

MANNING VALLEY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC.

2017

Annual Report



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LIFE MEMBERS

Alan STEERE (Dec)

Brenda MELDRUM

Alan TAYLOR (Dec)

Bronwyn FULLER

Don WISELY (Dec)

Di CUBBIN (Dec)

Cam DAWSON

Gloria SMITH

Frank BIRKEFELD

Kate RYAN

Graham NIX

Hazel LORETON

Kevin HAIGH

Jane MCNEILL

Larry MERCER

Mavis HARWOOD

Terry LAUNDERS

Maree GROFOS

Trevor KLUMP

Lynne TURNER

John SURTEES

Joy CUSACK

Peter CUBBIN

Brenda MELDRUM

Marlene MASTERS

Association Office Bearers 2017

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

Deb Monck
Michelle Collier
John Surtees
Doug Davidson

ORDINARY MEMBERS

Coaching Director
Clubhouse Director
Umpires Director
Dominic Tagliapietra (Junior)
Shane Green (Mens)

Dylan Turner (Men)
Lynne Turner (Women)
Adam Birkefeld (Men)
(resigned 6/7/2017)
Turf Director

Mens Masters Committee President: Phil Collier Secretary: Peter Frappell Treasurer: Peter Cubbin	Womens Masters Coordinator Julie Collier	JUNIOR MATCH COMMITTEE Chairperson: Scott Armstrong Secretary: Chris Dennes Minkey Coordinator : Dominic Tagliapietra Registrar: Leanne Yarnold	MEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE Chairperson: Lyn Turner Secretary: Lyn Turner Shane Green Scott Harry Rod Collier Tony Hartcher Mark Coombes Registrar: Frank Birkefeld
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WOMENS MATCH COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Narelle Salmon

Secretary:

Nicole Clark

Michelle Collier

Rachael Birkefeld

Bronwen Pensini

Katrina Green

Tegan Lynch

Jane McNeill

Registrar: Michelle Collier

JOINT PLAYING RULES COMMITTEE

Coordinators Bronny Fuller and Deb Monck



MANNING VALLEY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC.

2017 Annual General Meeting 23rd January 2017

Meeting opened: 6.30pm

President Craig Colvin welcomed members to the 2017 Manning Valley Hockey Association Annual General Meeting.

Present: As per attendance sheet (attached)

Apologies: Jaylea Muldoon, Richard Johnson, Gab Poole, Cathy Groth and Paula Smith

Motion: "That the apologies be accepted"

Moved: Michelle Collier

Sec: Rod Collier

Carried

1. Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting

Motion: *“That the minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting as circulated be adopted.”*

Moved: John Surtees

Seconded: Michelle Collier

Carried

2. Business arising from minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting

Nil.

3. Reports

a. Presidents Report (see attached)

Motion: *“That the President’s Report as presented at the Annual General Meeting be accepted.”*

Moved: Craig Colvin

Seconded: Rod Collier

Carried

b. Treasurer’s Report

The treasurer tabled the audited financial report for the year ended 30 September, 2016 and gave a summary of the factors contributing to the net result for the year. He thanked the managers of the representative teams for their diligence.

Motion: *“That the Treasurer’s Audited Report as presented to the meeting be adopted”*

Moved: Doug Davidson

Seconded: Dylan Turner

c. Umpire Director’s Report (see attached)

Motion: *“That the Umpire Director’s Report as presented at the Annual General Meeting be accepted.”*

Moved: Deb Monck

Seconded: Julie Collier

Carried

d. Club House Director’s Report (see attached)

Motion: *“That the Club House Director’s Report as presented at the Annual General Meeting be accepted.”*

Moved: Lynne Turner

Seconded: Deb Monck

Carried

e. Election of office bearers for 2017

Craig Colvin thanked the outgoing committee for their work in 2016 and then conducted the election of office bearers for 2017.

i. Positions where nominations in writing have been received before the AGM

Position	Nomination	Nominated By	Seconded By	
President	Deb Monck	Michelle Collier	Doug Davidson	Elected
Treasurer	Doug Davidson	John Surtees	Janice Surtees	Elected
Ordinary Member	Dylan Turner	John Surtees	Lynne Turner	Elected
Ordinary Member	Lynne Turner	John Surtees	Bruce Everingham	Elected
Ordinary Member	Shane Green	Doug Davidson	Katrina Green	Elected

As per our constitution being no other nominations the members that were nominated were declared elected

ii. Positions where nominations were taken from the floor

Position	Nomination	Nominee	Seconder	
Vice President	Michelle Collier	Julie Collier	Doug Davidson	Carried by Secret Ballot
Secretary	Bronny Fuller	Shane Green	Katrina Green	
Ordinary Member	John Surtees	Jane McNeill	Dom Tagliapietra	Carried
Ordinary Member	Bronny Fuller	Julie Collier	Narelle Salmon	Carried
Ordinary Member	Dom Tagliapietra	Shane Green	Bronny Fuller	Carried
Ordinary Member	Vacant			

f. **Public Officer:** Lynne Turner to continue as Public Officer

g. **Auditor:** Maxine Gooch

h. **Honorary Solicitor:** Richard Johnson

i. Election of Life Membership

Nominations Received: Peter Cubbin

Nominated by: Larry Mercer

Seconded by: Peter Frappell

Peter's resume has been circulated to member clubs and investigated by an Association Judiciary and Investigative Committee as per the association's constitution which confirmed that all criteria for the awarding of life membership to Peter Cubbin were met.

Motion: *"That Peter Cubbin be awarded Life Membership of Manning Valley Hockey Association".*

Vote was by secret ballot and carried unanimously

Motion: *"That all voting slips be destroyed".*

Moved: Rod Collier

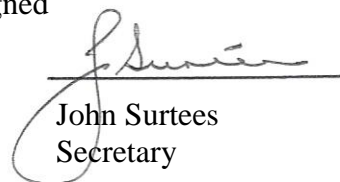
Seconded: Michelle Collier

Carried

Our President Deb Monck will present Peter's Life Membership badge at a Masters Competition night.


Being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.30 pm

Signed



John Surtees
Secretary

Signed :



Deb Monck
President
2016 President's Report

Dear members

What a year it has been in my position as President, there has definitely in this highs and lows.

The passing of three members of our association in 2016 was very sad but our hockey community pulled together and helped those members out in time of need.

