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HOCKEY CLUB



29/10 A Merged Girls Grand Final



2020 Premiers & Finalists



J9/10 A MERGE GIRLS
RDHC GIRLS 1 vs MELVILLE
Final Score: 1-0
Sunday 20th September

DIVISION 9 GOLD MEN
RDHC MENS 3 vs REDS 5
Final Score: 2-1
Saturday 3rd October



WOMENS PREMIER 3 - PRE LIM FINALISTS
RDHC WOMENS 1 vs YMCC 2
Saturday 10th October

MENS PREMIER 3
RDHC MENS 1 vs WASPS 2
Final Score: 4-3
Saturday 17th October



Men's Premier 3 Grand Final







**“COVID19,
bugger off
and don’t
come
back!”** - Alan Mills

PRESIDENTS

Report

This has been a very hard year for Board Members and the club in general, having to do a hell of a lot of red tape to meet COVID19 requirements to get the season off and running. There were dozens of meetings each month; Board meetings, meetings with council, HWA Presidents, Facilities Managers, all trying to get on top of all the new different requirements needed just to open the gates. Members waited patiently for the COVID19 shutdown to finish so we could get a chance to play hockey and by late June, we’d made it. Finally we’d get to start but not without constantly changing requirements. Thanks to all Members who helped comply with these requirements and got our club ready.

Financially, because of the restrictions, we have not done very well with our revenue from the facilities. Our bar and canteen revenue was very low. We have been lucky in one aspect with Job-Keeper and having an operational BAS. We received \$15,000 from the government and saved \$10,000k on Job-Keeper which keeps our finances in touch of where we should be. Because of the turf and the future need of guarantee of contribution funds towards the next replacement, we will be entering into a new MOA with the council which will require yearly contributions.

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We have had quite a successful season on the field. Our Ladies teams have been bolstered by the return of quite a few past players and a good influx of existing and new players. 8 out of 10 Senior teams performed quite well and finished in the top four, but this year as we know had a lot of twists. All divisions, except Premier, played only top two teams in a single finals play off. Much of the credit for the successful season has to go to Matt Wells and Peter Ford, our top division Coaches, with both Men's and Women's 1s finishing in the top two.

Congratulations to the MENS 3S, who are the Division 9 Gold Premiers and our MENS 1S, who are the Premier 3 Division Premiers. Special mention and well done to the WOMENS 1S, who made it to their Pre-Lim Final.

It is absolutely fantastic to see so many Juniors now in our Senior sides. Our Junior sides have performed excellently, especially considering nearly all teams struggled for players throughout the year. Congratulations to the J9/10 A MERGED GIRLS who earned their 2020 premiership.

Just on that, the association pointed out that on average most clubs were down 20-30% on expected numbers for the season.

Our turf replacement becomes another casualty of the COVID consequences with the start recently stalled, along with the contractors at the WA border. Originally scheduled to finish mid- November, the new date is yet to be confirmed but we will keep you all updated as more information become available to us. Expectations of a pre-Christmas promotion of the new turf narrow by the day but come the new year, we hope to offer plenty of Junior clinics and a summer competition, so we all get a chance to stomp in the new carpet.

Priorities 2020/21:

School Development:

This I believe is our biggest priority. We must spend money and appoint a paid Development Officer, an assistant and a team of Coaches to make contacts and get into schools. This will come under the control of the Junior Director, with the Board overseeing.

We must at least treble our Minkey/Grads and our J5/6's over the next two years, otherwise we risk losing the plot. It's like the old pyramids; if the base is not large then by the time you reach Seniors, we have nothing to build on.

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An interesting fact; in the 2019 population of WA, the % of population playing hockey was 0.72%, the largest in Australia. Rockingham now has a population of over 130K. 0.72 % is 936. Where are our other 600 players?

I hope you all can see the value of this target to our club, but to achieve this we need as many playing Members/Associate Members (parents) and school teachers within our community to help, by just asking at all schools and to pass onto the Junior Director any contacts you may have who, working with the Development Officer, aim to bring hockey into as many schools as possible with coaching sessions.

Other Priorities:

I have asked the council to fix up different aspects of our Tech Bench. They will only do so much, so we need to begin a project in the near future and put into the budget to fully enclose the Tech Bench. Other projects would be to pave area between the grandstand and dugouts, allowing us to fill-in the water wells which should then not be required.

We have pretty much the best council in the state in my opinion. They have come to the party by supporting us financially with help on the turf replacement. Other components that are not yet certain is the need for nets at the grass field side of the turf, so we can train cross field as was intended back in the planning for the first turf. This may require us to plan a grant and share the cost to have these installed.

As usual we have a constant battle to convince the HWA staff to treat all clubs of the association fairly, with constant statements of “all the way to Rockingham” the excuse for not receiving our share of allocated games, with quite a few of the games that were allocated to our turf, changed, just because those sides did not want to travel. We therefore need to change the way we look at the pre-season draft fixtures and set up a group of people that can go through the drafts as soon as they arrive and try to suggest any changes that may benefit our club.

To achieve these projects, as well as the normal running of the club, we need more Members to stand up and help. Hope this call for help doesn't (as usual) fall onto deaf ears.

How about, if you haven't nominated for a position (Board/Coach/Manager/Property Officer) - offer to assist?

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We have ladies such as Joy and Rhonda, who would love someone to assist and teach the ropes to, so that then perhaps the following year, the masters could become the assistants.

I would like to point out our biggest asset producing revenue is our bar, which requires a Bar Manager to be there in operating hours. Take out our Vets players (who are getting older) and there is not one member from our Senior sides that has a Bar Managers license. It's about time 3 or 4 nominated.

I close by offering our thanks to the out-going members of the Board and on behalf of Members, to thank all who were involved in managing the club and our teams throughout the season: our Coaches, Managers, Board Members and all who gave their time doing duties around the club. Special thanks to the fav 4 (Rhonda, Joy, Ally and Katherine) that again this year, as for many countless years before, have keep our facilities going. Also a big thank you to our Bar Keepers, Gary and Ray.

See you all in 2021 and go the Redbacks!

Alan MILLS



- Alan offering the "4D experience" of turf care to spectators. No extra charge!

JUNIOR DIRECTORS

Report



The 2020 hockey season has been one of the most challenging the club has faced. With planning starting in October last year for special club days, Kookaburra skills training sessions and early season training clinics, things were on track for a strong year for our Juniors.

Then COVID19 takes over all our plans and so begins the uncertain times we as a club, state and country still face today. Luckily, we live in WA and good management of COVID19 allowed us to restart the Junior hockey season, albeit a little late and rushed. We did eventually get back to the kids getting on the field to play and enjoy hockey again.

Unfortunately, the beloved Bunbury carnival, state championships and Narrogin carnival all fell victim to the new restrictions we had to operate under. We can only hope that all these return next year, particularly the Bunbury Carnival which is so important each year for the Junior teams to get early in the season.

Thanks to all the coaches who put in the hours with training and game days to provide an enjoyable experience for all the kids. The club worked hard this year to make sure all Junior teams of all ages and grades had experienced hockey people to coach them. It has been great this year that many of the coaches are current top team players and hopefully this can continue for seasons to come.

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Thanks to all the managers who often are the unsung heroes, that make sure all of us get to the right place at the right time, week in week out. Thanks for Suzanne Taylor (Junior Registrar) and Tracy Morley (Boys and Girls Co-Ordinator) who spent much time in the background, bedding down new systems from HWA and helping to manage the never-ending ins and outs of double up players, week to week, to allow many of our teams to field full teams.

Special mention to the 9/10 A Merge Girls, who were successful in their grand final and managed to bring home the only flag for the Junior club this year. To all the other Junior team's, thank you for playing the game in good spirits and the Rockingham way – hard and loud, but fair!

Finally, thanks to all the parents who have helped in anyway throughout the season and spent countless hours transporting the kids to games in sunshine, rain, or wind, and often all three in a morning.

David BUCKLEY

MINKEY/GRADS

Report



Despite the uncertainty of the 2020 season, the Minkey/Grad programme had nearly 40 kids join us each Saturday morning this year.

