

RDHC: 2016 YEARBOOK



CONGRATULATIONS

Five of our teams from across Juniors and Seniors made it to their grand finals. A year's worth of hard work and team work ended with three of those five, taking home the flag.

Great year guys- your club is proud!

GRAND FINALISTS

7/8A PROM GIRLS MENS 3's

9/10C BOYS: WINNERS WOMENS 3's: WINNERS MENS 0/40 3's: WINNERS



CONGRATULATIONS



Umpires. From a players perspective, it's a tenuous relationship, but lets face it, without them, we would be pretty stuck. And yes, umpires have dreams and aspirations too (as well as a life, I hear). One of our own, has been ticking off his checklist of umpiring achievements and we thought it appropriate to pay a little homage to the man himself. We all know him as the whistle toting jolly chap, impartially implementing the rules of hockey. It's not an easy job but he does it well. Good for a chat and beverage post game and a complete life saver when it comes to umpiring byes, we give you a brief hockey history of ... **Mr. Allan Sadler.**

Allan wasn't always patrolling the side lines. He starting playing hockey in Melbourne in 1979 while at school at Moorabbin Tech then when he joined the RAN he continued to play, coaching and managing the RAN hockey team in '85 and '86. Allan played in the Victorian Combined Service Team, where they won the '86 championship. Then it was off to the ACT from '93 to '01 where he also took on coaching Juniors and Minkeys (so his own little Minkey, Maddie, could play too- aww!)

The family came west and joined Rocky in 2004. Allan played until '09, where he won fairest and best.

As well as being a part of the social committee from '05 to '07, Allan coached Minkey/Grads ('04 to '08), Bunbury Carnival Junior teams and in 2009 coached the U13 girls to their grand final; the first time the club had nominated a girls team in

the HWA competition (what we know as METRO).

The first time he picked up a whistle was with Terry O'Donnell (aka Bluey) for an umpiring bye. They found a PowerPoint presentation on what they had to do and they ran with it - the rest, they say, is history.

As well as being the Redbacks reliable Umpiring Director from 2011 to 2016, Allan was the 2009 Green Shirt Junior Umpire Coordinator. He is a panel umpire for HWA and has delivered annual umpiring courses in Kwinana, since 2015.

His time and encouragement of junior umpiring development has seen many of our young guns schooled into competent and selected umpires for junior programmes and representors for WA umpires in national junior competitions. Some of these protégé now also play in our senior league.

His hard work and strive as led Allan to some well earned umpiring achievements in recent years. In 2015 he was selected as an MTL umpire. He was then selected and attended, as part of the officiating panel, for the National Womens Masters Championship Tournament (2013 and 2014) and the National Mens Masters Championship Tournament (2015 and 2016). ***Allan was selected this year, for the World Cup Grand Masters Championship*** but was unable to attend due to work commitments (one Powerball, 'eh Allan?!)

The club would like to congratulate Allan for his reaching another level of excellence in umpiring (and thank him for letting the odd "foot" slide) .

Well done!!





Presidents Report

The 2016 season was very hard for the board and the few volunteers. Thanks to all involved and also to all coaches and managers of all teams for the year. Without these people the club can't operate.

On from the grand finals and we can reflect on a fair performance on the field this season. All our sides were competitive with almost half making finals. And our younger teams showed all signs of good development.

J7/8A prom girls: After having such a remarkable year and not losing a game, to lose the game in such a manner was so sad, but what a wonderful season.

J7/8B Girls: Had a great season but unfortunately lost in semi.

Boy's 9/10A Prom Boys: Excellent job making finals but lost semi after extra time due to rule other side higher on ladder

J9/10C Boys: Well done guys! Winners. What a gutsy performance.

Men's 3: Terrific year. Well done in making the GF. Next year determination will win.

Ladies 3's: I don't think we could get their grins off their faces. Winners are grinners.

Vets 40 div 3: Another flag for the old boys, this time a young group of players.

Men's 1: Lost semi-final 1/0. Almost there. Consistency is what's required.

Well done to all at state level:

Lara Strabc: Umpire U12 State Schools Cairns

Maddy West: Player U13 State Perth

Jarod Crick: GK U13 State Perth

Hannah Wall: GK U12 State Schools Cairns

Sabrina Earle-Sadler: GK U16 State Schools Melbourne

Also congratulations to **Paul Ingham** and Leon Wende making the Vet state teams and **Sally Carlton** still in trials for Lady Vets State (at time of writing).

Special thanks to Paul Youlden and Brian Taylor who stood up at the start of the season and offered to coach the top two men's sides. Thanks to Graham Pilcher for two years of trying to rebuild our young ladies squad. Both he and Donna did an amazing job considering the quantity of ladies we have lost from this squad over the last three years.

Thanks Georgi for her terrific work with the monthly newsletter and this year's yearbook.

Thanks must also be given to Ally and Tim who had very little time in getting our books together in time AGM. Ally once again performed a tireless job as treasurer. Not to mention her help with Joy and Rhonda, helping me with Thursday night meals. Then in her spare time she ran our canteen every weekend.

