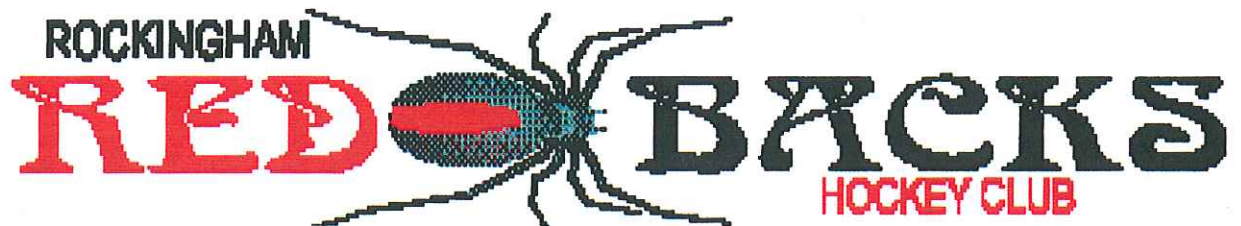


# YEAR BOOK 2007



**LARK HILL – THE FUTURE**



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## **RDHC BOARD & COMMITTEES 2007**

**CLUB PATRON:** The HON Mark McGOWAN BA LLb MLA

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<b>SECRETARY:</b>	Sue LOMAX
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<b>JUNIOR DIRECTOR:</b>	Rhonda FORD
<b>COACHING DIRECTOR:</b>	John WRIGHT
<b>UMPIRES DIRECTOR:</b>	Dave KLINCK
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<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	Allan SADLER
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	Todd FORD
	Tom HUNTER
	Jenny MCDONALD
	Dave BAIRD
	David AMM
	Hannah MCDONALD

**TREASURERS REPORT**  
**Payments & Receipts Year Ending 31 August 2007**

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Payments</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Bar	\$ 14,013.85	Bar	\$ 10,089.37
Mens Fees	\$ 22,978.00	Mens Nominations	\$ 11,499.00
Ladies Fees	\$ 11,385.00	Ladies Nominations	\$ 3,300.30
Uniforms	\$ 1,818.00	Uniforms	\$ 8,368.81
Development	\$ 13,355.00	Development	\$ 3,532.20
Social	\$ 2,764.65	Social	\$ 1,942.11
Wind-ups 2006	\$ 2,373.49	Wind-ups - 2006	\$ 3,528.61
Wind-ups 2007	\$ -	Wind-ups - 2007	\$ 2,631.40
Licence Plates	\$ 580.00	Licence Plates	\$ 130.00
Clubrooms	\$ 291.45	Clubrooms	\$ 3,384.33
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,297.75	Miscellaneous	\$ 7,078.15
Fines	\$ 500.00	Fines	\$ 1,050.00
BBQ	\$ 623.25	BBQ	\$ 600.94
Equipment	\$ 379.50	Equipment	\$ 1,838.00
Canteen	\$ 5,206.60	Canteen	\$ 2,797.58
Junior Team Nominations	\$ 300.00	Junior Team Nominations	\$ 884.20
Junior State Regionals/Trials	\$ 510.00	Junior State Regionals/Trials	\$ 1,365.00
Carnivals	\$ 145.00	Carnivals	\$ 710.00
Junior Fees	\$ 781.50	Junior Refunds	\$ 215.00
Amalgamation	\$ 36,367.67	Investment Account	\$ 30,000.00
Sponsorships	\$ 12,200.00	Turf Fees	\$ 15,108.50
Donations	\$ 303.00	Security	\$ 143.00
Merchandise	\$ 195.00	Phone	\$ 269.90
Light Hire	\$ 190.00	Electricity	\$ 260.26
Bank Interest	\$ 1.56	Advertising	\$ 223.30
Wheel Spins	\$ 102.00	Player Insurance	\$ 2,526.00
Photos	\$ 2,193.70	Junior Insurance	\$ 336.00
State Championships	\$ 260.00	Senior Fee Refunds	\$ 280.00
		Umpiring	\$ 420.00

<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 131,115.97</b>	<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>\$ 114,511.96</b>
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<b>CASH BALANCE - 30 August 2006</b>	<b>\$ 9,979.84</b>
<b>CASH PROFIT AS AT 31 August 2007</b>	<b>\$ 16,604.01</b>

<b>CASH BALANCE AS AT 31 AUGUST 2007</b>	<b>\$ 26,583.85</b>
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<b>CLUB BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 16,761.05</b>
<b>DEVELOPMENT BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 9,822.80</b>
	<b>\$ 26,583.85</b>





Umpires Discussion Night



LADIES 3 at Play



**ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB  
ANNUAL BANK RECONCILIATION  
AS AT 31ST AUGUST, 2007**

Balance Brought Forward 30th August 2006	
Reconciled Cash at General Account	9,979.84
 Term Deposit as at 9 July 2006	 21,983.26
Plus Deposits	32,720.00
Plus Interest	<u>1,489.04</u>
	56,192.30
 Total Cash at Bank	 66,172.14
 Add Income	 131,115.97
Less Expenditure	<u>114,511.96</u>
 <b>Total cash at bank at 31st August, 2007</b>	 <b><u>82,776.15</u></b>

Balance per bank statement (general account) 31/08/07	27,409.85
Add outstanding deposits	-
Less outstanding cheques	
# 1842	60.00
# 1863	50.00
# 1877	115.00
# 1933	41.00
# 1936	10.00
# 1939	50.00
# 1940	500.00
 Reconciled cash at general account	 26,583.85
Cash on term deposit	<u>56,192.30</u>
 <b>Total cash at bank at 31st August, 2007</b>	 <b><u>82,776.15</u></b>



## **PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO MEMBERS SEASON 2007**

Firstly may I welcome all junior members and parents who as a result of the amalgamation of the Rockingham District Hockey Club and the Rockingham Junior Hockey Club have become part of one of the fastest growing hockey clubs in Western Australia. It is still hard to fathom that within one week in June, club membership more than doubled to potentially 500 plus members.

I wish to thank all our sponsors, Stargate Shopping Centres, Westate Finance, Tiwest, Thales, Signarama, Nowet waterless Carclean, Healthways, Willow Bridge and Big Brews Warnbro who have come on board to assist the club in securing an exciting future and be a part of the much anticipated move to the new Larkhill Sportsplex in Season 2008.

Also a big thanks to our Club Patron, Mark McGowan who although very busy with his political schedule, has found the time to support the Club for the eighth year in a row.

A club cannot function without the dedicated band of volunteers who somehow find the time to put their heart and soul into this club to ensure that members reap the benefits of having the best possible environment to enjoy the sport of hockey.

A special mention to life member (1982), Ex President and compiler of the club yearbook for the past 5 years, Sid Czabotar (papa smurf) who has decided to hang up his boots and retire. On behalf of all members we thank you for your commitment and efforts and wish you and Lynn all the very best.

To our newest life members, Arlene Yates, Trena Janczyk, Alex Swan and Graeme Creedon, on behalf of all club members I congratulate you all on your well deserved awards. Your commitment to the club and involvement in the development of hockey in the Rockingham District has been outstanding.



**The President PJ**

Throughout Season 2007 I was very impressed with the commitment and energy I saw around the club from games, meetings and at club functions.

To the inaugural interim Board members, Senior and Junior Committees, Coaches, Team Managers/Captains, Umpires, Canteen helpers, Webmaster and anyone else I may have missed, a very big thank for your efforts from me personally and on behalf of all club members.

The incoming 2008 Board and committees will need to continue to develop a communications strategy so that all role positions and club members are better informed of events including

the social scene in a timelier manner, as well as the roles and responsibilities of the functioning bodies of the club.

There is still much work to do in preparation for Season 2008 and the move to Larkhill Sportsplex. The clubrooms are expected to be completed mid December 2007 followed by the turf in February/March 2008. The incoming Board and Committees will be working throughout the off Season and will be facing some hard decisions in preparation to the move to Larkhill as well as the future of the club.

The Board will continue to liaise with Rockingham City Council in regards to finalising the facility management/lease agreement, Hockey WA in regards to fixturing and technical support, Rockingham Softball Club regarding joint management of the facility as well as the fit out of the clubrooms and Peel Hockey Board to ascertain ways where the two turfs may support each other as well as examining the role Peel Hockey competition has to play in the future vision of our Club.

The Board will be working hard towards developing a 3-5 year strategic business plan to secure the future of this great club and will be calling for input from club members during that process.

A big push for next year will be towards the development of Coaches. The incoming Board will be considering a Coaching plan that will see coaches developed at all levels within the club to ensure they are qualified to a standard coaching level suitable for all teams and coaching methods are consistent.

I firmly believe that to attract and retain players at all levels a club needs to be able to offer top quality coaching at all levels. The initial financial outlay to adopt a coaching plan of this type is minimal compared to the potential benefits to the club over a period of time.

