

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB

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2018

Yearbook



Presidents Report



2018 .

We have once again experienced a wonderful growth year with our Juniors and increased the transaction between the 11/12's and the Seniors.

I would like to thank our hard working board members and the group of dedicated Junior Committee members, all team coaches and their managers.

After running last year without a Junior Director, this year the Juniors had excellent organisation. A big thank you to Damien Crick. Damien stepped up this season as JD and with his tireless team; Junior Co-Coordinator Ingrid Kruger, Jacki Burnside and Katie Beckwith as Junior Registrar. Also thanks to Lee Hansord as Minkey/Grads Co-Coordinator. Thanks to all their helpers, coaches and managers.

Thank you very much to John Wood, who did a wonderful job as our Junior Development Officer, with school clinics spreading the word about Rockingham hockey. Because of their tireless efforts, we have again produced wonderful results in our Juniors and Minkey/Grads section.

Many of these hardworking people have indicated that they are stepping down next season, so we need people to stand up and carry on their great work.

Big congratulations to Jarrod Crick who was a finalist at this year's Rockingham Sports Junior Star awards.

Our 2018 Senior Coaches were Geoff Horsley and Clint Mills. Once again our club benefited from their experiences. Each had great success in developing our top Senior teams with many new junior members utilised.

The Ladies success was forming a competitive group of players. Quite often I asked after games, what different players thought. The comments were always positive. Even though they lost many games they felt they were competitive, were developing as a team and enjoying the season. The Men's had some wonderful, very skillful games followed by some lack lustre performances, (maybe they should try to attend all training nights!!)

Players in both our top teams should realise they are our clubs finest. They are the players our juniors look to, for their own development, so some may need to change attitude to what they actually give back to the club. I believe that some (and it's not just some of the One's) need to think a little more about being club *members* not just players. A lot seem to think they do not need to support our roster system, which keeps their fees down. Or they do the Un- Australian thing and let a mate do all the work.

Our Seconds teams had a more successful story than last Season, after the Board's decision to recruit good quality Coaches, such as Sara Johnson, Brayden Buckwell (Ladies 2s) and Dave Klinck (Mens 2s), who gave our Juniors a standard of learning, which is stepping stone towards competing in the Ones division. It was great to see old members such as Shaun Ford and Brian Taylor, joining Dave in adding their experience to develop our youngsters. Both Seconds teams and their Coaches were supported with good communication with One's Coaches, Geoff and Clint. We need to keep trying to improve this type of communication with all Senior Coaches

The Threes/Fours/Fives Coaches, Derek Robinson (Ladies) and Lee Cousins (Mens), put in a huge effort this season. The Men's Fours and Fives had very few members that would put their hands up to help, which will have to be a focus for the new board.

Our Ladies Vets played in their finals again this season. They are a wonderful group of ladies with a lot that help out with tasks in and around the club.

Our Mens Vets 40's team, was withdrawn at the start of the year because a few of the previous years side, were talked into playing Seniors on the turf. The result was we only had 7 players. Three of them moved into the 50's and the others just didn't play. Of those from the previous Vet's team that selected to play turf, I think only 2 or 3 finished the season, due to injury or just gave it away. I doubt if we will see another Mens Vets 40's side produced, until HWA allocate turf fixtures.

The old buggers in the 50's made it into the finals again, this time beating last year's results and made it past the first semi.

Once again I take this opportunity to thank the people who made that possible, all the Coaches and Managers, Board Members and Junior Committee. Without these people the club can't operate.

A special thanks to Ally Candlish, our Treasurer and long serving member, who has decided to give someone else a chance to do the Treasurers role. I am sure Ally will still be seen helping out around the club next season, in between overseas holidays.

Over the past three months, I have been sorting through thirty years of old paper history in our storeroom; what's to keep, what's to throw out. I came across an article I wrote in my President speech in 1998. An extract is; *"I want to thank two ladies for their continuous many years of help."* Now, twenty years later, I want to thank these same ladies again for their continuous years of help, our wonderful Merchandising Controller and our Facility Director and Life Members, Rhonda Ford and Joy Cox (Klinck). Both still do many hours each week, year after year, just for the joy of doing something for the club and watching the success.

Our Secretary, Katherine, once again did a wonderful job as secretary, doing many duties around the club and always offering to help when she can. Katherine along with Katie kept all our communication channels open and up to date. Vice President, Paul Ingram, has had two frustrating years trying to improve participation from members. Very few members supported functions, so we will have to try and develop new ways to get members to support these events. I offer thanks from all members to Paul and his wife Nicole, for their great effort and to their main supporters on the social side, Gary and Vanessa McRae.

Tom Hunter has been doing a juggling act between expanding his business nationally, being the Redbacks Financial Director and becoming a father. Congratulations again Tom! Also a big thankyou to Tom and his father Charlie, at Boddington Cranes for their continued sponsorship.

Paul Youlden, although not nominating on the board, took on the duties of Umpiring Director for the seniors. Thanks Paul.

Ian Healy as Coaching Director, engaged with Junior Coaches and brought to the club Kookaburra's, for many coaching clinics. Plus, through his connections, seven high quality teams to Rockingham.

Derek Robinson was our Senior Director, as well as having a hand in organizing the Men's 3's/4's and Coach of the Ladies 3's/4's. Derek has also nominated to take over from Ally as Treasurer next season.

Thanks also go to Ray Goddard and Gary McRae who spent many hours stocktaking and organising our bar.

Last but definitely not least, a huge thank you to our sponsors, whom make a huge difference each year helping our club achieve financial goals. I encourage all members to endorse their products and services.

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Thank 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







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Ladies 1s

Challenging tough oppositions and holding some of the top teams to single-goal victories, the Ladies were unlucky not to claim too many of their own this season. Their ladder position is definitely not a fair representation of the level of hockey played or the fierce competition they posed and opposition coaches have praised their efforts throughout the season, after numerous matches. Playing with low numbers and often having two subs or less, the ladies were always against some tough odds before even running out onto the turf.

Coaching a Ladies side is never going to be an easy feat, but oddly enough Clint Mills took on the role for another year, despite the inevitable banter, bullying and occasional abuse. His attempts at bribing results and ongoing reminders of his love for 'keeping things simple' were trademark strategies he tried to prompt the girls to rise to their immense potential. Unrelenting faith, support and encouragement could always be counted upon and his ability to shake off 'demon eyes' and still offer a round at the bar to reward a win, should definitely be commended.

The Ladies 1s were led this year by Captain Emily Higgs and senior players Roberta Walton (GK), Vanessa Wells, Sara Johnson and Sarah "Beans" Wright. Higgs and Ness could always be relied upon

to control the tempo of the game, command the girls from the backline or set up a strong foundation in the centre of the field. It was often a competition between Beans and Bert as to whom could be the most energetic or vocal out on the field. Without doubt, Roberta kept the team alive this season - not only on the scoreboard but out on the field and inside "her" defensive D. Sara was in spectacular form this season, shutting down and dominating her opponent and scoring a majority of the goals for the side.

Travel plans, work rosters and baby-sitting dilemmas prevented the side from ever having a full line-up so some help from the Junior Squads and the Ladies 2s was always greatly appreciated. The 2018 season saw the coming of age of players like Rebecca Ho, who grew in confidence every single week. Rising Stars Rachel Jones and Tash Keen-Smith, proved that they could hold their own in the Ladies 1s side, matching up against the opposition each week without hesitation or any sign of fear. When Lisa Rose was home for some R&R, the Ladies were boosted by her leadership and skill in the centre of the field and guest appearances from superstars Amy Dhu and Nicole Webb, were always good opportunities for some specy stickwork and sliding tackles.





This season, we had a couple of new faces join the squad with Leah Smith & Charlotte Vermeulen coming on board from Peel. Impressive skills and a sneaky drag-flicking ability saw Leah thriving through the mid-field and into our offensive roles. Charlotte's infectious energy and enthusiasm was always welcomed and was sadly missed towards the end of the season due to injury.