We had three groups: beginners, intermediate and the grad crew and one of the standout aspects of this year was the great support from parents.

Our carnival was washed out at the first attempt but second time round the kids did an amazing job and had lots of fun. Probably the standout for the Minkey kids was the occasional tug of war against their coach.

This year we say a farewell to Lee as co-ordinator for this programme and wish him all the best in his next adventures.

We look forward to getting stuck into the 2021 programme, so if you want all the latest updates join the Minkey/Grad Group on the clubs Facebook page.

Sarah BLAKE
Minkey/Grad Co-Ordinator





J5/6 B SAND

Boys



Where do we start with the 5/6 Boys of 2020?

This team of little legends had a few playing hockey for the first time, a few playing full field for the first time and a few returning for another season.

They were thrown into A Prom at the start and whilst they struggled, they certainly never gave up. Then they got re-graded and put into B Sand grade. This was much better for them and they were more competitive.

A win eluded the team this year, however under the great coaching of Todd Ford, the boys all had a fantastic time this season and hopefully they come back in season 2021 and get that much deserved win.

Thank you so much to our wonderful parents that turned up every week to cheer the team on.

See you all next season.

Team Manger Geoff TINNOCK

J5/6 A MERGED

Girls



Success isn't always measured by the results on the field. It is great to get a win on the scoreboard and a few goals in the net, but our fabulous team proved this year that this is not necessary to be winners on the field.

In my 20 years of playing, officiating and managing hockey, I have not seen such a motivated, resilient team. With half the team having moved up from playing Grads in 2019 to play their first season of 'full field' hockey, they were graded into the A grade, which was always going to be a tough competition.

We ended the season without a single win or goal but came so close with our two draws. Despite this, not once did these little troupers drop their heads or give up. Coached by the ever-positive Bryan and supported by an amazing group of parents, this team of motivated youngsters turned up each week rain, hail or shine, improving skills and demonstrating great persistence as they went. They shared the role of goalkeeper throughout the season and played in various positions, developing their skills and working as a team. All I can say is look out in 2021, as these girls and young Oakley will be ready to continue to move onwards and upwards. I have no doubt they will have a great year!

I need to say a special thank you to all the fabulous parents who supported the team throughout the season. Your support and positivity on the sidelines was endless and appreciated. Last, but not least, a big thank you to our umpires who helped each week, especially young Charlie who made his umpiring debut midway through the season, and who saw the season out with the team, gaining confidence every week - well done young sir!

Kind regards,
Team Manager Tammy



First Minkey Wind-Up



Grads Wind-Up



First year of J5/6's



Kids who play together, stay together! – Suzy Taylor



The 5/6 B team had a little bit of a rough start for 2020.

COVID pushed the season back a bit, meaning the girls couldn't experience Bunbury carnival or a grading carnival. However, by the end of the season they started to thrive.

Starting with only 10 players in the first game, the girls still managed to have fun. We only won one game the whole season, but they were always so positive and never cared for the score because they knew they played the best.

We couldn't be more thankful for Blair and Darsh for coming from the boy's team to help us. They made a great addition to the team.

It was amazing to see everyone offering to play goalie for a game as we know it can be a bit scary, yet everyone was always excited to try somewhere new.

We loved their enthusiasm and determination and can't wait to see what the team does next year.

Thanks,
Coach Rachel and Coach Amber

J5/6 B GOLD Squad





J7/8 A & B Girls Squad



It was my privilege and pleasure to coach the J7/8 Girls Squad in this brief and intense 2020 season.

We were fortunate to facilitate two teams that matured quickly into a cohesive playing group. Sharing players between the highly capable B grade and A grade opened opportunity and variety for the girls. Both teams fared well and the results on paper overshadowed what was a highly competitive and spirited season for our Redbacks.

The club, parents and spectators witnessed some wonderful development and growth, with the girls improving immensely their hockey skills and determination over this brief season.

We had a lot to do in short time and it's obvious that we were successful. The continual positive feedback and support from parents and players was a key measure of the team's constitution.

As a Coach and parent and upon reflection, I am impressed and proud, as well as honoured by the players on their commitment and enjoyment of the game.

Coach Chris PIERI



J7/8 Girls Checklist:

- ☒ Hang out with Hockeyroo Georgie Wilson
- ☒ Learn lots from Hockeyroo Georgie Wilson
- ☒ Get awesome pic with Hockeyroo Georgie Wilson





J9/10 A PROM

Boys



This year's ladder position never gave a true reflection on such a young and talented group. It was a year more for developing skill sets on how to set-up and structure correctly for attack and defence, gearing the boys up for Seniors in a few years.

There were some great individual efforts from all involved. In defence with Sean, Kevlah and Lex, they were always covering each other, learning how to transfer the ball with speed and efficiency. Stephen, Bryce, Felix, Kieran, Aiden, Jack and Harry worked tirelessly in the midfield against some extremely strong opposition, with some special stand out performances throughout the year. Forwards Zach, Art and Rico gave their all, with at times limited opportunities and worked hard week in week out. Special mention to the goal scoring machine Zach, who finished the season with 11 goals!!!

As stated before, there are some extremely talented individuals within this group and with a little time, they can develop into future club greats. This year saw Sean Craig and Lex Krige share the Fairest and Best Award and Bryce Illingworth deserve the Coaches Award.

Thank you to all the parents who were willing to help-out each week with tech bench, canteen, voting and getting the boys to and from the games. Thanks Nic Anson, who umpired most of our games and to Dave Abbott who umpired when Nic wasn't available. Finally, thank you to Suzy for being Team Manager, for organising me and communicating to the parents - couldn't do it without you.

Hope to see you all playing next year...
Coach Bryan TAYLOR

J9/10 A MERGED

Girls



What an interesting and fast changing year it was, not just on the hockey field but in the arena of the world stage, with the virus that almost brought the whole world to a standstill and took away our existence as social beings. When you think you know, you don't and then it changes again. But one thing we knew, when we got access to the turf back, the 9/10 Girls Squad knew what it was that needed to be done.

With 80% of the team from last year and great talent from 2019's 7/8 Squad naming Bella, Jamie and Caitlyn, the 9/10 A Merged Girls hockey division games were going to be epic battles. The team from last year had unfinished business, as they were going to play the same team that kicked them out of a chance to play in the finals. Last year the team only had a squad of 13 players, and, with no B team, there was no one to fill in for sick and injuries. The girls had worked hard with Emma Ross and they became a real close team, complementing each other's strengths and weaknesses. With that attitude and close knitted friendships, the momentum continued to build with Jade, being the coach this year, bringing the best out of all the girls.

Because of COVID, we played a shortened season with only six teams in the pool. Despite the long break from hockey and less time to train, the girls came back this year ready for a fight. They all put in 110% effort on the hockey team; everyone in their positions, working together to win. Never taking a team for granted, playing in the pouring rain or blazing sun, they really didn't disappoint. It was amazing to see the girls mingle and gel. This got us into the finals against our archrival, Melville, with the worst outcome of the season a 2-2 draw against Hale and the best an 8-0 win against Lions.

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The final game was an equally matched game. Great plays around the wings into the goals and Melville gave it their best. Our strategy was to mark their best goal scorer (with 17 goals to her name for the season) out of the game. The player with that task was Faith, and she did an absolute fabulous job of it. Melville's top goal scorer literally looked like someone with 4 arms, except that the second set was working against her. Well done to Faith for an outstanding job.

Our defence (Caitlyn S and Tess) were outstanding and they defended short corner after short corner. Caitlyn M was on fire that day and kept that white ball out of her goals. She was singing "We Are The Champions" in the goals throughout the last part of the last quarter.

Our mid-fielders (Gazelle, Faith, Madison G, Maddison F) defended and attacked tirelessly and our forwards (Sarah, Kyra, Keoni, Bella, Jamie) launched attack after attack. Thank you also for Petra that filled in in the final for Jasmyn (a real stalwart defender and mid fielder) that was injured.