David Abbott, with help from his wife Tess and the rest of the junior committee, deserves a very big thank you for the work involved in running the junior division and school junior development with help from Braden and Jay. Extra big thanks to all parents that participated and helped throughout the season, this is the type of support we need to adopt throughout the entire club.

This board has worked hard this season and leaves the incoming board and club in a much better financial position than last season. Good management from all board members and their section of responsibility.

A couple of projects were ticked off this season with the helping hands of a group of members that are always first to assist.

Moving our dugouts to make them larger for all users. Thanks to Neville Ford, Shawn Ford, Todd Ford, Kirsten DaSilva, Kevin Armstrong, Paul Youlden, Ray Godard, Bryan Taylor, Dave Amm and myself.

Next project was hydrants for the turf. Many thanks to Kevin Armstrong for his continued work with gas and plumbing requirements around the club. This job took a couple of Sunday mornings, of which each time our call for helpers fell on many deaf ears. Brackets had to be made (thanks to Kirsten Da Silva) and parts sourced with the need of specialised equipment to do the job. Kevin sourced and supplied the hydrants and hose at the best price.

Thanks to Dave Amm and Dave Grov who helped Kevin and I on the final Sunday with Neville Ford once again assisting with hanging of pennants and rearranging our trophies.

Unknown to most members, Kevin's continuous professional support have saved the club many hundreds of dollars over a number of years, the board has made Kevin Armstrong an honorary member for 2017.

Once again big thank you to this board;

Tom and his committee (increased participation in social events)

Joy (with Ally made our canteen the best in the association)

Our Secretary Katherine (who also took on most of the communication duties and keeping the club updated on our APP)

Tim (Very much a financial professional whose advice was always sorted)

Paul (a chap all members and the board could turn to for help to sort our senior problem)

David (huge effort with the kids)

And Hamish who started on the board with great ideas but due to personal reasons unfortunately could not continue in his position.

Thanks you all once again for your efforts. I believe it's been quite a successful year on and off the field.

Thanks to all

Alan Mills



Social Committee

Coming into the season, our main focus was to build up the social atmosphere of the club from where it has been over the past few seasons.

Our season opening social event was the 'Initial party'. This was a good kick off to the year with around 70 people attending. Some great costumes as well as some great (and not so great) karaoke singing!

Following this our next major social night was the 'Redbacks Cup Racing Night'. This for me and I know many others, was a highlight of the year. Around 60-70 came to the club dressed in their racing finest for a night of punting and all round fun. It was a great atmosphere when the lights went out and the races came on, plenty of people were up out of their seats cheering. I guess there must have been some big money involved! We also had a very well received fashions-on-the-field, with some high end fashion shown from both the ladies and gents alike.

Half way through the year we hosted the band 'Youvee=X' at the club for a charity fundraiser. Although this was not well attended by our own club members there was still a huge turnout from the general public with those members that did attend raving about the night and the bands performance.

Our quiz night was again very well received with the room absolutely jam packed. It was great to have a good number of the junior side of the club support the event. The night is always the best fundraiser for the club and everyone had a great time. Special thanks must go to Katherine Anson for so willingly stepping up to take on the role of quiz master, a job which many would be nervous to do she took in her stride.





Throughout the year we also tried to throw in a couple of more informal 'club nights' where members were encouraged to stay around the club and support the teams playing and have a drink or two. These kind of nights I believe build a good club atmosphere. The best example of this was the 3rd of September where the junior wind up combined with the vets finals on the grass, Mens 3's final and Mens and Womens home and away games earlier in the day, provided a perfect storm with huge crowds hanging around to watch all the games. I think it shows what a good night can be had at the club with the right fixturing and promotion.

I would like to thank Nicole Ingram, Chloe Collard and Brayden Buckwell for helping me on the social committee this year. Thanks a lot for your support guys it has been really appreciated by me. Thanks to everyone that has supported the club at the above mentioned events and throughout the year generally. I've got good hopes we can continue to build on this year and with your support 2017 will be bigger and better.

Cheers

Tom Hunter





S E N I O R S



Womens Prov 2 Gold

PREMIERS 2016 !!

This group of ladies are a real pleasure to be involved with. Really good people who enjoy their hockey, enjoy their team and have a good mix between competitiveness and playing for fun. Saying this, once they crossed the white line and had their game faces on, was a pretty intent mob which, fair to say, got excellent results this season.

Their season didn't start off all that good, got a thrashing from Melville 4-1. I'd like to say that was because they didn't have a coach at the time but I'd be lying. They were missing a few and played on a super hot day without any subs. Or perhaps they were just eyeing out their future grand final opponents and giving them a false sense of confidence.

After the first round these ladies never really looked back. Winning 11 and drawing 2 of their next 15 games, finishing 2nd at the end of the home and away season. A really good effort, especially seeing the second half of the season we were always missing a couple of our senior players.