Season 2007 saw the introduction of a new playing strip throughout the club as part of the planned move to the new facility. This will be exciting time for all members and will form a unique part in the history of the Rockingham District Hockey Club as it continues to grow.

For the past three years I have always encouraged younger members of the club to become involved in taking on roles and responsibilities within the club to gain a better understanding of club functions. I am very pleased in the support shown by a lot of young members by taking on coaching roles at senior and junior levels, Umpire Director role and strong support at club functions.

For Season 2008 I encourage parents of juniors to play an active role in the running of the junior section of the club. Whether that is as part of the Junior Committee, coaching, team managing or playing a role in organising and attending junior competitions such as Busselton. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated by members who have carried out those roles over many years.

Finally, congratulations to John Wright and the First men's team in making it to the finals for the first time at that grade. A great effort and a great game saw the boys knocked out of the finals but they will be a force to be reckoned with next season.

At the time of writing this report the men's Second team, captained and coached by Dave Klinck lost the first play off in strokes but have a second bite for the finals the following weekend and I wish them the best of luck.

Well done to the Division 2 Mandurah men's team who, captained and managed by Rob Phillips, made it to the finals along with the Ladies Division 2 and 3 teams who were guided by Wendy Wales and Joy Klinck. Unfortunately Division 2 Ladies bowed out of the finals but Division 3 made it through to the grand final, a great effort. Even the old fellas in the Vets O50 Division 3 made it to the grand final and if they win you probably won't see the President for a week!



All up 6 out of a possible 16 teams made it through to finals this year and it could have been more. I congratulate all award winners in both the Senior and Junior sections of the club and thank all members who have played a part in making 2007 a successful year in many ways.

In closing I thank all members for your support for Season 2007, stay safe in the off season and I look forward to catching up with you at the Larkhill Sportsplex in Season 2008.

Peter Janczyk (PJ)  
President 2007



**Our Patron**



**The Old men at Play**

## **Rockingham District Hockey Club Sponsorship 2007**

2007 wow what a year it has been from the Sponsorship point of view for the club, I took on the responsibility of procuring Sponsors for the forth coming and subsequent seasons as we move to our new facilities, let me tell you the opportunity has been enormous from the clubs point of view!!!

When I had a look at our sponsors from 2006 I was surprised to see that we only had a couple of sponsors, Westate finance was contributing to the Men's 1's team and Big Brews liquor were contributing to the club, great to have the support but we totalled only \$2000 in monies for the senior club, at this stage we had not amalgamated with the Juniors who were doing their own sponsorship deals.

My first challenge was to secure a sponsor for the new Club shirts that were being designed, a big challenge from my point of view to go ask local business to give me money, the key to my success has been being able to sell the concept of the "Lark Hill Complex", I successfully secured Stargate Shopping Centre as the Major sponsor for the Club shirts.

With the knowledge that it can be done, a Sponsors proposal was put together with 2 levels, Major sponsor \$2000 or more sponsors get full exposure in and around the club, less than \$2000 all sponsors get exposure.

Major sponsors includes club website, banner with sponsors logo, promotions around the club, invites to club functions, newsletters and all stationary that the club utilizes. Minor sponsors include all the above except on stationary.

It is with pleasure to advise all members that the Club has secured the following sponsors for 2007:

1. Stargate shopping Centre – Major sponsor of Club shirts.
2. Thales Australia – Major sponsor of under 17's boys and girls team.
3. Tiwest Kwinana – Major sponsor of under 15's boys and girls team.
4. Healthways W.A – Major sponsor of Juniors competitions
5. Westate Finance - Minor sponsor/ major sponsor of the Men's 1's team.
6. Big Brews Liquor – Minor sponsor of Club
7. No wet waterless car clean- Our own Cameron McDonald minor sponsor.
8. Signarama Rockingham- Minor sponsor making all banners for the club rooms including donating Club banner
9. Willow bridge wines - minor sponsor.
10. City of Rockingham - Supporter of the club with the development of Lark Hill and making people available to contact for advise.

Total contribution including donations and services amounted to nearly \$15,000 for 2007 from the sponsor's point of view, but not to forget the work the social committee put in place securing sponsors for the Racing night at Mclarty Hall!!! a massive increase on 2006.

What about 2008? What lies ahead?

Have already received verbal commitment from all sponsors above.

I am happy also to announce some exciting new sponsors for 2008.

1. Wizard home loans have agreed to sponsor the Ladies 1's team in the metro competition. That is exciting for the development of our women, another major sponsor.
2. Monarch roofing is looking at coming on board for next season.
3. A massage therapist (Mary East) is going to be joining us next season with all massages booked will donate money back to the club.
4. A formal hire ware company is also offering money back to the club.
5. City of Rockingham is looking at obtaining grants for the club to channel into development of Coaching and Umpiring and



the 2 most exciting opportunities for next season.

6. Hockey International has always been a good sponsor/supporter of the club but 2008 brings a great opportunity for the club. We will be setting up a shop at the club and will be selling all hockey equipment from Hockey sticks to shoes to goalie gear etc etc etc and the good thing about that is all profits will be retained by the club!!!! So look out for flyers promoting this new concept for the club.

7. A major naming rights sponsor for the new stadium is in it's early stages of negotiations, if it is successful it will be a major coo for the club.

Thank you to all club supporters who turned up to our sponsors day in July, this was a success for the club, next seasons will be bigger and better.

Personally, I would like to thank the social committee for their efforts they put in this year, considering the pressures they were under they did manage to pull of some good events, looking forward to next year and promoting social events more visually for 2008.

Finally, all clubs need good leaders and good committee members, this year's Board has been superb in its support and help for me as I go and seek out sponsorship.

All clubs need good presidents and ours P.J has been working tirelessly through out the year 24\7 living, breathing the club so that it can develop into a bigger and better club, P.J on behalf of the Board and the club well done on leading the club this year, you have worked tirelessly to take the club to where it is today. A BIG THANK YOU.

I haven't touched the surface of the potential for bringing in sponsors, but I need help via contacts, if anyone knows of people who are potential sponsors please contact me on 0418174925 or email emanuele.minissale@ap.ffmpeg.com

Looking forward to a successful 2008

Manny Minissale

Vice President- Sponsor Officer – Bar Manager.



ARE YOU TAKING A PHOTO OF US

## **SOCIAL CLUB REPORT 2007**

After last years AGM the numbers on the Social Committee were looking great with plenty of people putting up their hand to help. Well by the time the season came around it was back to all my familiar faces (Jenny Mc, Brett Webb, Todd Ford, Hannah McDonald, Tom Hunter, Dave Amm and David Baird). The events we had this year included:

Welcome to 2007 Family Fun Day – Washed out  
Saturday Night Fever  
Sunday Session at Stan Twight  
Bus Trip to PHS  
Country and Western Night  
Quiz Night  
Mexican Night  
Off to the Races  
Presentation Night

After a dismal start with our first event being washed out (I did not know that hockey was played in winter) each event went on to become bigger and better. One of the favourite events of the season was 'Sunday Session at Stan Twight' the afternoon was fantastic balmy 19 degrees with only a slight wind blowing. We had a great turnout of members and I would like to thank those who had a go on the guitar, Daniel Creedon and Matt East. We have some hidden talent in the club, so with the move to Lark Hill next year I can see a lot more of these Sunday Sessions happening.

As a committee we put these events on for the benefit and enjoyment of our members, so we cannot succeed without your participation and for our Quiz Night and Off to the Races Night we definitely cannot succeed without the input of local business donating services or sponsoring events.

Our 2007 Social Committee has already started forward planning for our move to Lark Hill, so hopefully next year will be bigger and better than ever.

Allan Sadler  
Social Committee President



**Scrubbed up Looking Bright**



## 2007 PRESIDENT'S CLUB PERSON AWARD

Each year the President of the club has the honour of presenting the Club Person Award. This award is not presented lightly unless the recipient has shown all the attributes required.

Throughout every season many club members carry out volunteer roles on committees, sub committees, coaching, bar management etc. These are people who are committed to providing all members with the best possible environment to enjoy the game of hockey.

I have always encouraged younger members to become more active and more involved in the running of their club because they are the future leaders and position holders within the club. This year I am pleased to see many young members step up and take on responsible roles



within the club.

Throughout the season several club members came under my notice as prospective candidates for this award and the decision is harder each year to award because there are so many people doing so many good things for this great club including Senior and Junior members.

I have based this award on genuine commitment to the club, support of club functions, being involved in the management of the club, club representation on and off the field, signs of future leadership of the club and being a good communicator and role model for others to follow. The person I have selected has shown all these attributes.

This person is relatively new to the club joining in 2002 and probably one of the finest gentlemen you are likely to meet. At the AGM of 2006 he put up his hand to take on the role of bar manager for 2007 and the newly created role of sponsorship Officer.

