



Sydney Uni
Hockey Club

Annual Report 2019



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Executive Reports

President's Report

Anthony McInnes

The annual report provides an opportunity for both reflection and, especially in the case of our club, optimism. We are a club with a valued and important history that defines who we are and what we stand for. However, it is our future actions that will drive the direction of the club. I am confident, given the calibre of people that stand behind our mighty crest, that this direction is positive, that our future is bright and that the Students have much to look forward to as our club evolves over the coming years.

Club administration, often referred to as the sexy part of the club, has hummed along this year. Thank you to our Executive Committee. Anne Simmons is a wonderful asset to our club and continues to keep a watchful eye over the financial viability, resulting in the Hockey Club being one of the most financially strong clubs in SUSF. Eliza Roche keeps a lid on the extraordinary amount of correspondence flowing in and out of the club, especially one of our size accountable to 8 different associations and groups. Our VPs in Brian Fitzpatrick, Sarah Ford, Jacinta Mallon and Justin Knott have coordinated and corralled our players and managers into a successful playing group this season. Matt Cudmore provides a level head and independent eye as Club Captain. Our broader committee have stepped up this season, including Alex Hewish on socials, Dave Hewish as webmaster, Sri Puthi somehow keeping control over our equipment and logistics and Matt Apps as umpire coordinator. Brett Radcliffe is our valuable Club Historian and records keeper. Emily Thompson had a turn as social coordinator and did a spectacular job. It is also the smaller roles throughout the club that continue to amaze me with the lengths people will go to in order to help, so thank you to all those involved. As always, I encourage everyone to always look for ways that they can contribute.

We launched a new website this year. The look-and-feel is hopefully a lot more attractive, as is accessibility of the information. However, the website is only as good as the content that is sent through to it. The registration process was also changed to utilise the new functionality; there were the predictable bugs of a new launch but broadly the feedback has been positive, as new features are set to be included in 2020. We were able to launch a new 'non-student' fundraising option through the support of the University, which allows tax-deductible donations to be made to it with the beneficiaries not necessarily being University students. This is an important development; we will always recognise that we are a University club and the support of students is a high priority but we also must adapt



to the changing nature of our membership and find ways to support their growth in hockey.

Our Women's club surely is the envy of all others in our wake, with a super successful 2019 season capped off with 4 premierships. I believe our success comes down to several factors, some of which can't properly be articulated in a report. Tangibly, having our own turf with regular, centralised training being made available to all 9 of our women's teams is a major contributor. The commitment of our women's team throughout the season with record



numbers in attendance is a credit to the coaches running valuable sessions and the players themselves. It is also the hunger of our women's players to learn and push themselves which is fantastic. Our coaches are amazing, with our club again seeing all 9 teams having a coach to coordinate and manage our teams. We aim to do even more in 2020 and beyond to further enrich the coaching skills within our club, as there has been a strong desire from the coaching cohort to develop and grow. We are looking to implement additional pathways to encourage women to coach more in the future, as there are valuable contributions that could be made here. Well done Jay and teams!



Hockey as a sport is an interesting beast for the men's side. The club each year must ask itself where do players come from. There is not a pipeline of participants coming through from the school girls competition and our juniors are not yet pushing through regular numbers. Hockey is also a fairly daunting sport to completely new participants looking to join fresh later in life (although more on this later). We must acknowledge that we primarily either get new players from other Sydney clubs or new people but existing players to the area. The former does not help our sport and we have a club policy to not actively recruit from other clubs. So, it is the attraction of players moving to Sydney that

is super important to growth. It is with this view that making Sydney University Hockey club a 'destination' club that must be a major focus of the club into the future. This should be through the calibre of facilities and coaching available, the opportunities presented by being a part of our alumni and the social aspects of the club, as well as being competitive on a weekly basis. It is also extremely important to retain as many players as possible from year-to-year.

2019 was a challenging year for our men's club. The trial of the competition organisers to effectively create a separate 1st grade league meant that for over half of the season 1st and 2nd grade played not only different opponent clubs but at different venues. This negatively impacted the opportunities for developing players (less minutes due to capability in 1st grade, less minutes in 2nd grade due to availability), which then has flow on effects throughout the rest of the club. Our managers and players pushed through this though, with our top four teams making finals this year, with 3rd grade winning an unlikely but thoroughly deserved premiership. Special mention must be given to our 5th and 6th grade teams, who were regraded higher this season despite finishing well down the ladder in 2018, meaning weekly 'goals for' were hard to come by. However, this commendable group of men kept morale high throughout the season and put a team on the park all the way until the end. Thank you to all the managers, that run selections, organise their teams (and others!), get in the stats, umpire, email, message, phone and generally keep the men's club running weekly.



What other sport can see so many players compete until well into their 60s and 70s and be able to have a beer together after the game? It is an attribute of our sport, and the comradie within the playing group of our club, that pulls players back each year despite the predictable "probably my last season" comments that swirl around this time of the season. All four of our men's Masters teams

made finals this year, a first for the club. Unfortunately, there were no conversions into premierships (granted there were a couple of minors in there). Player numbers were stretched, although thanks to an additional recruitment effort not as much as previous years, although more work must be done to keep it at a sustainable level. I believe that Master's hockey could really be pushed more to involve new entrants to the sport. The environment is more forgiving than grade hockey and the timeslots more manageable for those with busy lives. Is there also a women's masters team in the making for our club? I would like to hope so, as it would provide a fantastic avenue for women to rejoin our club and feel they have a different place to participate.

The Juniors side of the club is an extremely important aspect that currently relies on the commitment of several key contributors to keep it running. It is challenging for several reasons. As a University club the majority of our members aren't pushing their own children through the age groups simply because they aren't at that life-stage yet, so we lack hockey knowledge at a parent level so those without a direct connection are being asked to help. The area surrounding our home turf at Lidcombe traditionally has other dominant sports, meaning schools as the normal 'go-to' for attracting participants is challenging. There is also the time-poor nature of parents and their children, as the competition for participation in hockey wrestles against other sports and activities of not only the kids but their weekly lifts (i.e. the parents). But, and there is a but, it is *not* a lost cause. Our sport and club offers so many advantages and it is these that we must push into the broader community. Boys and girls mix together freely, the changed rules recently for younger kids have increased the in-game involvement rate (no longer does the full-back just sit at the top of the circle), we play in all weather, we are supported by the resources of the University which in itself is a fantastic brand and one that parents are interested in being associated with and finally it's just a darn fun sport! The club must continue the investment in the junior club.



The extraordinary legacy of the Pryor's cannot be overstated. Their contribution, visible through the existing turf infrastructure and invisible, but no less important, through the culture they represented that resonates through the club to this day, will undoubtedly exist through the ages. The monetary contribution left to the club as a part of their bequest is



currently invested in shorter maturity (6-12 month) term deposits in multiple tranches, with the total amount plus interest earned currently over \$6 million. The funds are in the stewardship of SUSF, with direct input by the club on its use. There has been no spend of the funds to date. The University is currently in the process of defining their long term plan for the Cumberland Campus, which will subsequently steer where and when any further developments would be made. There are several moving parts involved, including the role of teaching services on the campus, the use of existing infrastructure, the development of the Westmead campus and the opportunity for

sporting services around Cumberland. Because of this uncertainty, the club continues to believe that term deposits provide the best mix of risk-adjusted returns and flexibility, if a decision was to be made with immediate action required. A second turf was the stated desire of Bruce and Jenny Pryor and the club will continue to guide the direction of the bequeathed funds towards this goal.

The future of the club is full of possibilities. As my turn at the stewardship of the club draws to an end, I'm excited by what the next steps will be for everyone. There is a platform here, built upon slowly over time, piece by piece by the previous administrators and players. Each one with the best intentions, and a strong desire to see our club be the best it can be. So could this be you too? Can you play a role? I guess I'll see you around the fields or the pub, and let's celebrate the family that is our club from the past, in this SUHCessful 2019 season and in those years to come.

Up the Students

Ant



Club Captain's Report

Matthew Cudmore

As the curtain comes down on the 2019 season we can look back proudly on a hugely memorable year, which included two minor premierships, eight grand finals and ultimately four teams bringing home the bacon.

Where else to start but with the remarkable season for the women's club, with six of our nine teams making their respective grand finals. This led to a hugely memorable Sunday at Homebush, as hordes of SUHC spectators shuttled between the two fields at Olympic willing our top five teams to victory. A huge congratulations must go to our victorious ML2, ML3 and ML5 teams, with a special mention to the unstoppable ML3 team winning their 4th consecutive title (#thequaddie). A truly remarkable achievement which we may not see replicated for a long long time. Commiseration to ML1 and ML4 who finished second best on the day in a couple of close games, but with both teams finishing the regular season as minor premiers they can look back at the 2019 season with pride.

Finally, a special mention must go to Women's 9th grade. It was fantastic to see this group, who have been playing together for a number of years, not only qualify for finals for the first time, but make their first ever grand final. Sadly it wasn't to be on the big day as they finished runners up in a hard fought 2-1 defeat, but this shouldn't take away from what was a fantastic achievement.

For our men it was a disjointed season, not helped by several unusual scheduling decision made by SHA. This made it all the more encouraging when we finished the regular season with our top four teams all qualifying for finals. The stand out performance was from PL3, with their come-from-behind victory in the grand final. This feat was all the more impressive given the huge turnover in personnel at the start of the season. I also want to spare a thought for the Sydney League teams who had a tough year. Changes to the league structure saw 5th and 6th grade both promoted a division despite finishing 5th and 7th (of eight) respectively the previous year. Credit needs to be given to everyone involved for the spirit and determination demonstrated each week. Hopefully we can rectify the grading next season.

Rounding out our grand final appearances was our Master's A division, who advanced straight to the GF after beating minor premiers Ryde in the semis. It may well be that the week off was more of a hindrance than a help, with the team ultimately going down 3-2 in a close contest with Briars. Not the result they wanted but still a great season for all involved.

I'd like to finish by thanking all the coaches, managers, VPs and other volunteers who continue give up their time each week and each season. It is because of all of you that we have the club continues to thrive.

Here's to a big 2020!

Cuddles

Men's Vice President's Report

Justin Knott

Coming out of a successful 2018 season, the men's sides were ready to start 2019 strong with a solid attendance at all preseason sessions and the intentions of being a dominant club across all divisions. But there was a slight hiccup with SHA deciding to reshuffle the comp structure which meant some of our teams were regraded into higher leagues. Whilst some teams may have been slightly out of their depths and despite some big losses, the guys remained strong and positive throughout the season, showing their passion for hockey. But the preseason efforts did pay off with all 4 of our premier teams making it to the finals and 3rd grade coming out with GOLD for the first time in 21 years.

Whilst some teams were not as successful on the field this season as they would have liked to be, it did not seem to hinder their commitment and involvement both on the field and off the field. This was one of the biggest social years on record with representatives from each grade attending every social event. This is a great testimony of the great club that we play for.

The Glebe, our sponsor pub most definitely became our second home this season. With renovations finishing up, everyone made the most of it with all teams swinging by for a celebratory drink, festivities or team bonding at Wednesday Trivia night.

It was another season full of hockey. The club had 146 men's players registered who played a total of 133 games, scored a combined total 237 goals, with our top 4 teams in the finals and one taking the premiership!

Special mention to those who now been around for a long time and are very much part of the club.

Seventh Grade managed by Paul Rattray

A tough season for seventh grade as a result of the SHA regrading, but managed to finish 6th on the table. But that didn't stop David Loxton being the 3rd highest goal scorer in the PL5 comp with 11 goals and tied highest goal scorer within SUHC and Malcolm Monteiro being in the top 10 goal scorers in PL5 with 7 goals this season.

B&F: Peter Flynn MVC: David Loxton

Sixth grade managed by Haydn Marshall

6th grade was, unfortunately, hit the hardest with the regrading from SHA. But despite conceding 109 goals, they gave it their all week after and every week and showed that they were up for the challenge and managed to get 14 goals in the net. Hats off to everyone in the team for their commitment this season, it can surely only go up from here!

B&F: Michael Balk MVC: Anei Thou

Fifth grade managed by Matthijs Koreman

Another solid season for 5th grade, with Ed Clancy taking the most awards at preso night (Social male of the year, coach of the year and MVC). With the fixtures not quite in their favour finishing 10th of the ladder the guys remained positive and spirits remained high. There were a number of 5th-grade players that were knocking on the door of 4th grade showing that there is talent through the ranks and one noticeably, Hamish Christeller, who was selected for 4th grade leading up to finals.

B&F: Hamish Christeller MVC: Edward Clancy

Fourth grade managed by Rowan MacDonald

With 3rd grade looking slim in numbers this season, the mighty 4th grade lost a few of the youngsters. And the youth of the team, Cuddles managed to miss half the season having more injuries than Ed Baker! But never fear, collectively without fail, it is the most experienced and most capped team in SUHC! Michael Irby got over the big 900 games for the club by not missing a single game all season, playing 20 for 4th grade and a sneaky few games for 3rd grade.

B&F: Chris Bisset MVC: Brian Gunner

Third grade managed by Max Loxton

Premiership Team for 2019!!! With distant memories of the last time a SUHC men's team won a grand final, this is history in the making. But who would have thought earlier on in the season? A shaky start with less than 10 permanent registered players, 3rd grade was heavily dependent on doubles each week to take the field. It wasn't looking like a promising season for 3rd grade. But like a phoenix rising from the ashes, Max Loxton took charge and the team started to find their feet and charged headfirst towards finals contention. But things were tense, it was thanks to Nick Johnston's golden goal in the semi-final meant 3s to face Moorebank Liverpool in the grand final.

Special mention to Calam Baird whose first-ever game for SUHC resulted in breaking his own teammate's leg (myself), he held his own and became a fundamental part of 3rd grade to finished his first season with a premiership and representing the NSW U18 Blues team at the age of 16.

B&F: Hayden Boyd MVC: Max Loxton

Second grade managed by Philip Price

With a strong prem squad, it was a promising year for 2nd grade who had a surplus of talented players. Finishing 4th on the table scoring 49 goals this season, the highest amount scored by a SUHC men's side this season. Nominated social team of the year, both on and off the field, the guys were a strong presence in the club attending every social event in mass and were always helping out doubling for other teams throughout the season. Despite losing the quarters, it was a strong season and no doubt the guys will be back hungry for that premiership in 2020.

B&F: Vince Umbers

MVC: Peter Cobcroft

First grade managed by Chris Laird and Scott Barker

1st grade has come into their own this season with great performances on and off the field. The team stood out from past years breaking the social stigma with a divide between prem squad and the rest of the club. Despite the challenges of often being at a different venue to the rest of the club for half the season, the guys showed great team spirit, playing for the team and the club and always supporting other men's and women's team and attending all social events.

It is exciting to see huge amount of young talent is coming through the club with the 1st-grade squad having a large representation of players making state sides in 2019. Special mention to the following guys:

NSW Pride: Matt Flemming (NSW Pride squad), Seb Rollings (U16 Australian All-Schools Four Nations) Angus Baird; Sam Bell; Rashil Jetley, Connor Tuddenham; Sam Wright; Aden Smith and Jeremy Mosley (2020 NSW U21s Squad)

B&F: Connor Tuddenham MVC: Matt Fleming

Finally, I would like to thank the Managers and Coaches who got us through the season. You make my job easy and are the glue of the team and the reason we have such a strong, competitive and social club. Thank you to Scott Barker, Chris Laird, Phil Price, Max Loxton, Rowan Macdonald, Matthijs Koreman, Haydn Marshall and Paul Rattray for everything and particularly with the mad rush around every week to make sure everyone had a full team on the pitch.

And of course thank you to Club President Ant McInnes, Secretary Eliza Roach, Club Captain Matt Cudmore and everyone else of the Committee, for all your help and support this year as I was away a lot / out of action, I truly appreciate all of the extra work they took on, on my behalf. The club would not be the same without you guys.