The full-time siren went, and scores were still at 0-0. The game then continued in overtime of 5 minutes a side; golden goal takes the trophy. Melville managed to strike and got a short corner right off the start. Again, it was expertly defended by our goalie and 4 short corner defenders. We answered with the run down the right-hand wing by Bella, who passed the ball into the D. It was defended out and Kyra was ready and received it on the outside. She turned skilfully to her left to protect the ball and then passed it into the D again on her reverse stick side. Again, it was defended out and this time Gazelle received it, who skilfully flicked the ball over the closest defenders stick to the right-hand side of the D where Sarah just managed to deflect it towards the right-hand post and Jamie was perfectly positioned to knock it in.

The taste of victory was sweet and the joy and excitement of the team and parents when the ball hit the back board and the Melville players devastation, is a memory to cherish. Well deserved 9/10 A Merged Girls Hockey WA Champions of 2020.

Special thanks to Kevin and Peter Ford who helped with training and Jade for coaching and preparing team list (a very intricate job to ensure all teams had enough players to field) for both the A team and the B team for the season. Thank you to Pieter Verster that was the team umpire and did an exceptional job managing both the teams and parents at some games with his whistle.

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Thank you to all the parents that made the season possible, supporting the girls throughout, getting them to training, games and also our memorable team building event at XLR8. At the team building event, I really admired the great spirit in all the Girls (A and B Team) working together, encouraging each other, helping to complete the course as a team.

2020 is a Milestone in so many ways – and wining the final an absolute high light.

Team Manager Pieter VERSTER







J9/10 B GOLD

Girls



Lorolei – This was Lorolei’s first season of hockey, we were just starting to see her potential and she damaged her knee. Sadly, Lorolei missed the majority of the season but made a recent comeback and showed no signs of having missed a game. Stick with it Lorolei!

Amelia – Amelia is a bubbly and motivated hockey player with energy to burn. Sadly, she was sidelined for six weeks due to having her appendix out. We missed her as an inner during this time and were glad to see her return in the second half of the season.

Lily – Lily has a fierce determination and is a highly reliable hockey player with a strong sense of what is happening on the field. She developed a love for playing inner and pushed hard every week to keep the pace up despite some knee troubles.

Taia – Taia is a 7/8 player who joined us on a near permanent basis. We came to rely on her formidable presence on the fullback line. Her massive hit and sense of humour made her an extremely valuable member of the team.

Catherine – Catherine joined us having never played a game before, but she clearly has hockey in her blood. She thrived on the wing, absorbed all direction and played her best at all times. It was a pleasure to watch Catherine’s growth throughout the season.

Freya – Freya is a passionate hockey player who always works hard and thrives in the coldest most miserable conditions. She brings her A game every week and has been a valued member of our defensive line-up.

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Bronwynn – Bronwynn joined Redbacks this year after many years in the Peel competition. Having rarely played in an all-girls team, she thrived in her new team. She is a smooth operator on the field, with a calm and thoughtful game play.

Lateisha – Lateisha is another of our 7/8 player superstars who became a permanent fixture on the team. She is dynamic player who can be relied on to play any position on the field and this is a valuable skill to have. It is a pleasure to watch Lateisha's game play.

Brianna – Brianna is our softly spoken but very skilled goalie. She created a calm and positive defensive line-up and ensured that the goals scored against us were similar to the teams who eventually got above us on the ladder.

New - New sparkles on the field due to her high energy and tenacious game play and is certainly a stand-out to the spectators. She is a fast and passionate hockey player who has a strong internal drive to always bring her best to the game. A knee injury challenged her for a while, but she played on and demonstrated the spirit needed to overcome challenges.

Aimee – Aimee has a strong presence in the centre of the field and determinedly uses her skills to move around players and get the ball into the D. She has a strong sense of what is happening on the field and places herself well to receive the ball in attack. Aimee's determination resulted in many attempts at goal.

Dakota – Dakota moved beyond being a strong and reliable wing this year and became our high-spirited captain in the second-half of the season. She has been a gifted motivator in team huddles and vocal leader on the field.

Thank you to my co-coach Kevin, who is a natural coach and even though he is not a hockey player he has developed strong knowledge of the game and game tactics. He is also good to have around as the team trainer and medic!

Thank you to Jill, our manager, for keeping us organised. Thank you to Jade for managing the complexities of team member allocations. Thank you to our families for being a passionate cheer squad throughout the season.

The girls are probably sick of hearing me say this, but it has been a pleasure to be able to share the season with a bunch of passionate, positive and friendly girls. Teenage girls have a notorious reputation, but this group challenges the stereotype and has demonstrated what can be achieved when everyone pulls together in the same direction.

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We managed to hold on to top of the table for the majority of the season, but two other teams managed to outplay us in the end. Our girls played some tough games with no-subs and also battled through with multiple injuries.

Their determination never-flagged and they were fierce competitors. Overall, what was evident was their love of the game and the joy it brings them win, lose or draw.

Coach Kim SAVINS

J9/10 B GOLD
Girls



What a fantastic year under extremely difficult circumstances. It will definitely be one that won't be forgotten anytime soon. Entering the coaching forum for the first time in several years, I couldn't be happier with how the season progressed. I could not have asked for a better bunch of young men to coach. The support I had around makes the job so much easier; special thanks goes to Melanie Hicks who took the role of Team Manager and did an incredible job! A big thanks to the dads that stepped in and took training sessions when I had work commitments; it made all the difference, and I am very grateful to you all.

Not really knowing what to expect in round one due to a small pre-season thanks to COVID, the boys came up against WASPS who turned out to finish top of the ladder. Rocky led the game for a lot of it and came up short after a 3rd quarter lapse. You could see straight away that not only was there a lot of potential but a lot of fight.

Most teams have a better home record compared to playing away from home. Much like the craziness of the season, the boys managed to get their first home win in the second last game of the season with a 1-0 win over Mazenod and finally the hoodoo was broken.

The boys ended up finishing the season with 5 wins and 5 losses to finish 4th on the ladder. They did a great effort, I was very proud about how they went about it and within the spirit of the game. Congratulations to Jude who was our highest scorer with 5 goals, to CJ for winning the Fairest and Best, to Charlie for winning the Runner-Up and to Trent for taking out the Coaches Award. Well done lads and thanks to everyone involved.

Coach Christian OSKAM

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Boys

J11/12 A MERGED

Boys



We started the year with all the usual suspects as well as a few new recruits from Peel. Based on these numbers, it was likely that Rockingham would have two 11/12 Boys teams. Then came the pandemic and coupled with Year 12 studies and several casual employment opportunities, we lost players and were down to one team. Having said that, a squad size of fifteen capable players is the envy of most coaches.

Looking back at the season, consistency was our biggest problem early. When we played well, we were great, but at other times we were hampered by erratic skill execution, poor decision making and an inability to score against sides below us on the ladder. Despite these criticisms, I was extremely proud of the boys in the way they approached each game in general.

The first game of the season was against an 'A' grade side that had been brought into our 'Merged' group. Despite being 2-0 down inside the first ten minutes, we managed to rally, hold our nerve and finish the night with a 3-3 draw. The boys never gave up and always pulled together as a team, never griping with each other but instead using everyone's strengths to advantage.

As the end of the season approached, our game continued to improve. Our early form cost us the chance to play in the final, but the opportunity to close out the season with two games against YMCC, who completely out

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played us in the first round, gave our supporters a chance to see what the team had developed into.

Although our ability to play as a team was important, the first YMCC game was about individual grit and determination. Leaving Lark Hill after that game, I was wondering what next week would hold. Would we be able to repeat this sort of intensity? Would we be able to take our team play to the next level? I need not have worried. The second YMCC game was one of the most exciting games of Junior hockey I have ever been involved in. Our individual skills and effort were considerable, but our team game was beyond anything we had produced before. As a result, we ran out winners against a side that most would have predicted to beat us. It was a great end to an unusual season.

I applaud the boys for their commitment this year and wish those moving into the Senior ranks all the best. For those staying in 11/12's, the team next year will be better for you. Thanks to Dave and Jackie for all their help with running the team, it always a hoot!

