

- 1978 – First women's teams entered into North Shore Hockey Association competition.

★ 1990s GDHC united

- 1990 – Women's and Men's teams united under the GDHC umbrella.
- 1991 – Three women's teams play in the Eastern Districts competition.

★ 2000s GDHC enters a new era

- 2000 to 2016 – In excess of 50 premierships won across the Club.

★ 2020s GDHC celebrates new milestones

- 2021 – First female President elected to lead our Club.
- 2022 – GDHC fields more Junior teams than any other club in the SEHA competition.

AND NOW, IN 2023:

- The commission of a new turf at The Crescent is confirmed, with construction underway in the second half of 2023. Read more in the Turf Report on [page 14](#).
- Glebe Women once again have a presence in ML1, through the beginning of an initial 2-year collaboration with Western Districts, as GWD in both ML1 and ML2. Read more in the Women's Report on [page 31](#).

President's Report



President
Sue Heath

Dear Life Members, Members, Players, and Families –

It is my pleasure to present to you the 2023 Glebe District Hockey Club (GDHC) Annual Report.

A huge congratulations to our premiership winners, our SEHA Women led by Captain Ally Catterson and coach Glenn Lim. Team, we are genuinely proud of the energy you've all put into your season and super pleased that your hard work delivered such a fantastic result. Well done.

Congratulations are also extended to our Women's ML6 team led by Captain Mel Newtown and Coach Jake Ribarovski who finished their season as runners up. And to our Men's PL2 and SL3 teams, our Women's ML3 team and our Junior teams who made it through to various stages of their final's rounds.

Regardless of where you may have finished the season, thank you for demonstrating your commitment to each other, for delivering entertaining hockey to those of us on the sidelines, and for making GDHC your club of choice.

Within only a matter of months now and with much anticipation, we will finally celebrate the opening of The Crescent Turf. A local multipurpose synthetic turf we will use for training, Minkey through to U11 games, summer comps and Hockey 5's competitions. The benefits of having access to a local turf, albeit smaller than a full-size field, will create so many new opportunities for us and we will make the most of every one of them. Whilst the turf is a shared community facility, we have been, and will continue to make all the right noises with Sydney Council to ensure we achieve maximum usage. For clarity, the grass field of Jubilee Oval will continue to be a regular Juniors training option for GDHC in addition to hosting regular fitness sessions. You can read more in the Turf Report on [page 14](#) provided by our Life Member and Turf Coordinator, Les Wark.

During the 2021 season, I led the Board to define our three-year strategic program of work. A program that was purposeful and would deliver outcomes to *Improve* our offering, *Retain* our members, and *Grow* sustainably. I wish to thank our members who embraced this program, getting behind our focus areas to deliver positive change. You can read more about our progress on [page 09](#).

Our next three-year program of work commences in 2024 and we will again need your support in driving it forward. The Board will shortly finalise our focus areas and we will share the finished product with our members before season 2024 commences.

If you took the time to complete our Club survey this year, provided constructive feedback to improve season 2024 and beyond, I thank you. Your feedback is an important source of data that strengthens our strategic program of work. What to do more of, less of or stop altogether. You can read more about our survey results on [page 12](#).





This season the Board supported an initial two-year collaboration with Western Districts Hockey Club. This opportunity, sponsored by a sub-committee of GDHC Women, solved a serious and immediate problem that came to bear late 2022. That being, a lack of anticipated women players in our ML2 team for the 2023 season. The implications of which at a minimum, would have likely resulted in the loss of our ML2 position for future years. With similar issues being experienced by the Western Districts Club, the proposal to join teams ensured all players in this grade could continue to play and remain connected to their Clubs.

The collaboration also provided an opportunity for Glebe ML2 Women to be selected into ML1, the highest grade available in the Sydney Women's Hockey League. A grade that GDHC has not been able to register a team in since 2020. With no program of work defined to resolve that, retaining players of this level, and attracting new talent was virtually impossible. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between both Clubs was subsequently agreed.

It is pleasing to hear feedback from our Women playing in the GWD entity, that they have enjoyed their season. That they have been challenged and supported by coaching staff and Western Districts players. The collaboration will continue in 2024 with the full support of the Board.

It is important for members to be aware that the MOU also states that the vision of GDHC is to return to the ML1 competition by 2027. As such, a program of work will be initiated early next season to validate this aspiration. To understand what it would take to achieve this vision, and to ultimately make a recommendation to either continue or discontinue the collaboration in 2025. The end decision will be at the discretion of our GDHC members. This approach is both fair and transparent and respects all opinions. I will ensure updates are made available as we progress this work.

I regularly receive feedback that is both energising and validating. Evidence that the vast majority of our Glebe Family is responding positively. An example of this is the significant uplift in contribution by our senior men and women who embraced the opportunity to participate in our Club beyond training and game day. We've all heard the saying 'it takes a village...', and yes it truly does. This season we shared the heavy lifting and enjoyed the benefits it delivered. Whether you participated at our regular 'Saturday Juniors at Jubilee', coached and managed teams, participated in committees, fed Juniors after training Wednesday nights, or spent hours writing briefs to secure financial grants, I thank you. You are making such a positive impact.

This year we introduced new events, refreshed some old ones, and regularly opened the door to the Clubhouse, the place in which we gather. We celebrated milestones of huge significance and welcomed home trophies we haven't seen for a while. We've facilitated new friendships and strengthened old ones. Shared ideas and brought them to life. It is my opinion that we have something unique and special at GDHC and we all have an opportunity to look after it. To strengthen it for those that will come after us.

Connection is very important to most of us, and having a strong social network within our Club is vital. My belief is that if we strengthen our connection off field, this will translate to an equally positive impact to our on-field performance. It takes time for sure, and connection alone won't win premierships. However, I remain confident that with a positive community grounded culture, where our values of Family, Equality, Commitment and Contribution are considered in our decision making and how we act, we can and will achieve great things.

Family | Equality | Contribution | Commitment



Support from our sponsors has been excellent again this year, and we are grateful. It was also great to welcome new sponsor, Leichhardt Bowling Club. We have much in common with our friends at the Bowlo. A community club in their 100th year that exists for more than the sport of bowling. I encourage all members to pop in and visit the Bowlo team and thank them for their support. Here's to a long and prosperous relationship.

As I close out my update to you, I would like to take a moment to thank our GDHC Board of Directors, who give so much of their time and energy to our Club. Who often prioritise club activity over family, squeeze in phone calls, write reports and emails, and continually plan for 'more' in between moments of quiet in their paid jobs. They do what they do because they genuinely care about our Club's future. They work hard for every member, and they deserve our respect and thanks. Tara, Adrian, Phoebe, Katrina, Josh, Carolyn, and Veronica – thank you.

With the official opening of the Crescent Turf pending, a refreshed strategic program of work prioritised to deliver quality outcomes for members and, more social interaction options on offer, I am confident that season 2024, our 93rd year, will be something very special.

It remains a privilege for me to lead our great Club. I don't do it for the title or any personal agendas, and I don't ask anyone to do what I wouldn't do myself. Together, we have an opportunity to create and deliver positive change for all members that strengthens our presence. To promote a whole of club approach that considers the opinions and needs of all members, and to welcome new players and families into a community that offers far more than the sport we play.

Thank you for your support, and I wish you all a safe and festive holiday season.

Sue Heath

Club President

Glebe District Hockey Club Strategy Progress

As mentioned in our President's report, the conclusion of our 2023 season also signals the completion of our three-year strategic program of work. A program that was designed to be purposeful, delivering outcomes towards three key priorities. To **Improve** our offering, **Retain** our members, and **Grow** sustainably.

Background

These priorities were identified specifically because they are tangible and appealing to our members. Once confirmed, they became core questions the Board would ask to test key decisions we were making along the way. For example, 'are we improving our offering by enhancing our Junior Development program?'

And so, a selection of focus areas were determined. Focus areas / actions that we believed would have the greatest impact and ultimately strengthen our purpose. That being, **to offer a modern day hockey Club experience for our members and families to connect with, whilst respecting our history and traditions.**

Results

If we were to measure our success using membership growth alone, we can demonstrate that we are growing sustainably. When comparing our registration data of 2020 to 2023, our membership has increased by 26%. As such, we could surmise that we have indeed improved our offering and addressed challenges to retain our members. That we have made significant progress in delivering our strategic program of work.

It is, however, important to use facts. When we asked members via the 2023 survey:

- ✓ If 'our Club's purpose of offering a modern day hockey Club experience for our members and families to connect with, whilst respecting our history and traditions, is being achieved?'. **Overwhelmingly (90%) the response was yes.**
- ✓ How you found 'the team selection processes for this season?'. **77% told us it was transparent and fair.**
- ✓ If 'you transitioned to Senior hockey this season, has the experience been positive?'. **70% told us they had a positive experience.**
- ✓ 'Have you attended any social events so far this season?' **81% told us yes.**

Direct feedback is also a point of reference, such as:

'Arthur Stubbs was a wonderful night, I played in the Young Guns team, the other players were very encouraging. The atmosphere was amazing, loads of people coming to support the club, the food choice was the best.'

'Tuesday training is a big improvement on 2022, great work.'

'One initiative that has worked really well this year is the roster for different teams to volunteer on a Saturday at Jubilee. I think this method brings many new volunteers into the mix and stops the same people doing the same jobs over and over. I would encourage this to be extended in 2024.'

'I have also had great fun coaching a junior's team this year and it has reminded me of all the things I love about Glebe Hockey. I am so happy to see so many juniors enjoying their hockey, so many juniors succeeding at high levels and so many wanting to join our senior teams. Can't ask for more than that.'

It is fair to say that not every member will agree on our progress. There will of course be opinions that we 'have not done enough', or we 'are not focussing on the right things'. The Board are cognisant of areas where we could have done more. Where we could have taken more time to understand how best to action. Where we could have been more disciplined to ensure success.

These learnings and the focus areas where we need to re-evaluate, will be taken into our 2024 strategic program of work. An appraisal of all focus areas is noted on the following page in what we have deemed our score card. A pragmatic assessment of each focus area, rated through a lens of:

- GREEN:** On track, making good progress.
- AMBER:** On the way to achieving, and more work required.
- RED:** Requires significant effort, or potential rethink.




Summary

Strategy workshops have now been held for our Women and Men. As such, each portfolio has a clear understanding of opportunities we need to invest in. The Board will meet early 2024 to define the next series of focus areas that will have a demonstrable impact towards our three priorities – Improve, Retain, Grow. Focus areas that our playing groups are already invested in, and outcomes that will strengthen our Club. A targeted Juniors session will also take place early 2024, further informing our strategic program of work.

Communication to members will take place in the lead up to season 2024, coupled with an invitation on how you can get involved.

It is important for members to understand that even though focus areas may be rated GREEN, the Board will continue to monitor these to ensure we don't lose momentum. Equally, focus areas rated AMBER, will undergo a comprehensive review to better understand how we can move them forward in 2024.

Scorecard view of 2023 focus areas

<p>Overall Assessment – AMBER</p> <p>IMPROVE</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1. Deliver a holistic and rich Club experience for players and families ● 2. Enhance our GDHC Junior Development Programs including playing, umpiring and coaching ● 3. Provide transparency to members regarding GDHC fee structures, process and timelines for registration completion ● 4. Determine and deliver GDHC's sustainable approach to coaching ● 5. Communicate GDHC player and member expectations against culture and values backdrop ● 6. Implement and communicate consistent selections approach 	<p>Overall Assessment – GREEN</p> <p>RETAIN</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1. Drive deeper connections and cohesion across Club ● 2. Field strong committees across each portfolio to deliver a superior Club experience ● 3. Ensure a consistent Junior to Seniors transition program is established and maintained, including mentoring opportunities 	<p>Overall Assessment – GREEN</p> <p>GROW</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1. Support coaches to target competitiveness in a sustainable way ● 2. With City of Sydney Council support, secure regular GDHC accessibility for Crescent turf ● 3. Refresh external sponsorship proposition and increase sponsor support ● 4. Promote GDHC awareness and accessibility ● 5. Formalise Clubhouse operation and reporting ● 6. Promote activities to deliver Mental, Physical and Social Wellbeing ● 7. Access new financial Grant opportunities
<p>Key Proof Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ 96% of members would recommend GDHC to friends and family. ☺ 77% of members felt selection processes were fair and transparent. ☺ 86% of members felt training sessions were meeting their needs. ☺ Coaches appointed to every team. ☺ Creation of Juniors Accelerator Academy sessions, aimed at top end Juniors. 	<p>Key Proof Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ 81% of members attended social events this season. ☺ 81% of members are highly likely to return to GDHC in 2024. ☺ 70% of Juniors that transitioned to Seniors had a positive experience. ☺ Club Captains and supporting committees allocated at the commencement of the season. 	<p>Key Proof Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ City of Sydney Council conversations continue. ☺ Leichhardt Bowlo sponsorship commenced and greater frequency of connection with existing sponsors. ☺ 26% membership growth since 2020. ☺ Juniors Clubhouse Manager appointed and seamless operation of Saturday Juniors at Jubilee. ☺ Mental Health round with guest speaker from Beyond Blue, uplift in the number of fitness sessions offered to players including top end Juniors.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☹ 52% of Juniors attended development clinics in 2023, suggesting opportunity for 2024+. ☹ No consistent and early communication to members regarding codes of conduct expectations. ☹ No development clinics held for coaches. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☹ Opportunity to better understand how we can create a seamless transition for Juniors to Seniors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☹ Late focus applied to financial grant opportunities. ☹ Opportunity to better understand what coaches need to facilitate their roles.

- On track, making good progress.
- On the way to achieving, and more work required.
- Requires significant effort, or potential rethink.

2023 Member Survey Results

Our annual Club survey is an important activity for member participation. It allows the Board and committees to better understand attitudes and reactions, and to seek opinions on how best to address areas of concern. Conducting surveys is an efficient means to gather information from our members on topics that can help us Improve, Retain and Grow.

We have again learned a great deal from the results of this year's survey, including how we prepare for the 2024 survey. Considerations include but not limited to, are:

- The introduction of two annual surveys to gauge opinions specific to pre-season and season commencement vs mid-season and season end.
- How best to encourage greater participation rates.
- How we can better streamline questions for playing groups vs non-playing members.
- How we can better word questions to prompt constructive, targeted, responses.
- How we can better encourage the timely communication of any issues to the relevant Board Directors, rather than waiting for the Survey to air issues.

In the main, we thank all members for their participation in our annual Club survey.

Participation rate

Similar to the 2022 survey, 131 members took time to answer a set of questions and provide commentary. Participation was higher from our Women and Men (31% and 29% respectively), when compared to Parents of our Juniors or Juniors themselves (20% and 5% respectively).

Key results

- 48% of respondents have been a member of GDHC for greater than 10 years, whilst 40% have been members for more than 1 year and less than 5 years.
- 68% played for GDHC in 2022.
- 91% feel that our Club purpose of offering a modern day hockey Club experience for our members and families to connect with, whilst respecting our history and traditions, is being achieved. When asked why you feel we are, examples (verbatim) include:
 - *Very good and positive community.*
 - *I feel the hockey club has transformed over the past 5 years and is closing the gap to other clubs from a performance perspective. The junior offering and growing numbers is a huge weapon for the future, along with the new turf.*
 - *Always people supporting all teams at all times and supporting players when they hit milestones and keeping traditions like the Arthur Stubbs night or the Briars and Glebe Derby Day.*
 - *I am new to the Club, however I have been welcomed warmly by all from administration to coaches to fellow players. GDHC is the epitome of a proud and historic local club, not just hockey club.*
- When asked what you enjoy most about playing for GDHC or GWD, examples (verbatim) include:
 - *Social aspect and learning new skills.*
 - *Good quality hockey, good trainings, get along great with teammates.*
 - *I love that my son has the opportunity to have fun and participate in a team sport. But as a parent, I also love the canteen (and drinks!), the regular bbqs and the welcoming, friendly spirit among other parents and fans.*
 - *The club community.*
 - *Great hockey and good feeling of belonging.*

- 50% of players attend every training session possible, whilst 32% attend every session without fail. 7% rarely attend training.
- When asked if training was meeting your needs, 86% said yes.
- When asked what could improve training, examples (verbatim) include:
 - *Whole field for training.*
 - *Compulsory training for all grades.*
 - *Perhaps more tactical/positional training for higher grades (though this would require splitting up into teams – and hard to do on half a field).*
 - *Lower grades – more small games or game like drills.*
 - *For juniors, some clear guidelines on key skills to teach at each age group, or a base programme to develop each age group from. Setting out expectations for the skills that the coaches can base training sessions on.*
- 92% of members told us that they were pleased with communication content and frequency.
- 87% of members told us that if they had concerns or ideas, they would know who to talk to (e.g., Directors, Club Captains, Club President).

2023 Turf Report

I am pleased to be able to say that in 2024 the Glebe District Hockey Club will have an International 5's size artificial surface in the local area that the Club can utilise over all aspects of its continued growth. Having a 5's field will put the Club at the forefront of 5's hockey which is being marketed as the next big thing in hockey, like what T20 has become to the game of cricket.

I have made a commitment to see this particular turf journey through with the City of Sydney Council, but this will be my last Turf Report in the long list of Annual Reports that have been submitted to members since the Club first started advocating local authorities for an artificial surface. This report will be an executive summary of how the Crescent Synthetic Sports Field came about and our quest for a full-size turf in the area since 2018 to 2023.

The quest for an artificial surface within the Inner West area commenced in 1984, so it will be 40 years of dedication by so many members over that time to finally see the fruits of their labour. I wish to thank them for their vision and never-say-die attitude.

The Crescent Synthetic Sports Field

Proposed Works



Key

- New asphalt roadway
- New concrete path
- New synthetic turf sportsfield
- New grass turf
- New planting
- Existing tree - To be retained
- Existing tree - To be removed
- New trees
- New seating
- New sportsfield lights
- New perimeter field fence
- Retain and protect existing trees
- New raised multi-purpose synthetic sportsfield (48x32m plus 20m run-off area)
- New multi-purpose goals
- New circulation paths
- New spectator seating
- New park entries
- Regraded turf areas
- New tree and grass planting
- New turn-around road condition

The Crescent Synthetic Sports Field

Due to be completed early 2024 | © City of Sydney

During our efforts in 2018/2019 to try one last time to get an artificial surface on Federal Park it became very clear that Council would not install any artificial surface in a designated 1:100-year flood zone and that ruled out both Federal and Wentworth Parks, full stop.

During an informal chat amongst ourselves, Clare Prideaux suggested that we should approach Council to see if they would be willing to put a small artificial surface on the unused area between the Crescent Childcare Centre and the Skateboard Park.

In early 2019 with the approval of the Board I made an initial approach by phone to a City of Sydney Council Officer who I had previous dealing with to see if this area had any chance of being looked at by Council for a small artificial surface. After that initial discussion several informal meetings with the relevant Council Offices were arranged to see if this area had any chance of Council approving such a proposal. As these discussions continued it became apparent that the area identified was on the outer edge of the 1:100-year flood zone and it met with the strategic plan of Council of having small pop-up sporting areas that could be utilised by the community. From these meetings the Council Officers advised that they would look at our proposal and come back to us to see if there was an opportunity of moving this proposal forward.

In April 2019 Council Staff advised that the area identified by us met all the Council's objectives and strategies and that they would start work on its design and approval process through Council. In September 2019 I had a meeting with Clover Moore and her staff at the mayoral chambers at Sydney Town Hall where I explained to her the need for building the surface at The Crescent, Annandale. In October 2019 Council approved the field in principle but a lot more information and field design work were required before Council could formally approve the building of the surface at a full Council meeting.



On site with Mayor Clover Moore and President Les Wark, October 2019

In 2020 the COVID pandemic severely hampered the progression of the field design and formal approval process. However, progress was being made slowly through Council and it allowed the hockey club to lobby Council to increase the dimensions of the proposed field to a full international 5's size field, which they agreed to. During 2021 the field was approved by the following Council committees: Corporate Finance, Properties and Tenders, Transport, Heritage and Planning, The Environment and the Full Council Meeting which gave final approval to build the field on Monday 18th October 2021.

During every turn and at every Committee meeting a Glebe Hockey representative was there lobbying respective Councillors and promoting the field.

When the field was formally approved by Council on 18th October, I had been liaising with Councils CPP – Professional Services team for over 12 months on the detailed design of the field and what would be included, e.g. Circle marking, storage, power outlets etc for when the field was ready to be handed over in 2024.



Field development as at 7th October 2023

Rozelle Park Land

At the same time as we were meeting with CoS Council, we were in negotiations with the Inner West Council and West Connex regarding the proposed allocation and use of the open space at the old Rozelle Goods Yard site. When the construction of West Connex was finished it was to hand back to Inner West Council a completely new park land area.

The Club submitted numerous submissions to WestConnex, NSW Government and Inner West Council on what could be done in the allocated area and different types of artificial surfaces that could be used to meet all users' needs. Here I would like to specially mention Mary Wark who was complimented on the quality of the submissions by showing that an additional multi-purpose artificial field could be built within the confines of the space allocated to active sport in the proposal.

The Inner West Council, in its adopted Recreation needs study, supported the building of a multipurpose artificial field suitable for hockey. However, the NSW Government and Transport NSW amended the design of the park land on the site that would provide a lot less than what was promised to get community support for the project.

Inner West Council has requested that the NSW Government and WestConnex review the present site strategy to redesign the allocated area to include as many sporting fields as possible onto the site. As of October 2023, a finalised design for the site has still not been negotiated.

This promised so much but has not lived up to those expectations. Who knows what will happen in the future designs but at this stage no area for a hockey field is expected to be included into the final design.

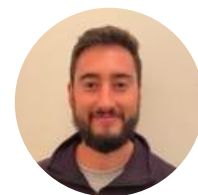
I wish to thank the following people for all their support, effort and assistance over the years mentioned in getting the Hockey Club to what we have now and could have in the future:

- CoS Sydney Councillors Linda Scott and Kerryn Phelps who took up the cause for a hockey turf in the Glebe Area;
- Inner West Councillor and Mayor, Darcy Byrne, who wanted to see a Hockey Field in the Rozelle Park Land site;
- CoS Sydney Council Staff, Joel Johnson who took our idea and guided it through Council, and Lucy Farley who designed the field and tried to accommodate all the Club's needs;
- Former Club member Mary Wark, who without hesitation wrote a number of very impressive submissions to Transport NSW, WestConnex and Inner West Council;
- Clare Prideaux who initially came up with the Crescent Turf idea but who was also a sounding board and strategist; and
- Sue Heath who represented the Club at the few meetings that I was not able to attend.

And finally, I would like to thank sincerely the members across the generations of the Club who, when asked to rally at a meeting or sign a petition, have been there for the long haul of 40 years. The opportunities for the use of the surface and the growth of the Club and the game will be limited only by the ongoing vision, commitment and contribution of the next generation of members. Let's make the most of the opportunities the turf will give us.

Financial Report

Finance Director
Josh La Spina



Dear Members,

It's my pleasure to present the 2023 annual accounts for the Glebe District Hockey Club.

2023 proved to be a strong year for the club on the field and from a financial perspective with the club returning a surplus of \$8,856.00.

The Club recorded higher playing numbers across the board (seniors and juniors) which resulted in an increase in fees collected. It's important to note however that the Women's fees collections were lower in 2022 due to COVID-fee reductions that were rolled over from 2021.

Playing costs continue to increase across Sydney Hockey, SWHL and SEHA and continue to outweigh playing fees collected. As a result, we rely on other sources of funding to break-even / be profitable.

In terms of Sponsorships, Galluzo's and Leichhardt Bowlo were our most significant supporters.

The Arthur Stubbs fundraiser night allowed the Club to raise funds to:

- a) continue subsidising fees for those players who coach a team.
- b) pay junior players who are accredited umpires.
- c) fund the Glebe Development Academy and overall development program.
- d) provide representative allowances for NSW players.
- e) allow for new equipment purchases.

Turf hire continues to be a major expense to the club. In 2023 we hired fields at Cintra, Camperdown Tennis Courts, Jubilee Oval, UNSW, and Bankstown. It is hoped that the completion of the Crescent turf will alleviate these costs. However, the Club's accessibility to the new turf in 2024 is yet to be confirmed with Sydney City council.

Clubhouse trading increased this year due to an increase in events. Trading is expected to grow next year with greater opportunity and accessibility for members to socialise at the Clubhouse due to new turf.

Things to look forward to in 2024 and beyond:

- the Club has engaged a new uniform supplier. Refreshed designs for the Men's, Women's, and Juniors on-field uniforms as well new off-field apparel, will be available for season 2024.
- as previously mentioned, the new turf at the Crescent will provide opportunities for more training in a central, local location which is expected to increase clubhouse patronage as well as opportunities for our own social / summer competitions in the off-season.
- the Club will continue to seek out new sponsorship opportunities and grants. I encourage all members to seek out any sponsorship opportunities (including donation support for our fundraising events) in the new year.

