



Glebe District Hockey Club  
**2024 Junior  
Annual Report**



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Glebe District Hockey Club acknowledges the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation as the traditional owners of the land on which the Club is situated, and pays respects to Elder's past, present, and emerging.

## BACKGROUND

The Glebe District Hockey Club (GDHC) has been a cornerstone of Sydney's hockey community since its foundation in 1933. Rooted in the storied St James Sports Club, which fielded its first hockey team in 1931, GDHC has a rich history, proudly fielding competitive teams each year across all grades. The Club's legacy is built on the thousands of players who have passed through its doors and the enduring sense of community that has always been its hallmark.

GDHC provides more than a game of hockey. People of all ages and abilities are welcomed into the GDHC family, and its inclusive and accepting philosophy has ensured that lifelong friendships are forged over the shared passion for the game. This is what makes Glebe District Hockey Club a Champion Club, and a Club of Champions.

The Club fielded its first junior team in 1948 and many of Glebe's Juniors have gone on to state and national honours, including representing Australia. The Club focuses on supporting and nurturing players at club level, developing both hockey and team skills, and providing opportunities for leadership and contribution. Our Juniors tell us they love playing for GDHC because of the strong friendships they form, the opportunities the Club provides, and above all because it is fun. Players of all abilities or experience from ages 4 to 17 are welcomed in the Juniors, with the youngest players starting with the "hookin2hockey" Minkey program, graduating to the under 10s (U10) through to under 18s (U18). Juniors can also extend their hockey skills by playing in the SEHA (Sydney East Hockey Association) Competition, and at least one team at each of the U14 and U16 age levels plays in the Sydney Metro competition.

## GDHC BOARD

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### EDITOR'S NOTE

How best to maintain a representative historical record in the modern context continues to present editorial challenges. Cameras capture every moment of our lives and the GDHC has used social media to keep members up to date with events throughout the season. We have endeavoured not to replicate too many images and to curate a representative selection in this year's report to showcase as many of our talented juniors as possible. Any errors or omissions are entirely innocent, and we sincerely apologise if someone has been left out. Do let us know and we will do our utmost to correct it.

A heartfelt thank you to all our Junior families for sharing photos throughout the year for our socials and publications. These images have helped create lasting memories and stories of an enjoyable journey. This Junior Annual Report is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our coaches, managers, families, and, most importantly, our junior players. We appreciate your contributions.

### JUNIORS DIRECTOR REPORT

**Juniors Director:** Tara Taylor

The 2024 playing year was an excellent season for Glebe Juniors, defined by major changes that are already shaping our future. With the introduction of new uniforms, the eagerly awaited Crescent Turf, and the statewide shift from odd to even year age levels, we managed three significant changes at once! Amidst all this, we also celebrated tremendous success, with six of our Junior teams making the finals, four progressing to the Grand Final, and three of them claiming championship titles in their divisions.

#### Significant Developments

This year, Glebe Juniors transitioned to fielding teams in the U10, U12, U14, U16, and U18 divisions, replacing the traditional U9, U11, U13, U15, and U17 structure. The shift, implemented by our playing associations in early 2024, required significant communication and adjustments, but thanks to our dedicated team managers and the support of parents and families, the process was remarkably smooth.

A highlight of this shift was the emergence of a strong U10 SEHA competition, where Glebe fielded three teams out of 7. Glebe continues to lead in this age group, showcasing the depth of talent and development within our club at this youngest competition age-level. It was particularly exciting to see two of our U10 teams reach the Grand Final and both win – with a draw after extra time. We could not have asked for a better outcome in a Glebe v Glebe Grand Final.

Additionally, we took the unique opportunity this year to field a second U16 team in the Metro competition, due to the strong retention of players from 2023 (who did not progress

to the next age-level due to the age-level change). This allowed more players the opportunity to experience the higher level of competition, which we believe will contribute to their long-term development and to the future of our club. Special thanks to Ken Wark, who led the U16 Glebe Fire Metro Team, helping them to grow and develop in this competitive environment.

The change in age-levels also meant our U14 Metro team included players who were all completely new to the Metro Competition. Usually about half the players on a Metro team have had some prior experience of the Metro Competition. As a result, this group experienced an enormous learning curve, however, they kept up their spirit and kept fighting and were a much better team by year end. Thank you to Mack Noller, their coach, who was so committed and persistent in his development focus.

### **Crescent Turf – A Game Changer**

The opening of the Crescent Turf in April was another landmark achievement for our club. This facility has become a home ground for our U10 and U12B teams, giving them the opportunity to play on both Jubilee Grass and Crescent Turf. We also hosted finals games here, marking the first time in many years that Glebe was able to do so. This new turf is a crucial part of our club's expansion, providing our Juniors with more access to top-quality facilities in the local area – many have told me they are now able to practise more! We can't wait for the new summer comp to begin.

### **Development Programs**

Our focus on development continues to be a cornerstone of our success. This year, we once again ran a six-week pre-season Development Academy, ensuring our teams were ready to hit the ground running. For the third year, we also offered an additional 12 hours of Development Academy sessions during school holidays, along with weekly Junior Fitness sessions at the start of the season.

In 2024, we expanded our Glebe Junior Accelerator program to include U14 Redback players alongside the U16 (with U18s joining seniors mostly). This program targets technical and tactical skills for players aiming to transition to our Senior Men's and Women's teams. The fast-paced sessions, held mostly at the Crescent, focused on key elements to improve individual skills and overall game awareness.

Huge thanks to Development Director Katrina Cochrane, whose tireless efforts continue to make these initiatives a success.

### **Representative Success**

As you'll see in the following pages, 2024 was another positive year for our representative players. Many of our Juniors took part in SEHA teams, and we have numerous players



currently trialling for the indoor representative season. Their commitment to improving their hockey, forming connections within the hockey community, and playing more games is commendable. We also had several players selected for State Teams and Squads, an exciting milestone for both the players and our club – see the update later in this Annual Report.

### **A Club of Volunteers**

Glebe Juniors runs entirely on volunteer efforts, and it's thanks to these contributions that our club thrives. I want to extend my deepest gratitude to all of our volunteers.

Firstly, I'd like to mention our incredible coaches. This year they were all either current Senior players or highly experienced retired Glebe or Senior players. Their knowledge and passion for the game have made a profound impact on our Juniors, helping to inspire the next generation.

Our team managers have also been outstanding, handling the logistics and communication that make every game and training session run smoothly. Thank you for your dedication and hard work.

A special mention goes to Peter Bestel, our tireless Juniors Umpires Coordinator. With the increased number of Metro teams this year, Peter went above and beyond to ensure every game was covered. His efforts are invaluable, and we couldn't have done it without him.

### **Building Our Community**

Club President Sue Heath has done an exceptional job managing the Clubhouse and building community spirit at the Clubhouse during home games and training this year. With the help of a new team of Clubhouse Managers, many of whom are older Juniors, Sue has ensured that our Wednesday and Saturday BBQs were a regular feature, fostering camaraderie and connection among players, parents, and coaches. Her work behind the scenes is vital to the running of our club, and I cannot thank her enough.

### **Teamwork makes the dream work**

I'd also like to acknowledge the many administrators and volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes, including:

- Myf Waddell for planning a fantastic social media calendar
- Our Communications Director, Carolyn, for her support with all sorts of Juniors promotion over the season.
- Jill Jeremy for supporting the production of this report!
- Justine Smith for managing substitutes and assisting with SEHA roles.
- The wonderful Legend who coordinated our ball person program, 100 games and match statistics and not to mention coordinating a fantastic Juniors Olympic games event.
- Jen Wood for managing match cards and helping wherever needed.
- Ramona Batchelor for her coordination of SEHA photos and additional support.

- Katrina Cochrane and the team of coaches and senior players for supporting the Development Academy and various Development strategies outlined above.
- Mark Paterson for coordinating the U10 division coaching
- Nic Glass for undertaking other aspects of U10 coordination.
- Our Minkey program leaders, Michael Boyce Monforte, Stephanie Boyce Monforte, Amanda Chivers, Harry Wark and Gab Paterson, for their tireless work with our youngest juniors, as well as other Minkey coaches who assisted across the year.
- Ian Foster for again managing goalie kits.
- Maureen Paterson, Jess Kennedy and others for arranging the Junior Disco!
- Nathan Marris and Garry Ng for taking on the BBQ at the Clubhouse Olympic games event.
- Kevin Heath for his ongoing and regular support with catering at Club events.
- Henry, Daisy, Cate, and Clark for managing the Wednesday canteen.
- All the many other volunteers which pitched-in in other ways across the year. We extend our heartfelt thanks to you all.

Finally, a big thank you to the GDHC Board for their unwavering support of our Junior players, especially as they transition to Seniors.

### **Farewell to 2024 and Hello 2025**

To all our Juniors – congratulations on your efforts this year. Every Junior should be proud of their achievements and development this year whether their team won or lost. The club and I are immensely proud of your progress, both as teams and as individuals. The conversations I hear about how far our teams have come and how much players have improved are a testament to your hard work and dedication. Above all we are a community, and your spirit and respect for each other is great to see.

With strong numbers in Juniors, a growing development program, and the new Crescent Turf, 2025 is looking like another exceptional year for Glebe Juniors. The combination of growth, development, and community spirit is what makes Glebe so special. Thank you to all players, parents, coaches, and volunteers for your contributions to this year's success. I look forward to what we can achieve together in 2025.

Tara Taylor  
Juniors Director



## AROUND THE PITCH

Below are some of the activities we got up to outside of our team games and training this year.

### School Holiday Development Academy

Our Development Academy reached new heights in 2024 as players and friends met at the new Crescent turf for some hockey-based fun during the Autumn and Winter school holidays. This Club-run academy was a great success with participants from all ages developing their hockey skills, hanging out with friends and teammates, and enjoying the free BBQ lunch.

#### Autumn Holidays











Winter Holidays







### Burger Night at the Clubhouse

Wednesday night sausage sizzles are a core component of the weekly U10 squad training nights; however, things got mixed up when burgers appeared on the menu!





Juniors supporting the Hockeyroos and Kookaburras during the Paris Olympics





### Juniors Disco Night

Minkeys, U10s and U12 players and families enjoyed a night of fun and frolics at the annual GDHC disco in August.



### Inaugural Finals on our Home Turf

U10s enjoyed the support of the GDHC community when the Wasps played the Hornets at the Crescent.





## TEAM REPORTS

### MINKEY

**Coaches:** Michael Boyce Monforte, Stephanie Boyce Monforte, Amanda Chivers & Harry Wark

**Manager:** Gabrielle Paterson



Back row L-R: Michael Boyce Monforte (Coach), Amanda Chivers (Coach)

Middle row L-R: Teo Higgs Volkov, Stephanie Boyce Monforte (Coach), Elliot Cohen, Matilda Hurrell, Hugo Benson, Angus Wotton, Sophie Sleiman, Jonty Tyler

Front row L-R: Kelsie Boyce Monforte, Edie Leong, Meera Haggerty, Georgina Howarth, Isla Paterson, Phoenix Lo Russo, Theodore Hurrell



Action shot: Harry Wark (coach), Thomas Meneses, Edie Leong, Clara Chadwick, Theodore Hurrell, Isla Paterson, Meera Haggerty, Teo Higgs Volkov, Angus Wotton, Jonty Tyler.