A little bit of laughter never went astray, and team comedian Jaymie Kaeding was always a popular inclusion on the team-list. Antics in the change-rooms or during training sessions became a good source of giggles for the group, well complemented by her impressive stick skills and hunger for goals. Plenty of banter and sass was well provided by Tiana Allen and Chloe Collard, along with some speedy work through the midfield, reliable tackling and fierce efforts for possession. Sheridan Smith was a strong and sturdy defender, who often posed as a second goal-keeper for the side with her fearless, quick reflexes and ability to shut down entries into the defensive D.

Tatum Gittins was a late inclusion into the Ladies 1s, joining us for the final four games, after flying under the radar for the majority of the

season! She won't be able to hide at the start of 2019!

Other contributions from players Deeana Hogan, Sunette Almeida and Danielle Hartshorn certainly saved the side from playing without subs and the fresh legs from the bench were always greatly appreciated.

Special mention must be made to our favourite cheer squad – Christine Jones, Jesse Ironmonger and Braeden Walton, who were there nearly every weekend despite how grim the predicted outcome was or how far they had to travel!

Here's hoping 2019 can see the rising stars shine and the talented, skillful and determined Ladies 1s get some well deserved wins!

-Sarah "Beans" Wright



Ladies 2s

2018 has been a season of evolution. With new and returning faces, injuries, illnesses and geographical dilemmas, the team list was ever-changing. The group worked hard every week to overcome this, and credibly finished the season fourth, after a hard fought loss against a fresh faced Vic Park in the semi final. With such a substantial squad it was no mean feat and the teamwork we saw to achieve outcomes was enlightening. A good half of the group contributed on the scoreboard, many of which were team goals, while the other half were instrumental in keeping games alive through some tight defence.

Thank you to everyone who put in appearances this season, you have been wonderful:

Tegan Crick
Roberta Waretini-Roberts
Tatum Gittins
Nicole Rogers
Jasmin Greenaway
Kellie Sadler
Sara Belmont-Kleingeld
Sue Greenaway
Deeana Hogan
Sunette Herholdt-Almeida

Emma Ross
Jodie Franklin
Karina L'Estrelle
Natasha Keen-Smith
Jade Vorenberg
Rachel Jones
Vanessa Wells
Rebecca Ho
Lisa Curtis
Sara Johnson
Alexia Trevenen
Megan Donovan
Nicole Webb
Kailee Greenaway

The flag may not be coming home this year, but with some well appointed peer pressure and more overheads and tomahawks, 2019 will certainly be another story!

- Coach Sara

P.S. I've never seen so many hyphenated last names, magnetic sticks, and lumberjacks in one team!



Ladies 3s

At the beginning of the season, I thought we had eleven key players, but with two pulling out and others wanting to play up or down it left me with about seven players. Thankfully some of the juniors (Emily Gunther and Hannah Kruger) put their hands up and offered to play when they could. This turned out to be the whole season. The rest of the team was comprised of other Juniors, Vets and Ladies 2s/4s, helping out week to week.

Special mention to Rebecca Sharland for always finding Vets to help out when we were short.

The team started well with being on top of the ladder half way through the season, even with our lovely keeper having to fly out to the UK for a family emergency. Thankfully, Tegan Crick put

her hand up and helped us while Sam was away. The ladies gave their all this season with some playing on whilst injured.

By the end of the season we ended up 2nd on the ladder with 10 wins, 3 loses & 3 draws. Jordan Watts ended up being the 2nd highest goal scorer in the grade with nine goals.

We ended up making the Grand Final and although we lost, it was one of the best games for the season for team work, as everyone gave it their all.

Once again ladies, congrats on another great season and hopefully we went one step closer to winning the pennant. I am hoping to see everyone back next year and let's make next year, our year.

-Derek Robinson



Ladies 4s

There is no greater source of inspiration and motivation, than to walk out onto the turf every weekend and be greeted by the smiles of friendly and supportive team members like you all. (Yes, I did steal this from Google, but slightly modified it!)

The Ladies 4's team has been amazing to both play for and Captain this year because not one sole person holds the team. We all work together equally, as a team should. We are not a team who is out to win at all costs; a win of course is great but we are a team who goes out onto that turf and plays their best game no matter what. I know how frustrating it is to lose a game where we have had so many attempts at the goal and the opposition just manages to sneak one through. We didn't let this faze us though (not for long anyway...). We were already focused on the next game and how we can improve.

Now for the thank you's (be prepared, this is going to be long). Firstly to the families who both look after things at home whilst us ladies are out on the turf or come down to watch and support the team. Secondly to the all of the players that have

helped us out throughout the year. Your help both on and off the field has meant so much. Thirdly a big thank you to Derek for both running the bench and taking the responsibility of running our training sessions. I know we can be a chaotic bunch to look after sometimes. Fourthly a thank you to Ray for helping us run the bench, it helped out tremendously. Fifthly the biggest of thank you's to my Co-Captain Georgi, for consistently working overtime both as our Co-Captain and as our team manager. You do so much for both our team and the club, as well as managing myself, which I know can be a chore in itself!

Lastly thank you to the team. This team has been fantastic to play for this year because when times are tough we look out for one another like a family. It's always a privilege to play with the Ladies 4's so I can't wait to see most (but hopefully all!) of you next year!

You girls, are awesome!

-Kaylee Mostyn



Ladies Vets

2019- A season where there were more goals than green cards, filled with laughter, red wine, rain, mumbled swearing on the field, rain, fights over Alli's egg sandwiches, more rain, lots of deep heat, rain, more wine and yummy cheese, sleet & rain, wind, two 50th birthdays (shh), one dry day, fights over Alli's sausage rolls and lots of spectacular saves and stunning goals.

Our wonderful core team consisted of Bec (Captain Sensible), Wardy (The Bruiser), Dee (The Defiant), Alli (Spiderwoman), Sam (The Smashing Turbo), Elleke (The Rock), Tess (The Wise), Lyn (Top Gear), Sarah (The Hulk - don't make me angry), Pamela (The Smiling Assassin), Jenni (Storming Norman), Suni (The Machine), Lonnie (Gandalf), the two Roberta's (Superwoman B1 and Bendy Berti B2) and Deanna (how young!). We also have our wonderful stand-in team members, for when we are frequently broken and bruised beyond repair. Thank you to Lisa, Katherine and Ingrid and a sad goodbye to Rachel, who sadly through injury had to call it a day on the hockey field. Not forgetting our honorary woman Alan, our faithful umpire, who also turned up rain, wind and fire (from the players!)

After our amazing GF win last year, it was time to get serious in a higher division. This was tough and involved more running, effort, less drinking and eating (never a good sign).

I think we held our own and finished fourth; a place in the finals in our first season is an AMAZING achievement.

Our stats were: 8 wins, 5 draws (where to be honest we should have won but the ball just couldn't find the back of the net), 5 losses, 5 green cards, 1 yellow card (oops) and 33 GOALS!

There was competition for the equivalent of the Norm Smith Medal, with an impressive tally of goals. Wardy and B1 on 2 goals, Suni on 3, Tess on 4 and Sam, Bec and Deanna on equal footing with a 5 amazing show stopping goals. However; the Norm Smith Medal goes to Jenni, who snuck into the lead with the grand total of 6. This has given her the new nickname of Storming Norman because she keeps charging into the D leading the Redback invasion.

An excellent start to the season, beating Whitfords 2:1. Roberta (Bendy Berti B2) joined us, the Ladies 1s goalie proving to us so many times how useful it is to be able to do the splits whilst in goal. An awesome home game against Freo, smashing them out the park with a 6:1 win. B2 did her usual bends and splits but was landed on by an attacking player! This put her shoulder out and resulted in a ban from playing with us anymore.....oh no! Another Roberta to the rescue, B1 gallantly took herself off the field and into goal. Miraculously she was just as bendy

(must be the name). With her awesome saving ability, coupled with our hard-working defence team (of which, naturally, I am a part) the next two games were draws but WE SHOULD HAVE WON THEM – just saying.