Balance sheet

Glebe District Hockey Club

As at 31 October 2023

	31 OCT 2023	31 OCT 2022
Assets		
Bank		
Cheque Account	36,536.22	40,706.28
Debit Card	959.81	212.95
Savings	276,337.77	274,685.12
Total Bank	313,833.80	315,604.35
Current Assets		
Cash on Hand	500.00	500.00
Stock on Hand	3,152.05	4,259.32
Trade Debtors	11,808.00	13,353.00
Total Current Assets	15,460.05	18,112.32
Non-current Assets		
Equity Investments	2,280.00	2,352.00
Total Non-current Assets	2,280.00	2,352.00
Total Assets	331,573.85	336,068.67
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Grant Income	-	1,270.58
GST	9.08	(607.65)
Trade Creditors	3,568.28	16,265.46
Total Current Liabilities	3,577.36	16,928.39
Total Liabilities	3,577.36	16,928.39
Net Assets	327,996.49	319,140.28
Equity		
Current Year Earnings	8,856.21	188.14
Members Funds	319,140.28	318,952.14
Total Equity	327,996.49	319,140.28

Profit and Loss

Glebe District Hockey Club

For the year ended 31 October 2023

	2023	2022
Trading Income		
Playing Fees		
Fees - Juniors	29,805.30	28,117.77
Fees - Men	30,006.40	28,035.00
Fees - Women	36,152.55	21,913.63
Total Playing Fees	95,964.25	78,066.40
Other Revenue		
Bar Trading	6,864.10	5,488.89
Equipment Trading	(2,631.19)	(855.00)
Social Functions & Raffles	9,182.73	7,082.43
Sponsorship, Donations & Other	34,504.09	54,787.23
Total Other Revenue	47,919.73	66,503.55
Investment Income		
Interest Income	1,652.65	453.30
Dividends	102.00	99.00
Share Gain/(Loss)	(72.00)	60.00
Total Investment Income	1,682.65	612.30
Total Trading Income	145,566.63	145,182.25
Gross Profit	145,566.63	145,182.25
Operating Expenses		
Playing Costs		
Playing Costs - Juniors	34,553.01	28,989.99
Playing Costs - Men	37,750.42	29,672.25
Playing Costs - Women	35,109.84	29,778.49
Total Playing Costs	107,413.27	88,440.73
Other Expenses		
Accounting & Audit	500.00	500.00
Administration Costs	2,957.82	2,537.16
Bank Fees	244.23	265.71
Repairs and Maintenance	620.00	33,904.58
Representative Allowances	6,000.00	2,000.00
Social Functions	11,879.43	11,101.78
Trophies	4,220.18	4,200.53
Website Administration	2,875.49	2,043.62
Total Other Expenses	29,297.15	56,553.38
Total Operating Expenses	136,710.42	144,994.11
Net Profit	8,856.21	188.14

Auditors Report



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Auditor's Independence Declaration For the year ended 31 October 2023

In relation to my audit of the financial report of Glebe District Hockey Club Incorporated for the financial year ended 31 October 2023, to the best of my knowledge and belief there have been no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 or any applicable code or professional conduct.

STEPHEN W VAN

VAN COTTER PARTNERS

SYDNEY: 5th December 2023

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AUDITORS' REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB INC

SCOPE

I have audited the financial report of the Glebe District Hockey Club Incorporated for the year ended 31 October 2023. The elected committee of the Club is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information contained therein. I have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the Club.

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

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

AUDIT OPINION

In my opinion, the financial report presents fairly the financial position of the Glebe District Hockey Club Incorporated as at 31 October 2023 the results of its operations and its cash flow for the year ended 31 October 2023 in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards, and with the provisions of the Associations Incorporations Act of (NSW).

Date: 5th December 2023

Firm: Stephen W Van

Address: Unit 24B 16-24 Waratah St
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Signed:

GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB INCORPORATED

STATEMENT BY OFFICERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

In the opinion of the officers of the Club: -

- a) The accompanying Income and Expenditure Statement is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the results of the Club for the year ended 31 October 2023.
- b) The accompanying Balance Sheet is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Club at 31 October 2023.
- c) There are no circumstances, not otherwise dealt with in the financial statements that would render any amount stated in the accounts misleading.

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

Officer



Officer

Dated this

5th December 2023

Communications Report

Communications Director
Carolyn Pitt



Well, there's nothing that will get you more involved with the Club in your second year than becoming the Communications Director. Talk about jumping in the deep end!

But it's been great to get to know so many from across the Club, as we together drive towards creating the most connected, community-driven modern day hockey Club experience we can for our Members and families.

This year saw the continuation established cultural touchpoints – from the Red Rag and Arthur Stubbs Fundraiser evening – to the re-emergence of old favourites like the Pub Crawl, entering the Singapore 6s, and winning both the Wark-Trevenar Cup at the Glebe-Briars Derby Day AND the Eastaugh Turner Cup at the Glebe-Sydney University Derby Day (!), to the introduction of some new initiatives like Team GDHC, Pride Round, Clubhouse Karaoke and the Minkey and U9 Disco.

Social Media

Alongside in-person events for Club connection, this year we also put a focus on ramping up our social media channels.

Soft launched to the Senior playing group early this season, and growing organically ever since, in 2023 we introduced **Team GDHC**, our exclusive Club Facebook group. Established to create an online 'clubhouse' for our Members, on Team GDHC all Members can post content – from how their team went each week, to community news (we love seeing new additions to the Glebe Hockey family!), to great initiatives like the GDHC Fitness Challenge currently underway (driven by some of this year's PL2 Men).

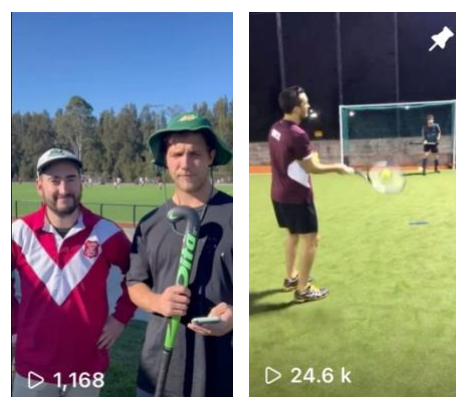


www.facebook.com/groups/teamgdhc

You might wonder what the difference between Team GDHC and our Club Facebook page and our Instagram page is: while the two pages are the public face of the Club and are essentially a one-way broadcast from the Club to the world, Team GDHC is only for those in the Club, where anyone can post. It is a space that will be as vibrant as you make it – everyone has a voice, please feel free to use it.

To ensure our **Glebe Hockey Facebook** and **Instagram** pages are as active as possible as though – for our own connection and to appeal to potential new players – please do continue to share photos and videos with us: you can DM us on either platform, or simply tag the Club in your own posts and stories so we can reshare. Or, if you have a content stream you'd like to create – can you rival Mack's insightful player interviews? – let us know!

We've had great engagement this year – being recognised by shunt.com.au as the 12th ranked hockey club in NSW/VIC/ACT from Jan-Sep 2023 in terms of Facebook 'Love' reactions on our posts (behind only Ryde Hunters Hill in the Sydney region), and having a 15% uplift in followers on Instagram. Not to mention the whopping 24.6k plays on our reel of 'Victor the Inflictor' defending the goal from tennis shots.



Arthur Stubbs Foundation Fundraiser

Building on the success of last year's Arthur Stubbs Foundation Fundraiser Evening and the inaugural Young Guns v Old Stars game, 2023 saw an amazing night of connection and celebration at our most special Club event, and we thank everyone who participated in helping us achieve our financial target of \$20,000.

Special thanks go to army of volunteers who made the event happen, from sourcing and donating raffle prizes, food and A/V equipment, to organising logistics (and to organising people!), and to playing a role on the night. It's a massive event for the Club, and one we hope to continue and grow in the years to come – the funds raised make a huge impact in our ability to support our young players.

Community spirit competition rounds

We recognised both Pride and Mental Health rounds this year, to show our support for both of these topics, both on and off the field. It was heartwarming to see all teams get behind these initiatives; I was very proud to see teams wearing their Beyond Blue and rainbow wrist (or head!) bands.

Social events

We ramped up the utilisation of our Clubhouse this year, something we hope to do even more of next year when the Crescent Turf is just nearby!

With **milestone celebration events** for Ross Bougoukas' 300 games and Josie Barron's 250 games, Brad Goodridge's 500 games, and of course Mel Newton's 500 games also! It was a great place to be able to honour great achievements from our players.

The Clubhouse also hosted the inaugural **Clubhouse Karaoke, Livestreamed games** (noting we need to improve our internet connection for the future), our **ANZAC Day breakfast**, and the recent **Spring Derby Long Lunch**, not to mention being the ultimate destination for big nights, with both the **Pub Crawl** and **Presentation Night** making use of the excellent space.

We again had a great night at West Leagues Ashfield for the **Senior Presentation Night** – as can be seen from the great photos we can thank David Pritchard for snapping.

And with Leichhardt Bowlo also on board as a sponsor, we have another great space for coming together off the field.

As we look to 2024, we'll be looking to improve our communications and connection even more. From communicating plans earlier, to adding more events that add to the experience of our Club – both for Members and their families, and to attract new players across all parts of the Club. All of this will be driven by Member appetite for participating, both in attending events and in making them happen. So if you're keen to be involved in driving events, please drop me a line at communications.director@glebehockey.org.au.

Finally, a huge thank you to a couple of key people who really drove the events we have had the privilege of attending this year – Mon Bordignon, Amanda Chivers, and Sue Heath, thank you for all the many hours and effort you have put in throughout 2023.





Administration Report

**Administrative Director
Veronica Collins**

... Well I started the year a keen bean by deciding we should take advantage of Google's free accounts for not-for profits. Hmm, best laid plans. I think it took me a month to get the token from some random company to prove GDHC is a not for profit, then I had to do something with the domains, and then by the time I set the account up it was into the season. And then when I set up everyone's accounts, which was a whole 8 accounts done consecutively, half of them didn't work as evidently, I added accounts in bulk. Costco would not agree that 8 was bulk and neither do I.

Anyways, I think half of the Directors are using their new @glebehockey.org.au and maybe I'll end up getting Mack set up on it before I hand over the reins.

From this rocky start I then decided it was time for a bit of concussion training action as I can't get enough of policies. Thanks to my trusty assistant GP Dr Dale Wilson (mum of U15 Anna Kepert) who reviewed the materials and kept us on the straight and narrow in training. The brain balloon in water was an inspired prop. Also, thanks to everyone that joined the training and was kind enough to ask good questions and get discussion going. While Dale and I knew concussion was an issue, what was informative was that almost all the seniors knew someone who had had a concussion (from hockey) which just goes to show that while people think concussion doesn't happen much in hockey, it still happens too much if most of us know someone that has had one. Remember that Glebe's policy is that all juniors are required to wear masks in defensive penalty short corners, and we request, out of respect for your family, friends, and teammates that all senior players do so as well. No one wants to see their mate in hospital, or suffering memory loss as they didn't wear a mask in a short corner. If you would like a reminder of the training you can request it from club.secretary@glebehockey.org.au or you can check out [Hockey Australia's policy](#) (admittedly that's a bit of a harder read).



Concussion training underway at Cintra in June 2023





Unfortunately, the last few months of the year were a bit of a write off, but we did a Safe Kids training (for the kids!) at Cintra one Tuesday evening. Yes, one group was a tough audience of teens and I wanted to hide under the table, but we got through it. The toughness of delivering age-appropriate training is probably why Hockey Australia are suggesting that clubs appoint a dedicated Safe Hockey Officer to manage all things Safe Kids. If anyone is interested please read the job description on p33 [here](#) (yes, like all local hockey jobs, it is voluntary!) or reach out to club.secretary@glebehockey.org.au. The safe kids officer role is currently designed to either sit alongside or be combined with the Member Protection role going forward once the National Integrity Framework is updated. Which reminds me to remind all members that GDHC adopts all of Hockey Australia's policies in full, including the [Code of Conduct](#). We recommend all review this document, and the others if possible, to ensure you understand your obligations (and rights) as a member.

On a personal note, while I made it to many U11 and U15 games to see my own kids play, I only managed to see one seniors' game, men's 1st grade. It was heartening to see so many Glebe fans there cheering the team on. And my daughter Lauren enjoyed herself so much as a ball person I have been instructed to write her name down numerous times next year. Although, Lauren did advise me that most of the Glebe guys on the field would be able to challenge me successfully to a cuss-a-thon which again highlighted one of my parenting failures..... (kids, the ultimate mirror).

Sadly though I missed seeing my old teams the SEHA slayers (who slayed the year away), 6th grade, or our new GWD teams. While initially I was not very supportive of the GWD collaboration, with the passage of time I have come to see the error of my ways and I'll be super keen to go see not only my old teams, but all the Glebe teams, whether a collaboration or not, in 2024. We are so lucky that our club is seen favourably by others that they want to join in the great fun we have both on and off field.

And with that, Go Glebe and Adieu!

Veronica



Junior's Director
Tara Taylor

Junior's Report

It is my pleasure to present to you the Juniors Report for season 2023.

We had over 200 Juniors play for Glebe Juniors again this year for the second year in a row. We think these numbers are up there with our largest number of Juniors, possibly exceeding our largest numbers, ever. This included around 40 Minkey, 4 x U9 teams, 3 x U11 teams, 3 x U13 teams, 3 x U15 and 1 x U17 teams.

You can read the full **Glebe District Hockey Club 2023 Junior Annual Report** on our website at:
<https://glebehockey.org.au/club-history/>

We were the only Junior Club in our Association (SEHA) to see growth this year again. Whilst many factors may have contributed, our development programs and our increased awareness initiatives in the Inner West continue to assist. Vitally important is however your advocacy for our Club and the support of our marvellous coaches, who are out there sharing the game of hockey in our community in various ways. The year is not yet over, with some of these initiatives still to come in Term 4 (including some "Come and Try" Sessions in November) so that new families to the Club can try out the game ahead of the 2024 year.

Representative

Over 50 of our Juniors again represented SEHA this year in field teams, which would be one of our biggest showings ever, exceeding the also strong numbers of recent years. It is fantastic to see so many of our Juniors seeking to improve their hockey, make connections in the hockey community and play more games. We also have many Glebe players currently trialling for their indoor representative season. We commend the players and their families for taking the time to attend these activities as they do help to build friendships but also improve skill, experience, and game awareness.

We also had a number of current Glebe Juniors named in State Squads and teams this year which is very exciting for the Juniors involved but also our Club and its future. Congratulations to current Glebe Juniors Lauren, Annabelle, Emilie, Miki, Jess, Sophia and Airley for achieving this milestone. We were also delighted to see Oliver named in the NSW Hockey AAP squad.

Finals

It was very exciting to have five of our Junior Teams make the finals this year, unfortunately all bowing out in the first finals round. However, we hope they take this experience and benefit from it in 2024.

Carnival

We were delighted to run the Glebe Junior Carnival for the first time in 4 years (after several years of pandemic and rain!). We had over 100 Juniors playing in the event and were very pleased to welcome teams from the Entrance Hockey Club, Mosman Hockey Club and mixed teams from St George, UNSW and Moorebank playing with our Glebe Juniors.

Our Juniors had a fantastic day, as did the other Clubs – who are signed on for next year already. Well done to everyone for their efforts.

There were many helpers on the day across umpiring, operations, coaching, managing, food preparation (the cake stall was fantastic!) and we thank all who put in time to make this happen on the day. Our men's players did a fantastic job in the canteen, the cake stall was amazing, and we had a very sharp tech bench and umpiring crew.

Wrap Up

To all our Juniors – well done on your efforts again this year. We offer awards for some based on achievement or community contribution, but every Junior should be proud of their achievement this year for their team and themselves. The Club and I are enormously proud of all of you, and I love hearing all the conversations around this time of year about how far the teams have come together, and how players have improved.

To our Coaches and Managers – with 14 Junior Teams again this year plus Minkeys, it has been a massive effort. You continue to inspire me with your contributions and willingness to help our Club. As a Club run entirely on volunteer efforts, it is amazing what we can do together. We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful group of families supporting our Juniors Club.

It was wonderful to feel the support of the whole Club on Saturdays at Jubilee Oval this year as men's and women's teams rotated through the canteen duties. This was a game changer for us in managing the canteen and made this task fun and so much easier. We are grateful for this support.

To the group of administrators working behind the scenes to make the Club run – thank you. This is an enormous effort, usually involving so much more time and energy than is ever understood. This includes:

- Peter Bestel who for another year has done a wonderful job coordinating umpires for our Juniors but also building their capabilities and confidence including several new and developing umpires this year.
- Justine Smith who managed our substitutes each week and assisted in various SEHA roles at our request.
- Lisa Bonhote who arranged our Minkeys Assistant Coaches list and other jobs.
- The wonderful Legend who ran our seconds uniforms, ran our ball person program as well as helping with the Carnival, statistics, and other duties.
- Flavia Morello who prepared the weekly social media schedules.
- Jen Wood who managed match cards and helped where needed.
- Katrina Cochrane and other coaches and senior players who supported our Development Academy across the year.
- Ian Foster for managing goalie uniforms and Henry Hunt for his support managing the Wednesday canteen.
- Mark Paterson who coordinated all of U9 this year.
- Our Minkey team lead by Lou, Mon, Josh, and Joann and the many others who jumped in to support this program across the year.
- Brooke who ran our Juniors social media with support from our amazing Communications Director, Carolyn.
- Nathan Marris and Ramona Batchelor and the Anonymous Legend for their fabulous support with the Juniors Carnival.
- Sue Heath, our Club President, who does so much more than 'President duties', always working behind the scenes, including keeping our Clubhouse at Jubilee running week in and week out, making our Wednesday evening training and Saturday morning hosting mornings at Jubilee a treat, not to mention many other jobs across the year.
- The GDHC Board who are always keen to work on supporting Junior players where needed including as they transition to seniors.
- The many Glebe parents who helped as managers – such a vital role in making our teams function but also growing the team bond across the season.
- Our wonderful coaches who we are so appreciative of, and who you can read more about in the pages of the [2023 Junior Annual report](#).

AND to the many others who have helped with odd jobs, ball person duties, serving of food, baking cakes, selling raffle tickets and many other tasks across the year that make this Club run and makes our Juniors and our Club a true community, thank you.

Thank you to all involved – your combined efforts lead to wonderful sporting opportunities for our children but also create community for us all.

With the solid numbers base we have in Juniors and the impact of all the development and marketing work showing, plus a new turf on The Crescent under construction, 2024 is looking like another fabulous year for Glebe Juniors.

I hope you enjoy reflecting on the 2023 year as you read these pages and that they inspire you for the year ahead.



Development Report



Development Director
Katrina 'Shorty' Cochrane

It is my pleasure to present to you the GDHC Development Report for 2023.

Junior development was again the core focus for 2023. Like seasons 2021 and 2022, we deliberately created a program that would benefit the growing number of Juniors in our Club. Providing all Juniors with the opportunity to enhance their skills, in addition to gaining a greater understanding of our game.

This season we delivered over 30 hours of development through pre-season clinics, school holiday clinics and a new initiative for 2023, our Accelerator Program for U15's and U17's. The Accelerator Program is a fast-paced session that targets technical and tactical playing skills, focusing on critical elements that can help develop the participants individual game, whilst increasing hockey awareness. The program supports our Juniors transitioning to senior hockey (or considering transitioning), giving participants not only a sense of expectation but also an opportunity to meet many of our senior women and men. A familiar face or two is an important value add for any Junior making the leap to senior hockey.

In 2024 we will continue to enhance our Junior Programs in addition to defining what our senior women and men need. We have a 'hungry' cohort of senior players keen to develop their skills, and we will take the time to define a program that will be challenging and enjoyable. Our senior session at Bankstown this season was a huge success, validated by an increase in participants and commitment to the session week in week out. Congratulations to all our players attending this session and I am pleased your game continues to develop.

All the development we deliver at GDHC is free or heavily subsidised. This could not happen without the generous financial support from our members and families via the Arthur Stubbs Foundation. Hiring turf and purchasing equipment is costly, so we are incredibly lucky to have these funds available to us.

Whilst funding is important, none of the development we deliver would be possible without the support of our senior players, coaches, and Life Members. If you got out of bed on an early Sunday morning to teach our young Juniors how to hold a hockey stick, how to pass, or how to be present and safe on the field – I thank you. Our Club is in great hands because you care about our future. You care about our Juniors just as much as I do.

If you are keen to get involved in 2024, I would be very grateful for your help. I am also keen to hear more about what you need and how best we can facilitate that. I am also looking to create a committee of likeminded members of our community, and if that sounds like something you would like to be a part of, please drop me a line at glebehockeydevelopment@gmail.com (I haven't quite conquered the new Gmail address yet!)

I hope to see you in late January when we kick off our very popular fitness sessions at Jubilee Oval. Keep an eye out on our socials for confirmed start dates and times.





Women's Report

**Women's Director
Phoebe Kershaw**

What a wonderful 2023 season for our women.

We had seven teams this year from ML1 to SEHA, with 116 players and one of our most successful finals rounds in years with ML3 placing 4th, ML6 placing 2nd and SEHA winning the grand final!

We also embarked on something new this year with the collaboration with Western Districts, forming our GWD teams in ML1 and ML2. This collaboration between two Clubs was a historic and brave decision made by the Board, who committed to reviewing the commitment with Western Districts after two years. The decision was made as we were faced with only six members returning to ML2 from the 2022 season, many taking up overseas commitments, and we knew that a lack of players in the top grade impacts every team in the Club.

The collaboration hasn't been without its expected challenges, but I want to thank everyone for keeping an open mind, being up for a new opportunity and for being so welcoming to our new players. By the end of the season we had five of our Glebe girls take the field in ML1, an opportunity they have not had in years. These players also joined a welcoming and competitive team, who were one win away from making the finals.

This collaboration is supporting the future of women's hockey at Glebe and ensuring we have sustained success in the years to come. It addresses the issue we have had for some time, where we lose players to other Clubs who want to play ML1. As a player in the ML2 side, I can also attest to the enjoyment experienced by players in ML2, with many younger players who are only going to grow under the guidance of our coaches, Ken Wark, Corrina Aitken, Clare Prideaux and Kate Alexander.



Our victorious SEHA team, taking out the Div 3 Grand Final

The season started with a women's trip to the Singapore 6s where we took 1st place in the women's plate division and won the hearts and minds of the competition.

With trials approaching we welcomed over 100 players with each team having a dedicated coach before the season began. (Which is an awesome effort for seven teams!). We welcomed back a host of players, including one of our amazing former junior talents and Australian Indoor representative, Litiana Field (ML1), who had been unable to play for Glebe because we did not have an ML1 side.



Players, and coaches, from our Glebe Western Districts collaboration teams all smiles on the sidelines

Throughout the season we also celebrated milestones across the grades, including Mel Newton reaching her 500th game for Glebe, our first female player ever to reach this milestone, Lou Tapsell playing 350 games and Josie Barron at 250 games.



Congratulations to Mel Newton on her huge 500 club games milestone, outstanding effort!



Louise Tapsell – 350 club games!



Josie Barron – 250 club games!

We finished the season with thrilling finals games from ML3, ML6 and SEHA – teams who gave their all to work for premiership glory. A huge congratulations to these teams and in particular to SEHA, who were victorious. It was a pleasure to watch these teams and their dedicated coaches be able to play at the pointy end of the season.



ML6 doing us proud in their Grand Final



Team SEHA following their Grand Final win



ML3 showed great heart in their semi-final

End of season results:

Team	Wins	Draws	Losses	Points	Place
ML1	5	5	6	20	6th
ML2	4	3	11	15	8th
ML3	10	3	5	33	4th in rounds 4th in finals
ML4	2	6	10	12	8th
ML5	6	0	12	18	8th
ML6	10	4	4	34	4th in rounds 2nd in Grand final
SEHA	9	2	4	26	3rd in rounds 1st in Grand final

We also had a number of our women's players making State and National teams and we are so unbelievably proud of all your hard work and dedication:

Australian Indoor touring team

- Litiana Field (ML1)
- Imogen Fowles (ML1)

NSW country team

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

Under 21s State 2023 – 2024 Field Squad

- Imogen Fowles (ML1)
- Maya McGrath (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

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

Under 15s State Field team

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

Under 15s Blues Field team

- Miki Cooper (ML5)

I want to thank the entire Women's Club for their efforts this season.

These efforts have clearly contributed to our success on and off the field. When looking back in our history, this is the first time we have been ranked higher than 8th in the ML1 competition in the last 20 years.

We have had more teams in finals this year than we have in some time and have some incredible Juniors coming through the ranks, who have been supported by coach and Development Director, Katrina Cochrane. I am looking forward to seeing them continue to improve and move through the grades.



Great to see so many dedicated minds and hearts at our 2024 Women's Strategy Planning meeting



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

Special thanks go to the following outstanding humans who have volunteered so much of their time off the field and contributed to the women's success this year:

Role	Volunteer
Upper grade Club Captain	Chantelle Hughes
Lower grade Club Captain	Gemma McKenzie Booth
Events	Monica Bordignon
Administrator	Rupali McPhail, Hannah Yeo
Registrar	Olivia Edwards
Match card entry	Olivia Cain
SWHL Representative	Carole Wark
SEHA Representative	Rachael Beckett
New Players Coordinator	Louise Tapsell
Umpire coordinator	Hannah Yeo
Uniform coordinator	Wendy Machin

For our wonderful coaches and managers making sure we are all ready to go on game day, your energy and enthusiasm for our teams has been wonderful this year and we are all so grateful as players for all your hard work.

ML1 Coach Corrina Aitken	ML1 Manager Andrew Burns
ML2 Coach Jem Laverty	ML2 Manager Jen O'Toole
ML3 Coach Kate Alexander	ML3 Manager Erin McCleave
ML4 Coach Katrina Cochrane	ML4 Manager Lisa Bonhote
ML5 Coach Michael Monteforte	ML5 Manager Stephanie Boyce
ML6 Coach Jake Ribarovski	ML6 Manager Amelia White
SEHA Coach Glenn Lim	SEHA Manager Aoife Mullan

We also wouldn't be anywhere without our wonderful umpires who keep us in check throughout our games. A big thank you to Lindsay Brine, William Brine, Lou Tapsell, Val Alonso, Cate Heath, and Chris Hawkins for their huge effort this year and particularly to Hannah Yeo for managing all our umpiring commitments.

