

Fremantle Cockburn Hockey Club

2025 Season Magpie



President's Report

Hello Fellow Magpies,

As an amazing season draws to a close, I wish to take this opportunity—on behalf of the entire committee—to extend heartfelt gratitude to every member of our Magpie family. Whether you are a player, coach, volunteer, supporter or parent, your dedication and passion have made this season truly memorable.

This year, we worked hard to have teams across all levels. From our energetic juniors right through to our seasoned masters. It was unfortunate that our O60 men's team had to fold due to numbers, but I do hope that next year sees them return with an injection of help from the O50s.

On the women's side, we saw outstanding on-field performances for the whole season which culminated in our Premier 2 women getting promoted to Premier 1, and our Division 6 women promoted to Division 5. Congratulations to our Metro 4 women who finished top of the ladder but unfortunately were unable to make it through finals. We also had our Rae Blunt and O35 Division 4 women's masters' teams make finals. The Div 6 women made it to the big dance losing a close grand final to Reds and the Premier 2 women's grand final was a tough one against UWA going down 2-4.

A huge congratulations must go to our Division 4 and Division 7 teams who supported both the Prem 2s and Div 6s as well as overcoming adversity to finish midtable and look very promising for 2026.

Congratulations to our Men's Premier 1s for their resilience and determination throughout the season. A tough preseason, the loss of a number of players and coach meant that they were definitely the underdogs for 2025. However, they rallied hard and lead by Captain Courageous, Ben Rennie and their leadership group, along with the inspirational David John who stepped into the role of head coach, and with much support from the Premier 2 team, they battled out the season culminating in thrilling matches week after week that kept us all on the edge of our seats! Finishing the regular season in second spot on goal difference to UWA is one of the best performances we have had for a long time and bodes well for a successful 2026!

Overall, the performances on the men's side were similar to previous years with most teams finishing mid table. On the men's master's side, the midweek O40 men finished second and made the grand final, only to be beaten by a very determined Hale.

Our juniors displayed remarkable growth in their skills and sportsmanship—reflecting the Kulbardi values we hold so dearly. It was very satisfying to see so much development in our junior group. The J11/12 girls were challenged by moving up to Div 2 midseason and we had four teams make finals, with our Div 2 7/8 boys and Div 2 7/8 girls going on to their grand finals.

Our focus on junior player development extended with clinics run by Jack Welch, along with committed coaches from our Premier grades, ensuring our members receive the highest standard of coaching and support.

As Magpies, we pride ourselves on being more than just a hockey club—we are a community. This year, our players, coaches, and supporters have embodied the club's core values: respect, inclusiveness, and perseverance. Whether in victory or defeat, our teams have supported one another, showing the kind of camaraderie that extends well beyond the field. We've continued to build a positive, inclusive environment where everyone is welcome.

I would like to take a moment to single out one very special group – our All Abilities team who train on Thursday night. The opportunity to allow players who would not necessarily get to play in our regular competition, the chance to play hockey in a form that suits them is what we as Magpies are all about. We have been incredibly lucky to have a group of inspirational coaches, who support these players, led by the fantastic Monique Miller and very ably helped by Charlie Wyatt, doing a sterling job.

No club can thrive without the tireless efforts of its volunteers. I wish to extend my deepest thanks to our army of volunteers who work quietly behind the scenes - our ever cheerful team managers (while herding cats in a brand new electronic system), uniform washers, ball kidding, manning the canteen, running the bar, and lending a hand wherever needed. Your generosity of time and spirit is invaluable, and we are truly grateful.

Our coaches, too, deserve special recognition. Their dedication to nurturing our players, instilling good habits and positive attitudes, and guiding teams through the highs and lows of the season is extraordinary. Thank you for your leadership and commitment to developing not just skilful hockey players, but wonderful people. It has been wonderful to see so many of our coaches come from our premier grades - and the results, and skills of our players, show how important this is.

To the parents, grandparents, friends and other family members, thank you for turning up week after week—cheering from the sidelines, braving all sorts of weather, and supporting our players with energy and encouragement. Your passion does not go unnoticed and is a vital part of our club's identity.

I also want to express our sincere appreciation to our sponsors, Blaze Conveyancing, The Berrigan, Caves House, Costa, Foodworks Coral Bay, Fremantle Physiotherapy, Hockey International, Karijini Civil and Mining, MKS, Terra Rosa, The Sporting Globe and Square Consulting, whose continued support enables us to provide the best possible opportunities and facilities for our members. Your belief in our club and investment in our local community makes a world of difference.

This season marked important steps forward in our club development. We have invested in upgrading our facilities and improving our equipment. We were incredibly fortunate to receive an election commitment grant from SookYee Lai, our local member for Bibra Lake, which will allow us to buy a new set of goals and upgrade seating around the venue.

I would also like to congratulate our junior and senior players who represented in state teams and for those who played for Australia, as well as our umpiring and technical representatives who have been selected for state and international competitions. You have done us proud! It is wonderful to see your skills and abilities recognised outside of the club and for those playing in the Australian Indoor team and those competing in the Hockey One competition, we look forward to barracking for you!

While we celebrate the season that was, we also look to the future with excitement. Planning has already begun for next year, with an emphasis on continuing to strengthen all areas of our club. We are committed to developing pathways for junior progression, supporting our senior teams, and fostering an environment where everyone can learn, grow, and enjoy their hockey. We welcome new ideas and feedback from all members—after all, this is your club. If you have suggestions for improvement, or would like to get more involved next season, please reach out. Our door is always open.

Our end-of-season awards night has once again been a fantastic occasion. Thank you to those who have worked incredibly hard in the background to get everything looking so perfect! Congratulations to all our award recipients—your hard work and sportsmanship have set a wonderful example. From each Best and Fairest to our very deserved Hudson winner, each award acknowledges the heart and effort that members pour into our club. Let us also remember those who may not take home trophies

but are just as vital to our success. Every player who gave their all, every family who juggled busy weekends and training runs, and every supporter who lifted a team's spirits—these efforts are the backbone of our club.

As the season ends, some members and families may be moving on—perhaps to new clubs, new cities, or new adventures. We thank you for your time with us and hope you carry fond memories of your Fremantle Cockburn days wherever you go. Remember, you always have a place here. To those who will return next year, rest up and recharge over the off-season. We cannot wait to see you back on the pitch, ready for another year of hockey, friendship, and achievement.

Finally, this season has reminded us of the power of community, shared purpose, and perseverance in the face of challenges. We have laughed together, learned together, and celebrated together. We have built lasting friendships, inspired the next generation of players, and strengthened our Kulbardi spirit. On behalf of the committee and myself, thank you for being part of the Magpie family. As I step away from this role, I would like to thank all of you who have helped and supported me for the past five years. It has been an immense honour and privilege to serve as President of our club, and I look forward to seeing the club's progress as it embarks on the next chapter.

With best wishes,

Tania Smith
President

2025 Awards and Trophies

Award	Player
Golden Stick	Ehren Hazell – 26 goals
Jack Rickie (Mens Premier 1 Fairest & Best)	Ben O'Grady
Laurie Packham (Womens Premier 2 Fairest & Best)	Eunyoung (Yuni) Kim
Bob Kernaghan	Bronwyn Smedley
Hudson Memorial Trophy	Evan Standley
Porter Lee	Lara Healy
Life Membership	Matt Allan
Life Membership	Ross Wharton-Street

Women's VP Report

What a season. Seriously. If you bottled the energy from 2025, you'd have a cocktail of adrenaline, emotion, resilience, and just a splash of chaos. From injuries and triumphs to band-aids and lollies, the Fremantle Cockburn Hockey Club women didn't just show up — they showed off. And we loved every second of it.

Before we dive into scores, finals, and promotions, let's take a moment to appreciate the unsung heroes. The players, coaches, managers, volunteers, parents, partners and yes — the legend who turns up every week with ice packs and socks like they're prepping for a tactical rescue mission. You kept the wheels turning.

To the Managers — **Connie, Jen, Alice, Kate, Hope, Sam, Jade, Lil, and Emma:** You are the heartbeat of this club. You coordinated chaos with grace, turned snack logistics into an art form, and somehow kept smiling through it all. You didn't just manage teams — you orchestrated a symphony of schedules, emotions, and whiteboard markers. Beyoncé-level ops. Truly elite.

To the Coaches — **Matt Bird, Julian "Kegs" Rainey, Christine Brady, Duncan Faulds, Coby Rowcroft, Eric Odingo, Matt Ryan, Angus Rennie, Darrel Bruse, and Ben Bashiruddin:** You taught strategy, built confidence, and navigated the beautiful complexity of a team full of unique personalities and pre-game jitters. Coaching wasn't just about tactics — it was part mentorship, part motivational speaking, and occasionally, part deep breathing exercise. You did it with passion and patience. Respect.

To the Players — You ran hard. You trained when the couch was calling. You played through pain, fatigue, and yes, the occasional questionable decision from the night before. But you showed up. Week after week. And you didn't just play — you performed. You made history.

Here's the scoreboard of dreams:

- Premier League 2 — PROMOTED to Premier League 1
- Division 6 — PROMOTED to Division 5
- Metro 4s — MINOR PREMIERS and finals
- Rae Blunt mid-week warriors — made Finals
- Division 4 mid-week warriors — made Finals

Five teams in the finals. That's not just success — that's legacy. That's "we're gonna need a bigger trophy cabinet" vibes and a great build up for 2026

But let's be real — it wasn't just about the wins. It was the culture. The laughter. The resilience. It was team dinners, chaotic Spotify playlists, and turning the clubhouse into a second home. That's what makes this club special. To everyone who made this season happen — thank you. You built something wonderful and fun. Something future teams will look at and say, "I want in."