Justin Knott

SUHC Men's VP

Women's Vice President's Report

Jacinta Mallon

The 2019 women's season was arguably the strongest season throughout all 9 teams. Despite having one less team than last year, SUHC reached an incredible achievement in having our top 6 teams in the SWHL competition, the top 5 of which made it through to the grand final. Each player, team coach, manager and supporter should be extremely proud of the achievements of our women's club this year and the contribution everyone made.

2019 marked the second full season at Sydney Uni's home turf, the Bruce Pryor field, where several Sundays had back to back Sydney Uni games, with a number of opportunities for club days and barbecues. The club spirit and team camaraderie was evident within each team and between the teams, with teams showing up to support each other throughout the season. It was amazing to see so many SUHC players out and supporting our 5 SWHL teams in their grand finals! The women also attended the club social events in large numbers, which allowed bonding across all grades.

As in previous years, SUHC had teams in two different competitions. Grades 1-6 played in the Sydney Women's Hockey League competition, grades 7-9 played in the SNWHA comp. the results across both competitions were extremely strong, and a special mention must go to our 6th grade team who moved up to play in SWHL.

So, how did each of our teams go?

Ninth grade, coached again by Ed Clancy, is a group of girls who have played together for years in the Sydney North comp and come back each year more enthusiastic than the last. This year, their hard work and determination paid off with ninth grade making the grand final for Division D for the first time ever. While they ultimately took home silver, the girls fought hard in a 1 nil loss to ND Strikers.

Eighth grade, coached by Tim Wohlers-Reichel, motivated a new group of girls to play in the Sydney north women's comp division C, which had a number of tough competitive teams. Ultimately the girls placed 6th. The girls fought hard throughout the season and should be proud of their efforts.

Seventh grade, under the guidance of Maya Loasby, who initially decided she was only going to coach to pursue her marathon running career, fought hard throughout the season. However that didn't last long, and Maya realised she was missing out and decided to join in 6th grade, while also playing some games in 7s. Seventh grade played in the Sydney North Women's comp division B and finished up in seventh place. With a number of new players this year, the team of coaches managing our 7-9th grade teams worked extremely well together. These girls are passionate about the sport and were willing to step in and assist all teams across all divisions when numbers were low in the middle of the season.

Sixth grade made history this year by being the first SUHC team to play in ML 6, making SUHC the first club to have a team in all SWHL grades. This was a great opportunity for our girls to play in the SWHL competition. Guided by Aaron Lacey, one of the most dedicated individuals to SUHC and great lover of hockey, the girls made their mark on the SWHL competition. Despite not making finals, 6th grade placed an impressive 6th in their first year in the SWHL competition. Again, low numbers during the middle of the season meant the girls often relied on fill ins from 5th grade. Next year we hope to see the opportunity for many other club days and have a full suite of Sydney Uni women's teams home games and club days.

Fifth grade finished second with 34 points on the board to MosHarbour. The girls made the grand final, pushing MosHarbour out into the preliminary final and sailing through to the gold medal match. Alex Hewish frantically changed her flights to Paris to make sure she was there for the grand final. And thank god she did! Alex scored the first two goals in their 5-1 gold medal win. The girls were coached by Vasu.

Fourth grade, instructed again by Josef Visser had an extremely successful year, claiming the minor premiership and an impressive 49 points. Their biggest winning streak was an amazing 12 in a row. The girls fought hard towards throughout the competition, winning their semi-final to make it straight into the grand final. Unfortunately the girls went down to Moorebank 3-2.

Third grade, arguably the most consistently successful team in SUHC in the last ten years, took out the premiership for the fourth year in a row. Third grade defeated Mosman-Harbourside 1-0, with a questionable goal to Sara Louie. This team, consistently and passionately coached by Emma Scriven, has been together since before anyone can remember. We know them as some of the biggest personalities in the club, but also some of the most loyal and dedicated players.

Second grade were the last team to receive a coach, ultimately Jez stepped up to guide this fun loving and social team to the 2019 premiership. 2018 goalie Zara stepped into a new role as manager due to a knee injury. Second grade faced rivals Moorebank in the grand final, ultimately winning 3-2. This team showed fantastic club spirit and showed the rest of us how to truly balance work, uni, sport and friends. A young team with so much potential, it is hoped that all the girls come back next year. A noticeable difference will be the loss of Sookie, as she embarks on her new journey as a mum, but we look forward to meeting the next generation of SUHC juniors.

First grade started off with a competitive trial process with a number of new faces this year coming to join the students from other clubs. This year, first grade was coached by Chris Moylan, with his innovative style ensured that training was never dull. While first grade is proud of its on-field achievements, it's our off field friendship and support that have inspired the key members of the team to continue to play for so long. 2019 marks the retirement of Fi Tout who has played for SUHC through juniors and Georgie Forbes-Smith, one of our longest serving Tasmanian imports. First grade took out the minor premiership and went straight through to the grand final. First grade faced rivals Ryde

Hunters Hill and unfortunately went down 3-1, with one goal going to Claudia Johnston. The girls improved, placing one better than 2018 and everything is set for another successful year and gold medal next year!

All in all, the women's side of the club had an extremely successful year and it's all down to the hard work the players, coaches and supporters put into each team and each game. We were lucky enough to come away with 3 gold and 3 silver medals out of nine teams, which is extraordinary for a club and shows our depth and strength across all grades through our coaches and players.

I look forward to seeing everyone around next year!

Jacinta/Jay



Juniors' Vice President's Report

Sarah Ford

This year saw the junior club continue the rebuild since our recent relocation to our home turf in Lidcombe. With numbers dwindling in the older age group, and a focus on recruiting younger, local players the club held a number of Come and Try clinics. These clinics run at the beginning of the year attracted many new players to the club, whilst we saw many players return for another incredible season. An influx of new players allowed the club to not enter one but two U11 teams into the SEHA competition this year along with an U17 side.

The first of our U11 teams, U11 Gold, coached by Jimmy Crabb had a fantastic year. Due to the need to enter two teams this year, and the addition of a few first-year overage players, the team was entered into the A grade competition. The A grade competition definitely challenged the team, which consisted of an even mix of returning and new players. Each week the team showed dramatic improvement with many clubs not being aware that half the team was in their first year of hockey. This is a wonderful achievement by all of the players. A special mention needs to go to Hamish Crabb who took out the Best and Fairest award, Mitchell Barker for being awarded Most Consistent Player and the Coaches award went to Isabelle Law in her very first year of hockey.

Our second U11 team, U11 Blue, faced a number of challenges this year regarding numbers. Despite this, there were a core group of players who gave it their absolute best all season. This team were mostly all in their first year of hockey. With the guidance of the wonderful Scott Barker every single player was able to improve out of sight and they all show great promise for the future. The team may not have many points on the ladder but the sheer level of improvement the team showed and enthusiasm they team every week was amazing and truly reminded all who are involved in the program why they are there in the first place! A special mention needs to go to Best and Fairest Winner Jai Dimmock, Most Consistent player Aurora Beaumont and the recipient of the Coach's award Maxime Mariasson.

We now come to our U17 team coached by Gen Bowes and managed by Kristenn Wong. SUHC was very lucky to be leant a helping hand by Bankstown Hockey club this year who had five U15 players who were willing to play with our U17 team each week under the SUHC banner. This allowed us to field a team week in week out and have somewhere for our original players, who have stayed with us during our move to Bruce Pryor, to play. The team may have been lucky to every field a full side but with each week they showed tremendous effort and decreased the score difference with every game they played. Not bad for a team that was usually playing with at least one less player than the other team! Special mention to the recipients of this year's awards, Best and Fairest winner Kurt Strohmayer, Most Consistent Player Alessandra Mullard and the Coach's Award Edward Wong.

Overall, it was a fantastic season for the junior club, which saw the club really build in its numbers in the younger age groups. This shows positive signs for the future and we hope to retain all that played this year. There are a number of people that I would like

to thank who have really helped out this year. First and foremost, to Scott Barker, who was always helping me and even selflessly took on a coaching role when there were no volunteers. Also, thank you to Emma Scriven who passed on her wisdom at the beginning of the year allowing us to get the season off and running. Thank you to all the coaches, particularly to Jimmy Crabb who ran an extra training session in Camperdown every week, for those who could not make it out to Lidcombe. Training sessions and Come and Try clinics would not have been possible without the assistance of our Senior Prem Squad players. Finally, to all those who helped out by volunteering to umpire each week, particularly Greg Robinson who covered majority of the U17 games, the games would not be able to proceed without your help.

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Masters' Vice President's Report

Brian Fitzpatrick

In 2019 the Sydney University Hockey Club (SUHC) Masters teams entered the competition of the Sydney Masters Hockey Association. SUHC along with Ryde were the only two clubs to enter a team in all four divisions.

Again, we struggled for good numbers across all teams. Fortunately, we were able to double up / down more players than in previous years, which allowed us to put 11 players on the field for each team each week - or at least until the six-match rule came into play.

Credit for this must firstly go to Peter Flynn, Paul Rattray and the third and fourth grade squads. Playing 3's and 4's as a squad gives much greater flexibility in the weekly numbers. By expanding this to 1's and 2's this year saw much greater doubling up between all the teams. So, credit here to Chris Moylan, Mick Irby and all the players that helped out, either up or down a grade.

Given our shortage of numbers, I expect this strategy to continue next year, unless we can get another half a dozen or so players to play.

The move to a 6:30 start was also generally well received.

Pre-season was well supported. By entering one team we ensured that we had sufficient numbers each week. This also helped in team camaraderie, as there was a greater spread of standard of players in the team. It was evident that the best players in the first few weeks of the competition proper were the players who participated in pre-season.

The overall result was a very successful year on the field. All our teams made at least the preliminary final. This is a magnificent achievement and congratulations go to all. Winning more games than you lose definitely helps with the overall enjoyment of the game.

The fact that we are all able to enjoy a weekly / fortnightly hit, run and social catch up with players that in some cases we have known since undergraduate days 40 years or so ago, is still the main benefit of playing Masters hockey.

The John Dwyer Tenacity Award remembers the late John Dwyer and his tenacity over adversity, and service to the club in general. The award looks to recognise a current Masters player who has displayed John's many traits, both this year and in previous years. The 2019 stick was awarded to Crichton Smith for the second time. Crichton achieved the milestones of 300 plus SUHC Masters games, third grade best and fairest player, the best provider of after match hors d'oeuvres, as well as being an all-round good bloke. Well done Crichton.

John Dwyer Tenacity Award Winners

2004.	Geoff Eldridge
2005.	Greg Reynolds
2006.	Malcom Newman
2007.	Crichton Smith
2008.	Andy Wright
2009.	Rowan McDonald
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2011.	Michael Irby
2012.	Ken Kershaw
2013.	Charlie Young
2014.	Brian Fitzpatrick
2015.	Ian Dyson
2016.	Damian Chown
2017.	Jason Faulks
2018.	Phil Price
2019.	Crichton Smith

Brian FITZPATRICK
Vice President, Masters

Treasurer's Report

Anne Simmons

2019 was another successful year for SUHC from a financial and administrative point of view.

Sydney University Sport & Fitness (SUSF) continued its strong support of the club and we thank it for its ongoing backing. We continued to work very constructively with the SUSF team on general finances, budgeting, coaches' contracts and a range of other admin matters. The one downside was that SUSF's wonderful Finance Manager, Aleksandra Pozder, left during the year. Aleksandra has long been a strong supporter of the Hockey Club and we worked together closely for nearly a decade, including the implementation of the club's online registration system. We wish Aleksandra well in her new exciting role in Canberra and welcome her replacement – Adrian Sligar – who has very big shoes to fill indeed.

Thank you also to our two external sponsors, Just Hockey and The Glebe. Just Hockey has supported the Club for many years and The Glebe joined us in 2017 as our sponsor pub and venue for all social events. We look forward to continuing our relationship with both sponsors into the future.

From an administrative point of view, the club registration process was more challenging than in past seasons and I would like to thank Ant and the VPs for their efforts in getting everyone across the line with their registrations. It is an enormous task to ensure that all players are registered with both SUHC and HNSW and members of SUSF before they take the field, and we are always mindful of the risks for unregistered players. We hope that we can bed down a number of planned improvements to the new club rego process in time for the 2020 season.

The Bruce Pryor Field at the university's Cumberland campus continues to be a major benefit for the club. The field is on land owned by the university but is operated by SUSF, who maintain it and organise all bookings. We do not pay turf fees to SUSF for use of the field. Instead, SUSF provides a proportionally lower financial allotment to the Club. We continue to pay considerable turf fees overall, though, through our SHA, SWHL and Masters association fees as well as smaller amounts for junior training and games which are not billed through the associations. One challenge here is that the association fees are often set after we set our own player fees, so the increases (there are never decreases) are not recovered. Umpiring payments were less complicated this year with the new SNWHA comp taking responsibility for providing umpires for their games again. Thanks to Matt Apps for marshalling payments for all SWHL umpires.

With a great effort from our wonderful Social Convener, Emily, we again ensured that all of our social events broke even or made a small profit that was then used for other activities such as Preso Night and VPs Night. We also maintained a long-standing policy of treating all players equally, so that everyone is expected to pay the same (comparatively low) SUHC fees unless they fall into the agreed exceptions like Life

Members. As a result, and thanks to our sponsors, the Club should achieve a small net operating profit at year end.

In closing, I would again like to thank SUSF for its great support during the year and everyone else who has assisted the club from an administrative point of view.

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Foundation Report

Brian Fitzpatrick

The University of Sydney Sport Foundation (USSF) is part of the Foundation of the University of Sydney and its accounts are included in the consolidated University of Sydney accounts. The Hockey Division is a division of the general sports division of USSF.

The USSF Council met four times during the year. The Hockey Club was represented at these meetings by Brian Fitzpatrick.

There are many divisions within USSF. The relevant Hockey Club divisions are:

Capital works division

The capital works division supports the raising of gifts to be used for specific building and infrastructure projects. The Home of Hockey Appeal (HoHA) launched in August 2015 is part of this division. HoHA raised nearly **\$1.5m** for the building of the Bruce Pryor Hockey Field. The field was opened officially in October 2017.

Hockey division

The hockey division is a separately accounted for sub-division of the Foundation, allowing the hockey club to raise funds. Being a part of the greater University Foundation, it allows donations to the hockey division to be tax deductible.

As at 30 June 2019 hockey divisional funds totalled **\$138,913**. These funds are invested in the capital preserved account.

Sporting scholarship division

The aim of this division is to raise philanthropic gifts in support of the sporting scholarship program and subsequently benefit the Elite Athlete Program (EAP). Hockey receives 50% of the Mollie Dive Hockey and Cricket Scholarship funding. This scholarship has arisen and continues to benefit from the extraordinarily generous donations of Dr Margaret Tyrell who wishes to honour a contemporary of hers, Mollie Dive. Scholarship funds for the joint hockey / cricket scholarship total **\$197,662.18** at 30 June 2019, meaning **\$98,831.09** is used for the hockey scholarship. The capital is preserved with earnings being provided to an Elite Women's Hockey Athlete.

Mollie Dive hockey scholarship recipients were:

2016 – Greta Hayes (\$1500 per semester)

2017 – Greta Hayes (\$2500 per semester)

2018 – Kyah Gray (\$2000 per semester)

2019 – No recipient

Gifts and bequests

The amazing legacy of Bruce and Jenny Pryor lives on, and not just in the Bruce Pryor Field. The Hockey Club is in the process of receiving a bequest of over **\$6m** from Bruce and Jenny Pryor's estate. Funds received so far have been invested in term deposits and are earning interest for the Hockey club. The funds will ultimately be employed for Stage 2 of the Bruce and Jenny Pryor Hockey Complex at Lidcombe. Sydney University Sport and Fitness (SUSF) is the trustee of these funds and the funds must be used for the benefit of the Hockey Club and most importantly in the building of stage 2, specifically for a second hockey pitch.