Our Representative Teams performed extremely well in both open and indoor state championships with the Women's Masters Indoor side winning div 3 in Goulburn and the Under 18 boys in Bathurst being promoted to division one. To all our representative team's Coaches, Managers and others who supported them a very special thankyou on behalf of the association.

To those players that were successful in making state teams this year congratulations to you all and it is pleasing to see your hard work being rewarded.

In 2016 we hosted both the Under 15 Girls State Championships and the Women's Half State Masters Northern Division. To all our volunteers who worked tirelessly during the championships thank you for all that you did.

Our player numbers were down due mainly due to the Under 18 boys competition being cancelled for 2016. It has been recognised by our executives from our member clubs that steps must be taken recruit and retain more players in this age group for 2017 as well as the promotion of our sport in the primary schools via gala days and "come and try hockey" days. Members will be called on to assist with these activities,

Four years ago I was given the privilege to be your President. I realised that it was going to be a challenge learning the "ropes" as your leader. My tenure was always only going to be five years as I feel I may go "stale" in ideas that are needed if the association is to overcome the problems in the future

I believe I am leaving Manning Valley Hockey Association in a healthy state with the extension to our clubhouse and the new field are highlights of my tenure. In conjunction with Hockey NSW we have a local player pathway with Centre of Development (COD), Accelerated Athletic program (AAP) which have been conducted by our Regional Coaching Co-ordinator Greg Doolan. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Greg for his input and wish him well in his move to Tamworth.

As mentioned early a challenge for the Association in 2017 is a focus by all members on growth and retention of player numbers which will help us rebuild our competitions and provide opportunities for all players regardless of ability to enjoy our great game.

To all the people who have been members of the Board of Management over my four years as President I thank you all for your work and time. The time and commitment that these people have given the association often goes unnoticed or taken for granted. Volunteers are the life blood of the organisation and need everyone's support.

Lastly I would like to thank my wife Lynne and daughters Erica and Breanna for supporting me in my role as President allowing me to have the time to devote to the job.

Craig Colvin
President

MVHA Umpire Director's Report for 2016 Season

There is an increasing push to stress the importance of officials in the game of hockey, both with the officials requiring individual effort in gaining suitable qualifications and in the support mechanism from clubs and associations to allow them to perform at their best. MVHA is no exception to this and as with triumphs we had some disappointments in the last season. The triumphs we hope to build on, the disappointments, to learn from to make 2017 season an even better one.

Across most sports there appears a downward trend in numbers participating, all sports have a natural ebb and flow in player numbers and MVHA is at the moment experiencing a decrease in participation. This has a follow on effect to the number of officials that are available to participate in matches.

Coupled with this the changing of the team nomination procedure caused confusion and clubs and teams did not nominate sufficient umpires for the season at the beginning of the year. It was noticeable that most of the larger clubs (fielding the most teams) were the clubs that needed to be chased, and in some cases still did not fill the required umpiring numbers, so that the draw could be finalised. Along with this no clubs forwarded a list of any newly acquired community badge umpires and this may be something to address in the 2017 season.

After an audit carried out in 2015, it was clear that MVHA needed to change the system for official allocations. This year we used the same system, men allocate a name, and women allocate a club as previous. During this season it was again obvious that this system does not work and needed to be addressed officially and as such, along with many other reasons, a rules review committee sat down and amalgamated the senior playing rules.

In the 2017 amalgamated rules we have strengthened the umpiring expectations from clubs as well as clearly defined penalties for clubs/teams when these official obligations are not fulfilled. This is not meant as a punitive step but more a realisation for players and teams that the official's participation in the game of hockey needs to be valued and supported by all participants within MVHA clubs. Apart from this benefit the amalgamated rules for 2017 will provide a standardised format for all clubs to follow.

At the beginning of the season an umpiring course was held with Simon Thresher. This was well attended by most clubs, with over 20 participants. Again in 2017 we aim to have at least one of these sessions with hopefully more senior as well as the good complement of juniors that always attend. This forum was also where the new playing rules and amendments to previous playing rules were discussed. These forums are important and hopefully will be well attended next season.

During the season there were other stand out performances. We had umpires officiating at all tournaments in which MVHA played, with many also volunteering to umpire for other associations at carnivals held here. Of these umpires we had a few selected to umpire finals at these tournaments which is an outstanding effort for those chosen. The nominations for umpire of the year were very impressive and it was a pleasure to see the achievements of Matt, Emmerson and Damon during the season. It was also pleasing to see new junior umpires on the field and a few senior umpires, hopefully with more experience and support from mentors within their clubs and the association we can see more new faces again next year.

MVHA Umpire Convenor Judiciary Report for 2016 Season

The 2016 season only saw one red card given all season, an outstanding effort by the players in MVHA. This was dealt with outside a judicial hearing with a 1 week suspension and 1 week probation. There was also a carryover matter from last season but again this was dealt with via mediation between the club concerned and myself.

Although there were no other red cards during this season there were however an increase in written complaints which needed to be addressed. These involved complaints against players as well as complaints against officials. These were dealt with mostly outside investigative hearings and at a Board level. There was a written warning issued to one association player as well as general reinforcement of the club and association codes of conduct and the expectation that these need to be followed. Clubs reinforced these themselves by standing down players as they saw fit for breaches of their codes of conduct.

The increase in pre and post-game offenses during the season highlighted a gap in MVHA procedures and policies regarding disciplinary action for these types of issues. This then prompted the writing of a policy for MVHA to deal with these in the future. The MVHA Disciplinary Policy to be adopted in 2017 provides a clear guideline to all clubs and participants of expectations and penalties if there are behaviours which bring MVHA into disrepute. It also allows MVHA standardisation and transparency in investigating and actioning these disciplinary breaches.

I thank all the members of MVHA for their support in my position as Umpire Convenor and look forward to another great year in 2017.

Yours sincerely

Deb Monck



FIELD DIRECTOR/ CLUB HOUSE MANAGER – 2016 REPORT



This year saw the Clubhouse in full utilisation again with Manning Hosting U15 Girls Championships and the Women's Masters Championships. The Canteen coped well with the U15 Girls which had 26 teams, but struggled for the Women's Masters which had 84 teams, very long waiting lines to be served, but the food was coming out quickly once the orders were put in. Will need to look at having a separate food and drink outlet for any future big Championships. A huge thanks to both Dot and Gloria who worked flat out for both weekends especially the Masters when Gloria played and then worked on the Canteen between her games. As always Club supported the two events and many thanks to the members who continually help out in the Canteen producing high quality food. Having a second till at the front helped out, but need to look at the available space out the front as it became very congested had people operating the till and someone filling the Fridges up.

