NWHGHC BULLDOGS

NWHGHC 2020

CERTAINLY A YEAR WE WON'T FORGET

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Who would have thought when we started planning for this season back in December 2019 that we would have had the year that we had.

COVID19 brought a great number of challenges for our club as we struggled with the myriad of restrictions and challenges in order to put teams on the field. I would particularly like to acknowledge the efforts of Sharon Lacey, Adrian Honey, Paul Ashby, Leah Cooper, Helen Wilkinson, Jon Cooper and Craig Struthers in ensuring that we had players for our teams and that we were COVID19 compliant when the season finally recommenced after the lock-down.

I would also acknowledge the hard work of Hockey Tasmania's CEO, Staff and Board in getting the season restarted for all our members, when so many other sports were unable to do so.

It was a difficult season financially for our club and we were able to keep our club fees as low as possible due to

- Our major sponsors, Graham Family Funerals, Bayfield Dental and TRITEC who continued to support the club despite the uncertain economic conditions.
- Funds raised by the Bunning's BBQ, again organised brilliantly by Cathy Chapman, (at very short notice this year) and
- The diligent financial management of this club by past committees.

Our thanks to all of the above

Unfortunately we also experienced a personal tragedy this year, with the passing of Kai O'Keeffe. All our thoughts and best wishes are with John, Motoko, Yama and Shin as they cope with their loss.

Our club was represented at the highest level in our sports administration at the start of 2020 with Brett Withington as Deputy Chair of the Hockey Tasmania Board, Tim Stevens as chair of the Southern Competitions Committee and Helen Wilkinson as co chair of the Junior Sub Committee. Jon Cooper also joined the Hockey Tasmania Board late in 2020.

Once the season recommenced we were able to field teams in all grades except 5th grade men and we won premierships and minor premierships in senior and junior competitions, both male and female. A number of players also won individual honours and several administrators were recognised. Those teams, players and administrators were acknowledged at our very successful junior and senior presentations and in this year book.

Congratulations and thanks to all our coaches, team managers, match mangers and umpires without whom we could not play each week. One coach who must receive a special mention is our retiring Premier League Mens coach Stephen McMullen. Mullens has been very successful over his ten seasons as coach, with two premierships and multiple top two finishes. He will be very hard to replace.

We were also able to celebrate Eddie Ockenden making his record-breaking 366th international hockey appearance for the Kookaburras, as well as being able to watch Eddie play for the Bulldogs for the first 3 games after the recommencement of the season.

Lastly my thanks to all the committee members and volunteers for their work during the year and to the club members who turned up to play and/or watch each week.

Hopefully 2021 will be a very different year and we will see you all back in our club colours.

Bob Gregory
President
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JUSTIN BESSELL
LIFE MEMBER

Life Members

Founding Members - Geoff Crawford, Bert Brownlow and **Ron Mills**.

North West Hobart Hockey Club's "Founding Fathers". They had a vision for a great club and it was for this that they were made Life Members. Geoff, a great club man, was an inspirational player known as a great striker who was able to score in most games he played. Geoff and Bert were both captain/coaches of the club whilst Ron, best known for his cool ability as a goalie, served the club and association as Treasurer.

John Bessell (1959) was Club President for six years, 1960-65. He coached under 15 juniors for four years with success. He also served the SHA as Assistant Secretary.

Ivan Green (1962) played for North West from 1953-60 after which he took up umpiring, obtaining his THUA Badge. In 1974-75 he was President of our club, Secretary from 1956-67 and our club delegate to SHA for 32 years. He was presented with Life Membership of the SHA in 1981 and the Award of Merit to Hockey in 1990.

Neville Bradbury (1966) started playing for North West in 1956. Perpetual trophies for Fourth Grade Men, Under 15 Boys and Junior Development are legacies of a man who gave over 40 years of his life to the sport and club he loved dearly.

Darrell Cantwell (1973) enjoyed 20 years of playing hockey for our club. His greatest contribution to our club was his involvement with recruiting and looking after many junior players. He coached for a number of years at several schools and at club underage level. He was on the committee for 10 years, served as Secretary in 1970 and was Club President 1976-77.

Ken Clifford (1976) had a strong association with NWG for 42 years as a player, coach, administrator and supporter. He was a top A Grade player, retiring at the age of 28. He returned to hockey and coaching duties when Ken Jnr joined NW Under 15. Ken's teams always made the grand finals, often being premiers.

Barrie Muir (1978) was the instigator of many social scenes, "Notice of Motion" - a club newsletter which Barrie believed helped to keep club members better informed and of course the Muir of the Muirjon Trophy. Barrie was President of NW from 1966-70 and 1978-82. He was also a player and umpire.

Greg Brown (1983) was a player, coach and administrator of our club. He coached underage and senior teams obtaining a number of premierships. Greg was a committee member for approximately 22 years, from 1968 to 1990 as Social Finance Convenor, SHA Delegate and President 1983-87.

Noel Richardson (1984) played hockey for North West for over 30 years. Noel served on the Club's Executive Committee for numerous years being Secretary from 1971-74. He served on the SHA Executive Committee for approximately 15 years, ten as Secretary, being awarded Life Membership of SHA in 1996.

Rod Street (1984) was Club Assistant Secretary in 1972, Club Secretary from 1975-82, Vice President 1986-87 and President 1988-91. He played hockey for our club as well as coached numerous teams. Rod gained his State Umpire's Badge and is another NW player who contributed greatly to other hockey associations, he was Secretary of the THA for six years and an Executive member of the SHA from 1977-82.

Julie Podmore (1984) was the only Life Member of the Graduates Ladies Hockey Club was awarded this honour for her outstanding services to the club. Julie was a founding member of the Graduates Ladies Hockey Club in 1966. She was a great player being named twice in an Australian team. Julie has coached numerous Grads teams to premierships.