Onto our second loss of the season against Whitfords 3:1. This was a frustrating game with some interesting umpire decisions (not you Alan) resulting in Wardy, showing much growth and maturity, taking herself off the pitch before she did something she would regret. We all learnt some new swear words that day! The next two games were strong wins. A 2:0 win against Hale where Tess got a green card and not Wardy – everyone was shocked!

A 4:1 win against Curtin at home. Jen was on fire and scored 2, a superb back pass from Lyn, 1 goal by the birthday girl Sam, the final goal from a penalty corner by Captain Bec, who was very sick and kept coughing all night (new hockey tactic to keep the opposition at bay). B1 had a calf injury so naturally every save was on her injured leg. Yes, it's true, we broke both our Berti's!!

A 3:0 loss to Lions. I firmly believe this was because I was goalie and I am unable to do the splits like either of the Berti's. I am as supple as a plank of wood! We had so many shots against us the score was inevitable. Sam got her first card which got upgraded to a yellow because she forgot to sit in the chair. Poor Sam!

The next three games all wins, because B1 was back in goal (hurray!). A 3:2 win against Vic Park in shocking weather and storm warnings. Hockey WA sent out an email telling everyone not be pussies and get out there and play or forfeit – bless ‘em! Jen scored a lovely slow-motion goal, which took everyone by surprise, including her. Second goal was a stunning Hockeyroo type goal by Captain Bec – in the top right-hand corner of OUR goal!

A 5:2 win against Freo. Rain and storms again, SLEET arrived midway through game which felt like bullets hitting your back. Sarah was in goal and she did an amazing job. B1, back on field for good behaviour, scored in the first 3 minutes, proving a point about where she truly belongs! Captain Bec adding another 2 goals from short corners, despite the huge lake that had formed in the centre of the of the goals.

It was getting towards the end of the season, players started to drop out with injuries, which resulted in team changes, plus Suni and Elleke trying on the goalkeeper’s kit! The next four games involved 2 losses and 2 draws, with the big news of B2 being allowed back to play, out on the field for the first time in 9 years. She loved it AND we didn’t break her!

All this effort, team work, cheese and alcohol resulted in us scraping into 4th, making the semi-finals against our ol’ nemesis- The Lions..... It was a hard-fought battle and we were unlucky to be defeated 2:0. B2 gave it her

all in goal, making some show stopping saves and loving every minute of it! The defensive short corners were in abundance and being runner 1 was like facing the firing squad, but undetered Dee, Wardy and Lonnie faced their fears and took it in turns to run first, defending with all heart, even if they did take a few body blows! It was tough out there and we all fought until the end, with Suni taking a ball to the head, Wardy with a stick across the knee and Dee taking a few hits to the shins! Potty mouth Dee H received her second green card of the season along with Wardy for slaying the Beast...AKA Lions 6ft2 CF! She dived, worthy of the Soccer fields of Europe. These ladies need to remember that getting a green card is not part of a loyalty scheme and there will be no free drink at the end of the season!

So, in conclusion; we still rock and we will come back even stronger and fitter next year.

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Thanks girls – love you all.

-Pam Mackney-Walker





The upside
of NOT
stopping a
ball with
your
stick?



The pretty colours!



Mens 1s

We started the season with a very mixed bag of results and some struggles with team numbers.

The inconsistent form and player availability was making it difficult to get our season on a firm footing. David and his team in the 2s were starting to develop some talent from the Junior ranks, along with a couple of new players and we soon moved them into the 1's to get some depth and give them some exposure at the higher level.

It was really pleasing to see the way they embraced the challenge and the rest of the group began to improve around them. Our crunch moment came around eight weeks out from the finals when we sat in the change rooms and made a pact. *We would make every post a*

winner in an attempt to make finals. The rest, as they say is history. We snuck into the four by half a point to finish third.

Our performance against Newman in the semi, was nothing short of spectacular and then we toughed out a win in the preliminary against Whitfords.

The grand final was not to be our day but we managed to get there with a very young group, who will give the club a strong base going forward.

Thanks to Tom Hunter for his unwavering support and Dave Klink for taking on the toughest job in any club.

-Geoff Horsley

Mens 2s

Mens 2s this year was a real mixed bag of performance, results and development over the season- finishing the season with a total of 3 wins, 16 losses and 2 drawn matches. What the score board didn't reflect was the success in achieving our objectives, that were set out at the beginning of the season.

The objectives for the season were to expose and support as many of our up and coming Juniors and younger Senior players (just out of Juniors) as we could, to a high level of Seniors hockey. In order to achieve this, these players needed exposure in a grade that would challenge them, have the support of experienced fellow team members and provide a pathway of being able to experience playing at the clubs highest level - Promotion 1.

I am happy and proud to say that a total of 13 players from our Junior grades made an appearance in this team throughout the year and a large number of younger Senior players that began the year in this grade, made the step up over the period of the season to the Mens 1s.

Along with this, we had five new to the club players join the team, with some of them also making the step up to the Mens 1s team.

I would not be painting the full picture of the season if I didn't say it had its challenges more often than not and times where I would question if it is worth the effort. However this questioning would be taken away on game day, with the effort put in by the old guys leading the way and the young guys following the lead and giving it everything they have plus some.

A special mention to a few of the older guys that helped me out during the season; Ty Germein, Bryan Taylor, Leigh Barrett and Shaun Ford. Thanks for your help throughout the season. Also a mention to Bayden Walker, our GK, that kept us in a lot of games throughout the season.

To all the Juniors that played this season, thanks for having a crack every game you played but a special mention to Connor Gunning and Jono Viester for an outstanding season. The future looks bright with the talent coming through.

Again thanks everyone for a hard fought season and I hope to see you all and more next year.

Thanks
-Dave Klinck



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From The Junior Director

Well that's the end of another impressive season for all. So many leaps forward in skill and development across all levels of the Junior club.

The level of success, measured in happy smiling children's faces and teams results for 2018, is certainly a credit to all the parents, managers, Coaches and especially the players. This was certainly evident in the ladder positions of many of our Junior teams at the end of the season, with four teams taking out their Minor Premierships, 8/13 teams participating in finals with the J7/8 A Boys, 7/8 A Girls, 9/10 C Boys, 9/10 A Girls & 11/12 A Boys playing in Grand Finals. Of all these teams, the 11/12 A Boys won 4-3 against Peel & the 9/10 A

Girls won a penalty shoot out against Hale.

The participation of Juniors at the many specialised training sessions provided, was truly awesome with several events having 50-70 participants. The sessions run by some of our recent and current Kookaburra players, were of significant benefit to all that attended and we intend to continue to provide similar development opportunities into 2019. We also intend to increase the club's level of self support to Junior players and Coaches, with additional clinics supported and run by or own Senior players.

It was also great to see the enthusiasm of the Minkey/

Grads children, playing in their weekly local games and the occasional inter-club carnival. The skills that these kids have astound me, when I think back to my days on grass so many years ago. I want to thank Lee Hansord and the parents that assisted him with the Minkey/ Grads this season, as without their significant time and effort, this young group of hockey players would not have improved their skills and enjoyment for the game, something that is obvious every time they take the field.

I want to highlight the achievements of two of our players who achieved State Selection in 2018...



Jarod Crick was selected as one of the GK's for the 2018 U15 WA Indoor Hockey Team that travelled to Goulburn, NSW in January for the National Championships where they finished 4th. Later in the year he was also selected as a Train-On player for the 2018 U15 WA Hockey Team and although he did not travel to the national championships, the fact that one of the few train on positions was offered to him and as a Goal Keeper is testament to his skill and drive to be successful in that demanding role.