Back row L-R: Amanda Chivers (Coach), Harry Wark (Coach), Gabrielle Paterson (Manager)  
Middle row: Stephanie Boyce Monforte, Angus Wotton, Teo Higgs Volkov, Beatrix Fawcett Hand (pink bib), Georgina Howarth (white hat), Elliot Cohen  
Front row L-R: Isla Paterson, Jonty Tyler, Phoenix Lo Russo, Hugo Benson, Emily Kinsey (white shirt), Meera Haggerty, Sophie Sleiman, Thomas Meneses (orange stick), Edie Leong, Theo McMinn  
Absent: Clara Chadwick, Theodore Hurrell, Meera Haggerty, David Allan, Matilde Maluccio

It's been a great season of Minkey this year, with a wonderful mixture of new and returning faces. This year the Minkeys had an exciting opportunity to utilise the new Crescent Turf, as well as Jubilee Oval and Bicentennial Park, which has allowed them to experience what playing in Juniors Field Teams will be like in years to come. On top of learning the basics of hockey, such as passing, dribbling, tackling and scoring, games including Rob the Nest, Hocktopus, Fruit Salad and Red Light-Green Light were favourites of each session.

Thank you to Coaches Steph, Michael, Amanda and Harry, and Manager Gabby, for a season full of fun and skill development. Also, a mention to the Juniors who assisted with coaching Minkey games over the course of the season, and to Mark for helping with sessions in between coaching his Junior U10 Team.

Best of luck to all the Minkeys who will progress to Juniors U10 Teams next year!

Coach Stephanie Boyce Monforte on behalf of the Minkey Coaches



### U10 SQUAD

Pictured below is the 2024 U10 Squad including Coaches Rupert Hughes, Lydia Najdzion and Mark Paterson. Photo taken after training on Wednesday, 21st August 2024 at the Crescent Synthetic Surface Annandale.



Back Row L-R [Standing]: Lynn Suwanjarat, Bridgid Allan, Ellis Marks-Bone, Oscar Johnson, Isla Hutton, Natalie Pack, Chloe Williams, Elliott Cohen, Elijah Jeremy, Anna Byrne, Lachlan Badger, Beatrix Gotsbacher, Abigail Glass, Harriet Edwards, Grace Paterson.

Middle Row L-R [Sitting or kneeling]: Finn O'Brien, Mischa Bidanov, Viktoria Bidanov, Adelaide Done, Freya Burrell, Margeaux Ma, Andia Bello-Vijayarasa, Lucy Schneider, Carter Bell, Alegra Vijayanayagam, Isaac Johnston.

Front Row L-R [Lying/sitting]: Maximilian Birch, Frank Paterson, Jasper McGlashan, Jenson Chiarella, Charlie Downton

Absent: Sebastien O'Neill, Lennox Cranmer

In 2023, the Glebe District Hockey Club proudly fielded four U9 teams in a quarter field development competition, totalling 27 players. During the off-season, our local association, with guidance from Hockey NSW, reclassified the junior age divisions into U10, U12, U14, U16, and U18. This shift reflects the age group structures prominent from the 1950s to the 1980s. As a result, most of the U9 players moved into the U10 ranks for the 2024 season. Glebe fielded three U10 teams in this new half field format, a significant achievement as it was more than any other Hockey club in the South-East Sydney Hockey Association [SEHA]. Throughout the season, Glebe's U10 teams competed against the Sutherland, St George Randwick, Bankstown, and the University of NSW Hockey Clubs.

One of the season's highlights was the completion of the Crescent synthetic playing surface, which, along with Jubilee Oval, allowed Glebe to host regular home games each Saturday morning. This has been a tremendous asset for the club, as games had to be played at other venues in previous seasons. The ability to play and train locally has significantly strengthened the club's visibility in the community.

Despite fielding three separate U10 teams, the decision was made to train as a unified squad on Wednesday nights. The focus during these sessions was on developing fitness, practising fundamental skills, and addressing the individual needs of each player. Week after week, the players displayed keen enthusiasm, positivity, and a genuine eagerness to learn and improve. This contributed to a season filled with fun and enjoyment for all involved.

Wednesday nights also became a hub for social interaction among the families. The clubhouse was open, fostering camaraderie among the parents, who would gather to chat while the children trained. After training, the players often found themselves climbing trees, kicking a ball around the oval, or engaging in other spontaneous activities.

I must take this opportunity to thank the Glebe DHC Clubhouse managers Daisy Noble, Clark Foster, Cate Heath and Henry Hunt, whose support was invaluable throughout the season. Their contributions, though sometimes behind the scenes, had a profound impact. By providing a warm and welcoming clubhouse every Wednesday night after training, they created a positive environment for families to gather, share a meal, have a drink, and catch up. One parent mentioned that Wednesday nights were her favourite time of the week, as the clubhouse buzzed with conversation, while the kids happily played outside on the forecourt or oval. This sense of community was exceptional and appreciated by everyone involved in the U10 and U12 squads.

A huge thank you also to Mr Nic Glass for taking on the responsibility of organising the families to volunteer for cooking and serving duties on Wednesday nights throughout the season. Nic often stepped up and took on the task himself, always bringing a positive attitude and a can-do spirit. On behalf of all the families and parents, thank you, Nic, for your dedication and for helping Wednesday nights run so smoothly. We truly appreciate all your hard work!

At the start of the season, U10 registrations totalled 27 players. It was decided to divide the players into three teams, based on ability and friendship groups, to ensure a balanced and enjoyable experience. The three teams were named the Strikers, Wasps, and Hornets, each starting with 9 players (8 on the field at any time). While family commitments and holidays occasionally meant teams played with the bare minimum or even one player short, we were mindful that U10 teams could have a maximum of 13 players each. We aimed to avoid having 4-5 substitutes per game to keep all players actively involved on the field, rather than



spending too much time on the sideline. Each team gained a player or two throughout the season, with final numbers balancing out at 10 players per team and a total squad size of 30 by the season's end.

Word about the U10 program spread quickly throughout the local community. Friends of players would often come down to the turf to try out hockey, along with younger siblings and classmates. Our approach has always been inclusive, and we've welcomed everyone—whether new to hockey or experienced—without turning anyone away.

The U10 coaches for 2024 were Ms Lydia Najdzion (Strikers), Mr Mark Paterson (Wasps), and Mr Rupert Hughes (Hornets). These dedicated coaches were well-supported by their team managers: Mr. Tim McMinn (Strikers), Ms. Sukata Suwanjarat (Wasps), and Mr. Martin Schneider (Hornets). The managers handled the essential administrative tasks, including game day match cards and player eligibility requirements. On behalf of the coaching team, I'd like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the managers for their hard work behind the scenes, which allowed us coaches to focus solely on coaching and supporting the players.

The U10s were extremely fortunate to have many hands on deck every Wednesday night, helping them learn and master the fundamentals of hockey. A special thank you goes to my father and GlebeDHC Life Member, Geoffrey Paterson—Granddad to Grace and Frank—who never missed a session, rain, hail, or shine. Geoff, who trained juniors for many years, including his sons, at Jubilee Oval—the spiritual home of the club—brought invaluable experience to the squad. His return to the clubhouse after training stirred fond memories of the years he spent helping build the club's junior base.

A big thank you also to Ms Sophie Lloyd, who, in 2024, was completing her Duke of Edinburgh Award at St Scholastica's College, Glebe Point. As part of the community service component of her award, Sophie generously volunteered her time to assist the U10 squad. Her presence was invaluable, especially with those players whose attention spans could wander. Sophie had a natural ability to keep them engaged, ensuring they were practising and playing throughout the season.

I would also like to express my deepest gratitude to Mrs. Sue Heath, who undertook a monumental amount of work behind the scenes. Sue ensured the clubhouse was always well-stocked for Wednesday night training sessions. Along with her husband, Mr. Kevin Heath, she organised the many Saturday morning BBQs, serving bacon and eggs, and sausage rolls, which became a cherished post-game tradition for both players and families. The effort involved in purchasing the food and transporting all the necessary equipment from the clubhouse to the Crescent field every second Saturday morning was truly immense. The warmth and hospitality extended to the Glebe families and visiting opposition teams were deeply appreciated. Sue, who also serves as our Club President, was also a

constant presence on Saturday mornings, overlooking the junior teams with pride. She was always gracious, up for a chat, and ever-present in her Glebe colours. Her support and dedication set a welcoming tone for everyone involved.

Lastly, a heartfelt thanks to Ms. Tara Taylor, who provided unwavering support and counsel throughout the season, ensuring we always had what we needed. Her organisational efforts helped the season run smoothly, and her guidance was invaluable.

The success of the U10 squad in 2024 was truly a team effort, and the contributions of all these individuals made the season a memorable and enjoyable experience for players and families alike. In closing, the 2024 season has been a testament to the strength of Glebe Hockey's community spirit, teamwork, and dedication to developing young players.

They say you're never too old to learn, and I can confidently say that the U10 players taught the U10 coaches a thing or two this season. Watching their enthusiasm, resilience, and growth has been nothing short of uplifting.

I hope that every player enjoyed their time on the field and carries fond memories of the season with them. I look forward to seeing them all back in the maroon and white for 2025, ready and raring to go for another exciting year of hockey!

Coach Mark Paterson, on behalf of the U10 coaches

## U10 WASPS

**Coach:** Mark Paterson

**Manager:** Sukata Rianviriyakij



Back L-R: Mark Peterson (Coach), Charlie Downton, Carter Bell, Viktoria Bidanov, Finn O'Brien, Lynn Sowanjarat, Frank Paterson.

Front L-R: Isla Hutton, Grace Paterson, Harriet Edwards, Abby Glass

The season started much like previous ones, with most of the U10 Wasps players progressing through the Minkey and U9 ranks from the last two seasons. However, the U10 competition brought a new level of formality, requiring a dedicated goalkeeper for every game and featuring matches played on half a field with seven field players plus the goalkeeper. This shift added an exciting challenge to the team, and the players adapted brilliantly, working hard to develop their skills and play as a cohesive unit.

The U10 Wasps had a stellar season, playing 12 games and finishing with an impressive record of 10 wins, 1 draw, and just 1 loss. With three byes during the season, they scored 66 goals and conceded 23, giving them a positive goal difference of 43. The Wasps wrapped up the regular season with 31 points, reflecting their strong performances on the field.

The Wasps entered the finals series with high spirits, starting with the Major Semi-Final against the Glebe Hornets at Crescent Field. In front of a packed crowd of parents, siblings,

grandparents, and club members, both teams delivered an intense and thrilling display of hockey. Despite their efforts, the Wasps were edged out by the Hornets, who claimed a 3-1 victory in a tense battle that showcased the skills and determination of both sides.