Margaret Pierce (1987) joined Grads in 1971. Margaret, like Julie, coached Grads teams to premierships and captained club and state teams. She had a long and distinguished interstate career - playing for Tasmania, Victoria and Northern Territory, being named twice in Australian teams.

Lesley Harrison (1991) joined Grads in 1977 and has an unbroken record of 30 years on club committees. Her achievements were recognised in 1996 when she was awarded Life Membership of the STWHA. Lesley has held the role of Secretary and Treasurer on many occasions over the years.

Richard Fowler (1993) was involved with the club for over 30 years. He was a player, coach of underage teams to Men's A Grade and served on the club committee for a number of years. He was Treasurer for three years 1981-83, Secretary for one year 1989 and Club President for four years 2000-2002. He also represented the State at senior level.

Richard Chapman (1994) joined NW as a player in 1975, at times as captain and coach, and has been a member of many premiership teams. Richard was a committee member from 1986-92 and 2003-04 including Treasurer in 1990, Secretary 1991-92 and President for two years 2003-04.

Christine Bennett (1994) joined Grads in 1977 after an illustrious career at University. Chris is also a Life Member of the University Women's Hockey Club and Hockey South. She has excelled in all areas of hockey, as a senior state player and state underage coach. She holds a State Badge for umpiring and is well known for her administrative skills. Chris was Club President from 1995-97. In 2006 Christine was awarded an OAM for her contribution to hockey.

Grahame Lawson (1995) joined NW in 1971 as a supporter. His hockey playing career started in 1947. He has represented the state three times. Grahame managed NW Men's A Grade sides 1979-91. He only ever played one game with our club in the Veteran's competition. He was Vice President for four years and a very valued member of the committee.

Michael Irwin (1996) started in NW Under 12's in 1971 and he is still playing. He played A Grade from 1979 to 1996 winning ten premierships as well as being a State senior representative. He has coached as well as been a committee member and Treasurer for our club 1998-99. He has given service to the Southern Association as Treasurer 1993-95 and Vice President of Hockey Tasmania 2004-05. Michael has reached 50 years playing with NWG in 2020.

Michael Johnson (1997) joined NW in 1975. He has been a recipient of many club awards including Best Junior Clubman 1983 and Best Clubman 1992. He has coached at junior and state level and been a member of the club committee for 12 years, President in 1998.

Morva Bradbury (1998), non-hockey player, instigated the ladies finance committee for NW running it for eight years. Morva has excelled in fundraising for our club. Over the years she has been club historian, manageress and patroness. She is a keen and loyal supporter of our club who still attends games regularly.

Graham Canny (1999) has been a valuable asset to our club, not only as a player, coach and avid supporter, but as a committee person. Graham is another Life Member of our club who has contributed greatly to SHA, being made Life Member of Hockey South in 1996.

Chris Potter (2001) joined NW in 1963 and has played around 750 games for the club. He has had numerous roles on the committee culminating as President 1992-94. Chris has coached junior teams and was manager of the U18 girls team in 2001.

Danny Lawson (2002) joined the NW under 12's team in 1971. He is one of NWG's most decorated players; Danny has coached A Grade Men and Premier League women team and has coached junior teams. A state player who also captained the side.

Phil Klye (2003) has been involved with the club for over 30 years as a player, coach, manager, committee person and keen supporter. He has been involved with committee duties for over 12 years, three of these as Secretary 2003-05.

Jill Klye (2003) a tireless member of our club who excelled in her Treasurer's role in 1995-96 and 2003-05. She has also been involved as coach and manageress of underage teams and was our club's southern women's delegate in 1994.

Bob Gregory (2006) has been a keen and visible supporter of our club for nearly 30 years. A player for over 20 years, Bob has coached and managed teams, been very active as a committee member for NWG, Club Secretary 1983-85, Club President in 2020 and in the past been our club's delegate on several Hockey South committees.

Sharon Lacey (2008) has played for Graduates and then NWHGHC for 40 years and also coached with the club since 1983. She played in many premiership teams during that time including 3 in A grade. Sharon has been a member of the HS Board and various HT committees. Sharon served as Club President for 4 years from 2011-2014 and Vice-President from 2008-2010 and again in 2020.

Michael Stops (2009) joined the club in 1976 and has since played, coached, managed and held various positions on the committee. Michael is currently Junior Boys Co-ordinator and represents the club on several HT committees.

Helen Moore (2010) played A grade before moving interstate in the 80's. Later returned to Tasmania and NWG and resumed her playing and coaching career. Held several committee roles and was involved in coaching club junior teams.

Brendan Moore (2011) was Club President from 2008-2010. Brendan has taken on many roles in the Club and was also actively involved in SHA and Southern Hockey League committees in various capacities.

Stephen McMullen (2013) joined NWG in 1993. Previous PL player and Coach for many years. Past Committee member and Vice-President.

Ross Ginn (2014) commenced playing with the club in 1969. Player, Coach and Manager of A grade team. Club committee member and SHA representative for many years.

Debbie Taylor (2015) club President in 2006-2007. Has coached at all levels in the club and was herself an accomplished player.

James Murray (2016) Club President in 2005 and played A grade and coached 1st grade and several other junior and senior teams. A loyal and committed member for over 20 years.

Marty Bissett (2017) outstanding player at both state and club level and A grade Premiership Coach. Won many best and fairest awards throughout his career. Former Committee member and Vice-President.

Justin Bessell (2019) Club President from 2016-2017 and Vice-President from 2012-2015. Has been team Manager for PLM from 2012-2020 and has also fulfilled the role of Junior Boys Coordinator for several years. Plays B Pool and has won Best Clubperson on 4 occasions.

Ambassadorial Life Member

Eddie Ockenden (2018) – To recognise an extraordinary achievement at national level in the sport of hockey whilst continuing to represent and support his club of origin.

