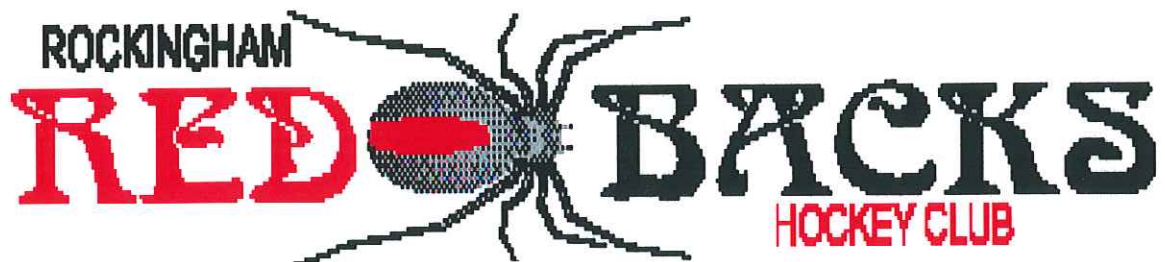


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EDITORS NOTE

Hi Everyone, and welcome to the end of yet another year. As the incoming Publicity Officer I have been tasked with the editing of this years "Yearbook 2001." I hope you like it.

Thank you to all the contributors who made it quite easy to do. Computers and "cut and paste functions" are wondrous things.

I must say a big thank you to my wife Liz who unbeknownst to her when I said, "Could you start typing these notes in for me please?" (for those contributors who diligently printed or hand wrote their contributions) was to end up typing in the lot before I got to say, "OK I'll take over now!" ☺

Once again this year Coastal Print has come to the rescue to do yet another fantastic, professional job on the printing and binding of the books. If you need any printing done just go and see them, ask for Dee and say, "Gary Smith from the Redbacks Hockey Club recommended you," and you'll be right!

To keep costs down we've had to disperse and cut the pictures to wherever we could fit them so my apologies for that.

Don't forget the web page at www.iinet.net.au/~megasmit/

Gary Smith - Editor



What is that noise? Ali or Joy??

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – SEASON 2001

The 2001 season has been a very positive one for our club. Financially we have benefited from considerable sponsorship and are now in a very healthy state. Socially we have had numerous functions that have been well attended and enjoyed my most. And of course on the field we have had a great deal of success with most teams making the finals and a few ending up on top of their competitions, with premierships beckoning around the corner.

All of these positive outcomes have come about because members have shown commitment and effort, both on and off the field. Clearly the committee have played a key role. Their efforts should not go unnoticed and I would like to thank them all for the help they have given me throughout the year – often having to pull me into line and remind me of what my role really is.

Special thanks go to Rhonda who stepped up to assume the role of Secretary when Lee Cousins unfortunately resigned – she has done a terrific job and has still successfully managed her other position of Vice President as well as being President of the Juniors. Thanks also to Bomber who has worked tirelessly to provide a social calendar that has been extremely popular, strengthened friendships and of course, enhanced our bar profits! To name all the others who have “put in the extra yard” would take too long and I risk overlooking someone. So I won't try. But I would sincerely like to express my gratitude to them all and would like to point out that most are not committee members, they are just great club people who do their bit quietly behind the scenes.

To adequately report on the season there are a number of specific issues that I need to address in more detail.

Fees

I believe that our fees this year were the cheapest of any club in WA Hockey. Cheaper fees were achieved through the introduction of a new incentivised fee structure that did not disadvantage the club because it generated members' involvement in fund raising activities. The increased discount for early payment of fees clearly worked as this year we received a much greater proportion of fees paid up-front than in previous years. Having funds at the start of the season makes managing the club that much easier and we were able to pay some significant expenses like \$2100 on lights maintenance before we needed them rather than after. The question is often asked, “Why have fund raising – why don't we just raise the fees?” A simple look at the Treasurer's report reveals that fees only generated funds to cover barely one third of our operating expenses. The bar, canteen, social club and sponsors covered well over half of our costs.

Sponsors

Our financial success was in no small way due to some excellent sponsors. Our “big three” were Healthways, Edison Mission Energy and Big Brews Liquor, who combined provided almost five thousand dollars to the club in “cash and kind”. The assistance of

others like the Sound Telegraph and Lawrence and Hansen saved us over a thousand dollars in expenses. Aussie Limousines, La Porchetta, Hockey International, Warnbro Meats and Nice Buns Bakery also contributed. Finally the 1Cs this year wore a new strip that was funded by Lawfund Investments. We must now work hard to keep these sponsors in future years by involving them in our activities (when appropriate), and by providing them with feedback on their huge part in our success.

Social

I don't intend to steal Bomber's thunder, as I am sure his end of year report will cover everything, but it is important to recognize that the social program was a key element in our success. I am sure members will remember nights like the pizza night, the day at Camp Markham or Santa's visit at Xmas, other events like the bus trips and sponsors night may however be a bit cloudier in some memories. This year our bar takings increased by 25%. This is great because it confirms what our memories don't - that we all enjoyed a healthy social atmosphere and with cheaper bar prices. Our beer prices were cheaper than any other club I came across during the year - this of course directly benefited the members that "invested" their hard-earned cash in the club. Our canteen also showed considerable gains, almost doubling takings and increasing profit by 30% - I think the canteen manager must have ripped off a few kiddies during the year!

On the Field

Well it has been a great year. Of course we need to recognise that our men's 1s and the vets benefited from relegation last year (although it didn't help us vets that much in the end!). But relegation aside, our on-field achievements have been nothing short of terrific. From nine teams, we ended the season with 2 on top of the ladder and 4 others in the finals. From the five WAHA teams, we had three competing in Challenge Cups, two winning the flags and one (the U17s) went on to also win their Garth Ardath flag. The performance of our 17s and 15s is particularly encouraging and bodes well for the future of our club. Let's hope that we can convert some of these performances to premierships. Good luck to all the finalists, but after three successive minor premierships for the Ladies AR, I hope that finally this year they can also be victorious in the final.

The Future

The No. 1 priority for the future of the club is to acquire a turf ground. Accordingly we have recently developed a Steering Committee comprising Alan Mills, Ewan Gunn and Derry Smith to address that specific issue. Their role is to liaise with council on the Lark Hill project and make sure that we have a positive influence on the direction of that project. Getting a turf won't just happen, it will demand effort and money and will no doubt require us to make sacrifices along the way. So be it - a turf is essential to our existence in years to come. To get one we must have a savings plan and with our present healthy financial state we are lucky enough to be able to start putting money aside NOW specifically for this goal. I hope that the incoming committee recognise this need and use our healthy financial state to invest wisely for the future.