Coach KEN DONOVAN



J11/12 A Girls

This year was like no other. COVID hit and we didn't even know if we were going to have a season of hockey at all. Luckily, WA followed the rules and the restrictions were lifted in time to have a shortened season.

Having been away from coaching for about 4 years, Christine Jones messaged me and asked me if I would coach the 11/12A girls team. Despite my misgivings about coaching teenage girls (or females in general, sorry ladies) and given that we only had 9 players at the time and that I was coming off knee replacement surgery, Christine was very convincing. She said she had a lovely bunch of girls who were hard-working with plenty of ability. She couldn't have been more right.

It was going to be a tough season with only 9 girls registered and with the club securing the team's spot in the A grade comp for 11/12's. We were going to be playing against teams full of the best players in the State for their age. We were also going to have to rely on support from the 9/10 girls and this meant a different line-up every week. The girls, to their credit, met every challenge head on and played their hardest every week. Even though we only had the one win for the season, the girls were never discouraged, never dropped their heads and always put in their full effort at every game and every (well most every) training session. They stuck together as a group and always approached every game with the best spirit and determination.

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This core group of 9 young girls has been together since 5/6's and they have become such a special group of young ladies. Their skill levels have been strengthened as well as their friendships. Most of them are playing Senior hockey now and representing the club at the highest level. They are always willing to take in the knowledge and experience of myself as well as the other Coaches who have helped-out, including Peter Ford, Derek Robinson, Ian Healy and Matt Wells. Even more promisingly, it looks like the girls will all move on to encourage other young players by coaching Juniors, umpiring, visiting schools and becoming valued members of the club. Young people that the club should be very proud of. As a coach, you can't ask for much more than this and I am excited to see what the future holds for this wonderful group of players.

Now to the presentations. This year the girls voted for their teammates each week - no parent votes. They chose well. My congratulations go to Amber Morley, our Fairest and Best winner and Rachel Jones, our Runner Up. Both of these girls have been a delight to coach and have played in a variety of positions to accommodate our changing line-up every week. They have always performed strongly in every role they were given, have never complained about being moved around and have always given 100% effort in every game. This year we also had the girls vote on Team Player, even though ultimately the award is the Coaches Award. Again the girls chose well and I was happy to go with their selection of Georgie Kruger. This shows that not only is Georgie a dream to coach, she is also very popular with her team-mates. They along with all the other girls, Emily, Maddi (PK), Xanthe, Poppy, Fye and Tegan, have set a fine example to our younger players. Thank you to Naomi for coming up and joining us this season and finally thank you to all the J9/10 girls for all the hard work and effort they put into turning up to our trainings and Friday night games when selected. We could not have done it without you all.

Lastly, this year, we say goodbye to our Team Manager Christine Jones, who has managed this team for the last 5 years. She has enjoyed being the girls' "Hockey Mum", filling water bottles, icing, rubbing and patching injuries, providing all the info we need every week, filling in all the paperwork, entering online results, supplying the lollies and helping with transport. I wouldn't have made it through this season without her. She has made my job very easy. Christine has said she will miss junior hockey and she has loved these last 5 years watching the girls grow. We wish her all the best as she now watches Rachel play Seniors and she will enjoy exploring WA in their new caravan. Thank you Christine, you're a star!

Coach Donna MCKEOWN



2020 JUNIOR TROPHY WINNERS

FAIREST & BEST R/UP FAIREST & BEST COACHES AWARD

J5/6 B SAND BOYS

Ari Bilick	Arun Rajayogan	Jace Dolling
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J5/6 A MERGED GIRLS

Taryn Byrne	Sophie Taylor	Alyssa Baggio
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J5/6 B TEAM

Niamh Robinson	Delaney McCabe	Hayley Bumpus
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J7/8 A GIRLS

Petra Verster	Kobi Turvey	Isla McCoy
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J7/8 B GIRLS

Megan Belmont-Kleingeld	Lateisha Baggio	Caitlinn Fallon
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J9/10 A PROM BOYS

Sean Craig & Lex Krige		Bryce Illingworth
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J9/10 C BOYS

CJ Schulz	Charlie Ashurst	Trent Hicks
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J9/10 A MERGED GIRLS

Gazelle Verster	Bella Rutter	Caitlyn Smook
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J9/10 B GIRLS

New Clarke	Aimee Latham	Dakota Ferrier
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J 11/12 A MERGED BOYS

Jonathan Verster	Jarod Crick	Sean De Vos
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J11/12 A GIRLS

Amber Morley	Rachel Jones	Georgie Kruger
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PROMO VIDEO PIONEERS

In early 2020, in the Western Australian “pre-COVID” era, a group of RDHC volunteers* came down to the turf to be a part of the RDHC PROMO VIDEO. (*complete, willing volunteers; no begging or pleading needed from this Communications Director at all!)

With the refinement and poise that oozes from the natural silver screen star, our leading thespians went about what they already do best; having a muck about on the turf. They graciously obliged the film crew bossing them around, on a relentless, hot Sunday arvo and thus we were able to create our very first RDHC Promo Video.

Kaylee Mostyn manned the video camera, Paul Ingram piloted the drone and when filming was a wrap, it was Kaylee (film-maker/editor extraordinaire) who pieced together the afternoons work in her spare time.

Now that we have our foundations, as our club evolves and changes, we can also adapt our Promo Video to remain current with our community, whilst still imparting our core message, *“Hockey is heaps fun, Rocko is a bonza place to be, put the two together and join RDHC!”*

What you see playing on our FB page, website, YouTube channel and digital trophy cabinet, is the result of many hours of volunteer work; in front of the camera, behind the camera, flying the camera, setting the turf up to be ready and the chauffeurs and guardians who sacrificed another afternoon.

So a massive thank you, to all our Promo Video Pioneers. You’re big smiles and Redback hearts have helped this club take another leap forward into this new decade.

We couldn’t of done it without you!
Georgi COMMS DIRECTOR



RIC CHARLES VISITS

On the 14th of July, our Juniors and Seniors upper squads, experienced a training session with Ric Charlesworth.

Ric's career is long and esteemed; player/captain for the Kookaburra's, coach for the Hockeyroos, notable cricket player, politician and mentor/consultant coach/advisor for various high-profile sporting clubs, nationally and internationally.

Add to this the list of awards Ric has received in his services to sport in WA and Australia and you would be hard pressed to find another with his depth of knowledge and mastery.

This invaluable opportunity was greatly appreciated by all who participated, and the club would like to thank Ric for his time and wisdom.



SENIOR DIRECTORS

Report



Hi All,

2020 has certainly been a year of uncertainty with COVID19, with hockey riding the wave of all the implications/restrictions that flowed from the pandemic. It was great to come out the other side and get a season together, with all the great support around our club to make it happen.

2020 saw the implementation of the new lineal model turf league, with introduction of premier/divisional competitions. Overall our sides were allocated to the correct grades relevant to the strength of our Senior sides, which is reflected in results.

SENIORS TEAMS FINAL POSITIONS ON LADDER AT END OF SEASON:

Men 1s – 1 st	Women 1s – 2 nd
Men 2s – 3 rd	Women 2 – 3 rd
Men 3s – 2 nd	Women 3s – 8 th
Men 4s – 7 th	Women 4s – 4 th
Men o50s – 3 rd	Women o35s – 3 rd

As you can see, our Senior teams have been very competitive this season with the Men & Women 1s set for finals campaign and Men 3s straight into a Grand Final. In a normal season we would have many sides competing in

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finals, however due to the amended fixtures, only the top 2 sides going straight through to the grand final in the divisional grades.

Finals Results:

The Men's 3's blitzed their Grand Final against Reds 5 and are the Division 9 Gold Premiers!

The Women 1s fought all the way to their Pre-Lim and in a tight game against YMCC just lost out on a spot in their GF.

The Men's 1s headed straight into their GF after a convincing win against WASPS 2 in the semi, only to face them again two weeks later. The game came all the way down to one on ones, where Rocky emerged victorious with a 4-3 win and the premiership!

2020 also saw the introduction of the new RevSport system to submit team/match results. Team Managers did an excellent job adjusting to the new system, with minimal concern from Hockey WA. Great job!

