



**2014 Junior Team
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&
Award Winners**

2014 Junior Major Award Winners

Junior Service Awards

Michelle Donni

Peter Krepp

Junior Player of the Year

Christian Halyard

Junior Goalkeeper of the Year

Zoe Newman

2014 Team Awards

U11 B Sharks	<i>Best and Fairest</i> <i>Coach's Award</i> <i>Most Improved</i>	<i>Raina Mifsud</i> <i>Ilias Mastros</i> <i>Hayden Knowles</i>
U11B Blue Tongues	<i>Best and Fairest</i> <i>Coach's Award</i> <i>Most Improved</i>	<i>Noah Palmer</i> <i>Tahlia Gibson</i> <i>Grace Matthews</i>
U11A Blue Bottles	<i>Best and Fairest</i> <i>Coach's Award</i> <i>Most Improved</i>	<i>Darcy Dalla-Bona</i> <i>Joel Ludski</i> <i>Matthew Rose</i>
U11A Stingers 'Joint Premiers'	<i>Best and Fairest</i> <i>Coach's Award</i> <i>Most Improved</i>	<i>Angus Callinan</i> <i>Lachlan O'Leary</i> <i>Zackary Keelan</i>
U13B Sharks	<i>Best and Fairest</i> <i>Coach's Award</i> <i>Most Improved</i>	<i>Matthew Quinlivan</i> <i>Luke Moynihan</i> <i>Addison Lewis</i>

U13B Stingers	<i>Best and Fairest</i> <i>Coach's Award</i> <i>Most Improved</i>	<i>Jordan Sabbagh</i> <i>Will Gair</i> <i>Elyse Goodwin</i>
U13A Blue Bottles	<i>Best and Fairest</i> <i>Coach's Award</i> <i>Most Improved</i>	<i>Nicholas Donni</i> <i>Morgan Tsang</i> <i>Ashlee Ryan</i>
U13A Blue Tongues 'Premiers'	<i>Best and Fairest</i> <i>Coach's Award</i> <i>Most Improved</i>	<i>Naomi Duncan</i> <i>Kye Rowley</i> <i>Joel Khoury</i>
U15B Sharks 'Premiers'	<i>Best and Fairest</i> <i>Coach's Award</i> <i>Most Improved</i>	<i>Kosta Mastros</i> <i>Jake Arrendondo</i> <i>James Appel</i>
U15B Blue Bottles	<i>Best and Fairest</i> <i>Coach's Award</i> <i>Most Improved</i>	<i>Matthew Hoppitt</i> <i>Ryan Creasey</i> <i>Olivia Holmes</i>

U15A Stingers	<i>Best and Fairest</i> <i>Coach's Award</i> <i>Most Improved</i>	Ryan O'Leary Lois Pjicke Cameron Bayley
U15 Metro	<i>Best and Fairest</i> <i>Coach's Award</i> <i>Most Improved</i>	Mason Neale Zoe Newman Nick Rose
U17 Sharks 'Premiers'	<i>Best and Fairest</i> <i>Coach's Award</i> <i>Most Improved</i>	James Arnold Will Vandermaal Alec Colqhoun
U17 Stingers	<i>Best and Fairest</i> <i>Coach's Award</i> <i>Most Improved</i>	Analiese Donni Nicole Freer Eric Cortis
U17 Metro	<i>Best and Fairest</i> <i>Coach's Award</i> <i>Most Improved</i>	Mitchell Galea Patrick Everett Wade Tonna

2014 Junior NSW Representatives

U13 Boys

Harry Roberts

Matt Turner

U13 Girls

Naomi Duncan

U14 Girls

Rebecca Jane

U15 Boys

Christian Halyard

U15 Girls

Zoe Newman

U18 Boys

Max Hughes

Brady Anderson

UNDER 11B's BLUE TONGUES YEARLY REPORT

It was an exciting year for the Blue Tongues; we had a great blend of experience and new players. Finishing 3rd and playing in the Preliminary Final exceeded all of our early expectations.

The team can be very proud of their efforts and results. There were numerous highlights for the season, but my favourite is the game against Moorebank they were undefeated and had conceded only three goals all year. We ended up putting four goals in the back of their net, yet could only draw the game 4-4. Great result and Moorebank went onto win the comp.

The standout from a coach and managers perspective was the level of improvement from everyone in the team, their skill level and dedication rose to another level.

I would like to offer a special thank you to my manager **Cathryn Johnson**, who organized the team well and provided a wealth of experience and input at training, the hard work and persistence paid off in their performances.

This year's task of awarding trophies proved very difficult with the majority of the team worthy of the accolades.

This year's Best & Fairest was awarded to **Noah Palmer**, who had a superb season, he polled the most points (12) scored the most goals (21- inc trials & finals) and made the centre forward position he's own. Without being biased he has a very bright future in the game, and will no doubt push for A grade next year and future rep honors.

This year's Coaches award was presented to **Tahlia Gibson**, this girl has some wonderful skills and goes at 110% at the all important Inner position. Her defence improved out of sight and scored some great goals. Her confidence grew each week and we hope she has one more year in the elevens.

Most Improved Award this year went to **Grace Matthews**, she was a late inclusion to our team but what a great asset to the team, she listened well at training, was eager to learn, a very hard worker and a rock in defence. Grace will be an important part of our team next year.

Darcy Hunter (Fullback): A solid defender and was fantastic as first runner out of defensive short corners. Darcy saved us many times with her hard tackling and her defence was a big reason we got to the finals.

Lilly Johnson (Fullback): Had an amazing season, she consistently tackled boys twice her size. Fearless at the back and cleared the ball out of the defensive danger zones confidently. It was exciting to watch her improve throughout the year.

Holly Johnson (Right Half): Had a great year, one of the most versatile players in the team, she played inner and half well but when pushed into centre half position late in the season this is where she played her best hockey. On the few occasions as captain she was a great team leader on the field. She will play a pivotal role next year.

Liam Miller (Centre Half): Had a very good year, Liam was the second highest in the Best & Fairest and played an important role as captain when given the opportunity. Liam's strongest attributes are his hard tackling skills and he reads the play very well. He formed a great partnership with his forwards.