JUSTIN BESSELL– LIFE MEMBER

Thanks to Stephen McMullen who has provided us with a copy of his speech from 2019, when he inducted Justin Bessell as a Life Member of NWHGHC. Everyone would agree that JB is a most worthy recipient.

This person is always doing something to advance the Club. Whenever there is something to organise or be involved in they are there eager to help no matter the task.

They have served extensively on the club committee in nearly every imaginable position and have been an exemplary example of a true NWG member. I often contact this person to perform the "sniff test" on something that I am planning or hoping to do. Their advice is sound, concise and with the clubs best interests in mind.

I believe that our newest recipient is the first Father / Son inductee.

Sometimes we play a guessing game here, but I'd prefer to have them standing next to me. So with that in mind I'd like to ask Justin Bessell to come up.

I first really came across this individual when I was coaching A Grade Men in 2011 and my then Manager, Richard Chapman who is also a LM, informed me that he was moving to Queensland and would be unable to continue in the role.

Many of you may not know but Justin's Dad John was President from 1960-65 awarded a LM some years ago.

Like his father Justin has been outstanding in his commitment to our club.
Justin has won Best Club Person and incredible 4 times – no mean feat.
He served on the club committee from 2011 to 2016 filling the roles of Uniform Co-ordinator (with Rach), Junior Boys Coordinator, Vice President and finally President.
Organised Ball Kids for events, Created stock management system for the uniforms, organised and MC'd many senior and junior presentation nights.
He served as an NWG representative on many SHL committees
In 2011 he won the Neville Bradbury award for assisting Junior Development.

Whilst his contribution to the administration of the club and sport has been exceptional his efforts for the game have been outstanding.

As mentioned he has been the PL Men's Manger since 2011 to date. He has also assisted with the management of 1st Grade men and U18's.
Coached U11 and U14 Boys
Coordinated, selected, Coach and Managed several JLW Southern Teams.
Managed a Tasmanian Junior state Team
Played Junior hockey for NWG
He has played and has always been a regular in 3rd, 4th or 5th Grade

But I feel it is the enjoyment he gets from being involved with his boys and family at hockey which is one of his greatest satisfactions. I recall watching Rach coming and being involved, JB managing and having excitement around the group and Tyson, then Harvey training and hoping to get a game in Reserves. I thought to myself how jealous I was of that involvement and hoped that one day my kids were doing the same.

His passion is infectious and knows no boundaries. His enthusiasm and love of the club has no equal. I can't think of a more appropriate candidate to be awarded a LM.

So, without any further ado it's with great pleasure that I award NWHGHC Life Membership to JB.

EDDIE'S 366TH INTERNATIONAL GAME

On the 7th March 2020, Eddie Ockenden made his record-breaking 366th international hockey appearance for the Kookaburras breaking the record previously held by Jamie Dwyer.

Eddie surely rates as one of Tasmania's highest performing sporting icons.

Eddie's devotion to the Kookaburras' cause saw him burst onto the scene as a dynamic young striker at the 2008 Beijing Olympics before later in his career showing his amazing versatility with roles in midfield and now as a play-making defender.

He has captained Australia to global glory and became among the world's best players being nominated for FIH world player of the year in 2011, '14 and '19 and won the FIH Young Player of the Year award in 2008.

Eddie's hockey has taken him around the world with the Kookaburras and also with Uttar Pradesh Wizards in India and Laren Mixed Hockey Club in Holland while always retaining an unbreakable bond with his beloved Bulldogs.

Eddie has always been modest and grounded and when speaking of the North West Graduates A grade team, Eddie was quoted in the Examiner as saying "I remember thinking, 'these guys are awesome, they're so good. I'd love to play in this team one day.' I never thought I'd be good enough to play in the men's A-grade team".

Not too many years later Eddie went on to win two World Cups, two World Leagues, seven Champions Trophies and if not for Covid would have this year played in his 4th Olympics.

Eddie's three Commonwealth Games gold medals from the Kookaburras' amazing 20-year tournament record are an extraordinary achievement.

Eddie's most loyal supporters are never far away with parents Clive and Angela, partner Louise and sons Oscar and Fedde quietly supporting him in the background.

Aside from family, a horde of other NWG stalwarts including Life Members Brendan Moore, Lesley Harrison, Christine Bennett and Helen Moore can also often be seen in the stands around the country and around the world cheering on our favourite Bulldog.

As for how much longer he has left in the green and gold; who knows? But Ed's ageless presence with the Kookaburras looks set to continue for a while yet and we certainly hope we get to see him in the Tokyo Olympics in 2021.

Written by Sharon Lacey

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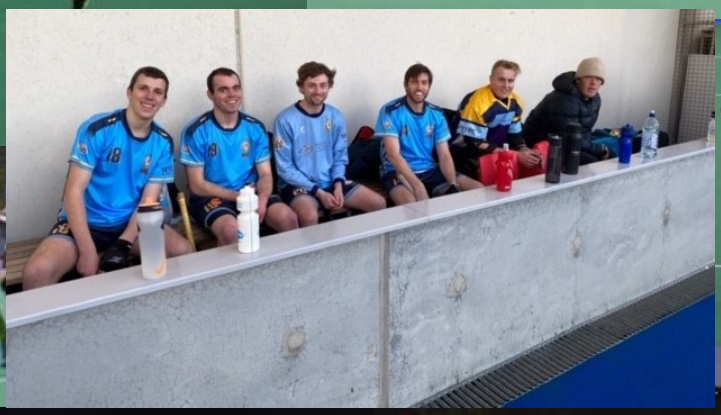
WELCOME BACK EDDIE



MICHAEL IRWIN – 50 YEARS OF HOCKEY

It's not every day you hear of a sports person who has undertaken 50 years of competing in their chosen discipline, let alone within the same club. This season, our very own Michael (Mick) Irwin reached this significant milestone. How many games would that be? Certainly well in excess of 1000, maybe closer to 2000, or more, when you consider Mick's impressive career.