For many years the Club survived from year to year on approximately \$2000 in sponsorship and monies raised at major functions. During Season 2007 this person has secured sponsorship in excess of \$16,000 for the club with other sponsors still to be approached for

2008. This amount alone far exceeded my expectations and is a testament to his dedication to getting the job done.

After the amalgamation of the two Rockingham Hockey Clubs he also took on the role of Vice President of the Board and his determination, commitment and enthusiasm for the club to achieve results has been outstanding.

I am sure that all club members will agree that Manny Minissale is a very deserving recipient of the Club Person Award for 2007. Congratulations Manny and well done.

Peter Janczyk  
President RDHC 2007



**FRIENDS FOREVER**



### **LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR ALEX SWAN**

Alex Swan has been a most valuable member of our Rockingham Juniors for around 10 years.

Swannee, as he is affectionately known, has coached Cougars U11s and U13s for many years, way beyond his son Robert being a part of these teams.

He has also put a lot of time into coaching our representative teams, having many successes, one in particular being the U13 Development team which participated in the Mandurah competition in 2004.

Swannee has also made many trips to Bunbury for the kids Carnival, even staying in the luxurious Scout Hall, when he didn't even have any children participating.

He has been Property Officer for a number of years. If gear needed fixing, Swannee was only a yell away. He is at the ground early every Saturday morning setting up the PA system and is always there at the end to take it down.

He has also been a very active Committee member for 10 years.

Because of Swannee's enormous contribution to Rockingham Juniors for the past 10 years, we would like to honour him with Life Membership of the Rockingham & Districts Hockey Club.



### **LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR ARLENE YATES**

Arlene has been coaching Junior hockey in the Rockingham Districts Junior Hockey Association for the past 10 years. Although she has never coached her own children, she always puts her hand up to Coach U11s year after year.

Arlene has always been known for her fairness, in giving all players equal game time and the opportunity to play in all positions, even to the point of not putting any importance on winning games.

One thing we notice from kids who have been coached by Arlene is that they know how to play positions.

Arlene has also over these years, been a very valuable Committee member within our Junior Association.

We sincerely thank Arlene for her dedication and commitment to the Rockingham Juniors and look forward to her continuing in this role.

With this said, we would like to award Arlene Yates with Life Membership of the Rockingham & Districts Hockey Club.





### **LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR TRENA JANCZYK**

Over the past 27 years, Trena has held the positions of Umpires Co-ordinator and Carnival Co-ordinator.

Although Trena has worn many other hats during this time for Rockingham Seniors and the Peel Association, she has always maintained her full presence at Junior level.

Due to Trena's hard work and dedication, Rockingham Districts Hockey Club has some extremely capable umpires. Her umpiring program has been so successful over many years, that Peel has adopted the program.

Not only does she Coach our umpires, does the umpiring weekly roster, she also umpires a couple of games herself each week.

Because of Trena, we have been able to keep past Juniors interested enough to help out with umpiring duties each week.



Trena was also instrumental in the organization of the merger between Rockingham Juniors and Rockingham Districts Hockey Club. She put in many hours constructing and re-constructing a suitable Constitution and By-Laws for the newly formed Rockingham Districts Hockey Club.

Trena is a person who has a wonderful way with words. If there is a letter to be written for whatever reason, she always gets the job and does it so well.

Trena is another example of a truly dedicated member. Her daughter Megan, finished playing Juniors over 2 years ago and she still remains fully involved with the Juniors.

Some of her achievements and positions held are as follows;

1984/1985 – Vice President

1986 – Pregnant (Amy)

1989 – Pregnant (Megan)

1997 – Social Committee



1997 – 2006 – Peel delegate for Rockingham District Hockey Club  
1998-1999-2000-2004-2005 - Secretary  
2003-2004 – Peel Association Vice president  
2006 – Peel Hockey Senior Director  
1999-2006 – Coached A reserve, B Grade, Div 1, 2 and 3 as well as team manager for all teams consistently.  
2005-2006 - Amalgamation Committee Member  
2006 – Club umpires manager for Metro and Peel

With this we would like to bestow upon Trena Janczyk, Life Membership of Rockingham Districts Hockey Club.



**OLDIES BUT GOODIES**



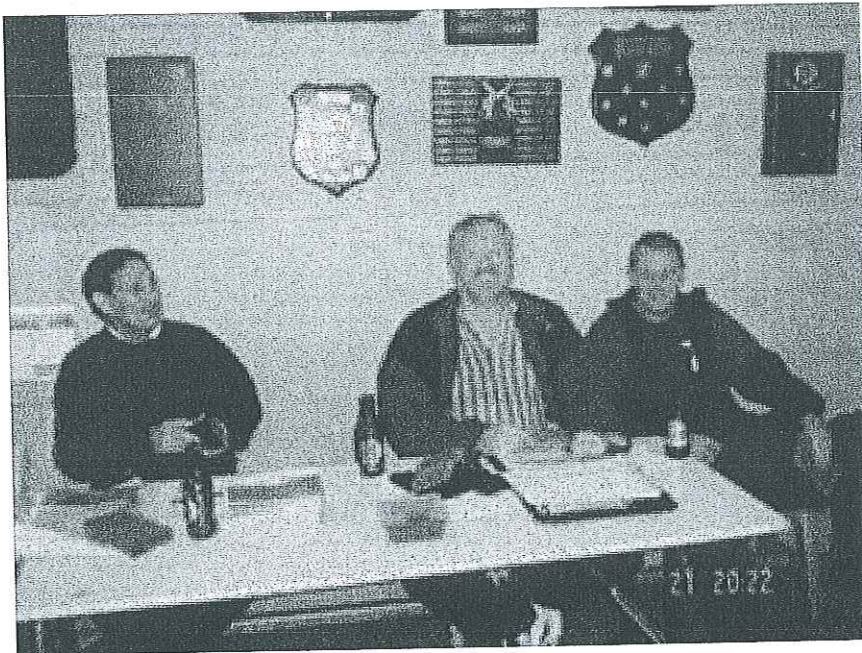
## **LIFE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION Graeme CREEDON**

Graeme Joined the Rockingham District Hockey Club in 1994 after being posted to Fleet Base West Garden Island whilst in the Navy.

From 1997 to 2000 Graeme was the Navy representative and link between the Navy and the club and fostered a close relationship between the two.

In 1998 & 1999 Graeme coached the Rockingham U17 boys and in 1998 and 1999 Organised and ran the mixed summer competition on the Garden Island Navy turf.

In 2001 Graeme was elected President of the Rockingham District Hockey Club and this was certainly where he started to show his true dedication to the club. Graeme held this position from 2001 to 2004 and it was during this time he worked closely with Rockingham City Council in the discussion and planning stages of what is to become the new Larkhill Sportsplex.



**Graham with Bomber and Bill**

Graeme was the main driving force in organising a working committee to oversee the Larkhill development and he also ensured that financially the club would be prepared. Graeme's planned financial management saw a total of \$20,000.00 dollars put aside to assist the club in the eventual move to Larkhill.

It was during his time as president Graeme showed true leadership and made many decisions that would affect the direction of the club. They were hard decisions but were always made with the best intentions for the club in mind.

Graeme relinquished the presidency at the end of the 2004 season to pursue work interests but he left knowing that he had achieved the goals he intended and the club had built a very good relationship with Rockingham City Council.



From 2004 to 2007 Graeme maintained an active role on the Larkhill working committee and was instrumental in ensuring the technical aspects of the facility and turf met the needs for the club.

Due to a nagging back injury Graeme is currently not playing hockey however he is usually down at the games every Saturday and always puts his hand up to umpire when called upon.

This nomination recognises the leadership, hard work, forward thinking, sound financial management and achievements of one individual who literally has moulded the direction of this club and played a major part in making the dream of a new club room and turf become a reality for all club members probably 10 years before we thought it would be possible.

The above outlines the reasons why the current club President, Peter Janczyk, nominated Graeme for his life membership.



**Must be cold**



## LADIES PROMOTION 2'S TEAM REPORT

The 2007 season saw the first time Rockingham has entered a ladie's side into the Perth Metro Competition and it took no time at all for the girls to find their place in the new grade. All the girls did their club and coach proud and proved they were more than capable of matching it with any side they came up against. This was proved with some good results throughout the year including a 1-0 victory over league leaders Blades, a 5-3 victory over Fremantle and a game against Harlequins where the girls dominated winning 1-0. Yes dominated, should have scored about 10 goals that day. We finished off 6th on the ladder with 6 wins and 3 draws.

A massive thanks needs to go to team manager Jenny Mac. Her help throughout the year has been invaluable, supporting the team whenever needed and keeping the coach sane at the same time. She helped organise things beyond what was required of a team manager, including lollies and oranges for every game and supplied a first aid kit like I had never seen before! Thanks again.

With a much bigger squad and a much tougher pre-season (I'm sure everyone will love to hear that!) planned for next year, the season's ahead look promising for this young side.