Special shoutouts to, Maddy Murphy and Zac for taking time away from Tassie to be the wind beneath our wings and push me to the edge to maintain my Top Fan Badge on the club Facebook page (I'm still running scared Zac...). And to Sofia Maldonado for making the long trek from Margaret River for the games; we appreciate you and your efforts.

To all our incredible new players — thank you for choosing to be part of the Fremantle Cockburn Hockey Club family this season. Your energy, commitment, and spirit brought something truly special to our community, and we couldn't be more grateful. You've made this year unforgettable, and we're already counting down the days until we see you back in 2026!

So what now? We rest. We celebrate. We ice our knees. And then? We gear up to do it all again in 2026. Peace, love, and pack your hockey bag.

Men's VP Report

2025 has been a year of significant ups and downs, but also a clear display of the character of Fremantle Cockburn Hockey Club players. The men have shown grit and determination when it was needed, and as always mateship and compassion in droves. Despite challenges across the board players have maintained relationships and shown that for most of us the pleasure of this game is intricately tied to the club itself and whilst success is always the goal, having that backdrop behind how we play makes enjoyment possible in all circumstances.

Our successes are reflected in our midweek masters making the Grand Final but unfortunately, just falling short in taking yet another pennant. The team has been a bulwark of success for the mens side of the club over the years and they show no indication of slowing down (don't ask them that though, it's all half of them talk about!).

The 1s have also had a dominant season this year, going from a strong mid-table performing side to a flag favourite by about halfway through the season. To their credit the 1s didn't let this get to their heads, maintaining a great work ethic and drive that took them deep into the finals. Unfortunately, Vic Park were our kryptonite in the finals series but the bones are there for another strong season next year.

The 50s men as always showed immense strength of character despite yet another season where the numbers were there on paper but just didn't materialise. In my 3 years as VP I can confidently say that this group of men represent the true strength of the club spirit, they are proud of the colours they wear and support each other as a second nature. This is then reflected in how they engage the club. It is always a pleasure to engage with the 50s boys and hopefully next season we get the team numbers mix just right.

The metros recruited well this season as a number of players realised they are a ball of fun to play with and have a beer after the game too. Finally in a stable league it was reflected in their team chat no longer being about HWA and instead was focused on the hockey, the team, and some awards that I can't write about in here!

Finally, I am indebted as always to my team managers. It's a different ball game when you've got babysitting duties on top of your hockey performance to worry about but the boys have done a terrific job. Organising men can come with....challenges! And getting money from some of us is like drawing blood from a stone - a forgetful one. Thank you for your patience men and for your excellent efforts keeping the troops ready for games each and every week, I couldn't have done it without you.

Cheers,
Bryn

Junior's VP Report

2025 Magpies Junior Vice President Season Report

Well, the 2025 season has drawn to a close and it's time to park our hockey sticks, shin guards and mouthguards until next winter. We have had another wonderful season with real improvement across all our teams and players. There has been lots of laughter and a few tears! Kids have forged new friendships and grown as people, not just hockey players. Some highlights this year include:

- 11/12 Div 3 Gold Girls promoted to Div 2 mid-season after an incredible start to the season.
- All teams achieving 6th place or higher, and all our boys' teams finishing in the top 4.
- Four teams making finals; two teams (both 7/8 Div 2 teams) making the grand final.
- Our best ever finish in the Bunbury Carnival; 9/10 Boys (Mixed) in 4th place.
- A fabulous performance by our 9/10 team to celebrate 'Dazzling Darrel' at the Bunbury Team Dinner.
- More players and umpires selected in State Teams than we have had for many years.
- A very well supported Bird Cup, both junior and senior players.
- A loud, rock-filled Bingo night!
- Growing numbers in our Hin2H program.
- Friday Night Lights Grads and Hin2H games on the turf, what a great vibe!
- Very competitive Parents v Kids games in Hin2H, Grads and 5/6s to end the season.

There is an amazing Junior Committee working hard in the background to ensure the season runs smoothly and there are opportunities for our juniors to be involved in everything from ball kidding and umpiring to Bingo and Colour Wars. I'd like to thank:

- **Bron Smedley** – Hin2H and Grads Coordinator Extraordinaire – Bron has organised both groups this year, including the Friday Night Lights games against other clubs, the carnivals, the Hin2H playing packs, the coaches AND she has coached the Hin2H Thursday group as well, all with a smile on her face. We are very lucky to have her.
- **Monque Miller** – All Abilities Mighty Magpies Coordinator – Mon has again organised our wonderful Mighty Magpie programme, ably supported by **Charlie Wyatt**, and provided a welcoming and challenging environment for our All Abilities kids.
- **Alysia Ross** – Social Coordinator – this was Alysia's first year in the role and she has been a star! Alysia has organised Indigenous Round, Junior Bingo, Colour Wars and the Wind Up and ensured that they have all run very smoothly and been fun events for our kids to be involved in.
- **Sinta Price** – Media Coordinator – Sinta has done a power of work this season with lots of social media posts for juniors and junior events. Her creative posts and flyers have helped us successfully get information out to the parent group. Sinta has also been #1 support person to both Alysia, for our social events, and Sarah, for the Bunbury Carnival socks.
- **Jared Healy** – Junior Umpire Coordinator – Jared has planned the umpiring roster each week (although sometimes he forgot to send it to team managers!). Some weeks, when we have had multiple games on at the same time or umpires away, this has involved quite a bit of work behind the scenes to find umpires outside the club.
- **Celia Young** – Girls Development Coordinator – Celia took on this new role designed to work with our Women's VP and develop a better pathway between our junior girls and our senior women's teams. Celia also organised the Bird Cup, which was a big success, with more juniors involved than in previous years.
- **Sarah King** – Bunbury Carnival Coordinator – once again, Sarah did an outstanding job in organising 3 teams, their coaches and team managers, the umpires and the much-loved Buno

socks 😊. Ably supported by **Gilly Knowles**, who organised dinner, the Bunbury Carnival was a huge success! This is Sarah's last year in the role and we'll miss her.

I would like to thank all our Coaches who have worked hard throughout the whole season, running training sessions aimed at developing our players' skills and hockey gameplay, encouraging our kids in every game and helping our kids develop resilience through the ups and downs of team sport. They have not only focused on developing good hockey players but also on helping our kids to be good sports and supportive teammates.

Thanks also to all the Team Managers. We had quite a few new parents take on the team manager role this year and we had the new TeamStar fixturing system so there was quite a learning curve at the start of the season! We also had kids playing up for most teams so the team manager role was a bit more complicated this season but, our managers rose to the occasion with a minimal amount of tears!

Well done to all the award winners this year, particularly our volunteering award winners, the Porter Lee (Lara Healy) and the Darrel Bruse (Piper Allan), who have turned up every week to help coach our younger juniors (5/6 Boys and Hin2H). Sporting clubs thrive when there is a strong volunteering culture so the future of our club is looking bright.

To every junior player, thank you for the commitment you have shown by turning up every week, through wind and rain, trying your best, supporting and encouraging your teammates, listening to your coaches and respecting our umpires. We can't wait to see you all back next year!

Thank you to all the parents who got kids to training and games, supported and encouraged them and volunteered in the kiosk, as Umpire Support, doing the fruit – we are very grateful for your contributions.

Finally, we bid farewell to Gabe, Phillip and Millie, and their parents, who are finishing their Juniors journey this year. All the very best to you all and, hopefully, we'll see you next year in Seniors.

Premier 1 Men



The 2025 season saw a great deal of change for our 1's men. Having lost 13 regular members of the 2024 Premier One team there was a considerable dearth of playing numbers at the beginning of the season. In fact, the final practice match vs North Coast Raiders a week prior to the season commencing comprised three of the Fremantle women players (who more than held their own), due to a lack of numbers.

Losing over 700 games of experience with James McPherson and Josh (Whale) White retiring, Declan (Biebs) Spencer mending his battered body and then the decision of 3 new Aussie Squad members and one ex Kookaburra to explore other options, leaving a significant void in our squad numbers.

Added to the mix was the need to find a new coach, with Tim (Deavo) Devin wondering if the barmy English weather was something he wanted to experience for a while. After being at the helm at the Magpies for many years, juggling the role of player coach, the time was right to step back from the pressures of coaching to focus on playing, which later in the season, provided a huge boost to our squad.

With preseason due to commence, to say we were slightly panicked would be an understatement!

With the self-appointed leadership group Ben (Rendang) Rennie, Ehren (look at me) Hazell Matt (Birdman) Bird, Daz and President Tania boosting the telcos profits trying to get a squad and coach together, crisis meetings were had, with a few names being thrown round the whiteboard, with one name being brought to the table as a Hail Mary. With the preseason already underway, Tania (Prez) made a mercy call to David John who agreed to assist the Magpies for the preseason whilst we kept looking for a permanent coach. With the constant pressure from the Prez, David finally folded and committed to assisting us for the first six games, much to the delight of all involved.

Then just as the season started David John agreed to be an interim coach bringing with him international experience with India and a game plan where everybody had their role to play. We were also lucky enough to have Liam Woodward join us after many years of trying. Also, we picked up our first Spanish recruit in Juan Garaizabal from Bilbao and we continued our relationship with Ireland with Ben O'Grady joining us from YMCA Dublin. We were also excited to have Jack Welch commit as our sole national squad member.