Ice Cream machine failed twice during the season, which resulted in a lot of lost stock, the only ice creams that were selling were Icy Twists, Cyclones and Paddle Pops, so will be looking at what we sell next year and if it is viable to have ice creams at all. Will definitely be returning the Streets Ice cream Fridge.

Once again I had trouble getting volunteers for Bar Duties. Unfortunately left to the same people all the time and lots of times the Board of Management Duty Officer had to fill in the gaps. Happy to have any feedback on this, i.e. are the time slots too long. Would like to thank Max Durrington for the many shifts that he filled in for the Bar.

Peter, Larry and Kevin Haigh have continued working one day a week on little projects around the Club House, the major improvement this year is having the second set of stairs on the TLF side completed A huge thank you to Peter Cubbin, Larry Mercer and Kevin Haig for their continued work that they carry out. Thanks a lot guys.

Daryl Parvin did an excellent job of refurbishing the Allan Steere table out the front of the Canteen and wish to thank Daryl and Sharks Hockey Club for this.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Gloria Smith, Dot Stewart and Cathy Groth for their time and camaraderie on the canteen every Saturday during the season.

Once again thank everyone for all your assistance throughout the 2016 season.

Yours in Hockey

Lynne Turner

Field Director/Clubhouse Manager.

15th November 2016



Manning Valley Hockey Association Inc.
Special General Meeting to consider a new MVHA constitution
23rd January 2017 Meeting Minutes
Held at Taree Hockey Centre commencing at 6.30pm

Members Present:

Name	Club	Signature
John Surtess	Secretary	[Signature]
Red Collier	TW.R	[Signature]
Michelle Collier	Taree West	M. Collier
Kath Shattler	Taree West	[Signature]
Danna Atkins	Taree West	[Signature]
Di Stevens	Taree West	[Signature]
Deb Monck	TWHL	[Signature]
NARELLE SALMON	TOWN	[Signature]
Katrina Green	Cougars	[Signature]
Shane Green	Cougars	[Signature]
DOUG DAVIDSON	BOH	[Signature]
LAUREL COVING	MEMBER	[Signature]
Jane McNelis	GLS	[Signature]
Pamela Toghiani	Chatham	[Signature]
Julie COLLIER	Womens Masters	[Signature]
Barbara Colwell	Mens Masters	[Signature]

Re-nomination of Peter Cubbin for Life Membership of Manning Valley hockey 2016

I began working with Pete as a volunteer for Manning Valley hockey in 2009. I quickly forged a partnership which survives until the present time and which saw the completion of many projects which improved the facilities at the Taree Hockey Centre. Over what is probably thousands of hours Pete has with myself, Kevin Haigh and others to complete projects which began with paving at the Alan Taylor Field and moved to major task such as,

- Tiling of the kitchen
- Construction of the change rooms
- Provision of stairs to the lower levels

Along the way there have been countless smaller tasks and Pete has never lost his enthusiasm for the work.

Whilst working with Pete I soon came to realise how important he is to MVHA in other areas. Whilst Pete was not a member of the MVHA Board of Management he was definitely his late wife Diane's "go to person" in completing many of the tasks that she ably took on.

He became the key holder for the clubhouse in relation to deliveries, maintenance by outside agents, security checks and general access for those wishing to use the facility on a casual basis.

Whilst Pete has received a small remuneration for completing cleaning of the toilets and change room areas his application to this important task has been consistent. Who else would travel to the field each Sunday to place bins correcting on Monday morning, returning on that day to put the empty bins away?.

Pete's commitment does not end with the season, in the off-season when most others forget about hockey Pete works on, he organises others who worked with him in weed spraying, lawn mowing and off-season maintenance to give the area and attractive, lived in appearance.

I guess that you could say is that a host of the small things Peter has done over the years and continues to do that largely go unnoticed that help to make him such a worthy nominee for Life Membership of our Association.

Away from the clubhouse Pete has been a strong member of Tigers Hockey Club for many seasons. Playing in C Grade sides he has taken on the role of manager. He has mentors and supported many fellow players young and old alike. A gain he supported Diane in completing a busy schedule of tasks for the chosen club.

Pete is a valuable member of our Masters Hockey group, so much so that he was rewarded with like membership of that group at their 2016 Annual General Meeting held in December.

Yours in Hockey

Larry Mercer
Life Member Manning Valley hockey Association.
19 December 2016

2017 President's Report

Dear members,

It is with pleasure that I present my Presidents Report for the 2017 Hockey Season.

Yours in hockey

Deb Monck
President



JUNIOR DIVISION'S REPORT

2017 Division One Mixed Premiers- Bears



B/R	Shaun Fuller "C"	Stephanie Poole	Emma Yarnold	Chelsea Green	Will Smith	Tia Hinton	Abbi Greenaway	Abby Collison	Fiona Poole "M"
F/R	Eamon Smith	Kyle Brady	Harry Cassar	Macabe Grass	Lachlan Brown				Wade Harry

2017 Division One Girls Runner Up – Wingham No Photo provided

2017 Division Two Girls Premiers- Sharks



2017 Division Two Girls Runner Up – Tigers

2017 Division Two Boys Premiers - Tigers



Back Row	Coach: Blake McIntosh, Hamish Campbell, Colbi Boyd, Alex Green, Bayden McIntosh, Jordyn McIntosh, Ethan Hill, Jayden Jeffree, Sam Green
Front Row	Kayne Chester, Jai Bovey-Wright, Liam Hammond, Liam Erickson, Kurtis Withers, Ryan Withers, Nicholas Richardson

2017 Under 11 Joint Premiers –Taree West



B/R	Joe Wright	Gabe Martin	Kai Sipek	Emily Reading	Ben Wright	Kyden De-Angelis	Jason Sipek
F/R	Charlotte Atkins	Josie Hills	Oscar Davy	Tim Avery	Lachlan Castle	Max Todd	