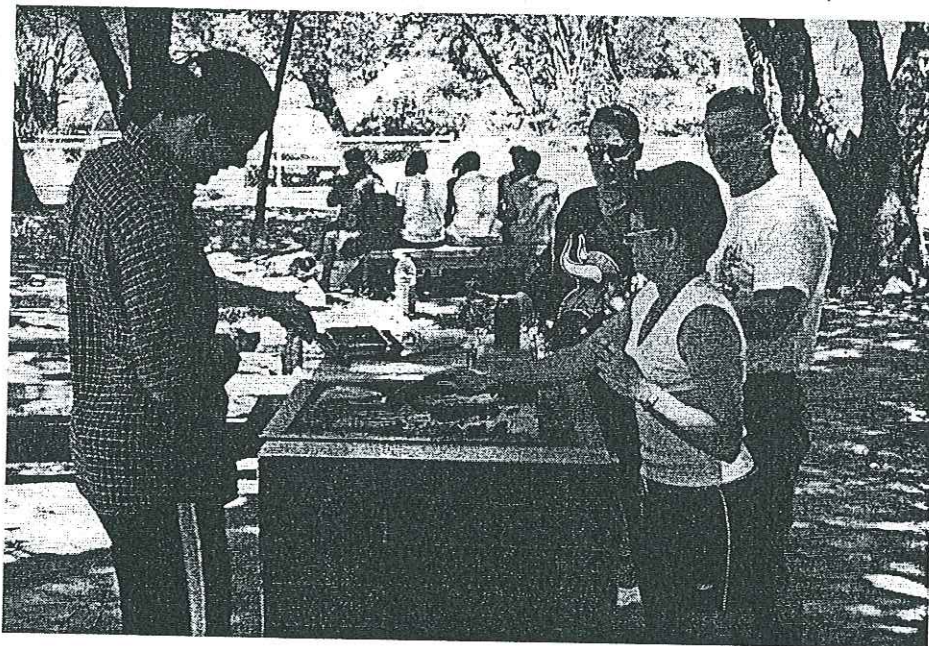
Just like every other sport, hockey is witnessing its share of mergers between clubs. Mergers can be beneficial or they can be threatening. The imminent merger of the Mandurah & Districts Hockey Association with the Mandurah Hockey Stadium Committee and the Peel Hockey Association is one that we should watch closely because it has the potential to be either to our club. In the near future we may need to consider mergers ourselves – increased numbers means increased dollars, which as I have already said is critical for our No 1 priority. So we should not necessarily shy away from at least considering the options.

Decisions for season 2002 will be made in the coming months. Some of the issues that will need discussion and input from all members include; playing & training on Garden Island, the number of teams we field and which competitions do we play in. Such decisions never please everyone but committees must be brave enough to make the tough decisions for the good of the club and for the majority of members. Those that don't get their way need to remember that and accept the umpires call. The Rockingham Redbacks need members who are not burdens but are good club people, people who show the faith in the good times and the bad. Next year we may not be as successful, but I hope that our members will still put in, enjoy the social activities and help our club to grow whether we win or lose.

Graeme Creedon

President

September 2001



Fun in the sun at the Camp Markham BBQ in the new year of 2001

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB

TREASURERS REPORT

SEASON 25 AUGUST 2000 TO 5 SEPTEMBER 2001

The books for the Club were closed as of 5 September 2001. Upon closure of the books the Club has a cash balance of \$16060.89.

There are still accounts to be received for Turf Fees, Bar stock, Electricity and the Junior and Senior Wind-Ups.

The Club has ended the season in a strong financial position. This is a reflection of the strong membership we have had this 2001 season. The members have supported the club in many ways both socially and financially. The early payment of full fees by many members put the Club in a healthy financial position right from the start of the season. We have also had extremely good sponsors this year with a total to date of \$3600.00 and more expected. Well done to those members involved in acquiring sponsorship for the Club.

The Bar and Canteen were well supported resulting in substantial profits being taken each weekend. This was even possible with a drop in prices for some products. Well done to the organisers of these services.

The Social committee has organised several successful functions which did not make any financial profit at all but the Club profited in social aspects far more beneficial to members than any amount of money. The Quiz Night and the Raffle were very profitable and far exceeded any other losses the Social functions sustained. Thank-you to all involved in the Social Committee.

I would also like to thank all those members who have contributed to and supported the running of the Hockey Club over the 2001 season. Hopefully we will have another good season in 2002.

Susan Sullivan
Treasurer

5 September 2001

OUTGOING AND INCOMING COMMITTEE

POSITION	OUTGOING 2001	INCOMING 2002
PRESIDENT	Graeme Creedon	Graeme Creedon
V P - WOMEN	Rhonda Ford	Wendy Wales
V P - MEN	Derri Smith	Brad Ball
SECRETARY	Rhonda Ford	Rhonda Ford
TREASURER	Sue Sullivan	Sue Sullivan
REGISTRA	Joy Klinck	Joy Klinck
BAR MANAGER	Jim Hogan	Jim Hogan
ASSISTANT BAR MANAGER	Nathan Germano	Clint Mills
JUNIOR CO-ORDINATOR	Neville Ford	Neville Ford
PROPERTY OFFICER	Richard Czabotar	Richard Czabotar
SOCIAL CLUB PRESIDENT	Andy "Bomber" Brown	Andy "Bomber" Brown
CANTEEN MANAGER	Jenny Creedon	nil
COACH – MENS 1C	Greg Thompson	Greg Thompson
COACH MENS 2C	Alan Mills	Alan Mills
COACH MENS 3	nil	nil
COACH WOMENS A	Brad Ball	nil
COACH WOMENS A RESERVE	Trena Janczyk	nil
COACH WOMENS B	nil	nil
COACH VETERANS	Alex Swan	Maurice Giles
COACH U17	Chris Brown	Neil Partington
COACH U15	Neville Ford	Clint Mills

Social Club Report – 2001

Well what a memorable year it has been. Yes all those little memories like Santa losing his pants, those ballerina type movements whilst playing volleyball, the chant of “Go you big red fire engine” whilst the ladies played, those loving moments at the Vernon Arms Tavern whilst two of our members tried to elope with some beer glasses and the wee stop alongside the Stock Rd markets. Oh what memories.