India Falconer (Inner): Improved remarkably as the season progressed. Very versatile, could play inner, half or centre forward. Her best skill is her strength on the ball and with more hard work her confidence will lift and she will score heaps of goals.

Mckenzie Hughes (Right Inner): Had a wonderful season and was the team's second highest goal scorer, McKenzie and Noah teamed very well in the middle with Mac unlucky not to score many more goals. Potential to be a future captain and an A grade player, as she has a great knowledge of the game.

Luke Woodman (Right Wing): Scored arguably the best goal of the year. He was always in great position and was unlucky not to find the back of the net a few more times. With some hard work at training his skills will develop nicely.

Lucia Stevens (Left Wing): This year was her first at hockey and you wouldn't know about it, her confidence grew every week. Always in a great position to score and she also handled the Centre Forward position well when needed. Score some very fine goals and will improve a great deal with practice.

Oliver (Wing): Had a good year, he played a good positional game, was always dangerous in attack and formed a great partnership with Luke. We hope he sticks at hockey.

Phoebe Falconer (GK): Fantastic year in the goals, only conceding 12 goals all season and finished as the second best keeper in the competition. Saved us in many games and was a big factor in us reaching the finals. With some hard work on the finer skills of keeping she will become a great keeper.

In closing my first year of coaching it has been a privilege and an absolute pleasure to guide this young team to the finals. We wish those going up an age division all the best of luck and I predict great things of the rest of our team next year.

Adam Palmer- Coach

Under 11 Sutherland Sharks – 2014 Season Report

After two grueling grading sessions, the lucky few were selected to play for the under 11 Sutherland Sharks in the Central Area competition. It was an enthusiastic bunch with a variety of skills – some newcomers and some more experienced players. Player's ages ranged from 8 to 11 years.

Although the team had a loss and a draw in the two trial games, patches of promising teamwork could be seen. The team scored its first win in round 4 (4-0 against Glebe Hornets) and by halfway through the season the team had notched up an equal number of wins and losses. So a great recovery from a sluggish start to the season.

Notwithstanding ongoing commitment by the players, the second half of the season saw mixed results and the team just missed out on a place in the semi-finals. The players trained very hard throughout the season and it was pleasing to see an improvement in the skill levels of all players. It was also pleasing to see a real camaraderie develop amongst the players during the season resulting in greater teamwork on the field.

Kristin Bishop played fullback for most of the season and was a solid performer. Kristin had a particularly strong game against Glebe Strikers in round 7 as well as making many saves whilst filling in as goalkeeper in round 3 against the Sutherland Blue Tongues.

Nick Chatterton played predominantly on the left wing and developed his stick skills and positional play during the season. Nick scored a great goal in round 11 against Glebe Hornets. In the final minute of the game, the ball rebounded off the keeper's pads and Nick pounced to score to clinch a win for the team.

Lani Denning was one of the more experienced players in the team and played centre forward. Lani often showed clean stick skills inside the circle, as evidenced by her 3 goals in round 4 against Glebe Hornets. Due to her experience, Lani was also very adept at reading the play and getting into great positions to receive the ball from the halves.

Kira Hensley was one of the fittest players on the team and did a mountain of running in the left inner position. Kira picked up quite a few Best & Fairest points throughout the season, including for her commitment in getting back to help the full-backs when the opposition were attacking close to the Shark's circle.

Hayden Knowles played predominantly on the right wing and was a real pocket rocket. Hayden was a little tentative at the start of the season, however by round 4 he got into his stride and scored 4 goals in 4 weeks! The key to Hayden's goals was his ability to control the ball and dribble it into the circle for a shot at goal. It was great to see Hayden trap the ball and accelerate down the right side towards the opposition's goal.

Ilias Mastro was the team's most versatile player. Ilias played predominantly in the halves, but also covered at fullback and in the forward line when needed. Ilias had a very strong game during the team's loss to Moorebank in round 5 – his tackling thwarted a number of attacking raids by a very experienced Moorebank team.

Felix Middleton played centre half and was another of the more experienced players in the team. Felix further developed his stick skills throughout the season and his back-stick drag was the best in the competition, often bamboozling the opposition. Felix scored a tremendous goal

in round 6 against Bankstown with a solid strike off a short-corner to rattle the back of the goal to secure a win for the team.

Kaylee Middleton played right half for the team and was also one of the most energetic and focused players during training sessions. Kaylee led the way for the team during the trial games and during the first half of season, picking up a number of Best & Fairest points.

Raina Mifsud was another of the more experienced and versatile players in the team. Raina played predominantly in the halves, but also played in the forward line when needed. Raina was a great listener and very committed during training. Raina is a solid all-rounder with good defensive tackling skills and also has the ability to secure the ball and feed it through to the forward line.

Blake Mottershead played predominantly in the forward line on the wing. Blake seemed to enjoy his hockey and developed his skills and knowledge of the game during the season. Blake had a strong second half of the season, with his best game being in round 10 against the Sutherland Blue Tongues. Although the Sharks lost that game, Blake managed to carry the ball forward and cross it into the circle giving the team some strong opportunities to score.

Keegan Pengilly played predominantly at left half, but also filled in at fullback when needed. Keegan was the youngest player in the team, but was one of the most enthusiastic to develop his hockey skills. Keegan spent a considerable amount of extra time practicing his hockey skills outside the scheduled training sessions, which showed during the second half of the season. Notwithstanding Keegan's consistent performances during the season, one of Keegan's strongest games for the team was when he filled in as keeper against Moorebank in round 5. Moorebank won that game 5-1, however Keegan's keeping had the crowd on their feet (particularly during the second half) when he made many amazing saves.

Bree Richardson played right inner and was another all-rounder for the team, having solid stick skills both in attack and defence. However one of Bree's strongest assets was her tenacity. Bree always valued the ball when in possession and was very determined to get the ball back if she or a team mate lost possession. Bree also scored a great goal from the top of the circle in round 9 against the St George Knights.

Luka Topping played fullback and was always an imposing force. Luka had a very strong sweeping clearance that often thwarted the opposition's attacks. Luka also had a reliable hit from the 16 line that often enabled the team to get onto the front foot and move the ball up the field.