Bella Rutta has also been selected in the 2018 U13 Girls WA Hockey Team that is travelling to Hobart for National Championships as I type this. The Redback Community sends best wishes and support in the hope that she has a successful tournament and brings her experience back to her cohort to enthuse more of them to trial for State Teams in future.

With the winter season now complete, we move into Indoor Hockey and Summer competitions. It has been pleasantly surprising that we have been able to nominate 6 Junior teams into the 2018 Hockey WA Indoor Competition, two U18 Boys teams, one U18 Girls team, two U15 Boys teams and one U15 Girls team. This is a massive increase from having 1-2 players playing Indoor in 2017 and hopefully will provide them all with a new understanding of hockey tactics and expose them to the significant skill increase that Indoor hockey provides.

Finally I want to thank all the Coaches, managers and parents for their assistance in making this season as successful as it has been. Without the assistance and the commitment and dedication of Jackie Burnside (Boys Co-Ordinator & Carnivals Co-Ordinator) and Ingrid Kruger (Girls Co-Ordinator & JR Umpiring Co-Ordinator), providing a friendly, relaxed and challenging environment for our children to develop their hockey and social skills, we would not have been this successful.

Your club runs on the efforts of volunteers and the enjoyment and development of your children depend on it.

Cheers
Damien Crick



Girls 5/6 B

At the start of the season, it was looking bleak for the J5/6 Girls, with only 22 girls registered to fill 2 teams. There was only enough to enter one team in the Grading Carnival and unfortunately, we had to withdraw the J5/6B with only 7 players. We needed to act fast and recruit more players, so with much gusto we asked the girls to bring along school friends and asked neighbours children to come along and give it a go!

So, by the start of the season, we had increased from 7 to 12 and by week 5 of the competition, 16 regular players every week. Now it was time for the hard work, to turn these young girls into a team. First, I had to battle the daydreaming of Unicorns and Fairies, stick twirling like a Majorette, mouth guard chewing and most importantly concentration! The stick skills would come and over the following months the improvement was there for all to see. With confidence comes ability and enjoyment of the game!

What a season for the J5/6B Girls team, finishing 4th in their first competitive league competition. The team consisting of players from the previous years Minkey graduates and for a few, the first time they had even picked up a hockey stick.

Team Stats - 15 Goals, 3 wins, 4 draws and 7 unfortunate

losses. We managed 3 games on the turf, on one occasion beating WASPS 3:1. Our best game of the season and in front of the home crowd, what more could a coach ask for! The 7 losses were so unfortunate, silly goals and the quick break catching us out....every time! The team played their hearts out every week and never gave up despite the score.

Isabelle lead the goal scoring tally with 5 goals, closely followed by Megan with 4! Megan was returning to the game after a year off and she nearly got a hat-trick against Fremantle. Keep up the good work and I hope the renewed passion for hockey continues. Amelia, moving from defence to CF on a weekly basis, scored 2 and for Ash, Atari, Bronte and Chloe a goal each. Bronte, despite trying and always being in the attacking D giving it her all, left it until the last game of the season to find the net and secure a 1:0 win against WASPS!

Each week, a girl volunteered to take their turn as GK starting with Isabelle, Atari, Keira, Bronte and then Kobi. At this point, Kobi after having a season off, found her passion in goal! She became our regular keeper and was often doubling up for the J5/6A and J7/8B team. She was determined and brave, showing no fear. Her mantra: go hard or go home! Awesome work. The weeks Kobi was unable to play, the GK kit was passed on to Chloe. She

enjoyed playing in this position and shows great potential for next season....if she concentrates!

This was the first season for Sam. She listened and always asked if she was unsure, wanting to get it right and to try and understand the game. She has the ability to become a strong hockey player. Keep it up.

Ash, our Year 4 boy, decided that he wanted to play in the same team as his sister Cheyanne and was a very welcomed addition to our team. He improved throughout the season in skill and with that, his confidence. Always giving his all, tackling hard and playing a very strong role as half back. Even when his sister was graduated to the A team he stuck with us. Good luck for next season Ash.

Shayla arrived at the club after watching her friend Chelsea play one Saturday. The following week she had a stick in her hand and was at training. Playing in midfield or the forward line, she was determined every week.

The forward line of Kiera, Mia and Tallirah; these girls worked hard every week, even when as coach I was confusing them (and myself) with the left or right! Great work out there girls.

After watching a Minkey training session and desperate for players we poached Taryn, our Y3 pocket rocket! Originally this was only to help us out with numbers for home games, but after one game she made the decision that competitive hockey is way superior and became a regular J5/6B player. She soon dominated our midfield and showed a natural ability on the pitch. Keep it up Taryn. Her sister Caitlyn watching from the sideline also decided that the hockey pitch is where life is on a Saturday morning. Welcome to the club the Byrne sisters!

Atari, after listening to wise words from her Coach, that the scoring a goal and being a CF is not the be all and end all of hockey, soon settled into the position of RH. She was always there to cover her fellow teammates in defence...even if her hands were not holding the stick correctly!



Coaches Award - This was a very tough decision, as all the girls had improved, turned up to training every week and more importantly showed great sportsmanship, even in defeat. After much thought, I awarded this to Amelia. At the start of the season and after a discussion with her parents, it was decided that even though she was in Yr 4, she would be bored with another year in Minkey's and it would not be beneficial. Within the first few weeks of the season I questioned my decision!! She was more interested in mouth guard chewing and standing on her stick!! Time to get tough.... She listened, learnt to concentrate and watch the ball. She moved from defence to CF and by the end of the season, she was my go-to player for flexibility of position on the pitch. Well done Amelia, keep it up and who knows, if you concentrate, where it will take you.

Fairest and Best - This was a secret ballot by parents after every game and this year's winner was Isabelle. A great season for her; charging down the right wing at speed and attacking the goal. She was also the teams top goal scorer. Well done little lady!

Runner Up Fairest and Best - had she arrived earlier in the season who knows

what could have happened. This was awarded to our solid defender Chelsea T. Your improvement over the season was great to witness and I hope this continues as you graduate to J7/8.

To those girls moving on to J7/8 – Megan, Sam, Shayla, Chelsea and Tillirah. Keep up the hard work; carry on enjoying the game and good luck.

I would like to thank all the parents for their continued support and assistance; it was a cold, wet and windy season. Special thanks go to Dave B-K and Neil Jones for helping warm up the team before the game and to Amada Saxby for helping me with the admin on match day.

Thanks for a great season and allowing me to coach. I hope that we have all learnt something together as a TEAM and that Together Everyone Achieves More.

The future is bright, the future of Rockingham Redback Hockey Club is the J5/6 Girls.... I am so proud of you all – You Rock!!

-Coach Rachel Ward

Girls 5/6 A Res

The J5/6 girls started training in mid-March 2018 and the early start was to pave the way for a wonderful season. There were a number of girls returning from the J5/6 girls teams in 2016 and 2017. We welcomed back Ruby Pieri and Charlotte McGillan after they missed the 2017 season.

Our first carnival was the pre-season YMCC/Perry Lakes Carnival on 29 April 2018, the week before the Grading Carnival. The Perry Lakes Carnival is an essential lead in to the Grading Carnival.

In previous years we have found it very hard to score goals and win games at the Grading Carnival. Lessons and mistakes from previous seasons were learnt and we used the Perry Lakes carnival to prepare the team for these cut throat grading matches.

The Grading Carnival turned out to be the highlight of the season. We defeated Suburban Lions (2-0); Westside Wolves (1-0); had a controversial 1-0 win over WASPS and drew with UWA (0-0). We finished equal top of our pool and qualified for the J5/6A Premier League.

The recruitment of Taialei McLeod from Narrogin was a key ingredient of our grading carnival success, along with the performances of Petra Verster, Sarah Healey, Ruby

Pieri, Chelsea Kennedy and Chloe Phillips.

