

NWHGHC 2021



2021 PREMIERS



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thankfully 2021 was a return to normality (sort of) despite the cancellations of Australian championships during the season causing a disjointed feeling to periods of the year.

Financially the club was still impacted in 2021 from last year COVID losses, but thanks to the efforts of Justine White our Treasurer, we have reorganised our finances and members will see a significant difference in the look of our financial reports this year.

Again, the club is indebted to our major sponsors, Graham Family Funerals, Bayfield Dental and Mansfield Builders who continued to support the club and we welcome our new sponsor for this year Peterswald for Property with whom we also hope to have a long and mutually beneficial relationship.

Looking forward the club needs to renew our fundraising efforts and the committee will be looking for members willing to assist in this regard in 2022.

Our club was represented at the highest level in our sports administration in 2021 with Brett Withington as Deputy Chair, and Jon Cooper and Helen Wilkinson as directors of the Hockey Tasmania Board.

North West Graduates also provided both the senior state coaches Luke Dorner (female) and Stephen McMullen (male) appointed as the coaches for the Tigers teams in 2021.

We had a number of challenges at the start of the year with the club unable to field a 4th grade men's side and for a portion of the year a 2nd grade men's side, however, thanks to the efforts of a number of people but in particular Sharon Lacey, Justin Bessell and Stephen McMullen we ended up with teams in all senior grades except men's 4th and 5th Grade.

By the end of the year, 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 yearbook. but I would like to recognise James Bourke who was the Southern Hockey Leagues best and fairest men's player and Paul Ashby who was the recipient of the Dean Williams Award for Outstanding Contribution to hockey in the South. Both those honours were richly deserved.

The club also won the Southern Hockey League "Play the Whistle award" for the first time since 2008.

Congratulations and thanks to all our coaches, team managers, match managers and umpires without whom we could not play each week

On the international stage we were able to share the bittersweet achievement of our own Eddie Ockenden at the Olympics, winning a silver medal which we celebrated, and coming all so close to that elusive gold medal.

It was also a very special pleasure for me to present Nikki White with her Life Membership at our senior presentation and a full description of Nikki's contribution to the club is contained in this yearbook.

I must also thank our committee members, those who held portfolios outside of the committee and all our volunteers for their work during the year and to the club members who turned up to play and/or watch each week.

Bob Gregory
President
NWHGHC

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Our Bulldogs Committee Officers



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NICOLE WHITE—LIFE MEMBER



NICOLE (NIKKI) WHITE (nee O'Laughlin)

At this year's Senior Presentation night, Nicole White was inducted as NWG's latest Life Member, here is from the speech given at her induction. Nikki is someone who joined the club as a junior and has never been far from her beloved club and teammates.

Even as a young club member she gave back to the Club through her membership on the Club Committee and taking on the role of Junior Convenor. All of this while playing and training for A grade and coaching junior teams.

Her sustained and significant contribution to the club over some 30 years makes her a worthy nomination for Life Membership. Her playing history from underage State Player, through A Grade (equivalent of PL) and on to representing Australia in Masters Hockey is impressive.

She also won SHL B&F awards and 1 Gold and 2 Silver medals at National Championships while playing Masters. She won many, many premierships during her career and played in 10 A grade Grand Finals.

She has also made a large investment into the club with her coaching roles where again she has worked at many levels from junior teams, Masters and as Assistant Coach for PLW.

Nikki re-joined the Committee in recent years and currently holds the role of Liaison Officer for the Club with the HT Academy.

Nikki is the current PLW Assistant Coach but also willingly steps in to support 1st grade as needed.

Aside from her generosity with her time, she is always available to mentor and support our young upcoming players and has been an excellent support to the B Pool coaches stepping in when they are unavailable over the last 7 or 8 years.

Nikki exemplifies the Bulldog Spirit with her selfless attitude and dedicated commitment to whatever role she undertakes whether it is player, coach or official.

Congratulations Nicole White our newest 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 premierships 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.