Rob Smithies, the Executive Director of SUSF, is in discussions with Greg Robinson, Director of Campus Infrastructure Services, and the Hockey Club around how these funds best be used. These discussions are being held in the context of SUSF plans to develop Lidcombe with state of the art sporting facilities for Cricket, Australian Rules and Soccer, not only Hockey. There are also discussions around the best use of the gymnasium and upgrading the facilities there, including club rooms.

These are very exciting times for Sydney University Hockey. The Bruce and Jenny Pryor bequest is going to continue to allow the Sydney University Hockey Club to further develop its facilities and playing capabilities over many years.

Brian Fitzpatrick

October 2019

Australian University Games

Women

Emily Caterson

It's difficult to sum up the Division 1 Australian Uni Games 2019 Hockey team, but the phrase that comes to mind is absolute carnage. Luckily, this purely refers to off-field deeds, as on the field we were an unstoppable force, much like Emma Parsons on a night out.

The build-up to uni games, I'll be honest, was a bit of a mess. The majority of the team were still recovering from grand finals two weeks before, and the unsuccessful training due to no balls resulted in a trip to Messina that was great for morale, but less good for hockey ability. However, we all made it to the Gold Coast in fine form, keen for a big week with only a few excess baggage issues, although surprisingly none from Saskia Hartog.

The first few games were tight, as we all learnt each other's styles and formed a game plan. Spoiler alert, it consisted of do your best to trap and get the ball, then pass it to Jaimie and/or Erin for a bit of razzle-dazzle. Some of us struggled a bit more than others, with Queen Big-Girl Emily Caterson demonstrating a new method of trapping that looked similar to how one would hold a pan when flipping a pancake. Although highly entertaining, not at all effective. This also applies to several of the girls' nightly activities, and that's all I'm going to say on that.

To be completely honest, a lot of the games have blurred together by now, but I'll sum up the highlights. The 7:40pm game was a stitch up, but massive thanks must be given to PC and Brad for supporting us at every game, even the ones we ourselves didn't want to be at. Couldn't have asked for better sideline support or water boys, considering Scott was filling up his bottle with beers. We also had a convincing 9-1 victory over Adelaide, with almost everyone scoring a goal, including our goalie Lil "Snack" Cossetto, who showed the strikers how it's done and was in the perfect position to score at the post. Not sure how many goals we scored off short corners over the week, big shout out to Erin for her drag flick. So convenient and we all appreciated the leg work you saved us.

Off the field, some of us were still put together and some of us were in shambles. Notable offences were from Saskia, who gave her student ID instead of her room number at breakfast, and Sarah Ford who rallied hard every night but fell asleep completely vertical in Shooters on the final night. Rapunzel, for the method with which she earned her nickname (commendations, really) and Waffle for not repeating the method by which she won her name. Roommate of the week goes to Rachel for tactical exits and an honourable mention to BFG, who true to name and form broke the gavel. Overall, the whole team displayed a general wholesomeness that was genuinely a pleasure to be around. The only exception to this was the love poetry in joint court, which is probably best forgotten, for the sake of all involved.

But it all would have counted for nothing had we not managed to win that final day. Confusion as to the location of the hockey field aside, it was a bloody hot day and the girls gave it everything they had left in the tank. The semi-final was thankfully not as difficult as expected, which gave the team a much needed breather before the big dance. It was scorching hot by the afternoon, and the game was genuinely a nail-biter with great chances for both sides. QUT was an extremely solid side, with a strong defensive line, skilful and fast girls in the midfield and dangerous players up front. Entering the final quarter, we were still 0-0 but some fancy work

from Erin saw us 1-0 up going into the last 7 minutes. QUT seriously put us under the pump, but unbelievable scrappy defence from some, and not-at-all scrappy from others, allowed us to keep the UQ girls out of the circle until the final whistle. No-one celebrated harder than one Steph Graham that night, who managed to convince the whole team that tequila and fireball shots are a great combination. Please learn from our mistakes.

I can't stress enough how enjoyable week it was, with the best group of girls anyone could hope to attend Uni Games with. Big thanks to Rachel Brady and Scooter for coaching us, and to the one and only Nicole for finally coming on a Uni Games and managing us to a victory. Also, thanks to the boys' team for their support and for getting around the girls, a few of you more than the rest.

On and off the field, what a great bunch of girls! The number of laughs over the week was only matched by the number of vessels consumed. What a time, what a win, up the students!

Australian University Games

Men

Peter Cobcroft

Another year, another uni games, another week to horribly mistreat our bodies. On the 29th of September 2019 the uni games boys boarded their respective budget flights to the home of sun, beaches and rowdy uni students – The Gold Coast.

We embarked on our campaign, with one of the least ordinary teams to grace uni games in recent years. We were aware of our duty as the carriers of tradition, tasked with bringing glory to Sydney Uni through hockey and very extra-curricular activities as outlined by our predecessors. As usual the Sydney Uni boys did not disappoint socially, while also playing a better standard of hockey than one would expect from Uni Games.

The first morning saw us up against UNSW, our foe from the east. We conjured up a convincing 4-0 win against our old foes. The fact that they had two hockey players made it rather less convincing. A good warm-up nonetheless.

Our first real test came from RMIT, the team we beat in the final last year. They had a strikingly similar line-up and just as similar a dislike for us as they did last year. Unfortunately, we were unable to get over the top, and with a rather fiery end, we went down 4-3. We were all frustrated and with the thought looming of our 8am game against the division 1 defending champions UQ the next day, we allowed ourselves to be comforted by the familiar taste of Hammer and Tongs.

With a few sore heads, but high spirits, we put up a very good game against a sharp team. Unfortunately, once again we went down 3-2 in another tight game. This was the team to beat; they took home the gold this year. Two losses put us in a difficult position and was hardly the start we imagined at Sydney Airport two days earlier. We were matched up against our arch rivals MUHC in a battle for a semi-final spot. Another close fight saw us down 3-1, with two late goals to seal the win for MUHC. A result of the bodies beginning to give way. Nonetheless, more Hammer and Tongs were consumed, and sorrows drowned. Can't have been good for the sore hamstrings, the result was definitely felt in the subsequent two days.

The next morning saw us play against UNSW again, I've forgotten the score line in this game, although I do remember it was rather large. With our chances of finals over, the social side turned up a notch and as a result some truly horrific hockey was played. We even donned the girl's team's skirts in the third quarter, some very muscular legs on display.

With that being our last game for the day, the coach had an idea – the pub. The sign of a man who had seen too much mediocre hockey for one week, maybe even a lifetime. The collective effort on the circuit that night will go down in Uni Games history. As it

seems, RMIT, our opponents the next morning had a similar kind of night. This was definitely the worst hockey played throughout the week, with a 6-6 half time score. All attack, zero defence. We eventually took the win 9-6. We were all relieved the hockey was over and subsequently went on to live the afternoon vicariously through the girl's ultimate success.

All in all, this was another great week, with lots of memories. This being some of the boys' third and fourth Uni Games, we grow old and weary. Will this be it for us big boys? Absolutely not.

Until next year.

Russell Coight & Angela Merkel

Attendees:

Sam Alexander Prideaux (Julius Ceasar)
Tim Wohlers-Reichel (Angela Merkel)
Paul Counsell (MC Hammer)
Peter Cobcroft (Russell Coight)
Max Skyba (United Nations)
Hayden Boyd (Looney Tunes)
Osman Brad Kayani (Westfield)
Brendan Harlech-Jones (Donatello)
Justin Knott (Hulk)
Sam Wright (Just Right)
Pranav Alavindi (Arnold Schwartzmegger)
Aditya Khanna (Slater and Gordon)
Arya Khanna (The Riddler)
Stijn Van Muiden (Classy)

Social Report

Emily Thompson

The 2019 season for Sydney University Hockey Club was one of the biggest and most successful both on and off the field in all of the years that I have been a member of the club. Taking on the role of social coordinator taught me many invaluable lessons about planning for events and given me an opportunity to help create a fun and inclusive atmosphere for all members!



The Glebe Hotel signed up to be our sponsor pub again this year and welcomed us back with open arms. The tireless efforts from Zelman, Daniel and the team at The Glebe were felt and appreciated by all our members who frequented The Glebe. They happily served many of our members every week from casual dinners and drinks, team dinners and weekly trivia appearances along with many social events. Continuing the issuing of Player of the Match vouchers each week was a great incentive to keep player efforts high. Without the consistent patience, generosity and understanding of our players and needs none of our social events would have occurred. I am very thankful for all the efforts of Zelman and the team throughout the season!

New Players Night kicked off the social season and set the tone for the rest of the events for the year. SUHC Virgin headbands ran out before long all new players had arrived, with an unprecedented number of new players turning up for the festivities. The upstairs room of The Glebe quickly turning into a bustling room full of excited hockey players ready to start the 2019 social season. A quick round of group speed dating saw new and old getting to know each other and build friendships to last the season. All round a night to remember for players new and old.

The I SUHC at Trivia 2019 edition saw 12 teams cram into the upstairs of The Glebe for some quality trivia action. JPY offered his services to make sure that the teams were entertained while they flexed their brains, and for the Men's 1st team, their muscles too. Teams dressed to impress in their themes, with commendable efforts going to, the Team from Google, Women's 6th Grade took the slumber party to another dimension in matching PJs, Farmer Wants a Husband dressed for a day out on the farm, "Brokenback Mountain" showed off all their muscles, while the Pink Ladies and T Birds coordinated in sleek style, however there could only be one team taking home the prize and this year was "Tossed Salad" lead by Social Man of the Year Ed Clancy, in all their fruity and vegie style. The winners of this year's tight competition saw the ladies from 8th Grade take home the winnings.



Pub Crawl took us in vast numbers through the streets of Glebe. Nearly 130 people took to the streets ending the night at The Glebe. The Annual Pub Crawl Boat races took place upstairs in the pool room and were a real spectator sport this year. Packing the pool room saw the finals take place between the mixed gender 4th Grade and 7th Grade teams going head to head. The ultimate winners were 7th taking home the satisfaction of winning the Annual Pub Crawl Boat Race.

VP night saw another great turn out to The Glebe in players "finest" shirts. The room was a vast myriad of clashing colours and tropical inspired shirts. Once again, the upstairs room was filled with happy hockey players creating a social and encompassing environment with players from all grades mixing and forming strong friendships. The Australian Uni Nationals teams provided the entertainment for the evening while raising funds for their campaign.



Not all of the social events of the year were based at The Glebe, many took place at Bruce Pryor and other hockey fields around Sydney. The Eastaugh Turner Cup had a great turn out of spectators watching from the hill enjoying the BBQ. The Final series for both Men's and Women's saw hordes of people out supporting at Olympic to create a fantastic SUHC Supporter atmosphere. The

Grand Final weekend saw The Glebe host the celebrations for the final time this year, in what can only be described as a "big weekend".

Presentation Night at the TAG Family Foundation Grandstand saw a culmination of the social efforts of the season as well as an opportunity to celebrate the many victories of the year. 158 tickets were sold and set the precedent for the night early on. Edwina Paul took on the mic for a second year running with a new and improved co-host in Claudia Meere, and they did an excellent job. The coveted Camel Cup went to the hardworking Men's 3rd Grade, who made an impressive effort in all aspects of the club this year. Edward Clancy and Sarah Ford took out the Social Male and Female of the year for their impact on social events and assistance within the club. A full report of the awards is provided within the Annual report, however a special mention to Anthony McInnes who was awarded both Most Valuable Contribute club wide as well as the Len Smith Club Person of the Year for all of his hardworking and consistent effort to the club, none of the successes of the club would have occurred without him, for his guidance assisted with getting all events off the ground. Preso 2019 was a great night of celebrating successes and acknowledging all of the hardworking players and volunteers that make the running of the club possible.

A massive thank you to everyone who helped on BBQ's, helped me when I was unsure how to tackle a particular aspect of a social function, writing and running trivia and attending this year's events. This season has seen huge attendance at all social functions creating an inclusive and collegial club, and it is all thanks to the fantastic players and volunteers who choose Sydney Uni Hockey Club each year.

Up the Students!



Club Awards

Perpetual Awards

Len Smith Club Person of the Year Award

Cameron Whittaker Award for Coach of the Year

John Dwyer Tenacity Award

Most Valuable Player (Men)

Most Valuable Player (Women)

Best Defender (Men)

Best Defender (Women)

Top Goalscorer (Men) – Damian Chown Cup

Top Goalscorer (Women)

Official of the Year

Social team of the year- Camel Cup

Social Person of the Year (Men)

Social Person of the Year (Women)

Chiarella-Gow Award for Young

Player of the Year (Men)

Liam Dixon Rising Star (Women)

Anthony McInnes

Edward Clancy

Crichton Smith

Anthony McInnes

Nicole Bartley

Simon Nortje

Wendy Moylan

Ed Ringwood (14) & David

Loxton (14)

Sarah Louie (12)

Shiv Rathore

Men's 3's

Edward Clancy

Sarah Ford

Connor Tuddenham

Remi Stallworthy

Team Awards

Best and Fairest

Grade	Women	Men	Masters
9 th	Simone Young	-	-
8 th	Teeah Bungey	-	-
7 th	Sharleen Menezes	Peter Flynn	-
6 th	Elizabeth Gobee	Michael Balk	-
5 th	Siobhan Shaw	Hamish Christeller	-
4 th	Ellie Sobels	Chris Bisset	David Loxton
3 rd	Sarah Louie & Wendy Moylan	Hayden Boyd	Chrichton Smith
2 nd	Emma Parsons	Vince Umbers	Rowan McDonald
1 st	Fiona Tout	Connor Tuddenham	Andrew James

Most Valued Contribution

Grade	Women	Men	Masters
9 th	Hilary Cairns	-	-
8 th	Izzah Effandi	-	-
7 th	Nikki Brennan	David Loxton	-
6 th	Jessica Wallace	Anei Thou	-
5 th	Emma Crossing	Edward Clancy	-
4 th	Sarah Steele-Park	Brian Gunner	
3 rd	Claudia Meere	Max Loxton	
2 nd	Nicole Bartley	Peter Cobcroft	
1 st	Emma Scriven	Matthew Flemming	

100 games medals

Natasha Ramrakha
 Emily Thompson
 Emma Sykes
 David Hewish
 Darren Pike
 Andrew Roumanous
 Alysha Prakash
 Caroline Ashley
 Claudia Meere
 Brendan Harlech-Jones
 Jack Noblett
 Jeremy Phillips-Yelland
 Emily Caterson
 Sarah Ford

200 games medals

Chris Moylan
 Anthony McInnes
 Llewella Butland
 Jack Clarke

300 games medals

Marcus Tjiong
 Rowan McDonald
 Emma Scriven

400 Games

Stuart Bragg
 Brian Gunner
 Peter Pether
 Wendy Moylan
 Paul Barrett
 Simon Greville

500 games medal

Brian Fitzpatrick

900 games medals

Michael Irby

Coaches and Managers 2019

Men's

	Coach	Manager
1st Grade	Scott Barker	Chris Laird
2nd Grade	Phil Price	Phil Price
3rd Grade		Max Loxton
4th Grade		Rowan MacDonald
5th Grade		Matthijs Koreman
6th Grade		Haydn Marshall
7th Grade		Paul Rattray

Women's

	Coach
1st Grade	Chris Moylan
2nd Grade	Jeremy Phillips-Yelland, Zara Fallins (Manager)
3rd Grade	Emma Scriven
4th Grade	Josef Visser
5th Grade	Vasu Pankhania
6th Grade	Aaron Lacey
7th Grade	Mayako Loasby
8th Grade	Tim Wohlers-Reichel
9th Grade	Edward Clancy

Junior's

Team	Coaches, managers and officials
Under 11 Gold	Jimmy Crab
Under 11 Blue	Scott Barker
Under 11's Indoor	Coach: Gen Bowes Manager: Kristenn Wong

Master's

	Manager
1st Grade	Chris Moylan
2nd Grade	Michael Irby
3rd Grade	Peter Flynn
4th Grade	Paul Rattray

Women's Team Reports

First Grade

Christopher Moylan

Season 2019 started with an air of excitement for our women's 1st grade team. A new (but old coach in Chris Moylan) a bunch of stalwarts, Fi Tout, Emma Scriven, Georgia Forbes-Smith and Kyah Gray. Add a bunch of NSW and ACT reps Alice Arnott, Renae Robinson, Rach Brady, Jaime Hemmingway, Erin Lidbetter, Jess Parr (star on half a leg) and the team was shaping up very nicely.

