



## From the President

I hope you are enjoying the 2017 season so far. You wouldn't think it from the lack of rainy games so far, but we are already halfway through the season. So it's a good opportunity to reflect on where we are as a club.

Firstly thank you to all of our sponsors; please continue to give them first opportunity for your service or business. We are proud that so many of our sponsors have been part of the club for a long time, including Aviso WA (previously IC Frith) and equally pleased that we have new sponsors coming on board. Read the list of sponsors in the Redletter and make sure to return the favour. Also thank you to all who have paid their fees; there are substantial costs to run a club, turf, Hockey WA dues, kitchen and bar. If you haven't paid, do it now! This is a simple obligation on all members so please make full payment asap. The club wouldn't function without the army of volunteers – whether it is the committee members, coaches, social events, people on kitchen roster, billeting families or parents ferrying kids to games. If you have the capacity to assist, put your hand up – the club needs you!

Now to look forward; the club is developing a Strategic Plan to identify what the club stands for, what the club should be in 2025 and how to get there. If you want to have a say in improving the club, this is your chance. A survey will be going out shortly so please respond. All ideas welcome.

See you at the club!

**Jamie Cook**

## Reds Strategic Plan 2018 - 2025

### 1. Introduction:

The Club is seeking to develop a strategic plan, and needs your help to develop one that reflects the needs of the majority of our members and other interested parties. The Strategic Plan will guide our future direction and be used as a reference to ensure key decision making is aligned with this direction.

Clubs like the Reds have a primary aim of enabling people to play sport in a predominantly amateur environment. The obvious outcomes include ongoing fitness and increased skills development within a community based environment, where young people can grow and continue to play as adults to the skill level they are comfortable with.

Beyond that role, sports clubs can also offer a value system and club ethic that while meeting immediate needs works towards becoming a self-propagating club across all ages for continued success. In doing so it can play a vital part in the development of young lives, while providing an inclusive environment to build resilience and strong contributors for life both within and outside the club.

Via your input the Reds Hockey Club and affiliated teams has a good opportunity to become even better and this is your chance to help shape the club's future over the next 6 months as we develop the 2018-2025 Strategic Plan through 2017.

### 2. How Can You contribute:

The Strategic Planning Committee which reports back to the Club committee will be giving you the opportunity to have your say via a number of different options:

- Club nights where we will seek your input



directly;

- Questionnaires using a range of technologies (including mail outs and emails to gain the greatest coverage);
- Once we have gathered sufficient feedback we will report back to you on what you have told us and seek your further feedback;
- From there we will fine tune the messages and generate an initial Strategic Plan based on your feedback.

### 3. Who else

As you can imagine there are a range of people who would want to contribute to the plan and we will consult with those groups via separate meetings wherever possible including;

- The College
- Members current and past
- Our Parents
- The WAHA
- Other stakeholder groups with value to add

### 4. Program

The initial communication will be issued within the next four weeks and following that we will provide regular updates with a view to ensuring we have all that we need by the end of the Season.

## Team Reports

### Womens Provisional 2s

#### Prov 2 Gold

We are heading into the second round on top of the ladder and with a healthy lead. Sal and Cato are leading the leagues goal scoring with 12 and 10 goals respectively. The defensive skills of the team are like marvel characters combined with batman – in other words we are dominating with only 3 goals conceded for the year. We are still without Riina with her Quidditch injury but a

massive thanks to Graz, Tash and Rosalie who have helped us out tremendously and have filled in as goalie – you guys are awesome!

We are still playing some cracker hockey with only having our first loss on the weekend. It's funny when a team starts boasting about beating you 2-1 at your home turf when you beat them 6-0 at theirs. I guess being from Rockingham you don't really have anything else to brag about. Behind all the seriousness of the game, we pride ourselves on maintaining a very social approach which has been noted by many people. I think we can all say that from our Shuffle Party and Beer Olympics performances, it pretty much sums us up perfectly. Not to forget the standard weekly behaviour with Jen rocking up to a game and forgetting her shoes, Addie losing her uniform which is still yet to be found. Maybe her and Mish can share a uniform between them as they both seem to always be away on holidays! Shannon pulls her hamstring whilst making potato bake and Sedge still manages to keep us on our toes as to whether she's got the correct game time and venue, still minus her shaft guard. Great work team, still proud to be a part of it!