Semi Finals: Played the undefeated Aquinians. 2 nil down after 10 minutes and the ball had not been out of the defensive half. Literally some 15-20 defensive corners. To be blunt it was horrible. The girls weren't their normal positive self, couldn't string 2 passes together. Fortunately our keeper Krysta kept us in the game and our captain Jodie, who I thought was Best on Ground, really led by example going pretty hard at the ball and we managed to lift a little and held the deficit at half time. Quite different to my Mens team. At half time there are young kids playing i-pads and supporting their mums in the dug out, so I did my best to watch my language. Simply the girls knew they were better than the first half and seemed to have much dislike for the Reds (something very similar to my Mens team). In the 2nd half they just wanted it more. They were positive, attacked the ball (and the Reds) hard, earned some corners, had some shots. 10 minutes left, still 2- nil down though. Along comes Dee and Shae. Combine well to score, 2 minutes later the ever reliable Sue G nails a PC. We go into over time with all the momentum. Absolutely no legs though. The girls did really well to hold off a younger, quicker team. We went defensive pretty quickly, which was fine as we knew we had Krysta, the best keeper in the grade for flicks. She didn't disappoint, saved 2 shots out of 5. Our girls scored 4 out of 5. Really, really good effort and a sign of strong character considering how we started the game.

Week after- the girls had a girls bus trip. Evidence all over social media with them overtaking every bar south of the river.

Grand final I missed unfortunately. Donna Mc was an obvious replacement and from all reports she did really well, leading the girls with Jodie, on the day. The girls played Melville and won 1-0 in golden goal. Thanks to Shae cleaning up after the ball hit the post and she was in the right position for a striker. Wish I could share more of the GF. What I can say is the best team and most deserving team won and I saw their celebration which was pretty good.

Fantastic season girls- great effort by all.

Special mention to Ella who did all the manager duties. Not always a lot of fun and you don't realise how much there is to do until you actually do it yourself. She was awesome all year.

*Great team,
Millsy*





Womens Prov 4 Gold

When people use the word 'pinnacle' in terms of sporting achievements, the lower spectrum of senior grades don't often come to mind. And when you look at our finishing position on the ladder, you wouldn't be wrong in thinking that the Ladies 4s season appeared to have had its set backs. Sure, we couldn't seem to find the back board of the goals very often and sure, we sometimes swung and missed or fell over for no reason or putzed a short corner or just plain old passed the ball directly to the opposition two feet away. Pfft. Skills. You don't need 'em when you look as hot as we do.

Nope, the pinnacle I am referring too, is a success of the kinship kind. The ability to join a team at the start of the year and finish with a family. Welcome noobs, returners and familiar faces from long ago! We took your awesome with your crummy, your smile with your Hulk face, your epic tales of the night before with your tuna food poisoning, your expensive perfume with your sock musk and we loved it.

Those who have experienced a season where you all play exceptionally well together and unite as a side, can understand the frustration when the score at the end of the match doesn't represent the heart and soul delivered through out. Instead of letting the losses crumble our spirit, we sucked it up and tried harder and never made it particularly easy for our opponents to take home those wins. And when we did manage to sneak a cheeky little victory in of our own, it sure tasted good.

Many of us have obligations outside the field that made it a little tricky to juggle the weekends. We would like to thank the babysitters, husbands, boyfies, Mummy's and Daddy's and extended family, compassionate bosses and work mates, fill-in's, coaches, umpires and supporters who stuck with us and helped us to be able to enjoy our 70mins. Thank you, thank you, thank you! Well done Tori on naively volunteering to do the team managing (ha!); you did good kid. Thanks to the ball in pre-season, that concussed Claire enough to agree to be our coach. Claire was indispensable too. Thanks to the brave lad Derek for helping out when he could. Danielle, your team spirit was fundamental and it always felt like we were celebrating a birthday when you did the "three cheers" (hip hip hooray!). And thanks to the team. You guys already know it but I'll say it anyway...you're awesome!

Emily Teague: **Goals**, Kaylee Mostyn, Melissa Allen, Faye Cash, Kelly Lampshire, Sally Keating, Danielle Butler, Georgi Jackson, Ally Candlish, Roberta W-Roberts, Skye Ogrizek, Lisa Curtis, Taryn Palermo, Tori Vince, Rachel Hill, Lisa Jayce Robinson, Jess Newman

Coach: Claire Knight **Manager:** Tori Vince

Co-Captains: Danielle Butler & Georgi Jackson



0/35 Div 3 Womens

Ladies Vets, Wednesday nights. We can do this. What great fun we have had.

Run Sarah!

This season has been a season of mixed emotions but what team work and sportsmanship was shown by all.

Go Cassie...I mean Tina...you know who I mean!

18 games in total. 6 away games, 12 home, 2 late games, a couple of great ladies in goals and support on the side line this year.

Have a shot Sam!

Beers, ciders and cheese and hot meals after each game.

Switch the ball!

There was couple of season ending injuries not to mention any names...Rachel. But nothing yelling from the side line couldn't fix.

Put your stick down!

We didn't win as many games as we would have liked but we played as a team and improved all season.

Two hands Bec!