2017 Under 11 Joint Premiers –Wingham



Back Row	Marlena Stone	Tallis Taylor-Wilson	Mia Stone	Breanna Colvin	Sienna Ratcliffe	Lyn Colvin	Emma Yarnold
Front Row	Charlie Stone	Sarah Smith	M ^c Kenzie Chapman	Toby Vickers	Elijah Hartas		

JUNIOR DIVISION INDIVIDUAL AWARD RECIPINTS

Div 2 Best & Fairest Lachlan Harry (Sharks)	Div 1 Best & Fairest Kyle Brady (Bears) & Hayley Manusu (Chatham)
Div 2 Sports boy Kayne Chester (Tigers)	Div 2 Best & Fairest Hayley Manusu (Chatham)
Promotions & development Ros Drury (Sharks)	Div 2 Sports Girl Jordyn Moscatt (Sharks)
Club person Dan Strybis (Chatham)	Representative team of the year 18's Girls Terry Bourke
Umpire of the year Damon Hoole (Wingham)	Encouragement Award Wingham tigers Div 2 Girls & Cougars U11's
Boys Goal Keeper of the year Kia Sipek (Taree West)	Rookie Umpire of the year Brady Cross (Sharks)
Most potential boy Rhyn Hudson (Wingham)	Rookie Goal Keeper Erica Colvin (Wingham Tigers)
Boys Representative player of the year Kurt Walters (Sharks)	Girl Goal Keeper Phebe Cause (Sharks)
Most Potential Girl Abbie Watts (Sharks)	Sports Boy Noah Harris
Girls Representative player of the year Priya Bourke (Sharks)	Best & Fairest Girl Mia Stone
Best & Fairest Boy Braxton Hamming & Tallis Taylor-Wilson	Sports Girls Lilly Atkins & Lillianah Williams

Boys Representative player of the year Kurt Walters (Sharks)



Umpire of the year Damon Hoole (Wingham)



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Girl Goal Keeper Phebe Cause (Sharks)	Girls Representative player of the year Priya Bourke (Sharks)
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Div 1 Best & Fairest Kyle Brady (Bears) & Hayley Manusu (Chatham)



CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR – Daniel Strybus



PROMOTIONS AND DEVELOPMENT AWARD Roz Drury



Representative Team of the Year – Girls Under 18 Team



Rookie Goal Keeper Erica Colvin (Wingham Tigers)



Encouragement Award Wingham tigers Div 2 Girls & Cougars U11's



Best & Fairest Girl Mia Stone



Div 2 Sports Girl Jordyn Moscott (Sharks)



Div 2 Sports boy **Kayne Chester** (Tigers)



2017 Grand final crowd



REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

The association would like to acknowledge the efforts by all our members who were involved in our representative teams for 2017

2016 UNDER 18 BOYS REPRESENTATIVE TEAM

18 Boys Representative Team selections were

Emmerson Weiley
Ky Lewis
Keaton MurryCooper Murray
Drew Pensini
Wade Harry
Connor Smith
John Gudgeon
Sam Mudford
Jacob Searle
Lachlan Cross
Thomas Neal
Fletcher Pearce
Sam Ferguson



Tilley Hunter

Coach: Dylan Turner

Manager: Linda Ferguson/Dave Mudford

Congratulations to the team for their performance in Division One at the r State Tournament. Thank you to Dylan Turner who coached the team and Dave Mudford for taking on the position at short notice as Manager of the team

Under 18 Girls Representative Team

Team members selected were;

Amber Williams

Brianna Williams

Morgan Coleman

Grace Coleman

Lara Watts

Hannah Lewis

Bree Pensini

Priya Bourke

Jamie Hemmingway

Oshi Barlett

Emma Yarnold

Tahni Walters

Shelby Johnston

Coaches: Terry Bourke and Adam Birkefeld

Manager : Karl Williams

Girls came away with a silver medal being defeated in the final against North West Sydney 2-1 in the last few minutes. They were undefeated going into the final. Thank you to their coach Shaun Fuller and Manager Tisha Page as well as their supporters for their efforts.

The team was awarded MVHU Junior Representative Team for 2017 which was justly deserved.

MVHA U15 Boys Field State Championship Representative Team




Congratulations to Ben Brown Coach, Robert Simpson Manager and the team for reaching the semi- finals in their age division. The Tournament was a great success due to the efforts of all our volunteers who worked tirelessly over the three days.

2017 York Cup and Kim Small Shield Tamworth

Coach of the Under 11 Boys Team for York Cup is Dominic Tagliapietra and Stephanie Johnson is the Manager. Roz Drury will coach a second team. Daniel Strybus is the Coach of the girl's team and Cathy Strybus/ Chris Pearce are the Managers.

Under 11 Girls Rep Team that competed at the Kim Small Cup held in Tamworth

Manning Valley Hockey Association 2017 Under 11 Girls Representative Team



B/R	Chris Preace	Breanna	Emma O'Byrne	Sophie Wittaker	Sieanna Ratcliff	Mia Stone	Mackenzie	Danielle
L/R	(M)	Colvin					Chapman	Strybus
M/R					Evie Barton	Elayna Strybis	Lily Aktins	Caoch

Under 11 Boys Team that competed at Tamworth 2017



2017 Under 13 Boys Indoor Representative Team

The 2017 MVHA Under 13 Boys that competed at the NSW Indoor Hockey Championships in Orange in November was

Griffin Coleman Chatham

Brady Cross Sharks

Max Elliott Chatham

Lachlan Harry Sharks

Gus Johnson Chatham

Ender Murray Chatham

Mace Murray Chatham

Kurt Walters Sharks.

Ben Hanlan was the coach of the team with Wade Harry is the Assistant Coach . Michael Cross was the Team Manager

State Representatives 2017

Hockey NSW 2017 Under 13 Girls Lions Field Team Abby Watts

2017 Under 13 Girls Stars Field Team Tilley Hunter

2017 Under 13 Boys Field State Squad—Kurt Walters

Also

Bayden Smith and Luke Merril Port Macquarie HA

2017 Under 13 Girls Field State Squad

Tilley Hunter Chloe Neal Abby Watts

also

Maddison Drewitt and Teleah Walker from Port Macquarie HA





Manning under 15 girl's indoor hockey team after their win in the State division one final this week.