But on a more serious note the intention of the social club this year, was to try and get members back to the clubrooms and at functions. A decision was made at an early stage that the Social Club would only look at making a profit at two or three functions/activities throughout the year and if we made a loss or broke even on the remaining functions then so be it and I believe this policy worked.

Our pre-season functions started off slowly with the Christmas BBQ but were in full swing by the time we played Indoor Beach Volleyball with fifty members and friends attending.

The first function of the year was our Pizza and Pasta at the La Porchetta Restaurant where we had eighty members, family and friends attend. I would like to take this opportunity to thank La Porchetta for the Pizza’s they provided throughout the year for both the lucky number draw and the best under 15/17 player of the week.

The bus trip to Mandurah Hockey Stadium was indeed memorable, with many members having a couple of hours of singing syrup prior to getting on the bus, never mind the copious amounts consumed on the way there and back. It was no wonder we all knew the words to “Bye, Bye Miss American Pie” by the time we got to the Last Drop Inn. We had forty seven on the bus with a few car loads following us back from Mandurah. It must have been a good night, as I have had several members say they can’t remember a thing.

Unfortunately I could not attend the Sponsors night but from what I have been told we had excellent support from all teams, the beef was delicious and the karaoke was heavenly!. An extremely good night was had by all.

The bus trip to the Perth Hockey Stadium started off a bit more subdued than the Mandurah bus trip, mainly due the number of members that had to play before imbibing. I thought the coach had a unique warm up program for the team, by getting the bus to breakdown a couple of kilometers away from the stadium, making them walk to the stadium with all their gear. The atmosphere soon changed after the game with some joyous song and quick quips being heard throughout the bus. Unfortunately we extended our stay at the Tradewinds a little too long, which meant other watering holes were not open for a spot of relief, which caused quite a bit of consternation among some members. Forty members attended.

Saturday night BBQ's were well attended and I would like to thank Warnbro Meats and Nice Buns Bakery for their support throughout the year and Anna for chasing around and purchasing all the BBQ items. Whilst we held quite a few wheel spins, we could not say that they enriched the clubs coffers, in fact on some occasions it cost the club. I would like to thank Syd, PJ and Gary along with the duty teams for their help.

Our money makers for the year was the forty five's club, the quiz night with nearly two hundred and fifty members and friends in attendance and the raffle with nearly 1600 of a possible 2000 tickets sold. I would like to thank all members, their relatives and friends for making these functions/activities so successful and to our sponsors, without whom we could not put on these functions without great cost to the club. With this in mind, please support our sponsors throughout the coming months and let them know that Rockingham Hockey Club supports them and appreciates the support they give us.

So all in all I think we had a very successful year socially but this could not have happened without the support of the team managers, Peter and Gail Stirling, David Klink, Syd, Joy and many others and last but not least the Social Committee. Without the hard work put in by the Social Committee a lot of these functions would not have got off the ground, so without further ado I would like to say thank you to Ewan, Clint, Bryan, Chris, Emily, Michelle and Daniel for the help they have given me throughout the year.

I am now looking forward to a bigger and better year in 2002 and with this in mind, I will require the help of everyone within the club. We require new ideas for social functions and fund raising, new members on the committee (at least one member from each team) and new ways to bring funds into the club. So if are interested in becoming a social club please contact me.

Andy(Bomber) Brown
Social Club President



Santa (Sid Cazbotar) explaining the theory of supply and demand to one of the nippers at the Christmas function.

JUNIORS

The 2001 season has been a fantastic year for RDHC in regards to our Junior members. It's been 7 years since we were able to field an under age team in our own right, remembering that we only sponsor the U15s. In 1993 we had an U13 and U15 both in the WAHA competition. The current season saw us field a very successful U17b side in WAHA.

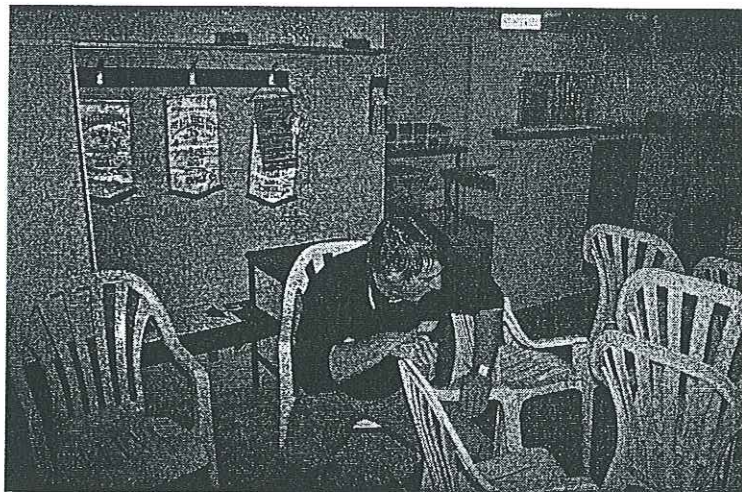
From our juniors which ran for several years prior to 1993 we have very few still playing and combined with the 7 year gap since has really hurt our Club. With our current 17s and 15s we have players in the starting line ups of both our top two Mens and Ladies sides and several others being blooded in our third Mens side. If this trend continues it will only lead to more competitive teams and much bigger and stronger Club.

Our investment in the U15s is starting to pay dividends with our 17s but there are much greater rewards if we only continue, and when they progress to our senior ranks, we need to look after our young members.

All our young members have come from the Juniors on a Saturday morning. This competition is run by the Rockingham Districts Junior Association with which must maintain a close working relationship. This Association under the guidance of Rhonda Ford must be congratulated for their hard work in attracting approx. 350 players every Saturday morning.

I would like to thank Chris Brown for a wonderful job coaching the U17s. These boys have done the Club proud by finishing on top at the end of the home and away season.

Neville Ford
Junior Coordinator



Another tough day for Neville, last to leave as usual, too much celebrating maybe?

UNDER 15 B

Team Members

Alan Albion
Robert Allen
Asha Anderson
Sean Atkinson
Shae Belton
Lee Brown
Russel Caine (Vice Captain)
Cara Evans
Todd Ford
Kahla Francis
Nicholas Lim
Lachlan McDonald
Christian Oskam (Captain)
Joshua Taylor
Caitlin Wales
Cassie Warren

The 15s again this year had a reasonably successful year with making our 4th successive finals and our 3rd in this grade. Three teams tied for first place, including ourselves, but unfortunately we dropped to third on goal difference. A drawn game which we should have won cost us top spot. This year's competition was very close and was made more so by a redraw after the first round caused by a promotion and relegation of two teams. This meant that all teams started the second round on zero points. With having beaten all the other teams in the four, I was very confident of making the Grand Final but Willetton had plans of their own and knocked us out in the first semi.