Following the defeat, the Wasps had to quickly regroup as they faced Sutherland in the final, with a spot in the Grand Final on the line. This match was equally tense, with the scoreline remaining tight throughout. However, the Wasps rose to the occasion, eventually securing a hard-fought 6-3 victory and earning their place in the Grand Final.

The Grand Final, played on Sunday, 15 September 2024, at Kyeemagh Hockey Field, was a spectacle for the ages. In a fitting twist, the two Glebe teams—the Wasps and the Hornets—met once again, for the third time in four weeks. The Hornets struck first and, with a series of short corners, applied heavy pressure on the Wasps' defence. However, the Wasps held firm, entering halftime trailing 1-0. Early in the second half, the Wasps equalised, and the match continued with both teams trading attacking opportunities. Despite several close chances, neither side could break the deadlock, and the game ended 1-1 at full time. This led to a dramatic sudden death, golden goal drop-off, where the teams played two 6-minute halves, first 5 v 5, and then finally 4 v 4. Even after extra time, the teams remained inseparable. In a fitting end to an incredible season and a remarkable match, both teams were awarded joint premiers—a well-deserved recognition for two evenly matched sides that gave their all.

**Carter Bell:** The ultimate team player. Carter always gave his all and supported his teammates with courtesy and kindness. He volunteered to play in goals during the final and Grand Final, where he performed remarkably, stopping some incredible shots. On the field, Carter made tremendous progress, scoring key goals throughout the season while continuing to improve his stick work.

**Viktoria Bidanov:** New to hockey in 2024, Viktoria improved steadily every week. By the end of the season, she was a vital part of the team, with her passing and pushing developing to become strong and accurate.

**Charlie Downton:** Another new player in 2024, Charlie showed natural hand-eye coordination. When focused and engaged, he made excellent tackles and delivered strong passes into the attacking half. He became more involved in every game as the season progressed.

**Isla Hutton:** "Miss Consistent" always delivered. Isla ran hard, tackled with intensity, and chased back tirelessly. She scored crucial goals, particularly in the final against Sutherland, and had a standout performance in the Grand Final with impressive reverse stick traps.

**Harriet Edwards:** Harriet is the type of player every team needs. Always upbeat, positive, and enthusiastic, she was a pleasure to coach. Attentive and eager to learn, her hockey skills improved tremendously this year. Harriet was a key contributor in the midfield and upfront, with strong passing, trapping, and involvement in every game.



**Abby Glass:** Abby has a keen sense for staying in the contest, as seen in the Grand Final, where she made crucial tackles and never missed a beat. A quiet achiever, Abby never sought the limelight but always played her role and position with dedication to the team.

**Finn O'Brien:** A natural talent, Finn's speed and game sense made him an asset upfront. He always seemed to be in the right place at the right time, including when he scored the equaliser in the Grand Final.

**Frank Paterson:** Frank is a fierce competitor who loves his hockey. As the team's leading goal-scorer, he always gave 100%. Frank played his best game in the Grand Final, where his decision-making on when to pass or run with the ball made a significant impact. He possesses all the skills.

**Grace Paterson:** Grace has determination and speed in abundance. She never gave up and always supported her teammates. Her tireless effort earned her the well-deserved title of Player of the Grand Final awarded by the Umpires. Passed, ran and tackled tirelessly throughout the year and scored some well-deserved goals throughout the year.

**Lynn Suwanjarat:** Lynn is a tough competitor who never backed down. She played some fantastic hockey during the finals series, always staying in the contest and showing great strength on the ball.

As we reflect on the season, it's hard not to feel immense pride in how far the U10 Wasps have come. From the early days of the season to the thrilling Grand Final, this team has shown growth, determination, and the true spirit of Glebe hockey. While we look back fondly on the 2024 season, we also look forward to what's next. The foundation laid this season promises even bigger things to come, and we can't wait to see where this journey takes these young players.

## U10 HORNETS

**Coach:** Rupert Hughes

**Manager:** Martin Schneider



Pictured L to R: Beatrix Gotsbacher, Lucy Schneider, Alegra Vijayanayagam, Andia Bello-Vijayarasa, Adelaide Done, Chloe Williams, Elijah Jeremy, Maximillian Birch, Jenson Chiarella, Jasper McGlashan; Back Rupert Hughes (Coach)

The Hornet's 2024 season has been nothing short of outstanding, driven by an unwavering team effort. Every player was determined, giving 100% throughout the campaign, the collective improvement from the first game till the last was remarkable. There were several highlights this season that showed the mark of a team which deserved the Co-Premiership. One of the team's standout moments was our hard-fought 1-0 victory against Sutho, the lone goal scored by **Lucy Schneider**, who put in an unbelievable effort in the frontline all season. Lucy is always hungry for goals, she consistently shows up to every game to work for the team, thank you Lucy for your commitment.

Another highlight was the 9-3 win over the Wasps. Before the game there was trepidation amongst the team as they were fixating on the 3-1 loss against this Wasp side earlier in the season, worried that this result would follow suit. After the pre-match briefing, which focused on the importance of confidence, and desire to win (mixed with a little bit of grit), the Hornets put on a show for the ages. They would then win again the following week in the Major Semi-final. If there was any lesson I hope the kids took from these headline

fixtures against our Co-Premiers, it's that they should always try to find the confidence to back their own ability against any opposition and try new things, and ALWAYS back the team's effort.

In the Grand Final, the competition was fierce as the two best teams met again. **Max Birch** made a great sacrifice for the team, by volunteering to be Goalie for the third time this season. He made key saves (yes, I'm talking about THAT hero save) that secured our co-premiership. Thank you, Max, for your stellar season.

I'd like to highlight **Jasper McGlashan**, our top goalscorer with 19 goals. Whose technical prowess truly shone this season. One morning we raced to a 6-0 lead at halftime against Bankstown, and the Hornets showed no sign of slowing down. So, in the spirit of learning, the decision was made to let Jasper play the second half for Bankstown. The final scoreline was 6-5. His skill is enough to lift up any team. And for the rest of the Hornets, this game taught them invaluable lessons in resilience and the importance of not relying on the individual brilliance of one player, but on the brilliance of all players in the team.

I'd also like to recognize **Adelaide Done** and **Alegra Vijayanayagam** for their positivity and commitment to the team, which has seen their learning curve improve strong but steadily all throughout the season.

I'd like to acknowledge **Beatrix Gotsbacher** for her hard work and never say die attitude, which has made her not only a participant, but amongst the most competitive players in the U10 competition.

Additionally, **Jenson Chiarella** made an immediate impact upon joining us in his debut hockey season, scoring three goals in his first game. A truly impressive feat. We would love to see Jenson as part of the Club going forward.

**Andia Bello-Vijayarasa**, our second top Scorer (16 goals) proved to be a consistent threat to any team. She always ran herself into the ground, (as good strikers do). I was particularly impressed by her effort at training and willingness to learn more.

Then there's the Brick wall in defense himself, **Elijah (Eli) Jermey**. Often found in the defensive line with his good mate Max, He has rarely let (both) the ball and the player past him, the mark of a true Glebe Defender. His consistency at the back all season has proven him to be the most reliable in a tough game.

Last, but not least, perhaps one of the most versatile players I've come across, **Chloe Williams**. Chloe will follow your instructions to a T. Which is a coach's dream. She is a quick thinker which is proven as she always adapts to new plans swiftly, she can play anywhere on the field you put her and give it 100% every time.

I would also love to take a moment to appreciate the Team Manager, Martin Schneider. Your attentiveness, commitment and vigilance to both the admin and on field operations has contributed greatly to this team's success. You have made my role as coach so easy to do, it has been a pleasure to take charge of this team alongside you all year.



Overall, this season has truly shown that when the Hornets swarm together, we can achieve great things. I am truly humbled to be a part of such a team. I am endlessly proud of these kids. Here's to building on this success in the future... Go Hornets!

### **U10 STRIKERS**

**Coach:** Lydia Najdzion

**Manager:** Tim McMinn



Pictured L to R: Ellis Marks-Bone, Lennox Cranmer, Oscar Johnson, Freya Burrell, Lachlan Badger, Anna Byrne, Margeaux Ma, Bridgid Allan  
Absent: Natalie Pack, Imogen Tyler, Sebastian O'Neill

This 2024 season has been a great pleasure to be a part of. Being a new experience for the players, parents and myself it has been an interesting and enlightening experience. The development and growth witnessed throughout this season has been a testament to incredible hockey players these athletes will be in the future. I want to thank firstly Mark and Geoff Paterson for the incredible support within the under 10 division, creating a supportive and friendly environment which has allowed for the growth with all the teams.

Next, the parents. Their devotion to advocate for hockey with such enthusiasm was amazing and helped the team to experience excitement and joy for hockey. The dedication to come to the games and training has allowed this growth within the team.

The start of the season definitely created the basis of the team's growth. The ability to connect and learn new skills has allowed the strikers to gain the deserved wins throughout



the season and in the final rounds. Each child showed great advancements in their hockey skills and ability to function as the great team known today.

We used a variety of different drills in our practices this season. The aim of encouraging strategic thinking and problem solving, key aspects of sports play which was achieved through different types such as 3D skills and obstacles to encourage players to discover ways to move the ball around the field quicker.

It was a great pleasure to coach these kids and can't wait to see them all back in 2025 for another incredible season with much more development to come.

### U12 REDBACKS

**Coach:** Dean Tyler

**Manager:** Sophia Tzannes



Back L-R: Johanna Hadassin, Rani Batchelor, Tennille Edbrooke, Maeve Ruggeri, Ophelia Worsley, Jude Gibson, Elyse Tyler-Stewart, Joshua McQueen

Middle L-R: Sive Ruggeri, Byron Shepherd, Aliya Chivers, Holly Carne, Billy Lloyd

Front L-R: Kai Jerome

For 2024, the U12 Redbacks all made the big step up from regular half field to full field. With that came the requirement to learn more about positions and their responsibilities across the park. The Team was predominantly made up of the U11 Redbacks of last year, plus some new faces from the Glebe Junior Programs and Teams.

Our ability to have sole use at the Crescent pitch for training this year was of real benefit and allowed us to train with lots of space and movement. Thanks to GDHC for the years of hard work in assisting in getting this pitch across the line, and getting our time locked in, as I am sure the benefits will be seen for years to come.

The competition this year on the pitch was a fairly even one; however, we always just fell short against the top teams, including 2 draws (1 of which was with 10 players only). Throughout the whole season, the kids tried their best and never gave up. The attendance to the games and training was generally great, and we only needed to call in assistance for games from the other teams on a couple of occasions. Across the park, we saw great improvements in the team as a whole and the kids as individuals. Some of the skills we improved on were utilising the widths for attack, setting up off of hits and getting turnovers and not hitting the ball back to where it just came from.