Mens Prom 1

There was no hesitation when Hamish asked both Paul Youlden and I to coach the Mens 1 Team this year. 30 years ago, Paul and I debut for the 1's team, so we considered it an honour, and a worry, to follow in the footsteps of several Australian players! We knew it was going to be a tough year ahead with up to 7 first team members missing from the previous year. Paul and myself went about trying to bring back some of the old Rockingham Redback spirit into the team.

Pre-season started well with an excellent fitness program set out by Brett Webb...just ask Ty Germain on what he had for lunch!! There were some new faces for this time of year (Brando!!) and great to see so many guys stepping it up from all grades!! Pre-season games went really well against Subs and Peel, while introducing a host of new players, Jordan Barrodeen, Brayden Buckwell, David Chapman, Nic Keating and Callum Maclean; many who have been at the club for some time, a great sign for the club going forward.

As always, the group had great leadership from Osca, Gezza and Tom. The team had a core group of established players, like Doot, Reagan, Dave, Shaun, Sam, Clayton and the emerging talent, Quentin. Also returning to the side Brandon Philips and Brett Webb from Classic League. This group of players would fit into any top league side.

The season was a bit of a rollercoaster with some of the best hockey played by the team for some years and then some horrendous results making the bottom side look like world beaters! By midseason, the team was well placed, sitting third and only two points off top spot.

Throughout the year the team dominated possession and had majority of the attack but were unable to put the score on the board consistently. The untimely injuries to a few of the guys unsettled the team and tested the depth of the squad. This brought back Jace Baldoni and Tim Price to the team after a short spell out, helping settle the team. This resulted with great wins over Lakers and Raiders, 3rd and 1st respectively. This was the boost the team needed going into the finals, unfortunately losing the first elimination final in a hard fought game 1-0 to Joondalup Lakers.

Year highlight was two tremendous wins against Joondalup Lakers on their home turf, and beating the newly promoted Raiders, 4-2.

Thanks all for a great season. It was great to see some young players stepping up, Nic, Jordan and Brayden. Thank you to all those who stepped up and filled in throughout the season. All of this could not happen if it wasn't for Jay 'Jev' Jackson, thanks for all your help this season. Special thanks to Dave and Shaun for helping out during my absence. Hope to see all of you back next year.

Bryan Taylor and Paul Youlden

Mens Prom 2

The 2016 season was one of mixed results for the Rockingham Men's 2s team.

There were a lot of new faces into the side as we blooded youngsters and brought players up from last year's 3s team. At the halfway point of the season we had only lost one game to the top of the ladder Kalamunda, and were nestled nicely in the top four, albeit we had racked up quite a few draws that would later come to haunt us.

After the midpoint of the season we lost our mojo after injuries hit both the Men's squads which really tested our depth. The turning point was probably our rematch against Kalamunda, where after leading the game up until the late stages of the game, Kala's star player stepped it up to down us with a hat-trick in the dying seconds. The disappointing second half of the season saw us finish in fifth spot on the ladder for the second year running with a 6-6-4 ledger.

I was really proud of the group this season, adjusting to playing with new faces and dealing with injuries to key personnel. It was a season of close losses and draws, so hopefully next season the team can come back better again and push up into the top four.

Paul Youlden



Mens Provo 3 Gold

The 2016 season to date has been one of the most enjoyable hockey seasons I have been involved with. The group of blokes I have been fortunate enough to be teamed with, are passionate about their hockey, their club and their team mates. This has been reflected with much success on field as well.

Regular season we finished with 14 wins, 2 draws and zero losses from our 16 games - (this is 3rd seasons on the trot the Mens 3's have not lost a game at home. Pretty impressive by anyone's standards and something the boys should be proud of)

We earned ourselves a home semi and we came up against a pretty solid opposition in Subs. Our previous games against them were really tight, with us winning 1 nil and then a 0-0 draw. We were expecting a pretty tight match. We probably played the game of the season from our end. Subs played well but we dominated really, winning 4-1.

Hopefully when you are all reading this we would have played and won our grand final, however win, draw or lose I know the guys would have given 100% and if we were beaten the other team must have played out of their skins to knock us off. The below group of blokes are all great blokes, a real experience to play alongside and generally play an attacking, exciting and enjoyable style of hockey.

Tim Manning- GK. Everyone's best mate with the right amount of white line fever (heaps)- the best keeper in the grade by a mile and along with Brad, the reason we conceded the least amount of goals in the grade.

Brad Ball- FB. Best fullback in the grade. Count on one hand how many tackles he would have missed all season. Would not surprise me if he gets another trophy as a reward for a stellar season, again.

Gavin Fitton- RH. Our attacking flank. Silky skills, good defensive skills, near on BOG in semi.

Paul Youden- CH. Another player I could not rate high enough. Big game player who always seems to have found another gear when we have needed him.

Jon Cooper- HB. This kid was a real find in 2016. Don't think we will see to much of him in provisional grades from here on in, unless we corrupt him over the off season. Part of our defensive team and once he found he's feet was invaluable.

Derek Robinson- HB. Dez has improved heaps this season. Another solid defender who always seemed to do his job. Also team manager and if he doesn't win our team person award I'll take back everything good I've said about this group. Thanks Dez !