Our esteemed Women's VP Jacinta Mallon had recruited her sister Georgina (and legendary Mother Louise as Manager). Kendelle Tait had made the move from ML2 to ML1 at the ripe old age of 15. On top of that we were lucky enough to gain Alex Morrison after a brief Hockey sabbatical. Rounding off the team was Sami Danckert and Claudia Johnston.

With a relatively uninterrupted pre-season we played our first proper pre-season game v the visiting Stanford University, they played an aggressive style which caught us off guard initially. Once we settled, our talent shone through and we got a nice little moral boosting victory.

Time for the season proper and a tough ask first game against a very polished UNSW side at Bruce Pryor field. Whether it was complacency or nerves we never clicked into gear and conceded too many early goals. A 1-4 loss first up. Time to regroup and get ready for an even more polished Ryde outfit. While we matched them early on, they ended up running away with a comfortable victory. Another 1-4 loss to the students. Not panic stations but maybe time to do some thinking. A small change in system and structure we were ready for Round 3. We finally clicked into gear and scored some goals. Finally our first win of the season and time to start building. The next week we won comfortably and confidence was growing.

We then faced a Briars team that had been decimated in the past few season with players leaving etc..... should be an easy one for SUHC. With Briars playing a boring negative style of Hockey, SUHC were frustrated into a nil all draw. This wasn't supposed to happen to one of the competition favourites.

Time for a regroup and the Leadership team of Scriv, Fi and Alice stepped in and called a meeting for the team. Player led and some ground rules were established.

Over the course of the next few weeks SUHC had established their dominance on the competition and had shot up to the top of the table. This happened during rep season when we had up to 6 players away. During that time we were bolstered by the brief but very valuable return of our resident social media star and Hockeyroo Greta Hayes.

It was now time to start getting ready for finals. 3 games out from finals we had a brief mishap in a loss to the last placed team in UTS, not behd we thought. We were still on top and comfortable. The next week we had reigning premiers GNS who we'd beaten earlier in the year. They came out firing and we were sloppy, we ended up with a 0-1 loss and our goal of minor premiers looked like it might be slipping. Fortunately for us the other teams in contention were also hitting hurdles.

Finals time and we were up against a Ryde side that we had easily beaten the second time we played them. In a tough and well fought game we got through to the GF with a win. Time for a week off and to get ready for the GF.

GF time came around and the girls were ready, SUHC had 4 other teams in the GF that day and ML2, 3 and 5 had secured victories. We knew we could do it. The game started at a pace that was worthy of a GF, two great teams and fierce rivals going at it. We went down 1-0, back to 1 all. Halftime, time to for a rest and a chat. Unfortunately the second half didn't go our way and we ended up losing 3-1 to a very good side. It wasn't to be for us.

In what was a strange feeling, we weren't disappointed, as group the girls were happy with the season and the comment was made 'at least we like each other'. We'd built a strong culture throughout the season. We didn't get the win but not everything is about winning.

I'd like to thank the girls for the season. Was a very enjoyable one for my last at SUHC.

A special mention goes to Scott Barker and Louise Mallon for their help throughout the season. Also to the partners, parents, siblings and pets (especially Alf) for all the support.

Moylo.

Women's Team Reports

Second Grade

Jeremy Phillips-Yelland

In 2019, the 2nd Grade Women won the whole bloody thing!!!

Winning premierships is never easy. A mentor of mine once told me that to win one, you needed talent, resilience and just a little bit of magic.

This team has long been one of the strongest in their competition. Their 2019 premiership is a just reward for the commitment and resilience shown by many players and coaches over several years. To all the past and present players, to Tim Smith and Ant McInnes for their time in the coach's box, this victory is yours too.

This year however, we were lucky enough to find that bit of magic. But as that mentor did say, it wouldn't be easy. At this point, I'll stop and recognise that this report is a long one. I make no apologies.

The Season

What this team had from the very start, was the talent. We knew if we could just build the resilience, the magic would come. And WOW-WEE, did 2019 provide some opportunities to build resilience! No coach, too many coaches, too many players, too many injuries, not enough players, on field heartbreak, off field heartbreak and a healthy dose of garden variety SWHL drama. But none of that could keep a good team down, and it made our victory all the sweeter.

In the days leading up to the 2019 trials, this champion team was without a coach. Somewhere along the Pacific Highway between Yamba and Grafton, I took a call from our Head of Hockey, Scott Barker. He offered me the gig and I excitedly accepted, beginning the season coaching from 600km. In my absence, the team's skills were honed by Scott Barker, their strength and conditioning developed by Ed Arnott and they were ably led around the track on game day by Ed Baker. A big thank you to each.

Our season start was somewhat subdued, with 0-0 draws against UNSW and Ryde in successive weeks. This lack of goals was swiftly remedied with a 10-goal fortnight, putting 5 past Western Districts and Macarthur Bankstown respectively.

In classic 2nd grade style, the next 5 weeks were quite honestly, a little confusing. And so, the roller coaster begins. Some games were fluid and others tough to find flow. Scoring late to secure gritty, come-from-behind wins and also enduring some frustrating draws and disappointing losses.

Through all this, what never changed was the attitude the girls brought to their training and the enthusiasm they have for the game and for supporting their team-mates. I have told this to the team before, but it would be remiss not to reiterate it here. This group is something special. So committed to improvement, so willing to listen and learn and most importantly, such good friends! I firmly believe that it was that friendship that pulled them through the tougher times and became their greatest strength. I could not be prouder of them and what they achieved this year.

It was round 10 when I think we first saw the glimmer of a premiership winning team. On a cold, windy, overcast day in Daceyville, the girls put on a clinic. By securing a slick 3-0 win over UNSW they defeated a tough competitor and conquered some demons of seasons past. The skill development, conditioning work and the on-field connections all shone thought that day and filled me with confidence that we would go deep into September.

A tough loss at home to Moorebank and an ugly draw with Macquarie caused a little wobble in both confidence and morale at a tricky stage in the season. In a pre-training white board session, we took stock of where we were and what lay ahead. We were hanging onto 4th place by a point and in the final 3 weeks, we would play our bogey team in UTS, the 3rd placed Glebe and 2nd place Gordon. The only way to guarantee a finals birth, was to win all three.

The girls rose to all challenges and did just that. With a tight 1-0 win over UTS and two convincing 3-1 wins against two very strong opponents in Glebe and Gordon. All 7 goals were good, but Leilani's tomahawk from the backline to topple UTS and Rennae's allyoop from a head high 'cross' from Leilani were strong highlights. These wins gave us a mental edge and saw us hitting finals at full speed.

The 1 v 2 semi-final against everyone's enemy, Moorebank, was an epic. Delayed by dysfunctional cannons, one of the best games of the year saw end-to-end hockey, full off opportunities, almost all of them missed. The uni girls took the lead through an ice-cold stroke from Lizzie only to have a draw snatched from the jaws of victory when we conceded a corner. The 2019 recruit of the year, Lil Cosetto, kept us in the game late, with a number of ridiculous saves, with the game finishing 1-1. A classic SWHL rule stitch up, saw Moorebank going straight through to the big dance and the girls moving on to a prelim with Glebe.

The Glebe game was tight, with goals hard to find. As ever, our defence kept us in the game. A brief side note; we had the best defensive record in the competition. The sheer dominance of our back 6, along with defensive pressure from across the ground, saw us concede only 16 goals from 18 games.

For the second week in a row, ice queen Lizzie Hewish stepped up and slotted a carbon copy of her previous first stroke to break the deadlock. Lil and her defensive unit took it from there to very methodically park the bus and earn us a grand final birth.

Christ on a bike - what a day this was. It had that sense of something special, that sniff of an occasion and that little hint of magic we'd been hoping for. The girls were absolutely buzzing and hit the Olympic turf with confidence, purpose and energy. The game was again end-to-end, with several narrow misses up front (classic!) and Lil keeping our net clean (double classic!). Almost as if she had been inspired by the events she has witnessed the day before, our favourite pocket rocket Sarah 'Fordy' Ford, took it upon herself to become the second '2-goal-grand-final-hero' of the weekend. Fordy found herself 2 first half goals from corner variations to put the girls in the driver's seat. Moorebank hit back and we went to the sheds 2-1 up (I think). The mood was high in the sheds, but the nerves were visible as the coach gave the final advice for the season - leave nothing left.

If anything, the 2nd half was an even tighter affair, with Moorebank scoring again to bring it back to 2-2. The eventual winner came off the stick of Maddie 'The Engine' Woods. Maddie combined all of the wisdom of hockey, sourced across the ages, to get herself to the far post and wouldn't you know, she scored. Direct thanks to Scott Barker for his constant advocacy

for this method of goal scoring. The game wasn't done yet, as it became clear the referees were set on finding Moorebank an equaliser and taking it to extra time. 4 short corners were awarded on and after the buzzer. There could have been no greater test for our resilience than this. Full credit to our defensive battery for making sure none of those corners produced a goal. Finally, an exhausted defensive unit watched the ball trickle over the backline.

The final whistle sounded. Absolute scenes.

I've never run so fast as I did that day, getting from the dugout to the circle in 2.5 seconds. The smiles, laughs and hugs flowed, the champagne was sprayed on every surface of the change rooms and 'we are the champions' rang loud through the corridors.

Sunday night was silly (and aggressively so for some). Monday was Mad (lick and stick). The hangover is still real.

The Squad

This drought breaking side was something special. The group had a good mix of core and quality returning players, a blend of experience and youth and a dash of new energy. 25 women took the field for 2nd grade this year, our premiership winning reads like this, accompanied by a brief description of each player.

Captains:

Sarah Ford – Most sporting ability per cm of person.

Fordy plays too much sport. It's really bad for her ankles and she knows it. She gave her heart and soul to this team and was always able to lift the energy and mood of the group when we needed it. She did a great job at keeping me in line when I needed it too.

Emma Parsons – Most energy per cm of person.

Bringing Parso down off the walls before our team talks was a constant challenge. All year, Parso showed an unwavering belief in this team's ability to go all the way and that belief was infectious, especially to me. Parson was immense on the field this year and deservedly took home the 2nd Grade Most Valuable Player.

Saskia Hartog – Most sas per cm of person.

As a recent returner to both hockey and 2nd grade, Sas was unsure at first of her captaincy credentials, not being one that enjoys the spotlight (in the daytime). She grew quickly into the role, organised the troops brilliantly through trainings and games, and ensured a strong social focus was maintained throughout the season.

Thank you to this group for giving me frank feedback, strong encouragement and a sounding board all year. Cheers also for the numerous beers.

Returning Talent:

Nicole Bartley – The 2019 Most Valuable player in the club.

Nicole was the most valuable playing in the women's side of our club in 2019 and what a deserving winner she is. Nicole is a supremely reliable player, she can play a number of positions and this year, continually came through for the team when we needed it the most. Nicole was a whisker off our best and fairest and made strong contributions to 1st Grade along the way.

Steph Graham – was Absolutely Everywhere

I lost track of the number of times spectators would comment on Steph's ability and impact on games. After our semi-final against Glebe, no less than 3 SUHC coaches came up to me to laud Steph's performance and each tell me that she was 'everywhere'. They were right but to me, it was the exact same high quality hockey she dishes out every week. We were very lucky

that Steph was a 2nd Grade player in 2019 as her ability could see her earn higher honours. She was a huge part of this win and did a great job riding the rollercoaster along the way.

Kate Wong – Death and Taxes and Kate Wong

We were again lucky to regain the services of Kate in 2019 and just like death and taxes, Kate Wong is always there. When the chips were down, we knew we could rely on Kate to save the game. The consistency with which Kate made corner saving, goal saving and game saving tackles is astounding. Along with my predecessors, I failed to find a way to get the ball moving more quickly on 16s but we'll roll that dice again in 2020.

Emily Caterson – Highest BAC reading per game.

EmCat has been a huge part of this team, on and off the field, for years. Some concerns arose late in the year that her focus had been taken away and that her routine of big Saturday nights would impact her strong Sunday performances. Given her choice in suiter, we needn't have worried.

Madeline Woods – The engine.

Week in, week out, Maddie goes about her business without fuss. Applying reverse attacking pressure, getting outside her player and generating outcomes in the circle. We noticeably missed her presence in the weeks she was away and had go forward, speed and aggression every week that she played. I tried pretty hard to rip into Maddie but couldn't work out how. She's short.

Lizzy Hewish – The Young Veteran

At some point in the season, Lizzie told me that that she really wanted to win a 2nd grade Premiership, because she had been trying to win one for 5 years and she wanted to win before her 21st birthday. Maths isn't my strong point, but I still can't work out how she did that. Strengths: Running the ball 50 metres from left half, eliminating 5-10 players. Weaknesses: Constantly trying to run the ball from left half and incessantly chattering to ...

Remi Stallworthy – The Fighter

Right up until Grand Final night, this nickname referred only to Remi's on field tenacity - but I won't break the first rule of fight club. Remi has an unmatched ability to get the ball out of tricky spots. A killer slap, a strong carry and unbeatable back-tackling skills. I was lucky enough to coach her 4 years ago and again this year and the sky is the limit for her in the future if we can keep her in this state, and out of trouble.

Amanda McInnes – Team Mum

Sookie has probably played the role of team mum for many seasons but in 2019, she took it way too literally. It was fantastic to have Sook on the field in the early part of the season and then in the sheds for the rest. Sookie is one of the players that has deserved this premiership for years and was again a huge part of the 2019 team. The girls and I are so excited to meet the baby (Jeremy is a great name) when they are born.

Ellie Chan – The Silent Assassin.

Ellie goes about her work without fuss. Scoring goals, earning corners, playing international hockey. That last part did not come as a surprise given her ability, it did however come as a surprise when she told me that she'd be away playing international hockey during our prelim and grand finals. Thanks for the heart attack Ellie.

Leilani Innes – The Wunderkind

For what Lani has been through, for her to take the field this year at all was an enormous feat. Given her drive and passion for the game, it was always going to be hard to stop her. She gave us a couple of all-time highlights and also brought the heavy drama as we appealed SWHL's decision to block a 16-year old, returning from surgery, a chance to play finals. Don't worry, we told them what we thought in several letters and again, accidentally but very loudly, in the sheds.

Rennae Harris – The Re-Return

Like Lazarus, Rennae rose back from the death of her ACL to take the field with 2nd grade again. From early on she showed the clinical finishing that this team needed and produced the stand out goal of the year. Thank you for coming to training.

Recruits

Lillian Cossetto – SUHC Recruit of the Year.

Lil Snack is the best goal keeper in ML2. She was an absolute coup of a recruit for the club and was well in the running for our MVP. With a sense of humour as dry as the Cumberland circles on a windy day, Lil brought so much to this team in 2019, except baked goods....

Sinead McCraith - Shinbad

Shinny brought a touch of class to proceedings this year. On the field, she displayed some of the silkiest drags and jinks in the league and off field, much of the same. I fielded an unheralded number of enquiries from the men's club about Sinead in 2019, but my wingmanning was ultimately unsuccessful. I promise to lift the quality of candidates next year. Apologies Shin.

Anabel Withy – Left to Right and gone

Bel was a big inclusion in the squad this year and really put effort in, week in, week out. Strength and conditioning sessions, stick sessions and on game day, Bel put the work in and got the reward, really firing at the back end of the season. With a slick left to right drag, Bel controlled our game down the right side. Bel, like Derek Zoolander, is not an ambiturner.