Michael commenced with the Bulldogs in 1971 as a nine year old in the U12 competition. After progressing through the junior ranks, Mick moved into senior hockey with a year in 2nd grade before joining the A-Reserves (now 1st Grade) team in 1978, culminating with his first senior premiership in this year. The next year Mick moved into the A-Grade (now Premier League) team and amassed an impressive 18 seasons in A-Grade with an equally impressive 10 premierships, the first coming in his rookie year. This was followed by 7 more throughout the 80's, certainly 'golden years' for the clubs A-Grade team during this era. Two more premierships in the early 90's then saw Mick return to the A-Reserve team in 1997 for another nine seasons, and of course four more premierships.

Since 2003 Michael has been a member of our 2nd grade team, with the exception of 2019 where he played 3rd grade, and although the premierships have dried up from the early days, with just the one in 2006 during the regular winter season, his passion for the game is still strong.

During the summer, you will see Mick competing in the Masters competition which he has done so since 1998, resulting in four more premierships.

Throughout his career Michael has been awarded both club and association best and fairest awards on several occasions, as follows:

A-Grade – Club 1988, 1989; Assoc. 1988
A-Reserve – Club 1997, 2001, 02; Assoc. 1997, 99, 2005
2nd Grade – Club 2003, 06
Masters – Club 1998, 2000, 01, 02; Hockey South 2001, 02, 04

Michael has also represented his State on numerous occasions, commencing from an early age in U12, U14 and U16 grades, then from 1980-82 in under 21's. He further represented Tasmania on three occasions in seniors and on six occasions in Masters, with a Bronze Medal win in 2017.

MICHAEL IRWIN – 50 YEARS OF HOCKEY

As you could imagine, with a lengthy career such as this, Mick has competed in numerous State championships, resulting in premierships, as well as June Long Weekend and Easter carnivals.

Michael's off-field performance and commitment is just as impressive as his on-field. He has contributed in a coaching capacity for school teams, club underage boys and girls, A-Reserve, 2nd grade, Masters and State Masters teams.

In an administrative capacity, Michael has given his time to our game as a member of our committee and club treasurer positions. He has also held positions of Southern Hockey Association Treasurer from 1993-95, Hockey Tas Vice President in 2004-05, and was also a member of the new clubrooms and turf redevelopment committee.

Michael has been a recipient of a number of our prestigious perpetual awards, being:

Best Junior Club Person – 1982
Best Club Person – 1988
Eddie Ockenden Trophy – 2013

As you would expect, Michael was also the worthy recipient of a Life Membership of the NWHGHC in 1996.

Michael, from all our members and supporters, both past and present, congratulations on your career. We look forward to seeing you around the grounds for many more years to come.

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SENIOR WOMENS REPORT 2020– Sharon Lacey

The 2020 season got underway in early March with teams entered in all grades from Premier League to 4th grade. With just one game played Covid-19 struck and we entered a 3 month hiatus with all hockey suspended.

Our A Pool teams continued to train throughout both individually and then in small groups until finally and with great anticipation, Season 2020 V.2 recommenced in early July with a shortened competition for B Pool. The commitment of our club members meant that NWG was one of the few clubs whose overall team numbers were mostly unaffected by the pandemic.

The beginning of the new season meant many strange procedures and safety measures to mitigate risk. Carpark gatherings to take attendance, sanitising and physical distancing all become second nature, as we did what we had to just so we could have our weekly game of hockey.

As we conclude the season, we reflect on what has been a strange yet enjoyable season, with strong performances across all womens teams.

4th grade women continued to show improvement and finished 4th at the end of roster games, narrowly missing out on finals with the new top 3 qualifying system.

2nd grade women also showed that despite playing in a competition filled with ex-PL players they were never far away from victory and eventually finished 5th.

Our all-conquering **3rd grade women** built momentum as the season went on and finished 2nd at the end of roster games. They defeated OHA 4-1 in a spiteful prelim-final and went on to a convincing 4-0 victory in the Grand Final over arch-rival University. The 2020 win topped off premierships in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2019.....6 Premierships in 7 years!

Speculation about the secret to their success continues, with the Coach commenting that with three pregnant ladies on the field in the Final she did not wish to comment on the possibility of an appeal against them playing with 14 on the field?! Congratulations Chloe, Jennie and Emma J

1st grade women had a fantastic season with many juniors making their debut and the team performing strongly across the entire season. In a closely contested Final where our girls lead early, the game eventually came down to a sudden-death penalty shootout ending in a heartbreaking loss. An impressive performance and the future certainly looks bright if we can build on the work of 2020.

The **Premier League** group has worked hard under new Coach Josh Mardell and Assistant Nikki White to build a culture of targeted feedback and continuous improvement. The long months of training during Covid is paid off with the team topping off an impressive season by claiming the minor Premiership. Unfortunately finals results didn't favour our ladies and they finished 3rd after losses to OHA and Diamondbacks in the semi and prelim finals.

With their strong individual and team growth and skilful playing style this year they have every reason to be optimistic about 2021.

A very big thank you to all of our Coaches, Managers, Umpires and supporters who worked so hard to get teams on the field each week and create an enjoyable season for everyone.

SENIOR MENS REPORT 2020 – Adrian Honey

Well what a Year!!

Even before the COVID break, our 5th grade men's team was unfortunately on shaky ground and never got going due to lack of player availability to regularly field a team. This resulted in us having to withdraw our team from the competition. Those players who were keen for a run were able to be accommodated primarily in our 4th grade team. Hopefully next year we'll be back in 5th's.

With round 1 of the competition kicking off on the 14th of March, albeit with the trepidation of what might be coming, the usual last minute flurry of registrations occurred just before guys were walking onto the pitch. Our Premier League men kicked off the year with a close fought 4-3 win against Derwent, with club debutant ex-New Zealand international Alex Shaw sealing the win, whilst Harvey and Aiden were still abroad with their parents keen to get them back home. Our 1st grade men had a similarly close game, but went down 2-3. 4th grade had an assertive 5-1 win to kick off the year, 3rd grade went down 4-6 in a high scoring game, and 2nd grade started off with a bye.