The players this year included:

**Stacey Jerrick (Captain):** Peaches played at Full back for most of the year and constantly nagged to be put in the forward line whenever she could. She led her team well and provided great strength from the back.

**Hannah McDonald (Vice-Captain):** Easily the loudest member of the team, always got the rest of the side motivated and ready to go. Played the year at Right Half and provided great drive into attack, setting up many scoring opportunities. Improved greatly throughout the year. One half of the pinhead crew.

**Jaymie Donaldson:** One of the strongest players in this group, had a terrific season playing mostly in the middle of the field. Still has alot of improvement up her sleeve, which is scary considering how good she already is.

**Nicole Gallop:** Nicole plays hockey with fantastic intensity and this year spent most of the season in the midfield or up in the forward line. With a bit more confidence (and some more shots on bloody goal!) she can become an even better player. Had a great season.

**Kathryn Allen:** The speed Machine in the back line, helped control our defence. Another player who can benefit from having alot more confidence and like many others improved alot this season. Second and final member of the pinhead crew.

**Sarah Cooper:** Would give Hannah a run for her money as being the loudest member of the team. Played mostly on the wing and always put in every bit of effort she could muster, a great team player.

**Christie Suggate:** Our Goalkeeper for the season, played some excellent games. Had trouble getting use to me telling her to take people out, but when she did became a feared goalkeeper. Enjoyable to watch.

**Megan Janczyk:** Started the season as our Centre Half but a missed a few games through injury then a holiday to Bali. Another strong player, with an uncanny ability to fall over on and off the field.

**Casey Donaldson:** One of the youngest players in our side but like her sister had a fantastic season. Versatile player who played in the forward line, midfield and also at fullback, playing all positions equally as well. Made the state side for the first time this year and our whole side and I, wish her all the best for her upcoming tournament.

**Christie Cervenac:** A rare commodity in our side, a player with some experience.

Started the year playing in defence, then moved up into the midfield by the end of the year. Always performed strongly

**Sarah Jarvis:** Played Sarah in the midfield for the first time this year and when she got use to the new position had some good performances. Had trouble with injury late in the season, but always put the effort in.

**Lisa Rose:** Came into the team later in the year as a fill-in but quickly earned a regular starting position. Played left half and had an excellent season. Became a team favourite through the hard work she put in on the field.

**Sarah Shaw:** Like Lisa, came into the side as a fill-in but also earned her spot starting most games as part of our midfield. Will only improve as years go on like many others in this side.

**Renae Wiggers:** The nanna of the side, one of few players who are actually old enough to drink. Got her confidence up after scoring a few goals and contributed well to this side.

I would like to say a big thank you to all the ladies who played this year. It has been an enjoyable experience and you have all been an absolute pleasure to coach. I hope you have all had fun over the season and maybe even learnt a thing or two in the process, I certainly have. Thanks also to players who helped fill numbers during the year, Wendy Wales, Deeana Hogan, Melissa Hasson, Penny Caine and Susan Cunningham, it was appreciated by all team members. Thanks again to everyone and I hope to see you all back again for a strong season next year.



**Ladies 1**



## **LADIES PEEL DIVISION 2 TEAM REPORT 2007 SEASON**

The 2007 season has ended with us 1 place ahead of the 2006 season, so who knows, next year we *may* go all the way.

In our team we have quite a number of players who cannot play every week. I therefore put this down to why we don't have the ultimate success at the seasons end. So I guess what I am saying is that we ended up where we should have. Nonetheless, we all still enjoyed our season.

The season ended for us in the 1<sup>st</sup> Semi final, when we went down to Halls Head Green 2-1. After scoring our goal within the first minute, we were unable to hold out the opposition for the remaining 69 minutes, although we did have many more opportunities.

Our team comprised of:

### **Rebecca Cordina (Goalkeeper)**

Rebecca came to us with much enthusiasm and gusto. Although she is only 16 she showed much more maturity, on and off the field. She also doubled as the U17s keeper, so between the two teams was kept very busy throughout the season. She made some great saves for us and we hope that she continues next year. Well done Rebecca.

### **Allyson Candlish**

Ally played the bulk of her games as our ever reliable full back. She is such a steady player and was able to do some fabulous runs down the field into attack (mind you she was knackered then...) Ally also got her shot at inner, and did a mighty fine job, so I think she is keen to push further up the field next season.

### **Sue Lomax**

Sue came in about 7 weeks into the season after having her bub. You would never have known that she had been out. She had lost nothing, her eye for the ball was as good as ever. We look forward to having her for a full season next year (no more babies please).

### **Di Collard**

Di started as our right wing, coz that is where she said she liked to play. After Country Week, where she played all her hockey at either full back or half back, we put her to right half where she excelled. She has so much to offer as a right half. With a bit more fitness next year, Di will be awesome.

### **Trish Bishop**

Trish came up from Division 3 last year. She has the ability to run all day (mind you she is only young) and she never gives up. She was our first runner on our defensive penalty corners and collected quite a few hits for her efforts. Not many opposition players were able to get a good hit away. Fabulous season Trish...

### **Gail Taylor**

Unfortunately for us Gail was one of our part time players, due to Jaye's hockey commitments. The games we did have her for she worked really hard and added so much strength and aggression to our forward line. Although she favours half back, she played all her games at inner and gave our defence something extra up front to aim for.

### **Sally Carlton**

Sally started the season on fire. She was training two nights a week and it was really showing in her on field performance. Unfortunately, because of work commitments, training had to go, but not before Sally bagged 5 goals in one game against Pinjarra. She also got the job on 'Betty Butterly' again, who took herself off the field extremely frustrated.

**Sue Greenaway**

As always, Sue gives 110% in every game. She always is one person keen to train. She played all season on the forward line and works tirelessly in every game. When Sue goes away on holidays she leaves a huge gap in our team.

**Sue Sullivan**

Sue is another person who is always keen to train. She is a very reliable player and puts some nice goals away as left wing. Also adds a lot of aggression to our forward line and is a great team player.

**Rosie Hemsbright**

Rosie was one of our new ladies this year. Her speed and reach were phenomenal, as was her back tackling. She played many positions on the field with one impressive stint at full back, but she hated every bit of it. Hope to see you back next season Rosie.

**Kylie Simpkin**

Kylie was also another one of our new ladies (actually she is Rosie's sister). She is a very skilful player and a great distributor of the ball. Played most of her games at either centre forward or wing. An excellent team player. Hope to see you back next season Kylie.

**Tara Battilana**

Our Tara is a blast from the past. Tara played with us as a 17 year old and went travelling, then due to work commitments couldn't play hockey. We are very happy to finally have her back in the fold. She played most games at centre forward and managed to bag 3 goals in one game. Well done Tara

**Pip Graham**

Pip is another one of our new ladies. Unfortunately for us, Pip only played limited games due to work commitments. As a full back, she offered so much direction and tho she played limited hockey, you wouldn't have picked it. Hopefully we will get to have Pip for more games next year.

**Kelly Gray**

Kelly was also a new lady who is with the Navy. Kelly also played limited games due to work commitments and missed the last 5 games due to her being deployed.

**Wendy Wales**

I am also one of those very keen players who loves to train (NOT!!). Unfortunately I had to cancel many training sessions because of the bad weather..woohoo!!!

Wendy needs to concentrate more on her game and leave the poor umpires alone.

With this season now drawing to a close, I would like to thank all the above players for their efforts this season. I know each week every one of our players has given everything that they can.

I hope that you all have enjoyed this season enough to join us again next year. I know I will definitely look forward to another season with you lot.

The season will be very exciting for Rockingham Districts Hockey Club with our move to Lark Hill, which should mean **all** turf hockey for our grade.

**Wendy Wales**  
**Team Captain**



### LADIES PEEL DIVISION 3 TEAM REPORT 2007 SEASON

Here we are again, seems like just the other day that I was writing one of these! We have had a very successful year only losing 1 game during the season and having very few goals scored against us, must be all the oldies with the experience at the back and the young ones up front to score hey girls!! I am writing this the day before our Grand final so the tension is building and hopefully there will be a footnote to say we are winners.

**Jenny Mac;** our goalie has been her awesome self this season with great saves week in week out.

**Bronny;** just keeps running for the whole 70 mins and has had a top season, if everyone kept going like Bronny we'd be unstoppable.

**Robyn;** also had a great season giving much support to the less experienced players around her, we come second to the Eagles tho!

**Penny;** has played a lot of hockey this year and keeps improving, won't be long til we lose Penny to the 2's.

**Rachel;** plays a good steady fullback, can be really firey tho as a certain team found out! Well done Rach

**Taryn;** missed a lot of early games due to work but is a great team member who plays her best games as halfback and is hard to keep quiet!!

**Sarah;** went off on holiday halfway through the year but came back to pick up were she left off, just getting on with the job although those size tens can be a problem!!