Manning 15s State indoor hockey champions

MANNING Valley under 15 girls are NSW champions following a sensational win in one of the State indoor hockey championships on the Central Coast. It is believed to be the first time Manning has won a State indoor title. The side, coached by James Watts and Wade Harry, defeated Hockey

New England 3-1 in the final. Manning had three wins and a draw from the four pool games, defeating Lithgow 6-0 and drawing with Northern Beaches Sydney on the opening day before accounting for Illawarra South Coast 4-2 and Central Coast (1) on the second day.

This set up a clash against North West Sydney (1) in the semi-final, where Manning

won 2-0. Team members were Lara Watts, Bree Pensini, Kilani Cross, Jordan Moscatt, Makayla Manus, Phoebe Cause, Tilly Hunter, Grace Aldridge.

MANNING Valley boys were runners up in the NSW under 15 indoor hockey division two championship.

The side, coached by Ben Brown, was beaten by a strong Parkes side 4-1 in the

final. This was Parkes' closest match of the tournament.

Manning was later announced as winners of the Hockey NSW Whistle Award for citizenship and sportsmanship. Drew Pensini was named players' player while the coach's development award went to Sam Brisby.

Manning finished second in their pool and downed Orange 2-0 in the semi-final.

Positive start will be the key to upset win

BY MICK McDONALD

TIGERS must get off to a positive start if they are to upset Chatham in the Manning division one men's hockey grand final timed to start at 6pm tomorrow at Taree Recreation Centre.

Coach Tony Lewis admits his side is much-the-underdog going to the decider against the defending champions. He added the club has battled a horrific injury toll this season that has seen key players including Dave Johnson, Mark Atkins and Steven George sidelined.

Atkins, a club stalwart, who has been involved with numerous premiership winning Tigers sides, has undergone knee surgery. George suffered a devastating injury when he was struck by the ball during the major semi a fortnight ago, sustaining four fractures to his lower jaw while also losing four teeth.

However, Lewis pointed out that Chatham put four goals on his team in the first half of the major semi and the game was won and lost then.

"If we are going to have any chance this week we're going to have to start well," he said.

"If we can do that and put some pressure back on them, then we could cause an upset. But we can't let them get away from us early in the match."

Lewis said his side was buoyed by the 4-3 win over



Mark Atkins is one of a number of Tiger stalwarts who will miss tomorrow's grand final against Chatham. Atkins has undergone surgery on a troublesome knee injury.

Sharks in the final last weekend in what he said was 'a quality game.'

"A lot of people thought we wouldn't win that," he said.

"But the team really rallied well. That'll give us confidence for the grand final.

"We trained really well earlier this week and this is a grand final, so we're up for it."

Lewis said Bailey Pitman has been inspirational for Tigers this season and gives the side speed around the field. Goal keeper Marcelo Castro has also been a strong performer as has experienced Matt Pullen. Daniel Bowman returned to the club this year and was called into first division when the injuries started to mount and Lewis

said he's also shown some vintage form.

"Just about every player in the club has had a run in A-grade because of all the injuries we've had," Lewis, who will also be in the team tomorrow, added.

However, Lewis admits Chatham will take a power of beating.

"They just don't have a

quality team, they have a quality squad," he said.

"That's from 1 to 14. They can bring a player off the bench as a replacement and don't lose anything and that's what we're going to have to counter."

The first grade men will carry the club's hopes of a premiership in the senior grades this year.

Wolves look to extend club's hockey dynasty

BY MICK McDONALD

THE chance to extend the club's dynasty will ensure Chatham players aren't complacent going into tomorrow's Manning division one men's hockey grand final against Tigers.

Coach Frank Birkefeld gave this assurance.

Chatham will start short-priced favourites on the strength of their 6-0 demolition of Tigers in the major semi a fortnight ago. Tigers will also go into the match minus a couple of mainstays due to injury.

The Wolves have ruled in Manning Hockey for more than five years and already have the Mid North Coast Premier League trophy in their keeping this season. However, they want to maintain this domination this year and into the future.

"The players know these things go in cycles," Birkefeld said.

"It wasn't that long ago that Tigers were dominant. Now it's our turn and our players want to add to their record. Complacency won't be an issue here."

Unlike their counterparts Chatham have no injury concerns. Birkefeld expects Tigers to try and pressure Chatham early in the hope of unsettling the Wolves. However, he is confident his side has the big match experience to counter anything that Tigers throw at them.

He added his young repre-



Experienced Adam Birkefeld will lead Chatham's defence in the grand final against Tigers tomorrow.

sentative stars Sam Ferguson and Wade Harry have the ability to make opposition teams pay if they are given latitude.

"Sam has been outstanding this year," Birkefeld said.

There's plenty of goal scoring potential in the side. However, Birkefeld said there's nothing wrong with the defensive qualities ei-

ther, led by Adam Birkefeld and Bryce Hough. He added that Eamon Smith continues Chatham's tradition of producing quality goal keepers.

Birkefeld said there is depth in the Chatham ranks.

"We have players in our B-grade who would be in A-grade with other clubs. But they stay with us because they're loyal Chathamites,"

he said.

However, Birkefeld stressed the Wolves won't underestimate Tigers, saying they still boast plenty of quality and experienced players. He said any team coached by Tony Lewis will come out with an effective game plan.

Chatham will be chasing hockey's Triple Crown, with the division two and three

sides all involved in grand finals. Birkefeld will be in the division three final tonight. Division three play Sharks from 6.30 with the division two tackles T West at 8pm.

(Frank Birkefeld will appear on Friday Sport Talk on the Manning River Time Facebook page today from 9.30).



HOCKEY: Helen Manusu flanked by granddaughters Makayla and Hayley Manusu, who played Town Division 2, defeating the Sharks in the grand final.

Sharks aiming for an upset

SHARKS will be hoping to repeat history in tomorrow's Manning division one women's hockey grand final against Wingham at the Manning Hockey Centre at Taree Recreation Ground.

Last year Wingham went into the game short-priced favourites, however, Sharks managed to score an upset win in extra time.

It'll be the same tomorrow, with Wingham again the popular elect and coming off a strong 2-0 win over their grand final opponents in the semi-final.

However, Sharks, under the coaching of 18-year-old Sam Ferguson, believe they can defend their title, while admitting Wingham will take a power of beating.