We all know what happened after that, and it was just a waiting game to see if we would take to the field again in 2020. The A-Pool group continued individual fitness regimes to keep up the conditioning and fitness they had gained over the pre-season period under the close eye of head coach Stephen McMullen, with some seriously quick times being put down on the pavement by the boys, and zoom meetings became the new norm of catching up within the group. The B-Pool guys went into hibernation and waited it out.

After the longest lead-in to a season in history, and some unconventional coaching methods being employed, we were back playing at the start of July for round 2. Our A-Pool boys were fit and ready to go, and a positive to come from the break was some handy ins for the PL team. Harvey and Aiden had returned home, and new recruit Matt Lim having moved to Tassie was ready to go too. Our biggest bonus though was that Eddie O was back in town and this gave the boys an added boost both on and off the field. The rest of us were pretty stoked to have Ed around too and we all hoped he could have stayed all year.

Our 4th grade men had a 2-3 loss on their return game, one of only two losses during the shortened season, resulting in them finishing 7 points clear on top of the ladder as minor premiers. This had them heading straight to the grand final and hoping that this would be their year. However it wasn't to be. Things didn't come together for them on the day and some missed opportunities proved costly, going down 2-0. Awesome effort though guys, certainly the stand out performers in our B-Pool men's teams by making it to the granny. I'm sure you are all still keen to chase that illusive premiership next year.

The 3rd grade men's team were unfortunate not to come away with a few more wins throughout the season. Struggling at times for player numbers they were kindly assisted by some regulars from 4th grade. With a number of games only separated by a goal, had a few more of these gone their way then their ladder position will have been a lot healthier. The top 5 teams in 3rd grade were only separated by 4 points in the end, so the competition was very fierce at the upper end. With eight teams in a 12 round comp it was a tough ask for our boys to get off the bottom of the ladder, having only one win and a draw for the season.

SENIOR MENS REPORT 2020 – Continued

After a bye in the 1st round for our 2nd graders, the division returned with only four teams post the COVID break. Unfortunately our boys were unable to come away from the season with a win, and to rub salt into the wounds were placed in 5th position on the ladder below the bye. Not a bad effort to finish 5th in a 4 team competition! We continued to have fun though taking positives from each game, and at times were matching it with the opposition, but stringing it together for four quarters each week would inevitably continue to result in losses. Season ending injuries to some of our more experienced players in the latter half of the season also didn't help, but fortunately they will be good to go again for the Masters competition.

Now to our 1st grade men. Under the leadership of PL player Alistair (Whitey) White this year, could the possible become reality? Finishing second at the end of the 12 rounds with 6 wins, 4 draws and two losses, the boys headed into their first final knowing a win would see them face arch rival Derwent in the grand final. Whitey had the boys on song from the outset and they looked in total control against Diamondbacks, coming away with a thumping 7-0 victory and full of confidence heading into the big dance, but hopefully they hadn't played their best game too early. Grand final day was here and the boys started where they left off the week before. The opposition this time was on par with our boys though so it wasn't all one way traffic, but we seemed to be on top. Heading in to the final minutes our boys were 2-1 up and looking home, until Derwent scored and pushed the game to penalty shoot-outs, surely not! Then came Jordan Struthers' time to shine in goals. Jordan meticulously saved Derwent's first two attempts and our boys (Brett, Harvey and George) had all made very good conversions. Jordan made his third brilliant save in a row and the premiership was ours. It was celebrations all round, and everyone breathed a sigh of relief, and maybe shed a tear or two, having been a very emotional couple of weeks for the club. Well done to our 1st grade men, absolutely awesome.

With Eddie having to return to Perth after playing three games, the rest of the PL group went about the business and finished the season as minor premiers, amassing 11 wins, three draws and a single loss, seven points clear of closest rival Derwent. The boys were up and about with coach Mullens demanding a disciplined game plan and culture, both on and off the field, within the close knit group. There was a heightened focus this year as the depth and fitness within the group was better than ever. The semi-final against Derwent was the opportunity to show our dominance and catapult to the grand final. But Derwent had other plans. With goals in the first 30 seconds of the first and third quarters, we were 2-0 down and looked headed for the prelim, rather than a week off. But in that true 'Bulldog Spirit' we rose to the occasion and lifted, eventually bringing it home 3-2 and off to the grand final a fortnight later. Facing surprising opponents University, after they won their previous two finals games in shoot-outs they could not be underrated, but our boys were in great shape and more determined than ever to not let this one get away. In a rain soaked game it was a tussle from the outset, but our boys got the first goal via an accustomed Jai Walker-Kidd drag flick. A second goal came from some legendary Marcus Richardson magic on the baseline, but Uni were still pressing and there was some nervousness that the game could turn at any time. Another Jai drag flick goal broke the back of the opposition who remained goal-less for the game. Our Premier League Men were the 2020 premiers. A fantastic and fitting end for our boys who worked so hard during the year.

Thank you once again to all our coaches, managers, umpires, and volunteers who put in tirelessly week after week to ensure we can all play hockey. This year has certainly been one to remember for so many reasons and we are all reminded of the great club and hockey community comradery that brings us all together. For those participating in the Masters competition, good luck, and for those enjoying a break from hockey over the summer, enjoy that. See you all back on the pitch in 2021.