Lots of thanks for this season, specifically, but not limited to:

- The parents doing the Crescent/Cintra siblings run every Tuesday night
- Ken Shepherd for the pre-game running and ladder drills
- Alex Gibson for picking up the coaching duties for games and trainings for when I couldn't make it, and setting up the kids for success from the previous seasons
- Sophia Tzannes, and other great people who can't be named for the team organisation and all the WhatsAPP groups and polls!!!
- All the kids for turning up and being willing to learn

I hope everyone had a great season and they come back keen to take the next step in their improvement next year.



## U12 HORNETS

**Coaches:** Olivia Cain & Chantelle Hughes

**Manager:** Myf Waddell



Back L-R: Olivia (Liv) Cain (Coach), Timothy (Timmy) Sullivan, Henry Anderson, Chantelle Hughes (Coach), Myf Waddell (Manager)

Front L-R: Cooper Heaney, Madeleine Harden, Hannah Sinclair, Mia Hutton, Audrey Gallico, Caleb Lee, Xavier Foote

The 2024 season was outstanding for the U12B Hornets, winning the Grand Final and finishing U12B Premiers. The team persevered in the face of illness and nerves to take out the win against a physically bigger and stronger Sutherland team. Having previously come away with a draw last time that the two teams met mere weeks beforehand.

It was a small but hearty competition in U12Bs this year, but the team finished the season undefeated with 43 points and a whopping 99 goals during the regular season. Nothing short of outstanding. This was a determined and talented group of players who not only showed great personal growth but also worked well as a team to achieve this amazing outcome.

**Audrey:** Audrey, AKA "the wall", was impenetrable in defence and a headache to anyone who underestimated her deceptive 4-foot frame and quiet, yet fiercely determined, mindset.

Audrey reads the game like no one else, and her reliability and speed in defence were a tremendous asset to the Hornets this year.

**Caleb:** Caleb became a goal-scoring machine, slotting over three quarters of the goals for the team this season. He was a great organiser on the field and linked in well with others on



and off the field. It was brilliant to watch Caleb find another gear when it mattered most. Caleb improved all facets of his game this year, including mastering his post-goal Celebrations.

**Cooper:** Cooper “Dooper” bravely took on the goalkeeper role for most of the year and grew

into a confident keeper under the tutelage of the wonderful Jess Kennedy. His talent on the field and in goals made him a fantastic asset this season, with his many saves often turning the tide in matches. Cooper shines both on and off the field, giving sage half-time assessments, supportive team talks, and never-ending smiles.

**Hannah:** Hannah has amazing energy and enthusiasm, always getting in the thick of the action, and loves learning new skills and sharing her learnings with the team. Hannah discovered her talent for scoring in the second half of the season, and it was a joy to watch her smiling face as she scored one of the goals in the GF. Hannah will be a force to be reckoned with next year.

**Henry:** Henry was our quiet achiever, who turned up each week to training with a great attitude and determination. He complimented Audrey in defence for most of the season, delivering game-changing tackles to anyone who came near. Henry found a late calling as a forward, becoming an incredible short corner asset and providing one of the moments of the season when he scored his first goal.

**Madeleine:** Maddie is a strong allrounder who loves to chat and socialise, but never underestimate her when she puts her mind to something. Her strong tackles, stamina (when she forgets she’s running) and solid basics added to the strength of our midfield and will ensure she is set up for success in years to come.

**Mia:** Mia was a feisty and versatile player who was strong beyond her size and applied her analytical brain to master new techniques. Mia played in every position on the field, including

a successful stint in goals, some brilliant saves on the line, and even tapped in a few handy goals. She’s never afraid to speak up and contribute and support her teammates.

**Timothy:** Tim is a serious and determined young man whose curiosity helps him to master any skill he sets his mind to. Tim grew tremendously this season into a strong leader who not only set up many goals and attacking opportunities but mastered the art of passing and always selflessly ran back to support our defence. We cannot overlook his many speccy goals, dogged determination, and perseverance, always striving to learn and do better.

**Xavier:** Xavier was our consummate team player, leading by example with his on-point positioning and excellent communication skills on the field. Xavier’s brilliant passing down the sidelines led to some excellent goals this year. Xavier could always be counted on to deliver insightful observations during half-time chats and an abundance of positivity.

This small group of players proved that hard work, playing as a team and determination can achieve great results. Many of our players took up the development opportunities and

training camps, and the growth was evident in their skills and love of the game. Tim, Caleb, Cooper and Xavier also represented SEHA at the Under 12 State Championships this year. Their additional commitment to hockey was undoubtedly instrumental in our success this Season.

Not only were they talented, gutsy, and, at times, tenacious, but they were also compassionate and great sportspeople. It was an absolute delight for us to coach this team. We are so proud of how they conducted themselves both on and off the field. The Glebe future is strong with this type of depth and integrity coming through the junior ranks.

A huge thank you to all the dedicated parents and family members who ensured the team turned up each week ready to go and were always on hand to cheer. The season would not have been the same without your support. We are also hugely thankful to the wider Glebe community, including our umpires, coaches, juniors committee, and wider Glebe board, for your continued support and commitment that allow us to take the field each week.

The team had one last secret weapon in the form of super manager, Myf. She made it look easy each week, ensuring parents were kept informed, liaising with the committee and keeping the coaches aligned and our team roster full. This is no mean feat, but with such impeccable organisational skills, Myf is truly a coach's delight (even though I am reluctant to share it too loudly, lest she be poached by other coaches!)

It was a group effort but a hugely successful and memorable year: U12B Hornets - 2024 Premiers!

**U12 STRIKERS**

**Coach:** Jess Kennedy

**Manager:** Lauren Errington



L to R: James Cohen, Jess Kennedy (Coach), Owen Errington, Angus Errington, Matilda Joy-Blacklock, Annabelle Wright, Matilda Bello-Vijeyarasa, Sam Baddams, Molly Prisk, Grace Temelkovski.

Absent: Harrison Prisk



Pictured L to R: Annabelle Wright, Harrison Prisk, Molly Prisk, Grace Temelkovski, Owen Errington, Matilda Bello-Vijeyarasa, James Cohen, Sam Baddams, Matilda Joy-Blacklock



This year it was my absolute pleasure to coach the under 12 Strikers. I'm incredibly proud of each and every one of the players for their efforts and progress over the season, both as individuals and as a team. It was a season filled with great hockey and most importantly lots of fun! A massive thank you to Lauren for ensuring we had a team to field each week. As well as all the families for supporting me and the kids all season long!

**Annabelle Wright:** Annabelle was a joy to have on the team. She put in lots of hard work over the season to improve her skills and understanding of the game. Which was all very evident with the increasingly awesome plays she made, as the season progressed.

**Grace Temelkovski:** Grace has been a delight to coach and made incredible progress over this season. From first learning how to hold the stick to then executing amazing skills. She should be very proud of her efforts this season and I hope to see her next year ready for more.

**James Cohen:** James put a great amount of passion and effort in each and every play he made. He showed very strong determination and always turned on full speed for games. James played well in every position this season but had a particular skill for midfield and goalkeeper.

**Matilda Joy-Blacklock:** Tilly's skills and game sense improved greatly over the season. Becoming a key defender and providing a connection through the midfield, up to our attacking third. It was awesome to see her growth in confidence, to go in for the tackle more and more.

**Matilda Bello-Vijayarasa:** Matilda showed in a great amount of effort every game this season. She put in the hard yards and sprints required of a very dedicated striker. She found great payoff, for her work in moving the ball towards the goal, being a top goal scorer for our team.

**Molly Prisk:** Molly was an excellent team player all season, always willing to help out her teammates as best as she could. She had many triumphs across the whole field from saving goals to scoring goals. As well as setting up goals for the team and making great plays.

**Owen Errington:** Owen's effort over the season was a highlight for anyone watching our games. He always put in 100% and showed an amazing drive for the ball. I was very proud of Owen's dedication to improving his skills and learning new ones, it really showed through.

**Sam Baddams:** Sam brought large amounts of fun to each aspect of hockey. I was very proud to see his confidence/strength in tackles and hitting the ball grow so much over the season. Sam took a real care as to what play would be best for the team, and how to best execute it.

**Angus Errington:** Angus was a super sub for us this season showing great courage to play with and against the older kids. He put in an incredible amount of effort every time he played. Being in the deep end he stood up to the challenge, held his own, and improved so much.

**Harrison Prisk:** Harrison returned to hockey towards the end of the season and proved to be a great asset. He worked well with the team, showing great passion and drive to get the ball. He was keen to improve upon his skills and understanding of the game and tactics.

## U14 REDBACKS

**Coach:** Mack Noller

**Manager:** Nathan Marris



Back L - R: Nathan Marris (Manager), Isabella O’Hora, Sophie Lloyd, Hanna Tyler-Stewart, Alby Shepherd, Tom Nelson, Willow Longhurst, Mack Noller (Super Coach), Lachlan Taylor, Middle L - R: Adeline Steiner, Camille Worsley, Lilian Turner, Eva Marris, Isabel Srdic, Ellie Roxburgh, Bekele Cochrane,  
Front L-R: Alannah Ng, Sophie Sneesby

In 2024, our usual central area U13 competition was changed into an U14 Metro comp. This meant that 2024 proved to be a very challenging year for our U14 Redbacks. Not only does the metro competition include the best teams from all over Sydney, but our team of mainly 12 to 13 year-old girls and boys were facing off against a majority of 13 to 14 year-old girls and boys. The discrepancy was as big as our year 6 girls facing year 9 boys on the same pitch. Although this was a mountain of a challenge, it was inspiring to see our kids show resilience in the face of resistance, to remain positive in the shadow of a negative score line, and to keep on trying even when they knew no matter how hard they tried it still wouldn’t be enough.



Although I knew how the season was going to go, I don't think the kids quite did. We got a huge wake-up call after losing 12-0 in the first game and going on to face score lines of 25-0 and 18-0. The target wasn't to win or score goals, but to get better. As the season progressed, the wake-up call started to take effect, and the kids started to understand that the only way we were going to help ourselves was by showing grit, determination and effort.

The pieces of the puzzle started coming together about halfway through the season where we scored our first goal against one of the top teams in the comp. Did we still lose 7-1? Yes, but the kids showed that they were improving massively and still hadn't given up, and that goal felt just as good as a win. The best signs, though, were in the second half of the season where we got to play teams again. From 25-0 down to 12-0, from 18-0 to 12-1, and the list goes on. Although they are still some massive scorelines, we showed how much we were improving, we demonstrated our attributes of resilience and grit, we stayed positive and enjoyed each other's company and mateship, something that should be the main focus of playing any organised sport.

So, in what was an extremely tough year, we didn't win any games, but we did learn some very valuable lessons that will stick with us for many years to come. We have learnt many new skills, tricks and tactics to take into our various hockey comps. We learnt that winning isn't everything. We learnt that effort and hard work pay off. We learnt that sometimes life is really damn tough. And we learnt that even when times are tough, we can still have fun.

Thanks so much to my manager, Nathan, who brought the weekly equipment and whiteboard, put up with my 'passion' from the bench, and kept me grounded in some very tough times. Thanks to the parents for pushing through and turning up each week. And thanks to the kids for never giving up.