Again this year there was a lot of interest in becoming a member of this elite squad and from the very first trial the girls were always going to put pressure on the boys to make the squad. The selection panel picked a squad of 16, of which 5 were girls, all on merit. I must admit I had concerns early in the season because I would have had an all girl half line plus one as full back. All my fears were unfounded with all girls performing very well. In our home and away games we only lost 3 games all by a single goal. In the second and the only round that counted we conceded only 3 goals and we scored 11 goals.

A low point early in the season was the loss of Alan Albion who had a serious knee injury requiring a knee reconstruction. I wish him all the best in his rehabilitation. I'm sure he'll be stronger than ever in U17s.

During the season we had many personal highlights and are as follows:

Asha Anderson, Cara vans, Kahla Francis and Caitlin Wales all selected in the U15 Regional team. On top of this Cara and Caitlin played in the Ladies A and Asha and Kahla in Ladies A Reserve, both with a stint in A grade.

Todd Ford started playing threes at the start of the season and worked his way up to a regular spot in twos and was rewarded with a few games in the ones. With a game for the U17s meant he played in all our men sides with the exception of Vets.

Russel Caine and Lee Brown also played for the threes performing very well.

In the four years of this squad the current team is possibly the best not because of their talent but because of their camaraderie and mateship

This went without exception even when they played against each other on Saturday morning. If we keep these kids interested in playing I'm sure this will be very contagious not only amongst their peers but the rest of our club and this will make our great club even stronger.

I would like to thank Shaun Ford for his great support during the year when own playing commitments allowed. Also Wendy Wales and Chris Brown at the start for help at selection of the squad. Thanks must go to Terry Evans for his valuable advice during the year.

Congratulations must go to our Fairest and Best winner in Cara Evans. She had a fantastic year. Her speed and skill worried all forwards she came up against. Runner Up went to Christian Oskam who had a really great second half of the season.

The Most Consistent went to Robert Allen who always played well no matter where I played him. During the season he played every position except goalie without one complaint.

This year I have donated a trophy for the Most Improved. I felt this necessary because a player went from a forward bench player to one of the our strongest full backs despite her slight stature. Kahla Francis out performed all my expectations, well done.

Congratulations to all our trophy winners.

As in previous years the Parents have been very supportive and I thank them for this. But the most thanks must go to team members for what has been a very rewarding year. I wish all remaining squad members good luck next year. The players leaving the U15 age group I would encourage them to play U17s, girls or boys and/or Seniors and wish them luck in doing so.

Neville Ford
Coach

UNDER 17

It has been a long year for the boys of the U17s. Pre season commenced at the end of February with much enthusiasm. It must be noted that 9 to 12 team members participated at each training session for runs along the foreshore. Also a bit of beach rugby (meant to be touch) but did end up full contact and all got a bit wet. It was good to see the commitment of these young players.

We had a good start to the year with the State Championships being held before the season had started. This resulted in the boys coming runner-ups. This was an excellent result with this being the first U17s team to play in a metro competition for Rockingham in ten years. It was good to see Shaun Ford back in a Rockingham shirt.

The hockey has started and the season has been very kind to us. Being undefeated until half way through the season with some impressive wins and plays. We had a few games that clashed with the top side and people not able to play due to other commitments. So some of the 15s filled in with great enthusiasm and play. So thanks to those players Lee Brown, Lachlan McDonald, Warren Sexton, Christian Oskam, Russell Caine, Robert Allen, Josh Taylor, Sean Atkinson and Todd Ford.

It was good to see these young players come up and not be intimidated. It was also good to see the boys from 17's play as a team and pass the ball to every player on the team regardless of that players ability or age. They played as a team. Team play is always a winner as this is what makes a good team and this team is an example, hope they keep it up in the future.

The Challenge Cup was played against Swan Lee on our home ground, with the victory going to Rockingham. The support by the Club and the spectators at this game was good and they were not disappointed in the quality of the game.

The team had only one defeat during the season finishing on top of the ladder so they should be proud of what they have achieved for the year. WELL DONE TEAM. Also this means they get the Guth Ardagh and hope they go all out to win the big one. (Fingers crossed)

I would like to thank the boys for a good year of hard work and fun. I would also like to thank Dudley Evans for taking over coaching the team for me when I was away at work and Stan Cutler for his work.

THE TEAM

Captains

David Klinck (BIG DAVE)

Big in stature, big hearted. Always putting the effort in on game day and around the club with the juniors by coaching support. Well done. (Keep the noise down a little).

Brett Webb (WEBBIE)

Well he is everywhere, never stops running, never gives up. Gives 110% to the game and training. He is an asset to the Club. (Keep playing hard and pass that ball).

Vice-Captain

Dale Tirrall (MR FOOTY)

Always has his footy under his arm at training everywhere. But still a good hockey player and always puts in and never says die attitude makes him a good stable player. (Kick it to me).

Gavin Cutler (GAV)

Was a right wing but now is a fullback, has the skill to do both, so I think he should be a great right half but he doesn't like it. I hope he makes his mind up and realizes that right half is a good spot on the field. Good work Gav.

Cameron McDonald (REDDERS)

Flat chat or not at all should be this guy, saying if not flat out on the field he is resting behind the net. He loves the games, so slow up and enjoy it and your youth and hockey will be more fun. (Fore stick not reverse stick).

Luke Wales

Mr Dependable just keeps doing his job, didn't have to tell him what to do, he just did it. He is a great hockey player but is so laid back it's not funny. The funny man in the team, but I do like his attitude, easy come easy go. (Any more laid back he would be an easy chair).

Jay Jackson

Well when I first saw him, I said to myself, I've got some work on my hands here. But if everybody was like him I would not have to worry. He listens, tries hard, trains hard and plays even better. Every week he just improves, he has impressed me every time he plays on the field. (A good player of the future, great effort).

Michael Rose (ROSIE)

This young lad has great potential as a hockey player. But of course he is lazy, when he has a good day he is the best on the ground but when it's a bad day he sucks. Best to put him in a different spot until he picks up. Another player of the future, hope he stays around.

Shane Phillips (BIG BOY)

Took a lot to get him back to hockey. So far he has not let me down. A big center forward, with a bigger hit, he can read the play to make good position and some of the goals he has got were 'EXCELLENT'. Hope he keeps playing for the club and not go back to rugby.