Having been a last-minute signing, David had limited time to get to know the playing strengths and weaknesses of the individual team members before commencing the season on March 21.

A playing structure, on-field team rules and positional requirements were implemented from Week One according to the perceived strengths and weaknesses of the players available. To their credit, all players accepted their roles and responsibilities and adapted to the playing style quickly demonstrating a lot of Fremantle spirit where we never gave up at any stage of any game. This never say dies attitude resulted in early successes at the start of the season and with an unbeaten start, confidence among the group grew.

At the completion of the 22 match home and away season, Fremantle Cockburn Division One finished on 46 points (joint first position) with 13 wins, 7 draws and only 2 losses. During the season, 28 different players were used in the Division One due to a number of factors (unavailability, injury, sickness) which provided experience for the younger players but caused problems in the Division 2 team with reduced numbers.

The qualifying final versus Victoria Park was a 2 – 1 loss which resulted in the team playing YMCC in the First Semi Final. This resulted in a 4 – 1 victory and a rematch versus Victoria Park in the Preliminary Final. The result was a 1 – 0 loss and resulted in a third placing for the 2025 season.

We had 28 players for the season and somewhat surprisingly there were only 5 debutants for the 1's and only 3 people played in all 25 games we played. We went through the season scoring 75 goals but also having the stingiest defence in the competition. Congratulations to Ehren being our leading goal scorer with 29 goals.

All the best to Ben (Adelaide Fire), Ehren, Matt Bird and Deavo (Tas Tigers) playing in the Hockey 1. A big congratulations also must go out to Ben O' Grady for bringing home 2nd place in the Olympians Medal.

The entire squad should really be congratulated for the maturity it showed at training and on field especially with a new coach coming into the club in David being available one session a week with his amazing commitment to drive up from Dunsborough. Davids analytical mind and fantastic hockey knowledge has been a boon for the club, and we cannot thank him enough.

A special thank you once again to Clayton (Clayboy) Wright, who once again kept this group organised and in-check as the team manager, for what must be a record extending 24th season (I think).

Thanks also to Ehren, Rendang and everyone else who helped out throughout the season, who without we could not have had the successful year that we did.

Finally, to David John. We cannot begin to thank you enough for what you helped this group achieve this year. Your willingness to step in and help us out initially is testament to you as a person and we cannot thank you enough for taking on the role for the remainder of the year. To have you at the helm for next season is great for the playing group and our club as a whole and we look forward to the next step in the club's journey.

Under your stewardship, to see the growth of the group, from where we started at the beginning of the year, the squad should be extremely proud of their efforts. We must also be slightly miffed that an opportunity was lost this year. Let's use that fire to build into something next year that will see us take the next step as those within and outside this group, know the potential that this squad has.

Daz, Clayboy and David.

Premier 2 Women



Coming off a high in 2024 winning the minor premiership, promotion to Premier 2 and a nail-biting grand final win, 2025 was set to be an exciting challenge for our top Women's side. A tumultuous season for us, to say the least, full of trials and tribulations. Further reinforcing the grit and determination of every player, coach, manager and volunteer involved.

Coming into the Premier 2 competition was nothing short of nerve-wracking, most of us fixated on how the speed of the game would change with the addition of ball kids. Needless to say, we rose to the challenge and now wonder why we have to fetch our own balls at training.

2025 saw the addition of many players to the squad in the likes of: Ella Carr (the third Carr to don the black, white and blue and might I add the best of that), Summer Tancred (a short lived yet impressive Magpies career thus far), Christine Brady (small but mighty – perfectly embodying the Magpies spirit), Lily-Anne Banyard (the youngest of the Banyard lot yet she's truly left her mark), Ivy Natta (another young gun who's impressed all with her determination and outfit coordination), Kim Eunyoung (also known as Yuni with the cleanest stick skills known to humankind), Sofia Maldonado (a late addition however an absolute game changer), Georgia Needham (she saw the light and followed it all the way to the Nest, an absolute rock), last but definitely not least we welcomed Janne Solcher (she heard about the Magpies all the way from Germany and had to see what the fuss was about - safe to say she was a valuable asset to the squad and is missed).

We've seen 25 faces through the Prem 2 side this year. A testament to every person's ability to fit into the team, play their role and place the pressure on Birdy for selections weekly. No successful team can achieve well without great inspirations and guiding hands - 2025 saw Matthew Bird as our head coach with Julian Rayney (AKA Kegs) as assistant coach and Connie Collins as manager (again...thankfully). These 3 have been the backbone of this squad all year – pushing us hard, keeping us in check and creating goals that have turned into reality. We owe a huge part of our successes to these 3 and everyone else at the club who has supported and rallied for us this year.

A special shout out to our head coach: Matt Bird. The man with the most energy you've ever met and flowing ideas. To watch you play, to learn from you, to be coached by you is an inspiration. Your loyalty to this club is admirable and you entirely embody the values of teamwork, mateship and hard work. We truly are so appreciative of all the energy you've put into this squad. We've accomplished half of what we set out to do, but like you say... it's not over yet.

Two goals for us this year:

1. Get promoted to Premier 1
2. Win the flag

Simple. Right?

After fighting HARD all year, positioned in and out of top 4, losses, wins, draws, promotion coming down to the second last round robin fixture... a win; secures promotion, a loss; means a hard fight in the final game.

In a gripping 4-0 win to Suburban Lions... we had done it. Secured promotion. For the second year in a row. Fremantle Cockburn 2026 Premier 1 Women. A significant moment for the team, the coaches and the club coming from small, significant moments from everyone in the last year. To say this is an achievement is an understatement, this is an absolute triumph. To know how meaningful this is, is to know how hard the struggle was to get here.

The season wrapped: finishing up 2nd place with a clutch 6-0 win over Aquinas in the final round to secure. We finished with a whopping 60 goals for and a mere 22 goals against. Our Co-Captain Mackenzie Brewer taking out the competition's highest goal scorer accolade with 17 to her name at the end of regular season ... congratulations Macka! Our second highest goal scorer in Ella Carr managing 7 goals in 12 games.

Taking out our fairest and best: **Yuni Kim**. What a fantastic season you've had – how lucky are we to have your skillset in the squad.

More to come ... watch this space.

Sally Faichney

Premier 2 Men



Coach: Rhys Angwin
Manager: Logan Pow
Captain: Kieran Abbott

Best & Fairest: Jye Clark (24 Votes)
Top Goal Scorer: Haseef Salim (0 FG, 13 PC, 1 PS)
Final Ladder Position: 10th

2025, where to start? Yet another challenging year for the Second XI. Last year, we thought 33 different players donning the black and white over the season was a lot - this year, we had 36. Despite a relatively consistent core group within the squad, squad depth and injury avoidance proved testing, with just two players (as opposed to six in 2024) playing 20 or more games, including captain Kieran Abbott (21) and the recently settled Max Briffa playing all 22 fixtures (for the second straight season).

One of the defining challenges early on was the loss of 11 of the starting 16 players from last year's First XI. This significant turnover placed immediate pressure on the squad and stretched depth across both the First and Second XIs. The Second XI, in particular, bore the brunt early in the season, with numerous young or less experienced players thrust into key roles while the team found its footing.

The season began in disappointing fashion, with a draw against Victoria Park ultimately becoming a 5-0 forfeit loss due to an ineligible player. Overall, the boys managed just two wins from the opening 11 matches, sitting at the bottom of the ladder alongside Rockingham. A combination of inconsistency and injuries hampered early momentum, and finals contention was basically out of reach by the halfway mark.

However, the second half of the season told a very different story. With just two losses in the final 11 games, the team surged in form and confidence, producing results that would have seen them sit equal fourth if only the second half of the season were considered. The mid-season additions of Oliver Hill and Pat Lawther proved critical, Oliver returned to the field after spending the first half of the year as assistant coach, and both made pivotal contributions on the scoresheet and in leadership, helping spark the team's turnaround.

It was a remarkable run that showcased the group's resilience and determination. To go from what would have been equal bottom, to in the top four and playing finals based on second-half form alone, is a highly promising and exciting prospect for 2026. Unfortunately though, the tale is eerily similar to

2024, where the season started horrendously and the boys clambered their way back into finals contention in the back half of the year.

Despite this run of form in the back end, the continued theme from 2024 was dropping games we should have won, where 55 minutes of brilliant hockey was all too often undone by poor discipline and five minutes of poor play. It must be said that, while the ladder position in the end was 10th of 12, consider this, if keen on a view of optimism: a final record of 6 wins, 7 draws and 9 losses doesn't look great on paper. However, of those 9 losses, one was a forfeit as detailed above (a net swing of minus 4 points) and six of the other eight were by just the one goal. Playing 60 minutes of hockey, as opposed to 55, and the season might have been drastically different, we may well have joined the First XI in September action, which will firmly be the goal for 2026.

Nonetheless, ifs and buts are not reality, only lessons to take into 2026. To the club and our incredible supporters, thank you for showing up for us week in, week out. 10th of 12 is a tough year by any stretch, but despite a lower ladder position than 2024, overall the outlook is actually really positive. Based on our second half of the year, we are a finals team. This, despite so many long-term injuries, major player turnover, and spending most of the year with our backs up against the wall.

Bring on 2026, and Go Pies!

Division 4 Women



The Division 4 Women had a successful first season after being promoted from division 5 last year in the 2024 season.