### Men's Provisional 2 Gold

The 'Mighty Aquinas 8s' continue their 2017 season riding all of the bumps. The last few weeks have seen the team suffer a few losses after only suffering one loss in the first half of the season. These results have coincided with an injury list almost as long as the playing list.

A sample of the injuries include:

- a broken hand, sustained on the hockey field;
- an ongoing "neck issue" suspiciously sustained before the season;
- a broken foot, rumoured from prancing around in operatic performances on stage;
- a broken collarbone from a dubious one on one challenge against one of the much loved Rockingham teams;



- a calf injury (old man injury) from one of the teams elder statesmen (luckily it was an injury from actually playing sport this time hey Marc?); and

- a friendly fire attempt at catching a hockey ball with your eye socket.

The team is now sitting in a position where they will have to fight for a finals spot having some tough challenges ahead of them. If the team can stay away from injuring further players and regain some from injury there is a small inkling of yet another finals appearance.

If fate isn't on their side, it will still be a very entertaining end to the season. We could even see club favourite David "Sully" Sullivan running around in the forward line to end the season showing he has as much skill as the existing forwards when it comes to putting that small white thing in the back of the net!

## Over 60 Update

It is said that a strong Club relies on many contributors and people that are prepared to stay the journey. That journey (body and mind willing) can only end up in one place and that is the 60's which effectively is an open age group team. Hate to add up the years of experience especially with Ivan and Whip in the team, they share over 140 years of life experience between them and are still passionate about their hockey and still place standards on themselves which is great to see. Thanks also to Prindi for his stint of umpiring – talk about a Club contributor !

Some things never change. Watching Cookie corral people blocking their path into the circle is a dying art and one that almost gets the umpires attention. Peter Moore is back to his sweet long hitting and Jorge (when fit) is like a dog with a ball and always gets it back for his team to play with.

Much of the team's rise this season to top of the ladder with a splendid win over Mods last weekend 4-3 is due to the team's defence and in particular the half line with Phil, Gary and Gallows who all have the knack of just harassing opposition ball carriers with their long reach and turning tackles into counter attacking moves with early distribution up field. A quiet achiever who moves between half line and forward with scoring ability is Greg Durrell (ex Narrogin) who improves with every game.

With Bangers and Steve McEntee due back from injury this will only add to the scoring power and run up front. So as we enter the second half of the season the Objectives remain the same – turn up, avoid injury, enjoy the friendships and cold beers with mates and opposition alike, oh and yeh a win if it works out just adds to the fun !! Go Reds !

Anon

## India Tour 1987 - 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Aka: Where are they now??

Back in the Paleolithic Age which was before iphones (Hawkie was PM), the club sent off a team to compete in the knockout All India Sardar Mohan Singh tournament in New Delhi. Trevor Vanderputt was the instigator with links to Indian Hockey & coaching at the Reds. Peter Cook & Peter Willett were roped in as they were also coaching at the club.

The Under 16 team consisted of Earl Pilatti, Dean Pilatti, Damian Hicks, Christian Willett, Jon Cook, Adam Plowman, Greg Corbett, Jason Banks, Wayne Blazejczyk, Mike Hobson, Robert Smart, Dale Morrissey, Rory Johnston, David Mc Meekin, & goalie Adam Christensen most of whom had never travelled overseas before. A very young Murray "Scruffy" Grimes was talked into being the team umpire along with Malcolm Petters.



Parents Bill Hicks, Lyall Christensen, Alan Pilatti, David Johnston travelled with the team as role models.

Nothing is easy. Even getting there was challenging with last moment Visas issued whilst in transit to India. The stopover in Singapore nearly caused international incidents with unsubstantiated *allegations* of sleeping in lifts and swallowing goldfish rife (not the players, though).

Once in India what began as the Aquinas College team, morphed into Western Australia & finally Australia. Being a knockout comp we had pressure on from the start. Conditions were hot & humid, surface was grass & the ball leather. Close games were won through sheer work-rate and some outstanding individual brilliance. Making the final was a huge achievement only to lose 0-1 to Lucknow College to a late goal. Bigger-all spectators but a TV audience of 8 million (obviously close friends & relatives). Their “boys” must have been kept down at school as half were sporting beards.