They'll look to Kristy Aldridge, Tahni Walters and Rachel Hinton to spark the attack while Linda Ferguson will control play in the centre. Experienced Karina Hogan is a calming influence in defence while Emily McGillicuddy is a top class goal keeper.

But Wingham will be determined to reverse the 2016 result and have form on



Emily Luckie will be a key player in attack for Wingham in tomorrow's division one grand final against Sharks. Wingham, the minor premiers, will be the favourites.

the board.

This young team finished as minor premiers and had a convincing 2-0 win over Sharks in the semi-final.

Under the coaching of Shaun Fuller and Leanne Yarnold, Wingham have gone

from strength to strength.

Goalie Maggie Sky defends with moves worthy of a ninja warrior, with assistance from Paige Conley, MJ Sheather and Oshi Bartlett, are the stalwarts in defence.

The midfield is covered by

Kate Nielsen, Abbi Greenaway, Emma Yarnold, Tracey Preston, Jonty Hemmingway and Amanda Green, who move the ball around the field and they hope to keep Sharks on their toes.

Tegan Lynch will also pro-

vide invaluable experience in the field and will be there to assist the younger players.

Attack will be the domain of Emily Luckie, Shelby Johnston, Sophie and Ella Hartcher, who plan on making the Sharks defence work



Jaime Hemmingway.

hard all game.

With the addition of Jaime Hemmingway, fresh from her selection in the NSW Arrows team, will be a massive boost. Hemmingway has already enjoyed a successful season and a local premiership will cap a great year.

The match is timed to start at 4.30, before the division one men's fixture.

The women's grand finals will start tonight with the division three match featuring Taree West and Town from 6.30.

Sharks and Town will clash in the division two match at 1.30.

MEN'S DIVISION REPORT

Division One Premiers– Chatham

Team Members Coach Frank Birkefeld Manager: Stuart Ferguson

Division One Runner up- Tigers

Division Two Premiers – Sharks

Division 2 Men's Runner Ups- Chatham



2017 Mens Division Three Premiers Taree West



B/R	John Meldrum (Manager)	Braiden Saville	Brad German	Gerard Tuckerman	Mitchell Knapp	Anthony Neil	Nathan Wallis	Blake Saville	Michael Allport	Hugh Polson	Richard Ryan
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M/R

Jason Sipek Goalkeeper

F/R

Andy
Davy

Peter
Price coach

Dave
Mudford

Sam
mudford

Rod
Collier

Chris Davy
(Captain)

Craig
Wilkinson

Division Three Men's Runner Ups –Chatham

MENS INDIVIDUAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

Men's Division Best and Fairest

2017 Division One Men's Best and Fairest – Sam Ferguson Chatham	2017 Division Two Men's Best and Fairest – Brad Payton Chatham
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Division Three Men's Best and Fairest- Nick Yarnold



Open Mens Representative Team

The open men lost 2-1 in the final. Thanks to the open women who came and supported the men. They were valiant in defeat and beaten on the bell. Thanks for a great weekend boys it's a pleasure to manage such wonderful gentlemen

State Representation

Sam Mudford and Jacob selected in 2018 U21s squad

Ben Ferguson and Jamie Hemmingway were selected in the AHL Squad. Ben was also being selected in the NSW Country team.

WOMENS DIVISION REPORT

Women’s Division Grand Finals Results

2017 Division One Premiers – Wingham

2017 Division One Runner ups -Sharks

2017 Womens Division Two Premiers – Town

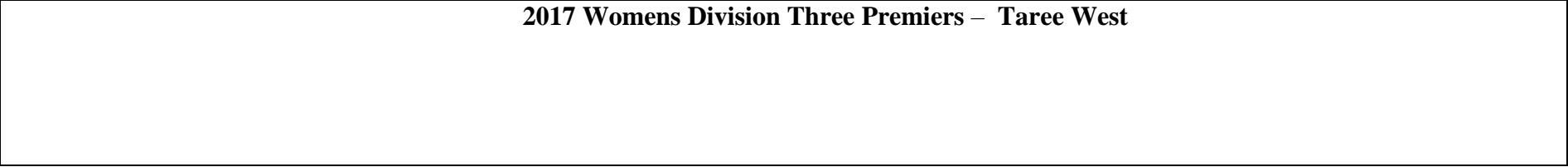


2017 Division Two Runner Ups–Sharks

B/R	David Moscatt	Amanda Moran	Lauren Townes	Kara Allen	Kodee Gardner	Tilley Hunter	Emily Page	Hayley Manusu	Janene Watts	Trisha Page
F/R	Ally Allport	Makayla Manusu	Lara Watts	Bree Pensini	Narelle Salmon (C)	Kylie Hunter	Phoebe Cause (GK)			



2017 Womens Division Three Premiers – Taree West



2017 Women's Division Three Runner ups – Town



B/R	Janene Watts	Sally Murray	Amanda Gollan	Kelsey Schneider	Sarah Malone	Kylie Hunter	Tilley Hunter	Hayley Manusu	Nik Williams	Heidi Ratcliffe	Trish Page Manager
F/R			Tanya Bridge Captain	Rikki Salmon	Tanya Greenaway	Makayla Manusu	Kara Allan	Ashleigh Salmon			