Big thanks to all the Team Managers and Coaches who have run their respective teams. Without your invaluable help the club would struggle to operate efficiently.

Senior player numbers have been a pleasant surprise, with many previous players returning to add strength to the teams. The Men in particular have had great numbers with Juniors transitioning and supplementing all grades, with little requirement to double up players. The Women have struggled with player depth at times in the divisional grades, so hopefully we can work at this next year to get the balance right and promote further Juniors through the ranks.

Thanks for all your support and I hope to see you all back playing hockey next season on our new turf!!

Kind regards
Paul YOULDEN







MENS 1

Premier Division 3



A strange season that fortunately for me started a little late, allowing for a bribe into the country, has ended with the Mens 1's winning their GRAND FINAL.

Off the back of 'The Last Dance', we have seen the re-emergence of some who had previously been lost to hockey. Bradley Thompson, Lee Brown and Brett Webb unretired and have provided some class and nous to the side.

The backline has been stiffened by the arrival of Dave Wilson, joining elder statesmen Bryan Taylor, Jonathan Cooper and goalkeeper Bayden Walker in keeping a very tight defence.

Ably led by Tom Hunter and Christian Oskam and the big early season signing of Brandon Phillips from Fremantle, the boys have scored a huge amount of goals with 4 of the top 6 goal scorers in the division coming from Rockingham. Brayden Buckwell and Connor Gunning have scored important goals throughout the season and made significant strides in becoming mainstays of the side.

Joshua Clarey, Jordan Barrodeen and Junior Champion Jono Verster have added talent and stability to the right-hand side of the team. A huge thank you to Nathan Gallop and Paul Youlden who stepped-in to great effect during the season on the few occasions we were a little short of numbers and also thanks to Dave Klinck, for running the bench at the sharp end of the season.

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It's been a real pleasure to see so many of the young guys in the 2's pushing through and offering real competition at training and I'm confident that they will be pushing for squad places in the coming seasons. It's been great to see those guys really showing through in the lower sides and showing their quality.

Having a very settled squad has made coaching a lot easier this season and despite probably not playing the greatest game we played all season, managed to add a Premiership to the Minor Premiership. Playing in and coaching a group of guys who are such a close group has been a genuine pleasure and I can't thank the guys enough for their hard work this year.

18 years is a long time between premierships and having come so close on a fair few occasions it's great to finally get over the bump and for these guys to write their own bit of RDHC history.

Coach/Player Matt WELLS





WOMENS 1

Premier Division 3



2020 was definitely a good year for the Ladies 1s team, excluding the COVID issue of course.

Even with the break for COVID and the thusly delayed season, the girls managed to do social distanced training and never stopped working hard.

The team welcomed coach Peter Ford who evidently brought a wide range of knowledge to the team and pushed the girls to get where they are now. It was awesome to see quite a few old faces returning to the team who hadn't played for a while, as well as seeing all the Juniors stepping up and playing amazingly; it was a strong squad to say the least.

The team worked alongside the Ladies 2s, with the help of Derek, to ensure both teams had enough players throughout the season. The girls ended 2nd on the ladder before finals, which is an incredible outcome, especially for their results the last couple of years.

Safe to say there were enough injuries to go around but with depth in the squad we managed to field a strong team all the way to the Pre-Lim Final, which we unfortunately went down to YMCC, 1- NIL, in the last quarter.

I'm sure with the result of this year, the girls are looking at a fantastic season next year and will smash finals. Well done girls.

Rachel JONES







MENS 2

Division 7 GOLD

Although the season took a little while to get started, when it finally did the newly minted Mens 2's side came together with a flurry.

The new look forward line managed to sink 4 goals, however the arch nemesis of the division, Wolves, managed to slot 5. This became the story of the first few weeks, where goals were in abundance but the team continued to leak a few. Losses during the middle of the season to Reds and Freo, in addition to a draw with Melville, meant that finishing in the top two was always going to be a challenge. In the end, the group finished a very comfortable third, only a game behind the top two and with a goal difference only matched by top of the table, Aquinas.

While it was disappointing not to be playing for a flag in a Grand Final, the group definitely hit a rhythm in the last few games that meant that they were more than capable of beating any of the teams in our grade. In any other season with a normal finals structure, the group was definitely in a position to go deep into finals.

The Men's 2's of 2020 were coached by Paul Youlden and captained by Callum Maclean and had a great mix of new and old Rockingham. Lee Hansord was voted the squads Best & Fairest with Sam Mackney-Walker getting the honours as Runner Up. Tim Manning continued his domination of taking out the Team Player (Goal Keepers) award.

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Callum “Chief” Maclean and Jarod “Crickey” Crick both scored 7 goals this season which goes to show that if you need something done right, trust a defender. In fact, out of the 20 players who had a run in the 2's, 12 scored a goal, 8 of whom scored more than 1.

The forward line was well anchored by Tim Price who had great support from Harry Pertwee, Jarod Crick, Will Thorpe, Stevie Taylor, Gavin Cutler and a new addition to the club in Ben Goodall. Sam Mackney-Walker and Lee Hansord took the bulk of the workload through the inner positions with Ash Ford playing swingman through the midfield and forward line.

The backline, a Rockingham speciality, welcomed back Jace Baldoni and enjoyed the addition of Richie Pertwee to complement Paul Youlden and Todd and Callum Maclean.

With a strong core, the squad is counting down the days until the start of the 2021 season!

Team Manager Tim MANNING

WOMENS 2

Division 6



This season the 2's team was completely different to the usual, with only a couple of familiar faces. The team was made up of a mixture of 3's stepping up and a lot of Juniors (which was good for us older ones as we were not fit at all!)

Everyone got excited for pre-season and to get fit ready for 2020 but COVID halted that thought and took all of us back to square one. With the uncertainty of COVID, some were super keen to get out on the turf while other were not so much. With only a few practices before our first game we thought it might be a bit of a struggle. Luckily, we had a fantastic start, beating Ellenbrook Falcons 11-0. What a start to the season! There were big smiles all around. This definitely was the start of something good. We continued to win the next 5 of the 6 games but unfortunately from there we lost a lot of players due to double ups and injuries.

The end of the season was a struggle to find players with our last game only having 6 regular players. We had a great bunch of girls this season and it was awesome to play the sport we all love together; it will be exciting to see what 2021 brings.

We wish Derek all the best for the years to come and thank him for his time and effort he has put into coaching us this year.

Caitlin ELLINGSON

MENS 3

Division 9 GOLD

Premiers



2020 – The Year of the Unlikely Premiership...

Normally, a group of the boys from the 2s, 3s and 4s would organise a beach run, cycle or some other fitness programme to start the year. However, this time we were slack but luckily, as it turned out, it would not matter as the season went into postponement, possibly cancelation.

A few months later and the season was on again, so we all slowly came out of our COVID-inspired hibernation and played our first games. I am sure that everybody agrees, it was a year like no other.

Anyway, we (as in Paul Youlden, the organiser extraordinaire) managed to sort out the teams quickly, with a few occasional cameo roles from guys like William Thorpe, Stephen Taylor, Wayne Gunnell, Callum Maclean, Jarod 'Tomma' Crick, David Buckley, David Grov, Sean 'The Tech Bench Specialist' Craig and the three Phils; Minchin, May and Hargrave (Yep, I even think they played on the same team, too!)

Our goalie spot was mainly shared between Chad "Now Old Man" Hicks and Hugh Buckley, but also thank you so much to Jarod (again), Blair Voitkevich and Lex Krige for filling in when needed.

So, the rag-tag team, without any pre-season nor much training time, started the season and as usual, we lost some, drew some and surprisingly won some.

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During an umpiring commitment, the other umpire hit me up (to play hockey, nothing else) and I said, sure come to the games and we'll slide you in somewhere. It turned out to be the one of the best decisions that was made, as Garrick Connelly became a crucial cog of the forward-line machine, that also included Thomas Crosse and FIFO gun, Gavin Cutler.