In the interests of developing the whole junior girls programme for future seasons and to support the J7/8 programme, we elected to play in the J5/6A Promotion Grade in the Hockey WA League. This turned out to be the correct decision and the girls won every game. The results were as follows:

*13 games for 13 wins and **Premiers of the J5/6A Promotion League***

Goals scored: 54. Goals against 8. Positive Goal difference of 46

We defeated the second best team, Modernians, twice: 3 - 1 and 4 - 2

*There were 3 girls who scored over 10 goals each in the 13 games – **Chloe Phillips, Petra Verster and Lauren Healey.***

The awards for the HWA League in the 2018 season were as follows:

Fairest and Best: Petra Verster

Runner Up Fairest and Best: Lauren Healey

Coaches Award: Ruby Pieri

Other highlights for the 2018 season were:

* Finishing equal 4th in the J5/6 Girls Championship division at the Bunbury Carnival

* A number of the girls played for other teams at the Bunbury Carnival

* The emergence of 3 quality goalkeepers in Caitlyn Martin, Kobi Turvey and Taialei McLeod

* A number of the girls played in the J7/8 girls teams during the HWA League

* We debuted 4 or 5 regular players from the J5/6B team in the J5/6A team in preparation for next season

* We played 4 games on the Lark Hill turf

* The girls had training sessions with Kookaburras Leon Hayward, Matt Bird and Josh Pollard

There are a number of people to thank for our very successful season:

* To the J5/6B team coach Rachel Ward, for her professionalism, hard work, dedication and commitment to the girls programme. Rachel trained the girls well and nurtured a number of the girls. The B team had a very good season

* The assistant coaches for the J5/6A team on game day: Chris Pieri and Neville Ford;

* All of the parents, plus the older sisters who assisted Rachel and myself with the training sessions

* The J7/8 coaches and managers;

* The girls Co-Ordinator: Ingrid Kruger

* The Junior Director: Damien Crick and the Junior Committee.

In my 3 seasons coaching the J5/6 girls, I have learnt that the aim and objective of J5/6 hockey is to teach the girls stick skills and hockey knowledge. Many people have commented that the J5/6 girls in 2018 are very gifted, talented and have a huge amount of potential. It is evident we have an elite group of young girls been developed in this age division.

I wish to quote life member Neville Ford, who has said *“these girls are very dominant and if they stay together they will roll through the grades, having a lot of success”*.

Looking ahead to the 2019 season, there is 11 or 12 girls who will graduate to the J7/8 girls programme, with the majority of them set to play in the J7/8A team.

Whilst we ended the season with 37 girls and welcomed a number of new families to the Redbacks, we say a sad farewell to Madelyn Leece and her family, who have been deployed with the Navy back to Canberra. Rachel Ward will also take a break from coaching next season.

Thank you everyone for a very memorable season. There are many more great seasons ahead from the J5/6 teams of 2018.

-Ian Healey



Boys 7/8 C

The 7/8 C Boys started the season with a team and a Manager only; no goalie nor Coach. Thankfully, Sara and Julien put their hands up at the last minute to fill the positions of Coach and Assistant Coach, and what a great job they did!

Nearly every player took a turn at goalie, until Charlie and Trent took a liking to the position, alternating as goalkeeper for the second half of the season. The season started slowly as we found our feet and faced a few challenges with team members coming and going. However, no matter the outcome, the boys always ended the game with a smile on their face. Before long our training paid off and the boys started to show progress as individuals and as a team. We started scoring goals and winning our fair share of games. Midway through the season, some of the boys played in the Bunbury and Narrogin Carnivals, picking up some extra

skills along the way. In addition, several players also kindly put their hands up to fill in for the J9/10s. This was such a great opportunity for them and it started to show in their skills and confidence out on the field. Well done boys and thank you to parents too! It was a big commitment.

The second part of the season started to look brighter with the addition of Bryce back to our team, with some much needed fire in his belly. The boys skill and determination grew as the weeks went by and we ended the season with a cracker of a game, winning on our home turf.

Our final win meant we finished a very respectable 3rd on the ladder. A great ending to a great season!

- Sara Belmont-Kleingel

Boys 7/8 A Res

The 7/8 A Reserve Boys had a great start to the season with some great games played.

We combined with our other 7/8 boys team and got a team together for the Bunbury Carnival and a great time was had with the boys helping out the 9/10 Boys. It was a weekend of hockey, hockey and more hockey.

Back to the season and there were a few more close games with a few injuries sustained and we did struggle with numbers on occasions. We would like to thank the 5/6 Boys for helping us out when needed.

We were also part of a team that went to the Narrogin Carnival and had a great time.

The last half of the season has been challenging and competitive for the boys,

with some mixed results, but we are looking forward to going as far as we can in the competition and overall it has been a great season and a learning curve for myself.

A big thanks goes out to all involved in the club and to the parents of the boys, fingers crossed for a Grand Final appearance.

-Brad Facey

Our boys have had a great season considering that we have rarely had the same team playing week to week! As we only had 8 team members, we have had to rely on the 7/8 C team to play with us each week. This has been so successful and we are very thankful to Liam, Aiden, Phoenix, Trent and Kevlah, who have been so wonderful, as we have needed them throughout the season. Thanks to their parents also, who have travelled to away games when needed. As I write this we are 2nd on the ladder with one game left to play! Very exciting to be playing finals and hopefully into the grand final.

Our regular team has improved in their fitness and skills this year and as parents, it has been a pleasure to watch them play hard to deliver their individual best games as well as coming together as a team with different players coming and going.



We have had 2 coaches helping out our boys as they worked shift work and coached in between work commitments. Thank you John Wood and Richard Pertwee. Then we also had Cameron Arnold Co-Coaching as he recovered from a knee injury and surgery. He has done a great job of leading the boys and then being able to play in the last few games of the season.

Thanks to Dave and Jackie from the A team who have helped ensure we have enough players each week and share around 9/10 players so both our teams were full each week.

Well done team and looking forward to season 2019, hopefully with a full team!

-Nicki Baxter

Boys 9/10 A Prom

Season 2018 has been a successful one for the 9/10A Prom Boys, who at the end of the season, find themselves fourth and an entry into the finals. Over the season they lost only 3 games.

This year the boys have stepped up against strong opposition and matched them at their game. Throughout the season they have played quality hockey albeit sometimes not for the whole game!

A highlight was the Bunbury Carnival where the boys came away with a second place. Bunbury is always good, as the boys get to play against new teams and this year, against some A grade opposition. It was a credit to the boys how well they did and their passion for the game over the weekend.

Hugh: played his second year in goals, saved some crackers and was never afraid to come out strong against the opposition.

Cooper: continued with solid defense in the fullback position this year. Produced some impressive overheads from the back line.

Giosoa: joined the team this year and proved himself to be an able defense player. More often than not he cleared some awesome 16s from the back to line to the forward line.

Tom: played a rock solid center half. Through his speed and skill with the ball, he was able to help feed out of defense into the forward line.

Ashton: proved himself running out on short corners. He was never afraid to put his

body on the line to stop that shot at goal.

Harry: held down the half back role this year, with some impressive passes and tackles against the opposition.

Kai "Windy": returned this year and we got to witness the Kai wind up and hit from the half back line. Some great chasing down saw Kai put pressure on the opposition many times throughout the season.

Art: a steady forward player, running wide then in and then out wide again, the result being in the right place at the right time to score goals.

Jarod: produced the most ahhs and ohhs from the spectators this year. The leading goal scorer for the team produced some spectacular goals and fancy footwork.

Alex: ran and ran and then ran some more, all season. His impressive acceleration and ability to read the play, saw him intercept many an opposition pass or create a space for a Rockingham pass.

Pat: made the move from the back line to inner this year. His proved himself in this position, with his persistence and determination.

With the bare eleven this year, it was always going to be a challenge to field a team each week. Big thanks must go to our 9/10 boys who doubled up to play two games in one weekend and stepped in when required. Thanks Harry Pertwee, Mitch Mullineux and Nic Anson.