**Dee;** very welcome after having her bub, Dee is a lot like Robyn giving much direction to the other players, a pleasure to have you Dee. Too bad we'll lose you next year.

**Bec;** has been a very handy player in the side and adds much strength to our team, hope to see you next year Bec.

**Jodie;** has improved out of sight this year, with her head catching up with her legs! Keep it up girl, you make me proud.

**Colleen;** what can I say? Some of the turns Colleen does need to be seen to be believed but she pulls it off like a professional, great season Col.

**Jasmine;** one of our quieter young members who has also had a good season, hope to see you next year Jasmine.

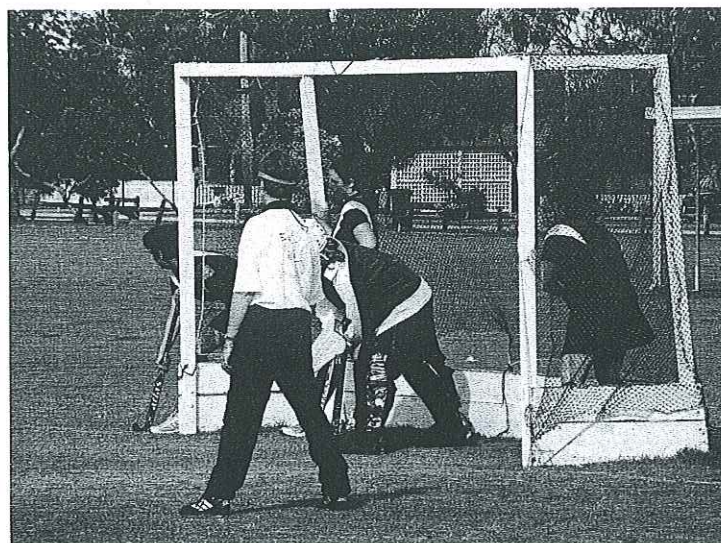
**Vanessa;** has improved out of sight this year and does whatever is asked of her be it forward or back, hope to see you again next year too Vanessa.

Thanks to Trena for being our bench player, I've never known anyone who is so happy to sit on the bench all game!! Thanks to anyone else who played this season.

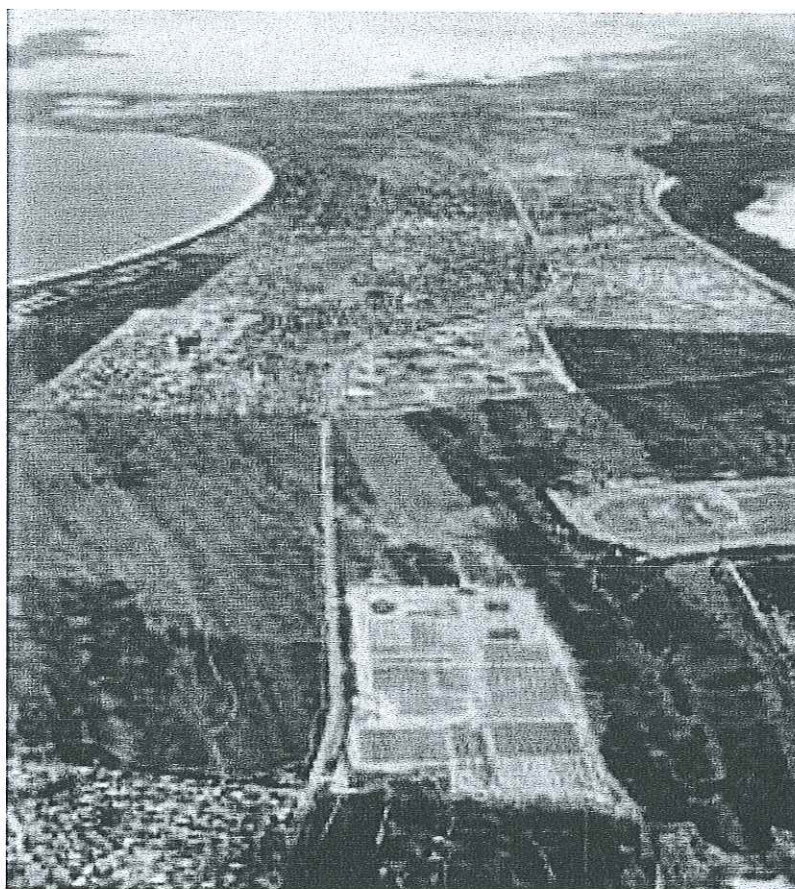
In closing I'd just like to say a big thanks to the whole team for a really great season and hope we can bring on the big one tomorrow and see you all back next year for the start of an exciting future for the club at Lark Hill.

Unfortunately we lost the Grand Final 3-2.

Joy Klink







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THE PEP TALK



## MENS PROMOTION 1 TEAM REPORT 2007 SEASON

### Early Pre-season

The season for the first team started back in early January. Whilst most sensible people are still enjoying the long summer evenings, beach and the bar, the 1<sup>st</sup> team squad spent Monday nights racing up Point Peron, or running timed 1K sprints in the Warnbro Dunes. The boys also trained on Wednesdays and a full SAQ session on Thursdays. By the time our pre-season trip came about the all the boys had made significant progress with their fitness, without which they would not have survived Geraldton.



### Pre-season in Geraldton

After 6 weeks of solid training the guys were desperate for some matches and the occasional Beer. 17 players made the journey as well as Derry, two of his boys and myself. Webby and Derry did a great job driving the bus, although if Derry ever suggests he knows of a filling station only 20k's into the bush – tie him up and don't let him drive!

As tradition dictates what happens on tour stays on tour, however for a few beers I can spill the beans. After a few of them sneaked out on the Friday, we all met bleary eyed for Breakfast at 8.00. At 9.30 we had a first fixture with the State winning Geraldton U17's side. Unfortunately they had a few players on representative duty and we duly one 16 – 1.

The boys then had a 4k run back to the beach, which then resulted in a swim and aqua-aerobics warm down. I was impressed at how few looked at me and said – your xxxxxxxx joking, and all tried their best. Amazingly Webby even managed to run past a Macdonald' without stopping.





In the evening we played the Geraldton Representative country week side and enjoyed a really close game eventually winning 5-3.

The rest of the weekend is really a bit of a mess for all concerned, but we made a lot of friends, just ask a few of the boys and Geraldton DSR have invited us back at any time.

In the weeks leading up to the season we also had the opportunity to play Fremantle. After our victory last season, they brought a strong 2A side with a few 1<sup>st</sup> team players, but we still managed a 3 – 1 win.

### Our Best Season so Far.

As you will all know this season has been a successful one for the boys.

We finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the league and consequently made the finals for the first time in our history. It should be remembered that we have by some measure the youngest and smallest squad in the league. The average of the group is 20.8, and that includes Sargent Yulds and Captain Taylor. This year 19 players helped the first team with seven players making all 21 fixtures, a testament to their fitness and ability to stay free of injury.

We were very pleased to welcome Cameron McDonald back from his travels and to retain the services of Brett Webb, who was courted by Fremantle. However this season everybody has stepped up his game from the youngest to the oldest and 2007 has been a real team event.

### Final Standings Season 2007

	TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	For	Ag	GD	PP	Pts	PP%
1	Suburban	20	19	1	0	2	83	17	66	0	57	95.00
2	NC Raiders	20	16	2	2	2	88	25	63	0	50	83.33
3	Peel	20	14	3	3	2	70	38	32	0	45	75.00
4	Modernians	20	13	6	1	2	73	37	36	0	40	66.67
5	Rockingham	20	9	10	1	2	50	62	-12	0	28	46.67
6	Lakers	20	6	7	7	2	34	45	-11	0	25	41.67
7	OGMHC	20	6	13	1	2	32	61	-29	0	19	31.67
8	Blades	20	5	11	4	2	28	43	-15	0	19	31.67
9	Willetton	20	3	13	4	2	29	63	-34	0	13	21.67
10	Whitford	20	3	15	2	2	34	80	-46	0	11	18.33
11	Kalamunda	20	2	15	3	2	24	74	-50	0	9	15.00





### **Highs and Lows**

Once again we were pleased to have continued sponsorship from Warrick Greaves of Westate Finance. Westate helped with kit, training and beer and we hope the association long continues.

Although there were a number of high points we have to remember that first Saturday home to Whitfords who were newly promoted and very nearly spoiled the party. We were 1 – 3 down at half time before rallying to win 5 – 3.

For the first time we were asked to play on Anzac Day and once again the boys rose to the challenge, beating Old Guildford 7 – 2 with Webby scoring 5 second half goals. In May we beat Kalamunda 7 – 3 with Todd Ford scoring 4 of which 3 could be goals of the season.