Coach: David Richardson

Under 11A Blue Bottles Season Summary

The Under 11 Blue Bottles were the second Sutho team in the Under 11A competition. While we had a mix of experience I believed that the Blue Bottles were quite a talented bunch of players. This was not obvious from the outset, especially after suffering a 13-1 loss to the Sutho Stingers in the first round. However “stung” in action, our further 2 games against the Joint premiers winning Stingers were closely fought 3-0 losses. I was very proud of one moment in particular. With only 9 players against the other joint premiers, St George, we were down 4-0 after 10 minutes, and down 8-0 at half time. I challenged the team to win the second half. And we did, 2-0 for an 8-2 loss. That was awesome!

We achieved our targets of fun, fitness, teamwork and skills. The individual and team skills developed rapidly through the season, and the hard work we put in at training started to pay dividends in our game day play. All but three of our team scored goals, and every player had a game in goals.

In the end we finished third on the table behind the joint premiers, and were slightly off our game in our semi-final loss to Glebe to probably under achieve by 1 week, but all the same, we had a fantastic year. A massive thanks must go to Dwayne and Mary- Ann for managing, especially Dwayne for taking care of the goalie gear and match day goalie setup, and the emails, that kept everyone up to date.

Oliver Bollard – Oliver had a terrific season stepping up from B Grade, in which his skills and game awareness developed dramatically. His tackling, dribbling and passing were excellent and his contribution as the youngest member of our team was vital, with his work rate in the inner channel enormous. Oliver had a strong year with the Sydney 2's and will be a force in the U11 for the next 2 years.

Bridget Clark – Very athletic and determined, Bridget is a tenacious defender and with the extra sessions and focus of the Sutho Academy, her skills allowed her to open up our attacking play from left half. A critical player in our girl power mid-field, Bridget's season was interrupted with a broken foot that saw her miss out on the PSSA state titles, but bounce back to form for the finals. Her tagging on St George's gun striker, much to his disappointment was great to watch. Close to B&F. Great Season!

Darcy Dalla-Bona – Another rock in the midfield, Darcy floated in key defensive positions where her strong and determined tackling and good out-letting skills were able to stymie the best opposition attacking through the middle. This strength and focus saw her play in u13 State titles with the SSW and the PSSA titles. Darcy is a very talented player and was deservedly our best and fairest.

Leilani Innes – Strong, fast and determined, Leilani dominated the inside forward channel, where her athleticism often saw her physically force her way through opposition defences. Coming across from the SSW and therefore her first season on turf, with more focus on core control skills and game awareness next year, Leilani will develop into a very talented player.

Keeghan Kosteki – A first year player converting from the Summer Schools comp, Keeghan impressed with man of the match in his first game with infectious enthusiasm and outstanding positioning at full back. He struggled, as we all did, against the stronger teams, but with a constant focus on core skills

(hit, trap, slap, dribble) he is capable of rapid improvement in years to come. His great sense of humour leaked out towards the end of the season, as did his goal scoring abilities! Well Done Keeghan.

Joel Ludski – Another first time player, Joel had an outstanding year and is a worthy recipient of the Coaches Award. Despite juggling multiple requirements, Joel always put hockey first, ran to every team talk, always smiled and asked questions. He was a potent presence at Left striker, especially pressuring opposition, and filling in for Sydney 2's at the Herb Fibbens he scored a couple of goals. We missed him in the final when he played goalie, but it was his turn, which sums Joel up perfectly. Well done Joel.

Adrian Martin – Our leading scorer by some margin with 10 goals, Adrian has a good goal awareness and excellent athletic base. Another player to show great benefit from the extra academy sessions, when Adrian played well he made a big impact. Attentive practice will continue to improve his game awareness and focus – Apples and Bananas Adrian!!

Anna Matthews – Another great year from Anna. Our ever dependable centre half, and core of the girl power midfield, Anna constantly ran, trapped, tackled and passed to set up our play. Again benefitting from the Sutho academy, her core skill level jumped up markedly this season with the step up from B Grade. Anna also tasted rep hockey with PSSA and a guest appearance for Sydney 3's at Herb Fibbens at centre half no less. Close to best and fairest, great job Anna. Keep practising!

Jonas Moynihan – One of our younger but more experienced players, Jonas stood up in his first season in A Grade. Again, with consistent training and a bit more maturity, Jonas stepped into key roles as his dribbling, tackling and passing skills noticeably stood out towards the end of the season. He found a home in the midfield and should be a dominant player in U11's next year.

Sebastian Parry – An A grade player with an enormous hit, Sebastian was our second highest goal scorer from fullback as our main short corner striker. A key defender, with excellent dribbling skills, he set our play from the back. With more attention to his core skills and game alertness, Sebastian can be a damaging player if he commits himself to the task and improves his consistency.

Hope Pengilly – A deserved winner of the Sutho academy Most Improved Award, Hope's core skills improved dramatically throughout the season. The last & youngest member of the girl power midfield, Hope's consistency at right half was the key to our solid platform to go forward. Her marking and back tackling stood out, especially in the big games towards the seasons end. It was great to see Hope score her first goal, and get a run at Herb Fibbens. I expect she will be dominant in Under 11's next year.

Lachlan Prentice – Returning to A grade again, Lachie saw his game take-off mid season as the maturity and Academy sessions started to see him develop into a key forward. Wild swings across the line were replaced by controlled shots on goal and structured passing, coupled with impressive eliminating skills. This saw Lachlan go to PSSA and test himself at a higher level. Unfortunately, he broke his hand at the back half of the year just as he was excelling, but true to form won man of the match in goals in the last round game in his comeback. Keep practising and focusing and you will keep improving.

Matthew Rose – The Blue Bottles Most Improved player, Matthew was our third first time player. Early on he struggled with positioning and control, but underneath his hand eye skills were showing through. Slowly he started to take more time on the ball, with less cricket shot and extra training with his big brothers. About half way through the season it all clicked and by years end, he was making strong tackles and good passes, culminating in his first goal against Glebe, in a 1-1 draw. With a year or two left in U11's, Matthew has heaps of potential.

Thanks to everyone for a great year.