Our defence was solid throughout the year, lead by Andrew 'Nana' Nairn and Tiaan von Rechenberg. The halfback line resolutely defended and helped transfer the ball forward and mainly included Blair, Gunnar Grov, Derek Robinson and Leon Wende. The midfield, which included Ty Germein, Kevin Nairn, Jesse Watt, Adam Wise and myself, closed down the opposition and created chances for our strikers.

It was about the third last game when we found ourselves close to the top of the ladder and the prospects of playing finals was a genuine possibility. We were still scratching to fill sides, having various people come and go, however, as a group, we decided to give it our best shot. The style of hockey was sound, yet we were still struggling to score goals. Luckily though, we did enough.

The last game of the regular season was against the Reds. We lost. Nana went down with a hamstring injury, we were outplayed, outrun and our season looked gone. However, what we took out of that game was invaluable, as we were to play them 2 weeks later, at home, for the chance to become Premiers. The Reds had not lost a game all year and were expecting to continue this trend... we had other ideas.

Enter Tom Meerton, from the 4s, a replacement for our injured player. Derek went into fullback, Ty to centre-half and Gunnar moved up forward. It was a move that we made the previous game and seemed to be successful in counteracting their speed. I dropped back into right-half and young Tom went through the midfield and forward line.

Everyone, and I mean EVERYONE, played their roles perfectly. Yes, we made a few mistakes and some of us even got carded (mine was an innocent misunderstanding between my stick and the opposition, normally referred to as a perfect tackle, unfortunately not this time), but it did not matter as we came out on top.

We defeated the REDS and are 2020 PREMIERS!

Well done to all involved, especially the behind the scenes support staff, such as all the members of the Board and the various committees. You know who you are; without you, we would not have been able to enjoy the season of hockey, let alone win a flag.

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Finally, I want to thank my team members for giving it all when it mattered the most. I also want to give a special mention to Blair Voitkevich, who never takes a step back and was the best Team Manager (at least for the 3s) this year, and an extra BIG SPECIAL THANKS to Paul Youlden. You are a star, and we all wish you well on the road to recovery.

Best wishes and keep on tackling!

Lee COUSINS (The 3s Water Boy and author of this article)



WOMENS 3

Division 7 GOLD



This year, the Ladies 3's decided to embrace their COVID19 bodies and as a team gradually stopped attending training, if we even went to begin with. It was a late session and as a group of nannas, we were all tucked up in bed by 8pm with a wine and the TV. "It's too late to go training", was Sue and Deeana's excuse. Bert, Rebecca and Wardy were just too exhausted after Wednesday night Vets. The team award for attending training goes to Kaylee Mostyn; she was there come rain or shine. Thanks Kaylee for taking one for the team!

Our favourite highlight this year was definitely the 'outstanding' umpiring for the majority of our games. If you don't believe us, just ask and we'll happily fill you in! Kellie Harold can give you a rundown of the goals that shouldn't have been and how a win was snatched from us most weekends whilst kneeling/laying on the floor demonstrating to the umpire what actually happened! Wardy will tell you the story of an umpire threatening to send her off the pitch if she continued to shake her head at him?! Deeana did take a rest for one game on the naughty seat, but that was her only card of the year..... well done!!

A close second was the fact that the weather gods hated us. We started the season in torrential rain that flooded the turf and suspended our game, we experienced howling winds that sent the goals toppling over in one of those 'you had to see it to believe it moments', and the hail, thunder and lightning show we finished with was just the icing on the cake.

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The most talked about event, though, was the fact that one of our players just couldn't seem to get sober before a game and once she forgot to turn up. She still played pretty good though and we won't tell you her name, but I think it rhymes with Yasmin!

To our top goal scorers; poacher turned gamekeeper, the GK of the 2's, Tegan! It was great to have you running around in the forward line, challenging the oppositions defence. To our other striker, Sue, it was a late start to the season as she was too busy packing her esky with alcohol and wandering out yonder in WA, to play hockey. But once she realised the error of her ways, she found the back of the goal with great style and finesse! To the reliable and fearsome fullbacks Bert and Sara, you earned your after-game beers this season, often under the pump for the majority of the game but never giving in, always offering a smile or giggle as you defended to the finish!

Whilst our efforts weren't always reflected on the score board, you can guarantee we always came prepared and ready to fight. This was evident from our goalie and we can't end this season without acknowledging the commitment and dedication of Sam Lomax, who put in a 2hr study session to wow and amaze us at the quiz night. Who knew how many eyes a bee has? Or how many hearts an octopus has? Sam did! Absolute legend on and off the turf!

This season was the year to gel, find our mojo or maybe a Mojito; a jumbled mix of past 2's and 3's players all with a passion for good hockey. Next year we will be the team to watch as we will come back fighting fit and ready to top that ladder. It's lucky we are a social bunch and enjoy a good laugh because this year the competition ladder was no laughing matter. We didn't finish last, even though slightly prematurely we went and bought a box of wooden spoons. Looking set to be 'wooden spooners' we waited and went out in a blaze of glory with our final game being our first and only win of the season. The weather gods plagued us again, it started hailing, thunder and lightning! The game was abandoned just after half time; it was a 2-0 WIN, and we will take that! A big thank you goes out to those Rockingham ladies that filled in for us from the 2's and 4's, it was greatly appreciated. And to Kaelee Parr for running the coaching sessions and finding players (mostly her family) at late notice.

From me the Team Manager to the Ladies 3's; a huge thank you for a season of fun, laughter and no injuries!! Thank you to Deeana for helping with the annual last minute scramble to remember what happened over the season and co-writing the yearbook entry.

Onward and upwards....to the top of the ladder into 2021!
Team Manager Rachel WARD



MENS 4

Division 9



Men's 4's, what an enjoyable year of hockey!

Out of the shortened year of 11 playing games, we won 4 and drew 2. That's a great result for guys that have not played together.

We started the year with a great coach Clint Mills but unfortunately, he injured his knee and had to have surgery and a long recovery (hopefully back next year). Fortunately for us, Brad Ball stepped up and Captain/Coached us for the rest of the year and did a fantastic job especially mentoring the junior players.

To all the Junior players that played for the 4's, you guys made the team. As proof F/Best and R/U went to Patrick Burnside and Thomas Meerton and I'm sure our goalie Hugh Buckley would have been up there with points too.

Till the 2021 season...

Team Manager Dave GROV

WOMENS 4

Division 9



Congratulations to our ladies on a great season!

Unfortunately, due to the compressed season, we didn't get to prove ourselves in the finals, but I'm so proud of how we played throughout the year. We grew not only as a team on the field, but also off the field. A few of our girls hadn't played for many years, and so many of us hadn't played together before. We played against new teams, in new positions and we found our groove, proving worthy competitors, finishing in the top 4.

We started the season out struggling for numbers, needing double ups (thank you 3s!), however we finished the season with numbers a plenty, sometimes even taking 15 players into a game! This is certainly a testament to you all, showing how much joy people get out of playing in the team, as they kept coming back week after week.

Thank you to each and every one of you for the effort and commitment you showed to the team, which was obvious on the field. You have all been a pleasure to coach, and you all took on the feedback throughout the games, making it so much easier to coach you.

We had a wonderful season of team hockey, and I can't wait to do it all again with you next year!

Thanks again Ladies, until 2021!
Coach K.P.

MENS VETS

O/50 DIVISION 4



First, let me be perfectly clear, it's not all about the hockey. Playing in the Vets team is all about spending quality time with a bunch of like-minded guys. But whether you're a player or the Captain/Coach, to get the most out of a year of Vets it is important that you understand the three basic principles of this hockey division.

Principle 1. KISS – Keep it Simple Stupid.

When a menagerie of older, generally unfit and/or broken-down hockey players take the field, most of the mental thought processes are taken up with basic life support, like remembering to breathe or trying to ignore the pain in your knees. Trying to master complex short corners or tricky set plays is just not on.

Principle 2. Running is Overrated.

Really ties in well with the background from Principle 1. If you want to run and expect everyone else to run, then the fours are the team you should be looking to. In our game we prefer to stand and deliver, rather than run and punish. We do have some runners though, make no mistake, but this is not the norm and should not be encouraged or spoken about outside of the team bubble.