Nicole White (2021) Exemplifies the Bulldog Spirit with her selfless attitude and dedicated commitment to whatever role she undertakes whether it is player, coach or official.



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MICK GREGORY



Mick Gregory is a familiar face around the Hockey Centre, as a Dad watching Dan (who has played with NWG from S2H to U18s), we see him either in the shop, the sidelines or on the field giving instructions or advice to whatever team he is coaching or helping. He is a quiet achiever and someone who has done so much for not only North West Graduates but for Hockey in general.

Playing

1988 3rd grade
1989 res and 1st grade
1990 2nd grade
1991 2nd grade
1992 2nd grade
1993 4th grade
1998 vets
2009 5th Grade
2012 5th grade
2013 5th grade
2014 5th grade
2015 5th grade
2018 5th grade
2020/21 vets.

Coaching

1988 3rd grade women
1989 2nd grade women
1990 Res grade women
1991 Res grade women
1992 1st grade women
2008 Res grade women
2009 Res grade women
2012 u/16 girls ass coach
2013 u/16 girls
2014 5th grade men's
2015 2nd grade women co-coach.

2016 under 18 girls
2017 under 14 boys
2018 P/L women ass coach
2020 4th term full-field mixed
2020 1st grade women ass coach
2021 u/18 girls ass coach
2021 1st term full-field mixed
2021 Junior Pathway Co-ordinator
Over the years as a Goal Keeping Coach

Committee 1989 – 1991 and 2013 – 2016

Awards

Best club person 1990
Neville Bradbury 2017

Often it's the high profile people who get all the kudos, Mick doesn't seek the limelight, rather it's a genuine love for the sport that sees him put in the hours, his passion is hockey and the development of juniors in the NWG club and for hockey generally.

Mick has been working for Hockey Tasmania since 2016, visiting schools under the "Sporting Schools" program and Hockey Tasmania's Schools Participation program. It's people like Mick who are the backbone of clubs. He just gets the job done without the bells and whistles. Mick's legacy to NWG will be all the players and coaches he has given good solid advice to, his commitment to the club inspires others to also commit to the doggies. The juniors he has coached at schools that go on to play club hockey, no doubt they would all be recommended to play for NWG.

Thanks Mick for all you do for our club, everyone appreciates all you do.



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2021 YEAR OF THE DEBUTANT

PLAYERS WHO JOINED EITHER PREMIER LEAGUE OR 1ST GRADE IN 2021





UNIFORM

Thank you to Michelle Carney for taking on the role of Uniform Coordinator. Our Beanies and Scarves were introduced last year and have proved to be quite popular. Thanks Michelle for all your hard work this year, we all appreciate the massive effort you have put into the role. Also uniforms don't sell themselves. This year we have engaged a Supermodel who really knows how to model the NWG kit. Thanks to Ralph Thompson-Alexander and his Manager Ebony. Ralph prefers a dog walk then to strut his stuff on the cat walk, but has really added some style to our Newsletter ads.



FOTO COLLAGE



SENIOR WOMENS REPORT 2021 – SHARON LACEY

This season has been an extremely positive one for the women's side of the club with all teams with the exception of 3rd grade making it through to finals.

Our PL and 1st grade women have continued to nurture our juniors and both finished 2nd at the end of the roster games in their respective grades. The focus for the Coaching Team of Josh Mardell, Nikki White, Anne Woolford and Lana Hunnibell has been on creating a cohesive A pool group where players train together and move between teams as required. The style of hockey they have imparted to their players has been great to watch. Sadly, the PLW bowed out in the Prelim Final with a hard fought loss.

1st Grade made their way to the Grand Final against their long-time rival Diamondbacks but unfortunately the experience and strength of their opponents prevailed on the day. Nonetheless, it was a great season with many of our juniors consolidating their places in the team and learning valuable lessons that will make them even better players in 2022.