**U14 HORNETS**

**Coach:** Erin (Ezza) Schlicht

**Managers:** Sarah Jane Nilsson & Ben Harrison



Back L-R: Ben Harrison (Manager/Asst. Coach), Annabel Armstrong, Frances Errington, Daelan Brooke, Bo-Jun Chandler, Sasha Livery, Joshua Jeremy, Agnes Stafford, Mina McGlashan.

Front L-R: Mieke Harrison, Grace Calder, Archer Matthews, Thomas Dawson, Max Rawlins (GK), Erin Schlicht (Coach), Lucas Grasso, Jennifer Nilsson-Poder.

Absent: Scarlet Quilty-Chivers



Back Row L-R; Agnes Stafford, Sasha Livery, Archer Matthews, Thomas Dawson, Lucas Grasso, Bo-Jun Chandler, Daelan Brooks, Mina McGlashan, Joshua Jeremy.

Middle Row L-R; Ezza Schlicht, Grace Calder, Annabel Armstrong, Scarlet Quilty-Chivers.

Front L-R: Max Rawlins

Absent: Frances Errington, Jennifer Nilsson-Proder and Mieke Harrison



Movement, Positivity and Communication.

All the U14 Glebe Hornet players have a huge future at the Glebe Hockey Club, supported by their outstanding parents. The ceiling may have to be lifted in the clubhouse to fit the potential of this playing group. A big thank you to the Managers Sarah and Ben who shared the duties, Sarah working through the forest at the start of the season and Ben completing the job. Great Team Effort! The Hornets christened the new crescent field (Nilan/Paterson Turf) and brownies were shared with club Legend, Mel, putting in a guest appearance.

The Hornets put in at training and the scheduled hour training session regularly turned into 2-hour mini hockey carnivals. A huge thanks to Alyson, Ben, Jill and Phil. A special thanks to Geoff Paterson who supported us on ideas for tweaking training drills. A big thank you to all the parents who also contributed to this discussion as well.

The Hornets were in a small division of 5 teams in the SEHA competition. We finished 5<sup>th</sup> just missing out on finals, scoring 3 goals and conceding 70. Throughout the season we had our backs to the wall and went down fighting. The Hornets never gave up, kept on trying, showing up, true grit and spirit. With competing teams boasting state players, we held our own in many quarters keeping them scoreless.

With all players improving as the year progressed. We ran a players player voting system and Archer Matthews came first, second was Max Rawlins and third was Bo-Jun Chandler. However, we valued the contributions of all players in the team.

**Agnes** the Strong. Capable of doing anything. One of those characters you just want in your team.

**Annabel** was a leader showing maturity beyond her years. Gifted, strong, resilient and tough.

**Archer** and **Bo**. Holding the defensive line for us all season. You are both super talented hockey players.

**Daelan** the quiet achiever. Just oozing with natural abilities. Fast and tall and a good reach. Mate, just stick with Glebe and I think you can break into any team you want to play for.

**Frances**, you are an exceptionally gifted athlete. Without any effort you raised the bar when you joined the Hornets mid-season, well done.

**Grace**, a natural. Providing the team with stability and structure. Determined and strong.

**Jennifer/JJ**, fast as a whippet. Adaptable, reliable and good at anything she does. JJ would certainly be at home at a racetrack!

**Joshua** you were outstanding all season, consistently exceptionally excellent. Had you not disappeared to find Excalibur mid-season in the Scottish Highlands I reckon we could have jagged a win!

**Lucas**, rugged, strong and hard as a rock. Another Hornet with huge potential as a hockey player. You are the most improved player this year.

**Max**, I think my nickname for you says it all “Marvelous.” Great season mate and you are such a natural talent in the goals - the Club needs awesome goalies like you.

**Mieke** you are a very talented. Agile quick you are able to change direction on a twenty cent piece. Mild and well-mannered, you are a super girl.

**Mina**, fast like a cheetah and engine like a Holden. Another natural athlete. The way you held the team together all season and kept us all positive was fantastic.

**Sasha**, fantastic to see you develop this year and you started to come out of your shell at the end of the year making an awesome contribution. Your nickname is now “Dontello”.

**Scarlet**, zero to 100km/hr in 4 seconds possessing extreme acceleration rather like a GP Motorbike. A small sized rocket of a hockey player. Watch out I say to the opposition in the future. With a few tricks added into your arsenal you will be an exceptionally gifted hockey player.

**Thomas**, the Hornet’s Engine. You gave 110 percent every game. Keep pushing yourself to do better, go for it and don’t listen to anyone that stands in your way.

### U16 REDBACKS

**Coach:** Katrina (Shorty) Cochrane

**Manager:** Amanda Johnston



Back row L-R: James Brine, Jack Margetson, Dan Shawcross, Sophia Grey, Lilli Seebacher, Sophia Chen, Miki Cooper, Cody Finlayson

Front row L-R: Declan Cohen, Airley Goodridge, Emilie Srdic, Jess Weatherall, Anna Kepert, Siala Cochrane, Joe Francis

We approached the season as a competitive team, and we were very unlucky to not make the finals series. It was unfortunate that we did not get the opportunity to play each team



twice throughout the season as I honestly believe this would have influenced our overall position on the ladder and would have had us in a stronger position and contention for the final's series.

We had multiple players reaching milestones this season which were celebrated together as a team including 100 junior games for Lili, Jess, Cody, Airley and Anna. We have many more players very close to achieving their personal milestones next season.

James again played extremely well each game, and I know I have said it previously, however, we are very fortunate to have such strength and experience in the goals as James did keep us in the game each week. I really appreciate James' feedback and support for his defenders and taking leadership and control of defensive principles required each game. James of course cannot do his job without the ongoing support from his defenders, Sophia Chen, Lili, Joseph, Declan and Cody.

Sophia's ability to channel her players and pick off tackles was outstanding all season and her willingness to take on board feedback and apply this is a testament to her as a person. Joseph's calm, relaxed nature really came in handy when we were under pressure and his ability to connect with the midfield is a real strength. Lili's ability to stop the ball on the line in play and PCD's was super impressive as well as her ability to run back and support her teammates. Declan's work rate is next to none and his ability to run down the opposition when they have meters head start on him and still be able to hold up play and dispossess them has been an absolute highlight of his season. Moving Cody into outside defender certainly added the strength we needed, not only in his ability to never give up, chase players down, make tackles you wouldn't think possible, but his biggest skill was his ability to throw outstanding overheads to connect with his midfielders and strikers.

I can honestly say we were very fortunate to have one of the strongest midfield lines across the metro competition and they demonstrated this strength week in, week out and gave the opposition teams a challenge trying to penetrate through the middle of the pitch. Jess, Airley, Emilie, Sophia Grey, Miki, in particular, held the consistency of the team across these positions. Airley moving into our Defensive Mid position offered control, leadership and strength required for our team to be successful in connecting our defensive line to our strikers. Jess's ability to run the ball with speed and skill is great to watch and her ability to throw overheads and pull the trigger with effective tomahawks was a highlight for the season - not to mention her drag flicking on Penalty Corners. Emilie was certainly one of the most consistent players you will have in the midfield, and her ability to dispossess the opposition and set up attacking plays for the strikers is very impressive. Miki's work rate is certainly one the most consistent you will see across the team. Her ability to play across lines and be effective in whichever position she is playing is a quality that I admire. Her ability to remain calm and controlled in all situations had her surprising the opposition on a

regular basis of just how skilful she is. Sophia Grey's ability to engage in contested tackles and win these the majority of the time is a strength you don't see very often. Her speed and ability to run the ball, win the free hit but keep the play going continually creates attacking outcomes that benefit us greatly.

To say the Strikers work rate was consistently high this season is an understatement. They worked hard at training to build the connections that they require, not only with their individual stick-on-ball skills and goal shooting, but more importantly developing their overall game awareness. This enhanced their ability to connect with each other across the striker line and understand the importance of their Without ball movement creating so many opportunities for us as a team and allowing them to create attacking outcomes on a regular basis. The life of a striker can be challenging as they often do a lot running, create opportunities for attacking plays, but may not even touch the ball, however it's their work rate off ball that needs to be acknowledged and highlighted. Jack joined our club this year and certainly made his mark as a strong, skilful striker. His ability to adapt to our way of play is not easy when joining a team who have been together across the years, however, it's his ability to take on board feedback, try new things, and work with his teammates that demonstrates his ability as a strong team player. Dan is one of those players you love to have on your team. His speed is out of control and his work rate is next level. He fights for every ball and runs down that ball most would not even attempt to try and get but somehow, he manages to get it. Siala's ability to set up a press and do the work required, would often have the opposition making mistakes or result in us being in a position to dispossess them. Playing across lines, also demonstrated her ability to be adaptable when required and be able to connect with her teammates and create positive outcomes. Anna continually steps up each week and demonstrates a work rate most players should aspire to implement themselves. Her ability to move across lines also demonstrates her skill and strength and her willingness to do what is best for the team is a quality I admire. As a team, we had one of the hardest Press Structures to penetrate in the competition and this is largely down to the hard work rate and game sense of our strikers.

I would like to finish by saying a massive thank you to our Team Manager. Amanda, who without you, I certainly cannot do my job. Your support to not only me, but the players and parents throughout the season is amazing and we are all very grateful.

As we have many of our U16 players moving up an age group next year, and there is a very strong chance this team may never play together again, I just want to say how grateful and honoured I am to have had the opportunity to work with each of you this year individually and as a team. I am extremely proud of each of you, not only as talented and skilful athletes, but you are all genuinely great humans. This is evident with how well you have supported and connected with each other on and off the field all year. I know your friendships will



continue and I wish all of you the very best for the future and I hope I get the chance to work with you all again in the future.

**U16 HORNETS**

**Coach:** Glenn Lim

**Manager:** Alison Ryan and Rachel Prenter



Back row L-R: Thomas Flanagan, Joshua Livery, Eric Rutledge, Isla Edwards, Ruby Hawkes, Sophie Richardson, Rose Templemen, Jessie Garten, Blake Bestel, Hallie Dwyer  
Front row: Gabriel Larke



Back row L-R: Sub (Alby), Ilsa Edwards, Ruby Hawkes, Ivy Browne, Eric Rutledge, Blake Bestel, Jessie Garten, Sophie (sub), Hallie Dwyer  
Front row L-R: Sophie Richardson, Joshua Livery, Thomas Flanagan

Score or miss, trap or miss-trap, win or lose; hockey is a game that is often divided into clear outcomes, and success or failure is determined by whether or not they were achieved. So much emphasis is placed on the destination that we often forget that the journey is just as important. True, the U16Bs did not finish the season where we would have liked. However, that did not stop it from being a fantastic year of hockey every step of the way.

The U16Bs were a team whose foundational skills and understanding of the game had much room for improvement at the start of the season. We needed more consistency with our hitting, drags and passing, first-touch and looking after receiving a pass. The team also needed to understand more about how we should move the ball as a team in a game situation. These were all areas of focus at training and at games. The team worked hard and grew so much in these areas this past year.

