



From the President

Pay your fees. Hard to believe it's really a month into the regular season when it's topping 30 degrees! Pay your fees. From the gnarly Vets on the grass, to the junior players on the turf, the club is now in full swing. Pay your fees. And the Minkey kids have also now kicked off and it's a delight to see the smiling faces down at Trevor Gribble each Saturday morning. Pay your fees. There are some social events in the near future, so please read on in this Redletter. Pay your fees. Mark the events in your diary, they are sure to be a lot of fun. Pay your fees. As always, I would like to thank the support of our sponsors, please give them the first opportunity for your business and support them as they support your club! Pay your fees.

The club has a number of major financial outgoings and we need you to pay your fees. Payment is to be made over the bar or via the club website.

Thanks
Jamie Cook
President

Aussie Captain

...well, co-captain.
Congratulations to Aran Zalewski: *"Hockey Australia has today confirmed that Western Australia's Aran Zalewski has been appointed Kookaburras' co-captain for the upcoming 2018 Champions Trophy in the Netherlands along with Eddie Ockenden.*

The Kookaburras' captaincy role is vacant after the retirement of Mark Knowles following Australia's triumphant 2018 Commonwealth Games campaign.

Kookaburras' coach Colin Batch said the co-captaincy would be temporarily used, with a view to a permanent single appointment for the 2018 World Cup in India in November and December."





Team Reports

At the season midpoint we're assessing teams' progress so if you're not mentioned here get onto your team manager to hit the keyboard:

Girls 11/12ARes

This year our Girls 11/12ARes team have kicked some serious butt. With an incredible coaching team of Sophie Fidoe and Leisha Tatham the girls were undefeated for the first four games. So far it has been a cracking year for us. This makes quite a change from last year with one of the coaches being the same and core group of girls that only managed one win for the year. The win was taken off us when that team went down a grade after four games (surprised they let me coach again really).

On a much lighter note we have had some stellar performances and goals shared by the whole team. In particular, Laura Leeson coming back from a few years off scored us a sneaky goal which won us a game. Round four v Melville saw us come out looking fierce in our alternative black kit - Bella Foster (future

Hockeyroo) filled in for us on this occasion and delivered a cracking goal for a win after some much needed sugar loading and pep talk at half time.

Some other mentions include **Chloe Mark** who spent an unusual amount of time with me on the bench last year fighting random injuries and draining our lolly supply, stepping up and playing every position on the field this year so far. **Sam Pope** (aka DJ Sammy Sam) making the jump up a grade with her famous Spotify pregame pump up list (that I think she stole from her parents secret 80/90s flashback mix). Our two speediest players **Mosy** and **Georgia** tearing apart the opposition defence with their lightning speed and agility and our ever so sturdy halfbacks Montana and Hayley making it hard for the other team to get through the midfield.

This year has been as equally entertaining as it has been nail biting. Along with a bunch of really supportive parents and an incredibly organised Di Scott as manager, I've found myself coaching a bunch of really inspiring girls – can't wait to see them all perform in future games and hope to report back soon with



good scores, better stories and a grand final to prepare for! Leish.

Prov3 Gold Womens

As we look back to Round 1, I remember the buzz and sense of nervousness as we ran out on the field with a team consisting of 4 junior 9/10 girls, a couple of them were our daughters and all of them have never played in a Women's comp before. How will they go? Will they be scarred for life? Will they suffer debilitating injuries? (I'm one of the mums 😊) Raj Sembi, our coach, had his doubts I'm sure but has kept his judgement reserved and continued to give them great coaching tips and encouragement.

Well the proof is in the pudding. We have come from midway down the ladder and are now placed conveniently 4th on the ladder with recent convincing wins and the young girls are revelling in being able to win games (much unheard of in their junior games!) with a mention of Alyssa Bojanjac scoring her first ever goal a few weeks back. Incredulous for her as she has always played a fullback and never had the opportunity much to play in attack.

Nonetheless, she was elated and we hope to see more goals scored by these girls!

With our eyes on the finals, we are now resorting to intelligent player procurement and positioning. We now need to concentrate on beating Rockingham (top of the ladder) which will be at home and Kalamunda (2nd) who we drew with last.