Super Subs

Emma Hertford – The Next Gen

Emma has been a great inclusion in our team this year and put in some stellar performances – keeping the girls in games that we shouldn't have been in. No doubt she'll soon be filling playing seniors full time and working her way up the ranks soon.

Alice Hewitt – Alice, Alice, who the f#@k is Alice?

When there was a spot to be filled for a prelim and grand final, there could have been no one better to fill it. The presence, energy and grit Alice brings to every game is a perfect fit for finals hockey. She has been part of the fabric of this team for years and did not disappoint on the big day. 1 girl, 1 Sunday, 2 premierships, that we'll never hear the end of.

The Thank Yous

Zara Fallins, for nothing could have been achieved without you. No trainings or games attended at the right time or venue. No lollies eaten or water consumed in games. No scores lodged, no rules (roughly) adhered to. No demons conquered and no premiership won. Thank you for your friendship, guidance, support and advice. Thanks also for agreeing to never say 'I can feel that we are going to concede a goal here' ever again.

Ed Arnott, for creating a team of athletes. This team was the fittest, fastest and the finest tuned team in the competition. You have brought a welcome dose of science and a healthy dose of consistency to the conditioning work of the club and this team. Next year, please charge the usual suspects in this team by the hour. You know who you are.

Scott Barker, for lifting our performance and professionalism. Scott has the best hockey mind I have ever come across and not once was he unable to solve a strategic problem that I brought to him. His Monday skills sessions made a huge difference to the level that our players could compete at and he challenged each player to find their next gear. Scott has and continues to be a great mentor of mine and for that I am hugely thankful – this premiership is yours too.

Let me also thank the parents, boyfriends, not-quite-boyfriends-but-pretty-close-but-still-undefined, husbands, friends, and doggos of each of our team members. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed and your support of your girls and the team is truly appreciated.

Finally, thank you to the girls for reigniting my love for the game and for coaching. You were both a pleasure and a challenge to coach and you have taught me so much this season. You are a fantastic bunch of kind, hardworking, dedicated and hilarious girls and I am so proud of what you have achieved.

If things work out and if Scott will still have me, I'll see you next year.

Jeremy Phillips-Yelland,

Women's Team Reports

Third Grade

Emma Scriven

Chasing the 4-peat dream, 2019 saw the return of a strong core ready to tackle a tough season ahead. This year saw the return of club stalwart Wendy Moylan, who celebrated her 400th game during the season. Long term 2nd grader Alice Hewitt made the brave move to join the ranks of the mighty 3s, and long term junior Nellie Stallworthy (100 games by 12? No problem!) made her senior club debut. We welcomed 3 new internationals this year in Katinka Morris, Sarah "Spewy" Louie and Eliza Mell, making us possibly the most international team in club history.

2019 was the season of draws – 8 to be precise. Despite strong performances, defensively and more goal scoring opportunities than you could count, the midpoint of the season saw the 3-time premiers sitting outside the top 4, and Hannah Coffey remain the only goalless striker. After a serious mid-season pep talk from ever-optimistic coach Scriv, the team stepped up, putting away 14 goals in 4 games, keeping the 4-peat dream alive. Hannah still remained goalless.

Led from the back by goalkeeper Claudia Meere, our defence of Wendy, Edwina Paul, Annabel Probert and Laura Grimshaw were unstoppable, conceding only 12 goals all season. The cool heads of Jules "Boston" Pochini, Nicole Janes and our dynamic Irish duo of Kate Willis and Rachel "Ryan" O'Hagan held us together in the midfield. Amy Ruckriegel and Nellie showed they could be the ultimate utility players, stepping in to a different line each week. Sarah and Tinks led the goal scoring up front, joined by arguably the fittest and fastest striker line in the comp in Tayla Edmunds, Hannah, Alice and Eliza.

The final games threw some big challenges our way, with midfielder Nicole and goal-scoring extraordinaire Spewy both sidelined with injuries. With a win seeing us take the minor premiership, and a loss sending us to 3rd, everything was riding on the final round. Sadly it wasn't to be. In true 3rd grade style, the team went down 1-0 in a corner on the final buzzer – only the second loss of the season.

Fighting our way to the Grand Final from 3rd place was always going to be a challenge. Up first was Briars – a team responsible for two of our draws. Saving her goal scoring spree until it really mattered, Hannah slotted two, with Probes sealing the deal to win us the game 3-0. We lived to fight another day. Next up was UNSW. With one win each during season, and the pressure of ruining an ML1-5 grand final day on the line, another tough match awaited. A goal each from Hannah and Nell saw us go 2-0 up and progress through to the big dance against Mosman Harbourside – the only other team we had not beaten during the season. In a rather messy and controversial battle in front of goal, Sarah managed to get the ball across the line, taking us in to half time 1-0 up. 34 minutes of running and many heart attacks later, 3rd grade were crowned Premiers for the 4th year straight – an amazing achievement for a deserving team!

I would like to thank the team for making this season of coaching so enjoyable both on and off the field – I could not think of a better group of girls to spend my Sundays with. Bring on the 5-peat!

Women's Team Reports

Fourth Grade

Josef Visser

Wow, what a season that was! 4th Grade had a bit of a new look this year, but as always, the tight knit core of players remained the same. A few well-earned call ups from 5s, some international talent, and some gun new players filled out the rest of the 4th Grade roster.

It can be tough for a new team to gel right away, but apparently 4s had never heard that, because they showed some red hot form in preseason. Even an ML3 team were no match for them, which was perhaps a sign of things to come...

The first game of the season was up against Macquarie, who had been a bogey team the previous year. Down 1-2 with less than a minute on the clock, things were looking dire, but hope was not lost. A hail mary bouncing pass somehow found Ellie's stick in the circle, and she deflected it into the side netting for the equaliser. Miracle.

What came next was nothing short of astounding. 12 straight wins on the trot. That's right. Twelve! Incredible. Geez there were some nail biters in there though. There was an unconvincing 1-0 win against low ranked Bankstown that really tested the depth of the club, followed by a come from behind victory against Briars. Down 1-2 in the final quarter, LP smashed in two great goals off shorts to seal the win. The next week was another come from behind victory, this time against Moorebank. Down 0-1 after the first quarter, 4s put in a monster second quarter, with Reece and Rachel finishing off some great team goals, the score remaining 2-1 until the final whistle.

The first win by more than a goal came against Manly, a dominant 4-0 performance which was a massive relief for the coach. To round out the first half of the season, 4s overcame ND, who played with 12 players the whole game; 11 plus the ref.

In the second half of the season, 4s emerged 3-2 victors in a seesawing game against Ryde, with Reece, Ellie, and SSP all getting on the scorecard.

The first loss of the season came against Moorebank, who came out of the blocks firing and scored two quick goals. SUHC replied with a great team goal finished off by Court, leaving the score 1-2 at the end of the quarter. And despite dominating for the following three quarters, the score line would unfortunately remain the same.

Despite the loss, 4s closed out the remaining four games of the season to safely secure the minor premiership. Only one loss and one draw in the regular season, 49 competition points from a possible 54, and 8 points clear of 2nd place. All fantastic achievements, and marks of an unbelievable season from 4th Grade.

Then came the finals. Moorebank had locked in second place for a place against SUHC in the Major Semi. From the outset SUHC looked to be in charge, dominating the midfield, and repelling all of Moorebank's attacking raids. SUHC were the first to strike, from a corner

which Pinney reliably hit hard and low. The keeper managed to get a kicker to it, deflecting the ball straight up into the air. As the ball slowly arced back down, Binks got a stick to it and deflected it into the goal for a 1-0 lead. In the next quarter, Ellie made a great midfield run before injecting the ball into the circle. A defender deflected the ball towards the sideline, but SSP chased it down and decisively slapped the ball to the spot for Binks to get another deflection. 2-0 up! In the second half play swung back in Moorebank's favour, but Sue put in a Player of the Match performance and rallied the defence to keep Moorebank at bay. In the end, the sustained pressure proved to be too much, and Moorebank scored a late consolation goal, but it was not enough to stop SUHC 4s from going straight through to the Grand Final!!!

Moorebank would go on to defeat MosHarbour in the Final to secure a rematch for the big dance. So, Grand Final day rolled around, and there were a few nerves in the change rooms leading up to the match. But this would be the fourth game between these two teams, so the game plan was clear. Unfortunately, the nerves and rustiness from not having played the previous week were evident in the opening minutes, and Moorebank capitalised, rushing out to a 0-1 lead. SUHC slowly found their feet, but were unable to equalise by quarter time. In the second quarter, Pinney lined up at the top of the circle for the straight shot off a short corner and made no mistake; the keeper got a touch on it, but it wasn't enough to stop the ball dribbling over the line for the equaliser. Fist pumps all around!

In the third quarter, Rachel found herself unmarked with the ball at the top of the circle. She shot it effortlessly into the far corner, with such a precise shot that the keeper didn't even bother to move. Yes, SUHC were back in control! But then for whatever reason, momentum started to shift back Moorebank's way. Errors started creeping back into SUHC's game, and only Moorebank players could be heard chatting on the pitch. By the end of the quarter, Moorebank had equalised and were back in the contest. With scores level in the final quarter, it was Moorebank who struck next, finding a free player on the post for a tap in with only 8 minutes left on the clock. The girls fought hard for those 8 minutes, and often looked like scoring, but it just wasn't to be, the final score remaining a disappointing 2-3.

Any season with only two losses is a massive success, but it does put a bit of a damper on things when one of those losses is in the Grand Final. Still, the girls had plenty to celebrate come Preso Night!

Massive thanks go out to:

- Vasu and all of 5th Grade; Vasu helped out constantly with finding fill ins when required, and almost all of 5th Grade got at least a game in 4s. They all slotted into the team effortlessly, which is a testament to the strength of the club and the strength of 5s.
- The HABADs (Husbands and Boyfriends and Doggos) of 4th Grade; for their constant support throughout the season.
- The girls; who fought hard for each other every single week no matter what, and made coaching this team incredibly easy. If the team doesn't get cannibalised by 3rd Grade next year, then they are sure to go one better in 2020!

Up the Students!

JV

Women's Team Reports

Fifth Grade

Vasu Pankhania

How good does it taste?! It tastes bloody good!

But it also tastes like losing two players to season ending injuries. Tastes like being dropped from the top of the ladder because the bottom team smashed us. It tastes like European escapades and cold cruisers.

To recap the season, it goes a lot like this: score some goals, let some goals in, do some average tackles, get carded, do some sick skills, earn some short corners, do some air swings, draw against the good teams, lose to the bad teams, win against the middle teams. From this, we finished 2nd on the ladder. Two notable wins were our 7-0 win over Briars at gam after New Player's night, and our 8-1 victory in the last round game.

We went into the semi's against top seeded MosHarbour and played one of our best games, sitting at 1-1 for the majority of the game. In the final 10 minutes, we pulled out the technically named 'Sneaky-sneaky short corner' to put us in the lead for the rest of the game.



Grand final day arrived, our scrunchies were tied and the pump-up playlist set. We looked strong after the first push back, as we passed the ball a few times and scored within the first 5 minutes. Unfortunately, Cronulla had the same idea and scored 2 minutes later. As we settled into our game, we started stacking up the goals off the 'sneaky sneaky short corner', some delightfully positioned posties, a mad run away from Maggie and a successful penalty stroke from Shiv. Add in a few cards for somewhat average umpiring and we were surprised to see ourselves up 4-1 with 1 minute to go. A swift pass down the wing and into the circle saw Brooke net a beauty right on the buzzer. Final score: 5-1. RIP livers and apologies to the bar staff at The Glebe. I've heard that they appreciated Emma's great cleaning skills.



Winning is great cause we got a nice shiny medal, but it's especially rewarding as we slayed on and off the field. It's because Elspeth and Leah Hockley lead us with positivity and maturity. It's also because our defensive line with Pugs, Sarah P and El that was so good that even Moylo called Vasu for advice. Shiv and Emma's mediocre banter, at the expense of Shivvy's thesis – ICYMI, she had to write a thesis. Alex and Sophie's enthusiastic half-time chats, and Maya, Sarah and Brooke's ability to score goals despite some average set ups. Niamh and Cat's youthfulness and speed was great and all, but most importantly they brought the average age of the team down by 10 years. Maggie's exceptionally

interesting stories made for riveting car trips. Llew's passion for wine and food made us wonder if she chose the wrong career. Leah Cooke's ability to keep Vasu calm during the GF and more importantly, Darryl the dog's weird obsession with Vasu. We also owe a big thanks to Jess, Phoebe and Nat for filling in during the finals.

Sure, the glory tastes great, but if you ask Vasu, it was a long journey that wasn't always easy, especially during those dusty 9am games and dark 7.30pm Sunday night games. After coaching the ML5 team for 4 years, he was happy to finally win that elusive ML5 premiership! I think if we asked him, he would probably say that beating MosHarbour in the major semi was the highlight of his entire coaching career.

In my 7 years in the club, I have never been so proud to sing the club song, even if we stuffed it up a little.

Thanks girls, it's been an absolute blast.

Cheers,

Liza



Women's Team Reports

Sixth Grade

Aaron Lacey

A number of firsts for 2019, first time coach and first time SUHC had a full representation in all SWHL divisions. Heading into the season there were a few unknowns what the year would bring, but at a minimum there would be refreshments.

A competitive preseason with some new arrivals to the club made for some tough decisions for the coaches above, meaning the team did not have a settled line-up heading into our first game. Last year's returning stalwarts Jess Wallace, Nat Turner, Ella Leung, Sammy Kirby, Lauren Jenkins, Sarah Dawes and Tash Ramrakha were joined by Em Thompson and Maddy Adamo from 7s and a returning Nat Ambrose. Additionally, there was a familiar face but previously unheard of luxury for 6th grade, a full-time goalkeeper in Ellie Gobee. Along with those returning to the blue and gold we had the fresh faces of Phoebe Fraser, Grace Patterson, Camilla McDonald, Lauren Leamon and Emilie Fitzgerald.

No time to worry about the coach's deeply average play level and inexperience and seemingly unheard tenet of talk and transfers, the season had arrived. We kicked off with our singular appearance at our home ground of Bruce Pryor Field, ending in a tight draw with UNSW. After starting the season with a full squad in attendance a benchless side took on a much more experienced Ryde team but ended the game surging forward but unable to find a winner ending 1 all.

At this stage our thoughtless coach, having organized a trip the year before, had to step away just in time for the team to win their next 2 games against Glebe and Canterbury thanks to Josef Visser and Haydn Marshall taking the reins with 5 goals and 2 clean sheets to show for it.

Allowed back in the country and hoping to keep the run going, on a crisp 9am morning at Bankstown following on from New Player's Night we were sadly undone 1 nil Mac/Btown. Still in the top 4 at this stage we then faced our stiffest test of the season in taking on table leaders and eventual minor Premiers Moorebank. Moorebank had not dropped a point at this stage, scoring 10 and conceding 1 in their prior games. Despite this, strong defending and a press that had them verbally fretting brought opportunities but ended up nil all.

The next week saw us play a well drilled and experienced MosHarbour side in another even game, ending 1 all. The team were performing well and making a name for themselves, but the coach was wondering whether he would be involved in a win this season, himself going through a challenging season in SL2. This following week looked a good chance, with bottom of the table GNS coming to our real home ground of the Olympic pitch. Despite being all over GNS for long stretches of the game we were not able to find a way through, ending nil all.

Following up from there we played a veteran ND Strikers side and battled back for a 2 all draw after trailing twice, showing good character and determination. The next week we had a close match against a surging UNSW side sitting 2nd on the ladder to finish 1 all.