Lee Cousins- HB. Cuz is still one of the first blokes picked each week. Another reliable player who constantly wins his position. Really good season Lee.

Keith Bowran- MID. Hats off to KB this season. Took over coaching when no one else wanted it and the team was up in the air a little. Passionate about his hockey, loves his team mates and gives 100 percent every single game. Has played some good games, scored a few goals, dropped a few cheeky blokes with top knots. Thanks KB.

David Chapman- MID. Windmills adds some class into the midfield and some interesting moments in the change rooms. Chappy even scored a few good goals this season- didn't think he did that. Always works hard, drops his shoulder and has an impact on the game- usually to our benefit.

Callum Mayer- MID. Another really good kid who will have to play up next season; he drops our average age down to much. Good player, still haven't heard him say a word yet but that will come with some aggression on field soon. Does everything right until he gets near the D - have a shot kid! Good season Cal.

Kyle Hoath- FWD. Doc would love being referred to as a forward after too long being wasted as a holding player. Saw this bloke score a hat-trick in a 3-2 win this season. Juggles saving lives, marriage with children, study and finding room for hockey and his mates. Doc is the heart and soul of this team and has the honour of leading the team song for each win - one more time this season please !

Allan Albion- CH. Albo was having the season of his life, dominating the midfield until he decided to go and share himself with the northern hemisphere for the second half of the season. Flies home just in time to gain a little touch and no doubt have an impact grand final.

Gavin Cutler- FWD. Cutts finds it a little hard holding on to some consistent form being FIFO. When he is hot though he is red hot- 2x bags of 4 out of his 8 games or so for us. Always presents well and contributed heaps.

Tim Plater- FWD. Captain Plater was a good choice this year. Plays with his heart on his chest. Suffered a serious knee injury early in a game but played it out as he didn't want to let the team down. Has scored better than a goal every second game, assisted with many more and alongside his brother is a dangerous forward. I wouldn't want to play on him. Great season Tim.

Mick Plater- FWD. No doubt another F & B season for this bloke. Not the sharpest or quickest forward (sorry Mick J) but easily the strongest and the most dangerous forward in the grade. Always presents well, passes if need be and makes his shots count- mind you, I didn't enjoy it when one of those shots broke some bones of mine. Highlight of the season for me, hearing him on the sin bin chair telling the opposition he was wrestling with he was going to come on and score on him in the last minute of the game- which he did, sneaks on the field with 40 seconds to go, beats 2 players and smashed the ball in to the back of the net.. Good shit mick.

Blair V- Defender. Blair is a champ who only played a few games for us but deserves a mention. He is always there when needed, not a bad boke to have a beer with as well. Thanks BV.

Thanks for the season fellas, awesome!!

Millsy

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Junior Director

With the 2016 season now behind us, it is rewarding to look back at the ebb and flow of wins and losses throughout the year and the journey this has taken our junior players and families on.

We presented 11 teams to the competition which initially presented some pressure on numbers, but recruitment throughout the season saw us complete the year in a much stronger position. I was fortunate enough to interact with most of the players and supporters during the season and can confidently say that if the attitudes and enthusiasm I experienced are a barometer of the culture of the club, we can look forward to going from strength to strength. Through the encouragement and hard work of so many, the 2016 season have been a success for Juniors at the Redbacks.

The skill level across all groups have been impressive this year and the excellence of a few of our players has been recognised by selection in state representative teams.

Jarrold Crick (U13 State Team), Hannah Wall (U12 State School Team)
and Maddy West (U13 State Team).

In addition to this, we have had many players participate in the Hockey WA Pathway development program, with Redbacks Hockey enjoying strong representation in both the development (Amber) and elite (Ignite) squads.

As you know, a game requires more than just two teams of players and the important role of umpiring is largely fulfilled by our juniors. My sincere thanks go to Alan Sadler for coordinating and developing our umpires this year and of course a big thanks to all those on the upwind side of a whistle through the year. The expertise of ***Lara Strbac*** in this challenging position has been recognised by her selection as an ***umpire of the U12 State Schools*** competition this year.

Carnivals present a fantastic opportunity to accelerate player development by virtue of the amount of game-time over a short space of time. We fielded teams for carnivals at YMCC and Club Championships with a strong showing at Bunbury and Narrogin. The UGSHA carnival at Narrogin is enjoying increasing popularity with the off-field experience contributing in no small part to the success of the journey.

Numbers for Minkey and Grads were down on previous years, but this did not dim the enthusiasm of our youngest stars.

A stronger focus on developing game based skills ensured our athletes where kept engaged and this could not have happened without the help of parent participation. A special thanks to Rachael Hill, Rachael Ward, Clayton Phillips and Phil Minchin.

This year we also hosted a Hook IN2 Hockey carnival at Lark Hill that saw teams come from all around Perth to compete. This event was a tremendous success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all players and families and would be a great legacy to build on.