Many thanks also to the 7/8A boys, who also happily had a run with the boys this year: Zach Facey, Sam Burbidge, Harrison Morley and Rico MacDonald. We appreciate the boys coming along to play on a Sunday and also their parents for organising them to get there and letting them play another game!

A season isn't a season without a couple of quotes from the coaches...

Dave: *"I want you to get that close to him that you both smell the same!"* and along the same lines John: *"Stop running away!"*

There were many more. If only they got written down at the time.

- Jackie Burnside



Boys 11/12 B

Wow, what a year its been for these amazing boys. Started with way too many for one 11/12 team, but not quite enough for 2. However, each week they would stray in slowly and next minute, we were nailing the two teams.

It took a while to settle the 2 different teams, sometimes we had to borrow some from the A team to make a full team. Some weeks we even borrowed the girls. Then some weeks we didn't have enough. Of all the games through out the season, there were 6 boys in the team that played every single game. Those 6 boys should be very proud of their efforts this year. However 6 don't make a full team, so from the bottom of my heart, I personally would like to thank everyone else who has helped these boys get to the top 4. Bring on the finals! It has been a rough year though, not many are able to make training, due to work and school commitments. Due to this, the team couldn't really get any strategies in place. The boys were training with the A side, as we didn't have an available Coach during training, so although they did learn a lot, when it came to the first few games they were all really nervous, but they nailed their first game against NC Raiders 7-0. Pretty solid effort to the team there.

We had Damien there for the first half of the year to help on Friday nights, to guide the boys and what a damn good job he did too. So a massive thank you for all you have done for the boys, not just being coach on the Friday nights and stepping in and umpiring for them when we were short, but for your support. It has been very much appreciated.

Half way through the season, it was decided that the boys really needed a Coach at training and the games. In comes Matt Wells, an international player who played in various international tournaments and is now playing for the Redbacks Mens 1s. The boys were really looking forward to having him guide them.

Matt's first Friday night with the boys was a little funny. One poor boy alone kept getting subbed off. This young boy, to say the least, was getting a bit frustrated and at the end of the game, after having a little meltdown, confronted Matt to ask what he had done wrong and why he came off so many times. Matt looked at him and was like. "Oh Preston, you did nothing wrong mate, but yours is the only name I knew. So I thought it was easy to yell out Preston "change" or Preston, come off, than to yell out to a child I didn't know!" Lol! A good laugh was had by all, that's for sure.

Those lovely coloured cards were out in full force this year. Luckily, no one got to see any reds, however the green and yellow ones made a very regular appearance. Our Luke, was the most popular with these cards. I am even considering buying him a set, considering he likes them that much! Luke, however is a very dedicated player who was just a little frustrated at some decisions. We all get like that.

Dylan Archibald, is a little pocket rocket. This boy zooms all over the field and at the end of the season tops the leader board with most goals scored. 3 of those were in Round 13. Dylan, you are amazing and should be proud of your efforts. The team is very proud of you and thankful to have you. You never complain, you just get in there and play the best you can.

This year marks the end of playing juniors for quite a few players. It will be sad to see them leave, however I know many of them will be playing up in the seniors and expanding their skills. To those boys, I wish you well. To the ones that get one more year with us in the Juniors, I say bring it on and we will see you next year!

-Toni Buckland

The Bumbury Wrap

This year Rockingham Redbacks sent 8 teams to the SWJHC. The weather held out for us. It was chilly in the evenings but the days were lovely, perfect hockey weather.

5/6 Boys:

We went with 9 players and were thankful to the 5/6 Girls who helped out over the weekend. Lots of the boys are new to the game and stepped up with lots of hockey action, under the guidance of Braydon and Jono. They finished 3rd in their pool for the weekend.

5/6 Girls:

The girls stepped up to championship this year. They played well and finished 4th in their pool, playing against some quality opposition. The team helped out

both the 5/6 Boys and 7/8 Girls, so there was lots of hockey for the girls (and some very tired ones at the end of the weekend!) It was very exciting for the future of the club to see the age divisions support each other and to join together.

7/8B Girls:

They went into the carnival with only 5 regular players, as some couldn't attend and others were required to make up numbers in 7/8A's. We relied heavily on support from 5/6's and managed to secure at least 4-6 girls for each game - and we really appreciated this support.

The girls were amazing and never complained - they just turned up to each game and gave it their best.

Their attitudes were spot on and they had fun despite results not going their way. The 5/6's who came up played great and got stuck in and the 7/8 regulars supported them and combined with them really well. Parents were accommodating and supported this really well, some having to change plans to suit the new player arrangements.

Most pleasing for the girls was their last game, where all the directions from Emma over the three days and some continuity in the team, really came together and they put up their best performance of the carnival. A really strong team effort. The fact they performed this way in their last game was a real credit to them.





Girls 7/8 Championship:

What a carnival it was for the girls. Being in the Championship division was always going to be tough, but they MORE than lifted for the occasion!!! The weekend started slow with a 2-0 loss to Wasps, but their form soon turned around quickly with a 1-1 all draw with Metro 7/8A Div leaders, Sub Lions. This was followed up with a come from behind, 2-1 win against Busso. Each of these games were so intense (and without any subs) and the girls fought so hard and showed true grit. Unfortunately come the 4th game of the day, the girls were a bit spent and finished with a hard fought loss 2-0 to Collie.

Sunday though was epic. Redbacks came up against the undefeated Vic Park on Sunday morning. The girls played out of their skin and were super tough and eventually won 1-0. At this point with 1 game to play, the girls were now equal top of the table and played other equal leaders NCR for their final game. An intense tussle finished 0-0 and meant that Redbacks finished equal 2nd on the ladder. What a stunning result!!!! But unfortunately for and against the girls, they technically ended up 5th. However, these results against the quality of the opposition they were up against were just

amazing.

The girls showed they have the quality and toughness to compete with the best in WA and they should all be very proud of their performances. Jade did a fantastic job of preparing the girls for each game and also holding a great pizza party too! A great weekend all round.

7/8 Boys:

3 wins 1 draw 2 losses.

The boys found themselves on the back foot when we come up against Albany in the first game. It was an eye opener and a bit of realty check playing on the grass at Bunbury.

In this first game the boys struggled with the some of the rough ground conditions. Over the course of the carnival the boys moved around and played in different positions that they may not have been used to. This saw development of the players and a real positive attitude from them to give it a go. It was a great weekend and Coach Brad Facey is so proud of all players .

9/10 Boys Redbacks 2:

The 9/10 Boys Redbacks 2 went with an undermanned side, relying on the help from the 7/8 Boys and at times the 9/10 Girls. We also recruited Jon and 2 players from Esperance to play alongside our boys. Thanks so much to those players for stepping up so the team could play at a good standard all weekend. The boys won 2, lost 3 in the pool and then won their play off.

9/10 Boys Redbacks 1:

The boys finished equal second in their pool, after a mixed weekend of wins losses and draws. An early morning coin toss was our first 'win' for the morning with us being allocated 2nd place and a place in the finals.

The boys played their socks off to beat NCR in the first semifinal, meaning that they then played Vic Park in the final. We had played Vic Park on the Saturday and gone down 1-0. The boys really stepped up in the final and played some of the best hockey for the weekend. The final result was a 1-1 draw. Unfortunately, Vic Park took out first place as they had finished with a better goal difference.

The boys had an awesome weekend with lots of hockey and mate-ship and for some of them, a great end to their Bunbury career.