We welcomed a new coach to the club, Christine Woodward (all the way from New South Wales) and welcomed back club favourites, Duncan Faulds, as assistant coach and Jen O'Donnell as manager. The season began hot and strong with the first official trial of an entirely new playing structure and game plan brought all the way over from New South Wales!

After three straight wins to hit off the season, our squad soon realised this new Christine (DT) had a wealthy load of experience under her belt. With a few unfortunate injuries and some sunny holidays planned to escape the winter blues, the team was changed weekly yet everybody was always doing their part to push us over the line on multiple occasions. The girls showed up every single week, not just for the club, but for each other. Week in and week out, we had a mini support crew of children and encouraging partners battling often horrid weather to cheer us on.

We are forever grateful for the support of all partners, children, parents, friends and family who came to support our team. All eyes look forward to next season now. With the promotion of our 1s ladies, Div 4 is a hot place to be, and we are all very keen for what is to come in the following seasons.

Watch this space!

Division 4 Men



Attrition. Commitment. Integrity.

Those are three things that every team needs to go the distance.

Attrition: the ability to keep going, no matter the stakes.

Commitment: a full buy-in from every member, every week.

Integrity: standing by your values and just being a good bloke.

Our team arguably demonstrated some of these values. Every week, we had a core of six or seven men, who showed up to the game, played hockey, and then left. Sometimes they even stuck around for one or, on rare occasions, two beers. From the beginning of the season, our team looked hot. We were committed men of integrity, carrying out a well-executed attack of attrition on the opposition. And then, the troubled times came: Buck's parties, marathons and general lack of wanting to play hockey in the rain crept in, slowly taking players, until we hit our darkest times yet. Our team was the alcoholic in the alleyway, screaming slurs at those around them – we played WASPs, and only 10 players showed up. We start the game with 10 players, and we finish with eight and a half. But it could still get worse. Over the next few games, it turned to infighting. Eventually, Leon resorted to taking out his frustrations on Cooper's head with a well-placed tomahawk. This moment was perhaps our rock bottom, our point of no return. And yet, it was the beginning of our salvation. In a strange way, Cooper's near mortal injury was the moment that bought our team together. The end of the season was nearing, and a push for finals was still possible. And then we lost our must win and came like sixth.



Division 6 Women



History has been made as the Div 6 ladies have officially been promoted, a milestone that hasn't happened in a very long time. This achievement is more than just a position on the ladder; it's the reward for years of effort, commitment, and belief from a team that has truly "locked in, lifted up, and loved it" every step of the way.

From juniors to masters, mid-weekers to Ray Blunts, our squad this year has been a beautiful blend of players from across the club our squad was like a box of favourites — something for everyone, minus the Turkish Delight. The club support has been unreal, and seeing people cheering for us on the sideline throughout our journey has been beautiful to see. Whether it was on the turf, over post-match snacks, or with a cheeky drink in hand, the encouragement and camaraderie never wavered.

This team has been more than resilient with a fair share of injuries, whether it be a black eye, split nose, pulled hammy, or the oh-so-dramatic cramps players have hustled to get back on the field. And we can't talk about this season without shining a light on our masterminds behind the madness Coby Rowcroft, Eric Odingo, and Evan Stanley. Coaches, mentors, and part-time therapists. Their effort, professionalism, and passion have been next level. From tactical tweaks to pep talks, they've shaped us into a smarter, stronger, and more connected team. Quite simply, this promotion wouldn't have been possible without them.

On-field, the ladies brought it week in, week out. Tight defence, clever passing, gritty determination, and plenty of pushed us up the ladder and into the history books. Along the way, bruises were worn with pride, skills were sharpened, and plenty of laughs were shared.

Congratulations, Div 6 ladies. You've worked for this, you've earned it, and you've made history together. Bring on the next chapter...we're ready!

Division 6 Men



Once upon a time there was a couple of blokes called Bryn and Matt, who dreamt of involving their Fourth Grade mates in Division Six finals.

While a lack of goals, conceding a few too many and a shortage of fit, willing, able-bodied and available (more than 37 but less than 39 players used) young men dented these dreams, the fire still flickered.

Hamstrings gave up, easy shots were missed, cards received, players were late or shot through early or were having a quiet sandwich when the first whistle blew, but the dream lived on.

After 18 games Bryn and Matt's troops scored at a rate of less than one goal per game while averaging less than five against, the old adage of, "lies, damn lies and statistics" showing that their faith in the troops was not misplaced.

The stats sheet showed that 33% of the time the Magpies defended The Nest well every time, with all three, count 'em, three wins coming on their home pile allowing the song to ring out from the home sheds.

Potentially Ben Bash binning a tomma against YMCC made that song even louder.

The dream will be lived!

Despite not actively being involved in the finals series, Bryn and Matt's men did have an impact on the makeup of the four with two finals-bound sides walking into the nest and leaving without points and a negative impact on their goal difference.

One such team finished three points off third place and a home final but now have to hire campervans to play their knockout semi in a different hemisphere.

Teams in finals will know that tough hockey is what is needed to be successful at the pointy end of the season, and the teams who learned from playing the FCHC M4s will be best placed to claim the flag. Whether it's running relentlessly like Axis, demanding the ball and rolling like Griff, leading and re-leading and re-leading and not having an overhead hit your stick like Bryn, using a "secret weapon" to concede a stroke and prevent a clear goal like Dan or smiling ever so politely in PCD like Huggsy despite having half a dozen fizz past earlier, finals teams can learn a lot from Bryn and Matts men. Overall, they can learn what it is like to have a bloody good time playing hockey.

Unless hockey is paying your bills, the ONLY acceptable reason to play is to enjoy yourself.

Bryn and Matt walked arm in arm into the sunset of season 2025, hand in hand knowing they impacted finals, can share a goal scoring trophy and live happily ever after.

Division 7 (Gold) Women



The start of the season came around quickly and before we knew it, it was our first game. Our first game started off with a win and in true Div 7 fashion we were all gobsmacked and excited for the rest of the season.

We had some new women join the team, including some juniors and some returning from last year. It didn't take long for us to get chatting and we often got told to stop talking so our coach could start out team talk.

It was a mix of wins, draws and loses for us throughout the season. But no matter what, the fight was real and it never stopped. We managed to secure our spot in the middle of the ladder just missing out on some finals action. It was a massive improvement for the Div 7 women's team from the previous years placings.

The team gave it their all every single week and never stopped. Although we missed out on finals the team should be very proud of themselves.

Bring on next season and watch this space!

Division 7 (Gold) Men



Coach: Anyone who turned up

Manager: Rowan

Captain: Tom Curd

Best & Fairest: Elis Smedley

Top Goal Scorer: Elis Smedley (11 goals!)

Final Ladder Position: 7th

What an exciting year! Under duress, Bryn was pressured to help make a 'dream team', pulling together old mates and promising juniors. We offered a platform for Juniors to transition to Seniors hockey with some older (slower) heads around to help build the structures and diligence needed for higher grades.

It was excellent to play with some of our exciting talent coming up through the club, such as Phil Porter, Albie Omari, and Isaac Gregory. Each making their mark in the grade and growing into their roles well. Although I'm sure they could do with just 1 more year with us next year!

Stalwarts of the team also demonstrated some serious hockey, with Tom Curd (trusty captain), Ben Deavin (brick wall in our back line), Vinny Gandiwa (I'll play anywhere but midfield), Graeme Meaker (I'll play everywhere in midfield, all at the same time), James Freer (GK) (the brick wall behind the wall), and joining late Eli Nelson (master of the surprise tackle, robbing forwards of their dignity and dreams). The true heroes fighting it out week in and week out. You should all be playing better hockey than ours, but I'll keep you as long as I can, and I'll do my best to make it fun each week!

New to the club we saw Arvinder (Arsh) Dhillon and Charlie Bizley, who were both welcome additions to the side. Arsh impressed early, often playing as a keeper, he showed us exactly how to shoot in his first game. Nailing a tommy from the top of the 'D', which was so sharp the keeper only managed a slow look around, after the ball rolled out of the net. Charlie was excellent in centre mid, taking hit after hit, before finally boiling over & running most of the field. Charlie has the sweetest sliding sweeper shot, I promise we'll figure out deflections with it next year!

Meanwhile the more senior players saw the reformation of a team from nearly 15 years ago! Elis Smedley, Max Kulow, Yorma Thompson, & Rowan all enjoying the beers again, and some hockey too! Really, the whole thing was just a ruse to escape our daily lives and play together again!

This year we typified so many years at the club, we didn't want to rush into the season or peak too early. By mid season we finally solved the puzzle and started playing some excellent linking hockey. On our day, we stood up to any team in our grade, and probably a few above too. However, as per usual, by then we'd worked our way out of finals. Didn't stop us from playing some sweet hockey and having one heck of a time doing it.

Huge thanks to everyone who turned up, helped out, pitched in, passed straight, passed, trapped, shot, and just got involved in our team this year – it's been a pleasure!

Division 8 (Gold) Men



Some Victories, Some Fitness and Occasionally Some Hockey

Another glorious season has concluded for the Magpies Division 8 men's turf team – a cadre of players possessing athletic prowess, razor-sharp tactical acumen, and occasionally a passing familiarity with the rules of hockey. As your official chronicler it's my pleasure to present the definitive review of our year, which started with hopes as high as T-Bone's pre-game caffeine levels and ended with a not-bottom-of-the-ladder finish. Yes, you heard right: not bottom.