The 2nd grade Womens team has been experienced something of a rebirth with a number of former A Pool players returning to hockey or moving up from the very successful 3rd grade team to form a formidable combination that would give many 1st grade teams a run for their money! Under the knowledgeable coaching of Lottie Jago and Nikki White they have looked better with every game. They had a tough battle with Uni in the Prelim Final prevailing in a shootout and made their way into the Grand Final also against the formidable Diamondbacks side. Our team saved their best for last and controlled the game throughout and claimed the Premiership with an impressive 3-1 win.

This years 3rd grade team is a contrast to previous years and is filled with former NWG juniors who have taken time away from hockey for study and travel and have returned to the club this year. The group took some time to blend together but have been very competitive in the second half of the season and steadily climbed the ladder in the latter stages of the season. They look like being a force to be reckoned with in the years ahead. Thanks to Kate McCreadie for guiding and mentoring this young group.

4th grade have had a solid season finishing 3rd after roster games and capable of upsetting either of the top 2 on their day. The group is mostly older players who love some fun but still like take their hockey seriously when it matters most. After strong victories in the semi and prelim finals, they met Derwent in the Grand Final and unfortunately were stunned by a powerful start from Derwent who scored twice in the first 5 minutes. The team fought hard right until the end but were unable to score the critical goals they needed to overcome their opponents.

Very big thanks to Bethany Swain (Match Manager) and Shin O'Keeffe (Umpire) who regularly undertake the duties for the B Pool teams and make sure they can enjoy their hockey every week. Thanks also to all the Coaches, Managers, TOs and other support staff who take care of our teams.

SENIOR MENS REPORT 2021

Premier League

With a new coach and losing Marcus Richardson and Olly Arnold to retirement and Matt Lim, Alex Shaw and Aiden van Staden having to relocate interstate it was obvious that it was going to be a hard task to repeat 2020's success. There were seven new faces in the squad all of which were promotions from the junior ranks so to finish 3rd was a strong performance. Canterbury were too strong in the semi-final however winning 1-3. The number of young players in our squad promises to be beneficial to our performances in future seasons.

1st Grade

Compared to the 2020 side this side really were the "Baby Bulldogs". Eleven players from last year's premiership squad were either promoted to Premier League, opted to play 2nd grade, or retired. The team finished last with only one win for the season, but the number of juniors given senior experience will prove invaluable in coming years.

2nd Grade

This team came into the competition after the first round and proceeded to dominate with 11 wins from 13 games, winning both the minor premiership and then the grand final with a comfortable 7 – 2 win over OHA.

3rd Grade

After a tough year in 2020 3rd grade were very competitive in 2021 with increase player numbers and had 6 wins during the year and finished 4th. Unfortunately, they lost their semi-final to OHA 0-1.





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PREMIER LEAGUE



Back Row. Annette White(First Aid), Rod Clifford (Coach) Digory McCormack, Tyson Bessell, James Bourke, Alistair White, Sam Meikle, Oliver Stebbings, Gobin Gill, Jai Walker-Kidd, George Wilkinson, Harry Hughes, Paul Ashby (Manager) Craig Butler (Assistant)

Back Row Archie Condon (Juniors) Daniel Harper, Tom Dobbie, Yama O'Keeffe, Harvey Bessell, Julian Vitorio, Angus Cooper, Kane Shelverton, Jack Larkin.

Absent Bailey Slyp



Back Row from left. Nikki White (Assistant Coach), Kim Ponting (Team Manager), Kate Crichton, Ashleigh Arthur, Louisa Jacobson, Alex Mainwaring, Josie Crowden, Lucinda Scutt, Josh Mardell (Coach)

Middle Row from left: Chloe Cooper, Heidi White, Ruby Brothers, Grace Calvert, Ebony Alexander, Sarah Pascoe, Lucy Alexander. **Front:** Kacee Ponting.