At the start of the season, we struggled to get the ball out of our own end. Whenever we did get the ball out of our own end, we would turn it over quickly as we would move the ball to areas we should have avoided. As the season passed, we started to get the ball out of our defensive half with more consistency. By the end of the season, we were generating scoring chances.

Three areas that needed no improvement were competitiveness, passion, and mateship. No matter the score on the board, we played as though we had a chance to score the game winning goal. Our passion for the sport was evident with our desire to learn as well as how much effort we were putting in at each training session. Most importantly, we played not just for ourselves but for each other, which was highlighted when one player decided to play through an injury because they knew one of us was exhausted and needed support on the field.

This season had many ups and downs. Through it all we had countless smiles and laughs. We might not have ended up with a gold medal around our necks this year, but it was definitely one worth celebrating. It was a journey to remember and one that I will not soon be forgetting.



## U16 FIRE

**Coach:** Ken Wark

**Manager:** Tim Nelson



Back row L to R: (Back Row) Max Sardelic, Leo Nelson, Ivo Boardman, Madeline Kralj, Noah Adrian-Green, Caspar Vernon, Ella Tamir, Ciara Jarvis, Sofia Alvaro, Lilah Randall  
Front Row L-R: Austin Hughes, Nicholas Sabey, Oscar Henman, Ella Jewell

Ladies and Gentlemen and players I give you the Glebe Fire's U16 report for 2024.

At the beginning of the season, Glebe Juniors decided to apply for an additional U16's team in the metro competition this year and I was charged with the Glebe Fire. Whilst we had some very strong players, we did not know how a second team would compete against the top teams from other clubs. I was happy to take this team as we needed to show our juniors that to compete, we need to learn and challenge ourselves and get to the required standard to be competitive for the future of the club, and for ourselves, in both men's and women's areas.

From the beginning 11 out of 14 players were changing competitions from SEHA to Metro. This is a big change of intensity, as well as travel commitments, as games are played all over the Sydney Basin. From the outset against Sutherland (the score was 10-nil against us) it was clear this was going to be a challenging year. Looking at our speed, skills, on field communications, game sense and fitness levels, it seemed we were well below what is needed for this competition. I tried different styles of team structures and players in different positions to try to give us an opportunity to be competitive, but goals against us kept on happening. Throughout the year the team started to show some great team work in skills and passing in the games and great defence as they learnt and adapted.

This team was full of class, they played, endured, tested their belief as a team and they all played their positions to the best of their abilities. They did not blame anyone for the goals conceded, but got on with the game, trying their best for each other. I cannot fault the efforts of the players in the team. They all, when coming off at the breaks, showed dedication and hard work. They put in for each other. These players turned up to training and listened to me. I made them run, work hard on and off the ball trying to improve our level of skills, competitiveness and fitness. The mental toughness all these players faced through the season cannot be learnt. It must be endured. These players will, going forward into the future, have an edge over others for they know what it's like being on the downside of the game and to never give up on themselves or their teammates. They always make a total effort even when the odds seem entirely against them, NEVER QUIT trying, never felt that they didn't have the chance to be successful on the field.

On the training front having one 1 hour a week with regards to this competition is not enough. Should it be possible, another session would support the development of the speed and skill needed to be competitive in this competition. Did I make mistakes in my coaching this team? I certainly did, but I kept challenging myself on ways to improve these young men and women each time the team came together on the training track or game day. I have learnt a lot, as we all have. We challenge ourselves at what we do for the team. We all endure losses. Never be afraid to put the effort in in these competitions, gain the strength and courage to try as hard as you possibly can, you don't want to quit.

To Tim Nelson and the other parents who filled in as Manager when Tim was unavailable, thank you for all you've done for the team behind the scenes, with getting other players and team lists done when the team was short. It takes a load of time doing the managerial duties to ensure that all things fall into place for the team. A thankyou to the parents each week bringing to training and games the men and women of Glebe Fire. To the players from other teams who made themselves available, thank you.



## U18 REDBACKS

**Coach:** Ross Bougoukas

**Manager:** Justine Smith



Back row L-R: Clark Foster, Rupert Hughes, Marley Seebacher, Oliver Tordoff, Aidan Najdzion, Arthur Garten

Front row L-R: Keela Callan, Ayisha Travis, Emerson Bonhote, Andy Bestel, Ari Astawa, Alex Truong



Back Row: Rupert, Alex, Marley, Arthur, Ayisha, Emerson, Clark, Oliver, Aidan, Ross (Coach) Justine (Manager)

Front Row: Andy, Ari

Absent: Keela Callan, Amelia Cook, Aymaan Javed

What an incredible season it was. To be a part of this journey has been an absolute pleasure and such a positive experience. With the age classifications changing there were so many unknowns going into this season, such as number of teams, number of games, who could still play and what would the season look like considering many of our team had to juggle study commitments with their hockey ones. Considering all these unknowns I can now look back and be proud of how every single team member conducted themselves, managed their time to ensure one commitment did not affect the other.

Now to hockey. What a season! It's going to be difficult to describe how it all panned out, but I am going to try. The season started with a huge range of differently skilled players who wanted to play hockey and ended with an amazing team of players who showed up for each other every week, came first after the round robin competition, and fell agonisingly short of a premiership. Our skill range went from seasoned junior players, players playing their first year in this age group, players coming out of junior retirement (because of the new age classification) to players who had never played before and were encouraged by a mate to give it a go. This season could have gone very differently if it wasn't for the determination and attention to detail of every single player to improve every single time they stepped onto the pitch.

The message was clear every single week, "don't focus on the score, focus on the process". Week after week the team took this to the pitch and the results started to come. When reflecting upon this season and looking for highlights there are just too many to list. A common theme among them all, is the teamwork involved to create them. This team's ability to fight back from adversity was incredible and a trait that will help them well into the future. Another highlight for me was the ability to hold the ball for long periods of time without the urge to go forward. It was also pleasing to see the hockey smarts to switch the point of attack (going from one side to the other) and utilise the space all over the pitch in attack and defence. I don't like to mention individual highlights because it is a team game; however, I will mention that one player was able to score 4 goals in a match, another player scored 3, while one of our players was able to keep a clean sheet in their first game as a goalkeeper. Overall, I am extremely proud of every single player that stepped onto the pitch for us this season. They have done themselves and the club proud and I really hope everyone pursues their hockey further next season and beyond.

To my manager, Justine, thank you for absolutely everything you have done for myself and the team this season. So much work goes on behind the scenes to make sure we have a team ready to go every week. Organising last minute players, match cards and making sure everyone is available takes a huge effort and I know everyone involved this season was appreciative. The fact everything ran so smoothly for us is a glowing credit to your organisational skills and I personally cannot thank you enough.



I would also like to quickly mention the rest of our off-field team which included Peter, Jamie, Orlando, Mon and Josh. Thank you very much for all your help this season, whether it be organising umpires or umpiring personally, filling in for me when I was away, or even supporting me in the dugout and sharing insights or things that I may have missed. Every little bit helps and is greatly appreciated. To the GDHC board, I would like to thank you for all your support and for presenting me with this opportunity. Much like Justine, all the work that goes on behind the scenes often gets unnoticed but there is so much that just does not happen without your dedication and commitment. Thank you again to my team for a wonderful season and I hope to see you around the hockey club, in either a playing or volunteering capacity, in the future.

### UMPIRES REPORT

**Junior Umpires Co-ordinator:** Peter Bestel

Welcome to the annual report from the junior umpiring team. This season has been a very good one for our juniors, with a number of new umpires, our own new field to work with and lots of opportunities. There has been some great hockey, wonderful support from the Glebe community and steady umpiring out there on the field.

As with every year, there was plenty of change and our new umpires had to get into their roles fairly quickly. We had six umpires from last year retire from being actively involved this year, which put me into some frantic activity at the start of the season. Luckily we welcomed four new umpires into regular roles, so a big thank you to Sophie Lloyd, Siala Cochrane, Annabel Armstrong and Jude Gibson for getting involved this year. Both Sophie and Siala had previous experience, but Annabel and Jude are just starting and did a great job managing games for our juniors. These new umpires got to work with our existing team, who have been doing a great job for some time now keeping everything stable on the field. I couldn't keep the games going without them, so my continued thanks to Will Brine, Andy Bestel, Alby Shepherd and Blake Bestel. We also had some help for a game or two from our other umpires Lilli Seebacher, Lachlan Taylor and Cate Heath. Thank you also to Adrian McKeown, Jamie Travis, Mack Noller, Lindesay Brine, Kevin Margetson, Mel Newton, Andrew Goodrick and Matt Wilson for helping out with covering U16 and U18 games when we had too many happening on a Friday night. It's wonderful to be able to have a number of others to call on to ensure that all of our games are covered and properly umpired. I would like to welcome Jack Margetson and Kevin Margetson to the Glebe team. Both are very experienced umpires, highly involved with SEHA, Metro and NSW hockey, and proponents of great umpiring for hockey. I'm sure that you will see both involved more frequently in the future.

There have been a few development opportunities during the season, including carnivals and some additional practical training. Congratulations to our umpires who were selected

for the SEHA finals series and who all did a great job representing themselves and the club. I was very proud of two of our umpires, Sophie Lloyd and Andy Bestel, for coming along to extra training in the Sydney Women's Hockey League competition (<https://www.swhl.com.au/>). Both Sophie and Andy attended training at several matches and then took on games of their own, with great success. We also have a number of the umpiring team who are working on advanced skills with the SEHA development team, which has involved some meetings and practical training at senior games. This training is aimed at developing confidence and practical skills at a higher level for those moving up to umpiring senior games. Umpiring is very challenging mentally and requires both preparation and a lot of practice, as the transition from focusing on one role as a player to seeing and hearing everything on and off the field for the full course of a game can be exhausting. These additional training opportunities help with reinforcing good behaviour, technical skills and provide a great support to building confidence and consistency.

For the remainder of the year, we plan to be involved in a number of indoor and summer competition fixtures. So, the umpires will probably get a bit more of a workout through the remaining months of the year. These are great opportunities to get further training, improve understanding and skills and keep yourselves mentally and physically fit. I would also strongly recommend getting involved in umpiring at carnivals over the course of next season. Even though it can be difficult organising the time off and travel with parents, the opportunity to umpire a number of consecutive games over a few days and get feedback from experienced umpires can work wonders with your progression. Please, if you're interested in getting involved in umpiring, reach out to myself, our junior's director, Tara, or any of the Glebe team for more information. For our existing umpires and players, I'm always available if you want some support, have an issue to discuss or want to arrange some further training.

Thank you to all of the junior umpires for doing such a great job to support the game, your club and yourselves. The skills and confidence that you're developing are important and will help you as you approach challenges later on in life. Please also thank your parents for helping out in getting you to games. I know I couldn't organise without their support, and it is very much appreciated. Congratulations for all of your efforts to support Glebe Hockey. Looking forward to seeing you all next season and I wish you all a happy, safe and successful rest of the year.