A Season in Review: The Good, the Bad, and the Interpretive Dance

Let's begin with a recap of our thunderous opening games – a period when optimism soared and the team's collective fitness levels had not yet been reduced by regular sausage sizzle consumption. We racked up a couple of wins that had us dreaming of mid-table glory. There were even some well fought draws, which for the mighty Div 8 represents a complex mix of 'nearly winning' and 'courageously failing to lose.'

Of course, as the season unfolded and the weather became grim (thanks to the Bureau of Meteorology's patented 'Hockey Scheduling Algorithm' – rain every weekend, sun every Monday), our results moved towards the less newsworthy pages of the local paper. There were moments of real greatness, and lots of occasions where we played 'good solid hockey'. These were balanced by moments when our passing game devolved into interpretive dance, and our defensive structure resembled a Jackson Pollock painting.

The Heroes: Not All of Them Wear Capes (But Some Do)

No team would function without an efficient, well organised team manager, and into this role stepped T-Bone, a man whose dedication to hockey is rivalled only by his enthusiasm for post-game beers. T-Bone's motivational speeches, delivered in the ~~hallowed silence of the~~ change room, frequently featured phrases like "let's play for each other and have fun," and "remember that passing the ball is not a personal insult."

As captain, Jay was masterful in keeping us united, even when the team seemed irreconcilably divided into two camps: those who thought Dylan should finally buy a pair of black playing shorts, and Dylan. Let's not forget Blair who always contributed 163% to whatever was going on; whether it was sprinting out gazelle-like to defend short corners, or getting injured only to bounce back moments later like a malfunctioning Jack-in-the-Box, or stoically manning the bar (this is true heroism).

The Goals: A Precious Commodity

Let's talk goals. If you're reading this and anticipating a season filled with net-rippling, scoreboard-ticking bonanzas, you may want to sit down briefly and grab a beverage. Records indicate there were not 'a lot' of goals – unless your definition of 'a lot' is 'somewhat more than zero.' Instead, let's just say that goals were about as common as a Div 8 player volunteering for an early morning fitness session. But whenever the ball did finally find its way into the box, this was celebrated in the traditional fashion: wild cheers, ceremonial confusion, and a general look of disbelief.

Final Thoughts: Not Bottom, Not Bothered

And so Div 8, we salute you. We didn't finish at the top, but we didn't finish bottom either – which, in statistical terms, means we have achieved 'peak average'. To the team, to T-Bone, to Jay, and to every club member who bravely wore the black and white, may next season bring just as many laughs, some more goals, and maybe a few less unexplained injuries.

Goal scorers: Jamie (Rd 1 vs. UWA), Justin (Rd 3 vs. Kalamunda), Aedyn (Rd 4 vs. Vic Park), T-Bone (Rd 6 vs. Melville), Harman (Rd 9 vs. Rockingham), Suhail (Rd 11 vs. Reds), Vince (Rd 12 vs. Kalamunda), Rotor (Rd 16 vs. Canning)

Division 9 (Gold) Men



Playing in Division 9, the lowest turf grade at FCHC, comes with unique challenges. Without divisions below to draw from, this year our team relied on a core group of “old boys” and a rotating mix of players from other turf grades, metros, 50s, and junior teams. Across the season, 46 players took to the field for div 9 and despite the large turnover, the team remained a positive, supportive and well organised group.

Although we missed finals, we were highly competitive throughout the season. Highlights included the first win, a come-from-behind result against Melville at Lakelands, celebrated with a loud rendition of the club song post-game, a win against Whitfords in a curtain-raiser to the Men’s Premier 1 game, and a win against Curtin at Southern River in which the D more closely resembled a wetland ecosystem. Our excitement levels peaked in round 13 with the possible GK cameo by Tim Deavin, who in hindsight most sensibly withdrew the morning of the game against Kwinana. The season ended with Alex Walker reaching 400 games for the club, a significant milestone for a significant clubman.

Family connections were another strong feature of our year, with Ram, Scoob and Mithran, and Bruce and Riley, sharing the turf throughout the season. Several players repeatedly doubled up each week to keep us at full numbers—without them, we would have risked playing short or forfeiting.

A big thank you goes out to everyone who contributed in their own way the season: Matt Allan, Tom Bergin, Harman Bhangu, Sean Blacklock, Chris Bruse, Jaime Buller, Rob Carney, Justin Carrier, Jon Cartwright, Scott Chisholm, Darren Collins, Matt Coram, Chris Depinto, Arsh Dhillon, Duncan Faulds, Ben Fordyce, Luke Huggett, Jason Hunt, Ken Jayan, Tom Johnson, Andrew Jones, Adam Joseph, Jimmy Lowe, Rhys Luck, Richard Morgan, Riley Needham, Bruce Needham, Ian Neill, Warrick Nelson, Finn Newcombe, Nic Porter, Jason Shui, Suresh Sivacolundhu, Ramesh Sivacolundhu, Mithran Sivacolundhu, Phil Smith, Sean Spong, Evan Standley, David Surgeson, Doug Sweetman, Jay Usher, Alex Walker, Blair Walker, Dean Walsh, Xavier Wharton-Street, and Shane Winter.

Team Manager Shane Winter, **Best and Fairest:** Jaime Buller, who returned to hockey after 20 years away from the game and suffered multiple soft tissue injuries throughout the season. Well done mate, it was a solid effort from you. **Equal Top Goal Scorers:** Jaime Buller, Riley Needham, Suresh Sivacolundhu, Jay Usher and Shane Winter. All with 3 goals each

Metros Division 3 Men



As the dust settles on the 2025 hockey season and we finally get the smell of deep heat out of our kitbags, it's time to look back and reflect on the highs, lows, and questionable umpire calls that defined our year.

Considered the 'darling' of the mens teams, the Metros attracted a roster of approximately 82% of registered men in the club. While punters were often lured in with the promise of 'acres of space' and 'all the goals you can ask for', we all knew it was for the hardest prize in the club. The opportunity to sport an oversized bottle opener around your neck post game was definitely appealing!

With the season behind us and the team WhatsApp group still buzzing, we're already getting keen for next year. Our goals:

- Fewer injuries.
- More players.
- More goals (at either end, we're not fussy).
- And, of course, more laughs both on and off the pitch.

Thanks to everyone for making this season one to remember. Here's to another year of hockey, mateship, and the occasional well-timed sledge.

Metros Division 4 Women



The Fremantle Cockburn Women's team had an outstanding 2025 season, finishing, after playing 18 games, with 17 wins, and only 1 loss. Over the year, the team scored 68 goals and conceded just 8, demonstrating their strength in both attack and defence. Under the guidance of Coach Darrel Bruse and Manager Sam Jelinek, the team's consistency and determination led them to finish the season as Minor Premiers.

The Cucumber Award once again brought plenty of laughter to the season. Voted on by the team each week, the award recognised humorous and memorable moments on and off the field, reinforcing team spirit and camaraderie. Some of this year's standout *Cucumber moments* included:

- Striking the post instead of the backboard with would-be goals,
- Turning up to warm-up in a cardigan and pearls,
- Cheering faithfully as a dedicated spectator through rain, wind, and sunshine,
- And, of course, celebrating spectacular hat-trick goals.

Beyond the pitch, the team proudly supported important causes. Fremantle Cockburn Women took part in the Lizzie Watkins Organ Donor Round, wearing pink ribbons in their game against the Lions to honour the initiative. They also joined the Purple Bra Day campaign, donning purple bras to help raise awareness for Breast Cancer Care WA.

Overall, 2025 was a season marked by skill, resilience, adaptability, community spirit, and plenty of fun — making it one to remember for the team.

By Tahlia Collins

Rae Blunt (Division 1 over 35 Midweek Women)



Coach: Ben Bashiruddin
Manager: Jade Nelson
Captain: Jessie Bates + Pip Wenn

Best & Fairest: Jessie Bates **Runner up:** Pip Wenn
Top Goal Scorer: Michelle Owen (Hitchy)
Final Ladder Position: 4th

Well this year was different. I mean, not like one of those ‘I know what you did last summer’ different, but more like ‘I didn’t expect for that to go so well’ different.

First things first, the Annual Bluebirds kicked us off. Now I don’t want to create drama, but when a completely fresh team shows up, 3 quarters in, against the ageing and non-training veterans, can anyone really complain if there is unsubstantiated tampering of the scoreboard???

2025 was the turning of the tides. Since this writer stepped over the Magpie threshold, the Rae Blunt Masters have been led by an incredible support crew. The likes of Connie, Dee, Darryl, Jen, Sharr, Knickers and Tam have all been entwined within the veins of this Club, as well as providing the arterial ligament of Rae Blunt.

This safety blanket was required by many week by week, leaving a house with the breastfeeding baby, or the screaming 3 year old who won’t sleep, to fit just one more hockey game into a heavily planned weekly routine. We roll on in with 5 minutes to spare with positions sorted, fav lollies at the ready and our water bottles magically re-filled at half time.

BUT apparently there is a retirement plan at FCHC.

At the end of 2024 there was a changing of the guard to our Tyrepower sponsored club stalwart, Jade! This allocation came with a hazing of sorts, giving just one person a task previously held by two, adding some extra regulation (hello short corner masks and TeamStar), in addition to a team of hilarious, yet regularly unavailable, players. Like a duck to water, Jade hard launched in Week 1 and by the second week had done something untested, introducing the RB Team to Coach Ben! A burgeoning support crew has since crept through the ranks for 2025, a year where our average age may have snuck under 40.