Absent: Kelsey Lewis, Zayna Jackson, Lucy McMullen, Lucy Cooper 05, Maeve Bylsma, Emma Fenner



PREMIER LEAGUE WOMEN WON THE STATE CLUB CUP



FIRST GRADE



Back Row Harvey Bessell (Manager), Tyson Bessell, Alistair White (Coach), Jack Gray, Sam Meikle, Sam Pritchard, Bailey Slyp, Shintaro O'Keeffe, Brodie Foster, William Gaffney, Oscar Neale, Annette White (Physio)

Front Row Oliver Johnston, Fergus De Paoli, Harrison Hughes, Angus Cooper, Yamato O'Keeffe, Kane Shelverton, Tom Dobbie, Jack Larkin.

Absent: Harry van der Woude



Back Row Lyndal Moore (Manager), Ashleigh Arthur, Ali Herbert, Tara Moore, Maeve Bylsma, Aleda Bayley, Kate Crichton, Lana Hunnibell, Lucinda Scutt

Front Row Anne Chuter (Coach), Charlotte Ralph, Alex Mainwaring, Lucy McMullen, Anne Dunk, Heidi White

Absent: Lucy Cooper, Lucy Cooper, Emily Harvey, Ella Scolyer, Melissa Scolyer, Emma Fenner and Rachel Hedgeman

SECOND GRADE



Back Row - L to R Ollie Arnold, Ryan Woolford, Duncan Honey, James Murray, Jono Budgeon, Stephen McMullen, Harley Wilkie

Front Row - L to R Warren Lucas, Marty Bissett, Brett Withington, John Bennett, Marcus Richardson, Richard Headlam & Ian Morgan

Absent - David Wakefield & Mark Kealy



Back: Row: Lottie Jago, Jessica Sullivan, Annabel Butler, Brigit Ikin, Phoebe Stewart, Charlotte Griffith, Emily Harvey, Kirrily Moore

Front Row: Mandie Champion, Emmalise Hey, Nicole White, Michelle Carney, Laura Stewart, Christine Meikle.

Atbsen: Amy Tremayne, Tara Moore, Anne Woolford

THIRD GRADE



Back Row- Arthur Liddiard, Adrian Honey, Glenn Szalman, Scott Linnane

Middle Row - Avijeet Singh, Justin Bessell, James Greve, Shaun Newbon, Clayton Mansfield, Josh Herbert, Michael Irwin

Front Row - Jarrod Eyre, Matt Crane, Nash Mansfield, Tasman Inglis, Chris Stops, Jack Piggott



Back Row L-R Louise Colbert, Laura De Paoli, Millie Alam, India Lockley, Bethany Swain, Sophia Chung

Front Row L-R Olivia Eade, Anna Alexander, Heather Huxley, Emma Archer, Elise Ling

Absent Kate McCreadie (Playing Coach), Isabel Goodfellow, Isabelle Smith, Eloise Roffe, Charlotte Stennard
Sharon Lacey (Manager)

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4TH GRADE



Back Row L-R Lyndal Moore, Abbie Crow, Kim Ponting, Kacee Ponting, Petra Harris, Sandra Peters, Nicole Lugg, Sharon Lacey (Playing Coach)

Front Row L-R Linda Osborne-Maguire, Emma Archer, Elise Ling, Heather Huxley, Angela Green, Beth Schiwy, Michelle Baker

Absent Caitlin Pailthorpe, Claudia Struthers, Lisa Woehler



MASTERS



Back L-R Kate Crichton, Tina Stevens, Melitta Smith, Tara Moore, Lana Hunnibell, Anne Woolford, Lyndal Moore

Front L-R Emma Archer, Lottie Jago, Anne Dunk, Michelle Carney, Kirrily Moore, Nikki White, Christine Meikle



Back L to R: Kate McCreadie, Lyndal Moore, Kim Ponting Michelle Baker, Sharon Lacey, Julia McCullough, Ange Green

Front row: Kirrily Moore, Heather Huxley, Linda Osborne-Maguire and Emma Archer.