The low points in that first half was being out muscled by Peel 4-2 in a great game that had everything and a lesson in finishing by Mods and Raiders, who put 18 goals in between them. Whilst I was away for June and July, Derry stood in and by all accounts did a great job. The boys certainly appreciated his input and the results helped secure our finals place. In Europe I would nervously await texts from Bryan. This one being typical;

*'Whitfords, we were 4 – 0 up after 10 minutes then the usual happened.....'*

I returned for the Willetton game, a comfortable 4-0 and a chance to plan for the finals. At this point we changed our structure and the boys responded really well to the changes, although it wasn't easy. More importantly this was Locky's first clean sheet since joining the 1's some 3 years earlier – a major step indeed!

A victory against Kalamunda would see us secure a finals place at this grade for the first time. However in Rockingham nothing is easy and the boys suffered a miserable 1 – 0 defeat, which meant our last two games were against opposition directly below and directly above us. At Joondalup the 1s played with passion and discipline, securing the draw that was necessary against a Lakers team that had to win to get promotion.

Our final league game was a rehearsal for the final; Mods, who earlier in the season had walked 8 goals into the Rocky net. Late on Saturday evening they again won this time 4-0, although everybody left convinced we could beat them.

### **Finals Hockey a taste of things to come**

Most of the boys met for lunch before the evening final and then had the opportunity to visit the Larkhill complex. I think all the boys were impressed by the setup, not least the 6m bar. After this we all made our way to Perth for the game.

### **Tears and Joy**

The boys were all revved up for the game and from the whistle they played a plan that we had worked on for the last 6 weeks. After 10 minutes, Captain Taylor slotted the ball through to Todd, who was fouled in the act of shooting with the umpire awarding a flick. Cool as a Cucumber Webby made light work of the pressure and put Rocky 1 – 0 up. 10 minutes later another well worked move saw Todd fire in from the top of the D, 2- 0 Rocky. That was how it stayed until halftime, although Nathan, Tom, Oscar and Cam all went close, very close.

As expected Mods returned with Jet power, but Rocky matched them every step. When Mods finally scored, the boys kept their discipline and nerve and were rewarded with a spectacular goal from Bryan. With 10 minutes to go Mods pulled another back although the short corner should not have been allowed (honestly umpire) and the last 10 minutes both teams went at it hammer and tongs.

With 10seconds to go, Mods secured a short corner and as the clock wound down, were subsequently awarded a flick, after a brave effort by Redders to stop the ball on the line.

With our hearts in our mouth we watched the Mods striker convert his most important goal and Golden Goal extra time was to be the next stage in this epic contest.

Unfortunately, it wasn't to be and Mods moved on to the next round. However, Rockingham made a lot of Hockey friends that night and certainly earned the respect of the players and spectators.



Finals night would not be complete without a mention about the supporters. A bus plus several car loads, leaving Rockingham almost empty ensured the boys every tackle, pass and run, earned rapturous applause and raucous support. To say the boys were overawed and lifted by the support would be a massive understatement and we thank everybody that made the effort.

Later in the evening, some of the younger players were reflecting on what it would be like to have that level of support every week – roll on Larkhill.

### **Some more thanks**

As I have said in earlier years, the boys deserve the credit they get but there are many others in the background, who make big contributions to support the 1's.

In particular, Rhonda and Joy who do all the admin thing that I don't understand, Diane, who made sure we looked as good as possible on and off the pitch. Derry for standing in for me and input the rest of the season, Gordon East for his support and advice and finally Mary East for making sure that Bryan, Nathan and Paul were all fit enough to take the field and for invaluable assistance to the players during the final.

Here is to a summer off – well at least until January!

John Wright  
Coach





## **MENS PROVISIONAL 2 TEAM REPORT 2007 SEASON**

All started well for the 2's this season, with probably for the first in a long time there had to be selections to pick the team with 16 odd turning up to training.

First half of the season had a perfect run with us not losing a game til the half way point of the comp. even when I feel a lot of the games we were out skilled and out paced. But the good old rocky hockey heart got us over the line and even got us the challenge cup. (No Biggie.)

Second Half was just as solid with us only losing one game up til the finals even after some other clubs started stacking the teams, but we just kept on keeping it real and working hard. This saw us score the second available flag the Garth Ardath.

Finals become abit of a let down but hey what can you do, as the big man said "two out three aint bad".

Personally I would like to thank all the boys that pushed hard all year long and even fallowed some of my crazy ideas. Feel that this season helped me more then ever to get back to really enjoying the game again.

Cheers big Ears and keep on spinning.

Dave Klinck.  
(Magic man).

## **MENS PROVISIONAL 3 TEAM REPORT 2007 SEASON**

This year saw the introduction of a third men's team into the Perth WAHA competition.

The end of season results implies that it wasn't a good year for the new team, but statistics and position on the ladder don't always show the true efforts put in.

Through thick and thin a core group of players were there at every game to put their hearts and soul into a game that they loved playing. Regardless of the end score line (or even if we could field a full side!), these guys turned up and played hockey with great spirit which made for some memorable games and the occasional well deserved win!

I thank you sincerely for your commitment to making this team possible because without you, the team would not have existed.

Regards, Dave Baird.

- Rob Allen: Captain, organizer, defender, attacker, there is nothing that Rob didn't do (and do well) that was asked of him.
- Rob Ellis: A great hockey brain and much needed skillful player.
- Ray Gissing: A solid defender who kept the back line strong even in the worst conditions and strongest attacks.
- Joel Gissing: One of the best goalkeepers I've seen! A great organizer on the back line and saved many a score blow out.
- Aren Gissing: Goalkeeper by nature but held his own on the field. Every game saw much improvement.
- Ewan Gunn: A great asset who didn't let the team down when we needed someone with game knowledge and skills.
- Chris Nolder: It was hard to tell that he hasn't played hockey for a number of years. Chris was always enthusiastic and his skills improved with every game.

### **Special Mention:**

- Bill Maybury: Came to the rescue early in the season by putting the pads on and saving the team from a number of forfeits.



- Morry Giles: Always ready to help the team out (often at the last minute!), was an invaluable contributor to the team.

### **MEN PEEL DIVISION 2 TEAM REPORT**

The season went well for the Men's 2's and once again we were the minor premiers but unfortunately we were unable to finish of the season with a trophy. We had some good wins and some narrow losses.

The team comprised of some young and enthusiastic players and some older types like Brad, Kev, Morrie and myself and it was good to see the effort put in by all. As the captain I would like to thank all the players who helped us get as far as we got. The spirit was great and although it was hard at times to put 16 players on the field we managed to give everyone a run. I think that this will be my last year playing with the Mandurah Team unless my feet improve dramatically, so once again I encourage all players to look forward to next year with the opening of our new turf and come back and support the club to be even more successful. Good luck to the Committee for the year ahead. Well done all.

Rob Phillips Captain



### **VETERANS OVER 40 DIVISION 1/2 TEAM REPORT**

A really tough year for us 'old boy's', the season started with a fixture at home thinking we are set for a good season in Divi 2, but after the first game Hockey WA decided to change the goal post's and combine Divi 1 & 2 together because some teams were not happy with the current structure.



The season started for us facing teams we had not played before, and against a large number of ex state- classic league players, this will sort out how good we really are and boy didn't it do just that!

The first official game we actually one and dominated, ah this is easy we can beat any team--- wrong from then on we lost every game except a draw and the last game of the year, 15 games 2 wins and a draw bottom of the 16 team ladder (know how Richmond feel now GC).

We were very competitive in the early part of the season, pushing teams like YM, Riverside, Wasps, Kalamunda and the likes but during the course of the season the wheels started to fall off due to injury, lack of commitment like all those softies that went on holidays during the season!!!! Where's your commitment to the team boys not that I want to name anyone, Swanny, Neville, Manny D, Grovy ! I am sure their was more..... hehe.

We did un-earth some new talent though, a big welcome and thanks for joining the Club Rob Wallace & Ray Gisling but we where clearly out classed in some games and very competitive in others.

Overall, I thought our season was reasonable given the magnitude of the task we were confronted with, if we can recruit 3 "younger" players to assist the team particularly in the forward line & have a stable team we can certainly win games in divi 2 next season and possibly push for finals. But like all teams in the vet's that is a big ask, I think divi 2 is the way to go.

Personally I would like to thank all players that participated in the divi 2 team this season, to ensure we could field a team in every game this season.

Neville Ford for taking on the responsibility of captaining the team, coordinating F&B awards & representing the team at meetings, Maurice Giles for assuming Vice Capt and taking over from Neville and Alan Mills for coaching the team this season and organizing a special Vet's function at his home.

A special THANKYOU to June Swan for ensuring all moneys were collected during the season & to Manny D for collecting the votes for Neville.

Finally only 1 send off, this year looks like he is buying the bar.... First time he has been sent of since he was a junior some 40 years ago ..... oh sorry 20 yrs ago Rob you will never learn!!!!!!