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PREMIER LEAGUE

BACK ROW (L-R) Josh Mardell (coach), Merinda McMahon, Louisa Jacobson (captain), Ashleigh Arthur, Annabelle Scutt, Rachel Hedgman, Chloe Cooper, Camilla Barricelli, Kim Ponting (manager) Nikki White (assistant coach)

FRONT ROW (L-R) Ebony Alexander, Emma Fenner, Ruby Brothers, Grace Calvert, Sarah Pascoe & Lucy Alexander

Laying in front: Kacee Ponting (GK) **Absent:** Josie Crowden

BACK ROW (L-R):Stephen McMullen (Coach), Rodney Clifford (Assistant Coach), Marcus Richardson, Jai Walker-Kidd, George Wilkinson, Gobindraj Gill, Alistair White, Aiden van Staden, Tyson Bessell, Digory McCormack, James Bourke (C), Hamish McGregor (Specialist Coach), Alex Shaw, Justin Bessell (Manager).

FRONT ROW (L-R): Daniel Harper, Angus Cooper, Olly Arnold, Julian Vittorio, Harry van der Woude, Harvey Bessell, Matt Lim, Jordan Struthers, Angus McMullen.

ABSENT: Annette White (First Aid)

1ST GRADE

Back Row (L-R): Lucy Cooper (Manager), Ali Herbert, Lucy Cooper, Lucinda Scutt (Captain), Merinda McMahon (Vice Captain), Alex Mainwaring, Anne Woolford, Raeleigh Phillips, Charlotte Ralph, Maeve Bylsma, Clare Rojahn (Coach), Mick Gregory (Assistant Coach)

Front Row (L-R): Rosie Fish, Anne Dunk, Lucy McMullen, Tara Muller, Emma Fenner, Aleda Bayley

Absent: Tabitha Glowacki, Heidi White, Sheila Rojahn (Manager)

Back Row L-R: Alistair White (Coach), Marcus Richardson, Brett Withington, Bailey Slyp, Tyson Bessell (C), Digory McCormack, Duncan Honey, Tim Stevens, Jordan Struthers, George Wilkinson, Richard Gray (Manager) **Bottom Row L-R**: Harvey Bessell, Harry Van Der Woude (C), Kane Shelverton, Yama O'Keeffe, Jack Gray, Shin O'Keeffe, Angus Cooper, Brodie Foster

Absent: William Gaffney, Michael Park, Daniel Harper

SECOND GRADE

Back left to right: Charlotte Griffith, Izzy Pauchet, Millie Alam, Emmalise Hey, Laura Stewart, Mandie Champion, Lana Hunnibell

Front left to right: Kate Crichton, Eloise Roffe, Michelle Carney, Heidi White, Phoebe Stewart, Kirrily Moore
Absent: Petra Harris

L to R: Jack Piggott, David Ponting, Brodie Foster, Ryan Woolford (coach), Adrian Honey, Michael Irwin, Tim Stevens, Martin Bissett, Shin O'Keeffe.

Absent: Clayton Mansfield, Gurjeet Singh, Oscar Neale, Arthur Liddiard, Oliver Marsh, John Bennett, Stephen McMullen

THIRD GRADE

Back L – R. Charlotte Stennard, Melitta Smith, Kacee Ponting, Kim Ponting, Tara Moore, Chloe Moore, Annabelle Anderson, Sharon Lacey (Coach)

Front L – R. Angela Green, Charlotte Jago, Isabel Goodfellow, Elise Ling, Nicole White, Emma Johnson.

Absent. Kate McCreadie, Lisa Woehler, Jennie Bingham

Back L to R: Brendan Leung, Josh Herbert, Ian Wood, Andrew Thomson, Scott Linnane, David Podmore, Adam Neal (coach), Shaun Newbon.

Front L to R: David Ponting, Jesse Nelson, Matthew Crane, Jarrod Eyre, Tasman Inglis, James Greve.

Absent: Cameron Davie, Martin Ashby, Glenn Szalman.

FOURTH GRADE

Back L-R Sharon Lacey (Playing Coach), Caitlin Pailthorpe, Lyndal Moore, Kim Ponting, Bethany Swain, Emma Archer, Heather Huxley, Linda Osborne-Maguire
Front L-R Laura Heddle, Sandra Peters, Elise Ling, Tabitha Glowacki, Claudia Struthers, Kacee Ponting
Absent Abbie Crow, Kate McCreadie

Back L-R: Claudia Struthers (Manager), James Lacey, James Levett, Scott Harper, Craig Struthers (coach), Scott Linnane, Justin Bessell, David Clements, Christopher Alexander

Front L-R: Brendan Leung, Jordan Struthers, Al Maguire, Jarrod Eyre, Darcy Butler, Campbell Jepson, James Greve

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JUNIOR REPORT 2020 – PAUL ASHBY

Season 2020 presented many challenges with COVID causing the delayed start to the season a shortened roster along with many new regulations and processes that were implemented in order to ensure the season ran smoothly and we as a club upheld our obligations to do our bit to ensure we provided a safe environment for our juniors.

I would like to congratulate all coaches, managers, parents and players for the manner in which everyone adapted to the new (COVID) way hockey would be conducted enabling us to have an enjoyable and successful season on and off the field.

Stick 2 Hockey kicked off season 2020 in term 1 with many new players and many returning from the previous year, we were able to field teams in all age groups and be competitive in all games. Term 2 and 3 was postponed but many of our younger players continued to train when we could with a few even moving into the Junior Full Field space. Term 4 is just about to commence and as a club we are fielding more teams than any other club in Tasmania.

Underage competition finally commenced in term 3 with us being one of only two clubs fielding teams in all age groups across mixed and stand-alone boys' and girls' divisions. Across all age groups we fielded full teams, had tremendous attendance at training and were lucky enough to have quality coaches assigned to each team. All our teams are young teams for their age group this is highlighted by the fact that all kids that played this year will be back eligible to play underage next year except for three of our Under 18 boys Jordan, Yama and Tasman we wish them all the best in their future hockey careers.

Whilst our teams are young teams every player took to the field with enthusiasm and a willingness to try and improve at each outing this was achieved as well as the development of strong friendships and a true understanding of what is required to play successful team sports this was only achieved through the hard work of all our coaching team plus the great support given by the parents of our young players.