Next week our match made headlines across social media and even in print when facing Ryde. Suspiciously close to almost scoring, a protest was made by Ryde to have leading goal scorer Nat Turner kicked out of the game for having incorrect uniform for the capital offence of wearing shorts, despite doing so throughout the season so far without issue from umpires and opponents alike. Never mind that over half their team was also in breach of these same restrictions (thanks again umpires for applying the rules evenly and consistently throughout the season) this caused some distress to Nat and halved our bench. The game stayed tight, and unfortunately a late goal to Ryde saw us lose the game, but Nat made it back on thanks to a 3rd quarter break skort swap with a doubling Maya Loasby. The mood was notably tense in the change room but that fire was taken forward by Ella, starting a change.org petition that got over a thousand signatures and brought significant attention towards updating this meaningless rule.



After all this the unthinkable would occur, the maiden win of this rookie coach's career. In a game that we dominated and one umpire spent as much time chatting to the opposition bench as he did his colleague, we survived a glut of dubious short corner calls in the last 2 minutes to maintain our clean sheet and pull out a 2 nil win late that Sunday night. The draws having

taken their toll on our table position but with still a mathematical chance of making the top 4, my call to arms was met with...3 losses. The first of these was a sucker punch against Canterbury, with some sneaky play off the toss (tactically getting sent to look into the sun) and a player of higher skill level than the rest of the side (interestingly only appearing in 3 games that season) saw us sink to a 3 nil deficit, with a goal interestingly ruled out just before the half. A resurgent second half saw us get back to 3-2, but yet more interesting decisions robbed us of a player for 10 minutes in the final quarter and the game got away from us.

The following week was a tough game against Mac/Btown in their many splendoured uniform variations, ending 3 nil. This was followed by a 3-1 loss to MosHarbour, just ahead on table position but at this stage out of touch on points.

Despite our finals contention being over, we wanted to end the season on a high. After threatening at many points throughout the season to inflict my rendition of the club song on the team, it completely slipped my mind in the elation of finishing with 2 wins in our last games of the year, a 3 nil stomping of GNS followed by a solid 2 nil win against ND Strikers.

Notable stats: Goals conceded - 17(equal 7th best in SWHL and 3rd best SUHC ML team)

Top Goalscorers - Nat Turner and Lauren Jenkins with 6 each

Special thanks to Josef and Vasu for being supportive sounding boards throughout the season at training, and Maya Loasby for helping organise players from 7s throughout the dreaded mid semester break. Also credit to the players themselves for putting the training attendance of 4 men's grades to shame week in week out.

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Women's Team Reports

Seventh Grade

Mayako Loasby

There's not-so-social teams, social teams and then there's 7th grade - 7th grade is like a little hockey family. There were those who had played for years together, and a few new faces who I'd put my bottom dollar on saying they had one of the most enjoyable seasons at the club yet.

Not going to lie - following the act of Sarah Bird as 7th grade coach was quite daunting. After all, when someone simultaneously plays, coaches, is the women's VP and takes home Club Person of the Year, you'd be filling some pretty big shoes! But the team welcomed me with open arms.

Our season got off to a flying start. The team were in sync from the get go; both on and off the field. The first half of the season saw us jump up to 4th place on the ladder. The idea of making finals motivated the team even more - most of the team committed to a half hour of fitness before training every week, and this year was hands down the strongest attendance at training I have seen in my few years of coaching.



Although the score line often did not reflect it, we played some of the best hockey the club has probably never seen. In an early game against Barker, we went down 3-2, however one of the umpires (an ML2 coach) declared it was the best game of hockey he had seen in the season so far. Many games like this followed, with the ladies stringing together passes and plays that I wish I had memorised and brought along to my team's training.

Unfortunately, the second half of the season saw us slip and fall further down the ladder. The uni holidays ARE usually an obstacle that we struggle to bounce back from, especially in the North Sydney comp. However, this did not stop the team from having a great season.



I've never seen a team where everyone is so dedicated and involved. This was really reflected when we did our own team awards night, where every single player received at least one nomination for the prizes given out. I wouldn't change a thing about the way the season panned out (except maybe for when the umpires cut our game short), the 7th grade women's team is a force to be reckoned with. I just know that with a bit more time, and maybe a few more players in July, we will be real contenders for the finals. Watch this space!

Thank you to all the 7th grade ladies for your commitment and contribution to the team. Hope you enjoyed this season as much as I did.

-Maya

Women's Team Reports

Eighth Grade

Tim Wohlers-Reichel

The 2019 Women's 8th Grade season had its ups and downs. After a rocky week one loss to UTS the team rallied to come back and defeat Northern Districts in their second week. The following week a hard fought loss transpired in a game against Baulkham Hills.

In round four, the team faced their worst enemy, a 10:30 am game the morning after New Players Night. To make matters worse, the ground for this showdown was Kuringai Hockey 'Centre'. This was to be the beginning of a four game losing streak until it was broken by a ninth round draw against Northern Districts.

Was the luck of the team about to change? Sadly no, as university holidays approached, game attendance was as low as ever but spirits were high.

The remainder of the season was filled with highs and lows, a few nail biting wins, resulting in the team placing fifth, missing out on finals season.

The odds were stacked against the team from the beginning, a fledgling coach, social lives and Sunday morning games but all-in-all the team rallied for each other and made the most out of the season. While training attendance may have been lackadaisical, social event attendance was not, with 8th Grade making a solid play for Social Team of the Year.

This team was a pleasure to coach this year and if nothing else, we had a fun season.



Women's Team Reports

Ninth Grade

Edward Clancy

Time flies when you are having fun and the 2019 season was no exception for the ninth-grade women's team. This season saw a plethora of returning players and several new faces who would all come together as a team and put on one of the strongest seasons our lowest grade side has seen in years. However, a fun and social atmosphere was never sacrificed and would be present both on and off the field.



The season began with an upset against Macquarie University in a tight game the opposing team managed to score the decider in the final minutes of the game. Though we had lost the opening round it was evident 9s would be a strong side, a sentiment that was echoed throughout a season that would see only four more games lost. The team's ability to not give up and always fight for a win was put to the test in round nine where a combination of conflicting game times and unavailability would see only 10 players take the field against a 13 player Northern Black Bears squad. However, fighting tooth and nail every player went above and beyond and drove each other forward to see an unlikely 4-3 win occur. Though this was just one game it highlights for me how much everyone in this team wanted to win for each other, something that was reoccurring all season.

This would culminate in ninth grade finishing the regular season in a strong second place and into the major semi. Whether it was the half time orange wedges ninth grade had already exceeded their own expectations jumping into the finals everyone prepared as best they could. Nerves were clearly visible as we first took the field and after the first quarter it seemed we were on the back foot against the first place Northern District Strikers. However, although the flow of the game began to change as everyone settled and for the rest of the game it was a relentless assault from our forwards against their defensive half. Still nil all at the full regular time, golden goal and nine aside would begin, SUHC dominated this and the seven aside and though there was some extremely close calls, the opposition's goalie managed to keep a clean sheet. The intensity of the first game would carry on into the final against Briars and a goal from Harriet Watson would see them through to the grand final once again playing Strikers. The final game would unfortunately not end in our favour, however for the whole team it was the first time making it this far in the competition, something we are all proud of.

Off the field saw a continuation of the infamous ninth grade karaoke night, several team dinners, social events and an end of season bottomless lunch. These events are where the true test of grit took place, often collectively drinking enough fireball to make the most hardened cinnamon challenge enthusiast blush. A blurry bond brought everyone together and new players Sonja Henning-Smith, Deirdre Sargent and Elle Tsai were welcomed with open arms.

As always, this season was fantastic, and I couldn't be any prouder of how much everyone achieved both as a team and individually. Earlier in the season I stated I believed this team could move mountains and by all accounts they did.

I'd like to say a big thankyou to everyone who helped this season, whether it was with organising players to double, administration or helping at training. I look forward to what next year holds.

Up the Students!

Edward Clancy

Men's Team Reports

First Grade

Chris Laird & Scott Barker

Men's 1st grade 2019 season was definitely the most successful in the last four years. 2019 saw some high credential recruits joining some familiar faces in Peter Kelly, Brendan Purser, Tom Duck, Max Skyba, Jack Noblett and Paul Counsel who returned from Scotland.

Round 1 definitely started in unusual fashion with the game going for over 2 hours due to the lights going out on a cold night at Pennants Hills. However, with all the distractions the team remained focused starting the season with a convincing 3.0 victory over Northern Districts. This start certainly laid a positive foundation for the season ahead. The next 3 rounds created new challenges with Connor Tuddenham, Rashil Jetley, Sam Bell and Seb Rollings unavailable due to representing NSW at the U18s National Championships. Despite, the U18's being unavailable the team performed exceptionally well against Ryde, Sutherland and Moorebank. Now with a full team in round 5 & 6 we pushed the highly ranked Norwest Strikers eventually conceding a late goal and losing 4.3 with about 3 minutes left on the clock and having a 4.4 draw against UNSW. This proved that we can certainly compete with the top teams in Sydney. After the earlier impressive performance 1st grade went on a 3-game winning streak against, GNS, Briars and Glebe. The 3 wins played an instrumental role in securing a semi-final spot for the 1st time since 2015.

The back half of the regular season saw some inconsistent performance perhaps due to NSW U21's representative duties (Connor Tuddenham, Rashil Jetley, Aden Smith, Sam Wright) and some key injuries.

Round 17 saw a 3.1 victory against Briars securing our finals spot.

The semi-finals put us up against Norwest Strikers. In my mind, despite losing the semi-final, I felt this was our best performance of the entire year. Unfortunately, going down 3.0 the score certainly didn't reflect on how competitive we were with Norwest Strikers scoring the 3 late goals.

After setting very high standards with a young playing group (including PK) in 2019, I am certainly excited about the 2020 season. I would personally like to thank the 1st grade team for their professionalism, attitude and commitment to the premier squad program.

A big congratulations to Connor Tuddenham on receiving the Most Valuable Player award and Matthew Fleming on receiving the Most Valuable Contribution award.

Once again, I would personally like to thank,

- Chris Laird – Team Manager – for your tireless and meticulous work that is required to keep a 1st grade team on track. You truly are the backbone of our team.
- Phil Price – 2nd Grade Coach – for all his knowledge and continued support throughout the season

- Justin Knott – for his tireless work as the men's VP.

Scott Barker



Men's Team Reports

Second Grade

Phil Price

After heartbreak in September 2018, and a summer of reflection, the second grade men took to the training pitch in early January to rid the September demons and start walking the road to redemption. The usual trend for a second grade season is a string of tight losses, before, when our backs are against the wall, the miraculous run into the finals begins, often slipping in at 6th place in the second last or last week.

This year was different. With some good wins, some valiant draws and a bogey team in Briars that we just couldn't seem to shake, we sat comfortably in 4th place for the majority of the season. Setting ourselves up nicely for a comfortable finals birth. We were a team of grit, with at times some unconventional structures, we were able to grind out a lot of good results throughout the season. I draw my attention to a long Saturday afternoon. We took the field with 11.5 players (0.5 for a half broken Ed Baker), to play the highest ranked, formidable UNSW outfit (the eventual premiers). In a tactic well known to any underdog team, we played 11 behind the ball. Completely on the defence. They were frustrated, Justin Knott was breaking eye sockets, short corner after short corner (approximately 30) successfully defended, it came to 2-1 with a minute left. A desperate slap up field found a rather unsuspecting Ed Ringwood on the spot, who quite unconventionally swivelled the ball into the left side net. 2-2 with 20 seconds to go. We had achieved the impossible, and yes, we did act as if we had just won the premiership, and from all memorable reports, proceeded to go and get sufficiently inebriated to celebrate the result. It was gutsy wins (draws in this case) like this that defined the bulk of our regular season.

We had a good run in to the finals for the last two or three games and the boys were confident in going two better this year. We were feeling hot. Especially against a Ryde team that had been flying under the radar all season, a team that no one expected to be in finals contention. Without diving into detail, we were complacent, we were outplayed, and incurred a loss, perhaps more painful than our preliminary final loss to Moorebank in 2018. This marked the conclusion of a season where anything could have happened. Unfortunately, like many other years preceding, it just wasn't meant to be.

On behalf of the entire team we extend our thanks to Pricey for his guidance, coaching and support throughout the season. Also a massive thanks to all the guys who show up each week and put in 100%. I've said it before, I'll say it again, next year will be our year.

Peter Cobcroft

Men's Team Reports

Third Grade

Max Loxton

The season start was grim. The majority of last year's 3rd grade side had opted not to return this year. The entire grade had been gutted; leaving only a big bald backbone and a few fingers and toes to work with. Nobody was managing the team. We couldn't field a side from week to week. Those of us that were hanging around limply were getting sick of the situation and yearning for the South East Asian beach holiday that our rego fees could have bought instead.

As a side (or barely half a side by this point) we decided the only thing that would turn our season around was ourselves. We appointed a Manager, grabbed hold of the overflow of players from 2nd grade, gouged 4th grade of anyone under 30 years of age and decided to play some bloody good hockey.

When we started to have fun; every little thing we tried began to work out for us. Our strikers made more tackles than our defence. Our defence scored more goals than our attack. Our midfielders touched less balls than anyone else but worked harder than anyone. Players started asking to be in team from week to week. We called up players from second grade and they scored hattricks on debut. We called up players from fourth grade and they also scored hattricks on debut. We got smashed by Easts twice this season then never saw them again. We won the Semi in golden goal when a draw would have been our downfall. We won the Grand Final in regulation when a draw could not exist.

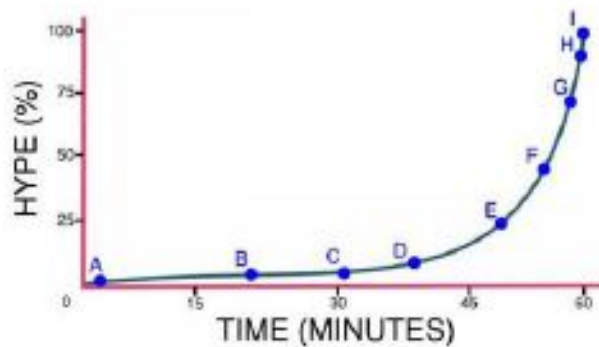
Yes, you read that correctly. This is not a sad tale of what could have been. This hodge-podge, mismatched, absolute soup of a team emerged victorious on Grand Final Day to bring SUHC its first 3rd Grade Premiership since 1993.

Realistically; the best way to summarise our season is via the Hype-Time Graph.

Coming in to our Semi Final, tactical genius and Team General Ant McInnes introduced us to the Hype-Time graph; an exponential curve of Hype over Time where our excitement levels started small and built up to outrageous in such a fashion as we arrived at the hit off at maximum energy without having worn ourselves out in the process. This didn't come as a surprise to us as this information had been inherently implanted over time as it was the unintended path which our season had been following all year.