Looking forward to a successful 2008

Manny Minissale

Vice President- Sponsor Officer – Bar Manager – Vets Team Manager

#### **VETERANS OVER 40 DIVISION 4 TEAM REPORT**

The season got underway with what was promising to be a good year. We welcomed a few new players to the Club and on paper the numbers game was with us. The draw looked great with lots of back to back games with our other Vets sides, however after week 1 WAHA in their great wisdom amalgamated the top 2 Vets 40 Divisions and at the same time decimate all our back to back games. Well I forgot some of us are getting on and some early injuries saw our numbers start to dwindle. To make matters worse, it appeared that half of the other Vets 40 team had all booked overseas holidays for around the same time, therefore we had to supplement their side. This caused us to forfeit 2 games throughout the season because there is some rule that you cannot play with 6 players.

Some bright points of the season were that when we could field our regular full side, we were very competitive, even giving a scare to the teams that were on top of the ladder. We probably could of knocked a few more teams over, if we all learnt to shoot when in the circle (see Kev I did not single anyone out), or players that could fill in and score for the other Vets team could score for us occasionally (Go Bluey).

At the end of the day, although we tried we just could not convert our game to many wins. In a nutshell we are a group of guys that want to come and play a game every week and enjoy a nice cold beer when it is over. If you look at that for our objective, then we achieved our goal. Can't wait for next year.

Allan Sadler  
Captain Vets 40 Div 4

### **VETERANS OVER 50 DIVISION 2/3 TEAM REPORT**

This report has been prepared prior to playing our 1<sup>st</sup> Vets Grand Final for a number of years. PJ and Gary Smith has never been on a winning Grand Final Team and the team won/lost

We started this year without our good mates Syd, Marty and Hawkeye

We welcomed some other new old farts to the team, Ray Higgs, Peter Janczyk, Gary Smith and Laurie Doncon ( for a few games). And our thanks to Maurie Giles who played a couple early games then was welcomed back with open arms for the last few games to qualify for the finals.

In General on the Field we did very well for the first draw of 13 games, when we did some thing unusual, we won or drew more games than we lost.

From the start of the year WAHA intended to break the Division 2 into two divisions to expand the competition for next year. There were 13 teams originally, on the 12th game we were all taking bets (as we were then 7<sup>th</sup>) when WAHA split the competition, would we be bottom of Div2 or Top in Div 3. The rest is history and we then won the last four games and finished top in Division 3 and have survived the 2<sup>nd</sup> semi and looking forward to our first grand final in many years.

My thanks to Richard Czabotar who once again did a terrific job as Team manager, Sydney for waiving the flag on occasions, and our cheer squad Lynn Amm and Jenni Czabotar.

Regardless of the grand final result we were once again most successful in our post game meetings, when we discussed how good we are or how good we can be.

Pj and Jim haven't shutup about their two goal games and Gary keeps having a "swipe" at Nev's coaching tips.

Never or less we just keep getting better at socialising, must be an age thing. You would think the barman would wake up and stock the fridge better.

Our Team

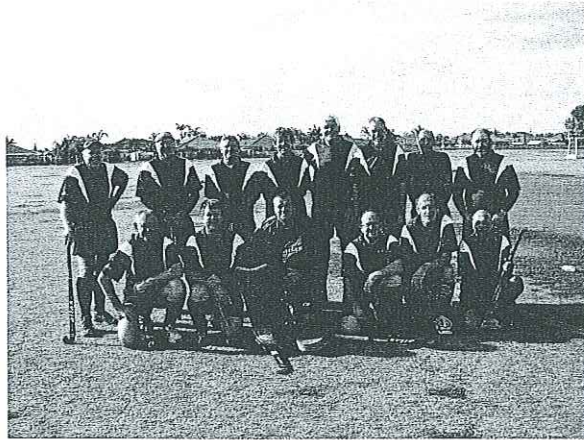
Ray Higgs

Terry Watson, Noel Turner, Peter Janczyk

Andy Brown, Alan Mills, Gary White, Richard Czabotar, Laurie Doncon

Jim Hogan, Kirsten D'silva, Gary Smith, Dave Amm, Maurie Giles,





**Vets over 50s**

### **ROCKINGHAM & DISTRICT JUNIOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

Until mid season 2007 the R&DHC and the Rockingham & District Junior Hockey Association very capably serves junior hockey in our area. These clubs amalgamated in preparation for the move to a new purpose built facility and clubrooms situated at Lark Hill, Port Kennedy. Over the past decade, more and more hockey games are being played on synthetic turf rather than grass-fields. Along with causing hockey to become a much faster paced game, it has seen a vast improvement in skill levels, especially in the younger players coming through the system. All games for our WAHA Junior teams are played on synthetic turf. Our club will have our own turf by the start of season 2008 giving us a home ground and training venue on par with Perth's leading hockey clubs.



**Girls U/11**

Rockingham Redbacks have four teams, boys & girls U17 and U15 junior teams. These grades are among Perth's highest and give junior players a good base from which to develop and move into the senior grades. For the younger hockey player, junior and minkey teams were organised through the Rockingham & District Junior Hockey Association and now our amalgamated club. The RDHC also supports U11, U13 and 15 Girls and Boys Teams in the state Championships and other carnivals.





**Girls U/13**

This year Girls U13's played in the State Championships 2007 putting in a great effort & achieved an outstanding result. They placed 2nd in their pool of 8 and finished 4th overall of 16 teams in B Grade, playing against Collie for 3rd and 4th place. Just missing out on the Grand Final by a 1 - 0 loss to North Coast raiders. Well done girls!!! The team was a good blend of Rockingham & Kwinana girls and after a few hours of playing together, the players bonded and new friendships were made as the girls all hung out together and there was lots of laughter. Great to see. I think we may also be acquiring two girls requesting transfers from Kwinana who will fit in very well with the Rockingham Club (Kaylee and Deserae).

Thanks to Donna (Coach) for her patience, guidance and continuing support towards our junior hockey players.



**The Girls Contemplating at Bunbury**

### **BUNBURY JUNIOR CARNIVAL 2007**

Rockingham was recently represented at the Bunbury Junior Hockey Carnival by some of the clubs best up and coming talent. Boys & girls teams competed in different age groups and faired well against some strong opposition. Good lessons were learned and experience gained which will further strengthen our junior teams for the future.





### **Boys U/13**

A HUGE well done to volunteers and parents who made this years. Bunbury Carnival a great success.

WELL DONE to all involved!

Welcome to TIWEST as sponsors of our U15's team's.

### **UNDER 15A GIRLS TEAM**

2007 was the first year that the Redbacks Hockey club put an Under 15 girl's team into a metro competition. It was hard to tell how the team would handle this level of competition. With a grading game scheduled against Perth College, the girls knew that this was the game that decided their season. A solid game of hockey was played by both teams on the day, with Rockingham advancing into the Under 15A girls competition. This was a tremendous effort by the girls. As the coach, I could see this team going far. The season started off well with a couple of wins that boosted the girl's confidence. Due to the lack of lighting available at the Bowling Green, it meant that training had to go back to grass at Stan Twight. Playing on turf and training on grass is the worst way to train and this showed on the pitch on Sunday mornings. Even though this situation was not ideal the determination was still there to give it everything. The girls played high intensity hockey through out state championships and defeated Mandurah 1 - 0 to win their division. A few results during the season didn't go our way which if they did; we would have played in the finals. The year wouldn't have ran as smoothly with out the help of some of the under 13s that would regularly come up and bench for the team. This will be great experience for them for the 2008 season. These girls have had a taste of what it is like to play A grade hockey and will no doubt want more in the coming years as they move into the higher Redbacks ladies squads.

### **U/17 B GOLD GIRLS**

Well, what a year. It all started back in early March with a Sunday morning run, the main reason for this was to get numbers for the season.

This year was always going to be a difficult one with the Club entering an U/17 team in the Hockey WA competition for the first time in Club history.

With initial numbers we applied for 17A 's and were given a grading game against Perth College. We lost the game and were relegated to 17B's. Maybe this was just as well as we struggled all year with numbers.

I must say a big thank you to all the girls that played and thankyou all for not giving up, it took us 6 weeks for to win our first game, just winning 4-3. The team ended up finishing 6<sup>th</sup> out of 7 teams with 3 wins, 1 draw and 8 losses.

The team consisted of Susan Cunningham, ( Capt), Eloise Pettersson, Emily Pettersson, Iesha McKenzie, Jennifer Alvaro, Sarah Shaw, Sarah Williams, Rebecca Cordina, Jasmine Gannaway, Hannah McDonald, Christine Jarvis and Victoria Montero who left us mid-season to return to Chile.

A big thank you also to U15 girls Casey Donaldson, Lisa Rose, Melissa Hasson Louise Irving and Penny Caine who all filled at some time during the season when we were short of players.

Congratulations to trophy winners Sarah Shaw-- Fairest & Best, Susan Cunningham R/UP Fairest & best and also Team Player.