.....and so the story begins. As usual, the numbers of players cruising through the ranks of Rae Blunt are high and with some regulars unavailable from our consistently amazing team (they’ll be dragging me away by tooth and nail) we appreciate the ones who are there week by week, forgetting masks,

turning up on wrong days, eating too many lollies, getting married, only dragging left or simply breaking bones and tearing weathered muscles. But also the freshies, those players who train and play on the weekends (during the day no less!), then decide they can fit in more hockey to come and slide into our team like the pickle in a cheeseburger (zesty for some, but you wouldn't want them anywhere else).

The Rae Blunt year has been anything but boring, we played WASPS way too many times, had more than one hat trick scored during a game and an ever lasting supply of black cats and sour squirms to keep us fuelled. If we could try for less broken bones in 2026, it would be much appreciated.

With an ever positive Coby to fist bump our way to multiple wins, our team have curiously become stronger as the year progresses. Anyone playing masters knows how utterly rare this is. I am sure that it is part luck, but also somewhat due to the incredible number of players we have said yes to coming to hang with us midweek. As we head into finals for the first time in a smidge, only time and having legs that continue to bend, will tell how the year will end. But with the support of this club anything is possible.

Co-captains: Jessie Bates (all formal duties) + Pip Wenn (team talk, specifically when Coach Ben has gotten carried away with the lollies)

Coach: Ben Bashiruddin

Manager: Jade Nelson – Inaugural RB Manager 2025; Game Day Memay creator; Canteen Volunteer and pre-season coach.

Team: Jessie, DT, Rebecca, Kathryn, Dale, Julia, Ari, Caitlin, Fran, Guli, Jane, Dea, Taryn, Richo, Euni, Claire, Jade, Hitchy, Jodie, Evarna, Laura, Narelle, Emily, Aimee, Coby, Lana, Arnie, Harriet (GK), Shannon, Jessica, Nouschka, Tammy (GK), Sofia, Pip, Martina (GK), Celia.



Division 2 over 35 Midweek Women



Another fantastic year has gone by, and while we might not be bringing home a shiny trophy the size of a small car, we've certainly cemented our status as the undisputed champions of good vibes, epic laughs, and a truly impressive lolly collection!

The Stats (Because We're Still Athletes, Sort Of!):

Wins: 6 (Proof we totally know what we're doing!)

Draws: 4 (We're experts at keeping everyone guessing!)

Losses: 6 (Building character, one game at a time!)

Goals For: 26 (We found the net! Sometimes!)

Goals Against: 26 (Even Stevens! Or maybe just equally enthusiastic at both ends!)

Highlights & Shenanigans (Straight from the Source!):

- **Dee Mears:** Our resident ray of sunshine, always reminding us, "Never rains on us!" (Even when it's absolutely pouring!)
- **Stacey Walker:** The master of the bench, turning it into a hilarious hub of "laughs, gossip, stories and subs," fuelled by an "extensive lolly collection." She even gave a shout-out to our long-suffering umpire, Andy! And let's not forget our incredible dedication to supporting other teams – we're basically the club's biggest cheerleaders!
- **Aimee Richardson:** Her cup runneth over every time she steps on the field with us! Despite a season that sometimes felt like "we just couldn't catch a break," she confirmed the "energy, support, and laughs made it all worth it." We might not always win, but we definitely win at being awesome teammates!
- **Eliza MacFarlane:** Talk about dedication! Joining a game in Rockingham mid-webinar (multitasking pro!), she felt the "electric" energy of our full-strength team. That's the power of the Masters ladies!
- **Dale Cleary:** Reconnected with her love for hockey, thanks to our "welcoming group" and all the "laughs and energy." A huge thanks to Lill for everything she does, and a collective wish for an injury-free next season (fingers crossed, Dale!).

- **Lauren Armitage:** The late-season MVP, proving that "rusty skills and a magnet for injuries" can't stop true hockey spirit! She declared us "the most welcoming and supporting team at the club," and gave props to Lill, Stacey, and Peta for their top-notch bench management. (We're totally agreeing with you, Lauren – you were AWESOME!).
- **Elisa Thompson:** Her first full season with the Masters team was a dream! She loved playing with people she hadn't seen since her junior days, making it feel "a bit like coming home." The team effortlessly balanced competitiveness with "raucous fun," working hard and laughing even through tough opposition and average umpiring. She's already looking forward to going "all the way next season!"
- **Kate Brown:** "Mug of the week" was back again – a literal mug given to the player who did something hilarious during the game. There were a couple of recurring winners (cough cough Jen, Lill and Hollie) and lots of laughs. Our superstitious thing this year was Jen's new shoes, which went undefeated for many rounds but sadly ran out of good luck as they pushed hard for finals but just missed out.

Our Superpowers (aka Key Themes):

- **Team Spirit & Support:** We're not just a team; we're a family! Always there to lend a hand, whether it's on the field, in the club shop, or just to share a giggle.
- **Resilience:** We faced injuries, tough games, and probably a few bad hair days, but our positive attitudes never wavered!
- **Bench Bosses Extraordinaire:** Huge appreciation for Lill, Stacey, and Peta, who kept the bench running smoother than a perfectly executed drag flick.
- **Pure Joy of the Game:** It's all about the banter, the laughs, and the sheer fun of playing hockey with this amazing crew!

The Injury Report (A Season of "Ouch!" Moments):

This year was a bit like a MASH unit, but we kept our spirits high!

- **Celz:** Kicked off the season with a broken foot in the Preseason Tournament but bounced back like a champ!
- **Lill:** A dramatic entrance with a broken wrist in the last 45 seconds of the *first game*! She bravely (and perhaps grumpily!) graced the bench for most of the season.
- **Hollie (aka Orange Stick):** Her "dodgy hip" sadly ruled her out for the rest of the season. We missed those orange stick moves!
- **Peta:** Joined the bench crew with a "dodgy hammy" in the last few rounds. The bench was clearly the place to be!
- **Lauren:** Our self-proclaimed "rusty skills and a magnet for injuries" warrior. (Again, we thought she was amazing!)
- **Jen:** The unsung hero who takes hits and rolled ankles "like a champ and keeps on going." What a legend!

Shout Outs & High Fives from Lill!

- **To my girls:** You are simply THE BEST! Thanks for always putting your hand up to help, for the banter, and for being "absolute legends!"
- **Stacey & Peta:** My dynamic duo behind the scenes! Thanks for running the bench, putting up with my "grumpy non-playing injured self", and being the best teammates!
- **Andy (Our Umpire):** Thanks for getting wet with us through the terrible weather, for sharing a good giggle and eating all the lollies. Next year, a *few* more free hits our way would be super appreciated, just saying! 😊

What's Next?

Bring on 2026! We're ready for more camaraderie, hopefully fewer trips to the physio, and a renewed drive to... **DO IT FOR THE SHOES!!**

Division 4 over 35 Midweek Women



What a ride this season has been! From round one right through to finals, this team gave everything – big tackles, bigger lunges, and the occasional creative interpretation of where the sidelines actually were. The effort week in and week out was enormous, and making finals was a well-earned reward for all the hard work.

What we did have was grit, resilience, and a lot of laughs along the way. The way this group stuck together, supported each other, and played as one team is something we can all be proud of.

Huge thanks go to Juan, our ever-patient umpire. He somehow managed to not to laugh out loud during the games – A true hero and a gentleman. And of course, Emma, our team manager, who kept the wheels turning behind the scenes. Digging deep asking for help from the universe when things were close! Emma made it all look easy (even when it wasn't).

Special mention to Jacqui, whose pre-game routine of using two Vicks inhalers at once to “open the airways” kept us all entertained (and probably cleared the sinuses of half the dugout too). Moments like these remind us that it's not just about the hockey – it's about the fun and friendships as well.

We'd also like to send a huge thank you to all the youngster club members who came down to watch and cheer us on and learnt about Vicks as a performance enhancing technique. Your support from the sidelines gave us that extra lift when we needed it most. And to the Div 2 players who stepped in throughout the season – we couldn't have done it without you. Your willingness to help out showed the real spirit of the club.

To every player – thank you for the big efforts, the energy, and the laughs. You made this season one to remember. Bring on next year – fitter, faster, and Vicks Inhalers for all!!

Over 50 Division 1 Men



Another season done and dusted. It seems like just a month ago the summer season faded and the real games began. And not one call for the defibrillator in 18 games!!

As the French would say, 'Incredible!' But with a French accent.....

2025, a year as no other nearly was. Mainly 'cos Blaz didn't give the ball to the opposition twice in three minutes to snatch a draw from the jaws of victory. It was a beautiful thing to see him link with Greg and Ev to take the wind outta the opposition's sails.

Beautiful to watch.

Both times.

Once in the first round.

Once in the second.....

Kept us in a few games, did TC. Diving to save. Then diving to save again. It happened four weeks apart, but poetry in motion. Both times.

Once in the first round.

Once in the second.....

Max on fire! Defence confounded, goalkeeper bamboozled and multiple goals to his name. Twice, in fact!!

Once in the first round. Once in the second.....

Seeing Dunc, Les, Matty and Bruce hit target after target. Admittedly that was in the warm-up but nearly brought a tear to the eye.

PJ ran the field as an attacking left-half. Not a tactic any opposition ever expects, particularly in Masters 50s Div 1. Left half? Running? Give us a break!! Might get one of our 13 different right-halves to try it next season.....

Only one to go under the knife from a hockey injury was Justy. Gave it his all as usual as did Hendo, Gav, Eric, Masso, Gurdeep, Walshy, AJ, Kenny, Big Gurns, Brad, Ram, Chooka, Scotty and Jason.