Clay Phillips (MR COOL)

He is another player that has a good future in hockey and in the club. Stick skills that razzel and dazzle the opponents and is so cool under pressure. That's what has made him a good fullback and a center half and a center forward at times. He is like his brother, both are gentle giants.

Cameron Evans (CAM)

Looks like he could hardly hold the hockey stick in his hands. But as left wing has done his job to the letter T. Has got the team short corners and free hits with his skill and grace, proves that power and muscle is not everything, for Cam it's in his fingers.

Adam Wall (ADDS)

Well without his person we would not have been a team. With his loud calls and his goal keeping it has been a good year for him. He has the least amount of goals scored against him. The fullbacks do help in this as well. He has always got a word or two to say to the opposition. Beep beep beeeeeep. Adam I think you should thank your dad Neil for being the best caddy you will ever have.

I would like to thank all the parents of the boys or young men that came along to all the games and gave support and for getting us all to the games on time. Helping yell and scream to keep them on their toes. THANK YOU ALL.

I do wish the team every success as they enter into the finals as they do deserve it for all the effort they have put in over the season. I would also hope the club will be trying for 17As next year win or lose. I do think that the kids coming up from the 15s and those who are staying from the 17s have a real chance at staying in there for a good few years to come, they may not be on the top but they will be up there. There is only one way to go and that is up, to go sideways will not help the kids or the club in it's quest to get stronger and better. These players will only benefit from this.

Chris Brown
Coach

Editors note: This excellent team went on to win the Grand Final by comprehensively beating WASP's 2-1 in a game where the Redback's superior skills outshone the opposition by a long way. This team is part of the future of the club, and our future is definitely very bright with these young gentlemen.

MENS 1C

And what a season it was. Overall the season 2001 was a successful one for the Rockingham 1C's. There were many highlights to the season – the most obvious one being the Challenge Cup victory over UWA 3-1. Throughout the season, the team demonstrated character and determination to overcome problems with injury and availability. Unfortunately, these issues caught up with the team at the end of the season, and it was a frustrating ending to what had begun so promisingly. Narrowly missing the Guth Ardagh pennant and then the Elimination Final loss to Newman were very obvious lowlights. As can be expected, the playing list for the 1C's was large – some were stalwart servants of the team, others were occasional players who often rose above and beyond the call of duty. All players deserved to be selected for the team, and also to feel a corresponding pride in the efforts that they put in.

Greg Thompson

The team list.

Greg Thompson (Coach) – I am sure other people can tell you all that you want to know about my season. The only player with a 100% conversion rate in front of goal.

Ewen Gunn (Captain) – A courageous player who played on through injury towards the end of the season. A fine leader who continued to set a good example throughout the season. Managed to hit himself in the head with his own stick whilst shooting at goal – could only happen to Ewen. Still has another year left in that lanky body – how about it Ewen?

Bryan Taylor (Princess) – A prolific season that resulted in a bag of goals. Another on field leader important to the team. The blonde tips are a worry – what really happened in Thailand?

Robby Taylor (Old Pa) – The heart and soul of the team. God I wish we could bottle his determination. The only player I have ever seen push a stationary ball into his own head, causing loss of blood and face (pun intended).

Mick Tierney (Osama) – The best prepared player that I have ever seen. A courageous player whose return to the club was one of the reasons for our good season. Wears strange hats and is fond of Ug Boots though.

Clint Mills (Shep) – Has had all sorts of diseases including measles and German Shepherds. First season back from a serious knee injury, and is beginning to show the old form.

Owen Hale (Forest) – God that boy is fit. If we could just get him to run with his stick down.

Brett Webb (Spider) – A young man with almost unlimited potential. Will one day win a Fairest and Best for Rockingham.

Dave Klink – Continues to improve. Began to show his true potential at the end of the season – unfortunately a nasty run with the flu. Violent assault by workboot left Dave with a badly sprained ankle and a very sheepish expression.

Cameron MacDonald – 2001 was a steep learning-curve for Cameron, and he began to show some good form towards the end of the season. If we can just keep him on the field, and get him off his backstick.

Greg Halden – Reliable, athletic and inspirational. Only yelled at us twice this season.

Dave Rochford – A real loss when he was transferred back to Canberra. We look forward to him for 2002.

Nathan Germano – A player who always gives his best effort. Almost as fit as Owen, although beer makes him sleepy.

Neil Partington – A real team man who had a good season. Anchored the backline throughout the season, although a broken hand forced him to miss some games. Needs a girl badly.

Todd Ford – A young player with plenty of potential who will improve with size and strength. Learns all the time.

Lesley Wearmouth – Had an interrupted season due to work commitments and damaged his knee during the finals. A dangerous forward on his day.

Mark Allen – Played one game after a six year lay off from hockey. The touch is returning.

Michael Rose – A young man with potential who needs to put in on the training track to realise that potential. Now that Clint has taken him under his wing anything could happen.

Cameron Smith – Deserved the game in the 1C's because of his work-rate in the 2C's.

Paul Youlden – Looked set up for a big season until family commitments forced him to quit. Ultimately, the most difficult place to fill in the team.

LADIES A GRADE

A good mix of Youth and Experience plus a dash of new blood have combined to place the Ladies A Grade equal first at the end of the regular season.

MAHALA MULLINS; delivered another season of top quality goal keeping and is still the most respected keeper in the competition.

WENDY WALES; may have slowed a little, but her skill and determination haven't faded in the least.

JANETTE McMAHON; displayed the reliability that we've all come to expect and she can score Semi final goals too.

CARA EVANS; speed, strength and skill, this young lady seems to have it all.

GAIL TAYLOR; a vital midfield link in the Rockingham chain, an absolute workhorse.

CHRIS TAYLOR; tirelessly races around the forward line at full speed, blasting away at opposition keepers.

KELLIE SHIRRA; has played the best hockey I have ever seen her play – brilliant.

KIM THOMPSON; gave an absolutely stellar performance this year, say no more.

CARISSA CARPENTER; the new kid on the block giving out classes on how to play wing.

SUE GREENAWAY; got recruited by the backline halfway through the season and adopted the role beautifully.

CAITLIN WALES; a very skillful young lady who took more than her fair share of hard knocks, but kept coming back for more.

SARAH JARVIS; a steady first year with the A's, played her best game thus far in the Semi finals, good timing.

ASHA ANDERSON; a Junior rising star showing many opposition players how things should be done.

There is a long list of super subs that have all made contributions to the A Grades success. Allyson Candlish, Jenny Curtis, Robyn Palermo, Cassie Warren, Deanna Hogan, Kahla Francis, Chris Everett. Apologies if I have forgotten anyone.