Refer figure one for our match day preparation plotted on a Hype-Time graph:

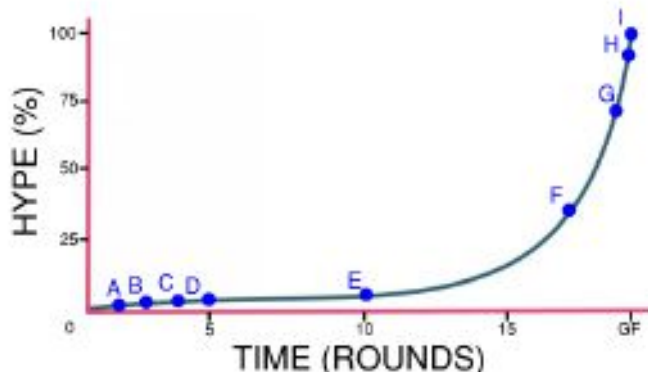
FIGURE 1: MATCH DAY HYPE-TIME GRAPH



- A. Arrive at the ground
- B. Enter the changerooms
- C. Max puts on some heavy psyche up music that nobody is ready for
- D. Ant tells us we're a smart hockey team
- E. Jez puts on Chicken Fried
- F. Adi runs the warmup, having only arrived seconds earlier
- G. Balls to the top. "Switch on Boys, this is the next step in intensity."
- H. T-Dubs starts drag flicking in corner practice
- I. Hit off

Refer figure two for our season plotted on a Hype-Time graph:

FIGURE 2: SEASON HYPE-TIME GRAPH



- A. We field a team of 10 against Ryde before luring Nappy onto the field with the promise of a pie and a Gatorade. 4-0 Loss..
- B. We go scoreless against a lower ladder Northern Districts team. 0-0 Draw.
- C. We only have 3 fresh players and a mismatched assortment of fill ins from other games against Moorebank. 3-0 Loss.
- D. Max takes over as Manager against Macquarie Uni. 3-0 Win.
- E. Back to back big wins over Glebe and Briars. 5-1, 4-1 Wins.
- F. Calam saves a stroke to secure 3rd position on the ladder in a tense game against Sutherland.
- G. We knock out Ryde with two minutes remaining in Golden Goal. 2-1 Win.
- H. Ringwood makes a stand against Moorebank's roughhouse tactics. Moral Victory
- I. Uni win the PL3 Grand Final against Moorebank. 2-1 Win. Sydney Uni are 3rd Grade Premiers

An overlay of the two graphs have shown that our marvellous tactician has unlocked the formula for a successful season. Whether by skill or sheer dumb luck we have ridden the Hype-Time curve throughout the year and it led us all the way to the outrageous high of winning the PL3 premiership without wearing us out along the way.

And that's a science fact.



Grand Final Team Photo

Back Row (From Left): Geoff Baird (Coach), Justin Knott, Ryan Bull, Edward Ringwood, Ethan Price, James Ellis (injured), Josef Visser, Alexander Grant, Aditya Khanna, Nicholas Jobson

Front Row (From Left): Anthony McInnes, Tesh Kanojia, Simon Nortje, Calam Baird (Goalkeeper), Hayden Boyd, Jeremy Phillips-Yelland, Nicolas Johnston, Maxwell Loxton (Captain)

Not Pictured (matches played): Nicholas Lee (7), Rowan Macdonald (7), Cameron Smith (6), Jack Lander (4), Chris Bisset (4), Matt Cudmore (3)

Men's Team Reports

Fourth Grade

Rowan McDonald

We began the year in search of a three-peat. The signs were not good early with Greeny, Kirk, Sri and Luke all deciding they didn't have the stomach for the challenge. Max and Joe became fixtures in 3s. We welcomed Michael, Ethan and Tesh, and later Sniffer to the fold. The net effect was to make the competitions oldest team even older (on average).

Nevertheless we set about defending the premiership that had been so hard won in both 2017 and 2018. With Nappy taking on game-day coaching duties and Tugga the on-field captaincy, hopes were high.

After 5 matches we had 2 wins, 2 losses and a draw and we were sitting midfield. Our biggest issue had already become obvious - the little round white thing would not go in the opponents' goal as often as we would like it to. The striking combination of Stibby and Tesh was not producing the outcomes we had expected.

Our season continued in this fashion and on reflection was really quite disrupted. With Tugga breaking a toe, Cuddles head butting the ball and then breaking a hand, Nic becoming a dad and then getting married, Ethan taking a couple of weeks to record an album and Joey breaking a finger, we had trouble getting a consistent team on the park. When I look at our stats throughout the year, we used almost 30 players across the season. We are all thankful for the support we got from across the club and from the Masters fraternity but this illustrates the struggle we had with continuity and cohesion.

At the end of the competition rounds we had managed to finish in 5th and drew Sutherland in the elimination finals. They had beaten us a week earlier in the final round and were finishing the season with a wet sail. So, we lined up at Moorebank on a Saturday night and at the final whistle we were all tied at 1-all. A quick look at the B&F points shows that it was again the goalie and defenders who kept in the match. Early in the first period of extra time, with the drop down to 9 players not looking good for the old legs in our team, we won our first penalty corner of the match and Crabby duly despatched it past their goalie with his trademark drag from left of the battery.

So, we were still alive. Was the three peat still achievable?

Next came a match up giants Ryde. They had been beaten only once during the season proper. They were clearly the best performed team and would be hard to beat. We started well going 1-0 up early and then 2-0 midway through the 3rd quarter. Then the dream started to sour. Ryde scored just before 3/4 time and again with 6 minutes to go. The game looked sure to go to extra time when Ryde scored right at the death and knocked us over 3-2.

It wasn't to be. No premiership in PL4 for 2019.

In closing I'd like to thank Nappy for the thought and effort he put into game day plans (it's

a shit job when you have so many experienced players free with their opinions in a team). I'd like to call out our best and fairest for the year, Chris Bisset, who has one of the younger sets of legs in the team and we made him use them and, also, Michael Nelson who joined the club this year, was a consistent performer and turned in several MVP performances in matches we might well have lost.

And I reckon most of would look back and say, even though we do not successfully defend the title that we enjoyed the season playing with a group of guys whose company we enjoy, who play hard but in the right spirit.

PS Congratulations to Bott and Pricey who helped their NSW team win the Australian Masters Championship in the post-season. Their success and list of honours continues



Men's Team Reports

Fifth Grade

Matthijs Koreman

What a rollercoaster we had during the 2019 Men's 5th Grade Season!

After an eventful 2018 season, the team was promoted to SL1. Was this too soon? Or would the fearless warriors beat the odds?

Our first match against Macquarie University had a lot of potential, but it wasn't to be and Sydney Uni conceded defeat in the last few minutes of the game.

Unfortunately, this was a precursor for more of what was to come this season for the team as we continued each week to face off tough competition at our new higher level.

Our next few games saw similar pattern and results; we would play a strong game (blood and sweat, sans tears), discipline on the pitch but the final score not reflecting how equal the game actually was.

Our first point of the season came after an epic game against UNSW who were then the number one of the league. We stunned them with a late goal tying the score up at 2 all. The wait for a second point was a long one – 11 games to be exact, when we rallied up against UNSW again and came home with a 3-3 score.

The games in between were frustrating but heroic; opening the score in nearly every game and losing in the last minutes. It showed we had the potential but attention to details meant we missed a few opportunities and didn't close the deal.

Once the ladder had settled, it seemed as if we had a bit more luck on our hands. After our final defeat against St George/Randwick we didn't experience another loss. With a strong final set of games, we were able to win one game and draw two more.

All in all, the season was a challenging one. Despite the highs and lows, the team saw a lot of progress and morale stayed high throughout the season. Next year we will continue this path forward and hopefully the results will follow.



Plus, a big shout out to those who subbed for us during the season!

Men's Team Reports

Sixth Grade

Haydn Marshall

A new season brought itself more than its fair share of challenges in 2019, having scraped the penultimate wooden spoon in 2018. The powers that be determined that, with 4 wins, we were in the running for a promotion to SL2 – a league rarely heard about, let alone spoken about.



Stepping onto the field in week 1 with a strengthened side from 2018, the boys were soon taken to task 12-0 by the social Briars team, having won 2 of the previous 3 years SL1 premierships, their 2018 result leaving them in second place, precipitating their drop to SL2. Banter was always strong in the face of such adversity, with the deficit dropping week by week from a 12 goal deficit, to a 9, then a 6 and finally a 3 goal deficit giving those with the faintest glimmer of hope the impression that yes, we were improving! A draw was on the horizon! Alas, this was not to be the case, our first win coming 5 weeks later, with a solid performance against Moorebank.

This was to be the highlight of the season, with the battle once again flaring up 9 weeks later for our last game of the season – trotting in with a 1 win, 16 loss record against Moorebank who had managed to wrangle a draw against St George earlier in the season, the fight was on for the wooden spoon once again. Not to be dissuaded by a season most will want to forget, 15 of us turned up to Moorebank, our morale unbowed, unbent and most definitely unbroken. Connecting to top the season off with a 4-1 win, our season saved in the knowledge that although we may not have had the best results, we were able to scrape our dignity together to perform at the same level, one division higher.

Averaging a little more than a 5 goal deficit per game all season was challenging, but allowed our newest players Michael Balk, Luis Verbeeck, Ian Dehlsen and Anei Thou the true baptism of fire required to forge the steely resilience required of players in the at times lopsided draws that we come up against – their efforts were not rewarded this season, but I do believe the future is bright, if the opinion of our umpires is anything to go off. The stalwarts of the social leagues, as always turned up – many thanks to Todd Horsley for maintaining a positive attitude in the face of the opposition each week, the Lacey brothers for their indomitable attitudes, Vasu Pankhania for his greater degree of concern for his women's teams performance than his own, Ashwin and Joel for their medical expertise and those other gentlemen associated, who together created the pastiche that was, SL2 2019. Cheers guys, onwards and upwards for next year! Haydn Marshall

Men's Team Reports

Seventh Grade

Paul Rattray

Report not submitted

Master's Team Reports

First Grade - Premier League

Chris Moylan

Season 2019 saw a restructuring of Sydney Masters Hockey to change the Premier division to be an Over 35's competition, and it was apparent that the 2018 team would also need a restructure.

Fortunately for us (me) we welcomed back Chris Moylan from his year long honeymoon and to say Chris had been grooming more "youngsters" than your average scout master would be putting it mildly.

The addition of AJ, Ant, Heapy, Sunil, Bully and Max saw more youth injected. Fordie also returned with a new back and discovered that feeling and moving your feet was in fact highly recommended if you were going to be a goalkeeper.

The opposition looked tough, Ryde were going to be strong, Manly had always been a tough sparring partner of ours but it seemed they were the team that had been left behind in the move to O35's and the same old faces were just a yard or two off the pace. UTS were as always stocked with NSW and Aussie Master reps so looked like they could be a tough opponent. Briars were as always going to be competitive and one of those teams that we always struggled to put away.

The dark horse of the comp was Penrith, they had arrived on the Premier scene recently with a core group of knock about blokes but had been perennial "easy beats". However they had recruited strongly in the off season so definitely had the potential to cause a slip up or two.

The season began with Ryde showing off the advantages of their immense depth, being one of Sydney's largest clubs, having recruited strongly and were destroying all before them. It looked like the season was going to be a one horse race. UTS were doing enough to keep Ryde within sight but the rest of the comp were in real danger of losing touch. Sydney Uni had struggled a little with combinations to begin with, however some superior coaching from Moylo soon saw us turn the corner and start putting a few excellent performances together.

The squad expanded to 19 with a few of the "young blokes" recovering from pre-season injuries and joining the fray. Too many warm ups? Despite the injection of numbers, the turning point of the season was a game where we played with just 10 players against a full strength Briars. We managed to grind out a draw but it could have been so much more as we conceded two goals in the final few minutes. As a result of his "no show" Ben Hardy was fined a cheese platter for every after-match drinking session and all of a sudden there was extra motivation to get a yellow card to enjoy a beer or two after each game. The team was now more bonded than a Cronulla Rioter and his Aussie Flag cape.

The results rolled on, we beat Ryde!!! We beat UTS, everyone was at our mercy. Rolling from 5th into 4th into 3rd and finally with the season reaching its conclusion we had the opportunity to get to 2nd by holding off UTS in the final match of the season. The Vertical TAFE obviously decided that refreshments next week were more important than player welfare and at one stage we were 9 players vs 10. More cards follow, Moylo misses a stroke, we had a goal disallowed, I get sent off and somehow the result stays 2-2 and it's enough for us to finish 2nd.

Major Semi vs Ryde arrived and no one had seen as confusing a turnaround in "form" from the Ryde area since the invention of the Club Lock. Ryde limped into the finals due to their early season form only and were looking ragged, however they were back to full strength for the Semi. We got out to a strong lead 3-0 before seeing 4 players sent to the bin at once for talking to ourselves in the direction of the umpires. Ryde claw back to 3-2 but not enough to close out the game and we are through to the GF.

Much to everyone's surprise Ryde completed their horror end of season run losing 4 games straight to be knocked out by Briars, a team most people would say were lucky to even make the top 4. Despite this, they are the one team that Uni has ALWAYS struggled to put away and after gifting them a 3 goal head start, we clawed back 2 goals thanks to some Pikey brilliance. Alas, it's not enough and we go down in a game that got away from us.

Was the slow start thanks to Matho (tech bench) deciding our half need watering for the whole warm up? Was it just one of those things? Anyway it was a pleasure to play the season and I look forward to one of the "young blokes" taking up Moylo's role. Begin recruiting hard to anyone "coming of age", we have a great bunch of blokes, a few of us will happily need to shuffle down and make room for new recruits. It's a great club and everyone that came to preso will also know that if nothing else, it's worth being part of just to get to come along to that night.....

Until we meet again.

Sniff

Second Grade - Sydney Cup

Michael Irby

Having narrowly missed the finals last season, the team was looking to be a bit more consistent this year. To do this, we needed to strengthen our squad and hope injuries and absences would be kind to us.

The injection of youth into the Premier Division squad resulted in some members of the 2018 Premier squad (Tesh, Rowan, Jimmy Crabb) joining Sydney Cup on a permanent basis. The return of David Sharpe and Anthony Sweetman to the club along with the recruitment of Dave Compton added further depth and quality to the team.

A breakdown of our results showed we played fourteen round games - winning nine, drawing three and losing just two. While our defence once again held strong throughout the season, the area we really improved on was our ability to score goals. In 2018, we scored twenty-nine goals from fifteen games. For 2019, we managed fifty-seven goals from just fourteen games. Our two leading scorers this year managed to score as many goals as the entire team last season.

Going into the last game of the season in the race for the minor premiership, Ryde were three points ahead of us on the table and had a six goal better goal difference. Things weren't looking good when we started the match with only nine players and no goalkeeper. However, we managed to hold out until troops arrived and went on to win 5-2. This meant we finished on the same points (30) and with the same goal difference (32). The minor premiership was ultimately decided on goals scored. Records showed we scored 57 goals while Ryde could only manage 53 for the season. We should be thankful for our 14-1 win over UTS during the year which put us in a position to be challenging for top position.

Unfortunately, our last two games during the season resulted in losses. The major semi-final finished level at one all and was decided on the eighth attempt at 1 on 1's through no fault of PJ who save numerous Ryde attempts. This meant we had a preliminary final against Briars the following week. In a very tight game, we conceded a late goal to go down 3-2.

The other area we improved in this year was the reliability of the squad to make it to the games. Fourteen members of the squad played eleven or more matches during the season. This is significantly better than previous years. Our ability to field a full team from the Sydney Cup squad most weeks meant we rarely had to call on the lower grades for backup.

Despite the disappointing end to the season losing our two finals matches, I think we can look back on the season and feel proud of our achievement in winning the minor premiership. To me, this shows consistency throughout the entire season. Hopefully, getting so close to the grand final will spur us on to even better things next year.

Anyway, to all those elder club members who made themselves available for the Sydney Cup side this year, thank you for your efforts and I look forward to seeing you all back on a hockey field (hopefully with some new recruits) for the 2020 season.

Bott

Season Summary and Key Statistics

- Minor Premiers
- Played 14, Won 9, Drew 3, Lost 2
- Goals For: 57 - Goals Against: 25
- Top Goal Scorers:
 - Tesh Kanojia (19)
 - Rowan McDonald (10)
 - David Sharpe (10)
- B & F (Top three):
 - Rowan McDonald
 - Dave Compton
 - Tesh Kanojia



Back Row: Dave Compton, Brian Gunner, Anthony Sweetman, Andrew Roumanos, James Crabb, Austen Sharp, Rowan McDonald

Front Row: Dan Pearce, David Sharpe, Tesh Kanojia, Michael Irby, Steve Gregory, Paul John (GK)

Absent: Philip Price

Third Grade - Masters League

Peter Flynn

Last year's report for this team talked about a good start to the year in a flattering position on the ladder, rise in the final result on the ladder (from near the bottom to fifth), more goals than before (18), some good games against better opposition, and a challenge putting our best team on the park regularly.

No wonder these seasons blend together in my mind.