WOMENS INDIVIDUAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

2017 Women’s Division Best and Fairest Recipients

2017 Division One Ladies Best and Fairest – Jamie Hemmingway
– Wingham

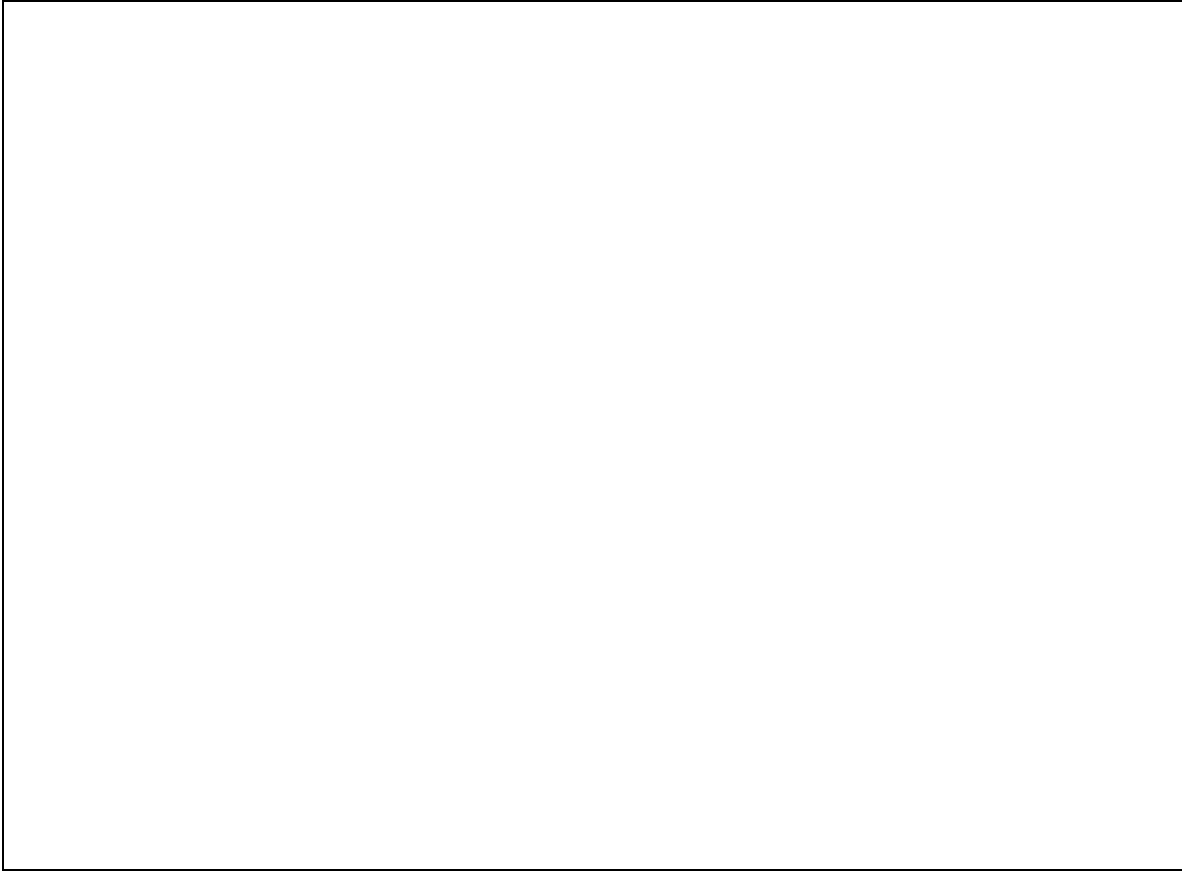


2017 Division Two Ladies Best and Fairest = Lara Watts Town



**2017 Division Three Ladies Best and Fairest – Chloe Neal Sharks and Jane Polson Tigers
(Joint Winners)**





2017 Open Women's Report

Manning Valley Open Women's Hockey Report for 2017 (Photo courtesy of Tanya Atkin)

The Manning Valley Open Women's Team travelled to Moorebank Hockey Centre to contest the 2017 State Championships over the June long weekend. The team comprised Holli Wheeler (Tigers), Chloe Northam (Tigers), Brooke Reeve (Sharks), Jasmine Moscott (Sharks), Tahni Walters (Sharks), Grace Coleman (Chatham), Morgan Coleman (Chatham), Mikaela Coleman (Wingham), Mikayla Sheather (Wingham), Abbi Greenaway (Wingham), Jaime Hemmingway (Wingham), Jamie Balding (Wingham), Lara Watts (Town) and Louise Oirbans (Port). The team was coached by Michelle Chapman and managed by Narelle Salmon.

Manning Valley competed in Division 2 at the championships which they have done for the past several years.

First game on the Saturday was against Hunter which was the girls first run as a whole team. What an impressive start with a 9/nil to our girls with Mikaela scoring 4 goals, Jaime 4 goals and Tahni 1.

The second game on the Saturday saw the girls start where they left off in their first game with an impressive display of hockey against Metro South West where they came away with an 8/nil win. Jaime Hemmingway added another 3 goals to her tally, Grace 2, and 1 goal each to Morgan, Brooke & Mikaela. Our defence had quite an easy day on the Saturday and the attack had it all their own way. With results from other games on the Saturday the girls weren't getting carried away with their victories as they knew Sunday would be very different.

The Sunday morning game was against a very quick Central Coast outfit and the girls had plenty of chances in this game but found the defence of this team much stronger than the 2 teams on the Saturday. The girls had plenty of chances but failed to find the back of the net on many occasions. The game ended in a 1 all draw with a goal to Mikaela late in the second half.

The last of our round games was played Sunday evening with their opponents being Illawarra South Coast. We would like to thank the Manning Valley Men's Open Team who came over to watch the girls play this game in what were terrible conditions with thick fog rolling in over the whole 3 fields,



so much so that the boys didn't get to watch much hockey as 10 minutes into the second half the officials called the game off due to the fog. Under tournament rules enough of the game had been played for a result to be recorded so the Manning girls leading 2/nil at that stage maintained their unbeaten record to date and probably the first time in a number of years the team had gone through undefeated through their round games.

The girls went into Monday's semi final quietly confident against Goulburn however, Goulburn was a very quick and skillful team and the girls now had a match on their hands. Manning was a bit slow to start and their opposition capitalised on that slowness racing to a 3 nil lead in the first 10 minutes. Like any tournament, teams strike injuries and the Manning girls were affected by these but didn't hang their heads or blame the injuries on their defeat of 4/1 to Goulburn. Holli scored their 1 goal.

It was one of the best Manning Valley teams that Michelle and Narelle have had over the past 4 years and both were very impressed by the talent of this side and hope to see the nuclear of this team stay together for 2018 as the experience and youth of the 2017 team have a lot to offer over the coming years.

During the long weekend the girls voted after every match for a players player and there was not 1 girl out of the 14 that didn't poll votes, it was a very hard decision that the girls had to make after each game with the Players Player for the weekend going to the youngest team member in Lara Watts who received a piece of jewellery donated by the coach.

Manning Valley had Holli Wheeler and Jaime Hemmingway both named in the New South Wales country women's team at the completion of the championships and both girls were worthy of their selection with the standard of hockey they played over the weekend.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Manning Valley Hockey Association for their support for all representative teams during the 2017 season and would like to wish all representative teams for 2018 the best of luck.

Yours in hockey

Narelle Salmon

2017 ASSOCIATION AWARDS

Women's Masters State Championships.