Absent: Lisa Woehler, Sandra Peters, Helen Moore, Nicole Lugg, Nicole White, Phoebe Stewart & Toni Lee.

MASTERS



Back L-R: Ryan Woolford, Adam Jago, Michael Park, Brendan Lowe, Adrian Honey, Richard Headlam

Front L-R: Warren Lucas, Ian Morgan, Clayton Mansfield, Martin Bissett, Simon Clifford

Absent: Tim Stevens, Aaron Jacobson, Ben Florence, Brett Withington, Stephen McMullen, David Ponting, Aaron Lucas

Masters Women Div 1

We enjoyed yet another Masters season in Div 1 and we welcome a second team for the first time in Div 2. It is great to see so many players returning to the club and enjoying the added social benefits of the Masters competition. Div 2 provided us with a valuable resource of players to call on when we were low on numbers. We also saw some cameo appearances from Michelle Cooling (visiting from Sydney) and Emily Divin. We love to welcome young, fast legs to the team!

Masters Women Div 2

NWG debuted a Div 2 women's Masters team for season 20/21 with Lyndal Moore and Kim Ponting rallying the troops. It was wonderful to have quite a few ladies return to the turf who had been on a hiatus or maybe they thought they had retired, ay Spag!! Kacee Ponting bossed us all into gear as coach, with Ali Herbert managing us well and supplying much appreciated lollies. We finished the season in 5th spot, our run home was hampered by illness, injury, quarantine and the words 'old age' were thrown around a bit! That said, it was safe to say our group had FUN and there was much laughter on and off the field. We look forward to having a Div 2 team again next year.

Men's Masters

The men's masters team had relatively strong season, although struggling for numbers at times. This year saw the return of some players to the club, commencing with Brendan Lowe in goals who quickly showed he had lost little of his craft. And Simon Clifford, Ben Florence and Aaron Jacobson all provided strength and welcome fire power around the ground. With Adam Jago taking every opportunity to bag a goal, closely followed by Ryan Woolford, and with Warren Lucas running amuck in the mid field, the men had some convincing wins during the season, which had them entering the finals campaign with optimism. Unfortunately, the men exited the year at the semi-final round. As always, there was a high level of fun, banter and comradery amongst the boys.



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STICK 2 HOCKEY



JUNIOR REPORT 2021 – PAUL ASHBY

Season 2021 commenced late February with our youngest bulldogs (U/5 through to U/11) competing in term one Stick 2 Hockey and concludes late November for these young pups, we have fielded up to seven teams a term a testament to the many people involved in coaching and umpiring this group. We have seen this young group improve each term, they keep coming back striving to improve their hockey and work on the skills required to move into the junior ranks of full Field Mixed and Under 13s. I would like to thank the parents, siblings and our more experienced juniors who assisted in coaching and umpiring as without you we couldn't support the numbers we have in these age groups. Well done Dave, Grace, William, Simone, Oscar, Fergus, Archie, Jorga, Emerson, Tegan, Sam, Tom and Mason you all made my life a easier.

The end of April saw the commencement of the Junior season proper with full field games commencing for the Full Field Mixed, U/13s, U/15s and U/18s we were able to field six competitive teams across these age groups all aiming to improve throughout the season with the ultimate goal of reaching finals in early September.

Our Full Field Mixed were narrowly defeated in the grand final, 15 boys had an outstanding season finishing minor premiers but were unable to shine in the finals, 18 girls made it through to the finals which was a great effort with the assistance of a few Canterbury girls, 13 girls were a very young team that improved every week and promise big things in 2022, 18 boys had a solid season and finished strongly. We were unable to field an U/15 girls team this season which is a big focus for 2022 but we thank Canterbury and Derwent for giving our age eligible girls an opportunity to play U/15s although the girls did look a little strange in the Red and Navy Blue!!