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Principle 3. Marking Up is Optional.

The difficulty in following Principle 1 is that opportunities to get the ball and look majestic by showcasing your limited ball skills are hard to come by if you mark up and everybody is standing next to each other like a square dance. The solution; don't mark up. It should be noted that this principle is more applicable to the forwards, particularly the wingers, than the backs.

So now that I've exposed the secrets of playing in the O/50 Vets Div 4 competition, I feel that all I have left is to tell readers is how good it is to be part of the Rockingham Vets. Every Saturday, I get to spend an afternoon with some of the hardest working and nicest guys in the club. This is my third year in Vets, and I've enjoyed every year more than the last. Despite our different backgrounds and ages we have the best time as a team. We might take ourselves too seriously on the field from time to time, but once the games over it's all forgotten until next week. Mind you that's probably because training is optional. Should that be Principle 4?

Ken DONOVAN

WOMENS VETS

0/35 DIVISION 3



And so we come to that time of year again, where we try to capture in words and pictures the season of 2020. A season that started in unprecedented times, with a few false start due to COVID19, where the hand sanitiser masked the smell of the deep heat/tiger balm/ice blue at the Wednesday Night Cheese and Wine gatherings! A year that belongs in a movie, which will set the scene for this year's monologue.

There was a tale of an epic home game against Vic Park, one that should not be talked about, left in the history of time and one to be forgotten! The first rule of Fight Club is: You do not talk about Fight Club. The second rule of Fight Club: You do not talk about Fight Club. Third Rule of Fight Club: someone yells out stop, goes limp, taps out and the fight is over.....!!

On game night at Southern River, Sarah was seen running over to the wrong side of the pitch Forrest Gump style to start the 4th Quarter. Blindly Bert and Wardy followed, deep in discussion on how they would take over the world as the dream team of CF and CH. Once they realised their mistake they shouted to Sarah, who called out "I'm off to order my pizza! He will be closed before we finish!" So glad to see she had her priorities set; it was apparently well worth the effort! This was also the night that Roberta 'Bertilicious' was on fire; 4 goals by half tim. Her decision to play CF for the vets, her best one to date! A win of 6-0, with pizza and wine to end the night.... Pitch Perfect!

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A positive to the team this year was that Lyn and Ally had a travel ban and could not disappear on their Titanic adventures, attending every game this season! I'm not sure they would agree, but it was valuable to the team to have them at every game, especially with Ally's legendary egg sandwiches. Lyn, even after her knee injury and surgery was always there to offer her advice, knowledge and manage the bench...legend!

Wardy was given a name change this season to 'Hollywood', penned by Jen after she finally turned up to watch and support, yelling from the sideline 'I've seen better acting in Eldorado!' Wardy was on fire with an epic performance, best acting and screen play to date. Rolling on the floor after being bumped by a Curtin player, a definite Oscar nominee!

To our Goalie, Maria. Welcome to the Vets and offering to keep goal. What a debut season. Even if at the beginning of the season you struggled with donning the PPE and had the kickers on back to front and upside down.... hilarious! We will blame Elleke for this and her excuse of "it was dark and I was couldn't see from the back' will not wash!!

The Magnificent Seven of the forward line – the super speed of the Triathlon twins Sam and Tess tearing down the right wing, backed up by the ever-reliable Ingrid, telling people off if they have been naughty! Kirstie and Sarah on the left backed up by Elleke, running around with so much energy and Rona finally agreed to 'fill in' on the team playing wherever she was told to! And finally there is the one handed Bec, still suffering from 'Icantpassleftitus!' but solid as always.

Alan, (our long-suffering umpire) must have had plenty of time on his hands during COVID19 and attended Book Club. In this year's book, the Rules of Hockey, he found a new rule in the handbook, one that he hadn't used all season and suddenly used twice in round 12 of 14 against YMCC. If you need a good bedtime read, check out rule change 13.6.e!

The Boss Baby Sunette! Inspirational and tireless, covering every inch of the pitch and always running that extra stride. Just don't tell her you have an injury or not feeling well, you will find that you are sitting on the bench, with her words of 'I am only looking after you!"

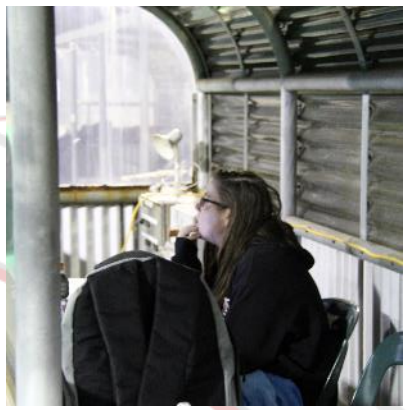
At the time of going to press (and retained till the end!), the Ladies Vets were sat proudly in 3rd place on the ladder. Another great season by these wonderful ladies, always leaving everything on the pitch, even the sole of Dee's shoe! The ultimate sacrifice was made by umpire Jade, offering up her shoes. She umpired the remainder of the game in bare Happy Feet as Dee continued the game in odd shoes, choosing to only swap out one shoe!

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2020 was one of those “Inside Out” years, starting with great joy, slowly moved through to red hot anger and disgust on the field, then some sadness as the bruises kicked in, but ultimately, we pulled together as a team and joy was the biggest winner!!

See you all again next season for the sequel.....
Screenwriter and Editor Rachel WARD

WOMENS VETS
O/35 Division 3



2020 SENIOR TROPHY WINNERS

MENS & WOMENS

	FAIREST & BEST	R/UP FAIREST & BEST	TEAM PLAYER
1S	Dave Wilson Caitlin Wilson	Brandon Phillips Emily Higgs	Tom Hunter Roberta Walton
2S	Lee Hansord Bec Ho	Sam Mackney-Walker Sunette Almeida & Georgie Kruger	Tim Manning Sunette Almeida & Caitlin Ellingson
3S	Gunnar Grov Kellie Harold	Ty Germein Sue Greenaway	Blair Voitkevich Sam Lomax
4S	Patrick Burnside Georgi Jackson	Tom Meerton Nicole Connelly	Brad Ball Georgi Jackson
VETS	Ken Donovan Elleke Bosworth	Geoff Tinnock Ingrid Kruger	Gary McRae Lyn Groeneweg

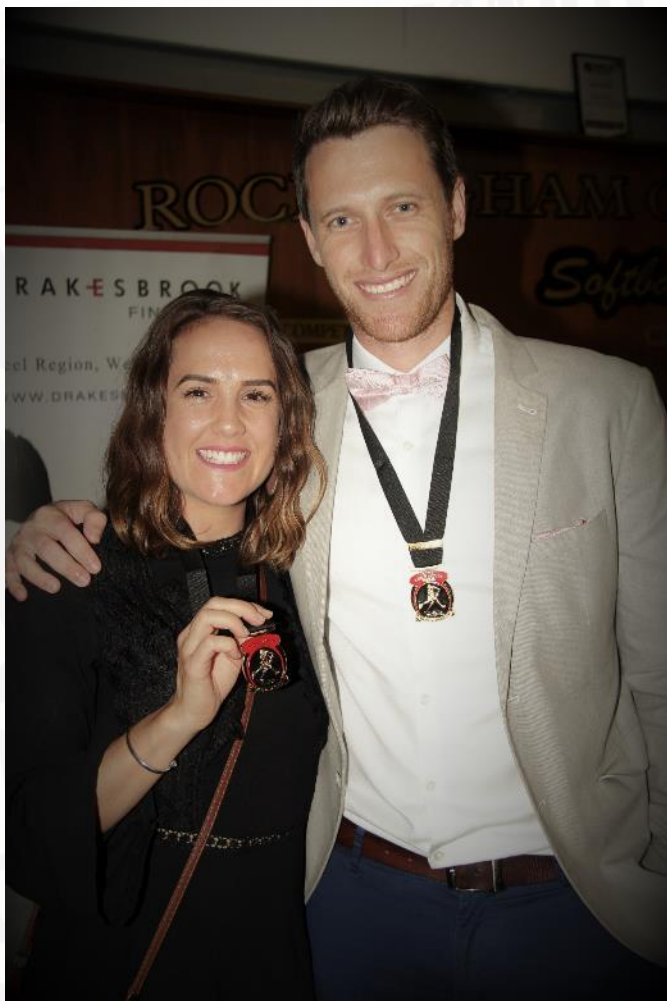
CLUB PERSON Katherine Anson & Georgi Jackson