Thanks for another hard fought year, ol' fellas! I feel there's a finals appearance just round the corner. Maybe before all the Beatles croak it.....

Mighty Magpies (All Abilities)

This season has been so special for our All-Abilities Field Hockey program. Each week has been full of energy, kindness, growth, and fun. Every player has brought something unique and wonderful to the group, and we are so proud of the progress, teamwork, and joy that have shone through in every session.

Damo is our official “welcoming committee.” He remembers everything about everyone, greets them warmly, and is always eager to chat. His passion for hockey is clear; he brings great humour and enthusiasm to the group. Damo has mastered the routine, is interactive and involved, and has greatly improved his ball control. His ability to complete activities to a high standard has been fantastic.

Lexie is patient, gentle, and calming in the group. Although quieter, she is an excellent listener, interacts beautifully with others, and has a wonderfully encouraging attitude. Her focus and ball control are impressive, and her growing skills show real potential in her play. She is one tough cookie, with multiple broken bones, but it has had no effect on her enthusiasm. She is an absolute pleasure to have at the sessions.

James brings so much colour and fun to the group. Always quick and energetic, he creates excitement and enthusiasm in every activity. He loves chatting with others and thrives in team games with his competitive spirit. His progress has been wonderful, and his passion for hockey shines through.

Trey is kind, empathetic, and always ready with a giggle. He takes time to check in with others, shows a great attitude, and comes to every session ready to play. His slow and steady approach has helped him develop fantastic ball technique, and his ability to listen and apply instructions has improved his gameplay.

Hayley is our ray of sunshine. Her empathy and willingness to help others make her an inspiring teammate. She brings humour, style, and positivity to every session. Hayley’s hockey skills have developed beautifully – her trapping, passing, and hand-eye coordination are outstanding. Watching her celebrate goals and new skills is a highlight, and her joy lifts the whole group.

Annabelle shows wonderful responsibility and leadership. She encourages the group to listen, ensures others get a turn before her, and always shows respect and positivity. Annabelle is a versatile player, confidently taking on goalkeeping and field roles. Her stick skills are excellent, and her ability to drag and jink shows her love of practice and advanced play. She is a strong leader who sets a fantastic example.

Titus is a talented and caring player who balances his competitive spirit with patience and support for his teammates. He has speed, fantastic trapping, passing, and goal-shooting skills, and a natural ability to lead and communicate. Titus also brings humour and fun to games, making him an all-around asset.

Overall, this year has been absolutely fantastic. Each player has been a joy to coach – kind, respectful, and passionate. Skills have improved, friendships have grown, and the fun has been endless. The sessions are truly the highlight of our week, and we can’t thank the players (and families) enough for making this season so special.

We are already looking forward to next season and all the hockey fun that is still to come!

Over 40 Midweek Men



Firstly, congratulations to the Fremantle midweek men who've been selected for state representation in 2025: Tim Price, Ben (Stealth) Greenacre, Alex (Horse) Greenacre, Nathan (Knobby) Lawler, Mark (Nickers) Nichols, and Favil (Fav) Singh. On top of that, Tim Price, Knobby, Phil (Fab) Marshall, and Nickers also represented Australia in the Masters Hockey World cup at the end of 2024 – Well Done!

The midweek men played a dominant season this year, finishing second purely by goal difference. Recording 12 wins, 1 draw, and 2 losses, we were looking strong into finals. After losing last year, twice, on penalty strokes to Wolves, we were keen to make amends on the field. The first game against Hale was fierce. We came off worse for wear, losing on strokes (again!), and Tim sporting a new look.

Next final we met with Wolves but controlled the game well to make the grand final with Hale. No flicks needed!

For the grand final with Hale, whatever happened, we were not going to strokes again! True to our word, we didn't go to strokes.. We didn't win either, but you've gotta save something for next season!

Well done to everyone each week, battling through arctic storms, in the far ends of Perth. Missing quality time with loved ones. Playing through niggles & injuries. Mostly, just playing some good hockey with a great bunch of mates – what more could you ask for (don't mention the flag!).

One final shout out to Brownny – quietly (and not so quietly) beaver away each week to muster the team. Your creativity at finding & recruiting players was almost as sublime as your hockey!

Over 50s Division 2 & Division 3 Men

Both masters teams successfully battled through another season. With variable player availability, but managing 3 wins each. Well done boys!

Awards & Game Milestones

Player	Milestone
Abigail Atkinson	100
Mackenzie Brewer	100
Matthew Coram	100
Stacey Dean	100
Fran Fazioli	100
Ben Fordyce	100
Jane Graham	100
Andrew Jones	100
Luke Keiley	100
Lucy King	100
Riley Needham	100
Leon Price	100
Ben Rennie	100
Kya Rowcroft	100
Fletcher Taylor	100
Lavinia Wilson	100
Emma Wright	100
Joanne Bonella	200
Thomas Curd	200

Player	Milestone
Julia Curran	200
Sally Faichney	200
Scott Lindsley	200
Luke Mcpherson	200
Emanuele Minissale	200
Akhil Pradeep	200
Grace Reeves	200
Chad Giles	300
Rowan Macfarlane	300
Darcy Smith	300
Ross Brown	400
Justin Carrier	400
Elisa Thompson	400
Alex Walker	400
Elis Smedley	500
Genevieve Conner	600
Greg Gurney	600
Dee-Anne Mears	600

Team	Fairest & Best	Top Goal Scorer(s)
Men Premier 1s	Ben O'Grady	Ehren Hazell
Women Premier 2s	Eunyoung (Yuni) Kim	Mackenzie Brewer
Men Premier 2s	Jye Clark	Haseef Salim
Women Div 4	Maria Laura (Laura) Piantoni	Maria Laura (Laura) Piantoni
Men Div 4	Jared Healy	Tim Price
Women Div 6	Tammy Standley	Christina Andreone
Men Div 6	Luke Huggett	Matt Ryan, Bryn Lacey, Will Braid
Women Div 7	Nicole Wharton Street	Grace Reeves
Men Div 7	Elis Smedley	Elis Smedley
Men Div 8	Kale McLoughlin	Tim Cole
Men Div 9	Jaime Buller	Jaime, Shano, Suresh, Jay, & Riley
Men Metros Div 3	Ben Fordyce	Nick Northcott
Women Metros Div 4	Kate McDowell	Kate McDowell
Rae Blunt - o35 Women Div 1	Jessie Bates	Michelle Owen
o35 Women Div 2	Dale Cleary	Jane Graham
o35 Women Div 4	Lavinia Wilson	Jaqui Needham & Gen Conner
o40 Midweek Men	Tim Price	Tim Price
o50 Men Div 1	Gavin Lee	Max Kulow
o50 Men Div 2	Jason Hunt	Ian Neill
o50 Men Div 3	Matt Coram & Scott Lindsley	Scott Lindsley

Games Played

Name	Games	Name	Games
Kieren Abbott	394	Ross Brown	405
Luke Abbott	127	Chris Bruse	132
David Ahier	19	Darrel Bruse	653
Jada Allan	12	Liam Buckley	30
Matt Allan	387	Jaime Buller	11
Piper Allan	75	Cohen Burgess	52
Cristina Andreone	92	Dylan Burke	35
Hayden Andrews	73	Madonna Burns	172
Rhys Angwin	46	Peta Campbell	398
Lauren Armitage	39	Lauren Canning	33
Abigail Atkinson	114	Rob Carney	140
Amrit Aujla	24	Ella Carr	13
Sianna Baden	28	Rhiley Carr	44
Harrison Banyard	39	Beth Carrello	192
Ellen Barker	10	Justin Carrier	409
Anri Barnard	48	Jonathan Cartwright	79
Cooper Barnes	15	Keely Case	115
Sam Barnes	85	Ian Chellew	41
Ben Bashiruddin	38	Scott Chisholm	152
Koby Bass	14	Hannah Cladingboel	38
Jessie Bates	172	Jye Clark	59
Lailah Bellottie	10	Willow Clark	11
Thomas Bergin	3	Dale Cleary	99
Azalea Beugelaar	5	Tom Cliff	425
Harmanmeet Singh Bhangu	37	Charlie Clifton	256
Ryan Singh Bhangu	1	Tim Cole	468
Matthew Bird	432	Anthony Raymond Collins	396
Charlie Bizley	10	Darren Collins	271
Makenzy Blacklock	33	Tahlia Collins	17
Sean Blacklock	53	Genevieve Conner	628
Wayne Blazejczyk	694	Adam Connolly	239
Abby Bolton	94	Keegan Connolly	46
Joanne Bonella	219	Paul Connolly	487
Louise Brackstone	242	Matthew Coram	104
Christine Brady	25	Leon Cordy	14
Jenson Braid	16	Kate Crudeli	89
Will Braid	14	John Paul Cummins	23
Zara Braid	23	Thomas Curd	210
Heather Brand	18	Julia Curran	210
Mehtaab Singh Brar	16	Catherine Cvjetkovic	295
Mackenzie Brewer	107	Cooper Davey	13
Max Briffa	47	Tertullian Dawes	30
Rebecca Briggs	160	Chris De Pinto	349
Keiran Brook	96	Fyfe De Pinto	63
Max Brooker	13	Stacey Dean	106
Kathryn Brown	341	Ben Deavin	52