Coach: Brad Bollard

Sutherland 11A Stingrays - Team Report

It was a great year by our 11's Stingrays team finishing equal premiers with St George. It was the first grand final for most of the player and was a great learning experience to play under pressure, which will help them all in the future. For the grand final vs St George playing in sudden death extra time in drop off was also very new for the players and the coach.

Our Semi Final was no doubt our team's best overall team game all season where we defended extremely well for each other and passed the ball early in attack, which resulted in some great team goals.

This group of young players are very strong and skilful and no doubt as they all develop more game knowledge, which comes with time, maturity and playing the game, they should all develop into very good hockey players for Sutho.

A big thank you to Lisa and Craig Homes for managing our team this season. Thanks to Craig Holmes for helping at training and again to Craig Turner for taking some great team photos of the players as well as helping out at training.

Mitchell Bardsley – Mitch continued to improve his game this year especially in his stick skills and hitting. Mitch was very versatile being able to play in the midfield and also as a striker. Mitch has very good awareness of the goal and being able to score where he was the highest scorer for our team. His strong skills will put him in good stead for playing at a higher rep level and into U13's next year. Well done Mitch on another great season for our team.

Angus Callinan – Angus had a great year for our team. Angus has continued to improve his game in 2014 and was one of the strongest players in the Central Area competition. Angus played in various roles throughout the year and was always strong in each and every contest. Angus has great speed, strength and determination and as he continues to develop his skills and game awareness he will become an excellent hockey player. Well done on another great season Angus. **(Best and Fairness Award)**

Zak Keelan - Zak played as mostly centre striker for the team this year. Zak skills have improved out of site in the last 2 years and when tasked with a role he will give it 100%. Zak is a very determined young player and when he sets his mind to it he is hard to stop and causes plenty of headaches for the opposition. Zak is starting to think more about when is a good time to pass and when to run the ball, which is a sign of him maturing as a great team player. Well done Zak on a great season for the team. **(Most Improved Award)**

Kian Johnson – Kian played mostly as a striker and attacking midfield for the team. Even though Kian was our youngest player in the team he is well above most of the opposition teams players and has developed very strong skills especially around his passing and receiving. Kian is great trainer and is always willing to listen and improve his skills which no doubt as he continues develops he will be a excellent player at Sutho and at the rep level. Great work Kian!

Lili Maroney – Lily played as striker at the start the season and as the year progresses ended up playing in the defensive midfield for the team. Lily is great kid to coach she is always enthusiastic and listens to what is required of her and for the team and works hard. As defensive mid fielder, which was new for Lily, she came into her own in this new position and made numerous intercepts and strong passes out of defence for the team in both the semi and grand final which helped the team become joint premiers. Well done Lily on a great season for Sutho!

Chelsea Holmes – Chelsea played in our attacking and defensive midfield this year and scored some great goals for the team. Chelsea is a great player to coach and is always willing to listen and improve her game. Chelsea played well all season and her best game in my opinion as coach was in the grand final for the team where she was required to step up against a very physical St George team and play to her strengths which is her passing and tackling. Her strong effort in the midfield for the team no doubt contributed to our teams joint premiership. Well done Chelsea on a great season for our team.

Huon Bollard – Huon played mainly as an attacking midfielder and strikers for our team. Huon has a very strong hit and was our number #1 short corner hitter and along with this one of our top goal scorers for the team. Huon has strong stick skills which when he uses provides great opportunity for his strikers and midfield. As Huon grows in confidence as player by demanding more of the ball and using his passing skills he will no doubt come into his own. Huon is also a good thinker of the game which will assist him in U13's next year and rep hockey. Great work and season Huon!!

Jacinta Davidson Bunch- Jacinta played mainly as striker and as outside defensive midfielder. Jacinta has speed to burn and has good close in skills and when she combines these two together makes it hard for the opposition to catch her. Jacinta's best games in my opinion in where you need your players to step up were in both the semi and grand final. Her game in the grand final was outstanding and caused St George lots of headaches trying to defend her. She is the type of player that works hard and does not give up easily. Well done Jacinta on a great season for our team!

Luke Mecham – Luke played a variety of positions from striker to the defensive midfield throughout the season. Luke has a very strong hit and is a great trapper of the ball. Luke scored a few goals as a striker due to his strong hit, slap and push pass and off a few short corners. In my opinion Luke's best games were again in the semi and grand final where he played in our Central Defender role which he used his strengths in his passing and receiving to put the team in a strong position for a positive result in both matches. Luke also contributed as GK goals for the team in the semi and grand final which always tough when you don't have a dedicated goalie in U11's. Well done Luke!

Kendelle Tait – Kendelle played mainly in our centre defensive midfield and worked very hard again this season strengthening her skills such as trapping, hitting, passing and dribbling. As Kendelle develops more games knowledge it will help her use these skills moving into U13's. Kendelle's best game was in semi-final where she tackled well and passed the ball strongly. Kendelle was hit hard with a high ball early in the grand final off a short corner but to her credit she played on which showed great mental toughness and doing it for the team. Well done Kendelle on a great season!

Oliver Turner – Oliver continues to improve his foundation skills such as his trapping and passing and was one of the best in the team. Oliver has also developed some strong stick skills now and is able to turn players as well with his skills. As Oliver grows and develops his speed he will be a great player. He played some great games for us at fullback and in the halves and was pleasure to coach. Oliver played the semi and grand final as GK and on the field. His great goal keeping in the semi and grand final definitely help the team succeed in both matches. Top work Oliver!

Lachlan O’Leary – Lachlan played in our centre defensive midfield most of the season for the team. Lachlan is a great player to coach and is always willing to listen and learn about improving his game. Lachlan has some great core skills in his passing and receiving and along with his strong stick skills, which is required in a midfield role. Lachie was involved in our attacking corners for most of the season and provided plenty of good input in this area. Lachie will no doubt if he continues to enjoy his hockey along with his great attitude and work ethic will become an excellent hockey player for Sutho. Well done Lachie! **(Coaches Award)**

Harry Williams –Harry played in the defence and as a striker for the team and could potentially play either role moving forward into U13’s. Harry again was our first runner out on defensive short corners and was pivitol in saving many goals against us. Harry has lots of energy as player and a person and along with his natural speed and flare, and over time as he develops more knowledge of the game he will no doubt be an excellent hockey player. Well done Harry on another great season for Sutho!