Yours in Hockey,
Phoebe Kershaw



Glebe Women taking out the Singapore 6s Women's Plate division



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



Erin Burns

Metro League 1 (ML1) GWD Report

First Grade

Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	BYEs	For	Against	Diff.	Points
1. UNSW 1	16	11	4	1	0	34	18	16	37
2. Moorebank 1	16	9	3	4	0	32	17	15	30
3. ND Strikers 1	16	9	3	4	0	36	22	14	30
4. Sydney Uni 1	16	7	4	5	0	40	22	18	25
5. RHH 1	16	7	3	6	0	31	25	6	24
6. GWD 1	16	5	5	6	0	20	25	-5	20
7. UTS 1	16	5	2	9	0	20	41	-21	17
8. GNS 1	16	4	4	8	0	23	30	-7	16
9. Briars 1	16	0	2	14	0	10	46	-36	2
10. Bye	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

WOW what a season! In all my years playing in SWHL, this season has definitely been one of my favourites. The start of the year saw Western Districts collaborate with Glebe to form GWD in ML1 and ML2. How exciting this collaboration has been bringing together two teams who share the same love, commitment and passion to our sport and clubs.

Over the year we really found our feet and solidified as a team creating some great opportunities across the pitch, really showing our potential with our highest ranking in the ladder to date. We managed 5 wins, 5 draws (2 games not played due to deferrals) and unfortunately 6 losses, with the majority of those games narrowly being defeated by one goal.

Our defence has been outstanding this season being noted as one of the best defensive teams for the majority of the season and having one of the best statistics for goals against. Thank you, Thrive Hockey, for the statistics).

After a stellar year knocking off familiar top teams, we unfortunately narrowly missed out on semis which came down to the last two rounds, with a draw against Ryde knocking both us and Ryde out of semi-final contention.

Reassuringly, out of the top four teams this year, GWD have either won or drawn with three of these teams.

A big shoutout to all our GWD ML2 girls who stepped up and played amazingly when needed with a special mention to Maddy, Phoebe, Jess, Holly and Ella making their ML1 debut.

Also, another shoutout to those who stayed back after their game to cheer us on from the sidelines. It has been mentioned more than once how encouraging it is to hear the positive reinforcements from the stands and just gives us the extra boost that no amount of half-time lollies can give.

Some highlights from the season:

- Mini mics at training
- Sitting on the top of the ladder for 2 rounds
- Winning against Moorebank and celebrating on the hill post game with a fines meeting
- Beating Ryde at Ryde

- Paint and Sip
- End of season BBQ at our last combined training with ML3
- Experiencing the famous arches at the Clubhouse with both junior and senior presentation
- Clare and Imogen representing NSW at the Country Championships
- Caitlin being selected into the NSW Pride Squad
- Lauren, Rylee and Maya representing NSW in the U21's nationals
- Jemma M and Maya representing NSW in the U18s nationals and Maya being selected in the Futures Squad
- Anneliese and Jess representing NSW in U15's nationals with Anneliese named player of the tournament
- Litiana returning from USA to continue on in ML1 with her junior club
- Jemma L awarded Goalkeeper of the Year for all SWHL divisions.

With a big year down, I have no doubt we will continue to prove ourselves and build as a team and club and I am genuinely excited to see how far we can go next season. Once again, a big thank you to Corrina, Clare, Ken, Jemma, Kate and Phoebe for all your efforts this year with coaching, ensuring a smooth merge, creating a positive and fun environment, and running training sessions that maintained consistent numbers, which I think has shown with ML1's results. Bring on 2024.



GWD ML1:

Back row (L to R): Clare Bosman, Erin Burns, Imogen Fowles, Amelia Cullen, Litiana Field, Holly Rasmussen, Jemma Murray, Annie Buckley, Jemma Laverty, Corrina Aitken (Coach)

Front Row (L to R): Brittany Rasmussen, Anneliese Cullen, Lauren Rowe, Taquira McGrath, Eloisa Purtell, Maya McGrath

Absent: Rylee Millar, Caitlin Burns, Jade Close



Metro League 2 (ML2) GWD Report

Second Grade

Maddy Scott

Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	BYEs	For	Against	Diff.	Points
1. Moorebank 2	18	16	1	1	0	66	10	56	49
2. UNSW 2	18	14	1	3	0	55	11	44	43
3. RHH 2	18	13	1	3	0	51	23	28	40
4. Sydney Uni 2	18	10	4	4	0	37	16	21	34
5. Manly 1	18	6	3	9	0	18	45	-27	21
6. Macquarie Uni 1	18	4	7	7	0	18	36	-18	19
7. ND Strikers 2	18	4	3	11	0	20	44	-24	15
8. GWD 2	18	4	3	11	0	16	42	-26	15
9. Briars 2	18	4	2	11	0	19	43	-24	14
10. UTS 2	18	2	1	15	0	12	42	-30	7

What an incredible season! We set ourselves a tough mission – to merge two existing teams into one – and we definitely succeeded in doing that, getting stronger and more cohesive each game. Our team consisted of nine 2022 Glebe players, and nine 2022 WD players, who were all spread across every line in the field, so we certainly had our work cut out. We needed to combine preferred structures, pressing formations, short corners, outletting, and the list goes on.

Yet, even from the start of the season, the team showed that we have so much potential, winning our second game ever playing together. We continued to experiment with different plays and while the results didn't always go our way through the season, we were able to iron out many of the teething issues. The team utilised the extra pitch space we gained through trainings at Penrith, which assisted greatly in learning to play and connect with one another. This culminated in a spectacular final game, where it felt like everything 'clicked'. Passes stuck, structures held up and the goals came. What a way to finish the season with a 2-0 win against Northern Districts Strikers.

Our defensive line was as solid as ever. Led by Ash and Holly in goals, whose saves and calls directing players were unmatched. Corrina and Claudia brought such a great level of experience and calm when they were on the field. They are such fabulous players and put their bodies on the line for the team more than once. Alex, Abbie, and Sarah played such an important role as our outside defenders. We came to rely on them significantly in outletting, and all held their own brilliantly.

Emma, Evie, and Aimee all never stopped working as inners; practically running shuttles up and down the field all game. You girls all have such great skill and control the ball so well. The strikers, Val, Billie, Ella, Cat and Hayley, all had their work cut out against some well-oiled defence line-ups. However, they all did an incredible job, putting pressure in the press and scoring some spectacular goals.

To my fellow midfielders, it was such a pleasure playing with you both. Phoebe, you bring such a contagious energy to trainings and games that invigorates everyone. You are such a reliable player, distributing and running the ball like a pro. Jess, your drag flicks continue to amaze, and your skills beat the opposition every time, it is truly impressive to watch.

Our accomplishments as a team this year are made even more noteworthy when considering how young our team is, with half still in school. Abbie, Billy, and Alex all had to balance their commitment to the team during their HSC year at school which is commendable. Special thanks to the parents who drove to all corners of Sydney for training and games.

A huge thank you to our coach Jem, who was not only a superstar on the sideline of the ML2 games but was also having the most amazing season as ML1 keeper, coming away with the SWHL award for most outstanding goalkeeper for 2023. To us, she should win the most outstanding coach award as well. The way she pulled together two completely different teams is so impressive, and she did it all with a smile and a laugh.

A massive thank you must also go to our wonderful manager Jem, without whom we simply would not have been able to operate. And to Claire, Kenny, Corrina and Andrew for assisting in coaching, we really appreciate all your hard work, effort and dedication all year.

This season was such a fun one. We had fun events off the field during the year to help build comradery; the Christmas-in-July paint and sip was a highlight. It was such a privilege to meet and get to play with all the WD girls, all of whom were kind, welcoming, and fierce hockey players.

It was such a pleasure to play with all the ML2 girls, who each brought such enthusiasm to the team. With such a solid foundation built, and comradery developed, I can't wait to see what we will do next season!



GWD ML2:

Back row (L to R): Jemma Laverty (Coach), Aimee Bishop, Emma Alexander-Prideaux, Abbie Sen, Billy Pritchard, Jess Weatherall, Sarah McPhail, Phoebe Kershaw, Maddy Scott, Alex Cullen, Hayley Bishop, Clare Prideaux (Assistant Coach)

Front Row (L to R): Holly Mills, Ella Rowe, Catalina Lecaros, Valentina Alonso, Evie Ryder, Corrina Aitken

Absent: Aisling Klimoski (GK), Claudia Hartas

Metro League 3 (ML3) Report

Amy Whalley

Third Grade

Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	BYEs	For	Against	Diff.	Points
1. UNSW 3	18	14	3	1	0	43	12	31	45
2. Sutherland 1	18	14	1	3	0	52	17	35	43
3. St George Randwick 1	18	13	2	3	0	62	22	40	41
4. Glebe 1	18	10	3	5	0	36	20	16	33
5. GNS 2	18	9	2	7	0	37	22	15	29
6. MosHarbour 1	18	8	4	6	0	33	29	4	28
7. Sydney Uni 3	18	4	2	12	0	20	27	-7	14
8. RHH 3	18	2	6	10	0	18	39	-21	12
9. Macquarie Uni 2	18	1	3	14	0	7	55	-48	6
10. ND Strikers 3	18	1	2	15	0	12	77	-65	5

The season started with great excitement and anticipation. There were players coming back from injury and having babies, young players climbing up the grades, and strength from our faithful and consistent ML3 stalwarts. It was an exciting time as we explored our role in supporting the broader club with the merger in ML1 and ML2, keen to be part of a new era and the opportunities it provided us all.

Our team was made up of diversity in age and experience – our secret ingredient to an enjoyable and successful season – with a shared goal of taking out the Grand Final. We started strong with a couple of wins before we faced the top of the table clubs, specifically Sutherland, UNSW, and St George. A highlight for many was the 1-0 win against Sutherland. Sutherland were flying high, coming off the back of confident wins (11-0) and we certainly stopped them in their tracks. It was great to get the win, but most importantly, it was amazing hockey to play and watch.

The following games were tough, going down to UNSW and St George. The games were fast, and we needed to get serious about the team we wanted to be and how we wanted to show up. We may not have had young legs across the field, or State players in most positions, but we did have grit, experience, strength, and determination. We used this as a turning point and kept our focus on who we were as a team and what we wanted to achieve.

Our defensive line was hard to get past, with the experience in the full backs and Jess Kennedy having an outstanding season in goal. Even when defence were down to 2 players and a Goalie in a short corner, there was no getting past. They saw that attack coming and smashed it back up the field.

The midfield demonstrated fitness and doggedness throughout, with Higgs in the middle sharing constant encouragement and talk across the field. She was known to extend her cheering to the ball if it might help get in over the line.

And the courage continued up to our forwards, making runs and plays our coaches could be proud of, often demonstrating what we'd learnt in training into game day. A specific call out of bravery was watching Cate Heath take the field against Sydney Uni, after a traumatic injury in 2022. She rose to the challenge and gave it her all.

Through the second half of the season, we continued to progress and improve, maintaining strong performance against the majority of the table. We didn't get the wins against St George, however, the score line was a lot closer than earlier in the season and some would say luck fell their way. We also managed a hard-fought 1-1 draw against UNSW, who at that point in the season, were top of the table.

We had a lot to be proud of: finishing 4th on the ladder; 10 wins, 3 draws, 5 losses. We made it into finals and kept true to our Glebe spirit and perseverance. The semi-final was against St George and a nail biter of a game. Every single player left everything on the field. We played great hockey and kept the game to 0-0 score, resulting in penalties to decide the winner. Unfortunately, it wasn't our day, but we held our heads high for a cracking season and team.

I was also extremely proud of the team spirit and support for each other, much of which we owe to our fabulous coach, Kate Alexander. She set the tone from day one – working together, working hard, and enjoying our great sport. Kate's energy and commitment to the game was endless and her support through cupcakes and motivating team talks was next level!

We are also grateful for the huge support from our manager, Erin McCleave, not only doing an amazing job keeping us organised, but welcoming her second child to the world, Noah, and bringing cuteness overload to the side lines each week. Family was an important part of our season, with cheer squads each week often stepping into the role of babysitter when required. Much appreciated by many.

A great season, with great women. Bring on 2024.



ML3:

Back row (L to R): Cate Heath, Amy Whalley (with baby Jenson), Jess Higgs, Erin McCleave (Manager), Jess Kennedy, Alisha Middleton, Hannah Goodchild, Louise Tapsell, Tessa Bruin

Front Row (L to R): Chantelle Hughes, Merel DeGraaf, Olivia Cain, Lauren MacRae, Carolyn Pitt, Kate Alexander (Coach)

Absent: Bridget Kelly, Molly Busch, Lynsey Askew

Metro League 4 (ML4) Report

Olivia Branson

Fourth Grade

Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	BYEs	For	Against	Diff.	Points
1. Wenty 1	18	13	5	0	0	44	11	33	44
2. Manly 2	18	11	4	3	0	20	13	7	37
3. MosHarbour 2	18	10	4	4	0	34	15	19	34
4. UNSW 4	18	8	6	4	0	29	18	11	30
5. Briars 3	18	8	6	4	0	25	17	8	30
6. Moorebank 3	18	7	3	8	0	28	24	4	24
7. Sydney Uni 4	18	3	7	8	0	25	34	-9	16
8. Glebe 2	18	2	6	10	0	15	28	-13	12
9. GNS 3	18	2	4	12	0	6	45	-39	10
10. RHH 4	18	2	3	13	0	11	32	-21	9

With only 6 returning members from the 2022 season, ML4 (aka 'Glebe 2') was completely reassembled with a mix of new recruits and juniors joining the women's ranks. Our on-field presence built as the season progressed, but it was our off-field antics which were the highlight of the 2023 season. Standout moments included our cowgirl barbie costumes at the club 'hoedown', our record attendance at the GDHC pub-crawl, our rowdy behaviour at presentation night, and our frequent support at the men's games (did anyone hear a 'woo'?).

Please acquaint yourself with the fabulous women of ML4, 2023:

Aislinn: Aislinn, affectionately known as 'Ash', was the baby of the team. Her tenacity in goals kept ML4 'in the game' time and time again. A key example of this was the Briars derby day where Ash kept the game at a draw, which was pivotal to Glebe taking home the trophy.

Alicia: A new addition to Glebe, Alicia (aka 'Felicity'), found the perfect place in ML4. Rotating between attacking mid and defensive mid, Alicia had an exceptional first season with the GDHC and even managed to get on the score sheet (not an easy feat for ML4 in 2023).

Allegra: Despite being without her other half, Annie Millar, 'Legs' had a phenomenal season in the forward line. Legs always performed best when enraged or hungover. Her ripper deflection-goal against UNSW came off the back of frustration and was definitely a contender for 'goal of the season'.

Asha: Asha is known for her positivity and caring nature. Rumour has it she once apologised to the opposition for scoring a goal... This season, Asha embraced a confident style which made her a formidable opponent (up until she left for a tropical island).

Ayisha: Ayisha has hockey in her blood – both her brother and her dad have made names for themselves within the GDHC. This season, Ayisha played across the forward line and proved that she is a young gun to look out for, as she comes through the ranks of the GDHC.

Daisy: Another of our young guns, Daisy started the season strong in defence. Unfortunately, Daisy's knees could not keep up with her prowess on the field. Despite being unable to continue playing, Daisy consistently supported from the dugout – what a legend.



Emerson: Emerson went from strength to strength during the 2023 season. Each game her confidence on the field increased and by the end of the season she was scoring the most phenomenal goals (some have called her deflection goal against Ryde 'goal of the season').

Emily: One of our three northern hemisphere recruits, Emily was an absolute powerhouse in defence this season. Emily saved certain goals on the line (unless the umpire called for a stroke, then it was definitely going wide) and gave 110% every game. Ps. Is there anything that doesn't sound amazing in a British accent?

Faye: Faye, our second northern hemisphere recruit, had luck across our forward, midfield, and defence lines – her one-hand runs were iconic wherever she played. Faye was also our most dedicated player, commuting from Manly every week for games and training without a car!

Hannah: Arguably the sweetest player in ML4, Hannah had a great season in the half line. She did this all while managing an important role on the women's committee – umpire co-ordinator (the job no-one wants). Every midfielder wanted to be paired with Hannah (i.e. Liv) not only for her defensive talents, but also for her words of encouragement throughout the game.

Hayley: Our cool, calm, and collected Kiwi at the back. Hayley played every game with a level head and formed a key part of ML4's solid defensive line. Our loveable Kiwi was sorely missed when she, like many others, opted for a European summer (#selfish).

Katy: Katy was our third, and final, northern hemisphere recruit. While her time with ML4 was short, it was jam-packed. Whether she was playing centre-mid or centre-striker, Katy was a dynamo. Her presence was sorely missed when she returned to the mother land (aka Scotland).

Lisa: Lisa was the 'momager' for ML4 during the 2023 season. Whether she was having a wine or doing the splits during warm-up, Lisa never failed to provide laughter and a good time.

Liv: Self-appointed 'woo girl' for the season, Liv enjoyed playing in the midfield for ML4. While she did not quite score as many goals as Josh La Spina, she did manage to bring hype to the warm-up and took home the 'coaches award' for the season.

Mon: Mon – the fearless leader of ML4, was the consummate professional (except when umpires needed a stern word). Every game Mon held the centre and set up several phenomenal deflection goals. Her efforts this season resulted in her being named 'Players Player' for a second year in a row, a very well-deserved accolade.

Shani: Shani was a pillar in ML4's defensive line. She always kept a cool head under pressure and was a beautiful support for our younger players at the back. Without Shani in defence, ML4 would have had a very challenging season.

Shorty: Throughout the 2023 season, Shorty was the energetic coach for Met 4 (she may have also had a run on-field). One of her most unique talents was her way with words – 'maverick', 'RIC', and 'traffic lights' were three of her most frequently used terms. While Shorty assists coaching 'NSW Pride' we are confident ML4 is her highest coaching accolade.



ML4:

Back row (L to R): Katrina Cochrane (Coach), Lyla Lokuge-Hayes (ML5), Emily Williams, Mon Bordignon, Hannah Yeo, Allegra Symonds, Daisy Noble, Alicia Van Gastel, Emerson Bonhote

Front Row (L to R): Aislinn Walsh-Sams, Shani Middleton, Miki Cooper (ML5), Ciara Jarvis (ML5), Siala Cochrane (ML5), Ayisha Travis (ML5)

Absent: Faye Hughes, Hayley Scarborough, Olivia Branson, Katy Smith, Asha Machin Hunt

Metro League 5 (ML5) Report

Stephanie Boyce

Fifth Grade

Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	BYEs	For	Against	Diff.	Points
1. Cronulla Sharks	18	15	1	2	0	59	15	44	46
2. St George Randwick 2	18	11	4	3	0	33	14	19	37
3. Sutherland 2	18	9	3	6	0	44	27	17	30
4. MosHarbour 3	18	8	6	4	0	24	17	7	30
5. ND Strikers 4	18	5	9	4	0	22	13	9	24
6. Briars 4	18	5	6	7	0	19	26	-7	21
7. RHH 5	18	6	2	10	0	19	39	-20	20
8. Glebe 3	18	6	0	12	0	28	50	-22	18
9. Wenty 2	18	4	2	12	0	15	31	-16	14
10. Sydney Uni 5	18	4	1	13	0	14	45	-31	13

It was a tumultuous season for ML5 as we started the season with a very lightly fielded team due to injuries and last-minute player dropouts. Almost every player apart from a few were either new to the club, new to the team or coming up from the Juniors, which made for a challenging first few weeks as we all learnt how to gel, and how to work as a team. After a couple of convincing wins at the start, we had a considerable losing streak, and when combined with multiple player absences due to clashes with other hockey competitions and holiday season, constantly having to rely on players from other teams who we may or may not have played with before; player morale was considerably low for the first half of the season.

Thankfully, a few reinforcements allowed us to finally field a full team comprised of ML5 and we could start playing a more competitive game and secure a few wins, whilst also being able to hold our own against some of the top teams on the ladder. One of the more memorable games was finally securing a win after a losing streak of 5 or more games against Sydney Uni with our newest team recruits, which was a real injection of positivity needed to carry us into the second half of the season. Unfortunately, whilst this was not enough to secure a spot in the top 4, we were able to climb back up the ladder into a more reasonable position finishing at 8th overall.

Thankfully despite these setbacks, everybody aimed to remain as positive as possible even when we had challenges. Training was always filled with many laughs, alongside some excellent development for the Juniors. Some great goals were had during the season including many direct shots from precarious positions, and some deflections off penalty corners showcasing that goals are not always just scored by one person, but as a team effort. Also not forgetting the tireless work from the back line and our goalkeeper Claudia who had a tough run with some very defensive heavy games during the season.

ML5 will likely always be a 'development' style team, seeing many players from Juniors begin their season of women with ML5, and then moving on into higher grades once they gain their first season confidence. Whilst it is sad to see so many players come and go each year, it is a bittersweet aspect of this level of women's hockey. There are some fantastic individual players in this ML5 side, and hopefully if a few of them stay on for 2024 it's going to be great to see the team potentially gel even more next year and grow into a formidable ML5 side to be truly reckoned with.



ML5

(L to R): Lilli Seebacher, Siala Cochrane, Ciara Jarvis, Miki Cooper, Mon Bordignon (ML4), Lyla Lokuge-Hayes, Steph Boyce, Renee Traves, Ashley van Damme, Claudia Otto, Lydia Najdzion, Gracie Spiller, Emerson Bonhote (ML4)

Absent: Carla O'Donnell, Sophie Wines, Zoe Brown, Megan Jenkins



Metro League 6 (ML6) Report

Sixth Grade

ML6 Coach
Jake Ribarovski

4th in regular season – Grand Final runner up

Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	BYEs	For	Against	Diff.	Points
1. Briars 5	18	12	5	1	0	59	19	40	41
2. ND Strikers 5	18	11	5	2	0	46	17	29	38
3. MosHarbour 4	18	11	3	4	0	32	18	14	36
4. Glebe 4	18	10	4	4	0	33	22	11	34
5. RHH 6	18	7	4	7	0	24	24	0	25
6. Macquarie Uni 3	18	7	3	8	0	30	31	-1	24
7. Sydney Uni 6	18	4	4	10	0	23	33	-10	16
8. UNSW 5	18	5	4	9	0	20	36	-16	13
9. Bankstown 1	18	3	4	11	0	12	44	-32	13
10. Canterbury	18	0	4	14	0	11	46	-35	4

The ML6 2023 season will certainly go down as a successful year for the team. Reflecting, the year was a positive year filled with some highs and lows, but most importantly, a consistent amount of improvement. Personally, it's been a great pleasure to coach such an amazing group of players who consistently gave 100% throughout the year.

The ML6 team consisted of a mix of younger players playing their first season in women's to our experienced team members who have been in ML6 for multiple seasons. A special shout out needs to be given to our juniors Anna, Ella, and Sophia. Seeing the Juniors grow as players – skill-wise, and most importantly confidence-wise – throughout the year has been one of the highlights of the year for myself as a coach and I'm sure a highlight for the team.

A special mention also needs to be given to Mills and Gemma for their roles in management as well as Liv and Mel for their roles in captaining the side.

The 2023 started off with a bang with a 2-0 win over Canterbury. Our 2023 Players' Player, Josie Barron, in her first game back after a break on the sideline, came up with the first goal and helped secure the first win of the season. Throughout the rest of the first half of the season, while the team showed great signs of improvement with a handful of wins, there were a few dropped points with one loss and a few draws. After round 9, we finished the first half of the season in 4th place.

The second half of the season is where the team started to shine. The teams we lost and drew to in the first half of the season turned into wins. Improvement was being made every Tuesday at training which was showing on the weekend. In the second half of the season Mel Newton also celebrated the achievement of playing 500 club games for the club. While the second half of the season started well, we unfortunately finished the season with 2 loses to Ryde and Northern Districts. Luckily despite these 2 loses, we managed to finish 4th and secure a finals spot.

The team started their finals campaign against Mos Harbour. Any concerns from the drop in form from previous weeks was quickly dismissed as the girls put in probably the best performance of the season with a 1-0 win.

The Semi Final will go down as the game of the season. Playing Northern Districts Strikers, who were the only team we lost to in both round games. After being on top of Strikers for most of the game, Strikers managed to get a goal in the last quarter. The girls didn't put their heads down though and late in the last quarter we managed to get a goal back sending the game to a penalty shootout.

Our goalkeeping super star Alex set the tone of the shootout with the first save followed by Kate, Anna, Mel, and Josie securing a grand final spot with goals in the shootout.

The Grand Final against first placed Briars was always going to be a tough ask. The game did not start well as we went 2 goals down early in the 1st quarter. Despite this, the girls fought back hard and played themselves back into the game. Unfortunately, we could not find a goal and Briars managed to score on the counter. While it was a tough loss to take, 2nd place is no small achievement especially after finishing 4th on the ladder. Lessons I'm sure from the game will be taken into 2024.

Overall, 2023 for ML6 was a great success. All credit goes to such an amazing bunch of women who put in 100% every Sunday. The culture and mentality of this team is something the team should be very proud of and I'm looking forward to the team taking one extra step in 2024.