All in all, it has been a great year of hockey so far. We may not be creating that much noise at the moment but quietly in the background, we are doing well. This is a Team with no 'T' in it and that's the way we wanted it from the start. Also to be able to give back to some of our junior girls who have missed out on the limelight and watch them grow in confidence has been deeply satisfying.

Our women players have a lot of skills between us and though we do no training, most of us play 2 games a week. We have Michelle Fisher (from a well known, amazing hockey playing family), Lisa Bulldog (the name says it all), Lisa Melvin (the ACL rehabbed seagull), Sarah Graf (a brick wall in defence) and the amazing recruit Terri Newman in goals, a PhysEd Teacher from the UK who was a brilliant rugby and soccer



player and now starring in her new found position in goals! Also myself (close to 200 games at Aquinas because I can never say no to extra games!) who still cant stop running at my age lol.

In summary, we just want to win the flag once again for the Prov 3 women's grade as we did twice a couple of years ago! GO REDS!

O/60's Chronologically Challenged

It was with some trepidation that the 60's team commenced this season as they knew they were coming off a HUGE year when they took all before them in 2017.

Like Richmond it is not easy to motivate yourself after the summer of media demands, photo shoots, contractual talks and crazy end of year events like a lunch at winery in the hills. Zimmerframes were supplied to get out of the car park.

With the loss of Ivan to an old people's home, George spokesperson for knee replacements and Bangers gone surfing..... it has been hard to regroup but at the midway mark we

are pleased to announce we are sitting second on the ladder with 5 wins and 3 losses from 8 outings behind the strong Mods team.

Some of the better wins have been characterised by only having 11 players which Whip as our esteemed leader is thinking of doing week in week out as it brings the best out in us and frustrates the hell out of the opposition! Just can't walk for a few days!

Highlights continue to be midfield control exerted by Gary (like chasing sheep), Phil (Mr utility and the most supporters award) and Gallows with his unique style and master of the overhead (at times into nearby trees!). Cookie continues to ruffle a few feathers but effective in holding up opposition play.

This season saw the return of Brownie but only for a couple of games, Tommy Vince add some youth and Timmy Kav come into semi retirement and having immediate impact being a specialist post man and mediator when heated arguments occasionally arise.

Stevie is treating it as a weight loss course and it paid dividends against



his old club Melville when he announced himself with a hat trick. Jenny Craig have shown interest in sponsoring him.

Greg is a specialist tagger and scores freak goals. Crusty is the established nickname for Greg (another bushie who is quietly effective) and Colin probably has the best eye in the comp. Moorey is off to Canada on a reconnaissance mission for our end of season trip and Crowie enjoys the luxury of being official ruck rover.

With Ian an improved GK this year and Whip breaking the club games record every week there is a lot to admire about this side as they enjoy the camaraderie, still have a passion for the game and always take time for a coldie with the opposition! Winning or losing is not always the most important thing.

Be sure to say hello to these club dignitaries even if you have to speak up a bit or slow down as they shuffle along proudly wearing the club colours.

Anon (just as well: Ed)

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- It's time to Register online at www.reds.com.au
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Note your diary

Important dates to note:

- Saturday 16th June
Sponsors Day
- Saturday 23rd June
Quiz Night
- Saturday 21st July
Indigenous Day
- Saturday 13th October
Wind up dinner
- Friday 26th October
Golf Day

Quiz Night

Thanks to all the sponsors who have pledged prizes for the Quiz Night: Richard Noble, Inflight Imagery, Momentum Physio, Melville Toyota, Euroz, Bellas Beauty, Hockey International, Royal India, Fremantle Dermatology, Busselton Beach Resort. More to come!

It's going to be a great night – book now before you miss out.

Remembering Mike Kinsella

It's now 3 years since the passing of club legend Mike Kinsella. Mike's contribution to hockey & the Reds in particular was enormous. If you didn't know Mike acquaint yourself by going to the link:

<http://redshockey.wpengine.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Redletter-Special-2015.pdf>

Cheers Mike!



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