Finally thank you to all our parents who brought the kids to training and the games this season and I look forward to the 2015 hockey season at Sutho

Coach: Peter Tait

Manager: Lisa Holmes

Under 13 A Blue Bottles– Team Report 2014

The U13A Blue Bottles had a challenging season. Although the final table didn't reflect the effort the players put in all the games were very competitive and no opposition team came to the game thinking they had 2 points in the bag.

Being the second Sutherland team in "A" grade was always going to be challenging, and it was. It took a while for the team to realise that they were not there just to make up the numbers. With a number of representative and academy players in the team we were not short of talent. The unfortunate part of the season was that we were not able to blend as a team. With a bit of luck and a bit more team work we could have really given the competition a shake.

The season started with a win over St George in the trials, but it would be another 8 games before we posted a draw against UNSW. The players left everyone in no doubt that they gave 100% each game and made the opposition earn every goal. Nothing was given away easily.

Everyone should be very pleased with their effort during the year and the improvement from each player was outstanding, with all having a great future in hockey.

The Team

Matthew Bardsley – Matthew had an outstanding season as a first year full-time keeper. As Sutherland's second team in Div "A" Matt made sure we were competitive in every game. Matt could often be heard telling players where and how to defend against the opposition. With a couple more seasons under his belt we will see Matt become a very successful keeper.

Morgan Tsang – Morgan had a great season. She has a wide skill set which suited both striker and mid-field. Morgan was critical to the game plan being successful, as a key between defenders and attackers; Morgan would receive and distribute the ball with skill and accuracy. Morgan has a great understanding of the basics and will become a very good player for the future.

Ashlee Ryan – For someone playing hockey for the first time in "A" grade, Ashlee was very keen to learn and master the basics. Ashlee played striker for most of the season scoring a couple of crucial goals. Ashlee's skills improved greatly during the season and with a few more years under her belt will no doubt be a future outstanding player.

Bronte Ryan – Bronte had a great year. Never one to stand still on the field Bronte would chase the ball at every opportunity and would run all game. Bronte played most of the year in the forwards and moved to the mid-field when required, picking up a couple of B&F points in some close games. Well done Bronte

Nicholas Donni – Nicholas is a very talented player who has great control of the ball. Nicholas has a great running and passing game with the ability to find gaps in the opposition defence.

Nicholas had a very good year and is an outstanding mid-field or forward prospect, which will see him play higher grades in future years.

Noah Lackey – Noah played defensive midfield for the team this year and would give 100% each game. Although injuries restricted Noah from running, he was always in the play and as a senior player used his skill and knowledge to direct others around the ground. Great effort.

Seth Denning – Seth had a strong and reliable year. Right Half is one of the harder positions on the field having to defend and attack, which Seth improved on with each game. We based our attack on wide passing and going around teams. Seth was always well positioned and his passing improved greatly leading to a few goals. Seth gave 100% every game and never stopped running.

Siobhan Halstead – Siobhan's skills as a defender improved greatly during the year. Her marking of opposition players and ability to read the game enabled her to shut down a number of attacking raids. When able to go forward for short corners, Siobhan always gave the defence something to think about. Well Done

Andrea Martin – Andrea has been consistent good at midfield all year. Andrea was also a great asset on the occasions when we needed some extra help in the backs. She has shown great improvement in her game and I hope she continues to have this attitude when playing in the future.

Hamish Brodie – Hamish surprised everyone with the ease with which he picked up playing hockey. Hamish started the year with loads of enthusiasm and this carried through to the end of the last game, he gave 110% every game and never stopped running. Hamish is a forward with great potential and had a great first year. Well done Hamish

Theresa Wilde – Theresa had a great year and was one of the teams most versatile players. The rock in the team defence and could set up our strikers when playing forward. Theresa took out many best and fairest points with her strong tackling and hits through to the forwards. Theresa was a great improver showing great confidence and skill development. Well done.

Darcy Stevens – Darcy was one of the big improvers of the team. Darcy as a first year player was able to adapt to all positions required. With a bit of luck and a few more passes, Darcy may have scored a bag-full of goals. Darcy is another one of the younger players with a bright future.

Thanks for the effort and enthusiasm showed by all. A big thanks Michelle Donni for managing the team, I have not had so much affective communication from any manager in the past, the bar has been set high. To all the players, parents and supporters thank-you and I hope everyone will be back for next season.

Les Wilde (coach)

Under 13B Sharks

The Under 13 Sharks had a great season making it to the Grand Final with some strong games, but losing to a Moorebank side that hadn't lost all season.

The team were a great bunch of kids and brought lots of enthusiasm to each game that they played. They played with a smile every game and played to win each game.

I would like to thank Josh who helped me coach this year, for my first time, and Sandra who did all the managing of the team to make sure that they got to each game.

Good year everyone, and I hope you all come back to hockey next year.

Josh B- One of our two goalkeepers in the team. Josh had a great season playing in goals and out on the field wherever I put him. He played with passion every game and always wanted to win.

Josh K- A strong player up front scoring some well-deserved goals. Josh played hard every game always making sure that he did something that would contribute to the score every week.

Matt- A first year player with tremendous skill with the ball on the stick. Matt played centre half most of the season and distributed the ball well to his teammates setting up goals and scoring them himself.

Luke- Luke is a player who played everywhere I asked him and played with a passion to win every game. He always looked a danger to score whenever he had the ball in the circle.

Daniel- Daniel was a strong player that played half or fullback all year. He developed his tackling throughout the year and never let a player get past him without giving chase.

Liam- Another player that played half or fullback all year. Liam was a strong marker who made sure that the player he was marking would not get the ball. He also had amazing speed to get up and down the pitch in a hurry.

Isaac- The big strong fullback that got ball out of the back really quickly with his big hit. Isaac was our main scorer coming from short corners and stopping many goals when defending.

Addison- Another 1st year player, playing up front with great speed to beat the players. Addy was always in the spot where he needed to be and making sure that he could always get the ball.

Zac- The player in the team that played every week with a big smile and always cheerful about something. Zac was a player who rotated in the inners and forwards and made space to score and setup goals.