SENIOR COACH Kaelee Parr

JUNIOR COACH Donna McKeown

RISING STAR Jonathan Vertser

JUNIOR UMPIRE Jonathan Verster





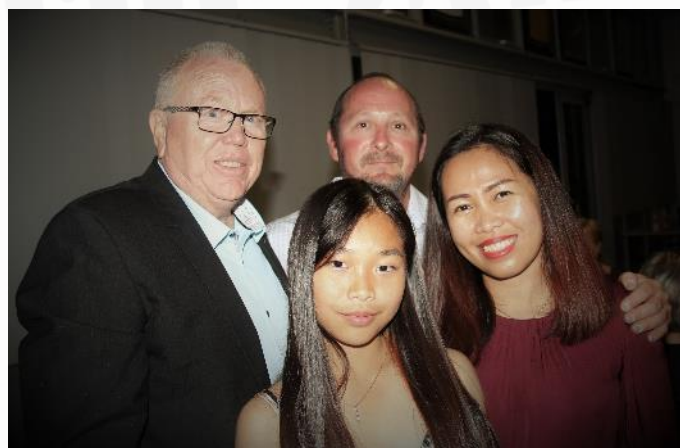






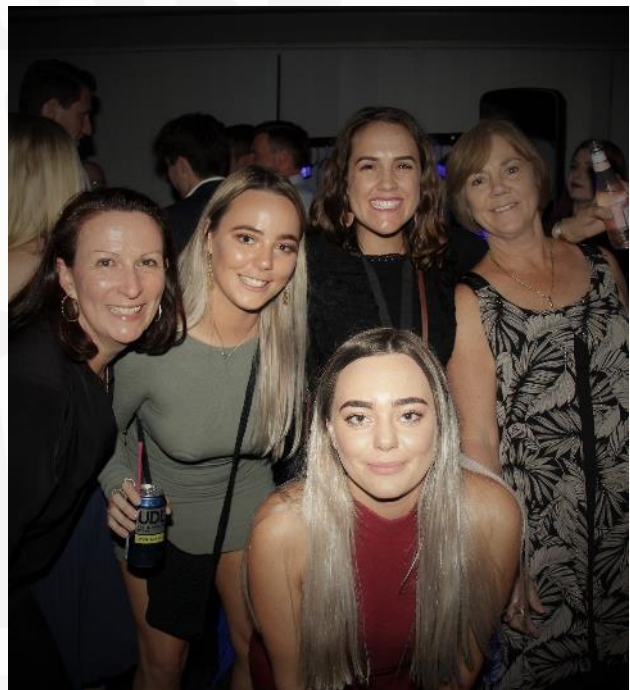


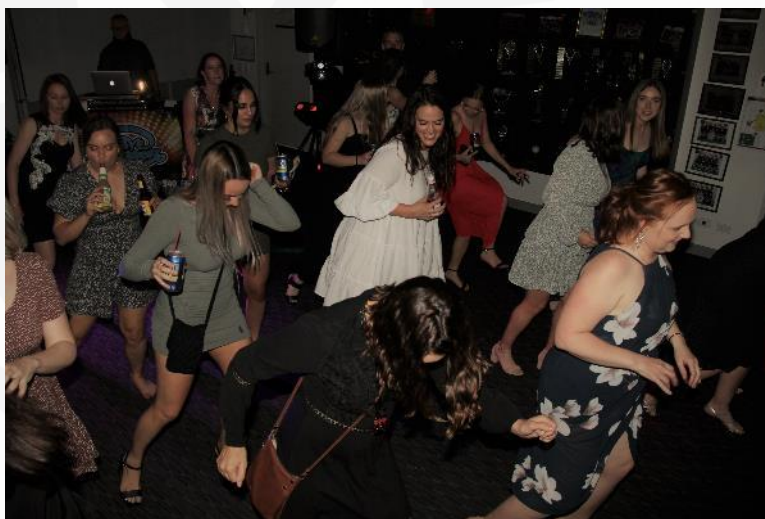












"The Dangly Bit" on my camera is no more thanks to the sinister impulses of a reckless plucker. Seven years of history gone in a pinch of the fingers. I don't know who you are but I do know no stray hair, loose thread or half done band-aid is safe whilst you walk among us.

You tore the silver strip from my camera and you tore a piece from my soul.

If you wish to apologise, you know my email.

- George ☺



THIS PAGE WAS MEANT TO BE ABOUT OUR NEW TURF REPLACEMENT...

There's been bit of back and forth with dates with Polytan (the turf replacement company) due to the fluid nature of the COVID19 travel restrictions into WA. Polytan could not secure travel exemptions from quarantining for their technical personnel, even with Council intervention. The WA Government has been blunt in their rejection, stating that they do not consider the artificial turf replacement as critical work.

Turf is now being manufactured in Victoria and should be on its way to WA by the end of November/start of December. Other equipment act should start arriving Nov/Dec also.

Polytan is also flying additional staff into WA from its Asia Division, specifically for this project to ensure it gets finished before the new hockey season starts. They have redirected a technical supervisor from their Asia Division, Brad Martin, who will quarantine over December for the 14 days, so they can commence in earnest in January. We have also contracted our Civil Engineer, Brad Harris from Porters Engineers to conduct the technical testing of the surface if the contractors' civil engineer, Acousto Scan,

cannot attend in January. Polytan will thus have everything they need to complete the project with or without COVID restrictions.

The other technical personnel will also arrive in WA from the east coast in December, quarantining for 14 days. Once they've completed their quarantine they will kick off on the 1st of January 2021, with completion of the project in February 2021.

Testing to FIH standards will be done March 2021 but this will not affect the club taking possession of the field in February 2021.

NEW LED LIGHTS AND LIGHT TOWERS:

Currently this project is set for completion in February 2021 also.

Though installation should take no more than 2 weeks, manufacturing for this is taking place in Europe, a 12-14 week process. We are waiting on a Council update, once they receive definite dates for delivery.

All the replacement works, lights and turf, will be completed before the 2021 hockey season starts.

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The 2020 Board wishes to thank all who helped to get the season up and running and then kept it all together when COVID tried to pull it apart. With special thanks to...

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All our amazing VOLUNTEERS, TEAM MANAGERS & COACHES
and everyone who did their COVID19 training

And of course a great big thank you to our Board Members leaving; your hard work, time, effort and dedication to our club has been beyond invaluable.

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Our 2021 Board is excited to get started on next season and are already knee's deep in planning for an amazing 2021. Remember, we ❤️ volunteers. Please raise your hand and help out where you can. There's always plenty to do!



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WE HAVE 100% OF TEAM WRITE UP'S IN OUR 2020 YEARBOOK!

THANK YOU ALL TEAM MANAGERS, COACHES & PLAYERS WHO DIDN'T GHOST ME AND TOOK THE TIME TO SIT DOWN AND WRITE BLURBS FOR THEIR TEAMS. (LOVING THE CREATIVITY THIS YEAR GUYS!)

YOUR SUPPORT TOWARDS THE YEARBOOK IS AMAZING. FAR FROM OUR NORMAL YEAR & IT'S STILL 91 PAGES LONG- A POIGNANT REFLECTION ON HOW A COMMUNITY CAN COME TOGETHER AND TURN A PRETTY BOGUS YEAR INTO SOMETHING SPECIAL.

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KAYLEE MOSTYN- BEST ASSISTANT EVER
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THE 2020 BOARD- GO TEAMWORK!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AS I TOOK MY SWEET TIME SPRUCING THE BOOK UP.

KEEP SAFE AND WELL
AND SEE YOU ALL IN 2021.

NEW YEAR, NEW TURF; GREAT TIMES AHEAD AT RDHC!