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Name	Games	Name	Games
Tim Deavin	119	Greg Gurney	607
Miles Dekever	14	Jake Gurney	82
Myla Dewes	6	Jasmine Hainsworth	144
Shaan Dhanjal	73	Billie Hallam	34
Arvinder Dhillon	17	Ehren Hazell	77
Oliver Dinkelman	192	Jared Healy	167
Ariane Doczy	99	Lara Healy	185
Zane Drennan	1	Chloe Henderson	14
Thomas Dudley	45	Mark Henderson	249
Imogen Duffin	55	Peter Henderson	448
Caitlin Ellingson	126	Jazze Henry	38
Jonathan Ellis	518	Anthony Hickford	220
Mark Ellis	665	Paula Hicks	57
Mark Evans	93	Aedyn Higgins	89
Holly Faichney	178	Deanna Higgins	229
Sally Faichney	211	Callum Hill	27
Bethany Faulds	110	Oliver Hill	223
Duncan Faulds	325	Jennifer Hoare	259
Les Faulds	291	Meg Honeyfield	212
Maya Faulds	162	Emma Horne	64
Fran Fazioli	109	Jessie Hosie	14
Fiona Ferguson	24	Xander Hosie	14
Matt Field	128	Clare Houston	132
Brodie Fleming	29	Luke Huggett	114
Delaney Foote	13	Jason Hunt	52
Ben Fordyce	120	Tom Hutchinson	145
Christopher Foster	164	Taryn Ihanimo	6
Michelle Fox	259	Ken Jayan	190
James Freer	32	Kate Jenkins	6
Vincent Tapiwa Gandiwa	136	Fraser Jilley	56
Juan Garaizabal Escauriaza	20	Ella Johnson	38
Amber Gardula	62	Nele Johnson	384
Chad Giles	300	Sophie Johnson	37
Gobind Gill	62	Thomas Johnson	221
Terri Golding	386	Jess Johnston	125
Cornelia Gorter	6	Andrew Jones	102
Jane Graham	109	Adam Joseph	315
Alex Greenacre	684	Luke Keiley	108
Ben Greenacre	572	Marley Kent	68
Phillip Greenacre	519	Pearl Kerruish	42
Willow Greenacre	12	Harrison Keymer	162
Isaac Gregory	119	Eunyoung Kim	25
Olivia Griffiths	39	Lucy King	120
Zara Griffiths	42	Sarah King	78
Christina Guida	23	Freya Knowles	92
Graeme Gurney	570	Amélie Koen	89

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Sophie Koppenol	23	Graeme Meaker	103
Max Kulow	279	Dee-Anne Mears	611
Bryn Lacey	130	Ben Measey	48
Liam Lainer	25	Emily Measey	68
Jason Lamb	214	Max Megaw	14
Jessica Lance	15	Pamela Mercer	295
Nathan Lawler	389	Bayli Michell	21
Luke Lawson	176	Monique Miller	66
Patrick Lawther	51	Emanuele Minissale	205
Gavin Lee	122	Annahitta Moeliono	33
John Lee	375	Richard Morgan	43
Rocky Legg	31	Erica Morgan-Chapman	15
Lucy Lillis	52	Claire Mortimer	49
Madeleine Lindsay	75	Stefan Mouttet	88
Scott Lindsley	213	Madeleine Murphy	26
Rowan Gabrielle Liquigan	12	Alec Murray	46
Ben Lister	30	Ivy Natta	16
Brad Logan	240	Bruce Needham	129
Jimmy Lowe	16	Georgia Needham	35
Rhys Luck	31	Jacqui Needham	93
Kara Lynd	11	Riley Needham	103
Eliza Macfarlane	146	Ian Neill	49
Rowan Macfarlane	327	Elijah Nelson	206
Miranda Mackenzie	25	Jade Nelson	662
Frankie Makse	21	Warrick Nelson	424
Sofía Nabila Maldonado Maxzud	8	Finn Newcombe	98
Isabelle Mangini	44	Jayde Newman	197
Alice Marler	43	Jesse Newman	376
Kal Marshall	19	Macy Newman	130
Phil Marshall	222	Mark Nicholls	877
Paul Masson	296	Craig Noble	31
Hope Masters	250	Louie Noble	37
Oliver Mattingly	2	Eliot Northcott	93
Kate McCambridge	29	Nickolas Northcott	57
Bailey McCormick	66	Austin Northrop	14
Darryl McCormick	531	Asha Nottle	54
Mitchell McCormick	20	Eric Odingo	19
Billie McCracken	94	Brenna O'Donnell	171
Kathryn (Kate) Mcdowell	90	Brooke O'Donnell	331
Isla McLaren	10	Leah O'Donnell	379
Ezra McLaughlin	39	Ben O'Grady	23
Dan Mclay	201	Jack O'Grady	2
Kale Mcloughlin	35	Albie Omari	98
David Mcmeekin	334	Michelle Owen	287
James Mcpherson	379	Keno Palenberg	53
Luke Mcpherson	204	Carl Pallier	50

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Name	Games	Name	Games
Suhail Parker	12	Ayden Salleh-Chew	25
Rachael Parsons	41	Anna Schwartz	71
Kylan Pathmanathan	148	Harry Scott	1
Avaya Payne	44	Jack Scott	42
Isla Payne	14	Daniel Sekulich	65
Jodie Payne	107	Harriet Sequeira	17
Jorja Pearse	60	Tsin Hao Justin Shiu	48
Glenn Pethick	49	Mokshada Shrivastava	56
Meg Phelan	31	Grace Silich	11
Evarna Phillips	39	Favil Singh	79
María Laura Piantoni	56	Gurdeep Singh	33
Brie Pilicic	33	Lauren Sivacolundhu	47
Narelle Porter	5	Mithran Sivacolundhu	4
Nicholas Porter	19	Ramesh Sivacolundhu	54
Phillip Porter	79	Suresh Sivacolundhu	81
Emily Postlethwaite	73	Bronwyn Smedley	232
Philip Powderly	296	Elis Smedley	517
Mason Powell-Wright	19	Darcy Smith	312
Akhil Pradeep	207	Jessica Smith	313
Abirami Pradeepkumar	73	Phillip Smith	328
Leon Price	104	Shannon Smith	70
Ross Price	75	Tania Smith	535
Tim Price	276	Nouschka Snijders	11
Troy Price	76	Jo Snyman	33
Elizabeth Raine	158	Janne Henrike Solcher	7
Kate Reeve	38	Ashlea Soubeyran	55
Grace Reeves	214	Lachy Soubeyran	53
Rochelle Reeves	415	Shaun Spong	92
Angus Rennie	38	Isaac St Clair-Burns	88
Ben Rennie	100	Evan Standley	392
Tanayah Reynolds	219	Layla Standley	149
Aimee Richardson	149	Tammy Standley	280
Phoebe Robertson	49	Ben Steinbacher	156
Heidi Rochester	38	Viktor Stojanov	8
Gabriel Rose	65	Sean Stolk	150
Charlie Ross	43	Glenn Strother	951
Max Ross	65	David Surgeson	58
Coby Rowcroft	171	Ambria Sweetman	14
Kya Rowcroft	119	Bryson Sweetman	280
Georgia Rowe	10	Douglas Sweetman	346
Amelia Rust	13	Larna Sweetman	58
Matthew Ryan	372	Larna Sweetman	10
Sean Ryan	318	Tatiana Tabak	42
Hannah Ryan-Gadsden	49	Summer Tancred	3
Lana Ryan-Gadsden	16	Anna Taylor	76
Haseef Salim	65	Chloe Taylor	38

Games Played

Name	Games	Name	Games
Fletcher Taylor	116	Louise Will	36
Macie Taylor	10	Andy Williams	26
Peggy Taylor	267	Campbell Willoughby	31
Griffin Thomas	47	Edward Wilson	78
Elisa Thompson	421	Lavinia Wilson	124
Yorma Thompson	370	Marieka Wilson	50
Hollie Tinetti	52	Rohan Wilson	2
Onni Tinetti	32	Amelia Winner	117
Quinn Tinetti	40	David Winner	175
Hamish Tobin	12	Shane Winter	237
Sofia Torres	52	Axis Woodall	42
Vivienne Tourtouris	22	Vaelin Woodall	25
Jay Usher	80	Danielle Woods	116
Georgie Valli	45	Liam Woodward	21
Colette Vince	65	Darcy Wright	42
Alex Walker	400	Emma Wright	107
Blair Walker	50	Annemarie Wyatt	161
Samantha Walker	50	Charlie Wyatt	229
Sebastian Walker	8	Ian Wyburn	288
Annabel Wallace	120	Ben Wylie	331
Chloe Wallace	30	Catherine Young	256
August Walsh	132	Celia Young	240
Dean Walsh	61	Eloise Young	50
Lisa Walsh	144	Nina Young	42
Eliza Walther	6		
Alex Ward	45		
Indianna Ward	65		
Jonathan Watson	82	Disclaimer: Please advise me if you think your game tally is incorrect, this could be because: 1) You've married and changed your name 2) You played many moons ago and it is not the same person 3) Hyphenated your surname previously or since 4) Ladies games pre 1992 are not recorded If you think there is a mistake, please reach out to Sloth (slothgrs1@bigpond.com)	
Priya Watts	100		
Kael Webster	33		
Jack Welch	59		
William Welsh	8		
Pip Wenn	154		
Murray West	49		
Sam West	51		
Nicole Wharton-Street	55		
Ross Wharton-Street	330		
Sharron Wharton-Street	464		
Xavier Wharton-Street	96		
Ciara White	35		
Eric Whitney	64		
Craig Wilkins	36		
Evelyn Wilkins	13		
James Wilkins	27		
Martina Wilkinson	25		
Imogen Will	91		