ML6:

(L to R): Jasmin Howe, Amelia White, Michelle Hancock, Sian Morgan, Jake Ribarovski (Coach), Rosa Smith, Josie Barron, Mel Newton, Kate Gleeson, Elena Hux, Lauren Barclay, Liv Edwards, Ella Tamir, Anna Kepert

Absent: Gemma McKenzie-Booth, Susan Kernot, Alex Brien, Sophia Chen



Sydney East Hockey Association 3 (SEHA) Report

Seventh Grade

Captain
Ally Catterson

3rd in regular season - 2023 Premiers

Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	Forfeits	BYEs	For	Against	Diff.	Points
1. Easts 3	16	12	1	3	0	0	45	26	19	37
2. Bentstix 3	16	11	2	3	0	0	27	10	17	35
3. Glebe 3	16	9	2	4	1	0	60	26	34	26
4. SGR 3	16	7	0	9	0	0	15	27	-12	21
5. UNSW 3	16	4	1	11	0	0	16	41	-25	13
6. Dolphins 3 (SGHS)	16	1	2	13	0	0	10	43	-33	5

"I've just got one question for you ladies; will it be gold or silver?" – Glenn, Grand Final 2023.

We chose gold. It would be amiss if I didn't acknowledge at the start of this wrap up that SEHA took out the Premiership to become the Division 3 Premiers for 2023. After drawing 1-1 to Easts in regular time, remaining in stalemate after nine player extra time, seven players took the field and found the backboard in less than a minute – a result reflective of our grit and determination. A big congratulations to Sophia Tzannes for being awarded Best and Fairest for the SEHA Division 3, a well-deserved recognition of her spirit on and off the field.

We began the season still nursing our heartbreak from a final elimination last year, but not for long... Running out proudly in our burgundy jerseys, the SEHA women took the turf with a hunger for retribution. It was clear from April that this group of women brought a strong game for a social team. From our seasoned returning players, Racheal, Kate, Stef, Amanda, Kelsey, Eleanor, Helen, Zoe, Aoife, and myself; through to our new players, Delilah, Lisa, Phi, Sophia, Janet, and Trish. However, the team wasn't complete until our coach Glenn entered the scene just in the nick of time to become our strongest tactical asset.

As a proud social team, very early in the season we decided the name "SEHA", though reflective of our hockey league, did not accurately reflect the fierce sixteen women in the team. It was then that the SEHA Slayers from Glebe District Hockey Club were born. Perhaps it was the need to back up our self-proclaimed dominance that led us to that grand final... "another day, another slay" hits harder when you win. My team found our footing in supporting each other to be the best Slayer they can be, with a focus on learning from Glenn, applying it on the field and positively cheering each other on.

Glenn our coach was a notch of dedication higher than the rest. From attending training every week – or sending Jake a four-page instruction manual if he was absent – to drawing starting line ups, tactics, and substitution plans before every game, every week. Glenn's passion, knowledge, and skill pushed us to elevate our game and believe in our own ability. Our journey to the grand final was guided by Glenn every step of the way by mastering fall away presses, attacking the net and that the best revenge for a bad umpire is to score a goal. Glenn, thanks for helping us slay and buying a full crate of fancy Kookaburra's for us to warm up with.

Some outstanding team moments to highlight from the season are:

- Highest goal difference in the competition at 34
- Drawing a technical foul in our attacking 25 for a PC in the final
- Having the largest supportive crowd at the Final and Grand Final – our very own Matilda’s moment!
- Almost understanding the technical pre-game instructions by the Grand Final.

Each individual player was integral to the team’s success this year, including our wonderful fill in players throughout the season. A few players to mention specifically:

Janet Matthews – Janet is our extraordinary GK who was selected as part of the NSW Women’s Masters team this year, we are all extremely proud.

Helen and Eleanor Gibson – both reaching the 50 games milestone for GDHC, we hope there’s plenty more to go!

Aoife Mullan – thank you for being the best team manager we could have hoped for. Without your commitment to the team chat, ensuring we had enough players to take the field on a Sunday and always having a pen and paper for players player; this season would not have run smoothly without you. Keep those elbows out for next season, we need you!

To my team, it was my honour to captain you. Whether you joined this team for your love of hockey, your desire to improve yourself, or as a great excuse to leave the house on a Sunday, you were brilliant on that turf. We slayed the season, enjoying the highs of our winning streaks and bouncing back from some tough losses. I cannot express in words how much every one of you contributed to this team, you earned that gold medal!

Until our next season,

Ally Catterson
Captain of the SEHA Slayers





SEHA:

Back row (L to R): Sophia Tzannes, Kelsey Priest, Eleanor Gibson, Rachael Beckett, Janet Matthews, Helen Gibson, Sophia Gibson, Delilah Rodrigues

Front Row (L to R): Amanda Chivers, Lisa Zions, Aoife Mullan, Ally Catterson

Absent: Zoe Le Marinel, Trish Rebeiro, Georgia Sabey, Kate Day

Women's games played

Full Name	Total Club Games
Melissa Newton	503
Helen Howe*	402
Elaine Trodden*	389
Carole Wark*	384
Linda Tait*	376
Louise Tapsell	360
Amy Wark*	337
Christine McNicoll*	333
Kylie Lawson*	281
Rebecca Howe*	280
Kate Gleeson	270
Josie Barron	268
Ann Rochester*	265
Kate Pearsall*	238
Angela Wark*	222
Ellie Williams*	209
Robyn Ainsworth*	209
Mary Wark*	204
Monica Bordignon	199
Jessica Higgs	197
Raelene Lindeberg*	195
Michelle Hancock	182
Tessa Bruin	181
Sian Morgan	179
Amy Whalley	164
Molly Wark*	155
Alisha Middleton	135
Olivia Edwards	132
Aisling Klimoski	131
Elena Hux	125
Olivia Cain	123
Madeleine Scott	120
Emma Alexander-Prideaux	118
Jasmine Howe	115
Lynsey Askew	113
Claudia Otto	110

Full Name	Total Club Games
Phoebe Kershaw	109
Litiana Field	104
Asha Machin-Hunt	101
Katrina Cochrane	87
Bridget Kelly	85
Cate Heath	83
Gemma McKenzie-Booth	84
Chantelle Hughes	79
Rosa Smith	79
Carla O'Donnell	76
Alex Brian	79
Amelia White	76
Stephanie Boyce	71
Rachael Beckett	72
Susan Kernot	72
Lauren MacRae	69
Molly Busch	64
Megan Jenkins	60
Billy Pritchard	59
Eleanor Gibson	59
Allegra Symonds	58
Helen Gibson	58
Hannah Goodchild	57
Olivia Branson	57
Abbie Sen	56
Jessica Kennedy	46
Kate Day	41
Lydia Nadzjoin	38
Jessica Weatherall	37
Renee Traves	37
Sophia Gibson	35
Lauren Barclay	34
Hannah Yeo	34
Daisy Noble	33
Ally Catterson	33
Kelsey Priest	32
Sarah McPhail	31
Carolyn Pitt	31

Full Name	Total Club Games
Gracie Spiller	30
Emerson Bonhote	29
Amanda Chivers	29
Aoife Mullan	28
Aislinn Walsh-Sams	28
Valentina Alonso	28
Zoe Le Marinel	27
Hayley Scarborough	25
Ayisha Travis	24
Siala Cochrane	22
Emily Williams	21
Lyla Lokuge-Hayes	21
Anna Kepert	20
Ashley van Damme	19
Ella Tamir	19
Ciara Jarvis	17
Janet Matthews	17
Faye Hughes	16
Lilli Seebacher	16
Sophia Tzannes	16
Miki Cooper	14
Georgia Sabey	14
Alicia Van Gastel	13
Delilah Rodrigues	12
Zoe Brown	11
Lisa Zions	9
Catriona Smith	8
Sophia Chen	8
Trish Rebeiro	7
Merel De Graaf	5
Sophie Wines	2

* Indicates record of players in top 30 of games played that did not play in 2023 season.

Men's Report

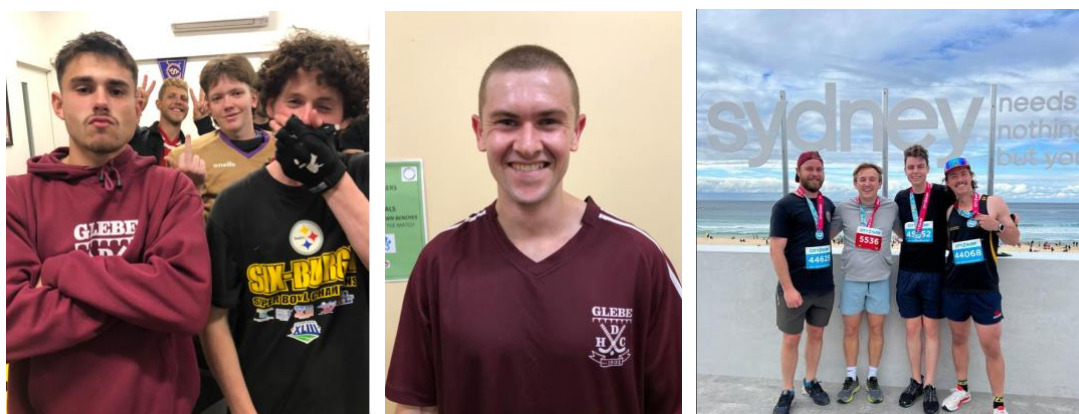


**Men's Director
Adrian McKeown**

It's been a fantastic year for Glebe's men's hockey. Feedback around training and game time has been excellent. A host of new players has bolstered Glebe's numbers, this year mostly for the higher grades. The scene is set for a great year for 2024.

Glebe's first grade were seeded higher this year, as a result of playing finals in 2022. This meant all our Premier League teams played the highest ranked teams more often than last year. This was reflected in the low table rankings for our 1st and 3rd grades, but they played with guts and enthusiasm against tough opposition.

We had an influx of new players this year, who have slotted into all grades and have been made to feel welcome, on and off the field. Shouts out to Robert Frew, Kael Webster, 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, Liam Dennis, Evan Cooper, Neil Murphy, and Michael Hosking.



Left: Orlando Travis, Mack Noller, Robert Frew and Henry Hunt. Centre: Jackson Harrison. Right: Cameron Johnson, Dan Palomeque, Lachlan Hall and Doug Allison after the City to Surf.



Left: Jacob Warnock, Victor Dunand, Liam Crowhurst and Ed Noller. Right: Dylan Howe, Doug Allison and Al Cullen.

Our second grade squad was made up of many previous first grade players. They had an outstanding year and were one of two Glebe Men's teams to make the finals. They went down fighting in the quarter-final but were brilliant all year. Fourth grade also had a magnificent year and made the quarter-finals. Third and fifth grade finished the season with enthusiasm.

Detailed results:

- First grade: tenth of 11 teams (3 wins, 13 losses)
- Second grade: fourth of 11 teams (9 wins, two draws, five losses)
- Third grade: eighth of 11 teams (4 wins, 12 losses)
- Fourth grade: fourth of 9 teams (6 wins, 2 draws, 8 losses)
- Fifth grade: eighth of 10 teams (4 wins, 14 losses)

Thank you

Our results hinged on an enthusiastic coaching staff and I would like to send a big thank you to the following people:

Craig Martin (1st grade coach), who not only travelled weekly to Sydney games and training but also provided a valuable link to hockey players on the Central Coast.

Mark Paterson (assistant 1st grade coach), who lead Tuesday night training and lead from the front on game days.

Terry Kelly, Glebe's Premier League manager extraordinaire. Terry steadies the ship each week and provides quality statistical analysis of games.

Adam Campano, who not only played third grade, but also coached our second grade team all the way to the finals. Adam was named Coach of the Year by Sydney Hockey for his efforts – thoroughly deserved!

Ken Wark, 3rd grade coach from mid-year, and helped out at Tuesday night training with great drills.

Julian Derrick, who stepped into the role of 4th grade coach, and who was assisted by Peter Busch on game days.

Mark 'Foz' Naylor, who provided amazing leadership, always with good humour for our incredible fighting 5ths.

Mack Noller, our men's club captain, who leads the troops with enthusiasm and organisational skills well beyond his years.



Right: Glebe's coaching staff at the start of the year: Ken Wark, Craig Martin, Brad Goodridge, Mark Naylor and Adam Campano (absent: Mark Paterson, Terry Kelly, Julian Derrick and Mack Noller).



Glebe men (and women) volunteering at the Juniors Carnival. From left: Ed Noller, Matt Wilson, Adrian McKeown, Cate Heath, Clarke Foster, Dan Palomeque, Josh La Spina, Sue Heath, Sam Alexander-Prideaux, Julian Derrick and Ellie Derrick.



“BBQ, canteen, clean up, repeat!” From left: Ed Noller, Josh La Spina, Aaron Nilan, Jake Ribarovski, Mack Noller, Henry Hunt, Lachlan Hall, Liam Crowhurst, Peter Busch and Jamie Travis.



On Turf: Ben Martin, Jake Ribarovski and Doug Allison.



On Turf: Mark Paterson, Jackson Harrison and Orlando Travis.

Congratulations to the following players for milestones and awards!!

Josh La Spina, awarded best and fairest I Sydney hockey for Premier League to. Josh also took out the award for the highest goal scorer for any Glebe men's player this year (22 goals).

Adam Campano, awarded Coach of the Year by Sydney Hockey.

Orlando Travis, for being selected for the NSW U/18 side and later in the year the NSW U/21 squad.

Riley Nilan, selected for NSW indoor team.

Henry Hunt, selected for NSW U/18 Blue.

Kael Webster, for being selected in the NSW U/21 indoor team and the Australia U/21 indoor squad.

Craig Martin, selected for Australia A 55+ and Tasmania O/55.

Darren French, selected as a shadow for the Australia O/35 team and NSW O/34.

Peter Busch, selected for the 60's Australia A and NSW O/60.

Brad Goodridge, shadow for the 50's Australia A team and NSW O/45.

Chris Farrugia, selected for Western Australia Country O/40s.

George Manou, selected for NSW O/60 2.



Josh La Spina, Sydney Hockey PL2 Best and Fairest player and top goalscorer for 2023!



Adam Campano, Sydney Hockey Coach of the Year 2023.



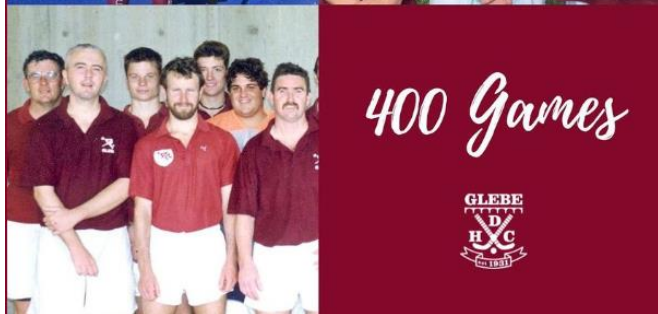
Glebe Men playing in the State Championships: Back row: Clayton Herbst, Matt Wilson, Zane Goodridge, Liam Crowhurst, Mitch Brain, Mack Noller, Doug Allison. Front: Dan Palomeque, Lachlan Hall, Rob Frew, Henry Hunt, Ben Martin and Cam Johnston.

Milestones

- Brad Goodridge – 500 games
- Tony Wark – 400 club games
- Ross Bougoukas – 300 club games and 200 first grade games
- Chris Farrugia – 300 club games
- Ben Martin – 100 club games and 50 first grade games
- Travis Dehnert – 100 games
- Gareth Mealing – 100 games



Brad Goodridge with son Zane – 500 club games!



400 Games



300 Games



Tony Wark – 400 club games!

Chris Farrugia – 300 club games!



300 Games



Ross Bougoukas – 300 club games!



Ben Martin – 100 club games, with sister Laura and 50 first grade games!



Travis Dehnert – 100 games!



Garth Mealing celebrating 100 games, and with partner Anna and kids Cooper and Phoebe.

Juniors playing senior hockey

Congratulations to the following juniors from last year who are excelling as they climb the grades: Marley Seebacher, Oli Tordoff, Cody Finlayson, and Rupert Hughes. These guys are training hard and improving each week, assisting our lower grades, but ready to go up the ladder as they improve.



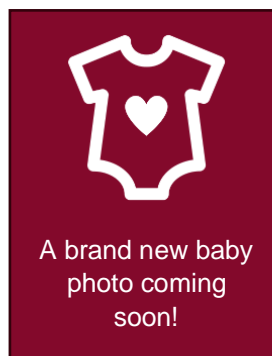
Our Juniors representing SEHA: Aiden Najdzion, Orlando Travis, Will Brine, Zane Goodridge and Oliver Tordoff. Cody Finlayson and Rupert Hughes assisting first grade on the sidelines of a game. Orlando Travis in action for SEHA.



Future champions - Marley, Gracie, Emerson, Frankie, Arthur, Ollie, Aiden, Rupert and Clarke.

Congratulations

The following Glebe players welcomed kids into the world:



Left: 5th grade player Zach Domrow and partner Mary welcome son George Domrow..

Centre: 1st grade player Alex Sheard and partner Julia welcome Frances Sheard.

Right: 3rd grade player Tony Wark and partner Adeline Regnault welcome son Joseph.

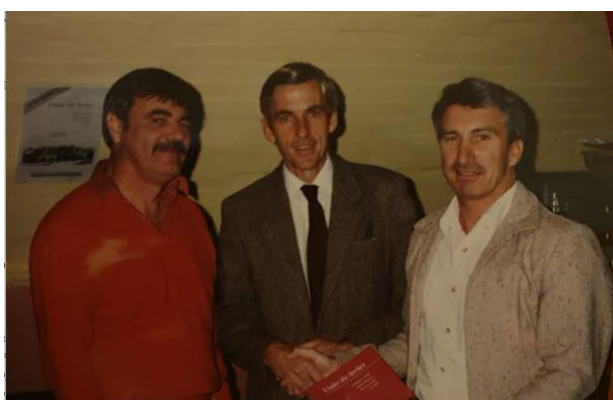


Left: 2nd grade player Corey Morrow and partner Jane-Ellen welcome son Ryder Morrow.

Right: 4th grade player Michael Hosking, partner Amy welcome Connor.



Getting hitched: Cameron Johnson and partner Larissa (she said YES!); Joe Clear married partner Misha; and celebrity Glebe hockey couple Neil Murphy and partner Gemma McKenzie-Booth!



*Over the years comparison:
Left: Max Solling, author of Glebe Hockey history 'Under the Arches', Harry Wark and Geoff Paterson, at book launch c. 1994.
Right: Fast forward to earlier this year: Mark Paterson (Geoff's son), Max Solling and Harry Wark.*

I look forward to 2024 and will be working in the off-season with new strategies to attract more players to our great club.

Next year's annual report should be full of photos of us using the new training 5-aside turf down at the Crescent. This will no doubt open up new opportunities for senior training and provide a focus for our junior development, bolstering our junior (into senior ranks) for years to come.

Thanks for a good year, and catch you on the turf,

Adrian McKeown

Club Captain's Report

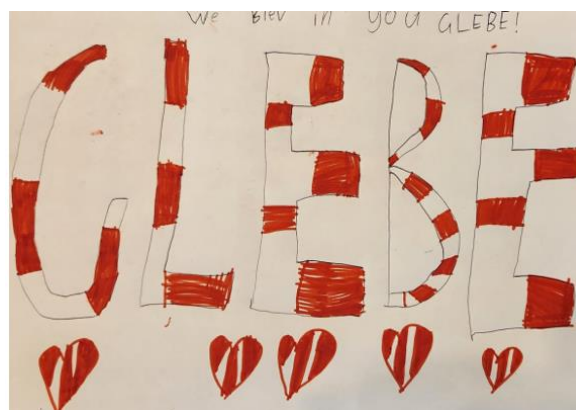
Men's Club Captain
Mackenzie 'Mack' Noller

Reflecting on the past year, I am proud of the developments within our club. Our Men's numbers are growing and we have an excellent club culture, with both new and old club members getting along to create a great experience for all. Although we didn't all get the results we might have hoped for, I saw very promising signs throughout the ranks for the future years to come, especially in the last few weeks of the year as the teams with new players really began to gel.

Throughout the year, there were some unfortunate weeks, where a lack of player availability impacted the entire Glebe Men's Division. Rather than the usual 10-15 players away spread across the grades, we had 3-5 weeks where there were whole teams with 7-8 players out from the one team, as well as another 5 or 6 away across the other grades. This meant there was almost a whole team away, making fielding competitive teams in those weeks very difficult. This had knock-on effects to the grades above and below them.

Sometimes life is like that – when it rains it pours and we had to roll with the punches. We would have to be very unlucky to have a similar event next year as it was a bit of an anomaly, but this is something to consider in our pursuit of growth within the club.

I commend the Glebe men for showing resilience within those times, with many doing their best to support their comrades – lots of doubling up and, at times, finishing one game to drive halfway across Sydney to play another. This is the stuff that shows the true Glebe values: the willingness to support each other always.



It's true: 'We blev in you Glebe !'

Although we did have difficulties with those few weeks in the year, we have been steadily gaining players in recent years, both new and returning. Due to the increasing population within the club, we are aspiring to move to 6 grades next year by adding an extra team. The coaching staff and Board have been working hard on recruitment, for players of all skill levels, not just seeking top talent. This is something we believe is important. The results of our top grades are of course a high priority for the club, however, creating a great whole of club experience is our goal.

The bonds we make with our friends and teammates, the social events at the clubhouse, and events like the pub crawl, Arthur Stubbs, and presentation nights are all things that make our club a great place to be. These are the reasons that we have players coming to us from other clubs and why old players are returning, just because it's such a fun place to be. This is the environment we want to curate, and this is what we want the culture to promote – a whole of club experience. This environment is how we grow, how we attract players and solidify our ranks. Through this, the results will come.

In saying that, atmosphere is great but ultimately, we play to win, and to win we need to make sure we are doing are best in the development side of things. The coaching staff and board have been hard at work planning for next year to improve our results. Some of the focuses so far for season 2024 is pre-season matches/fitness, specialist coaches/coaching directors, and focused training sessions. Although these are elements I am sure will positively impact our results, I am also sure that the synergy of our teams will only improve as seen from the final weeks of the season.

1st Grade this year had almost half a new team of fresh faces, and while showing promising signs, just couldn't get over the edge in a few games they had the upper hand in. Towards the end of the season, it seemed like the key seemed to click as the boys had the time to mesh and grow together. I am optimistic about their future performance as these final weeks showed just how much potential this team has.

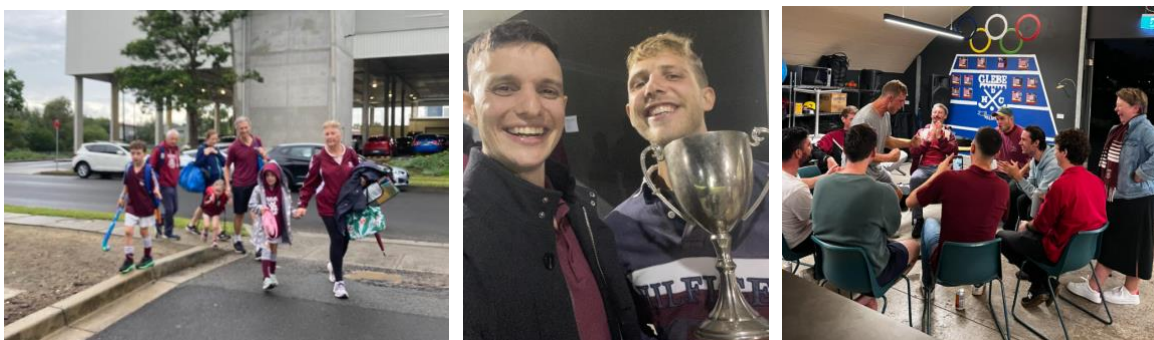
2nd and 4th Grade both also had their fair share of new players, and both had some great runs that were unfortunately cut short at the end of the year in quarter and semi-finals. Both teams had their chances to win it, but couldn't quite seal the deal. Again, after only one year of working together, I foresee further strong results with more time to build this synergy.

As for **3rd Grade**, it is clear that we have a large amount of experience within the team, however, didn't quite have the depth to get the results they needed. Growing this depth is a focus for this grade as our development grade for PL1 and 2. Not only is this a focus for building up our youth and juniors, but also the new/returning players joining our club. I have knowledge of a few returning and new players that will slot nicely into this team, and therefore see a strong trajectory for next year to solidify a foundation of experienced players to support our recruits and juniors.

5th Grade continues to be the rock at the back. The fifth grade men are another great mix of experienced players that have been with the club for years, juniors in their first year in men's, and new players moving to the club. I want to take a moment to appreciate and recognise that fifth grade have copped a stiff end of the stick this year this year with unavailability in the higher grades flowing down and affecting them. To the fifth grade men, I truly thank you and am working to ensure that this does not happen in future years.

To the men of the club, keep on doing what you are doing. Continue the great attendance to training, continue the great culture and social atmosphere we have going, and continue being there for your mates both on and off the field.

Thank you,
Mack Noller



The Wark-Trevenar Cup (Briars Derby Day) came home at the end of the day! Always great to beat our old rivals, Briars.