Team Manager
Ken Mullins.

Editors note: Thanks to a single goal by Wendy Wales the Ladies A grade team won the Grand Final 1-0 against Old Irwinians in a grinding hard fought game.

MENS 2C

Well it was a bit of an up and down year for the 2's we won some we lost some and we drew some. It was nearly an even spread of the lot with an end of season result of 7 wins 5 draws and 6 loses. Our complete season is summarised in the below table.

Round	Home Team	Goals		Away Team	Goals	Result
Round 01	ROCKINGHAM	3	v	N/C KNIGHTS	0	W
Round 02	ROCKINGHAM	1	v	COWAN UNI	2	L
Round 03	WILLETTON	4	v	ROCKINGHAM	3	L
Round 04	ROCKINGHAM	5	v	DALE	4	W
Round 05	ROCKINGHAM	2	v	CANNING	2	D
Round 06	MUNDARING	3	v	ROCKINGHAM	0	L
Round 07	JOHN XXIII	4	v	ROCKINGHAM	0	L
Round 08	ROCKINGHAM	3	v	N/C KNIGHTS	0	W
Round 09	COWAN UNI	3	v	ROCKINGHAM	1	L
Round 10	ROCKINGHAM	1	v	WILLETTON	1	D
Round 11	DALE	2	v	ROCKINGHAM	3	W
Round 12	CANNING	2	v	ROCKINGHAM	11	W
Round 13	ROCKINGHAM	2	v	MUNDARING	1	W
Round 14	ROCKINGHAM	1	v	JOHN XXIII	2	L
Round 15	N/C KNIGHTS	1	v	ROCKINGHAM	1	D
Round 16	ROCKINGHAM	1	v	COWAN UNI	1	D
Round 17	ROCKINGHAM	2	v	WILLETTON	2	D
Round 18	ROCKINGHAM	7	v	DALE	1	W

Season Highlights:

Round 5

It was the day of the misses. There was a theory that on this day the goals weren't in the right place. There was about 47 shots on goal and we managed two. Allan was considering letting Molly have a run up the field. One of the games that will come back to haunt us at finals time.

Round 6

The bus trip. It was the most unforgettable round of the year for two completely different reasons. Well it was against Mundaring in west Kalgoorlie (Mundaring's home ground) so it was decided that we would get a bus and travel up as a team. Once on the road every one was looking forward to a good game against the winless bottom of the table team. We arrived and it was rather quiet until one of the Mundaring player walked out and said "he umpires have gone the game was at 2pm", it was now 3pm and we were ready for a 3:30pm game. Extremely disappointed and frustrated we got back on the bus, by the time we got home moods were slightly better but that might have been the beer talking. Well apart from Shacks, thanks for driving. Another game that will come back to haunt us at finals time.

Round 12

It's raining goals. We finally managed to score some goals, 11 in total, which was a good thing but it also reminded us that we only drew with them earlier in the season.

Round 16

Did someone say dangerous! There was a directive put out by WAHA the week before this game that the two teams were going to have to supply umpires for the game. We were ready, however Cowan claimed they didn't know. One of the 1's offered to do it but one of their players did it instead. Well that was the beginning of the end, two disallowed Rockingham goals. Both off short corners Webby with a great shot, the second after full time was blown Bill came up with the goods to take the win and flicked it over the keeper but it was called dangerous because it hit a Cowan player standing on the line. In the end it finished up a 1 all draw.

Round 18

It's all too late. The final game of the home and away season and a loss and we were defiantly out of the finals. It was a good game in all with the team pulling off a 7 - 1 win with Manny's 4 goal haul. Unfortunately we needed another team to at least draw for us to make the finals and they we playing the bottom side that had over 100 goal scored against them for the year (that's an average of 6 per game). Needless to say the average remained and we missed the finals.

Season Wrap

Well it was the season that could have been. A couple of glitches though out the year saw us miss the finals by one measly point finishing the season in fifth. In all the team enjoyed themselves and we are now looking to get make amends in season 2002.

Thanks to all of the season 2001 players and to Allan for coaching us through out the year, also thanks to Mark "Chops" for captaining the team for the start of the year.

The 2001 Players:

Mark Allen, Darren Bassett (captain), Mark Copenale, Manual DeSilver, Neville Ford, Todd Ford, Nathan Germano, Faulket Jansen, Dean Lings, Peter Molner, Graham Shackles, Cameron Smith, Bill Stephen and Alan Mills (Coach).

Also we have to thank the other plays that helped us though out the year, including the under 17's that filled in for us.

Written By:

Darren Bassett (2C Captain)

LADIES A RESERVE

We started the season with a short pre-season training and a list of 40 players to fill 3 teams, A Grade, A Reserve and B Grade. With about 12-13 new ladies coming into the club and about 2 training sessions to the start of the season, this was not going to be an easy task.

Brad and I put our thinking caps on and decided on who was playing where for the first week and we would take it week by week for a while to try and get the best mix possible.

A Reserve started with a win and then fell into a 6 week run of draws before our first loss of 2-0. Our kicking fullback, Rhonda, had a moment or two of indecision in this game. She couldn't work out whether to use her feet or stick to stop the shots. By the time she had decided the ball was in the back of the net. However to Rhonda's credit she was prepared to put on the helmet and give it her best and she did save quite a few other shots on goal.

At this stage of the season we were floundering in about 6th position on the ladder. The 1 points we were getting for the draws were not pushing us up the ladder at all.

What to do?!? Go into hospital and have a knee operation to get the sympathy of the players and swap teams. Brad took A Reserve for the double-header weekend and I took A Grade for their 1 game so I could rest up.

The phone message of cheering and yelling was a welcome relief as Brad encouraged A Reserve to a 4-1 win over one of the top teams.

This was enough incentive for me to make sure A Grade won their match against the bottom team convincingly. 8-0 win not yet surpassed by Brad. (Who said rivalry wasn't healthy)

Back to my A Reserve marvels. This win started the ball rolling and we finished the season without losing or drawing another game. We slowly clawed our way into top spot for the season.

That's not to say it was all smooth sailing. We have gone through 3 goalies for the season, 1 kicking fullback, B Grades Goalie filling in and Jenny Curtis put the pads on for another game.

It's not that we were wearing our goalies out, but circumstances such as pregnancy, husbands etc were against us.

At this point I would like to Thank Greg Haldon from the 1C Men's team for staying back after his own training to coach yet another new goalie for me. It was really appreciated.