Jasper- Jasper tried every week to get better and learn while maintaining a sense of fun. The centre forward for the team scored many goals and played 100% every week, contributing in offense or defence.

Emma- Emma played fullback or half this year and always made sure that she played her best every week. She stopped many goals for being the last line of defence, before the goalie, on fast breaks, with some strong tackles that she worked on throughout the year.

Jess- She was one of the most versatile players in our team, always able to do something somewhere on the field. Jess was one of our key players on getting into the final with her strong tackling and her ball skills on the attack.

Mikala- The second of our two goalkeepers who made many great saves throughout the season. Her work in goals saved us many times in the finals and her play out on the field showed the effort she played with every week.

Coach: Liam White

Sutherland U15 Metro Report

Despite a loss in the Grand Final, this has been a successful year for the Under 15 Metro team. With 18 games played (including the finals), we only lost 2 games for the year and the team's attitude and desire to win was evident throughout the whole year. I must firstly thank Matt Rowling and Adam Sullivan for stepping into the (sometimes difficult) coaching role while I was away for a couple of stints through the season. The results during these times speak for themselves and the team really appreciate your help.

Looking through the stats which have been constantly maintained by our fantastic manager (Ruth Newman), the stand out feature of our season has been our defence which has been a whole team effort. Highlighting this, our goals for and against was 53 – 15 and the short corner count was 58 for and 69 against. As you can see, our defence often kept us in games despite the pressure the opposition were able to exert on us. This was particularly evident in a game against Manly, nil all at half time with 7 players for Sutherland and 13 on the Manly team.

Over the course of the year, we developed a structure, which was designed to shorten up our passes, encourage quick ball movement in attack and midfield strength in defence. The Preliminary Final was a showcase of the team's development with a dominant performance by the team as a whole. The score didn't reflect our dominance and the team spirit on display showed how far we have progressed as a team over the year.

Some unfortunate circumstances meant we went into the Grand Final undermanned with only 11 players. We were under pressure immediately and 0-2 down within 10 minutes. Despite these setbacks, the team rallied and for 20 minutes either side of half-time, we were competitive and had plenty of opportunities to equalise the score. As you would expect, we tired towards the end of the game without any interchange players and the last 10 mins was a scramble where the defence was under pressure.

In spite of all the frustrations of the game, the team spirit was on full display in the moments after the grand final with all the kids hanging in a group together and enjoying themselves despite the loss.

Thanks to all the parents for their support of not only the kids, but also the coaches and managers throughout the year. Congratulations to all the kids on a successful season.

Zoe Newman – Zoe is a fantastic goalkeeper. Her communication to the team, whether during games, at half time or at training is always positive and her read on the opposing team's strategy helps the team to adjust during each game. Zoe's confidence obviously continued to grow through the season and we saw her aggression at the ball including slide tackles, dives and even a couple of logs in short corner defence in the final.

Isabella Ancevski – Bella showed glimpses of her talent in the early games and over the course of the year, grew in confidence to the point where she was a very consistent defender prepared to run forward

into attack. A fantastic attitude both at training and during the games enhanced her learning and development. Bella was arguably one of the players of the match in the Grand final.

Mitch Schipp – Mitch has been the quiet achiever all year. Very rarely beaten at fullback, his ability to read the play and provide cover, whether in our defensive circle or stopping a counter attack was often the key in our success throughout the year.

Nick Rose – Nick's imposing presence at fullback is an asset to the team. His fearless attack on the ball and second and third efforts demonstrate his sheer determination to win. Over the year, Nick's reading of the play and game situation as well as his individual skills developed and his unfortunate absence in the grand final showed how integral he was to the success of the team.

Jay Kelly – With his long reach and surprisingly good speed, Jay has been an integral part of our short corner defence all year. His ability to put pressure on the opposing battery meant our defence had an advantage. As the season developed, he also showed increasing skill and confidence in running the ball and providing an avenue from defence into attack.

Matthew Sparks – Matt's silky skills were consistent throughout the season. His ability to read the play and positional play meant he was successful at whichever position we needed him in our defensive structure. The development in ball control and distribution was evident and his positioning in defence allowed him to tackle effectively across the midfield.

Christian Halyard – Christian once again demonstrated his strength and ball handling skills throughout the season. When he combined these skills with his vision and passing game, bringing his teammates into the game, Christian showed he is a formidable hockey player. This was shown in our Preliminary Final win which was, by far, his best game of the season. He showed his maturity in the finals and in particular, his desire for the team to succeed was on display even though he had to miss the Grand Final.

Kaleah Salmon – Kaleah was another quiet achiever throughout the season. She adapted to a different structure playing a mix of forward and half back positions. Her ball carrying and distribution into the attacking half of the field provided many scoring opportunities but it was her determination to win the ball back if she lost it that stood out towards the end of the season.

Joshua Gilbertson – Josh showed an enormous willingness to listen and learn throughout the season. When he is able to utilise his fantastic speed either carrying the ball or running into space, Josh is an attacker difficult for other teams to stop. Continual work on ball control and hitting will allow him to continue the improvement he demonstrated throughout the season.

Zac Simshauser – Zac's adaptability in the forward line in particular meant he played both striker and inner positions throughout the season. His conversion of goal scoring opportunities in general field play improved over the course of the season and proved an important part of the attacking structure on the field. He also showed an eagerness to recover the ball if he lost control of it and his running back in to defence assisted control the midfield throughout.

Mason Neale – Mason is a skilful, versatile player equally comfortable at either end of the field. Because of this versatility, he found himself playing most positions throughout the season but was always reliable wherever he found himself. Most notable this year was his improvement in fitness which allowed him to utilise his ball control and distribution in attack to create team scoring opportunities or short corners. His work rate at training and during games was commendable throughout.

Liam White – Liam played the majority of the season in the forward line, utilising his speed to create a passing option for the midfield as the ball progressed up the field. He often broke forward of the play in order to position himself in the attacking circle and convert forward movements into attacking short corners. It was pleasing as a coach to see him scoring those opportunistic goals when he closed in on the Keeper's pads.