**PL1 Coach
Craig Martin**

Premier League 1 (PL1) Report

First Grade

Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	Forfeits	BYEs	For	Against	Diff.	Points
1. UNSW	16	13	2	1	0	2	77	16	61	41
2. Ryde HH	16	13	1	2	0	2	73	20	53	40
3. Moorebank-Liv	16	13	0	3	0	2	76	24	52	39
4. Sutherland	16	11	1	4	0	2	74	26	48	34
5. NWS-BH	16	9	2	5	0	2	40	23	17	29
6. Northern Districts	16	6	0	10	0	2	31	64	-33	18
7. Manly-GNS	16	5	1	10	0	2	32	43	-11	16
8. Briars	16	5	1	10	0	2	36	58	-22	16
9. Sydney Uni	16	3	1	12	0	2	20	58	-38	10
10. Glebe	16	3	0	13	0	2	18	55	-37	9
11. SESH	16	2	1	13	0	2	19	109	-90	7

It was an honour and pleasure to once again be entrusted with the Coaching Role of the Glebe Hockey Clubs PL1 Men's Squad for the 2023 Sydney Hockey season.

After coming off a solid performance in the previous season there was an air of confidence and also trepidation, knowing we could no longer fly under the radar and the 2023 season would be a tougher test than the previous year. Glebe's Premier League teams were seeded higher, and with the structure of the draw, not all clubs play each other twice during the season.

Our preseason skills and fitness training was well attended, and the positive cultural aspect was evident as we welcomed new players to the club. A number of former players returned, strengthening our playing depth and creating a keenness to impress. This created a competitive environment, with individuals competing for a spot in the PL1 side each week – this element had been lacking in previous seasons due to the overall playing numbers. There were also many players who achieved representative honours during the season which can only improve our overall on field performances.

With this also came the frustration of losing personnel due to injury, work commitments, suspensions, and unavailability, testing the depth of the PL1 and PL2 playing groups. Though these were contributing factors to overall performance on the field, I believe the PL1 playing group not only played some great hockey but there was a cultural growth which filtered down through the grades evident from the performance of our PL2 Squad who managed to play semi-final hockey. I'd like to take the opportunity to thank the PL2 Coach Adam Campano and his playing group for their support during the season where at times we drew on players to their detriment. Their ability to work through adversity and still achieve finals hockey was a credit to the whole squad during the season.

There were also plenty of positives in 2023 highlighted by our victories in the two Derby Days especially against Briars where we were undermanned, and also a little undisciplined at times, but still managed to get the result which enabled the Club to win the overall day. That game showed the true fighting spirit and what it means to play for the Glebe District Hockey.

The challenge for 2024 is to bring that spirit every time we pull on a maroon shirt.

There are many factors behind the scenes which enabled the playing group to take the field each week which at times go unnoticed but without them we can't compete week in week out. Terry Kelly our esteemed Manager ensured everything in the background was taken care of and all we had to do was focus on playing hockey.

Once again Ken Wark's weekly insights and feedback was an enormous asset to Coach and Players. I can't thank Ken enough for his ongoing support.

I would also like to thank the ongoing support of our President Sue Heath and the Board; without their insights and direction we would not be able to achieve the on-field results.

Lastly our intrepid leader Mark Paterson, I can't imagine the rollercoaster ride which 2023 provided. The ability to overcome the adversities that presented themselves was truly inspirational and will have a lasting impression on myself and the PL1 playing group.

I look forward to what the 2024 season will bring and I challenge all the Glebe District Hockey Club members to do all they can to ensure we continue to strive for excellence both on and off the field.

Yours in Hockey,

Craig Martin.



PL1

Back row (L to R): Sam Alexander-Prideaux, Liam Crowhurst, Alex Sheard, Mitch Brain, Kael Webster, Ben Martin, Mark Paterson, Tim Pritchard, Doug Allison, Craig Martin (coach) and Terry Kelly (Manager).

Front row (L to R): Mick Sneesby, Ross Bougoukas, Jackson Harrison, Orlando Travis, Henry Hunt, Aleks Manou, Dom Tintner and Riley Nilan.

PL1 Manager's Report

Manager & Level 2 Coach

Terry Kelly

Coming off a relatively successful season in 2022 and getting in the quarter finals against UNSW, the eventual winners of the flag for last season, the first-grade team was buoyed as to its prospects for the 2023 season. It wasn't to be.

The majority of the players were back and keen to get into the new year. Training began in earnest in mid-February, possibly a bit later than it should have been.

Craig planned to keep to the same structure of play as last season, in the sense of positional play. Mark taking the lead. Mark continued as assistant coach role, as Craig could not always be at training due to work. Driving long distances from far afield in NSW to get to training, is a big ask from him and very admirable commitment to the team and Club.

Mark took the lead in the training structure on Tuesdays. The focus was movement around the ball, quick passing.

So, when it came to the draw, we found ourselves facing the top teams from the get-go.

The first game we lost to Moorebank 4 nil. To one of the top line teams, this was a good start we thought.

Our second game was against Ryde and we lost 5-1. The result did not reflect the commitment of the players and Ryde people said to me that we have a very competitive team for the season. Some excellent players in our line-up.

The next game was against Sutherland, which we went down 4 nil. A similar reflection of our team was expressed to me by Sutherland people I know. What was not a good outcome was the number of yellow cards handed out to our players in that match. 5 in fact.

Our third game was against Briars. We had something to prove here, and we won 3 to 2. The team felt that they were vindicated in their approach, but it was not a sure thing for the whole game.

We had a bye, which did not put us in a frame of mind for the next game, which I feel the team went into it feeling a bit overconfident. It was against Northern Districts – we felt we had the edge, a big edge over them. The team had a shock when we went down 2 nil! It was not what we expected, and the team just did not get going in the game. The team structure was not evident, and the passing left a lot to be desired.

The following game showed up that lack of structure when we met UNSW. The team who won last season's final and beat us 2-nil in the quarter final. This time, it was a trouncing, with a 7-nil loss to our side. My notes on the game were a foreteller of the rest of the season: lack of press to the opposition ball carrier; running the ball too long; a lack of finishing in the attacking D; and no defensive structure around the defensive D.

This again was a wake-up call as to how we perform. The intensity picked up on training nights, but not in those areas I felt we were lacking in the field.

Round 8 versus Manly-GNS we went down 3-2. Round 9 we did bounce back against NWS-BH. A 1 nil loss. The team did raise itself off the ground from previous games and were again competitive against a formable opponent.

Round 10 saw us scrap through a win against SESH with a 2-1 result. It was not a pretty win, but a win just the same. The team kept missing opportunities around the attacking circle and were slow on the passes. We had another bye for the next week and came back against Ryde again.

We meet Ryde in round 12 and the result was much the same as in our first game with them at the beginning of the season, with the same issues that began to dig the team. We went down 4 nil.

The next round 13, we had something to prove when we meet ND's again. We came away with a win 2-nil but again we lacked the intensity that was required to make it a convincing win.

The same issues were on display, with the team structure in Round 14 against Moorebank. The team structure and lack of a coherent strategy on the field by the players, the issues that we had witnessed in previous rounds were again to the fore, with a trouncing by Moorebank of 8 nil.

These issues were not resolved in the next round 15, versus UNSW, going down 5-1.

The next round 16, was a derby day against Sydney Uni. A much-weakened side. It was a good day of wins for all our premier sides. First grade won 4 nil.

Round 17 saw us up against Briars and the same issues came back with an intensified game. We went down 4-1.

The last round was against Sutherland at their home ground finishing as a 2-4 loss. The boys put on a good performance though, wanting to prove themselves for the last game of the season.

We finished 10th out of 11 teams. Thankfully, not the wooden spoon.

Players' Player for the season:

With each game, as we all know, we elect a players' player and I have to say that the overwhelming result for the season was that Michael Sneesby was way out in front, followed by Jackson Harrison & Doug Allison.

First grade players' players for the season were: 3rd, Doug Allison on 77 points; 2nd, Jackson Harrison on 103 points; and not surprisingly, 1st place, Michael Sneesby on 133 points.

So, to sum up the season, I see it this way.

The same issues were what I reported last season in my report. Our strength is in a growing awareness within the team that they can perform under pressure with the big teams but need considerably more upskilling to do so.

The statistics indicate that we need work on our defence and ability to attack the opposition Net.

The season game Statistics revealed these results.

1. PL1 possession an average of 47.5%.
2. PL1 PC's 33 v opposition 44-6 won.
3. PL1 Goals 18 v opposition 55-3 wins in the season.

We have a number of junior players coming through, that need specialised training to get them to a level to compete against the big teams. This takes time and effort on their and the coaching team's part.

The question the Club needs to consider, is do we then need to look outside the Club to recruit quality players to provide that energy that we see in a Moorebank or Sutherland. Bring new blood to the Club at a PL1 level. Or, do we look at further coaching opportunities to raise that level. More specialised coaching.

We have formulated a strong coaching structure this season, with Craig & Mark. Along with the leadership group this has brought results. But, clearly, a lot more work needs to be done in the skill level of the team.

Stronger defensive & attacking structures.

TACTICAL AWARENESS AND DECISION MAKING, AS A WHOLE TEAM.

1. Now the game needs to be played with all the members of the team involved, at the same time. This Means Overall improved game sense.
The team needs to improve its strategic planning in all departments of the game.
2. Design Set Pieces for penalty Corners, penalty strokes in conjunction with the goal keepers.
3. Redesign the free hits to maximise the positional space for attack and defence.
4. Practice variations in set plays to keep the opposition guessing.



STRUCTURAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE MAKE UP OF THE TEAM.

I believe if we continue on this path, with the current management group mentioned above, we will succeed. Not necessarily next season, but certainly into the future.

To all those boys that participated in the team, I am proud of the way you performed and lifted yourself during the season.

Mark Paterson (Capt.-Asst. Coach), Mitchell Brain, Alex Sheard, Ben Martin, Timothy Pritchard, Michael Sneesby (GK), Orlando Travis, Ross Bougoukas, Dominic Tintner, Sam Alexander-Prideaux, Aleks Manou, Liam Crowhurst, Kael Webster, Doug Allison, Jackson Harrison, Henry Hunt, Riley Nilan.

Thanks Craig, for having me assist you during the season and putting up with my suggestions.

I am also proud to belong to a great Club, Glebe Hockey.

Premier League 2 (PL2) Report

2nd Grade Coach
Adam 'Campo' Campano

Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	Forfeits	BYEs	For	Against	Diff.	Points
1. Moorebank-Liv	16	13	1	2	0	2	80	23	57	40
2. NWS-BH	16	12	2	2	0	2	60	27	33	38
3. Ryde HH	16	11	2	3	0	2	81	37	44	35
4. Glebe	16	9	2	5	0	2	54	39	15	29
5. UNSW	16	8	4	4	0	2	42	27	15	28
6. Sutherland	16	6	4	6	0	2	23	32	-9	22
7. Briars	16	6	3	7	0	2	31	51	-20	21
8. Manly-GNS	16	4	5	7	0	2	25	46	-21	17
9. Northern Districts	16	2	2	12	0	2	17	52	-35	8
10. Sydney Uni	16	1	4	11	0	2	19	42	-23	7
11. SESH	16	1	1	14	0	2	17	73	-56	4

The 2023 season was a year of great improvement from the previous season for the Men's 2nd grade team. The stats say it all: 5 more wins, 6 less losses, 23 more goals for, 16 more points on the ladder and final position (4th) was 4 spots higher than last season. Goals against was exactly the same as last season.

The team made semi-finals for the first time since 2015 and in an extremely close fought game that entered the 4th quarter at 1-1, UNSW scored a couple of quick goals, bam-bam, to take it away from us and that was the end of that. While we missed three of our best players on the day, ultimately, we created enough opportunities to win the game but just couldn't execute.

The efforts of the 2nd grade team on and off the field in 2023 were fantastic. Excellent attendance on both Tuesday and Thursday night training consistently throughout the year, and 100% effort on the field on game day. The players embraced taking part in video analysis during the season, taking the opportunity to critically reflect on their own and their teammates' performance. The players also always answered the call to volunteer to help with the club juniors and with various jobs at the clubhouse, as well as attending women's games in support of the players and their teammates in coaching roles.

I greatly appreciated the support and assistance of the senior player group led by Al, Ian and Josh, who I'd speak with almost on a daily basis about team tactics and suggestions for training, which Ian helped lead and put into place on Thursday nights at Bankstown with 1st grade stalwart, Ross Bougoukas.

Despite the end season result and failure to progress past the first week of finals, all in all, I felt that this season was the most rewarding for me personally and for a team I've been actively involved in, in a very long time. I felt like the team were 100% invested and interested in our season journey and that my input was respected and appreciated. I enjoyed and looked forward to the almost daily banter of the team chat in our WhatsApp social media group. Club culture is strong in this group.

The morale and camaraderie were extremely high in this group all season and they were extremely supportive of each other and of the team's goals. It was a great shame that it had to finish as early as it did, as this team had the potential to win the PL2 premiership, as the UNSW coach kindly pointed out to me immediately after our loss to them.

As a team and as individuals, we improved in several areas of our game this season. A few players had breakout seasons that saw them under consideration for 1st grade selections. A number of new players to the club also added great value to the side. The team has identified the areas we still need to improve upon and have already committed to working hard to rectify these in the pre-season to 2024.

The playing group was as follows:

Alister 'Allan' Cullen – Captain. A great and inspirational leader, and now a dad! Still playing some top hockey and contributing to team tactics. Will be a great coach.

Ian 'Quags' Paterson – Played consistently all year but really stood up at the back end of the season with some top performances. Also showed great leadership and contributed greatly to team tactics. Will also be a great coach.

Josh 'Eric' La Spina – As always led by example with 22 goals as the team's gun striker, but also created so much with his deft skill and vision. Eric was close to the best player in the PL2 comp this season and up there with the top club members.

Dylan 'Dylzy' Howe – The best season of hockey I have seen Dylan play. His hockey IQ, vision and close skill was superb and his ability to play baseline to baseline inspiring. It is quite the understatement to say that we desperately missed Dylan at finals time. If everyone had an engine like Dylzy...

Victor 'The Inflictor' Dunand – One of the best clubmen and team men I've been associated with. Victor did it all this year and also played a lot of positions. Vic always gives 100% and showed that there is still considerable improvement in him.

Ed 'Shred' Noller – After starting the season a bit behind the pace, Ed put in his most consistent season I've seen him play. Ed relaxed a bit and played a wide back role to perfection, also making big improvements with his communication and passing.

Joe 'Joey' Clear – Also had a stand-out season. Improved fitness and getting married put a spring in Joe's step this season and he became an offensive weapon rolling up the right sideline from his Right Back position. Very calm under pressure.

Mackenzie 'Mack Attack' Noller – Mack was having an outstanding season until injury ended it. Mack led our forward press, helping to create a new exciting, attacking style of play through forced turnovers from the opposition outlet.

Nicolas ‘Nico’ D’Onfrio – Nico came to the club hoping to have a nice relaxing time in a lower grade until ‘our talent scouts’ identified him for higher honours. Nico’s close skill and passing under pressure supplemented our already talented back group. MVP in our losing semi-final performance.

Cameron ‘Cam’ Jones – Cam provided great utility value during the season playing through several lines. Has such a high hockey IQ and great vision – fingers crossed he can have an injury free season one of these days!

Liam ‘Crowie’ Crowhurst – A super acquisition from Brisbane, Crowie fit into the side seamlessly playing across the mids, and then taking over in the centre mid role late in the season and did a great job. Has a big motor. Shown himself to be a great clubman in a short period of time.

Matt ‘Marty’ Wilson – Matt had a super season, creating a lot of opportunities in attack. While he doesn’t score many, Marty always pops up for a ‘goal of the year’ contender. Great man around the team – always positive and good for a laugh.

Daniel ‘Julia’ Palomeque – Forever injured, Dan “exploded’ into the 2nd grade team bringing some much-needed speed into the striker group. A skilful and well-liked player, he will only further improve after his first full season for the club.

Rob ‘Frewey’ Frew – Our new goalie from the Gong. Huge talent belies his 18 years of age. Incredible reflexes and reads the game well. His communication improved as the season went on. Future long-term 1st grade custodian if he works hard at it.

Corey ‘Coz’ Morrow – Corey ‘dropped’ down to 2nd grade this season after a breakthrough season in 1st grade in order to accommodate his family needs and was a massive asset to the team with his cover defence and passing ability, as well as a crucial part of our PC battery.

Jake ‘Ribo’ Ribarovski – Started the season in 1st grade and was playing well but seized the opportunity to be part of 2nd grade’s push for finals. A supremely creative player, he was often highly involved in Glebe attacking affrays. Stepped up to coach a women’s team this season to a finals appearance. Legend.

Lachlan ‘Lachy’ Hall – Lachy came into his second season for Glebe approaching full fitness and did a top job as part of the striker rotation group, with the highlight being an incredible diving deflection goal against Briars in April where he finished a lead from the half-way line to the left post. Never say die sums up Lachy. We will miss him as he heads on a work-life adventure with his missus to London Town.

What a bunch of blokes! Thanks also to the other guys who stepped up during the season, including Zane Goodridge, Will Brine, Aiden Najdzion and Clayton Herbst, all of whom have the talent to become regular 2nd grade team members if they continue to train hard and apply themselves.

My job was made easier by the support of the club, in particular:

- President, Sue Heath – who (fortunately) believes in and supports what I’m trying to build, not just with 2nd grade, but across the whole men’s group.
- Men’s Director, Adrian McKeown and Club Captain, Mack Noller – who got things done – occasionally after a bit of prompting. 😊
- Mark Paterson – for training 1st and 2nd grade squads combined. The level and intensity of training this season was outstanding and a credit to Mark.
- 1st grade coach, Craig Martin – for driving me to and from training, and to the occasional game, and for always being open for chats in the car that are hopefully shaping and building the culture of men’s hockey at Glebe.
- 2nd grade manager, Terry Kelly – for occasionally spelling players’ names correctly on the match card, putting the players in their place, but more seriously, for his devotion to the club, including collecting statistics during every game (understanding them was another matter...) 😊
- The men’s coaching/selectors group – who made Wednesday night Zoom selections a pleasant experience.

I think now that the side has had its first final experience for some 8 years, next season, should we retain most of our players and train hard, we should have a very strong claim to win a premiership in 2024, which would be a great way to end the 3-year plan of improvement I had in mind when I started in the coaching role last year.



PL2

Back row (L to R): Victor Dunand, Nicolas D'Onofrio, Zane Goodridge, Cameron Jones, Ed Noller, Dylan Howe, Joe Clear, Corey Morrow, Ian Paterson, Liam Crowhurst, William Brine, Terry Kelly (Manager)

Middle row (L to R): Adam Campano (coach), Jake Ribarovski

Front row (L to R): Lachlan Hall, Mack Noller, Robert Frew, Alister Cullen, Josh La Spina, Matt Wilson, Dan Palomeque



Premier League 3 (PL3) Report

3rd Grade Coach

Third Grade

Ken Wark

Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	Forfeits	BYEs	For	Against	Diff.	Points
1. UNSW	16	12	1	3	0	2	59	26	33	37
2. Ryde HH	16	11	3	2	0	2	66	16	50	36
3. Sutherland	16	12	0	4	0	2	54	26	28	36
4. Moorebank-Liv	16	11	1	4	0	2	46	19	27	34
5. Briars	16	10	1	5	0	2	44	28	16	31
6. Macquarie Uni	16	9	3	4	0	2	51	25	26	30
7. Sydney Uni	16	5	3	7	1	2	33	39	-6	18
8. Glebe	16	4	0	12	0	2	20	69	-49	12
9. Manly-GNS	16	2	3	11	0	2	24	61	-37	9
10. SESH	16	1	2	12	1	2	17	60	-43	5
11. Northern Districts	16	0	5	11	0	2	17	62	-45	5

Ladies and Gentlemen, I give you the coaches report for 3rd Grade Glebe Men's hockey report.

It's very hard to say that we had a good a good year, overall looking at last year's results we did not fare any better and still three from the bottom.

Being the Club's third grade the selections from the two higher teams overflow into us early in the season until those teams settle down with the players they want for the season.

Saying that the quality of players we had does not reflect the position of where we ended up on the table. Our consistency against the better teams was good at stages but then let them score an easy goal from nothing. When we played well everyone played as a unit (giving, supporting, passing at the correct time) it very good to watch but when it fragmented, we conceded goals easily from in out 25/50.

I tried different structures to try and get a consistency throughout the games some worked others did not, times we struggled to get the ball out of defence which created a lot of pressure on the back three/four and turnovers having these ending up a goal against.

If things were not going well players tried to do it themselves going one out when options are available, turning the ball over they go down the other end and score.

During the season some of the Club's junior's players were brought up to 3rd grade to give them exposure to lot more pressure surrounds, saying that I think they did themselves proud of the way they fitted into the team and gave it their best.

Some of today's basic skills (overheads, stick stopping on PC's and hitting/flicking attacking corners) were not at the level where we should be at but overall, we had the players to score field goals from the field position.

Do we handle pressure from the opposition well, do we have skills to receive the ball under pressure and get a return, I say that because I'm watching the game from the sideline does the player off the ball want it even, though the pressure is high does the person with the ball have the confidence to give the ball when his teammate wants the ball and deliver it when the pressure is on but then be available to assist for the return if needed?

There was talk about trainings on Tuesdays, blending in with 1st and 2nd grade whilst the other trained with 4th and 5th grade to which I have no problem at the start, but structures may be gained by third grade players (and some 4th's who assist us as extra players) devote some time as a group to work the outlets and other troubles that 3rd grade experienced from the previous game against 2nd grade when 1st grade is working on their own problems. Just a thought.

In finishing, firstly thanks to Craig Martin and Adam Campano who often made themselves available when through sickness, unavailability or injury of other players who were selected we ended up with no reserves, so to let players have a break they turned up and certainly held their own.

A big thank you to Terry Kelly who without notice made himself available to be not just 3rd grade's manager but also manager of 1st and 2nd's. On top of this, doing the stats on Glebe's turnovers and the opposition as well made my job easier to concentrate on the coaching side. What a Champion, thanks Terry.

To Brad and Chris as captains and all of the regular players of the 3rd grade, thank you for listening to me and trying what I was asked you to try to be successful. Hopefully 2024 will be a more productive year for the Red Men of Glebe 3rd grade.

And in a final thank you to Harry Wark for his take on game expectations and his weekly game report as seen from another hockey player/coach/club man.

Yours Sincerely,

Ken Wark



PL3

Back row (L to R): Clark Foster, Lachlan Hall, Cameron Johnston, Robert Curlewis, Chris Farrugia, Clayton Herbst, Anthony Wark, Marley Seebacher, Zane Goodridge

Front row (L to R): Adam Campano, Brad Goodridge, William Brine, Darren French, Andrew Cheong, Aiden Najdzion, Ken Wark (coach)



Sydney League 3 (SL3) Report

Fourth Grade

4th Grade Coaches

Mark Short
Julian Derrick

Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	Forfeits	BYEs	For	Against	Diff.	Points
1. Manly-GNS	16	10	5	1	0	2	48	18	30	35
2. UNSW	16	11	2	3	0	2	45	26	19	35
3. Briars	16	10	3	3	0	2	34	23	11	33
4. Glebe	16	6	2	8	0	2	23	26	-3	20
5. NWS-BH	16	5	4	7	0	2	22	27	-5	19
6. Ryde HH	16	6	1	9	0	2	26	39	-13	19
7. Easts	16	5	3	8	0	2	24	33	-9	18
8. Northern Districts	16	5	2	9	0	2	34	40	-6	17
9. Bentstix	16	1	4	11	0	2	17	41	-24	7

The year that could have been – with the fourths being competitive in every game we played all the way through to the final whistle of the semi-final!

What an enthusiastic bunch of hard running, determined players. Certainly, entertaining seeing our forwards tackle back so much. The opponents hated it. Grrrrr. This made it is easier for the midfield and defence.

Whilst we only just made it through to the semi-final – courtesy of some results that went in our favour on the last Saturday of the regular season – we could (and some may say, should) have progressed to the big show, with an unfortunate post denying us a win against Briars.

Glebe 4ths played in the SL3 competition and were consistent performers throughout the season. Whilst capable of beating (destroying) most of the "ailing" opposition, we had the unhappy knack of losing by a solitary goal (despite some strong creative play by the midfield and fellas up front – including the 'up-and-coming' Cody and 'new-to-hockey' Neil). The stats make for interesting reading, and being the 3rd best defence in the competition means thanks should go to the defensive unit. However, for goals scored we ranked 7th despite being able to generate space up front and earning many short corners (and the odd penalty flick – hey, Buschy!). Oh well – such us hockey life.

As is not uncommon for a fourth team, we faced the difficulty of creating cohesion when players (by necessity) needed to be shuffled in and out of the squad, and, at times, we battled to have a starting eleven. Sure, you would have read this every year, but 5th grade came to the rescue many times during the season and we are eternally grateful for those players from the 5ths (who did an exceptional job). So much so that Ado (the 50yo) was our top goal scorer with four goals. The fourths owe our colleagues in the fifths big-time for the support they gave us as well as the 'constructive criticism' from the sidelines.

The fourths' extensive playing list for 2023 (33 players) means we got to know most of the men's side of the club – but there's too many to list. So, here's the semi-final line-up:

Jacob in goal
 Paul Diaper (players' player) and Darcy Tobias at the back
 Rob Curlewis, Peter Busch, Julian Derrick in the halves.
 Mark (Shorty) Short and Evan Cooper at inner.
 Dan Poulos, Jamie Travis, Cody Finlayson.
 Neil Murphy and Billy Cheung.
 Gareth Mealing and Adrian 'Ado' McKeown.

With special thanks also to Dylan Yates and Michael Monforte, and John Hammond who unfortunately was injured for the semi-final and was missed.

A quick shout out to some of our early season stars that 3rd Grade stole – Marley, Clarky and Oliver. Good to see our hours of training in the first half of the season paid dividends for you in PL3!