Generations

(: it's not WHAT we have in life but WHO we have in our life that matters)

Poppy & Sam Forsyth



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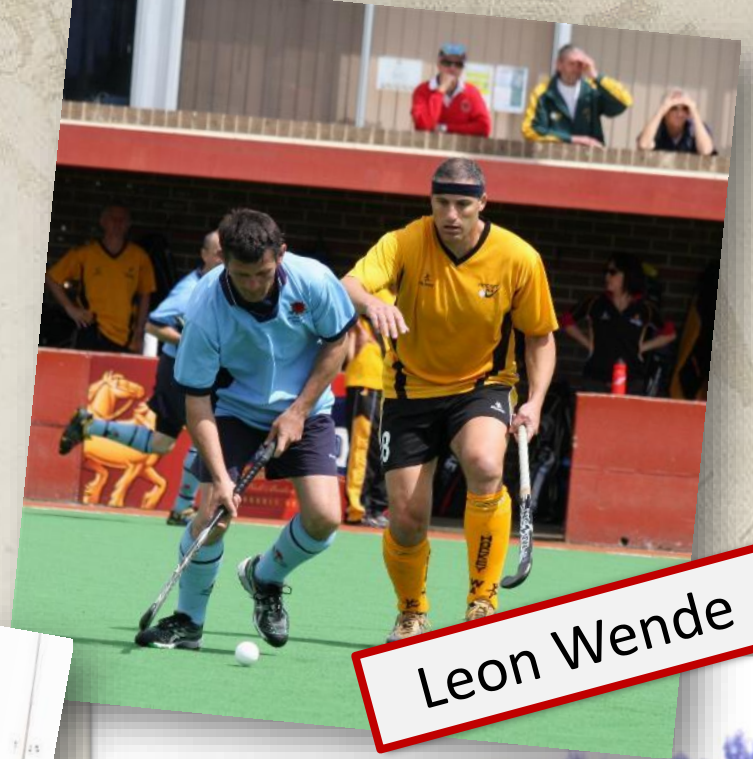




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Leon Wende



Then
& Now

From Leon Wende

I thought I'd share with you some of my early personal background in hockey, as it is far from the usual story!

Being born in Perth and spending my childhood here, I, like many others, played hockey from a young age. But when I was 13, the family emigrated to Israel. At that time (late 70's, early 80's) hockey was pretty much unknown in Israel, being played only by a few diehard expats and immigrants, mainly from Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Pakistan and England.

It turns out there were only about six or seven teams in the entire country. That's *teams*, not *clubs*! One of them was a girls team organised by the American International School and coached by one of their teachers, Glen, a New Zealand expat who played A grade hockey back home.

Another team was formed mainly of Indian and Pakistani players who were living near the Tel Aviv area and were very passionate about hockey.

In our mid teens, my younger brother Simon and I soon found a fledgling team in **Netanya**, a coastal city in the region where my parents had decided to settle the family. This team was mainly English and South African immigrants, of all ages. We were very passionate about our sport that we grew up with and did everything we could to foster its acceptance in Israel, as we didn't want to lose it. (The common ball sports in Israel then were handball, soccer and basketball) So, at the age of 15, this meant taking the bus into Netanya after school (a 45 minute trip) and teaching hockey to Israeli kids who were interested, and running workshops and demo games at different schools. All this while learning the Hebrew language and trying to settle into a new (and difficult) country. These "training" activities were arranged by immigrant adults who played hockey in England or South Africa.



In Israel at that time, there were only four hockey fields, all grass. I think two of them had proper goals. Hockey really was an unknown animal and people would gawk at me (and my brother) when we toted our stick bags around school and on the buses, as they were a most unusual accessory!

My parents had developed a close friendship with the director of Israel's Wingate Institute of Sport, who, through their influence, allocated a soccer field to become a hockey field. Dad, who had a nursery workshop, allowed me to use the help of one of his workers to fabricate a set of hockey goals – from iron and timber and they were heavy as lead! And he donated them to Wingate. Slowly, hockey started to build....

Playing hockey on a gravel, sand, bitumen or open field were commonly done in those early days. In Netanya, we trained and played some games in an open field, amongst weeds and dirt, with very rudimentary line markings. It was tough and good enough, appropriately reflecting everything else about Israel in those days.

In 1982 (when I was 17) a group of South Africans hockey players in Israel decided to try and introduce (or at least demonstrate) the sport to young people in Israel's south. A six-a-side youth tournament was arranged, with two levels: experienced players and newbies.



The venue was Tel-Sheva, a small Bedouin village. The Bedouin kids from Tel-Sheva along with some kids from Omer (a Jewish town nearby), of course had no idea what hockey was. The youngsters from Netanya formed a formidable hockey team as at least we could all play! The first photo shows the conditions: hot and dusty (as it's desert region), playing on gravel and dust. Apart from winning the tournament, our hard-fought games against other experienced youth served as a bizarre demonstration of hockey to Bedouin kids, who were most unlikely to ever see a hockey stick again!

Another highlight of playing hockey in Israel was that, due to the players mostly being expats, there were lots of visiting international teams and consequent invitational games. This not only provided for some very challenging hockey against proper teams, with a steep learning curve, but an interesting social setting following the games. I remember playing against a South African university touring team and a German invitational team. My parents (being Australian) hosted with an Aussie BBQ the Australian Men's hockey team to the 12th Maccabiah Games held in 1985.

Needless to say there were not many hockey officials in Israel in the 80s. But for all of the important (or high profile) games, two South African brothers always stepped up: Neville Berman was an ex Springbok captain and brother Beryl was (I believe) a SA (or FIH) certified umpire. These two did way more than their fair share of umpiring and fostering hockey in Israel.

In my early 20s I was drafted into the defence force but continued to play hockey. The defence force recognises country-level sportsmen and made special dispensation for me to participate in the 13th Maccabiah Games (1989). There were four countries participating in Men's hockey: Australia, South Africa, Belgium and Israel, and that is the order in which we finished. For me, playing for Israel but having roots in Australia, I was (strangely) proud at having been thrashed by Australia!

A year later I left Israel and returned to Perth where I continued to play hockey, eventually finding my way to the Rockingham District Hockey Club.