For the rest of the team we have had a few tough spots and problems that we have managed to work through as a team and have melded together as a formidable force on the hockey field.

There have been weeks we have struggled to get 11 on the field out of a list of 17 players, and there have been other weeks where we have had nearly all players available. As a coach both ends of the scale are not easy to deal with. We have had a blend of young and mature (never say old) players this year ranging in ages from 14 – 40+ (not to reveal too much).

There is not much more I can say about this terrific group of ladies except it has been a pleasure coaching them and let's hope this year we can bring the pennant home. 3 years of being runners-up is more than enough.

There is one other person that needs to be mentioned. Alma Davies our Team Manager. Alma has been recovering this year from knee surgery and took on the tough job as our manager and has done a great job. She has been to just about all trainings and all games. Everyone appreciates the oranges at half time and all her hard work in passing on social news, collecting money, filling in the card and making sure the cones and balls were at training and games. It was only when I was left in charge of the goalie gear and other equipment that it was forgotten. Finally got a goalie and I forgot the gear.

Now for the Team;

JOY KLINCK; Captain; Full Back; Joy had a rough year tearing her hamstring early in the season, putting her out for quite a while. Her guidance and experience were missed from the backline. She made it back for the last part of the season.

ROBYN PALERMO; Vice Captain; Centre-half; Robyn came from right wing in A Grade last year to a whole new position this year in A Reserve. Her experience and skill in controlling the centre shone through. She filled the role beautifully.

JENNY CURTIS; All Positions from Goalie to fullback, halfback and anywhere on the forward line. Probably the most valuable player any coach could have. Always gave 100%.

DIANA KADJMA; Full back, occasional run on the forward line. Diana's commitment to training and games should be applauded. She has traveled from Perth all year. Diana needs to take her car out of auto pilot occasionally and remember when we are playing at home – not Mandurah. She still managed to make it for most of the game, even after traveling the extra distance.

KAHLA FRANCIS; Full back, sometimes halfback, but if you ask her she can't play there. Kahla have proved to be an agile, reliable fullback. She is our legs back there – especially the strapping with “kick it to me” written on it.

BRONWYN CAINE; Left Halfback; Brony has been as solid as ever in our back line. You can always rely on her working her butt off to get back and defend, even if she is becoming a turf snob.

ASHA ANDERSON; Right Halfback; This year was Asha's first year in Senior hockey. She more than proved her ability with us to the extent that A Grade pinched her for a while. We managed to get her back for the last part of the season and finals.

SUE SULLIVAN; Right Inner; Sue has had an outstanding season. She has put in 100% effort every game. Her ability to be a leader on the field and show everyone else how to be first to the ball was uplifting for the whole team.

DONNA CARNEY; Forward line – prefers centre forward but plays a good wing when she sets her mind to it. Donna has a lot of ability when she applies herself. She started the season with a burst of stardom.

CHANTAL SKEOGH; Centre forward/Wing; Chantal is our Tasmanian Tiger. A fiery forward who has excellent skills close in on the pads and has forced through many goals. Got the Peel Ladies tongues wagging when she took on a Midcity Oldie (verbally of course).

KIRSTY GUNN-BROCKOFF; Left wing; Kirsty has worked hard this season at left wing and has played the position well. She has been unlucky with injuries and illness that have kept her out for a few games. Kirsty has a long future in senior women's hockey.

ELYSHA BICKLEY; Left Inner; Elysha is new to the club this season and we are glad to have her. Her tenacious work in the inner position has aided us in many of our wins this season.

DEANNA HOGAN; Forward line; Deanna started the season only being able to play Fridays and Sundays due to work commitments. Since mid-way through the season she has been back playing full-time. And umpires comment, “She could teach A Grade players a thing or two” about her trap and shot on goal in the second last game of the season summed it all up.

CHRIS EVERETT; Right wing; Chris came to the club new this year. She stated that she played fullback (and she played this well) but with a few fullbacks in the team, Brad gave Chris a try on the forward line and what a forward!! With her speed and skills Chris has been a huge asset on the wing. She still thinks she's a fullback.

ALLYSON CANDLISH; Backline; Ally has been unable to play as much as she and we would like due to work. When she did play, Ally was as solid and as reliable as always. Ally never stopped supporting the team and the club.

RHONDA FORD; Fullback, kicking and normal; Due to family commitments, Rhonda was unable to play many games, but she helped us out when we really needed it. We managed to get Rhonda qualified for the finals just in case and I appreciate her help.

KATHY KEEYS; Goalie; Kathy joined us half way through the season when we were desperately seeking a goalie. Kathy has never played in goals before but has trained extremely hard and improved immensely.

Thanks to the following player for filling in and helping us out when needed; (Who would have thought we would need it with a squad on 17)

Donna	B Grade
Ros	B Grade
Cassie	Juniors
Tara	Elysha's friend
Sally	B Grade

Just goes to show you can never have enough players!?!

To all of A Reserve I thank you for your loyalty and commitment this year and here's hoping we can finish on a high.

Trena Janczyk

Editors Note: After many attempts, the Ladies A Reserve finally won their grand final with a score of 2-1 against old Irwinians in what was an excellent game of hockey for the Redback girls. Kahla Francis took out the player of the grand final, a fantastic effort.

LADIES B-GRADE

An invaluable lesson was learnt this season and that is the power of being POSITIVE.

Early season saw a virtually new team. As is usually the case in such situations, a few "teething" games sorted our players into positions in which they were comfortable, competent and happy. Unfortunately the teething was a protracted, painful process.

Lack of consistent coaching made it difficult for positive team-work to effectively achieve success. The season had all the elements of a see-saw; the problem was there were more lows than highs.

The end of the season saw our fortunes change. Every team member went onto the field determined to be positive and work together as a TEAM. Consequently, those last two games were played and won resoundingly.

Thank you Bronwyn, Deanna and Rachael for "filling-in" when we were caught short by illness and conflicting commitments. We appreciated the ease with which you helped us out. That word team-work again!

To the team, ladies always look ahead, and if there have been errors in judgement, let's learn from them, as we move forward in a positive manner.

The team members were; Robyn Bailey, Kristy Baldwin, Cheri Fallon, Dawn Gannaway, Melanie Garner, Janet Jerram, Donna Lines, Michele Pene, Pauline Stucke, Arlene Yates, Dale Yates, and Emily Sexton

See you in the 2002 season.

Arlene Yates



That's what I call goalie padding!!

Editors note: Donna Lines won the Peel Association Best and Fairest award. Well done Donna!