Pleasing to know we had the ability... next year, more training in the attacking circle. When we were on song, we could have been the best in the competition and our semi-final was one of our best performances. Seven Glebe penalty corners to Briars' one indicates how the game rolled. On a positive note, the new face mask Darcy bought for the game didn't get a scratch (but there's an eyebrow that wishes he'd got to the shops a few weeks earlier).

There is a great spirit in this team, and it makes me hungry for next year. Hopefully we can field a similar team. Some may go up and good luck. This is a team I enjoyed being part of.

Thanks to Julian for managing and being rep at selection. Peter put in his 1st grade experience at the game talks. I threw in some "go get 'em" gee ups. Well actually everyone was geeing up everyone such was the spirit.

Until next year...

Mark (the original Shorty) Short and Julian Derrick



SL3

Back row (L to R): Gareth Mealing, Evan Cooper, Darcy Tobias, Daniel Poulos, Peter Busch, Julian Derrick (Manager).

Front row (L to R): Adrian McKeown, Neil Murphy, Mark Short (C), Jacob Warnock (GK), Paul Diaper, Robert Curlewis, Jamie Travis, Billy Cheung, Cody Finlayson.

Absent: Michael Hosking.



Sydney League 4 (SL4) Report

Fifth Grade

5th Grade Coach
Mark 'Foz' Naylor

Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	Forfeits	BYEs	For	Against	Diff.	Points
1. St George/Rand	18	16	1	1	0	0	74	17	57	49
2. Cronulla Sharks	18	13	2	3	0	0	59	32	27	41
3. Sutherland	18	12	1	5	0	0	39	21	18	37
4. Monterey	18	11	0	7	0	0	48	31	17	33
5. Northern Districts	18	9	2	7	0	0	30	35	-5	29
6. Sydney Uni	18	8	2	7	1	0	41	36	5	26
7. Ryde HH	18	6	4	8	0	0	35	33	2	22
8. Glebe	18	4	0	14	0	0	31	51	-20	12
9. Bankstown	18	3	1	14	0	0	26	75	-49	10
10. Briars	18	1	1	16	0	0	13	65	-52	4

It was fantastic to see a number of juniors stepping into the 'Filthy Fighting Fifths' in 2023. Cody Finlayson, Rupert Hughes, and James Brine were a breath of fresh air for some old weary legs. Bruce MacLennan stepped in, Neil Murphy started in fifths, and Zach J and Hamil returned to the team and were welcomed by all. Neil was married to Gem in April and Zack and Mary welcomed George in July.

Fifth grade finished the season with 4 wins, 0 draws and 14 losses. We started the season off against Briars with a 5-0 win over Briars. Travis Dehnert scored a hat trick and Cody Finlayson scored on his senior debut. Automatically fourth grade came calling for Cody, but he would make a return later in the season. It would be 6 long weeks until the Fighting Fifths smelt victory again with a 3-2 win over Bankstown following a brace from AK. AK's first tomahawk goal left everyone ducking for cover and the goalie from Bankstown still questioning his station in life to this day.

Fifths completed the double against Briars in mid-June with a 4-1 win. Googa and Trav both doubled in the win. No trophies here but a 9-1 aggregate saw the 'Filthy Fighting Fifths' break out the team song for the third time. It wasn't long until we sung it again beating Bankstown 3-2 in July.

At the end of July, the team packed their bags and grabbed their passports for a 6:30pm game of mixed emotions at Greenhills versus the Cronulla Sharks. The team started with 13.5 players and were down 3-0 in 10 minutes after a barrage of 50m overheads into the 25 from the Sharks. After a stella showing from Travis Dehnert with a hat-trick it was 6-4 to Sharks in the last quarter. Bruce MacLennan suffered a season ending injury and to the dismay of the entire club, John Cullen suffered a career ending knee injury and was straight off to hospital 5 minutes from time. With less than a minute left, the Sharks were awarded a penalty corner which sailed over the sideline. Dylan Yates quickly took the 16 hit with 7 seconds left and cracked it down to Travis Dehnert in the Sharks 25. The Sharks goalie thought the game was over and was already behind the goals taking off his gear when Trav received the ball. Trav paused for a second, looked the goalie dead in the eyes and pushed into the open net on the buzzer to make it 6-5 and finish with a 4-goal haul for the day. With the canteen closed and no beer the team were to saunter off to wherever, but the Sharks invited the whole team to the clubhouse, shouted the team beers (for those of legal age) and showed their concern for John. The entire club will miss you JC but hopefully see you on the sidelines soon enough. Thank you, JC, for your leadership over the years.

It is important to call out Tim Sutton and Zach Jaensch for their commitment to the team. Both were injured during the season, and both attended games to support their teammates in fifths even though there was no chance of playing. Zach J showed outstanding commitment and must have attended 10 games without pulling on the gear. Not just the easy ones at Cintra but all over the Sydney region. True club people and what Glebe Hockey is all about.

Goals

Multiple players across fifths shared in the goal scoring duties. Travis Dehnert finished the season as the top scorer (14), almost double his 8-goal haul from last season. Michael Monforte finished with 5 goals and Tim Sutton finishing with 3. I would like to point out at this time, the 'Filthy Fighting Fifths' were awarded 5 penalty strokes this year and only converted one. I will not point out those responsible, but some did cop a pasting in the 5th Grade What's App.

Goals	1-Apr	15-Apr	22-Apr	29-Apr	6-May	13-May	20-May	27-May	3-Jun	10-Jun	17-Jun	24-Jun	1-Jul	8-Jul	15-Jul	22-Jul	29-Jul	5-Aug	12-Aug	19-Aug	Total
Travis	3	1		1								2				1	4	1	1		14
Michael	1			1			1									1	1				5
Tim			1		1						1										3
Googa												2									2
AK							2														2
Gaz															1	1					2
Cody	1																		1		2
Neil				1																	1

End of Season Awards

It was neck and neck for most of the season with the fifth grade MVP. Was it to be a back or would an oxygen thief take it out this year? Travis Dehnert came home late in the scoring and finished on top.

1st	Travis Dehnert	137
2nd	Dylan Yates	130
3rd	Gareth Mealing	113
4th	James Roxburgh	98
5th	Alex Gibson	85

To complete the season, the Glebe Presentation Night was held at Ashfield Wests and saw Rupert Hughes awarded the Harry Wark Snr trophy which is awarded to the player who participated with the same loyalty, enthusiasm, and dedication to the true traditions of the club as Harry did. Rupert was a clear choice for this award. Always willing to help, awesome sense of humour, active junior coach, fantastic teammate and a great human being. Thanks Rupert.



Thank you to all for their support of the “Filthy Fighting Fifths” throughout the season. Thanks to the team for a thoroughly enjoyable season. Thank you to all the players who backed up when we were injured or sick and all those who stepped up from fifths to support fourths over the year. It is with a heavy heart I move to Brisbane in the offseason so will hand the reigns to the next individual to look after the team in 2024 (maybe not team, just Googa). Thank you to all at Glebe for a great few years that I will remember always.

Foz



SL4

Back row (L to R): Hamil Bulla, Andrew Goodrick, Peter Rutledge, Travis Dehnert, Zach Jaensch, Alex Gibson, Mark Naylor

Front row (L to R): Michael Monforte, Tim Sutton, James Brine (GK), Dylan Yates, Gareth Mealing, Sam Chrysos, Zack Domrow, Rupert Hughes

Absent: Akilan Thirumavalavan, James Roxburgh, Paul Collier, John Cullen, Bruce Maclennan

Men's games played

First Name	Last Name	Total 1st Grade Games	Total Games
Les	WARK*	303	816
Harry A	WARK*		757
George	MANOU		729
Stephen	CASEY*		720
Martin	HOWE*		712
Peter	BUSCH	218	688
Colin	BROWN*		660
Danny	OBRIEN*		644
Harry J	WARK*	180	643
Peter	HOWE*		641
Victor	WESTACOTT*		623
Vernon	HOWE*		620
Adam	CAMPANO	6	598
Colin	ROCHESTER*		577
Andrew	GOODRICK		576
Bill	STUBBS*		561
Paul	ROGERS*		557
Peter	MITCHELL*		555
Robert	WARK*		542
Gary	WARK*		536
Michael	BOUGOUKAS*		535
Tim	SUTTON	15	518
Alex	MCPHEE*		503
Brad	GOODRIDGE	96	502
Ken	WARK SNR*	342	492
Pat	NILAN*	361	454
Ken	WARK JNR*		444
Josh	LA SPINA	236	437
Craig	MARTIN	50	434
Charlie	BROWN*		426
Aaron	NILAN*	201	426
David	ROCHESTER*		413
Patrick	WARK*	194	400
Anthony	WARK	98	400
Aaron	OMAN*	226	387
John	MCDONALD*		383

First Name	Last Name	Total 1st Grade Games	Total Games
Mark	SHORT		381
Andrew	CHEONG	118	375
Sam	BAGLEY		352
Fred	LETTS*		350
Adrian	MCKEOWN		347
Terry	KELLY*		344
Adam	HOWARD*	185	342
Ian	PATERSON	241	342
Alister	CULLEN	245	342
Aleks	MANOU	227	341
Graeme	GILMOUR*		335
John	CULLEN		332
Mark	PATERSON	270	330
Robert	TAYLOR*		324
Ross	BOUGOUKAS	204	315
Jason	MCDONALD*		311
Simon	WARK		311
Christopher	FARRUGIA		302
Paul	JOWETT	2	299
Dominic	TINTNER	188	298
Michael	WARK*	192	297
Matthew	WARK	214	293
Jake	RIBAROVSKI	97	283
Paul	DIAPER		272
Sam	CHRYSOS		268
Dylan	HOWE	57	254
Richard	MCKEOUGH		248
Alex	SHEARD	79	246
Victor	DUNAND	41	231
Geoff	PATERSON*		229
Corey	MORROW	34	220
Mackenzie	NOLLER	55	196
Edward	NOLLER	10	175
Jamie	TRAVIS		173
Sam	ALEXANDER-PRIDEAUX	92	128
Tim	PRITCHARD	76	112
Gareth	MEALING		109
Travis	DENHERT		105

First Name	Last Name	Total 1st Grade Games	Total Games
Ben	MARTIN	50	103
Jacob	WARNOCK		97
Daniel	POULOS		94
Cameron	JONES	22	79
Peter	RUTLEDGE		79
Dylan	YATES		76
Joe	CLEAR	48	72
Riley	NILAN	37	67
Darren	FRENCH	2	64
Zane	GOODRIDGE		64
Michael	MONFORTE		56
Orlando	TRAVIS	29	55
Aidan	NAJDIZION		54
Clark	FOSTER		51
William	BRINE		45
Mitchell	BRAIN	40	42
Akilan	THIRUMAVALAVAN		38
Lachlan	HALL		36
Zachary	JAENSCH		36
Matthew	WILSON		34
Paul	COLLIER		34
Michael	SNEESBY	32	34
Mark	NAYLOR		32
Zachary	DOMROW		31
Alex	GIBSON		31
Shane	MARTIN	29	29
Cameron	JOHNSTON		29
Julian	DERRICK		29
Daniel	PALOMEQUE	2	26
Billy	CHEUNG		23
Robert	CURLEWIS		20
James	ROXBURGH		19
Liam	CROWHURST	1	18
Nicolas	D'ONOFRIO	4	18
Cody	FINLAYSON		18
Robert	FREW		18
Neil	MURPHY		16
Henry	HUNT	13	15



First Name	Last Name	Total 1st Grade Games	Total Games
Marley	SEEBACHER		15
Oliver	TORDOFF		15
Kael	WEBSTER	15	15
Doug	ALLISON	13	14
Hamil	BULLA		14
Jackson	HARRISON	12	13
Clayton	HERBST		11
Evan	COOPER		9
Michael	HOSKING		9
Darcey	TOBIAS		9
Rupert	HUGHES		7
James	BRINE		6
John	HAMMOND		6
Bruce	MACLENNAN		4

* Indicates players included who have retired or who did not play in the 2023 season.

Club Trophies and Honours 2023

Club Trophies 2023

TROPHY	NAME
W.J. TAYLOR CUP	DYLAN HOWE
V.J. TURNER CUP	OLIVER TORDOFF
A.J. OLDFIELD CUP	ROBERT FREW
HARRY WARK SNR TROPHY	RUPERT HUGHES
MICHAEL 'ABBO' ATTERTON TROPHY	BEN MARTIN
J.W. KENNY TROPHY	KAEL WEBSTER
ROBERT DIVINEY MEMORIAL TROPHY	JOSH LA SPINA
MARGARET HOWE ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD	ELLA TAMIR
CAROLE WARK UMPIRING TROPHY	WILLIAM BRINE
NATALIE WHITE TROPHY	JESS WEATHERALL
ANN ROCHESTER TROPHY	LITIANA FIELD
MOLLY WARK TROPHY	MONICA BORDIGNON
MADDY DELL MEMORIAL TROPHY	GEMMA MACKENZIE-BOOTH
PAT NILAN TROPHY	KEN WARK

Club Honours – Men's

AWARD	NAME
GEOFF PATERSON TROPHY MEN'S HIGHEST GOAL SCORER 2023	JOSH LA SPINA (22 Goals)
1 ST GRADE MEN'S PLAYERS' PLAYER	MICHAEL SNEESBY
2 ND GRADE MEN'S PLAYERS' PLAYER	JOSH LA SPINA
3 RD GRADE MEN'S PLAYERS' PLAYER	ANDREW CHEONG
4 TH GRADE MEN'S PLAYERS' PLAYER	PAUL DIAPER
5 TH GRADE MEN'S PLAYERS' PLAYER	TRAVIS DEHNERT

MILESTONE ACHEIVEMENTS	NAME
500 CLUB GAMES	BRAD GOODRIDGE
400 CLUB GAMES	ANTHONY WARK
300 CLUB GAMES	CHRIS FARRUGIA
300 CLUB GAMES	ROSS BOUGOUKAS
100 CLUB GAMES	GARETH MEALING
100 CLUB GAMES	TRAVIS DEHNERT
100 CLUB GAMES	BEN MARTIN

MILESTONE ACHEIVEMENTS	NAME
200 1ST GRADE GAMES	ROSS BOUGOUKAS
50 1ST GRADE GAMES	BEN MARTIN

Club Honours – Women’s

AWARD	NAME
LINDA TAIT TROPHY WOMEN'S HIGHEST GOAL SCORER 2023 <i>Glebe Western Districts teams' Players' Players</i>	ALLY CATTERSON (37 Goals)
GLEBE WESTERN DISTRICTS COLLABORATION PLAYER OF THE YEAR	JEMMA LAVERTY
ML1 WOMEN'S PLAYERS' PLAYER	JEMMA LAVERTY
ML2 WOMEN'S PLAYERS' PLAYER <i>Glebe teams' Players' Players</i>	HAYLEY BISHOP
ML3 WOMEN'S PLAYERS' PLAYER	AMY WHALLEY
ML4 WOMEN'S PLAYERS' PLAYER	MONICA BORDIGNON
ML5 WOMEN'S PLAYERS' PLAYER	ZOE BROWN
ML6 WOMEN'S PLAYERS' PLAYER	JOSIE BARRON
SEHA WOMEN'S PLAYERS' PLAYER <i>Glebe Western Districts teams' Coaches awards</i>	SOPHIA TZANNES
ML1 - COACHES AWARD	CLARE BOSMAN
ML2 - COACHES AWARD <i>Glebe teams' Coaches awards</i>	ELLA ROWE
ML3 - COACHES AWARD	ALISHA MIDDLETON
ML4 - COACHES AWARD	OLIVIA BRANSON
ML5 - COACHES AWARD	RENEE TRAVES
ML6 - COACHES AWARD	ELLA TAMIR
SEHA - COACHES AWARD	ELEANOR GIBSON

MILESTONE ACHEIVEMENTS	NAME
500 WOMEN'S GAMES	MEL NEWTON
350 WOMEN'S GAMES	LOUISE TAPSELL
250 WOMEN'S GAMES	JOSIE BARRON
150 WOMEN'S GAMES	AMY WHALLEY
100 WOMEN'S GAMES	LITIANA FIELD
100 WOMEN'S GAMES	PHOEBE KERSHAW
100 WOMEN'S GAMES	MOLLY BUSCH
100 WOMEN'S GAMES	ASHA MACHIN-HUNT
100 WOMEN'S GAMES	CLAUDIA OTTO

MILESTONE ACHEIVEMENTS	NAME
50 WOMEN'S GAMES	BILLY PRITCHARD
50 WOMEN'S GAMES	ABBIE SEN
50 WOMEN'S GAMES	HANNAH GOODCHILD
50 WOMEN'S GAMES	OLIVIA BRANSON
50 WOMEN'S GAMES	ALLEGRA SYMONDS
50 WOMEN'S GAMES	STEPHANIE BOYCE
50 WOMEN'S GAMES	HELEN GIBSON
50 WOMEN'S GAMES	ELEANOR GIBSON

Roll of Honour

Roll of Honour – Women

Year	President	Honorary Secretary	Honorary Treasurer	Club Captain
1934	Jack Dwyer	Denis Donovan	-	-
1935	Jack Dwyer	Denis Donovan	-	-
1978	Molly Wark	Molly Wark	Jan Hammond	-
1979	Molly Wark	Molly Wark	Jan Hammond	-
1980	Molly Wark	Molly Wark	Jan Hammond	-
1981	Molly Wark	Molly Wark	Jan Hammond	-
1982	Molly Wark	Molly Wark	Jan Hammond	-
1983	Molly Wark	Molly Wark	Jan Hammond	-
1984	Molly Wark	Molly Wark	Jan Hammond	-
1985	Molly Wark	Molly Wark	Jan Hammond	-
1986	Molly Wark	Judy Dean	Jan Hammond	-
1987	Molly Wark	Judy Dean	Jan Hammond	Ann Rochester
1988	Molly Wark	Jill Strachan	Jan Hammond	Lisa Williams
1989	Janice Farquharson	Jill Strachan	Pauline Sunderland	Jenny Evans
1990	Janice Farquharson	Roberta Inns	Pauline Sunderland	Elaine Trodden

Year	Convenor	Women's Secretary	Women's Treasurer	Club Captain
1991	Ann Rochester	Linda Glassock	Jeanette Brazel	Jane Goldsmith
1992	Elaine Trodden	Jane Goldsmith	Ann Rochester	Michelle Opitz
1993	Ann Rochester	Jane Goldsmith	Fiona McVicar	Michelle Minett
1994	Ann Rochester	Jane Goldsmith	Elaine Trodden	Michelle Minett
1995	Ann Rochester	Cathy Busch	Ann Rochester	Michelle Minett
1996	Carole Wark	Ann Rochester	Christine McNicol	Margaret Howe
1997	Carole Wark	Carmen Byrne	Christine McNicol	Margaret Howe
1998	Carmen Byrne	Mary Wark	Neale Lawson	Margaret Howe
1999	Carmen Byrne	Mary Wark	Neale Lawson	Margaret Howe
2000	Carmen Byrne	Mary Wark	Neale Lawson	Margaret Howe
2001	Carmen Byrne	Mary Wark	Neale Lawson	Lisa Usher
2002	Mary Wark	Rachael Wilkinson	Neale Lawson	Lisa Usher
2003	Moira Williams	Gabrielle Wark	Neale Lawson	Rachael Wilkinson
2004	Moira Williams	Gabrielle Wark	Vacant	Helen Howe
2005	Moira Williams	Gabrielle Wark	Ellie Williams	Helen Howe
2006	Amy Wark	Gabrielle Wark	Kylie Lawson	Helen Howe

Year	Convenor	Women's Secretary	Women's Treasurer	Club Captain
2007	Amy Wark	Helen Howe	Kate Pearsall	Raelene Lindenberg
2008	Mary Wark	Helen Howe	Kate Pearsall	Raelene Lindenberg
2009	Helen Howe	Kate Gleeson	Kate Pearsall	Raelene Lindenberg
2010	Helen Howe	Kate Gleeson	Kate Pearsall	Angela Phillips
2011	Helen Howe	Louise Tapsell	Alex Glading	Angela Phillips
2012	Louise Tapsell	Leonie Smallwood	Alex Glading	Angela Phillips
2013	Louise Tapsell	Louise Tapsell	Alex Glading	Angela Wark
2014	Louise Tapsell	Louise Tapsell	Prue Brady	Angela Wark
2015	Melissa Newton	Emma Brady	Prue Brady	Angela Wark
2016	Melissa Newton	Carole Wark	Prue Brady	Angela Wark
2017	Kate Alexander	Laura Schmahmann	None appointed	Lynsey Askew

Roll of Honour – Men

Year	President	Honorary Secretary	Honorary Treasurer	Club Captain
1933	Edward Mockler	George Mockler	John William Taylor	-
1934	Edward Mockler	George Mockler	John William Taylor	-
1935	Edward Mockler	John William Taylor	Robert Henry Dunn	-
1936	Edward Mockler	John William Taylor	John Logan Quinlan	-
1937	Edward Mockler	John William Taylor	John Logan Quinlan	-
1938	Charlie Humphries	John William Taylor	John Logan Quinlan	-
1939	Charlie Humphries	Clarrie Eling	John Logan Quinlan	-
1940	Charlie Humphries	Jack Worley	John Logan Quinlan	-
1941	Charlie Humphries	Jack Worley	John Logan Quinlan	-
1942	Charlie Humphries	John William Taylor	Leslie Waight	-
1943	Charlie Humphries	William Ryan	John Logan Quinlan	-
1944	Charlie Humphries	William Ryan	John Logan Quinlan	-
1945	Charlie Humphries	William Ryan	John Logan Quinlan	-
1946	Jack Worley	John William Taylor	Harry Butler	-
1947	-	Jack Worley	Max Steedman	Harry Butler
1948	Jack Worley	Paul Rodgers	Harry Butler	William Ryan
1949	Jack Worley	Paul Rodgers	Fred Needham	William Ryan
1950	Jack Worley	Fred Needham	Noel Walker	Frank Murray
1951	Jack Worley	Fred Needham	Noel Walker	Frank Murray
1952	Jack Worley	Fred Needham	Noel Walker	Frank Murray
1953	Jack Worley	Fred Needham	Noel Walker	Frank Murray
1954	Jack Worley	William Francis Ryan	Noel Walker	Harry A Wark

Year	President	Honorary Secretary	Honorary Treasurer	Club Captain
1955	Jack Worley	Ray Thorpe	Alick Robb	Harry A Wark
1956	Jack Worley	Ray Thorpe	Harry Butler	Harry A Wark
1957	Jack Worley	Ray Thorpe	Jack McParland	Harry A War
1958	Noel Walker	Ray Thorpe	George Collett	Greg Harris
1959	Noel Walker	Ray Thorpe	Greg Harris	Victor Westacott
1960	Noel Walker	Ray Thorpe	Bill Stubbs	Victor Westacott
1961	Noel Walker	Ray Thorpe	Bill Stubbs	Harry A Wark
1962	Kelvin Dickey	Ray Thorpe	J Thomson/W Stubbs	Pat Nilan
1963	Kelvin Dickey	Ray Thorpe/Fred Letts	Arthur Stubbs	Pat Nilan
1964	Kelvin Dickey	Fred Letts	Brian Howe	Pat Nilan
1965	Kelvin Dickey	Frank Vanderputt	Brian Howe	Pat Nilan
1966	Greg Harris	Frank Vanderputt	Fred Letts	Pat Nilan
1967	Bill Stubbs	Fred Letts	Frank Whiteman	Robert Brown
1968	Bill Stubbs	Fred Letts	Lindsay Weate	Robert Brown
1969	Bill Stubbs	Fred Letts	Ken Wark	Robert Brown
1970	Bill Stubbs	Fred Letts	Ken Wark	Robert Brown
1971	Bill Stubbs	Fred Letts	Frank Whiteman	Pat Nilan
1972	Pat Nilan	Fred Letts	Frank Whiteman	Martin Howe
1973	Pat Nilan	Fred Letts	Keith Kipp	Robert Brown
1974	Pat Nilan	Fred Letts	Keith Kipp	Robert Brown
1975	Pat Nilan	Fred Letts	Keith Kipp	Robert Brown
1976	Pat Nilan	Fred Letts	Ken Wark	Ian Mutton
1977	Pat Nilan	Fred Letts	Ken Wark	Robert Brown
1978	Robert Brown	Gary Manou	Keith Kipp	Ian Mutton
1979	Fred Letts	Bruce Pink	Con Savva	Ian Mutton
1980	Fred Letts	Bruce Pink	Greg Corben	Ian Mutton
1981	Graeme Gilmore	Bruce Pink	Robert Wark	Les Wark
1982	Graeme Gilmore	Danny O'Brien	Robert Wark	Les Wark
1983	Graeme Gilmour	Danny O'Brien	Keith Kipp	Les Wark
1984	Graeme Gilmour	Keith Paterson	Neville Gullickson	Kevin Sweeney
1985	Peter Howe	Keith Paterson	Neville Gullickson/ Ian Treharne	Danny O'Brien
1986	Danny O'Brien	Keith Paterson	Peter Howe	Colin Rochester
1987	Robert Wark	Ian Treharne	Peter Howe	Kevin Sweeney
1988	Robert Wark	Danny O'Brien	Peter Howe	Peter Busch
1989	Robert Wark	Gary Wark	Ian Treharne	Peter Busch
1990	Robert Wark	Danny O'Brien	Ian Treharne	Peter Busch
1991	Robert Wark	Danny O'Brien	Ian Treharne	David Rochester

Year	President	Honorary Secretary	Honorary Treasurer	Club Captain
1992	Geoff Paterson	Keith Corkery	Bob Taylor	Peter Busch
1993	Geoff Paterson	Keith Corkery	Bob Taylor	Peter Busch
1994	Geoff Paterson	Keith Corkery	Bob Taylor	Peter Busch
1995	Geoff Paterson	Keith Corkery/ Les Wark	Glenn Dunn	Craig Stubbs
1996	Geoff Paterson	Les Wark	Bob Taylor	Kevin Chivers/ Amrat Parbhu
1997	Geoff Paterson	Les Wark	Bob Taylor	Kevin Chivers/ Amrat Parbhu
1998	Bob Taylor	Eddie Crook	Glenn Dunn	Kevin Chivers/ Amrat Parbhu
1999	Bob Taylor	Eddie Crook	Glenn Dunn	Shane Nilan/ Amrat Parbhu
2000	Bob Taylor	Eddie Crook	Glenn Dunn	Danny O'Brien/ Amrat Parbhu
2001	Bob Taylor	Eddie Crook	L Howard	Danny O'Brien/ Amrat Parbhu
2002	Bob Taylor	Les Wark	Mike Newton	James Wright/ Mick Bougoukas
2003	Bob Taylor	Les Wark	Mike Newton	Aaron Oman/ Mick Bougoukas
2004	Bob Taylor	Les Wark	Mike Newton	Aaron Oman/ Mick Bougoukas
2005	Bob Taylor	Les Wark	Mike Newton	Aaron Oman/ Graeme Brown
2006	Bob Taylor	Les Wark	Mike Newton	Danny O'Brien/ Graeme Brown
2007	Bob Taylor	Les Wark	Tim Sutton	Danny O'Brien/ Graeme Brown
2008	Bob Taylor	Les Wark	Tim Sutton	Danny O'Brien/ Not Filled
2009	Bob Taylor	Danny O'Brien	Tim Sutton	Adam Campano/ Not Filled
2010	Bob Taylor	Danny O'Brien	Tim Sutton	Adam Campano/ Adrian McKeown
2011	Bob Taylor	Danny O'Brien	Tim Sutton	Adam Campano/ Adrian McKeown
2012	Bob Taylor	Danny O'Brien	Tim Sutton	Adam Campano/ Adrian McKeown
2013	Danny O'Brien	Mark Paterson	Tim Sutton	Adam Campano/ Adrian McKeown
2014	Danny O'Brien	Mark Paterson	Tim Sutton	Ian Paterson/ Adrian McKeown
2015	Danny O'Brien	Mark Paterson	Josh La Spina	Ian Paterson/ Adrian McKeown
2016	Danny O'Brien	Mark Paterson	Josh La Spina	<i>Not Filled/Not Filled</i>
2017	Les Wark	Mark Paterson	Josh La Spina	Alistar Cullen/ Adrian McKeown

Roll of Honour – Board

At the AGM at the end of the 2017 season and after a year of consultation, the members of the GDHC voted to accept a new Constitution which altered the Club's structure from a Management Committee to a Board format. This change brought the GDHC into line organisationally with most other hockey bodies in the country and positioned the Club for its future. Those charged with the responsibility of administering the Club continue to do so with the same commitment and passion as those on whose shoulders they stand.