Rebecca Janes – Rebecca's enthusiasm at training and during games is never in question. Her ability to control the ball into attack made her an important linking player between the defence and attack. When playing striker, particularly in the lead up and during the finals, she turned many attacks into attacking short corners by carrying the ball into the circle and winning the free hit.

U15A Sutherland Stingrays

Congratulations to the Stingrays on an outstanding year. Through adversity with injuries and players leaving the team held strong and played well. There have been many games of brilliance and on occasions the supporters were left wondering where their normal teenage children had gone but throughout the season the team was consistent with its opposition. Hard fought battles with UNSW resulting in draws, dominated play saw wins over Moorebank and consistent efforts with flashes of brilliance saw us compete with St George although often going down on the score-line never a reflection of the game. Victory of St George in the Semi Final saw the team through to the Grand Final but not to be out done twice, St George returned to claim the title. A terrific effort for which each and every player can be proud. Thank you for the opportunity of coaching you this year and good luck in your future hockey careers.

1. Dakota Jattan Goalie – Stepping up to the 15's saw a lot more work for this happy always smiling player. On many occasions he kept us in the game pulling off some incredible saves. His encouragement of others was unwavering.
2. Clare Callinan One of our dedicated work horses who had the talent to tackle and cause problems for the oppositions attack and defence. Clare was one of two players given the role of removing a key players from the opposition by denying them the ball which she achieved efficiently.
3. Claudia Parry a versatile player who was passionate about every game and thought about her play. Strong in defence was able to move into the halves and even attack.
4. Erin Campbell A determined player who understood the position of half and was able to read the play to consistently disrupt the oppositions flow of play and turn around our defence into attacking plays.
5. Jake Woodger A strong and effective defender, not many could get past Jake and when moved into the halves he utilised his tackling skills to turn the ball over to our attack quickly. Jack was often given the role of removing a key player from the opposition by denying them the ball which he performed very effectively.
6. Jacob Mifsud A player who would consistently run on and off the ball. First out of short corners, often seen making strong attacking plays and supporting the rest of our attack.
7. Cameron Bayley Cam was flexible in the positions that he was able to play but as the season rolled on became an integral part of the defensive line up. His growth in skill and determination was outstanding.
8. Nick Wilde A solid defensive wall who in the later part of the season found a roll in the defensive centre half and performed exceptionally. Returned from injury for the finals after putting his body on the line against Moorebank. A skilfulness as a defender inspired others.
9. Jean Maroney always enthusiastic and working off the ball to create opportunities. Jean played across the attack and occasionally in halves and defence.
10. Ryan O'Leary Was a quiet achiever working hard on the wing and inner to create opportunity after opportunity. His striking often saw the ball buried in the net while finishing opportunities was also his forte

11. Lois Pijcke here is a player who the opposition should fear. It didn't matter who they were nothing would get past Lois. Her hand eye coordination and stick-work was fantastic.
12. Kiara Shaw – a determined player who was looking at taking the lead goal scorer for the team before injury at a carnival ruled her out for the rest of the season. Always in great positions to receive the ball, worked round the defence and the goalie on several occasions.
13. Reserve list- due to injury and small numbers our team found itself short. Thanks to Harry Roberts, Jack Mecham and Seth Denning who filled in on several times, competing in the finals and Grand Final

Coach: Ross Angus

Manager: Leon Parry

SUTHERLAND METRO U17 REPORT 2014.

With only 3 members remaining from the outstanding 2013 team, this year was always going to be a huge challenge. To finish a clear 3rd place at the end of the rounds was thus a very good result. Defensively the team developed quite well but we struggled to dominate in attack as all our inside forwards and strikers were inexperienced at this level. In 12 games we scored just 23 goals, on average of less than 2 goals per game, which is not enough to dominate a competition. The team however can be very proud of their efforts during the year. Ryde and Briars-Glebe were the standout teams of the comp but we were clearly the next best, finishing 7 points ahead of the 3rd placed team.

The year started promisingly with all players showing good improvement in their basic passing and trapping skills and general ball control. However we struggled to maintain enthusiasm and momentum mid-season. We had a 6 week gap between our 2nd and 3rd matches (including a bye & deferred game) and another 6 week gap between our 5th & 6th matches. This made it very hard to put into practice what we were working on at training.

The highlight of our year was in Round 11 when we recorded a gutsy 2-1 win over the outstanding Ryde team, the eventual premiers. It was a game where every player showed what they were capable of. Our 2-1 semi-final win against NWS was convincing although the scoreboard did not reflect this. It reflected our season-long struggle to convert good mid-field play into goals. We lost our final to Briars-Glebe 7-1, a performance which was a lot better than the score suggested. We made some early mistakes and our opponents converted almost all their early opportunities into goals. We were down 4-0 early in the game, but the team never gave up and the rest of the match was very even.

I think the team is well placed to be dominant in 2015 as we now have a good core of players who will benefit from this year's experience, plus they will be stronger and faster as their bodies approach adult maturity. There is much to look forward to in 2015.

I'd like to make special mention of our 3 Award winners. Mitchell Galea, centre-half and captain, was our best player and a standout player in the competition. He was able to consistently dominate against some high quality opponents. Wade Tonna worked extremely hard at his game all year and won the Most Improved award. Wade also made his 2nd Grade debut this year and performed well, an achievement considered improbable at the start of the year. The Coach's Award went to Patrick Everett who developed well during the year at inside forward, a position that he had rarely played previously. Patrick has a big future.

I thank Meredith Sullivan for her work as Manager and also parents Brian Everett and Glen Tonna who regularly collected balls at training for us. I thank Jason Sparks and Debbie Dodd for their umpiring and also all parents for their ongoing support of their children's hockey, especially those who travelled up regularly from Wollongong for training and matches.

Player Profiles

William Watson. A very good keeper who won several best and fairest points during the year. Missed mid-season with a shoulder dislocation but came back strongly after that.

Wade Tonna. A fullback who improved all his basic skills enormously during the year. Very strong in the tackle and learning to talk and marshal the defence. Demonstrated he is ready for Grade hockey with strong performances in a few 2nd Grade matches.

Andrew Stewart. A very reliable fullback with a good tackle and some nice individual skills. Potentially extremely good, and should be the mainstay of our defence next year.