Premierships do not come about all that often or easily, our U/13 Boys were able to build upon their success of 2019, 2020 with a third premiership meaning many of our boys will be leaving the Under 13 age group with three premiership pennants (it took me 14 years to claim my first!!), this is an outstanding effort and sets the club up for a positive future moving forward, well done to Derek ,Ivan and the boys on a fantastic three years.

Once again, our juniors were supported by an extensive and talented coaching group many of whom have Premier League experience that they were able to pass onto our kids to further develop their hockey skills and game knowledge, with out these dedicated coaches we could not field teams. I would like to thank all our coaches for 2021 for the dedication and time they invested in our juniors across 2021. Thankyou Lou, Mick, Jack, Jordan, Derek, Ivan, Gobin, Dan, Sam, Mark, and Harry without your input 2021 would not have been the success it was.

The 2021 junior season was more than just fielding teams and competing in the various age group competitions, the June Long weekend intrastate carnival re-emerged after a COVID break, a very successful junior presentation night was held, the Hood junior umpiring academy was conducted and a number of state underage teams were selected (unfortunately not all interstate competitions were held) all these activities require volunteer input from our club and I am pleased to say that as a club we were able to have great representation and input into all these activities.

JUNIOR REPORT 2021 CONTINUED – PAUL ASHBY

The season would not have been as successful and enjoyable without the assistance of our volunteers, I would like to thank

- Tegan, Jack, Derek, Gobin, Grace and James for their assistance in the June long Weekend selection process and coaching.
- Leah Cooper for organising and co-ordinating the club junior umpiring commitments each week
- The junior umpires Aleda, Alex, Shin, Grace, Lucy, Sam, Tom, Kacee and Will
- Jon Cooper for the work on the presentation night in particular the trophies
- Team managers Jo, Leah, and Helen
- John O’Keeffe for the tireless contribution via his photos and newsletter.

As season 2021 draws to a closure I look forward to seeing everyone back with some mates for season 2022.

Paul Ashby

Vice President Juniors



FULL FIELD MIXED



Full Field Mixed

Back L-R Jack McShane, Alexander Park, Jeremy McNeill, Amitesh Manral, Sam Pritchard (Coach)

Lola MacKenzie, Amaya Williams, Lily Grey, Scarlett Hall

Front L-R Jack Graham, Oscar Pither, Casey McNeill, Sebastian Williams, Matilda Lovering

Absent Mark Kealey (Coach), Nash Mansfield, Arthur Stoddart



U13



Under 13 Boys Div 1

Back Row L-R Will Petty, Henry Leis, Emerson Darke, Joseph Dick, Marcel Zwart, Zac MacLeod, Lewis Crane, Tom Lyons, Derek Zwart (Coach), Ivan Zwart (Ass Coach)

Front Row L-R Fergus Doerner, Archie Condon, Angus McMullen, Ryan Mee, Alex Grey, Tate Bowerman
Goalie Matthew Christopher



Under 13 Girls Div 1

Back L-R Jack Gray (Ass Coach) Demi Pigden, Sophie Cole, Matilda Richardson, Summer Jones, Lucie Johnston, Brooke Cunningham, Eliza Gardiner, Jordan Struthers (Coach)

Front L-R Macy Watts, Scarlett Hall, Lily Grey, Amaya Williams, Jorja Condon, Emily Cole, Isla Bylsma

Absent Ava Darke, Lily Hamilton, Jo Foster (Manager)

U15 BOYS



Under 15 Boys

Back L-R Dan Harper (Coach), Oliver Johnston, Jordan Christopher, Hamish Jones, Fletcher Pigden, Sam Meikle, Sam Lyons, Harley Wilkie

Front L-R Emerson Darke, Archie Condon, Angus McMullen, Oscar Hall, Tom Petty, Fergus DePaoli, Mason Roff

Absent Will Petty, Gobindraj Gill (Ass Coach)



U18



Back row: Harry Hughes (Coach) Justin Nyhuis, Josh Mee, Shin O'Keeffe, Jack Gray, Will Ashby, Dan Gregory