Andy Bestel umpiring for SEHA



Jack receiving the Hockey NSW Young Official of the Year award in September for his umpiring,

## FINALS REPORT

Our teams again worked incredibly hard this season and our Juniors represented our great Club with much enthusiasm and respect. Six of our 11 junior teams in the U10 to U18 age divisions qualified for the finals this season. Congratulations to all Juniors, Coaches and Managers.

The points tables below reflect results in a division after the end of the ordinary rounds of the season. The tables below do not include the results of the finals series, however these are noted where relevant.

### Final Season Results

#### U10 (SEHA)

Two U10 teams (Wasps and Hornets) reached the semi-finals and progressed to an all-Glebe Grand Final. With a finals score of 1-1, both teams were awarded joint Premiers.

##### 2024 SEHA Junior · U10

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Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	Forfeits	BYEs	For	Against	Diff.	Points
1. U10 Glebe Wasps	12	10	1	1	0	3	66	23	43	31
2. U10 Glebe Hornets	12	9	1	2	0	3	47	18	29	28
3. U10 SGR	12	6	2	4	0	3	26	21	5	20
4. U10 Sutherland Geckos	12	5	3	4	0	3	38	14	24	18
5. U10 UNSW Narwhals	12	3	3	6	0	3	18	36	-18	12
6. U10 Glebe Strikers	12	2	2	8	0	3	10	54	-44	8
7. U10 Bankstown	12	1	0	10	1	3	16	55	-39	2

#### U12 A (SEHA)

U12 Redbacks reached the semi-finals and then the preliminary finals where they played a tight game but lost to Sutherland Blue Tongues with a final score 1-2.

##### 2024 SEHA Junior · U12A

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Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	Forfeits	BYEs	For	Against	Diff.	Points
1. U12A UNSW Pilots	15	12	3	0	0	0	56	7	49	39
2. U12A Sutherland Blue Tongues	15	8	4	3	0	0	33	18	15	28
3. U12A Glebe Redbacks	15	5	2	8	0	0	15	26	-11	17
4. U12A SGR	15	0	1	14	0	0	4	57	-53	1

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### U12 B (SEHA)

Both the U12 Hornets and Strikers reached the semi-finals with Hornets progressing to the Grand Finals against Sutherland Geckos. The Hornets won the grand final with a final score of 3-0.

#### 2024 SEHA Junior · U12B

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U12B ↕

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Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	Forfeits	BYEs	For	Against	Diff.	Points
1. U12B Glebe Hornets	15	14	1	0	0	0	99	26	73	43
2. U12B Sutherland Geckos	15	5	2	8	0	0	29	36	-7	17
3. U12B UNSW Fins	15	5	0	10	0	1	24	72	-48	15
4. U12B Glebe Strikers	15	4	1	10	0	0	33	51	-18	13
5. U12B Sei Whales (withdrawn)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

### U14 (METRO)

#### Metro FRIDAY 2024 · U14A

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U14A ↕

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Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	Forfeits	For	Against	Diff.	Points
1. Manly Metro U14	14	11	2	1	0	60	11	49	35
2. UNSW Orcas U14	14	10	1	3	0	67	15	52	31
3. Moorebank-Liv U14	14	10	1	3	0	70	25	45	31
4. Ryde Panthers U14	14	9	2	3	0	57	26	31	29
5. Sutherland U14	14	7	3	4	0	37	14	23	24
6. Briars Gold U14	14	7	2	5	0	45	16	29	23
7. ND Metro U14	14	5	1	8	0	46	34	12	16
8. GNS Metro U14	14	2	3	9	0	29	41	-12	9
9. Mosman Blue U14	14	1	1	12	0	16	55	-39	4
10. Glebe Redbacks U14	14	0	0	14	0	2	192	-190	0



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## U14 (SEHA)

2024 SEHA Junior · U14

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Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	Forfeits	BYEs	For	Against	Diff.	Points
1. U14 Sutherland Skinks	12	9	2	1	0	3	32	9	23	29
2. U14 Sutherland Goannas	12	6	2	4	0	3	37	15	22	20
3. U14 UNSW Humpbacks	12	6	1	5	0	3	32	20	12	19
4. U14 SGR	12	6	1	5	0	3	27	17	10	19
5. U14 Glebe Hornets	12	0	0	12	0	3	3	70	-67	0

## U16 (METRO)

Metro FRIDAY 2024 · U16A

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Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	Forfeits	For	Against	Diff.	Points
1. Ryde Panthers U16	14	14	0	0	0	84	2	82	42
2. UNSW Marlins U16	14	11	1	2	0	60	12	48	34
3. Moorebank-Liv U16	14	9	1	3	1	69	24	45	28
4. Sutherland U16	14	9	1	4	0	52	22	30	28
5. ND Metro U16	14	8	1	5	0	46	19	27	25
6. Manly Metro U16	14	6	0	8	0	48	30	18	18
7. Glebe Redbacks U16	14	6	0	8	0	23	48	-25	18
8. Briars Gold U16	14	4	0	10	0	30	39	-9	12
9. Mosman Blue U16	14	1	0	13	0	12	98	-86	3
10. Glebe Fire U16	14	0	0	13	1	2	132	-130	0

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### U16 (SEHA)

2024 SEHA Junior · U16

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Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	Forfeits	BYEs	For	Against	Diff.	Points
1. U16 Bankstown	12	10	2	0	0	3	40	3	37	32
2. U16 UNSW Sei Whales	12	8	2	2	0	2	50	9	41	26
3. U16 Sutherland	12	8	2	2	0	3	49	8	41	26
4. U16 SGR	12	6	0	6	0	3	26	15	11	18
5. U16 UNSW Belugas	11	4	0	7	0	3	17	44	-27	12
6. U16 UNSW Blue Whales	11	1	0	10	0	2	9	52	-43	3
7. U16 Glebe Hornets	12	1	0	11	0	3	6	66	-60	3

### U18 (SEHA)

U18 progressed to the semi-finals and then the Grand Finals playing against St George. They played a tight game but lost with a final score 1-2 to St George.

2024 SEHA Junior · U18

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Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	Forfeits	BYEs	For	Against	Diff.	Points
1. U18 Glebe	15	10	3	2	0	0	42	11	31	33
2. U18 UNSW Mobys	15	7	2	6	0	0	26	28	-2	23
3. U18 Sutherland	15	5	2	8	0	0	20	37	-17	17
4. U18 SGR	15	2	5	8	0	0	15	27	-12	11
5. U18 UNSW Marlins (withdrawn)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

### Grand Finals Pictures

It's a good year at Glebe when we have teams make the grand final. This year 4 teams did so, with 3 victorious. Below is an assortment of grand final day photos.



U10 Hornets and Wasps celebrate becoming Joint Premiers after a draw in their grand final.



U12 Hornets were Premiers in the U12B Division of the SEHA competition defeating Sutherland.





U18 Redbacks, runners up in their U18 Grand Final after St George found their stride in the finals series.



Glebe community support for the grand final games.

### **MAJOR JUNIOR AWARDS 2024**

Every season, coaches and managers of our Junior teams nominate players for our Major Junior Awards. These awards are highly coveted by all Junior players, and the selection process is always challenging. We commend all Junior players for their dedication and improvement throughout the year. The award recipients are those who have particularly stood out on their teams.

### Under 10

At this early stage in their development of our U10 players, our focus is on fostering enthusiasm and a love for the game. To support this, instead of individual trophies medals are awarded to all players in the hope that every young player feels encouraged and motivated to continue their growth and participation in the game.

### Under 12

Best Team Player - U12 Hornets	Caleb Lee
Coaches' Award - U12 Hornets	Timothy Sullivan
Most Consistent - U12 Hornets	Audrey Gallico
Best Team Player - U12 Strikers	Molly Prisk
Most Improved - U12 Strikers	Grace Temelkovski
Most Consistent - U12 Strikers	Owen Errington
Best & Fairest - U12 Redbacks	Rani Batchelor
Most Improved -U12 Redbacks	Sive Ruggeri
Most Persistent - U12 Redbacks	Elyse Tyler-Stewart
Best Defender - U12 Redbacks	Kai Jerome

### Under 14

Most Improved - U14 Hornets	Thomas Dawson
Best & Fairest - U14 Hornets	Max Rawlins
Encouragement Award - U14 Hornets	Agnes Stafford
Most Valuable Player - U14 Hornets	Archer Matthews
Best Team Player - U14 Redbacks	Willow Longhurst
The All-Rounders - U14 Redbacks	Camille Worsley & Sophie Lloyd
Spirit Of Glebe - U14 Redbacks	Alannah Ng
Rising Star - U14 Redbacks	Sophie Sneesby

### Under 16

Best & Fairest - U16 Hornets	Blake Bestel
Most Improved - U16 Hornets	Ruby Hawkes
Coach's Award - U16 Hornets	Thomas Flanagan
Most Consistent - U16 Hornets	Hallie Dwyer
Best & Fairest - U16 Fire	Madeline Kralj
Most Consistent - U16 Fire	Ivo Boardman
Team Leadership- U16 Fire	Nicholas Sabey
Most Improved - U16 Fire	Sofia Alvaro
Players Player - U16 Redbacks	Jessica Weatherall
Most Improved - U16 Redbacks	Declan Cohen
Most Consistent - U16 Redbacks	Airley Goodridge
Coach's Award - U16 Redbacks	James Brine

### Under 18

Players Player - U18 Redbacks	Oliver Tordoff
Most Improved - U18 Redbacks	Ari Astawa
Top Goal Scorer - U18 Redbacks	Aidan Najdzion
Most Consistent - U18 Redbacks	Ayisha Travis

### Umpiring Award

GDHC Junior Umpire Award	Andy Bestel
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## PERPETUAL TROPHIES, 2024

Perpetual trophies are awarded annually to recognize outstanding achievements in different categories. Winners' names are inscribed on the trophies, which remain with the club as a testament to the competition's legacy and a source of inspiration for future competitors.

### **Paterson Family Encouragement Award U10** Frank Paterson

Donated by the Paterson Family to encourage players 10 years and under to continue to develop their skills but also their team and club connections

Nominees: Finn O'Brien, Abby Glass, Harriet Edwards, Isla Hutton Lynn Suwanjarat, Anna Byrne, Bridget Allan, Frank Paterson, Carter Bell, Caleb Lee, Ellis Marks-Bone, Lennox Cranmer, Freya Burrell, Grace Paterson, Harriet Edwards

### **Glebe Women's Girls Encouragement Award U12** Elyse Tyler-Stewart

Donated by the Glebe Women to encourage and promote girls 12 years and under to play through Juniors, and on into the Senior teams.

Nominees: Maeve Ruggeri, Elyse Tyler-Stewart, Rani Batchelor, Molly Prisk, Audrey Gallico, Annabel Armstrong, Grace Paterson

### **Glebe Women's Girls Encouragement Award U14** Camille Worsley

Donated by the Glebe Women to encourage and promote girls 14 years and under to play through Juniors, and on into the Senior teams.