Developing a culture of participation is vital for our club to succeed. This year we made significant efforts to provide opportunities for our juniors and junior families to engage and experience the social environment of the club. We hosted our first family pasta night and club dinners throughout the season and the quiz night was a smash with juniors making a strong showing. The season culminated with a windup that was on a grander scale than on previous years with the disco and chocolate fountain enjoyed by all.

Of course putting all this together was not a one person show. I would like to acknowledge Alan Mills and the Board for their support throughout the season and the inspiration and hard work of the junior committee who helped make this such a successful season and a special thanks to Tess for her enduring support and good sense.

In the wash-up, we had mixed end of season results with some teams bring home pennants and certainly a bright future on the horizon.

Team	Coach	Final Rank	Accolade
J5/6 A Prom Boys	Adam Thompson	1st	
J5/6 A Res Girls	Emma Ross/ Ian Healey	4th	
J5/6 B (Sand) Boys	Sara Belmont-Kleingeld	5th	
J5/6 C Girls	Brayden Buckwell/ Jade Vorenborg	5th	
J7/8 A Prom Boys	Ken Donovan	5th	
J7/8 A Prom Girls	Jeff West	1st	Minor Premiers
J7/8 B (Gold) Boys	Jaxon Johnson	8th	
J7/8 B (Sand) Girls	David Abbott	2nd	
J9/10 A Prom Boys	Peter Ford	4th	
J 9/10 A Prom Girls	Bree Murray	6th	
J9/10 C Boys	John Bozuwa	1st	Premiers

With thanks

David Abbott (Junior Director)



5/6 A Boys

We started the year strong with new and old players. It started with Brad Facey coaching the first game which resulted in a win against Melville. Brad rang up Adam and said he had a 100% success rate and don't blow it next week. Adam took the reigns and finished up with a draw against Raiders, of which Brad let Adam know about it for the rest of the season.

From then on we went from strength to strength, the boys just got better and better, the skills and work ethic from the start of the year to the end of the year was amazing. This was a team who enjoyed playing hockey with each other and winning games. Now and then at training when the boys would get irritable and cranky due to the fact that they were all so competitive we would have to stop and have a wheel barrow race to lighten the mood. We also had a saying out on the field which confused the hell out of the other team and that was "Doughnuts". When this was yelled out every player knew they had to stick to your man like sugar to a doughnut. It worked a treat.

Anyway it was an amazing season of hockey and everyone from the players, parents and coaches loved every second of it, which was awesome.

We finished up on top of the ladder with only losing one game, we conceded the least amount of goals, scored the most and had a blast playing together.

The winning 2016 J5/6A boys team this year:

Lex Krige: Goalie, Every teams worst nightmare

Taj Gosling: Fullback that's not to be messed with

Kieran Cullinane: Fullback that's not to be messed with

Sean Craig: Fullback that's not to be messed with

Luke Strbac: Quick thinking, handy on the ball, high pressure halfback

Art Hills-Filardi: Quick thinking, handy on the ball, high pressure centre halfback

Jack Kruger: Quick thinking, handy on the ball, high pressure halfback

Sam Burbidge: Handy, flexible, plays anywhere, halfback, full back, inner, CF

Zach Facey: Hard hitting, handy on the ball, centre forward

Jake Thomson: Fast paced, handy on the ball, inner

Harrison Morley: Fast paced, handy on the ball, inner

Felix Abbott: Fast paced, handy on the ball, inner

Rico MacDonald: Goal sneaking winger

Hamish Facey: Goal sneaking winger

Adam Thomson (Coach) **Brad Facey** (Assistant Coach) **Stacy MacDonald** (Team Manager)

With thanks

Adam Thomson



5/6 B Boys

At the beginning of the season a group of year 5 & 6 boys came together to form the Redbacks 5/6 B team. Some were experienced and some had never picked up a hockey stick before... and so started an amazing 2016 season. Under the fantastic coaching skills of Sara Belmont-Kleingeld and assistant coach Roberta Waretini-Roberts, the boys got straight into training where they learnt the skills required by all hockey players. Soon they were trapping, hitting and using such phrases as 'square', 'through' and 'straight'. And they were ready to begin the season. Throughout the season the boys just got better and better and whilst they didn't walk away with a lot of wins, they never gave up. Not once did they drop their bundles/sticks and refuse to go on. Our victories were not only the goals scored but the goals defended, strong passes between players, calling for the ball, making space and tackles on the ball. Most importantly the boys developed a love for the game and a passion to play.

At the end of the season the boys had well and truly earned their hockey nicknames so here they are:

Logan - the tiniest in the team, but took on the most challenging role as team goalie.
"LOBOT"; the ultimate transformer

Kevlah "DRAGON" breathing fire & fear into his opposition

Sean "TANK" nothing could penetrate his defences

Bryce "BTRAIN" he ran down anything in his way

Liam "WIZARD" casting his magic across the field

Jesse "VIPER" always ready to strike fear into the opposition

Kai "YODA" Jedi Master. The force is strong with this one

Aiden "TORPEDO" nothing can stop him from torpedoing through the field

Charles "HAWK" always watching, waiting, ready to pounce on his prey

Carter "CRUSHER" crushing all opposition that came near him

Joseph "NINJA" our silent assassin

Felix "THE INFILTRATOR" infiltrating enemy lines as well as stepping up for the A Team

Jude "PIKAJUDE" our own powerful Pokémon

Trent "POCKET ROCKET" small, swift and fast on the field

Success is not always measured by where you come on the table but by unity, courage, commitment and enthusiasm, which we had ample of from every single team member including our fantastic parents, who cheered loudly every week.