Congratulations to all the teams for their efforts at the championships. Div 2 Over 35 Runner Ups. Over 40 Div One winners

2017 Over 40's Women's Masters Champions



B/R	Deb	Sally	Leanne	Katrina Hogan	Lyn Hinton	Kernie Davy	Linda	Julie Collier	David Moscatt
L/R	Tuckerman	Geary	Yarnold				Ferguson		Coach
F/R			Danielle	Kylie Pearce	Kristy	Melissa Mendham	Amanda		
L/R			Dews		Aldridge		Moran		

MVHA Over 50's Women's Masters Team



Womens Masters 2017 State Representatives



Lina Ferguson
Katrina Hayes
Lyn Hinton
Kerry Davy
Melissa Mendham
Kate Tyan

Tracy Preston
Krisry Aldridge



Manning Hockey stalwart Michelle Collier with her Waratah Award. She's worked for hockey in this area for more than 30 years.

Well deserved award

BY MIM HAIGH

'INVALUABLE' is a word hockey players often use to describe Michelle Collier. So it came as no surprise when the New South Wales Hockey Association gave her a Waratah Award.

The award recognises outstanding and invaluable service to hockey and more importantly all the people who play it, in Michelle's case, in the Manning Valley.

When her name was called

to collect the award at the opening ceremony at the Women's Masters Championships in Grafton, it was a show of gratitude. A small thank you, for a woman who never wanted any thanks.

She's coached, encouraged and nurtured hundreds of juniors, managed representative teams, spent countless hours umpiring both men's and women's games and held senior positions at club and association level.

Her nominator, Julie Col-

lier, the women's master's convener says, "preparing Michelle's nomination was easy, her service to hockey in this area has been outstanding."

"Currently, she's vice president of the Manning Valley Hockey and she's been the association's women's registrar since 2007. In 2011 she became the women's chairperson and held that position for five years. In 2013 she was awarded the Robyn Fernley Trophy for the most

dedicated player."

At a club level, Michelle is a life member of the Taree West Raiders and has played for the club for over 30 years. She's been the women's match committee delegate for the club for the last 10 years. When her sons Zac and Tye played junior hockey, she coached, umpired and went away with representative teams.

Michelle explained that even today she still gets, "great enjoyment out of

watching my husband Rob and our two sons Tye and Zac play hockey."

She started hockey at Taree High School aged 12. For the last 20 years she's been involved with the women's masters, playing goalkeeping and helping to organise the details when the association takes up to four teams away to championships.

"I love hockey and that's associated with it. I've formed some great friendships over the many years."



Under 12 Development Clinic held in the July School Holidays.

This program targeted players of all abilities including those that have never played before. It was set to be a fun, active and educational experience for young hockey players to develop their core skills. Clinics was run by our highly certified Regional Coaching Coordinator Ben Hanlon.

The program targeted at players of all abilities, including those that have never picked up a stick before, it's a fun, active and educational way to keep kids entertained and playing hockey during the school holidays. They developed their core skills guided by Hockey NSW accredited coaches in programs that took the course over a single day using their revolutionary new Joey Ball from Kookaburra. The clinics cost \$47

2017 Mens Masters Report

Over 55 Mens

Over 55 Mens Representative Team] Report (Thank you to Peter Frappell for the report) Manning Valley fielded one team in the O/55 Div. B NSW Championships held in Wollongong 24th-26th March this year.

Results

MV v Coffs Harbour	1-1 Draw	Most Valuable- Darrell Parvin
MV v Orange	3-1 Win	Most Valuable- Mark Green
MV v Newcastle 2	0-1 Loss	Most Valuable- Bruce Snape
MV v Sydney 2 (Ranking Match)	1-1 Draw	Most Valuable- Tony Sawyer
MV Player of Tournament	Russell Clucas	

Manning was somewhat understrength from previous years due to a number of key players unavailable seriously undermining their chances for this Championship.

Results, however, did not reflect this concern with Manning missing the semi's by one point.

The old stager's again proved their worth with excellent performances from Captains Russell Clucas and Darrell Parvin. As well, Bruce Snape, Kevin Joyce and GK Terry Cafe performed capably in defence.

Two players were selected to Play in the Australian Masters Championships, in Hobart, later this year.

Peter Frappell- Over 60/2 (Captain)

Dave Willard- 60/2

A big thank you to Bob Crombie Manager and Jan Crombie(Masseur) who provided all the support for a very enjoyable tournament.

Team members: Russell Clucas (C), Darrell Parvin (VC), Terry Cafe, Phillip Collier, Peter Cubbin, Mark Green(Forbes), Graham Hargreaves, Barry Hunter, Kevin Joyce, Larry Mercer, Rod McNeill, Tony Sawyer, Gareth Sawyer, Bruce Snape, Dave Willard.

Canteen Duties

We appreciate the efforts by all our members doing canteen duty. And the state championships All income raised by the canteen is used to support the association.



Some of the irreplaceables

Our “Mens Shed”

A special thankyou to Larry Mercer, Pete Cubbin, Kevin Haigh, Darryl Parvin and their helpers who continue to make and outstanding contribution to our facilities at the Taree Hockey Centre. Their jobs include turf maintenance, construction including an entrance gate at the dugouts ATF, paving at ATF, cleaning , hockey goal trolleys etc/

“Dots Poem”

I was walking past the old canteen,
On my way back from the loo
When I noticed the crowd at the counter
So what else could I do?
Do you need a hand in there Gloria?
To help serve or even cook
Yes please she quickly answered
Without even having a look.
That was the start of a weekly event,
For me was no big deal
Cause Gloria was in there all alone
To serve and cook up meals.
I remember the day I got the phone call
That Gloria had broken her arm
Do you think that you could manage?
Cause she is housebound at the farm
The move to the new clubhouse

What a great step forward for all
Let's do it now !!
It was Frank that made the call.
Many positions on the board
Have changed over the past few years,
I have enjoyed many happy times
But sadly shared many tears.
I know that I will miss all this,
From the Minky through to the top
But where I used to run around
Is now just a very slow trot.
I'm so glad that I have had the time
To help out when I was needed
But me body says enough,enough
So my canteen time is completed



Clubhouse extension

The work was carried out by Kedwell Constructions and was supervised by Craig Colvin