The strength, resilience and maturity of our young playing group was really tested late in the season with the tragic loss of one of our young under 13 boys, Kai O'Keeffe who suddenly passed away on the eve of the last week of underage games. Kai had been part of the junior program for 5 years; he was a strong but fair player who just loved his hockey and was well respected by all He played with and against and had a strong bond with a number of our coaches. Kai was heading towards another Premiership with our Under 13 boys, whilst He didn't make it onto the field for the Grand final every junior took the field for our last games with heavy hearts but knowing Kai was looking over them and cheering every effort.

They say "you are only as good as your last game" well the effort put in by every junior player in their last games for the underage season- playing in memory of Kai produced some outstanding results and sets the players and the club up well for season 2021. The Full Field mixed drew their last game and had their first shots on goal. The Under 18 girls won their first game of the season. The Under13 girls and the Under15 and 18 Boys all put in one of their best games for the season.

JUNIOR REPORT 2020 – PAUL ASHBY

Premierships.

Under 15 Girls

This team had a great season and worked really hard to bond as a playing group, we adopted 4 girls from Derwent, we borrowed 1 from University, we had 4 new players to the club and we even had a couple of young under 13 players, this group headed into the grand final having only ever played together half a dozen times. In what was a very close game this group proved just too strong in penalty shootouts and with Jess Stevens on fire in goals landed the club it's first premiership for 2020.

Under 13 Boys Div 1

A very talented team most were members of the 2019 Under 13 Div 2 Premiership team and eleven of the squad will remain Under 13 next year. Finished the season on top of the ladder, headed into the Grand final missing their mate Kai and on the eve of the game Fletcher was ruled out with a knee injury but as a group they were able to overcome these set backs and win a tight game 2-1 to be crowned 2020 Premiers.

The season would not have been as successful with out the effort and time put into the junior program by all coaches, managers and umpires a big thankyou to all involved.

Look forward to seeing everyone back next season

Paul Ashby

A BIG THANKYOU TO THE KRUIMINK FAMILY

Over the last few years the Kruiminks have been amazingly generous in opening their home to our Lady Imports, namely Cami Diaz Guzman, Pepa Galimberti, and this year to Camilla Barricelli, who have enjoyed a wonderful family experience with them.

We have much appreciated their willingness to put their hand up and accept the girls as part of the family. For that we would like to express our heartfelt and very genuine appreciation to Tanya, John, Belle and Sophie.

FULL FIELD MIXED

Back L to R Lucy Cooper Coach**,** Charlie Bugg, Fergus Doerner, Seb Williams, Arthur Stoddart, Lola Mackenzie, Charlotte Kenyon, Matilda Lovering, Lilly Grey, Amaya Williams, Macy Watts and Lucy McMullen Coach.
Front L to R Jack Graham, Archie Bugg, Lucas Hickey, Nash Mansfield, Abbie Kenyon, Mila Williams, Dan Graham
Absent Scarlett Hall, Casey McNeill, Alexander Grey, Matthew Christopher and Ryan Mee

U13 GIRLS

Back Row L to R. Jordon Struthers (Coach) Sophie Cole, Bryony Williams, Brooke Cunningham, Taylor Cunningham, Macy Watts, Jorja Condon, Eliza Gardner, Jack Gray (Coach)

Front Row L to R. Lucie Johnston, Jessie Richmond, Demi Pigden, Isla Bylsma, Summer Jones, Lilly Hamilton, Ava Darke.
Goal Keeper Emily Cole. **Absent**. Clara McGrath, Scarlett Hall

VALE

KAISEI O'KEEFFE

It is with great sadness that our Club, NWG lost one of its finest juniors this year. Kai O'Keeffe, one of our Under 13 boys passed away suddenly . Our deepest sympathies and thoughts are with his family, John, Motoko, Yama and Shin, all great contributors to our Club. Kai has been a Bulldog for more than 5 years and part of 3 premiership teams.

Kai played the game in true Bulldog spirit, he was strong but fair. He was the ultimate team mate, he shared the ball and was respectful of his opponents. Kai will be sadly missed and his memory will live on each and every time our boys run out on the turf.

We will miss him so much, rest peacefully Kai.

U13 BOYS

Back Row (L to R): Marcel Zwart, Tom Lyons, Lewis Crane, Derek Zwart (Coach), Kai O'Keeffe, Archie Condon, Fletcher Pigden

Front Row – (L to R): Matthew Christopher, Emerson Darke, Angus McMullen, Alexander Gray

Absent: Ryan Mee, Oscar Hall, William Petty

U15

Back Row (L to R) Jessica Stevens, Anna Cosentino, Summer Bennitto, Lucy McMullen, Isobel Grubb, Jazmin Short, Claudia Struthers, Abbie Genders, **Camilla Barricelli (coach),** Felicity Wilson-Haffenden

Front Row (L to R). Harriett Kelly, Emma O'Grady, Lucy Cooper, Georgie Fox, Summer Jones, Taylor Cunningham, Lily Carter

Absent. Paul Ashby, Isobel Januba

Back Row (L to R). Daniel Harper (Coach), Cody Innes, Francesco Mucci, William Ashby, Hugo Grubb, Hamish Jones, Jordan Christopher, Sam Lyons, Jack Wright, Paul Ashby (Manager)

Front Row (L to R). Mason Roff, Fergus De Paoli, Tom Petty, Angus McMullen, Oliver Johnston, Max Genders, Harley Wilkie

Absent Gobindraj Gill(Coach), Oscar Hall

U18

Back Row. L to R. Tabitha Glowacki, Lushana Van Staden, Clare Wilkinson, Sofie Millington, Lucy Cooper, Maeve Bylsma, Anna Rawson (Derwent), Aleda Bayley

Front Row. L to R. Charlotte Ralph, Lucy McMullen, Rosabella Fish, Emma Fenner, Alice Herbert