Apart from the hockey the group took in sights such as the Taj Mahal & Red Fort and quite a few porcelain bowls. Most of the troupe were ill at some stage including Trevor & the 2<sup>nd</sup> class train trip to Agra was a stomach churning experience. A highlight of the tour was being feted at the Australian Embassy in New Delhi where thankfully Fosters beer was in good supply.

Even getting home became a fiasco with half the squad being sent via Hong Kong the rest via Singapore where they were sadly stranded for several days in a 5-star hotel.

Given the Great Stock Market Crash while we were away, several were wondering whether to stay in India.

Thoughts of a reunion?... contact Peter Cook [lets.cook@bigpond.com](mailto:lets.cook@bigpond.com)

## Coming Events

### Super Saturday – 15<sup>th</sup> July

Coach Clinic for Juniors – see details following

### Umpiring Seminar - 19<sup>th</sup> July

Conducted by Steph Elliot. Venue is the clubrooms with a 6.30 start. See detail later in this issue for registration.

### Club Sponsors Day – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July

Ladies first @ 2.30 v Hale, followed by the Gents @ 4.30 v Hale. Don't miss it!

### Life Members/Past Presidents Celebration Dinner – 18<sup>th</sup> August

This event is the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Dinner (so obviously celebrating last year, as we started in 1932). The venue is the esteemed Royal India Restaurant - mine host Pali - and will be held on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August. As well as Past Presidents & Life Members, “Special Friends” will be invited.

### Annual Reds Golf Day – 13<sup>th</sup> October

Calendar Note. Early reminder for you to note lucky Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October. Usual spot – The Cut. Great day is guaranteed – in fact some players get more hits on this day than in a game of hockey. Prizes galore.

### Wind Up End of Season Dinner

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October. Venue Royal Perth Golf Club. Come along and collect your silverware.

**REMINDER!!!**



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ADVANCED: \$120**

## **SUPER SATURDAY IS BACK**

### **@ REDS HOCKEY TURF**

### **JULY 15TH 8AM - 12:30PM**

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YOUNG &/OR NOVICE: 7-9YRS & 10-12YRS  
ADVANCED: 12-14YRS ADVANCED: 15-21YRS**

**LIMITED PLACES LEFT FOR EACH  
GROUP NOW!!!**

**DON'T MISS THIS AWESOME  
OPPORTUNITY!**

**GOALKEEPERS WELCOME!**

## **Sponsor Focus**

The Club is most fortunate in having the financial backing of 37 sponsors who offer a broad range of products and services to our members at special rates. So at least get a quote from our sponsors and give them a chance to look after you.

We invite sponsors to use the Redletter to promote any specials they have on offer.

Great work by Bottie in rounding up new sponsors and maintaining existing. Well done Bott.

We extend a warm welcome to Jonathan Huston's **Training Course Experts** as Black Label Sponsors.

Another coup has been the successful efforts to secure **Commonwealth Bank** as sponsors for the Reds ladies turf time.

Also the braintrust led by David Shine are exploring avenues to raise sponsorship profiles via the Reds Facebook. Good to see all so proactive in promoting our sponsors.

Let's not treat them as donors – get a quote & reciprocate their support.



## REDS JUNIOR MID-SEASON SURVEY!

YRS 5/6 - 11/12

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YOUR CLUB BETTER!

*WHAT YOU LOVE, WHAT YOU WANT TO SEE MORE OF,  
WHAT YOU WANT TO SEE LESS OF & ANY SOLUTIONS YOU  
HAVE; ARE ALL ENCOURAGED!!*

GET INVOLVED

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REDS UMPIRING LEVEL 1

WEDNESDAY

JULY 19TH

6:30PM - 8:00PM

**AT: REDS TURF CLUBROOMS**

**WHO: JUNIOR & SENIORS ALL WELCOME!**

**COURSE DIRECTOR,**

**REDS INTERNATIONAL PLAYER: STEPH ELLIOTT**

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