We look forward to returning in 2017 bigger and stronger

Sara-Belmont Kleingeld



7/8 A Prom Girls

With the season all done and dusted, the 7/8A Promotion girls had a very successful year in this age group.

Having won all the round games and leading the goal scoring difference by 93 goals it was a highlight year for the girls and one that they developed a great team based style of play. Our team motto this year was based off 3 key guidelines which the girls worked towards all year and saw them come together to develop a strong team passing game and a fierce attack. Most girls rotated through multiple positions each to develop a broader position awareness for future years and demonstrated that they could handle some advanced thinking and set plays on the field.

The most pleasing element for the season for me was not only I got the opportunity to coach a great bunch of players, but the support and appreciation I received from their parent was very appreciated.

It was a great season all up and one that the girls will remember not only for their on-field efforts but for hopefully their long lasting friendships.

Thank you also to Christine Jones for managing the team again this year and keeping us all on track for the season.

Jeff West (Coach)



7/8 B Girls

The J7/8 B Girls team had a tremendous season finishing 2nd on the ladder and came close during the finals. This is a notable achievement as over half of the team were new/returning to the sport and a full squad was not always available for each game; sometimes only fielding 9 players.

Over the course of the season they improved their skills and fitness, but more importantly came together as a team to be sisters from different misters. Come rain or shine, the girls embraced 'let's have fun attitude' both on and off the pitch.

Cheers

Ian Moon

Mikayla Francis, Jade Langley, Monique Betlam, Neve Holden, Olivia Hughes, Jemma Brook, Libby Barber, Grace Moon
Courtney Wise-Proto, Fye Tonsong, Olivia Meerton, Hannah Wall



7/8 B Boys

The boys 7/8B team have had an interesting season filled with highs and lows. Although we may not have finished near the top of the ladder, the boys have played every game with persistence and a "never give up attitude". New skills have been learned, goals celebrated and new friendships have been formed.

The boys had quite a few losses during the season but they never let it get them down. I only ever heard them speak positively to each other and encourage each other along the way. We welcomed a few new players who fitted in well and also had the "can do" attitude.

A few of the boys headed to Bunbury for the long weekend carnival and joined players from the A team to make up a 7/8 team. This was time of both skill building and character building. They enjoyed using their newly learned skills once they came back to the team.

A few of our more memorable moments have been... Playing in wild, winter weather in Southern River, where poor Ethan was so cold he couldn't even hold his hockey stick after the first half ... Our first win on our second last game. There was LOTS of celebrating! ... Oranges and lolly snakes at half time ... Bailey shouting his encouragement during games- his voice is LOUD! ... Big Ethan and Little Ethan- same name but one height extreme to the other ... Unfortunately Callum broke his arm during a match 3/4 of the way through so his season of playing was over but as soon as he felt better he was on the sidelines, cheering the team on.

Big thanks go to our coach Jaxon for giving up his Saturday mornings to coach the boys and Katherine for helping out with training sessions. Big thanks to our parents who drove all over the countryside and dropped off and picked up for training and were there supporting and encourage us all along the way.

See you next year!

Nicki Baxter (Team Manager)

Callum, John, Bailey, Daniel, Mitchell, Kaleb, Matthew, Nick, Ben, James, Ethan, Liam, Ethan (absent)

Coach: Jaxon

Manager: Nicki Baxter



9/10 A Prom Boys

The season started at the YMCC carnival where the boys have landed second in there pool. Compare to previous years this was a great achievement.

The next carnival was at Bunbury where the boys have also done well in that they had 4 x draws, 1 x loss and the rest they won.

The last carnival was at Narrogin where the results were not as good as we hoped for. The boys struggled to play on grass and only find there pace at the last two games of the carnival.

The parents took on the boys as a team building exercise during a bye weekend and lost 3 - 2. We were depending on our skills and not our speed.

During the season the team had their ups and down but in general they have done very well. Team spirit was great and with the help of the coach - Peter Ford the team really improved and lifted their game.

Great year everyone

Wikus Ewald

Jess Watt: **Goals**, Ben Watt, Wian Ewald, Ashley Ford, Matthew Anson, Dylan Burney, Conor Bullock, Samuel Edlington, Ethan Lamont, Samuel Mackney Walker, Jayden Meddings, Sam Moon, Tiaan Von Rechenberg

Coach: Peter Ford

Manager: Wikus Ewald





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Presentation Night



“Coming together is a beginning.
Keeping together is progress.
Working together is success.”