Todd Ford

Coach

### UNDER 15 BOYS METRO

Well where do you start.

Well done to the all the players.

We started well with a win and a draw that game came at a cost ,by loosing one player with a broken wrist.

The next games the other players in the team had to stand up and show me and the others what they can do. Todd Maclean did just that as a captain should do. The rest of the season was hard for the younger and the other players learning that just playing hockey is just not enough. They had to listen and learn how to play the way the coach wants, and they did. With a bit of recruiting a player coming back from another club and also back from injury, the team started looking like a team and playing like a team and started holding there own. We had a few wins and another draw and were in the run for a finish in the top four. They just missed out by a few points.

Well that's life better luck next time. Hope to see you all back in 2008.



Boys U/15

#### The Squad

**TODD MACLEAN** - The captain of the team never too fast but always there. Always working hard, pass the ball right no the other right.

**JASON BROWN** - Vice Captain- Well done when out there, very good, how many injuries can you get in one year.

**REGAN** - Goalie - A very good job, kept us in the games week after week. But training you better watch out on the field (keep the pads on).

**JOHN PEARCE** - A young player in the team has become a good halfback when he listens



and not talking.

**DAVID PEARCE** - A centre forward come fullback. All I can say is eveready battery.

**LOUGHLIN COLE** - Fullback - Full ball or not at all is his motto. Settle down and you will become a better player.

**ANGUS SIMPSON** - Lefthalffullback - One of the players that got better and better game after game and stood up when he had to.

**STEVEN SNASHALL** - Very fast got better when he stopped tackling like he was chopping wood improved a lot throughout the year.

**KIERAN MCLELLAN** - Always at training and always did what I wanted him to do out on the field. Also one of the younger players. He has the skill, just needs to believe in himself. Keep trying.

**THOMAS LEAVER** - A little dynamo. Has good talent and is developing into a good team player. Next year will be his year in under 15's.

**FALCON FAIRBURN** - Had a good year playing in the 15's. Has come a long way and also has become a valued player and will be a valued player next year.

**MARK FOLEY** - Came into the team late from another club and fitted into the team straight away. The right wing seemed to be his position and he made it his own. Just one thing two hands not one. See you next year Marky.

**AIDEN FRY** - Came in the team from Kwinana and made a difference straight away. He has a never say die attitude that showed if your not out.

That helped the others.

**TIM PRICE** - Came from the 17's to help us out when we were down and out. Thanks for all your help and when you umpired for us.

**TIM CARLTON** - Another young player, one of players you need. He tries his best in any position you put him in and at the end of the year he had improved a lot. Always smiling keep it up.

Also thanks to all the other who filled in for us during the year, Taylor Williams, Glen Bevan, Griffen Cole, Jed Stockhausen, Dylan Hancock and Zayden Boogaard.

#### **COACH**

**CHRIS BROWN**

#### **UNDER 17 BOYS Report**

Well what to say ...

As most people would know I was asked to look after the U17's several weeks into the season for a number of reasons. I believe that the boys record at this point was 3 losses and 1 draw from the first 4 games. The first game I took them for was a 4 nil loss to wolves. But after a nil all first half I got a brilliant view of what the boys could have been capable of if they had have been blessed with a solid pre season.

The rest of the season was full of mixed results including their one and only win of the season against Nedlands City, and a one all draw with Hale were the boys came from behind to be the only team to take any points off the Hale side all year. But there were also games during the year where the boys were let down by what I would put down to a poor pre season. The games against uni and wasps were the boys were in a good position too take away the three points, but just couldn't finish off would be good examples.

To sum up their season the boys finished third last on nine points. But looking at their results (1 win, 6 draws and 7 losses) if the boys had have scored an extra goal in 3 of their draws they would have been eligible for the finals. And with the game they played against Hale as evidence. I believe that had the boys been given the opportunity to prepare for the season properly, they would have no doubt been a top 4 side and in contention for the for a top 2 finish.

Now I know that I have not mentioned the boys on an individual basis in my report. Mainly because what I would like to say to them I will say to them in person, and that I have been asked to do a team report not an individual assessment. From a club point of view all the



boys in the side have the potential to be first grade players for our club or any other club for that matter. And providing we as a club can keep them playing the clubs future is looking very bright.

To all the boys if you do not get a chance to talk to me in the near future it was a pleasure coaching you all. And I hope you all carry on with your hockey, next year and the years to follow. I also, for those of you who keep looking to improve your hockey, look forward to playing with you in hopefully a Rockingham first grade side.

I will however make a special mention to Sally. Thank you so much! If you hadn't have been there from the start I wouldn't have taken up the position. Your effort every week was mind blowing. Thank you.

See you all for pre season ☺

Regards,  
Cameron



**THE GIRSL AT PLAY**



## CLUB TROPHY WINNERS

### **Willow Bridge Cup**

Fairest & Best	Brian Taylor
Runner UP Fairest & Best	Brett Webb
Team Player	Lachlan McDonald

### **Mens Provisional 1**

Fairest & Best	David Klinck
Runner UP Fairest & Best	Daniel McDonald
Team Player	Ty Germein

### **Mens Provisional 3**

Fairest & Best	Robert Allen
Runner UP Fairest & Best	Maurice Giles
Team Player	David Baird

### **Mens Peel Division 2**

Fairest & Best	Adam Wise
Runner UP Fairest & Best	Clayton Phillips
Team Player	Brad Ball

### **Womens Promotion 2**

Fairest & Best	Jamie Donaldson
Runner UP Fairest & Best	Nicole Gallop
Team Player	Hannah McDonald

### **Womens Peel Division 2**

Fairest & Best	Allyson Candlish
Runner UP Fairest & Best	Wendy Wales
Team Player	Sally Carlton

### **Womens Peel Division 3**

Fairest & Best	Robyn Palermo
Runner UP Fairest & Best	Deanna Hogan
Team Player	Joy Klinck

### **Mens Vets 40s Div 1& 2**

Fairest & Best	Maurice Giles
Runner UP Fairest & Best	Neville Ford
Team Player	Bill Maybury

### **Mens Vets 40s Div 4**

Fairest & Best	Charlie Reynolds
Runner UP Fairest & Best	Neil Johnson
Team Player	Allan Sadler

### **Mens Vets 50s Div 3**

Fairest & Best	Noel Turner
Runner UP Fairest & Best	Alan Mills
Team Player	Ray Higgs

### **Boys U17A Reserve**

Fairest & Best	Callum Maclean
Runner UP Fairest & Best	Michael Gallop
Team Player	Tim Price

**Boys U15A Reserve**

Fairest & Best  
Runner UP Fairest & Best  
Coached Award

Jason Brown  
Reagan Watson  
Steven Snashall

**Girls U17B Gold**

Fairest & Best  
Runner UP Fairest & Best  
Team Player

Sarah Shaw  
Susan Cunningham  
Susan Cunningham

**Girls U15B Gold**

Fairest & Best  
Runner UP Fairest & Best  
Coaches Award

Lisa Rose  
Casey Donaldson  
Emily Goodger

**Male Rising Star**

Todd Ford

**Female Rising Star**

Hannah McDonald



**JUNIOR WIND UP**



## EDITORS NOTE

Dear Fellow Club Members,

This is my fifth and final RDHC Yearbook. I have really enjoyed putting it together and as indeed my involvement with the club since 1981 (I went missing in action from 1983 to 1986 something about keeping the sea lanes open).

PJ has asked me to write a few words. So here it is a "Few Words".

I started my hockey Career in 1961 playing for North Fremantle Hockey Club (now defunct), John Curtin and over the years in navy teams, Ships Teams and a bit in UK on their gravel pitches until I arrived in Rockingham in 1981.

I have enjoyed my time in the club and have been honoured by having a Trophy named after me (which is a bit embarrassing, because that normally happens when you die), (Please be assured that I am quite chuffed about it) and was made a Life Member in 2001 (a total surprise as I feel there were more deserved members) together with my old mate Hawkeye Hawkins (may he Rest in Peace).

In my time at the club I have seen the support from members Ebb and Flow, and I must say that in then past 5 to 10 years the club has been extremely well run, which is a credit to all concerned. I have in some small way been part. It's also good to see the young people being involved and taking over from the "old guard"

Unfortunately due to a stuffed knee (need to be replaced) last Season 2006 was my last playing year, which is a real bugger, as I enjoy the hockey, the friendliness in the Club and a beer.

I won't say good bye because I intend to come done to the club at Lark Hill when I can (i.e. when I am not out with the grey nomads somewhere in this great land of ours or with a bit of luck and good health overseas).

So I ask if you see a white haired old man who looks like Santa or Papa Smurf say hello.

I wish the Club and its members all the best in the coming years as you enter a new Era resulting both our Men and Women playing in the top leagues.

Kind Regards as I sign off.

TA TA for now.  
Sid