Front row: Will Gaffney, Oscar Neale, Jack Larkin, Angus Cooper, Ilya Harper, Kane Shelverton

Absent : Hugo Grubb, Leah Cooper (Manager)



Back row Louisa Jacobson coach, Tabitha Glowacki, Isabel Grubb, Georgia Bennett, Sofie Millington, Clare Wilkinson, Alice Herbert, Hannah Mendel, Aleda Bayley

Front row Edie Bethlehem, Rosie Fish, Sophie Lucas, Lucy McMullen, Maeve Bylsma, Charlotte Howells, Lucy Cooper, Mick Gregory co-coach **Absent:** Charlotte Ralph

2021 JUNIOR PRESENTATION





2021 JUNIOR AWARD RECIPIENTS

Full Field Mixed

B&F

Most Improved

Just Hockey

Alex Park

Scarlett Hall

Oscar Pither

Under 13 Boys

B&F

Most Improved

Just Hockey

Angus McMullen

Matthew Christopher

Tate Bowerman

Under 13 Girls

B&F

Most Improved

Just Hockey

Lucie Johnston

Demi Pigden

Jorja Condon

Under 15 Boys

B&F

Most Improved

Just Hockey

Sam Meikle

Archie Condon

Harley Wilkie

Under 18 Girls

B&F

Most Improved

Just Hockey

Lucy McMullen

Charlotte Howells

Lucy Cooper

Under 18 Boys

B&F

Most Improved

Just Hockey

Angus Cooper

Justin Nyhuis

Oscar Neale

Kai O'Keeffe Award

Fletcher Pigden

Junior Encouragement Award for Umpiring

Shintaro OKeeffe

Neville Bradbury Award for Junior Encouragement

Alistair White

PHOTOS FROM 2021



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2021 SENIOR PRESENTATION NIGHT





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2021 SENIOR PRESENTATION NIGHT

Prem League Men	Julian Vittorio
Prem League Women	Louisa Jacobson
1st Grade Men	Bailey Slyp, Brodie Foster
1st Grade Women	Lana Hunnibell
2nd Grade Men	Warren Lucas
2nd Grade Women	Amy Tremayne
3rd Grade Men	Arthur Liddiard
3rd Grade Women	Olivia Eade
4th Grade Men	Not Awarded
4th Grade Women	Elise Ling, Angela Green, Kim Ponting
Vets Men Div 1	Adrian Honey
Vets Men Div 2	Scott Linnane
Vets Women Div 1	Kate Crichton and Lana Hunnibell
Vets Women Div 2	Kate McCreadie
Most Promising U21 Male	Harvey Bessell
Most Promising U21 Female	Maeve Bylsma
Highest Goal Scorer PL Men	Jai Walker-Kidd
Highest Goal Scorer PL Women	Ashleigh Arthur
Best Junior Club Person	Alistair White
Best Club Person	Paul Ashby
Junior Encouragement for Umpiring	Shintaro O'Keeffe
Neville Bradbury for Junior Dev	Alistair White
Club Spirit Award	John O'Keeffe
Tim Leary	Kate Crichton
Eddie Ockenden	Lottie Jago
Muirjohn	Not Presented
Life Membership	Nikki White
Award of Merit	Derek Zwart
	Tegan Darke
	Justin Bessell
	Michelle Carney
	Justine White



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2021 SHL AWARDS

Play the Whistle: NWHGHC

Dean Williams Award: Bob Gregory & Paul Ashby

2021 Best & Fairest

Premier league Men James Bourke, NWG

Women's Masters Div 2: Kate McReadie, NWG

2021 Minor Premiers

2nd Grade Men: NWG

2021 Premiers

2nd Grade Men NWG

2nd grade women NWG

Hood Family Junior Umpire Academy graduates: Tom Petty (NWG)

Certificates of Appreciation – JUA Presenters & Umpire Mentors: Paul Ashby (NWG), Lesley Harrison (Rostering Group Coordinator), Bob Gregory (Technical Support Group)