MEN'S A RESERVE

This year playing in the men's A Reserve has been one of my most enjoyable seasons of hockey. To come out of last season and win only a handful of games, to this year be part of the finals I think shows what playing together as a team with one main focus – to have fun out there – can achieve.

I felt honoured to be given the role of captain but I feel that my role was a more subdued role than other teams may have had. Within our team prior to the game and at half time was filled with key players on the field all taking turns at putting forward suggestions of how the team can improve out on the field. Our team was always positive out on the field and off all talking to each other with encouragement. This is why I believe that the morale of the team was and still is so high. All players took responsibility for their actions and didn't rely on a few key players to drive the game forward. So in a sense there was no real leader, but a team of guys who enjoyed playing together and just wanted to have some fun.

We had our share of disappointing losses and also the enjoyable wins but I think the game that was the most disappointing was when we drew against Kwinana 0-0, yes that's right 0-0. It was a game that was fought hard by both sides and both team had their fair share of opportunities, but however nobody could convert. To make the finals I think was the greatest achievement that we have had all season.

The players that made up the A Reserve side for 2001 were;
Leigh McDonald (Captain), Kris McDonald (Vice Captain), Greg Hislop (Team Manager), Brad Ball, Gavin Vagg, Lee Cousins, Brett Chappells (Goalie), Carl Raffaele, Neville Ford, Todd Ford, Dave Phipps, Gavin Cuttler, Alf Green, Sean Mumme, Graeme Creedon, Richard Czabator, Cameron McDonald, Clayton Philips, Michael Rose, Cameron Smith, Gary Smith, Jim Stockman (Goalie), Luke Wales, Adam Wall (Goalie), James Weldon, Maurice Giles, Lee Brown, Russell Caine, Phil Pampling, Alex Swann.

I want to thank all of the guys who were involved with the men's A Reserve team throughout 2001 but I am not going to thank any players in particular as everyone bought to the team their own piece of experience which contributed greatly to the success of the team. Unfortunately we were beaten in the first preliminary final but I hope to see all of the guys back next year to help take the team all the way to the grand final.

Regards,

Leigh McDonald
Team Captain
Rockingham Mens A Reserve.

VETS OVER 40 DIVISION 3

The season for the "Vets" started with a dilemma. It had to be decided whether we put in two teams, which would struggle with numbers, or one team that would have an abundance of players. The latter was selected, and after a minor tussle with WAHA who wanted us to play Divvy 2 we got to play Division 3.

With so many team members available each week it became a struggle to field an evenly balanced team as well as give all members equal game time. To those players who did not get as much game time as they would have liked, I apologize. To assist in getting everyone onto the field it was decided that as the men's 3rd side (Mandurah comp) were short of players the Vets would provide their considerable hockey experience to support this team each week. The vets were given the choice to play either on grass or the turf. Thank you to all the vets who were able to help out the young fellows.

The Vets started the year with PJ at the helm. We got off to a good start with the team settling well and actually winning a few games. Before each game we would be told to keep the passes short (because we look good when we play the short game). This "team strategy" usually lasted the first ten minutes, then we ran out of steam and went back to the long hit. This usually just tired out the forwards who in the end just couldn't shuffle anymore and slowed to a walk.

At the end of the third round our illustrious leader PJ decided to give hockey away for awhile (No, it wasn't anything we said). This was a bit of a downer and came as a shock to a lot of us, but we wish him well and would like him back next year. This early "retirement" paved the way for both Alex Swan and Alan Mills to be elected as Co-Captains. That meant that we took it turn about to sign the game card.

I don't think anyone in the team was thinking about the challenge cup until round seven when someone happened to glance at the ladder to find us in second spot. That's just what we wanted, two games in the one weekend. Fortunately we had a reasonably easy game on the Saturday and took the whole 16 players along so as to rest some key players.

The challenge cup was played on a day that saw sunshine, cold winds and a rainstorm that was both cold and torrential. The game was played in good spirit and we managed to hold Lakers to 2-1 at the break. The second half saw us loosen up a bit and the final result was 5-1. Well done to all.

The second half of the season saw us have more loses than wins. The competition got really tight and there was only three points between second and sixth spot on the ladder going into the last game. We had to win and others had to lose to allow us into the top four, possibly even second spot. Well the others lost but we didn't win and that put us out of the finals.

A couple of season highlights –

- Making the challenge cup.
- Noel Turner (Fullback) stealing a goal from five inches(100 cm) off the goal line directly in front and heading in by itself.
(He was just making sure).
- Swanny scoring the first goal in the second round game against the top team (Lakers) in 17 seconds from the start.
- Several goals scored in spectacular fashion from Gary White, Gary Smith and Rick Sinnott

On behalf of the entire team I would like to thank all our wives, children and other spectators that came along every week to sit in the cold to support the team. Many thanks to you all.

The last accolade goes to the following players who made up the Over 40's Division 3 team for 2001.

Peter Janczyk	Alex Swan	Alan Mills	Maurice Giles	Richard Czabotar
Sydney Czabotar	Rick Sinnott	Dave Amm	Jim Hogan	Noel Turner
Murray Law	Gary Smith	Gary White	Barry Girling	Jeff Hawkins
Andy Brown	Graeme Creedon			

AND THE TROPHY WINNERS ARE –

Ladies A	Fairest and Best Runner Up Team Award	Kim Thompson Wendy Wales Kim thompson
Mens 1C	Fairest and Best Runner Up Team Award	Brian Taylor Neil Partington Brian Taylor
Ladies A Res	Fairest and Best Runner Up Team Award	Chris Everett Elyshia Bickley Alma Davies
Mens 2C	Fairest and Best Runner Up Team Award	Dean Lings Graham Shackles Peter Molnar
Ladies B	Fairest and Best Runner Up Team Award	Donna Lines Robyn Bailey Kristy Baldwin
Mens A Res	Fairest and Best Runner Up Team Award	Brad Ball Brett Chappells Greg Hislop
VetsO/40 Div 3	Fairest and Best Runner Up Team Award	Maurice Giles Noel Turner Sid Czabotar
Under 17	Fairest and Best Runner Up Coach's Award	Jay Jackson Michael Rose Jay Jackson
Under 15	Fairest and Best Runner Up Most Improved Most Consistant	Cara Evans Christian Oskam Robert Allen Kahla Francis

Scitec Club Person Award: **Graeme Creedon**

Sid Czabotar – Presidents Club Person Award: Andrew “Bomber” Brown

Congratulations to all winners!! See you all next year.