Absent: Isabel Grubb, Jessica Stevens (University), Chloe Cooper (Coach), Helen Wilkinson (Manager)

BACK ROW (L to R): Bailey Slyp (Coach), Joshua Mee, William Gaffney, Shin O'Keeffe, Kane Shelverton, Jordan Struthers (Captain), Jack Gray, Yama O'Keeffe, Tyson Bessell (Coach)

FRONT ROW (L to R): Alexander Poljansek, Ilya Harper, Angus Cooper, Harley Wilke, Tasman Inglis, Oscar Neale
ABSENT - Kit Leeming, Leah Cooper (Manager)

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2020 JUNIOR PRESENTATION

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2019 JUNIOR AWARD RECIPIENTS

	Best and Fairest	Most Improved	Just Hockey
Under 13 Boys Div 2	Archie Condon	Emerson Darke	Mathew Christopher
Under 13 Boys Div 1	Angus McMullen	Tom Petty, Haley Wilkie	Fergus De Paoli
Under 15 Boys	Shintaro O'Keeffe	Oscar Neale, Josh Penglase	Illya Harper
Under 18 Boys	Jordan Struthers	Tasman Inglis	Ricardo Mucci
Under 13 Girls	Clara McGrath	Lucie Johnston	Claudia Struthers
Under 15 Girls	Lucy Cooper	Jazmin Short, Jessica Stevens	Sophie Lucas
Under 18 Girls	Belle Kruimink	Sophia Pauchet	Sofie Millington

2020 JUNIOR AWARD RECIPIENTS

	Best and Fairest	Most Improved	Just Hockey
Full Field Mixed	Fergus Doerner	Arthur Stoddart	Amaya Williams
Under 13 Boys	Angus McMullen	Archie Condon	Lewis Crane
Under 15 Boys	Angus McMullen	Oliver Johnson	Fergus De Paoli
Under 18 Boys	Angus Cooper	Harley Wilkie	Oscar Neale
Under 13 Girls	Bryony Williams	Lucie Johnston	Taylor Cunningham
Under 15 Girls	Emma O'Grady	Abbie Gender and Lilly Carter	Summer Jones
Under 18 Girls	Emma Fenner	Charlotte Ralph	Sofie Millington

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2019 SENIOR AWARD RECIPIENTS

Prem League Men. Best and Fairest	Alistair White
Prem League Women. Best and Fairest	Ashley Arthur
1st Grade Men. Best and Fairest	Brett Withington
1st Grade Women. Best and Fairest	Merinda McMahon
2nd Grade Men. Best and Fairest	Kane Shelverton
2nd Grade Women. Best and Fairest	Lana Hunnibell
3rd Grade Men. Best and Fairest	Matthew Crane
3rd Grade Women. Best and Fairest	Melitta Smith and Christine Meikle
4th Grade Men. Best and Fairest	Justin Bessell
4th Grade Women. Best and Fairest	Abbie Crow and Isabel Goodfellow
5th Grade Men. Best and Fairest	David Ponting
Vets Men. Best and Fairest	Marcus Richardson
Vets Women. Best and Fairest	Anne Woolford

Most Promising U21 Male	Gobindraj Gill
Most Promising U21 Female	Chloe Cooper
Highest Goal Scorer PL Men	Oliver Arnold
Highest Goal Scorer PL Women	Ashleigh Arthur
Best Junior Club Person	Lucy Cooper and Gobindraj Gill
Best Club Person	Brodie Foster
Junior Encouragement for Umpiring	Shintaro O'Keeffe
Neville Bradbury for Junior Dev	Jo Foster and Paul Ashby
Club Spirit Award	Clare Rojahn
Tim Leary	Kirrily Moore
Eddie Ockenden	Louisa Jacobson
Muirjon	Madeleine Rojahn
Life Membership	Justin Bessell
Award of Merit	John O'Keeffe

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2020 SENIOR AWARD RECIPIENTS

Prem League Men. Best and Fairest	Matt Lim
Prem League Women. Best and Fairest	Grace Calvert
1st Grade Men. Best and Fairest	Digory McCormack
1st Grade Women. Best and Fairest	Anne Woolford
2nd Grade Men. Best and Fairest	Ryan Woolford
2nd Grade Women. Best and Fairest	Kirrily Moore
3rd Grade Men. Best and Fairest	Ian Wood
3rd Grade Women. Best and Fairest	Melitta Smith
4th Grade Men. Best and Fairest	James Greve
4th Grade Women. Best and Fairest	Elise Ling
Vets Men. Best and Fairest	Marcus Richardson
Vets Women. Best and Fairest	Anne Woolford

Most Promising U21 Male	Angus Cooper
Most Promising U21 Female	Chloe Cooper
Highest Goal Scorer PL Men	Jai Walker Kidd
Highest Goal Scorer PL Women	Grace Calvert
Best Junior Club Person	Tyson Bessell
Best Club Person	John O'Keeffe
Junior Encouragement for Umpiring	Shintaro O'Keeffe and Angus Cooper
Neville Bradbury for Junior Dev	Leah Cooper and Paul Ashby
Club Spirit Award	Paul Ashby
Tim Leary	Ryan Woolford
Eddie Ockenden	Tim Stevens
Award of Merit	Leah Cooper
Award of Merit	Cathy Chapman
Award of Merit	Lesley Harrison

Southern Hockey League 2020 Award winners

Premier League Women Top Goal Scorer - Grace Calvert

Best and Fairest 1st Gr Women and for Masters Women – Anne Woolford

Minor Premiers - Premier League Men

Minor Premiers - Premier League Women

Minor Premiers - Masters Men Div 1

Minor Premiers - 3rd Grade Women

Minor Premiers - 4th Grade Men

Certificates of Appreciation - Helen Wilkinson and Lesley Harrison

Dean Williams Award (Outstanding Contribution to Hockey) – Tim Stevens

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