Year	President	Men's	Women's	Junior's	Development
2018	Les Wark	George Manou	Kate Alexander	Sue Heath	Clare Prideaux
2019	Les Wark	George Manou	Kate Alexander	Sue Heath	Clare Prideaux
2020	Craig Martin	Adrian McKeown	Kate Alexander	Sue Heath	Katrina Cochrane
2021	Sue Heath	Adrian McKeown	Kate Alexander	Tara Taylor	Katrina Cochrane
2022	Sue Heath	Adrian McKeown	Rachael Beckett	Tara Taylor	Katrina Cochrane
2023	Sue Heath	Adrian McKeown	Phoebe Kershaw	Tara Taylor	Katrina Cochrane

Year	Finance	Administration	Communications	Sponsorship
2018	Joshua La Spina	Carole Wark		
2019	Joshua La Spina	Carole Wark		
2020	Joshua La Spina	Graham Jones		Aaron Oman
2021	Joshua La Spina	Kat Hughes	Rosa Smith	
2022	Joshua La Spina	Veronica Collins	Rosa Smith*	
2023	Joshua La Spina	Veronica Collins	Carolyn Pitt	

* denotes resignation mid-season

Roll of Honour – Club Captains

Year	Men's	Women's
2018	Alister Cullen Adrian McKeown	Cecile Crobach
2019	Adrian McKeown Ross Bougoukas	Kat Hughes Olivia Edwards
2020	Ross Bougoukas	Olivia Edwards Tessa Bruin
2021	Mack Noller	Olivia Edwards Alisha Middleton
2022	Mack Noller	Phoebe Kershaw Michelle Hancock
2023	Mack Noller	Chantelle Hughes Gemma McKenzie-Booth

GDHC PREMIERSHIP WINS

Year	Club	Grade
1931	Men's	Third
1932	Men's	Second
1933	Men's	Third
1934	Men's	Second
1935	Men's	Second
1936	-	-
1937	-	-
1938	-	-
1939	-	-
1940	Men's	First, Second
1941	Men's	First, Second
1942	Men's	First
1943	Men's	First
1944	-	-
1945	Men's	First
1946	Men's	Third, Fourth
1947	Men's	First, Second, Fourth
1948	Men's	First, Second, Third, Fourth
1949	Men's	First, Second, Third
1950	Men's	First, Second
1951	Men's	First, Second
1952	Men's	First
1953	Men's	First, Second
1954	Men's	Fourth
1955	Men's	First
1956	Men's	First
	Juniors	U14
1957	Men's	Third
	Juniors	U14
1958	Men's	First, Third, Fourth
	Juniors	U16
1959	Juniors	U16
1960	Men's	Second
1961	-	-

Year	Club	Grade
1962	Men's	First, Third
1963	Men's	First
1964	Men's	First, Second
1965	Men's	First, Second
1966	Men's	Second, Third, Fourth
1967	Men's	Second, Third
	Juniors	U10, U12
1968	Men's	Second, Third
	Juniors	U10
1969	Juniors	U10, U12, U14
1970	Men's	Fourth
	Juniors	U10
1971	Juniors	U12, U14
1972	Men's	Second, Third, Fifth
	Juniors	U10
1973	Men's	Second, Fourth
	Juniors	U16
1974	Men's	First, Second, Third, Fourth
	Juniors	U12, U16
1975	Men's	Third, Fourth
	Juniors	U16
1976	Men's	First, Second, Third
	Juniors	U10, U14
1977	Men's	First, Fourth, Sixth
	Juniors	U12
1978	Men's	Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth
	Juniors	U10, U12, U16
1979	Juniors	U14
1980	Men's	Seventh
	Juniors	U12, U14
1981	Men's	Second, Fourth, Fifth
	Juniors	U14
1982	Men's	First, Third
	Juniors	U14, U17
1983	Men's	Seventh
	Juniors	U15, U17
1984	Women's	Fourth

Year	Club	Grade
1984	Juniors	U15
1985	Men's	Third, Fourth
	Juniors	U17
1986	Men's	Second
1987	Men's	Fourth, Seventh
	Women's	C Grade
	Juniors	U13, U15
1988	Men's	Fourth
	Women's	C Grade
	Juniors	U17
1989	Men's	Fourth, Fifth, Sixth
1990	Men's	Third, Fifth
	Women's	Third
	Juniors	U17
1991	-	-
1992	Women's	Second, Third
1993	-	-
1994	Men's	First, Fourth
	Juniors	U11A, U11B, U17B
1995	Men's	First, Fourth
	Juniors	U11A, U15A
1996	Men's	Third
	Juniors	U15A, U15B, U17
1997	Men's	First, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth
	Juniors	U11A, U17A
1998	Women's	Fifth, Sixth
	Juniors	U11A, U15B
1999	Women's	First, Third, Fifth
	Juniors	U11A, U13A, U17A
2000	Women's	Second, Fifth
	Juniors	U13A, U15A
2001	Women's	Second
	Juniors	U11A, U11B, U13B, U15A
2002	Women's	Fourth
	Juniors	U15A
2003	Men's	Second
	Women's	Second

Year	Club	Grade
2003	Juniors	U17A
2004	Men's	Third, Fourth
	Women's	Third
	Juniors	U13B, U17A
2005	Men's	First, Third, Fourth, Sixth
	Juniors	U15B, U17A
2006	Men's	First, Sixth, Veterans (Div 2)
	Juniors	U15A
2007	Juniors	U15A, U17A
2008	Men's	First
	Juniors	U11A, U17A
2009	Men's	Veterans (Div 2)
2010	Men's	Veterans (Div 2), Sixth
	Juniors	U17B
2011	Men's	Third, Sixth
	Women's	Fourth
	Juniors	U11A
2012	Men's	Second
	Women's	Second, Fourth
2013	Men's	Fourth
	Women's	Second
2014	Men's	Fourth
	Women's	Fifth
2015	Women's	First
2016	Juniors	U11A
2017	-	-
2018	-	-
2019	-	-
2020**	-	-
2021**	-	-
2022	Juniors	U13A, U13B Hornets
2023	Women's	Seventh (SEHA Div 3)

***Denotes shortened season due to pandemic*

Life Member Nominations

In 2023, Glebe District Hockey Club accepted the Nominations of five long-serving Club members to join the ranks of Life Membership.

Thank you for your commitment and dedication to our great Club: Terry Kelly, Melissa Newtown, Maureen Paterson, Jim Oman, and Aaron Nilan (as shown left to right in the photograph, right).

Read on to hear from each Life Member's Nominators on why they are deserving of Life Membership.



Terry Kelly

Nominated by: Geoff Paterson (Life Member)

Seconded by: Bob Taylor (Life Member)

Terry became associated with GDHC from 1989 – Present

Club Player from 1996 – 2015: 343 games

Terry brought his son Rowan down to Glebe Minkey in 1989 and has been associated with the club ever since, making this year 2023, 34 yrs involved with the club in some capacity. Terry followed his son through the Juniors and took to the affairs of the club with enthusiasm and energy.

Terry became Junior Convenor in 1995 and took on the position with enthusiasm and energy. He initiated the Glebe Junior Carnival, after a conversation with the then Treasurer Bob Taylor, with the first carnival being held on the 26th May 1996. The carnival was a great success, financially as well a great day at Jubilee Oval and Federal Park, it had a great atmosphere. After 2 years in the position he handed the position back to Jim Oman in 1997, and took on Vice President's position in 1997 and Publicity /Social Officer in 1998.

Terry through his work in Art and Design developed a new logo which went on playing shirts and supporter apparel from around 1997.

Terry continued to be active in the junior club, helping with the U/15s Hornets team coached by Gary Cronin. Terry was still contributing to the club juniors even after his son Rowan graduated to the senior ranks.

The under 17 coach of 2001 Adam Campano noted in his junior report, "Thanks also to Terry Kelly for giving his time to provide some goalkeeping coaching to Karl {Pilora}. He also arranged special training days for junior keepers with guest goalie coaches.



Playing Days

In 1996, Terry mentioned to the then 7th grade Captain, Milcho Klimoski, that he played a couple of seasons in goal for UNSW 28 years ago. The next week Milcho had Terry playing goal-keeper in the club's seventh grade team.

Terry played from 1996 to 2015, when he sustained a career ending knee injury and had been filling in for 5th and 6th grades, always helping out his teammates and the club. Terry played 343 games over 19 seasons. His cheerful positive approach was his hallmark. He played for the enjoyment of playing with his mates. His sportsmanship was of the first order. He was Captain of the 7th grade teams of 2004, 2007, 2011 played in 3 Grand Finals and won one Premiership.

As well as his involvement with Glebe Juniors, Terry contributed significantly to Junior hockey at the Central Area, Sydney Juniors and NSW hockey levels. In 1999 he developed a junior programme for NSW hockey called Hockey Magic. He has been an energetic and enthusiastic Administrator, player and coach for the Glebe club and since 2020, has been Men's 1st grade Manager, and also this year managed 2nd/3rd grade teams as well.

In recognition of his service to the GDHC I have the pleasure of nominating Terry Kelly for Life Membership.

Geoff Paterson

Life Member

Seconded by

Bob Taylor

Life Member

Terry Kelly CV

1989 – Commenced with Club

1995 to 1996 – Junior Convenor

1996 – 2015 Played 343 games, retired.

1997 – Vice President

1998 – Publicity and Social Convenor

1999 – Involved at Central Area, Sydney Juniors and NSW hockey levels

2014 – Sydney Junior Hockey Development Officer, coach of Sydney Under 13 girls team.

2020 – 2023 First Grade Men's Manager.

Melissa Newton

Nominated by: Sian Morgan (Member)

Seconded and supported by: Andrew Goodrick (Life Member); Michelle Hancock, Amelia White, Josie Barron, Ian Paterson (Members)

A life member, as defined by Glebe Hockey Club, is a person who has rendered distinguished service to the club. Distinguished is defined as someone who is successful, has a good reputation, and is respected.

Growing up and attending school in Glebe, Mel was always destined to join a local sporting club – her chosen sport was hockey, and for the last **33 years** Glebe District Hockey Club have been the recipients of her club dedication and playing skill.

Mel began her Glebe playing career in Minkey Hockey in 1990, incidentally, the same year that the club first accepted women as members. She moved into Juniors in 1993 and over the next six seasons she played a total of **115 junior games**. In her first season for the Under 11's, coach Life Member Harry Wark commented "Melissa Newton is our **leading goal scorer**...she has a good shot on goal and was one of our most effective forwards".

Mel has fond memories of playing with Glebe as a junior, with her most memorable the **Premiership winning** Under 11 Strikers of 1994 which comprised of a number of her local Glebe friends, and several GDHC stalwarts including one 'Oman', five 'Warks' and a 'Paterson'. Not only did she play for her Glebe team, but she was also selected in the Eastern Districts **representative** junior teams from 1996-2000. Mel continued to show off her hockey prowess on a **representative level** and win **several premierships** with her junior teams.

Mel began playing senior women's hockey in 1998 capping off her first season with a **Premiership win**; not the first that Mel would achieve with Glebe.

Even when she joined the Police in 2007, the long drive from Goulburn each weekend couldn't stop her. She continued to play during her training year at the Police Academy and finished that season as the club's **top goal scorer**.

In 2009 Mel played in 2nd grade where she was described by her coach, Life Member Adam Campano, as "A great inspiration to the team through her cheerful demeanour and on-field attempts to set an example through her play". This is a description I can concur with, having played with Mel for the last 15 years myself, she consistently shows a positive example for all those who are lucky enough to be in her team. Following the 2009 season, Mel was the recipient of the **Margaret Howe Encouragement Award**; awarded to the young player who consistently shows the best example of club spirit. A real honour for recipients.

In 2011 she again won a **premiership** with her SEHA team, scoring the **only goal** of the match against Sutherland off a penalty corner to take out the trophy.

She has continued her Glebe playing career through to today where she is currently **Glebe's most capped female player** having played over 500 senior games. For men and women in hockey, reaching such an incredible milestone of 500 games is rare. Mel is the **only female** player in the club to have reached this milestone, she is over 100 games clear of the second-place holder, and over 140 games clear of the nearest current playing member.

Throughout her time at Glebe she has given back to the club in spades. She's **coached all levels of junior teams** from the under 11s, under 13s, and under 15s from 2001-2015. She promotes the club values and passes on her skills and hockey gamesmanship to juniors through her enthusiasm and knowledge of the game. She continues to nurture and provide mentorship to junior players as they transition into seniors even to this day.



Whilst in senior teams, especially the lower grades, she took on a **player coach role** when coaches were hard to find; running drills and organising the subs on game days for the women.

Mel has also **umpired**, including juniors matches and senior women's games – back before our umpires were paid. In particular, umpiring representative matches for the Eastern Districts, including the 2004 **Grand Final**. In 2009 she was awarded the **Carole Wark Trophy** for Most Outstanding Umpire, with comments from the umpiring convenor that she had a “strong season” and was recommended for higher badge certification. Another club trophy for the cabinet.

Off the field, Mel has held a range of **committee roles** throughout her time at Glebe; she has been on the **Uniform Committee, Social Officer, Junior Convenor** and **Women's Convenor** – a role she held in the 2015 and 2016 seasons.

As social officer she has organised a Bunning's BBQ or two, plenty of club socials, and she has assisted in the planning and delivery of many fundraisers across the club. In particular, was instrumental in delivering a Trivia Night fundraiser in 2013 which was attended by over 220 members and guests and **raised nearly \$15,000** for the club.

In 2015 Mel was awarded the **Molly Wark Trophy**; under the Presidency of Life Member Danny O'Brien. **A prestigious trophy** awarded to the clubwoman who has **contributed the most** to the club both on and off the field. Perhaps the highest honour for the women in our club.

Now, in 2023, she continues to stand tall for Glebe women having **nominated for the role of Women's Convenor**; a sign she is committed to the club's future, its women and the game of hockey; a sign she is not slowing down!

The common juggle of life and motherhood sometimes leads many women to take a break from our great sport, or to stop playing altogether. To have Mel return to playing after giving birth to her daughter Caitlin is a true blessing to our club; it shows her loyalty to both the club and the game of hockey. Mel has already made sure Caitlin has her own hockey stick and dons Glebe colours every weekend.

Mel is deserving of a life membership to the club she has been, and still is, dedicated to. Mel has given back to this club over the last 33 years and continues to do so for the future.

Mel personifies what playing for Glebe is all about. On the field, she plays tough, but fair, and gives her absolute all, even taking over leadership of the team this year when another member became pregnant. Off the field, she has volunteered in several committee positions including both **Junior and Women's Convenors**, ensuring the continued development and progression of players through the club, from their first steps on the field through to joining senior ranks. She has **coached our juniors** at all levels, and **umpired** for the club right from a junior level through to seniors too, and continues to advocate for players and members after the whistle blows.

Mel has **won over half of the available women's club trophies**, which is a testament to her service to this club. An indication that the club and her peers have acknowledged and recognised her **valuable contributions**.

Mel finished the 2023 season as the **most capped female Glebe Hockey player** ever and ranks within the top 25 capped Glebe players of all time. She currently has **503 senior games** under her belt, not to mention her **100+ junior games**. She has Captained her teams through to finals, including the 2023 Grand Final. She is passionate about the Club and its future and has been integral to the club, and club women since she, and the women's club began in 1990. She continues to show commitment to the club and the game of hockey through her dedication by volunteering for leadership positions. She is well respected and her reputation is second to none. She personifies the club values of family, equality, commitment and contribution, and we can only hope she has another 33 years to give to Glebe.

Maureen Paterson

Nominated by: Sue Heath (Member)

Seconded by: Vernon Howe (Life Member)

With special thanks to Life Member Harry Wark, who provided historical and family context

Executive Summary

For over 50 years, Maureen Paterson has demonstrated the highest levels of commitment to our Club, always acting with the Club's best interests at heart. She remains an active member in our community, living our Club values of Family, Equality, Contribution and Commitment. Maureen's contribution to our Club specifically relates to building social connection, where her efforts have been integral in creating community across our great Club.

Maureen is a kind and generous woman, who never tires of lending a hand, offering advice and new ideas to promote connection. She understands the importance of community and its healing powers. She is a 'feeder', feeding countless numbers of players across all age groups over many years.

Volunteers are the life blood of our Club. We do not exist without them. Maureen is a dedicated and loyal person, and it is my honour to nominate her for her tireless work and energy.

Overview

Maureen's family home during her childhood was at 3 Victoria Road Glebe and the backyard of the house overlooked Jubilee Oval, Glebe the GDHC's home ground. Maureen looked at hockey being played and social functions being had from early childhood.

Maureen is the youngest of five children born to Tom and Kath Casey, with Christine, Stephen, Peter, and Paul being the other children in the family. Living a stone's throw from Jubilee Oval the Casey boys were exposed to hockey from an early age and Stephen and Peter started playing for the Glebe junior teams in 1966. Stephen in the under 12s and Peter in the under 10s, with cousins Michael Atterton and Tony Cowan joining Peter in the Club's under-10 team. Maureen's brother Paul started his hockey career in 1969 and played in the Club's under-16 team with Stephen.

The Casey's, the Atterton's, and the Cowan children all went to Saint James' Primary School, Glebe, and lived in Victoria Road Glebe. In Maureen's class at Saint James was Vernon Howe, who later became a Life Member of the Club, and Robin Werren who later married Robert Wark, who also became a Life Member of the Club. The Howe families, the Casey families, and the Wark families have a long history with the GDHC. All of Maureen's immediate family and many of her relatives and friends have had a long, fruitful, and productive association with the GDHC.

Maureen and her sister Christine were part of the "junior hockey scene" of this era, **helping their parents and uncles "keep the show on the road"**. Maureen was a keen netball player and played the game for many years. The occasional Club social gatherings were held in the Casey's backyard, which were always a great success. **Maureen helped organize these functions with her parents, she was/is a good organiser and was always a most gracious hostess.**

From Saint James' Primary School Glebe, Maureen progressed to Saint Scholastica's College, Glebe for high school. After leaving school she worked as a Pharmacy assistant in a Pharmacy on Glebe Point Road and with the Railway's Credit Union and the Mutual Bank.

Stephen and Peter Casey progressed from the Club's junior teams into the senior teams and Maureen would come out and watch some of their games, attend home fixtures at Jubilee and attend Club social functions. Glebe's home games were just down the Jubilee Hill from her home, making attending home games easy. In 1974 a chap in his early 20s, Geoff Paterson, came to the Club from the Cumberland Hockey Club.

Geoff and Maureen met and socialized for some years, and a steady relationship developed between them and they married at Saint James' Church, Glebe in 1980 and Maureen became Mrs. Maureen Paterson.

Maureen's father-in-law, Keith Paterson was Secretary of the Club from 1984-1986 and her husband Geoff was Club President for six years from 1992-1997, Maureen provided great support for them both. During the 1990s Maureen and her sister Christine **were part of a dedicated team of workers who managed and staffed the Clubhouse canteen. For the last 43 years, Maureen has helped in the Clubhouse Canteen, when she could and when circumstances required. She has always been willing to lend a hand.** In the mid-2000s Geoff coached the GDHC first-grade men's team, which won Premierships in 2005, 2006, and 2008. **Again, Maureen was constantly helping where and when required to help make things run smoothly and efficiently.**

After Geoff and Maureen married, they bought a house in Croydon and have lived there for close to 40 years. They had two children together, Mark and Ian, who both became keen hockey players at an early age, with Mark starting at Minkey in 1990 and Ian in 1992. **Maureen again became actively involved in managing, transporting, and organizing Glebe junior teams.** Her two boys became exceptionally good hockey players, with both playing for over a decade in the Glebe first-grade team and for many years in the NSW men's State team, and with Mark playing over 50 games for Australia.

Organising, mobilising, and transporting hockey teams both senior and junior requires time, energy, patience, psychological insight, resilience, tact, and a good sense of humour. Maureen has all these qualities and has been a driving force in the GDHC for close to 50 years.

In the early 2020s two of her grandchildren, twins Grace and Frank Paterson, started with the Club's Minkey Squad and in 2023 progressed to the Club's under-9 teams. Geoff and Mark Paterson, a father and son combination, have been directors of coaching with these squads and provided a social, friendly, inclusive atmosphere for children to exercise and enjoy themselves. **Maureen is always there to lend a hand when and where needed to transport equipment, make things run smoothly, and help iron out any unforeseen difficulties and organizational problems.**

Maureen is the brains behind the 2023 Minkey and U9 Disco, an event that captured the hearts of our most Junior of Junior kids and their parents. It was a wonderful afternoon that generated a great deal of positive energy.

Maureen is always happy to have a chat with anyone on the sideline of hockey games and is willing to share any knowledge or experience she has with others. **Although she has never held an official position with the club, the GDHC has been lucky to have had Maureen as a dedicated and active Club Supporter for over 50 years.**

Jim Oman

Nominated by: Sue Heath (Member)

Seconded by: Peter Busch (Life Member)

With special thanks to Life Member Harry Wark, who provided historical and family context

Executive Summary

For over 30 years, Jim Oman has been a loyal supporter of our Club. In addition to his tenure as Juniors Convenor in the early 90's, Jim has been an active leader in sourcing financial and non-financial sponsorships, and various raffle prizes for fundraising activities.

Jim has always been extraordinarily generous with his time and energy towards administrative roles where his efforts have delivered positive change. These efforts include increasing participation of Junior players and sourcing sponsorships to reduce financial impact.

Jim was the first person to welcome me into the role as President. His guidance, stories of days gone by and genuine care for me as a person and our great Club will never be forgotten. With deep respect I nominate Jim Oman for Life Membership.

Overview

Jim's parents owned a house in Allen St Glebe, 300 metres from Jubilee Oval, Glebe, the home ground of the GDHC. Jim lived in this house from shortly after his birth in 1947 until 2022, when he moved to Wamberal on the Central Coast.

In his childhood and youth, Jim was a very good middle-distance runner and trained at Jubilee Oval with John and Nancy Atterton who lived on Victoria Road, Glebe 50 metres from the Grandstand at Jubilee. He played sport at school and he and Life Member Harry Wark were on the same under-15 rugby league team that represented their school. During his athletics training he frequently saw friends training for and playing hockey on Jubilee Oval but he never played hockey himself.