This year I can report a good start to the year and a temporary flattering ladder position, an improved final result (a clear third), more goals than for years (23), some very good games against strong opposition and, a challenge putting our best team on the park on a regular basis.

The added excitement of a couples of final games, and running the eventual premiers to nil all at half time in the prelim final round out our results summary.

8 wins, 5 losses, many draws.

Having a few players trickle down from B Grade helped a lot (including the clubs two all-time high scorers no less), and careful use of grading and guest star roles from D Grade and B grade filled out the squad for much of the year.

Best player voting (done the old way when Apps proved a bridge too far for old blokes) went to Crichton who had his best years in goals for a while, with honourable mention to Chowny, Derrick Jones and Dave Prior.

Many thanks to Bott, Nappy and Pricy for playing and the regular double ups from D Grade, Mal, Lox, Ratty (again, all just like last year!)

Hopefully a few new recruits can help write a different story next year, but this year the team played good hockey on many occasions, had some very intense and competitive matches and we all enjoyed the competition on cold winters nights.

Fourth Grade - Legends League

Paul Rattray

Yet another year of asking aching muscles and aged bones to perform miracles on cold midweek nights.

But what else would you do at 9pm on a cold wet Wednesday night in the middle of winter. Any excuse for a quiet satisfying beer afterwards.

This is the third season with the fourth master's team and it could be considered a great success. And the on field results were quite good as well. A higher than normal injury toll and other various absences meant that we only had 11 players for the last three games of the season. We also found the over 55 rule counted against us and made it hard to place players who otherwise should have been in this grade. We still managed to finish second but had to play the semi-finals with only 10 players on each occasion. Despite this we put in a great performance and thoroughly enjoyed close and competitive games. What we would have done for a couple of subs.

Despite this, we pushed Sutherland, the eventual premiers, to extra time and then a shootout in the semi-final. The ability to participate is so important to many of these players as it is a welcome break to busy and stressful lives. Thanks to Flynnie, Mal, Crichton and the other C Grade players who regularly filled in for us, often at short notice. Special mention to David Loxton who was B & F for the grade. He was also our top goal scorer.

I would also like to thank the other players who made organising the team as easy as it could be. Players organised overseas work trips, holidays and work functions around the draw in an effort just to play that extra game.



Competition Tables

Sydney Women's Hockey League

Metro League Division 1

Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	For	Against	Diff.	Points
Sydney Uni 1	18	12	2	4	50	20	30	38
RHH 1	18	11	4	3	67	34	33	37
GNS 1	18	11	3	4	50	17	33	36
Moorebank 1	18	9	5	4	47	29	18	32
UNSW 1	18	7	5	6	50	38	12	26
WD 1	18	8	2	8	43	35	8	26
ND Strikers 1	18	5	4	9	29	47	-18	19
Mac/Btown 1	18	4	2	12	34	76	-42	14
Briars 1	18	2	7	9	19	56	-37	13
UTS 1	18	3	2	13	23	60	-37	11

Metro League Division 2

Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	For	Against	Diff.	Points
Moorebank 2	18	11	6	1	42	18	24	39
Sydney Uni 2	18	10	5	3	39	16	23	35
Glebe 1	18	10	2	6	29	19	10	32
GNS 2	18	9	5	4	34	26	8	32
UNSW 2	18	8	5	5	37	24	13	29
Macquarie Uni 1	18	7	6	5	26	20	6	27
UTS 2	18	5	3	10	11	33	-22	18
Mac/Btown 2	18	5	1	12	18	30	-12	16
RHH 2	18	2	7	9	24	37	-13	13
WD 2	18	2	2	14	5	42	-37	8

Metro League Division 3

Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	For	Against	Diff.	Points
UNSW 3	18	11	3	4	24	11	13	36
MosHarbour 1	18	10	5	3	36	20	16	35
Sydney Uni 3	18	9	7	2	30	12	18	34
Briars 2	18	9	6	3	37	27	10	33
Moorebank 3	18	6	6	6	17	23	-6	24
ND Strikers 2	18	5	7	6	33	24	9	22
Wenty 1	18	5	7	6	19	26	-7	22
Manly 1	18	5	3	10	26	23	3	18
Glebe 2	18	3	5	10	14	34	-20	14
GNS 3	18	1	3	14	7	43	-36	6

Metro League Division 4

Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	For	Against	Diff.	Points
Sydney Uni 4	18	16	1	1	43	18	25	49
Moorebank 4	18	13	2	3	38	18	20	41
RHH 3	18	10	2	6	42	29	13	32
MosHarbour 2	18	9	4	5	26	15	11	31
Macquarie Uni 2	18	6	7	5	33	29	4	25
Glebe 3	18	7	2	9	31	29	2	23
Mac/Btown 3	18	5	4	9	27	32	-5	19
ND Strikers 3	18	4	4	10	22	36	-14	16
Briars 3	18	4	3	11	20	35	-15	15
Manly 2	18	1	1	16	13	54	-41	4

Metro League Division 5

Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	For	Against	Diff.	Points
MosHarbour 3	18	10	6	2	29	13	16	36
Sydney Uni 5	18	10	4	4	43	20	23	34
Cronulla Sharks	18	9	5	4	30	21	9	32
Wenty 2	18	8	4	6	26	19	7	28
RHH 4	18	8	4	6	22	15	7	28
Macquarie Uni 3	18	6	5	7	23	27	-4	23
St George	18	5	7	6	31	25	6	22
Glebe 4	18	6	2	10	30	40	-10	20
ND Strikers 4	18	4	4	10	15	30	-15	16
Briars 4	18	2	3	13	11	50	-39	9

Metro League Division 6

Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	For	Against	Diff.	Points
Moorebank 5	18	14	1	3	40	15	25	43
RHH 5	18	12	2	4	25	12	13	38
UNSW 4	18	11	4	3	32	21	11	37
Mac/Btown 4	18	10	2	6	37	21	16	32
MosHarbour 4	18	9	4	5	39	19	20	31
Sydney Uni 6	18	5	7	6	20	17	3	22
ND Strikers 5	18	4	6	8	17	25	-8	18
GNS 4	18	2	5	11	10	38	-28	11
Glebe 5	18	1	7	10	12	30	-18	10
Canterbury	18	3	0	15	13	47	-34	9



Sydney North Women's Hockey Association

Division B

Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	For	Against	Diff.	Points
Manly 3	14	10	1	3	32	10	22	31
Mirrabooka/Barker	14	10	1	3	46	25	21	31
UTS et	14	8	2	4	29	22	7	26
UTS 4	14	6	4	3	23	29	-6	25
RHHC 6	14	3	6	5	12	13	-1	15
Norths Red Bears	14	2	5	6	15	31	-16	14
Syd Uni 7	14	3	3	8	16	17	-1	12
Mac Uni 4	14	1	4	9	10	36	-26	7

Division C

Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	For	Against	Diff.	Points
Briars	12	11	1	0	64	11	53	34
Hornsby 2	13	9	1	3	43	21	22	25
Baulkham Hills 1	12	6	3	3	26	23	3	21
Mirrabooka 3	12	5	1	6	37	21	16	16
Syd Uni 8	12	2	3	7	15	42	-27	9
UTS 5	12	3	1	8	16	50	-34	7
NDS Green	11	1	2	8	15	34	-19	5

Division D

Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	For	Against	Diff.	Points
NDS Gold	14	10	1	3	32	11	21	31
Syd Uni 9	14	9	1	4	34	16	18	28
Briars 5	14	8	2	4	12	10	2	26
Hornsby 3	14	6	2	6	16	15	1	20
RHHC 7	14	6	1	7	16	13	3	19
Mac Uni 5	14	5	2	7	17	21	-4	17
Norths Black Bears	14	4	1	9	22	29	-7	13
Baulkham Hills 2	14	2	2	10	8	42	-34	8



Sydney Men's Hockey Association

Premier League 1

Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	For	Against	Diff.	Points
Moorebank Liverpool	18	16	2	0	98	11	87	50
Sutherland	18	12	4	2	88	29	59	40
NWS/BH	18	12	2	4	80	30	50	38
UNSW	18	11	3	4	70	31	39	36
Ryde HH	18	11	2	5	76	34	42	35
Sydney Uni 1	18	5	1	12	37	60	-23	16
Briars	18	4	1	13	25	75	-50	13
Glebe	18	4	1	13	23	77	-54	13
GNS	18	4	1	13	28	83	-55	13
Northern Districts	18	2	1	15	20	115	-95	7

Premier League 2

Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	For	Against	Diff.	Points
Moorebank Liverpool	18	16	1	1	101	20	81	49
UNSW	18	15	1	2	79	29	50	46
Sutherland	18	14	1	3	72	28	44	43
Sydney Uni 2	18	10	2	6	49	39	10	32
Ryde HH	18	9	2	7	46	45	1	29
Briars	18	8	1	9	45	51	-6	25
Macquarie Uni	18	7	0	11	28	39	-11	21
St George/Rand	18	6	2	10	34	62	-28	20
UTS	18	4	3	11	36	58	-22	15
Glebe	18	4	2	12	35	64	-29	14
NWS/BH	18	3	4	11	32	53	-21	13
GNS	18	1	3	14	17	86	-69	6

Premier League 3

Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	For	Against	Diff.	Points
Easts	18	13	3	2	69	31	38	42
Ryde HH	18	12	4	2	61	27	34	40
Sydney Uni 3	18	10	2	6	37	31	6	32
Sutherland	18	9	4	5	50	30	20	31
Moorebank Liverpool	18	9	4	5	40	29	11	31
Briars	18	8	5	5	42	31	11	29
Glebe	18	7	6	5	55	41	14	27
UNSW	18	6	6	6	37	31	6	24
Northern Districts	18	3	9	6	22	26	-4	18
Macquarie Uni	18	3	5	10	27	52	-25	14
UTS	18	3	1	14	23	70	-47	10
St George/Rand	18	0	1	17	13	77	-64	1

Premier League 4

Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	For	Against	Diff.	Points
Ryde HH	18	16	1	1	73	13	60	49
Easts	18	14	1	3	69	22	47	43
GNS	18	12	0	6	55	34	21	36
Sutherland	18	10	3	5	32	13	19	33
Sydney Uni 4	18	10	3	5	32	25	7	33
UNSW	18	10	2	6	46	25	21	32
Briars	18	8	1	9	41	36	5	25
Northern Districts	18	6	3	9	36	42	-6	21
NWS/BH	18	6	2	5	26	61	-35	20
Glebe	18	3	2	13	18	44	-26	11
Moorebank Liverpool	18	1	3	14	14	70	-56	6
UTS	18	1	1	15	16	73	-57	4

Sydney League 1

Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	For	Against	Diff.	Points
Ryde HH	18	15	2	1	105	14	91	47
Manly	18	14	2	2	66	25	41	44
UNSW	18	11	2	5	59	39	20	35
Sutherland	18	10	3	5	50	31	19	33
Bankstown	18	8	0	10	43	66	-23	24
Macquarie Uni	18	6	4	8	29	32	-3	22
St George/Rand	18	5	2	11	35	67	-32	17
Monterey	18	5	2	11	35	75	-40	17
Northern Districts	18	3	3	12	23	58	-35	12
Sydney Uni 5	18	1	4	13	20	58	-38	7

Sydney League 3

Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	For	Against	Diff.	Points
Briars	18	15	1	2	94	21	73	46
Ryde White	18	14	2	2	79	22	57	44
Bentstix	18	11	3	4	65	22	43	36
Ryde Black	18	11	2	5	65	33	32	35
Sutherland	18	10	0	8	43	48	-5	30
Easts	18	7	3	8	56	36	20	24
UTS	18	6	2	10	35	58	-23	20
St George/Rand	18	5	4	9	37	52	-15	19
Sydney Uni 6	18	2	0	16	14	109	-95	6
Moorebank Liverpool	18	0	1	17	11	98	-87	1

Sydney League 5

Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	For	Against	Diff.	Points
Tartans	18	16	1	1	69	13	56	49
Wests	18	11	0	7	52	31	21	33
Briars	18	10	2	6	70	29	41	32
Ryde White	18	10	2	6	47	22	25	32
Easts	18	10	2	6	39	36	3	32
Sydney Uni 7	18	8	2	8	35	31	4	26
Ryde Black	18	7	4	7	45	34	11	25
GNS	18	6	4	8	25	32	-7	22
Bankstown	18	3	1	14	19	63	-44	10
Bentstix	18	0	0	18	6	116	-110	0

Sydney East Hockey Association



Under 11 – A Division

Team	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	For	Against	Diff	Points
Bankstown 11a	13	10	2	1	57	23	34	31
Sutho 11a Geckos	13	9	3	1	61	18	43	28
UNSW 11a	13	9	3	1	55	19	36	28
Glebe 11a Backs	12	7	3	2	51	25	26	23
Moorebank 11a	13	3	9	1	17	66	-49	10
USYD 11A Gold	13	2	10	1	18	58	-40	7
Glebe 11a Reds	13	1	11	1	15	66	-51	4

Under 11 – B Division

Team	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	For	Against	Diff	Points
SGR 11b	15	13	1	1	71	12	59	40
Sutho 11b BD	15	13	2	0	81	14	67	39
Sutho 11b BT	15	7	5	3	35	36	-1	24
Glebe 11b	15	7	6	2	37	34	3	23
Moorebank 11b	15	7	7	1	29	30	-1	22
UNSW 11b	15	3	11	3	16	45	-29	12
USYD 11B Blue	15	2	12	1	7	52	-45	7
Bankstown 11b	15	2	12	1	13	66	-53	7

Under 17

Team	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	For	Against	Diff.	Point
SGR 17 Knights	13	11	2	2	38	11	27	35
Sutho 17 BT	13	8	2	3	39	21	18	27
SGR 17 Dragons	13	7	3	3	50	12	38	24
Sutho 17 Geckos	14	7	7		40	31	9	21
Bankstown 17	13	5	3	5	31	24	7	20
UNSW 17	13	5	6	2	33	24	9	17
Moorebank 17	14	4	7	3	39	36	3	15
Glebe 17	14	3	9	2	21	50	-29	11
USYD U17	13		13		3	85	-82	0



Sydney Masters Hockey Association

Division 1

Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	For	Against	Diff.	Points
Ryde 1	15	11	0	4	51	38	13	33
Sydney University 1	15	8	3	4	51	24	27	27
Briars 1	15	7	4	4	54	32	22	25
UTS 1	15	7	3	5	39	26	13	24
Manly 1	15	6	0	9	42	52	-10	18
Penrith 1	15	1	0	14	20	85	-65	3

Division 2

Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	For	Against	Diff.	Points
Sydney University 2	14	9	3	2	57	25	32	30
Ryde 2	14	9	3	2	53	21	32	30
GNS 1	14	7	3	4	44	25	19	24
Briars 2	14	6	1	7	41	40	1	19
UTS 2	14	6	1	7	37	59	-22	19
Macarthur 1	14	4	1	9	33	63	-30	13
Northern Districts	14	2	0	12	32	64	-32	6

Division 3

Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	For	Against	Diff.	Points
Ryde 3	14	10	2	2	39	14	25	32
Sutherland 1	14	9	3	2	37	13	24	30
Sydney University 3	14	7	3	4	19	17	2	24
Penrith 2	14	4	4	6	20	24	-4	16
Macarthur 2	14	4	4	6	15	23	-8	16
Manly 2	14	5	0	9	24	39	-15	15
Ryde 4	14	1	2	11	11	35	-24	5

Division 4

Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	For	Against	Diff.	Points
Easts	12	10	2	0	58	21	37	32
Sydney University 4	13	7	1	5	25	21	4	22
Northern Districts 2	13	7	1	5	28	28	0	22
Sutherland 2	12	4	3	5	20	20	0	15
Briars 3	12	3	5	4	28	25	3	14
Northside	13	4	3	6	16	23	-7	15
Macarthur 3	13	4	1	8	17	35	-18	13
Ryde 5	12	2	2	8	7	26	-19	8

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