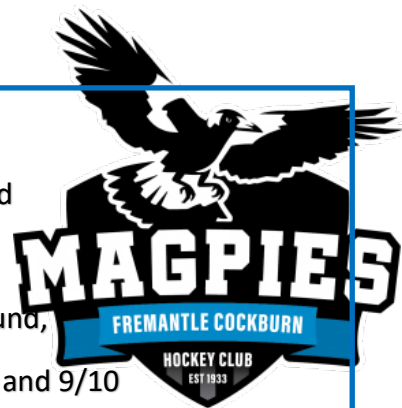


THE BIRD CUP

Our third year of running the Bird Cup, Junior Girls and Boys v Senior Women and Men was the most successful to date, with full teams of juniors and seniors. A huge **thank you** to Celia Young for doing most of the organizing and running around, supported by our Men's and Women's VPs (Bryn and Annemarie) and the 11/12 and 9/10 Team Managers (Arielle, Tammy, Jodie and Alysia). It was great to see our young stars of the future in action, holding their own with the seniors.



Boys v Men

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The boys team, ranging from Year 8 to 12, played a mixed group of seniors, including some of our Prem 1 men. The juniors played some excellent hockey, particularly as they do not regularly play together. The passing down the line and to advantage kept them in the game. The seniors were a bit inclined to overuse the ball and show off their skills. The umpires weren't having that with too much showing off being penalised.

The boys played a strong game across the field. Some good goal saves by Mason. Nice running out of defense. Lovely passing to advantage. A classic run-through-the-field goal by Leon. Nice leads and lots of good intercepts.

Some excellent tap-ins by the seniors led to their very close victory. Never underestimate the power of a good post person!

Great game by everyone, played in an excellent spirit. Leon was named MVP for the juniors.



Girls v Women

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The girls team was a mix of year 7 to 11 and they played a mixed seniors team, with Mackenzie flying the flag for our top women's team. Sharr showed that she hasn't lost any skill or competitive spirit by tackling hard and making some excellent runs down the field.

The girls played very well, combining with good passes from defense to attack. They may have played a little high as the senior women made a few breakaways to score!

Lucy and Avaya were strong in attack with Lucy scoring a goal and Avaya getting a stroke, which, after a little lesson, she slotted in!