Jim's father was a keen rugby league fan who followed the Balmain Tigers. Rugby league was the game Jim knew best and from age six until age 9, Jim's eldest child Aaron played rugby league in the Balmain Junior Rugby League competition. In 1990 his rugby league team became defunct and Jim and Aaron were left looking for alternate sporting opportunities.

Aaron went to school at Saint James' Primary School Glebe, which was the school attended by Mary, Tony, and Pat Wark, who for a couple of years had played in the U/11 GDHC junior team, and Adam and Christian Campano who also played in the Club's junior sides. Jim and Cheryl, his wife, had heard good reports from Aaron's friend's parents about the hockey club's junior teams. Cheryl, Jim, and Aaron decided to give hockey a try and his sister Kathleen liked the idea of playing hockey too and decided to give hockey a try. In 1990 Aaron and Kathleen joined the GDHC Junior Club.

Although still 10, there were no spots available for Aaron in the U/11 team, but a spot was available in the U/13 team, so he played in the U/13 team for most of the 1990 season with Peter Howe and Bob Fox as the co-coaches. Towards the end of the season, Aaron played a couple of games for the U/11 team, including its 0-4 defeat in the semi-final game. Harry Wark was the U/11s team coach. Aaron enjoyed his first season playing hockey and **Jim helped where and when he could during the season when transport, organizational, and administrative tasks needed doing.**

In 1991 Jim joined the Junior Committee and the committee's Convenor Martin Howe had the following to say on this development: "It was good to see two new faces elected to the Junior Committee this year, namely Jim Oman and Mick Tapsell whose **innovative ideas and efforts throughout the year were invaluable**".

After 7 years in the job, Martin Howe stepped down as Junior Convenor in 1993 to be replaced by Jim Oman. Martin did a sterling job as Junior Convenor and in 1986 he instituted a Junior Annual Report that was separate from the Senior Club Annual Report and instituted a player's games played register that has proved, over the years, extremely popular with the junior players. **Having already spent two years on the Junior Committee, Jim was equipped to seamlessly replace Martin.**

In 1993 Jim's daughter Hannah graduated from Minkey and started in the U/11s and Jim's wife Cheryl then began her long career as a manager of Junior teams. From 1990 Cheryl had been a regular, helping behind the counter at the Clubhouse at Wednesday night training and at Saturday morning home games at Jubilee Oval. Cheryl helped Jim with administration and secretarial matters in his Junior Convenor position and in her own low-key way was a great help to Jim.

Jim commented in the Junior Annual Report of 1993 "The Club fielded four Under 11 teams, 2 Under 13 teams and 1 under 15 team. This was the largest representation by any club in the Central Area Competition. A magnificent effort and credit to everyone who contributed, either with direct assistance or financial support."



Jim was a major part of this increase in numbers in the Club's Junior ranks. He went around to schools in the Glebe, Annandale, Leichhardt, Pyrmont areas and beyond, spoke to school principals, left information leaflets, and strongly promoted the Club as an organization that fostered participation in a sport that provided exercise, socialization, enjoyment, and camaraderie. In describing the Club's Minkey program run by Peter Busch in the 1993 Junior Annual Report, Jim had the following to say: "It was not unusual to have an average attendance of 50-60 on most Saturday mornings." Jim publicized the Junior activities of the Club in the Club's popular Newsletter, The Red Rag, which was put together by Eddie Crook, Marilynne Crook and Mick Tapsell on a monthly basis.

Because of family and work commitments, after two years as Junior Convenor job Jim handed over to Terry Kelly in 1994. **Jim continued to represent Glebe at Central Area Junior Hockey Association Meetings. Jim returned as Junior Convenor in 1997 working hard through school visits to attract children to the Club's Junior program.** In 1997 there were 160 registered Junior players and around 30-40 Minkey players.

Another area that Jim concentrated on was securing sponsorship for the Club to help defray the expenses of running the Club's junior program. At that time juniors were not charged fees to play hockey at Glebe. **Jim lost a lot of shoe leather tracking down sponsors for the Club's Juniors. Attending Central Area Meetings and Sydney Hockey Association Meetings was part of Jim's brief and Jim put in an enormous amount of work on behalf of the GDHC in fostering its Junior program. He was involved in every facet of the Club's Junior activities. Jim continued as Junior Convenor until 1999, after which he was handed over to Andrew Dart. In total Jim spent five years as Junior Convenor and he put his heart and soul into the job. During his time as Junior Convenor Jim sat on the Club's Management Committee, which at that time was the body that oversaw the running of the Club.**

Jim's building background and building connections proved valuable for the Hockey Club, during its quest for the building of a synthetic turf in the Glebe area. He was involved with the Club's negotiations with the Leichhardt Council to site a synthetic turf first at Federal Park, Annandale, and then with the NSW Harness Racing Club to site a field at the Harold Park infield stretches back to the early 1990s.

He attended meetings on behalf of the Club with Leichhardt Council, the City of Sydney Council, the NSW Harness Racing Club, the Wentworth Park Trust, potential donors, sponsors, and the Club's solicitors.

Generously giving of his time, many hundreds of hours, Jim acted as project manager for producing the field's costings and helping arrange the finances with which to pay for the construction of the synthetic field if the Club was to obtain DA approval for the field. The GDHC would have been solely responsible for financing the field. He was closely involved in the Club's negotiations to possibly build a synthetic turf at Glebe High School, Leichhardt Number Two Oval, the Rozelle Bay Shunting Yards, Leichhardt High School, and Wentworth Park, spending hours on the task every week for many years.

For the last 15-20 years Jim has been a loyal supporter of the Club attending games, arranging sponsorships, and helping with sourcing raffle prizes and other fundraising activities. In his 30-year involvement with the GDHC Jim has always been extraordinarily generous with his time and energy. Jim has made a major contribution to the GDHC for 33 years.

Aaron Nilan

Nominated by: Adam Campano (Life Member)

Seconded by: Sue Heath (Member)

With special thanks to Life Member Harry Wark, who provided historical and family context.

Executive Summary

Aaron Nilan played his entire Club hockey career for GDHC, and it would be fair to say that he is a legend of our Club. He has won an incredible 12 perpetual trophies as a club member, including winning the club's



most prestigious trophy, named after his father Pat Nilan, in 2018 for being the 'Most Outstanding Club Member, Junior or Senior'. In his final year of playing hockey in 2020, and aged in his mid-40's, Aaron won the Robert Diviney Trophy for the 'Most Outstanding Club Player, Junior or Senior'.

Aaron is a worthy recipient of our Club's greatest honour of Life Membership. He has demonstrated sincere and relentless commitment to GDHC on and off the field. His legacy can be seen through years of coaching, playing, and mentoring.

As a Juniors Committee member for a period of around four years (2015-2018), he helped promote and grow our Junior offering. Beyond administrative activities, Aaron was an advocate for the importance of Club coaches coaching rep teams (SEHA). Establishing relationships with families outside of GDHC provided opportunities for our Club to welcome new players. A growth initiative that frequently paid off. Additionally, Aaron was committed to developing our Juniors before there was an official Junior Development role in our Club. His skills and second to none hockey mind have helped many young players achieve their personal goals.

It is difficult to argue Aaron's commitment and contribution to our Club. With 150 Junior games and 426 senior games played for GDHC, in addition to serving in administrative roles, coaching at Club and representative level, it is with much admiration, I nominate Aaron Nilan for Life Membership.

Overview

Aaron was one of the greatest men's players in the modern era of the GDHC. He was fast, tenacious, skilful, with great 3D skills and had one of the first and best tomahawk goal shots going around. He was a deadly goal scorer from his favoured left-wing position. Aaron earned his nickname "Chopper" from his somewhat agricultural looking, yet effective tacking style.

His playing career was extraordinary and then after having several years off from hockey to help raise his family, he returned to play and captain-coach men's teams as well as coach junior sides and assist in junior administration.

Aaron started his playing career in the Glebe U/11s team in 1983 and went on to play about 153 junior games for Glebe. Aaron transitioned to senior hockey in about 1990 and went on to play 426 senior games for Glebe, including 201 1st grade games from 1992 to 2005, in which he played his last game in 1st grade winning a premiership. Aaron had also won 1st grade premierships in 1995 and 1997; a 2nd grade premiership in 2012 in which he was captain and more recently captain-coached 3rd to Runners-Up in 2018 and 2020.

Aaron represented at the highest level, being a regular member of Sydney and NSW junior teams, he went on to play for the NSW Warriors at Men's Open level in what used to be known as the National Hockey League (NHL). Aaron was at one stage the leading goal scorer in the NHL and selected to the Australian train on squad, however, was never capped. Aaron also represented NSW and Australia in Indoor Hockey.

Aaron also never gave up and tried his hardest every time he took to the field and as a result, he was a great inspiration to other players around him, in particular the cohort of younger teammates who threepeated 1st grade premierships in 2005-06 & 2008.

In the 2010s, Aaron returned to Glebe after a break to drop down the grades to play a mentor role to developing young players in the men's 2nd and 3rd teams, complementing his coaching of Glebe and SEHA junior teams in this period. During a decade long period, Aaron turned his focus coaching and mentoring Glebe kids, as his dad and life member, Patrick Nilan, had done before him. From 2015 to 2018, Aaron coached the Glebe Redbacks, from U13s through to U/17s.

With special thanks to Life Member Harry Wark, who provided historical and family context (TBC).

Aaron's father Pat, a carpenter by trade, is a Life-Member of the Glebe District Hockey Club (GDHC), a triple Olympian, a former Club President, and a Club Captain. His mother Beverley Nilan (nee Reddie) spent her childhood living in a house 10 metres away from Saint James Catholic Church, Glebe, in the parish where

the Hockey Club was founded in 1931, and where Bev and Pat were married. With this background, it is easy to see how Aaron found his way into the ranks of the GDHC.

Aaron is one of Pat and Bev's four children. Aaron and his elder brother Shane have been and are stalwarts of the Club. Shane played junior hockey for Glebe from 1979-1990 and senior hockey for the Club from 1985-2007 (376 games), before a muscle injury forced him into retirement. Brother Matthew and his sister Emma escaped the magnetic attraction of playing hockey for Glebe and started playing sports with their mates in Eastwood, which is where the Nilan family lived. Aaron went to high school at Marist Brothers Eastwood and after leaving school became a carpenter, joiner and cabinet maker.

Aaron played juniors from 1983 to 1991, nine seasons. Records of junior games were first published in the 1993 Junior Annual Report, so an accurate figure for the number of junior games Aaron played is unavailable. Assuming he played 17 games a season, which is a conservative estimate, Aaron would have played $9 \times 17 = 153$ junior games for Glebe.

Aaron started in the U/11 number 2 team of 1983 coached by Jamie Howe and Phil "the body" Dennis, with support from Bob Taylor and Pat Nilan. Warren Dell and Peter Holmes were junior convenors that year. The team never won a game. The teams' coaches comment on the Club's Annual Report of 1983 "For sheer determination, team spirit and goodwill the U/11 No 2 team deserves to take a bow." In 1984 Aaron's U/11 No. 2 team did not score a goal or win a game. Aaron started at the bottom and worked his way up.

In 1985 Aaron's U/11 No. 1 team coached by Phil Dennis was beaten in the final by Bankstown and he won the Ralph Rochester trophy that year. The Ralph Rochester Trophy is awarded annually to the Club junior under 13 years with the best general demeanour on and off the field. 1986 saw Aaron progress to the U/13s where he was coached by Vernon Howe and Eric Frazer. The team consisted of Aidan Archer, Jason Greaves, Craig Greaves, Adrian McKeown, Robert Van Landenberg, Nathan Waters-Lewis, Tim Frazer, Aaron Nilan, Jemima Howe, Sean O'Mara, Ian Lesslie, Patrick Lesslie, Alister Gillis, Michael Penny. They were beaten in the semi-final by Bankstown. Aaron made the Central Area and Sydney representative teams that year. An undefeated premiership win in the U/13 competition in 1987 marked a major turnaround for the mighty midgets who started in 1983 U/11 team who did not score a goal or win a game. It was the first time in five years that Glebe had won a junior premiership. Aaron played in the NSW U/13 team in 1987.

In 1988 and 1989 Aaron played in the Glebe U/15 team with Vernon Howe, Eric "Chook" Frazer, and Pat Nilan as coaches. The 1989 team made the grand final where they were beaten by Sutherland. Players in the 1989 team were Aaron Chilcot, Nathan Waters-Lewis, Jason Greaves, Graeme Brown, Aaron Nilan, Jemima Howe, Adam Farrowell, Craig Greaves, Shaun O'Mara, Scott Shepherd, Alister Gillies and Shaun Fulton. As well as playing in the U/15 junior team, Aaron commenced playing in the Glebe lower grades in 1988. I played with Aaron during these years and at the time I did not think much of his hockey ability. Time has shown me how wrong I was in this assessment.

Aaron's U/17 team of 1990 defeated Sutherland 3-1 in the grand final to win the premiership, with his father Pat as coach and Eric Frazer as manager. In 1991 Aaron's U/17 team lost the grand-final 0-1 to Liverpool. He scored 40 goals in 1991 and made the NSW U/17 team. The team players were Dean Benfield, Matthew Bass, Scott Sheppard, Adam Farrowell, Warren Hodges, Adrian White, Ben Howe, Ben Farrowell, Jason Greaves, Erin Schlecht, Pat McCann, Andrew McNamara, Graeme Brown, Craig Greaves, Brad Goodridge and Trent Benfield. In 1990 and 1991 Aaron won the Club's V J Turner Cup, which is awarded annually to the most improved junior under the age of 17.

As well as playing U/17 hockey, Aaron played in the Club's fourth, third, and second grade teams and by the end of 1991 had played 58 senior gamers. He was on the way up.

In 1992 Aaron established himself in the Glebe first grade team, coached by his father Pat Nilan and captained by Craig Stubbs, represented Sydney at the NSW State Championships, and by the end of this season had played 79 senior Club games. Aaron played in the Glebe first-grade team for 17 years from 1992-2008. In 1993 won the Michael "Abbo" Atterton Memorial trophy, which is awarded to the player in the Club with the most potential and played for NSW at the U/21 Australian Championship. In 1994 Glebe First Grade won the NSW State Club Championship but was beaten by Liverpool in the grand final. In 1995 Aaron



only played a handful of games due to injury but was a key player in Glebe's grand final victory against Liverpool, to become first-grade premiers after having won the minor premierships. Players in this team included David Rochester, Warren "Buster" Birmingham, Ken Wark, Pat McCann, Brad Goodridge, Shane Nilan, Alan Alderson, Dean Benfield, Kevin Chivers, Steven Cain, and captain Craig Stubbs, with the team coached by Colin Rochester. Aaron was selected for the NSW Senior Men's team in 1996 and continued on in the team for seven years until 2002.

In 1997 Aaron played in the first-grade team that had a very successful year. It won the Alan Yates Memorial Shield (played between the two top teams after the first round of games), the NSW State League Competition, the minor premierships, and the first-grade premierships. Players in the grand final game were Dean Benfield, Christian Campano (backup keeper), Pat McCann, Ken Wark (captain), Kevin Chivers, Shane Nilan, Simeon Booth, James Wright, Chris Neville, Jeremy Boyce, Steven Cain, Aaron Nilan, Craig Greaves, Trent Benfield. Other players who played first grade that year were Alan Alderson, Matthew Parker, Daniel Little, Wayne Benfield, Peter Busch, Brad Goodridge, Aaron Oman, David Krepp, Steven Sherwood, and Craig Martin.

In seasons 1999 and 2001 Aaron won the J W Kenny Trophy, which has been awarded annually since 1975 for the best first-grade player, and the Robert Diviney Trophy, which is awarded to the most outstanding Club player junior or senior. In 1999 Aaron won the Dave Gilbert Award as the best men's indoor player of the year and in 2001 commenced playing in the NSW and Australian men's indoor hockey teams and continued on in these teams for many years. Aaron played indoor hockey for Glebe for many years, however, records for these games are not kept. At the end of the 2000 season, Aaron had played 200 senior outdoor games for Glebe. In 2001 Aaron made the Australian Outdoor Men's Team train-on squad.

The first-grade team of 2002 which was beaten 5-3 in the grand final by Moorebank-Liverpool comprised Stepan Madycki, Ken Wark, Pat McCann, Steven Sherwood, Darryn Booth, Dominic Williams, Aaron Nilan, Aaron Oman, Chris Neville, Brendan Booth, James Wright (captain) and Shane Nilan. Others to play in the team were Simeon Booth, Mark Paterson, Brad Goodridge, and Pat Wark.

Aaron took a year off in 2004 to recover from a few of his injuries. He does not have a well-developed sense of self-preservation and is absolutely fearless in his approach to the game and this has meant that he picked up a few injuries during his hockey career. A fractured eye socket, a traumatic eye cataract, a dislocated shoulder, and multiple foot fractures were among some of the injuries he suffered during his hockey career. His positive attitude, determination, tenacity, commitment, and never-say-die attitude are infectious, and his energy lifts and inspires the teams in which he plays. Aaron is worth more to a team than is provided by his hockey skills.

Back playing in 2005 Aaron clocked up his 200th first-grade game, his 268 men's senior Club game, and played in the NSW indoor team. Players in the 2005 premierships-winning Glebe team that beat Sutherland in the grand final were Dean Benfield, Stephan Madycki (backup goalkeeper), Alister Cullen, Matt Wark, Shane Nilan (captain), Aaron Oman (vice-captain), Adam Howard, Brendan Booth, Zac Farlow, Ian Paterson, Pat Wark, Michael Wark, Aaron Nilan, Peter Wark, Luke Freeman, coach Geoff Paterson, manager John Nilan, Daren Booth was away playing in the AIS team in Asia and Japan.

Having played seniors since 1988, after 18 years and 268 senior club games Aaron took a break from playing after winning the 2005 first-grade premierships to rest the body and spend more time with his growing family. Glebe won the first-grade competition again in 2006, which was the first time since 1976/77 that the Club had won back-to-back first-grade premierships. Players in this team were Ian Paterson, Pat Wark, James Benson, Michael Wark, Matthew Wark, Alister Cullen, Andrew Cheong, Stephan Madycki (stand-by goalkeeper), Aaron Oman, Adam Howard, Zac Farlow, Brendan Booth, Mark Paterson, Darryn Booth and Dean Benfield.

Aaron married Briony Lupton, an NSW women's hockey representative who lived at Loftus deep in the Sutherland Shire, in the 2000s and together they had three children, Riley, Liam, and Kalea. Riley Nilan started in the Glebe Minkey squad in 2006, with Vernon Howe as a coach, Alison, and Andrew Cheong as assistant coaches, and Tim Flahvin as manager. played for a couple of years and started again with the



Glebe juniors in 2012 when he played in the U/11 A Redback team and won the best fairest award, despite missing games with a broken arm. Riley played juniors for Glebe until 2018. Aaron's two younger children Liam and Kalea did not take up hockey, playing sports within the Sutherland Shire.

In 2015 Aaron took over coaching Riley's U/13 team which included Emma Alexander-Prideaux, Layla Riley, Talia Morrow, Olivia Cain, Teagan Howe, Asha Machin-Hunt, Samantha Iglesias, Sarah Brine, Yuri Farrowell, Matthew West, Riley Nilan, Cameron Jones, Prue Dallen and manager Alison Cummins and in 2016 and 2017 he coached the U/15 Redback team. 2018 saw Aaron coach the Glebe U/17 Redback team in the Sydney Metro Competition. Team members included Tim Pritchard, Jonah Riley, Talia Morrow, Sarah Brine, Maddy Scott, Destiny Peris, Riley Nilan, Cameron Jones, Nicholas Moraitakis, Lewis Francis, Olivia Cain, Isabella Shannon, Prudie Dallen, Rodrigo Pedraza Luna, Jasmine Howe, Bridget Kelly, and manager Allison Cummins.

When Aaron's son Riley began playing with the Glebe U/11 A Redbacks in 2012, Aaron decided to recommence his hockey playing career, after a seven-year break. He played in the 2012 second-grade team that won the Alan Yates Cup, the minor premiership, and the premiership. A second-grade premiership to add to his three first-grade premiership wins. Players in this team throughout the year included B J Bruton, Patrick Wark, Will Noller, Josh La Spina, Scott Bortfield, Chris Holmes, Aaron Oman, Rowan Kelly, Alex Sheard, Luke Rogers, Wayne Benfield, Brad Goodridge, Jake Ribarovski, Raj Patel, Aaron Nilan, Adam Campano, Dominic Tintner, Brayden Mead, Alister Cullen, Zac Farlow, Mitchell Nicholson, Simon Bracht, Jack Stoker (goalkeeper), Tony Wark, Tim De Weerd, Evan McGilvray, Adam Folds, with Mick Bougoukas as coach and George Ribarovski as manager. At the end of the 2012 season, Aaron had played 285 senior Club games.

Aaron loved his involvement with the Club training, playing, and coaching juniors, but he had to carefully manage the discomfort and the aches and pains after the game and for the next day or two. He played in the 2013 second-grade team that won the minor premiership but unluckily lost the grand final to Moorebank Liverpool 4-5. In 2014 Aaron moved to the Club's third-grade team, captained by Adam Campano, who after an unexpectedly good season, lost to UTS in the semi-final. A major hamstring injury curtailed Aaron's 2015 season and his 2016 second grade season was ended after nine games with a knee injury.

In the 2017 season, Aaron was a player/coach of the Club's third-grade team, with Adam Campano the team's administrator. In this team was Aaron's son Riley, still playing U/15s, and a few players from the Club's U/17 team. The team thoroughly enjoyed the season, it was competitive and finished sixth, following a close last-round game loss to Liverpool which pushed it out of the semi-finals, with Aaron winning the Player's Player award. In 2017 Aaron won the Club's W J Taylor Cup, which is awarded to the player who has set the best example by consistent play and general demeanour, and in 2018 he won the Pat Nilan Trophy, which is awarded annually to the Most Outstanding Club Member, Junior or Senior. Pat Nilan presented his trophy to Aaron at the Club's presentation Night held at the function centre at Sydney University's number one oval.

Aaron was captain/coach of the 2018 third-grade team which was beaten in the grand final by UTS's first-grade team. The game was decided in the second half of sudden death, drop-off, extra time. Aaron commented in his end-of-season report "I can't say enough about how much pleasure it was to play with this team each week". Players in this team were Mack Noller, Jason McDonald, Corey Morrow, Cameron Jones, Aaron Nilan, Sam Bagley, Alasdair Brown, Tim Bogg, Patrick Wark, Suresh Raja, Adam Campano, Oliver Brownbill and Emmerson Weiley (goalkeeper).

The 2019 and 2020 seasons saw Aaron continue on as third-grade captain/coach, assisted by team administrator Adam Campano. In 2019 the team came seventh on the competition table, but it was a harmonious, happy team that enjoyed playing hockey together. The 2020 was a COVID-19-affected short season of ten rounds. Glebe finished second on the competition ladder but was well beaten in the grand final by Ryde, after game-ending injuries to several key team members. Players in their mid to late 30s and older were playing as if they were 21 again, which resulted in many knees, hamstrings, hips, shoulders etc. failing under the stresses and strains of premier division hockey. At the end of the 2020 season, Aaron decided to



take a break from playing hockey, as his body on Sunday morning was telling him his mind was driving him to do more than his body could deliver.

In 2020 Aaron won the Robert Diviney Trophy, which is awarded to the Most Outstanding Club Player, Junior or Senior, having won this Trophy in 1999 and 2001. Aaron has won seven of the eight perpetual trophies awarded by the Club. The only trophy Aaron has not won is the Harry Wark Snr Trophy, which is awarded to a member in the lower division who has displayed loyalty, enthusiasm, and dedication in the true traditions of the Club. In his time playing senior hockey for Glebe Aaron has always played in Premier Division, making him ineligible to win this award.

When he stopped playing at the end of the 2020 season Aaron had played 426 senior Club games for Glebe. Since stopping playing after the 2020 season Aaron has continued to come to Club social functions, attend some Club games and be actively involved in Club affairs. He enjoys his involvement with the many friends he has made at Glebe since he started playing for the Club in 1983, over 40 years ago.

Aaron is an affable, friendly chap who is easy to get along with, positive, optimistic and a doer, not a talker. He is not a person who seeks the limelight or self-aggrandizement. He tries for consensus, if possible, listens to the opinion of others, contributes in his own low-key, quiet way, and is a good communicator. Aaron has made a lifetime commitment to the Glebe District Hockey Club and the awarding of a Life Membership to him would be a fitting acknowledgement of his outstanding contribution to the life and times of the GDHC both on and off the field of play.

In Remembrance

Over the period of time since the 2022 Annual Report, the following members and supporters of our Club have experienced the loss of a loved one. We pay our respects and recognise and give thanks for their contribution and commitment to the Club and our members.

Geoff Hammett (Glebe player from the 1990s-2000s) lost his mother, Lesley. 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.

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.

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.

Andrew 'Googa' Goodrick (Life Member) lost his mother, Denise Goodrick. Denise's support for our great Club over so many years was incredibly generous. Her contribution will be forever remembered.

George Manou (Life Member) and Garry Manou (ex 1st Grade GK) lost their sister Desi. Desi is also aunt to current Glebe player Aleks 'Mouse' Manou.

The Galluzzo family, long-time generous sponsor of Glebe District Hockey Club through their business Galluzzo Fruiterers, from whom Damian and Michael Galluzzo also played for Glebe in both Junior and Senior ranks, lost their beloved Sam Galluzzo, brother and eldest sibling of Damian and Michael.

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