Nominees: Frances Errington, Jennifer Nilsson-Poder, Mina McGlashan, Mieke Harrison, Annabel Armstrong, Alannah Ng, Willow Longhurst, Camille Worsley



**Glebe Men's Boys Encouragement Award U12**

Cooper Heaney

Donated by the Glebe Men to encourage and promote boys 12 years and under to play through Juniors, and on into the Senior teams.

Nominees: Sam Baddams, Byron Shepherd, Kai Jerome, Joshua McQueen, Owen Errington, Cooper Heaney, Finn O'Brien, Ellis Marks-Bone, Lennox Cranmer

**Noller Family Boys Encouragement Award**

Alby Shepherd

Donated by the Noller Family to acknowledge the opportunities the Glebe Hockey Club provides to enjoy a great sport in a happy team environment and encourage boys 14 years and under to continue with their hockey through to the Senior teams.

Nominees: Archer Matthews, Bo-Jun Chandler, Daelan Brooks, Joshua Jeremy, Thomas Dawson, Alby Shepherd, Thomas Nelson

**Bobby Rucker Fox Memorial Trophy**

Rani Batchelor

The Under 12 Player who has demonstrated outstanding potential and with the best demeanour on and off the field.

Nominees: Caleb Lee, Timothy Sullivan, Jude Gibson, Rani Batchelor

**Ralph Rochester Trophy**

Sophie Lloyd

The Junior Player who is the most outstanding junior fourteen years and under with the best general demeanour on and off the field.

Nominees: Archer Matthews, Annabel Armstrong, Mieke Harrison, Willow Longhurst, Sophie Lloyd, Thomas Dawson, Joshua Jeremy, Alby Shepherd

**Arthur Stubbs Trophy**

Jessica Weatherall

The Junior Player sixteen years and under who has demonstrated outstanding potential and with the best demeanour on and off the field.

Nominees: Miki Cooper, Airley Goodridge, Jessica Weatherall

**Vernon Howe Celebration Cup**

Emerson Bonhote

Awarded to a player in their last year as a Glebe junior, after several years with the Club. A player who, by word and action, has displayed a genuine and happy commitment to their friends, their teams and the Club. A player who has become a role model for the younger Glebe players, both on and off the pitch.

Nominees: Clark Foster, Emerson Bonhote

**Billy Jazza Ryan Trophy**

Siala Cochrane

Awarded to the Junior Player who has sought to improve their game and participate with the loyalty, enthusiasm and dedication to the true traditions of the Glebe club.

Nominees: Siala Cochrane, Jude Gibson, Anna Kepert, Jack Margetson, Thomas Dawson, Alexander Truong, Frank Paterson, Joseph Francis

**Brother Maurice McCarten Keegan Trophy**

Oliver Tordoff

For the Junior Player who constantly plays an unselfish team game, supports their mates, never gives up and accepts victory and defeat equally.

Nominees: Grace Paterson, Archer Matthews, Joshua Jeremy, Oliver Tordoff, Cody Finlayson, James Brine, Declan Cohen

**GDHC Contribution Award**

Rupert Hughes

For the young person who has made the most outstanding contribution to the GDHC community.

Nominees: Jessica Kennedy, Rupert Hughes

## 100 JUNIOR GAME MILESTONES, 2024

The following Junior players hit their 100 Junior Games for Glebe milestone this season. Reaching 100 games shows a huge commitment to the Club over many years.

Congratulations to the players and their families for reaching this Junior milestone!



Andy Bestel



Anna Kepert



Cody Finlayson



Blake Bestel



Emerson Bonhote



Lilli Seebacher



Jessica Weatherall

## FINAL YEAR JUNIORS, 2024

We bid farewell to a talented group of players who are graduating from our Junior Program this season. Their dedication and hard work have been invaluable, and we wish them great success in their future hockey endeavours.

Name	Number of Junior Games Played
Ari Astawa	15
Emerson Bonhote	111
Clark Foster	153
Arthur Garten	83
Rupert Hughes	44
Aidan Najdzion	65
Marley Seebacher	84
Oliver Tordoff	93



**REPRESENTATIVE ACTIVITY**

Below are an assortment of photos showcasing the many Juniors who represented SEHA, their School Area or District or their State in 2024.







50 many Glebe Juniors seen around the grounds, in Rep squads

### NUMBER OF CLUB GAMES PLAYED BY CURRENT JUNIOR PLAYERS

The number of games played for the 2024 season is based on team records, including those from the finals. We have strived for accuracy and any omissions or errors are inadvertent and can be corrected by contacting the Juniors Director at [glebejuniorhockey@gmail.com](mailto:glebejuniorhockey@gmail.com).

Only official SEHA and Metro team competition games played for GDHC in U9/U10 to U17/U18 are included in this tally based on score sheet records. Minkey sessions, carnivals, representative games and non-official games attended are not recorded.

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Family Name	First Name	Games played end of 2023	Games played in 2024	Games played end of 2024
Adrian-Green	Noah	35	13	48
Allan	Bridgid	0	5	5
Alvaro	Sofia	8	12	20
Anderson	Henry	6	15	21
Armstrong	Annabel	33	11	44
Astawa	Ari	0	15	15
Baddams	Sam	13	17	30
Badger	Lachlan	12	11	23
Batchelor	Rani	35	17	52
Bell	Carter	13	14	27
Bello-Vijeyarasa	Andia	24	12	36
Bello-Vijeyarasa	Matilda	23	15	38
Bestel	Blake	91	14	105
Bestel	Andy	86	17	103
Bidanov	Viktorija	0	13	13
Birch	Maximilian (Max)	11	14	25
Boardman	Ivo	38	12	50
Bonhote	Emerson	95	16	111
Brine	James	134	14	148
Brooke	Daelan	28	12	40
Browne	Ivy	57	9	66
Burrell	Freya	0	11	11
Byrne	Anna	13	10	23
Calder	Grace	50	12	62
Callan	Keela	33	11	44
Carne	Holly	27	14	41
Chandler	Bo-Jun	38	14	52
Chen	Sophia	12	10	22
Chiarella	Jenson	0	4	4
Cochrane	Bekele	70	13	83
Cochrane	Siala	78	14	92
Cohen	Declan	32	10	42
Cohen	James	0	16	16
Cook	Amelia	71	9	80
Cooper	Miki	49	13	61
Cranmer	Lennox	0	8	8
Dawson	Thomas	19	10	29



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Done	Adelaide	22	12	34
Downton	Charlie	0	13	13
Dwyer	Hallie	55	9	64
Edbrooke	Tennille	31	13	44
Edwards	Harriet	14	11	25
Edwards	Isla	50	10	60
Errington	Angus	0	4	4
Errington	Frances	37	8	45
Errington	Owen	26	18	44
Finlayson	Cody	88	13	101
Flanagan	Thomas	7	9	16
Foote	Xavier	0	11	11
Foster	Clark	137	16	153
Francis	Joseph	53	13	66
Gallico	Audrey	25	17	42
Garten	Arthur	69	14	83
Garten	Jessie	59	11	70
Gibson	Jude	31	15	46
Glass	Abigail	10	12	22
Goodridge	Airley	124	14	138
Gotsbacher	Beatrix	0	10	10
Grasso	Lucas	14	9	23
Grey	Sophia	9	13	22
Hadassin	Johanna	22	17	39
Harden	Madeleine	23	13	36
Harrison	Mieke	30	8	38
Hawkes	Ruby	57	9	66
Heaney	Cooper	32	17	49
Henman	Oscar	64	10	74
Hughes	Austin	27	12	39
Hughes	Rupert	28	16	44
Hutton	Isla	5	10	15
Hutton	Mia	10	14	24
Jarvis	Ciara	86	10	96
Javed	Aymann	0	2	2
Jeremy	Elijah (Eli)	7	12	19
Jeremy	Joshua	28	9	37
Jerome	Kai	18	16	34
Jewell	Ella	0	10	10
Johnson	Oscar	0	11	11
Joy-Blacklock	Matilda	22	17	39

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Kepert	Anna	87	13	100
Kralj	Madeline	9	13	22
Larke	Gabriel	29	10	39
Lee	Caleb	26	18	44
Livery	Joshua	78	11	89
Livery	Sasha	22	10	32
Lloyd	Sophie	52	13	65
Lloyd	Billy (William)	49	12	61
Longhurst	Willow	0	13	13
Ma	Margeaux	0	8	8
Margetson	Jack	0	11	11
Marks-Bone	Ellis	10	9	19
Marris	Eva	26	14	40
Matthews	Archer	14	14	28
McGlashan	Jasper	12	15	27
McGlashan	Mina	12	12	24
McQueen	Joshua	33	16	49
Najdzion	Aidan	48	17	65
Nelson	Leo	30	7	37
Nelson	Thomas	19	8	27
Ng	Alannah	15	14	29
Nilsson-Poder	Jennifer	22	9	31
O'Brien	Finn	10	14	24
O'Hora	Isabella	16	9	25
O'Neill	Sebastian	0	5	5
Pack	Natalie	6	4	10
Paterson	Frank	14	17	31
Paterson	Grace	13	15	28
Prisk	Harrison	0	4	4
Prisk	Molly	12	15	27
Quilty-Chivers	Scarlet	28	9	37
Quilty-Chivers	Aliya	20	14	34
Randall	Lilah	72	11	83
Rawlins	Max	15	10	25
Richardson	Sophie	11	9	20
Roxburgh	Eloise	14	10	24
Ruggeri	Maeve	31	17	48
Ruggeri	Sive	31	17	48
Rutledge	Eric	71	10	81
Sabey	Nicholas	58	12	70
Sardelic	Max	37	13	50

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Schneider	Lucy	20	14	34
Seebacher	Marley	70	14	84
Seebacher	Lilli	93	11	104
Shawcross	Dan	30	14	44
Shepherd	Alby	44	15	59
Shepherd	Byron	26	14	40
Sinclair	Hannah	7	14	21
Sneesby	Sophie	0	14	14
Srdic	Emilie	35	13	48
Srdic	Isabel	25	14	39
Stafford	Agnes	21	9	30
Steiner	Adeline	0	14	14
Sullivan	Timothy	26	17	43
Suwanjarat	Lynn	9	13	22
Tamir	Ella	81	11	92
Taylor	Lachlan	41	11	52
Temelkovski	Grace	0	15	15
Templeman	Rose	13	9	22
Tordoff	Oliver	76	17	93
Travis	Ayisha	33	16	49
Truong	Alexander	0	15	15
Turner	Lilian	39	10	49
Tyler	Imogen	0	4	4
Tyler-Stewart	Elyse	35	16	51
Tyler-Stewart	Hanna	39	11	50
Vernon	Caspar	45	14	59
Vijayanayagam	Alegra	0	12	12
Weatherall	Jessica	90	14	104
Williams	Chloe	6	10	16
Worsley	Carmille	48	13	61
Worsley	Ophelia	24	15	39
Wright	Annabelle	0	11	11