-Henry Ford

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Georgina Jackson













2016 Senior Trophy Awards



	Fairest & Best	R/Up Fairest & Best	Team Player
Womens 1s	<i>Danielle Hartshorn</i>	<i>Vanessa Wells</i>	<i>Vanessa Wells</i>
Womens 2s	<i>Tatum Gittins</i>	<i>Tegan Crick</i>	<i>Sunette Almeida</i>
Womens 3s	<i>Deena Hogan</i>	<i>Sue Greenaway</i>	<i>Krysta Briggs</i>
Womens 4s	<i>Georgi Jackson</i>	<i>Melissa Allen</i>	<i>Danielle Butler</i>

	Fairest & Best	R/Up Fairest & Best	Team Player
Women 0/35 Div 3	<i>Dee Wright</i>	<i>Ingrid Kruger</i>	<i>Rachel Hill</i>

	Fairest & Best	R/Up Fairest & Best	Team Player
Mens 1s	<i>Nick Gerrard</i>	<i>Brad Thompson</i>	<i>Tom Hunter</i>
Mens 2s	<i>John Pearce</i>	<i>Jordan Barrodeen</i>	<i>Kane Dennis</i>
Mens 3s	<i>Mick Plater</i>	<i>Tim Manning</i>	<i>Tim Manning</i>
Mens 4s	<i>Andrew Phillis</i>	<i>Ethan Lamont</i>	<i>Adrian Eather</i>

	Fairest & Best	R/Up Fairest & Best	Team Player
Men 0/40 Div 3	<i>Peter Ford</i>	<i>Paul Ingram</i> <i>Paul Youlden</i>	<i>Peter Ford</i>
Men 0/50 Div 3	<i>Robert Buckwell</i>	<i>Ray Goddard</i>	<i>Gary McRae</i>

2016 Junior Trophy Awards



Junior Umpiring Encouragement Award

Lara Strbac

Rising Star 2016

Quentin Smith

State Level

Madeline West

Hannah Wall

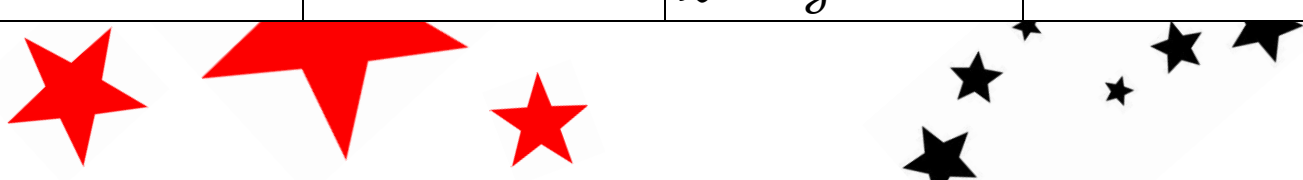
Jarod Crick

Sabrina Earle-Sadler



	Fairest & Best	R/Up Fairest & Best	Coaches Award
J 9/10 A Prom Girls	<i>Lexie Trevenen</i>	<i>Kim Bakker</i>	<i>Chelsea Smith</i>
J 7/8 A Prom Girls	<i>Rachel Jones</i>	<i>Madeline West</i>	<i>Brianna Pink</i>
J 7/8 B Girls	<i>Fye Tonsong</i>	<i>Olivia Meerton</i>	<i>Courtney Wise-Proto</i>
J 5/6 A Res Girls	<i>Sarah Mullineux</i>	<i>Emily Ross</i>	<i>Amelie Bignell</i>
J 5/6 B Girls	<i>Madison Gropp</i>	<i>Madison Stitt</i>	<i>Isobel McLoughlan</i>

	Fairest & Best	R/Up Fairest & Best	Coaches Award
J 9/10 A Prom Boys	<i>Wian Ewald</i>	<i>Jayden Meddings</i>	<i>Matthew Anson</i>
J 9/10 C Boys	<i>Slade Tucker</i>	<i>Oliver Abbott</i>	<i>Daniel Blacow</i>
J 7/8 A Prom Boys	<i>Thomas Meerton</i>	<i>Andrew Fryer</i>	<i>Patrick Burnside</i>
J 7/8 B Boys	<i>Nicholas Anson</i>	<i>Ben Evans</i>	<i>Kaleb Swarbrick</i>
J 5/6 A Prom Boys	<i>Art Hills</i>	<i>Jake Thomson</i>	<i>Lex Krige</i>
J 5/6 B Boys	<i>Sean Craig</i>	<i>Aiden Belmont-Kleingeld</i>	<i>Jude Gares</i>





Sid Czabotar

*Club Person of
the Year*

2016

The Club Person of the Year award I found quite difficult this year, with nearly all already mentioned in the presidents report suitable nominee's. When deciding this years award I went back on most of my comments about the members of this club needing to want to play for and improve this club as an ambition of being a member of the club. This involves volunteering to be involved where ever possible.

The clubman of the year did that helping out as captain of the team on occasions, manager of the team on occasions, playing in any team if it helped the club even though it may not be the team of his choice. Also helping out in the canteen, as duty person and as bar manager on many occasions. The clubman of the year 2016 is...

Ray Goddard





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