-Leon Wende









2018 SENIOR LADIES AWARDS

LADIES 1S

F&B: *Roberta Walton*

R/UP F&B: *Sara Johnson*

TEAM PLAYER: *Roberta Walton*

LADIES 2S

F&B: *Sue Greenaway*

R/UP F&B: *Deeana Hogan*

TEAM PLAYER: *Tegan Crick*

LADIES 3S

F&B: *Kim Carroll*

R/UP F&B: *Lisa Curtis*

TEAM PLAYER: *Sam Lomax*

LADIES 4S

F&B: *Kaelee Parr*

R/UP F&B: *Jodie Matthews*

TEAM PLAYER: *Georgi Jackson*

LADIES VETS

F&B: *Sunette Almeida*

R/UP F&B: *Roberta Warentini-Roberts*

TEAM PLAYER: *Elleke Bosworth*

RISING STAR

Rachel Jones

2018 SENIOR MENS AWARDS

MENS 1S

F&B: *Brandon Phillips*

R/UP F&B: *Matt Wells*

TEAM PLAYER: *Tom Hunter*

MENS 2S

F&B: *Bryan Taylor*

R/UP F&B: *Connor Gunning*

TEAM PLAYER: *Ty Germein*

MENS 3S

F&B: *Thomas Meerton*

R/UP F&B: *Brad Ball*

TEAM PLAYER: *Tim Manning*

MENS VETS

F&B: *Ken Donovan*

R/UP F&B: *Peter Ford*

TEAM PLAYER: *Gary McRae*

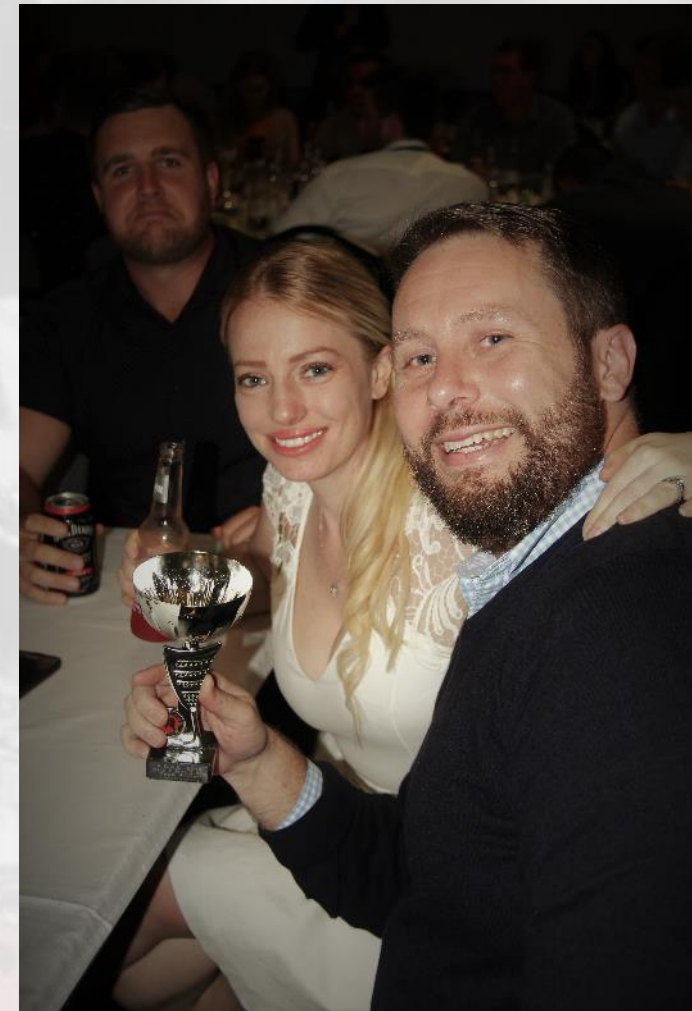
RISING STAR: *John Cooper*

JUNIOR COACH AWARD:

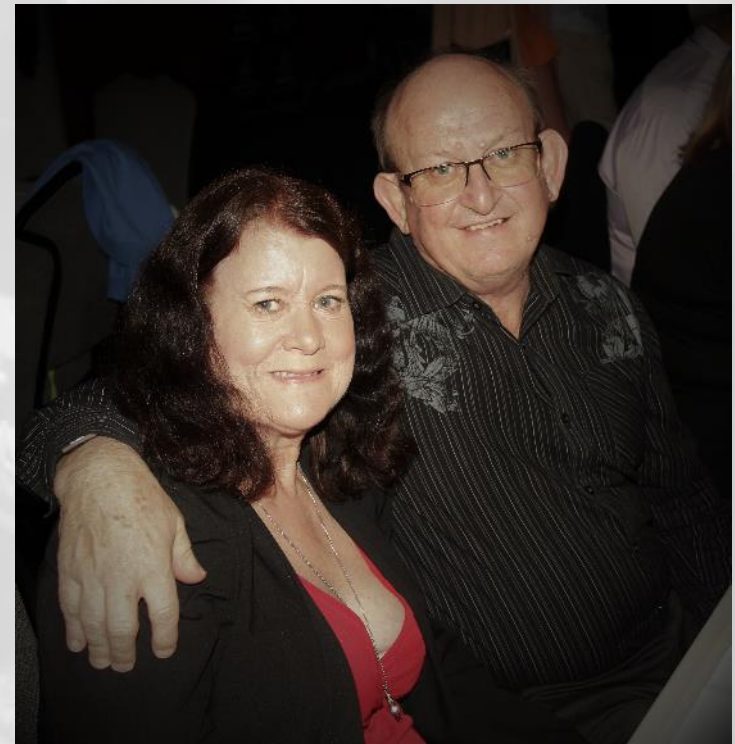
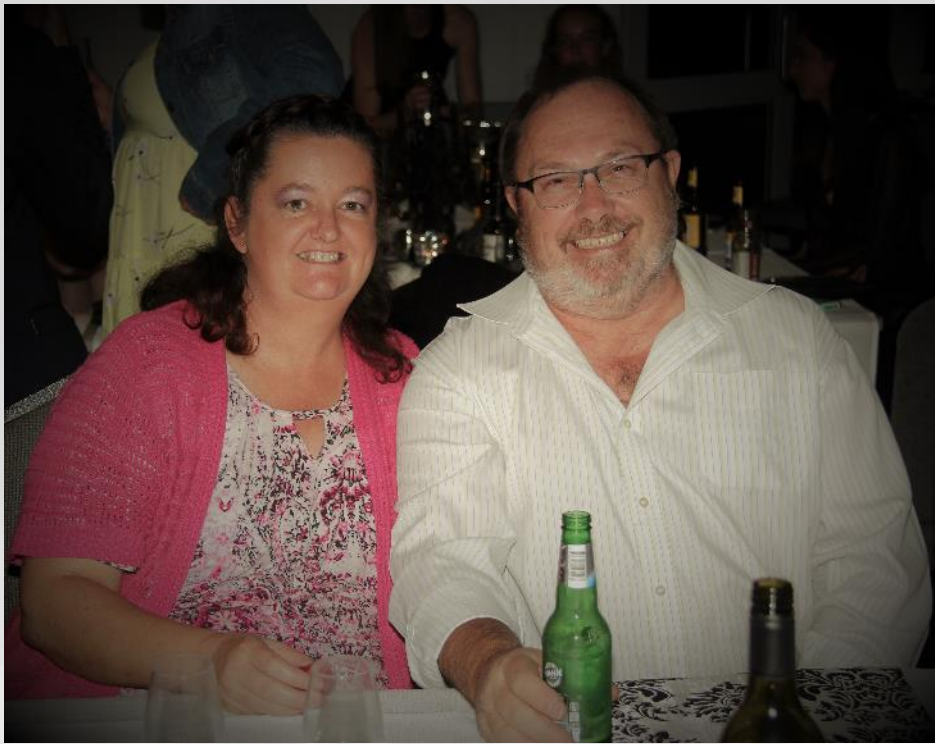
Damien Crick & Peter Ford

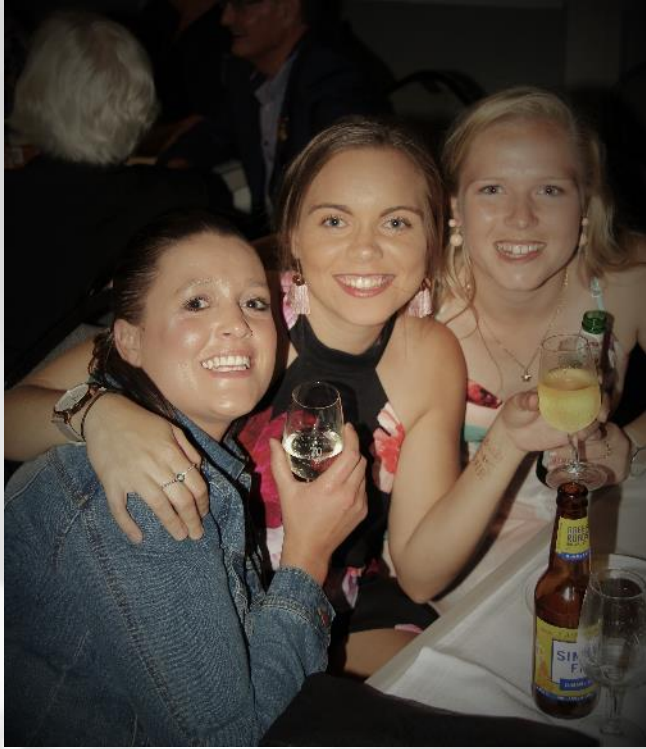
SENIOR COACH AWARD:

Sara Johnson & Brayden Buckwell













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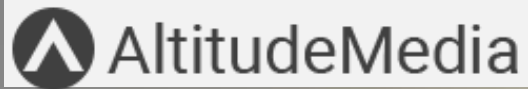


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