Nathan Sullivan. Developed nicely at left-half during the year, especially improving his marking. Ready to have a big year in 2015 as he grows stronger.

Mitchell Galea. Outstanding centre-half, quick and with all the skills. The mainstay of our team and a player with an enormous future.

Rhys Castle. Terrific right-half who has developed enormously during his 2 years in U17. Individual skills have improved a lot and ready for a long career in Grade hockey.

Natasha Davidson-Bunch. First Sutherland lady to play Metro U17. A good athlete with a good feel for inside-forward. Responded well to the challenge of playing against the older boys and well-placed to assert her position in 2015.

Patrick Everett. Normally a striker but played inside-forward for the interests of team balance. Developed really well. Very good basic skills, our penalty corner taker, and really dominated late in the season. Should have an outstanding 2015.

James Ritchie. A quick athletic player with some nice skills. His versatility was important to the team. Played both inner and striker and handled both well. Expect big things in 2015.

Keiran Freeman. Strong athletic striker who unfortunately has to leave U17's after just one year. Improved his skills markedly during the year.

Jackson Downer. Our only forward remaining from last year and has improved enormously over the last 2 years. Strong and quick, and developing a feel for finding space and making good leads.

Vincent Wong. Very promising striker, always gives 100%, shy and unassuming. Eager to learn. Should have a big 2015 as he learns to impose himself upon the game.

Christian Halyard (forward) and Zoe Newman (goalie) both played several games for the U17, covering for injury and unavailability. Both performed extremely well and should be dominant players for Metro U17 next year.

John Cowan (Coach)

Under 17 Stingers

Team Report

Every year is similar but special in its own way; this year we had a core bunch of players from the year before with a few new players to develop a great team spirit that was put to the test on many occasions. The team got along well, continuing and creating new friendships and enjoyed their hockey most of the time.

A wide range of skills was apparent in all areas of the guys and girls game, with some success, though not always reflected in the games scores. I hope you all enjoyed your hockey this year, even though there were not too many occasions to celebrate. Participating in this sport is not about winning, but having fun, challenging yourself, learning new skills and developing your potential; which you guys had plenty of, when you all came together as a team. It has been an interesting season and a great honour to coach you guys this year.

Very big thank you to Jill for managing the team this year, you have done an awesome job, keeping everyone in the loop with emails, messages and finding us players to be able to have a full team every game. I am grateful and I know the parents are as well. Thanks go to the Donni family for their help at training and the games, stepping in sometimes to coach and manage when, I had to umpire or Jill and I were unavailable to be there. Also I would like to thank Sam Lackey for his help at many of the training sessions, a special thank you also to Grace, Claudia, Tom, Ryan and Jesse for helping out when we were struggling for players. Thank you to all the parents for your support this year.

Player Profiles

Hollie a quite achiever, she held her own on the field during the games. Hollie has developed into a great winger weaving in and out of players as she made her way up or down the field. Hollie showed good improvement in all areas of her game this year.

Eric the man of very few words, worked exceptionally hard all season. He is a great listener and improved upon his skills as a half. Eric never complained about anything, was keen to learn and always gave his all. He even managed to stop slide tackling by the end of the season, which was great. Well done mate great season.

Adam played in the back position but also helped in goals when needed; his partnership in the backs with Analiese was rock solid and gave the attacking teams a hard time. Adam clearly loves his hockey and being part of a team. Adam is a quite achiever and an asset to the team.

Analiese is a strong defender who gave her opponents something to think about. She is a determined player and even when her frustration levels hit the highest point possible, she still got stuck in and gave 110%. When the opportunities opened up to attack she was the first to do so. I am proud of you, good job this year.

Josh one of the experienced players who did the job without fuss or bother. Josh is a solid player who played in the inners; he can really make a difference in a game, is courageous and growing with confidence every game. Good stuff Josh.

Nicky what a can I say, always smiling, no matter what. She knew how to make me smile even when things were going south. Nicky played at half and on the wing, showing improvement every time she played. Dedication and determination are Nicky's best qualities along with her 'take no prisoners' attitude. Nicky you are a great player and one to watch out for in the future. Well done this year.

Blake has worked hard this season to improve his basic skills. When he takes a shot on goal, it is like magic. He strives to do his best and is beginning to understand the game, team work and the importance of his role on the field during the game.

Claire was called on to play a number of positions this season and handled them all very well. She was then moved to the half's and the rest is history, she has a hit like a canon and her positional play is of a very high standard. Claire's teamwork and positive attitude are qualities to be admired. Thank you for a great season Claire.

Alessandra joined the team half way through the season to play goalkeeper and was a real asset to the team. She showed awesome skills, stopping the opposition from scoring on many occasions. Alessandra made a huge difference in defence and inspired the rest of the team to play at a higher level. Thank you for a great season, looking forward to seeing you next year.

Maddy is a speedy forward, who continually puts her opponents under pressure. Her tackling skills have made her a very dangerous attacking player. Maddy always endeavours to give her best. She is a very exciting player to coach and watch no matter where she plays on the field. I wish you all the best next year.

Jacqui biggest team spirit of them all, with her usual enthusiasm, very determined to grow her skills at training and the games. Jacqui was keen to play many different positions this year and learn as much as she could. Remembering nothing is impossible is one of Jacqui's best qualities, which made her very unpredictable for the opposition. It has been my absolute pleasure to coach you this year.

Dom was the heart and soul of the team this year. Dom has a good way of keeping everybody cool, calm and collected. He played centre half, creating options for both the attack and defence. Making everyone work well together, he read the play very well and assisted me with giving the team direction Dom is the type of player any coach would love to have on their team. Dom never gives up or in and has wisdom and a great understanding for the game. Thanks for the fantastic season Dom.

Coach David Wray

Manager Jill Bell

Thanks Dave for coaching again this year, it is certainly never dull or boring. Sorry for the time I almost sent you all to the wrong field on the wrong night...oops. Thanks also to the parents not only for being supportive of their kids, getting them to training and games but also for being supportive of Dave and myself. Thanks team, you all do your parents and families proud. Jill

Under 17 Sharks – Central Area U17 Premiers

The 2014 season for the U17 Sharks will be a season I hope they remember fondly as I know I will. For any team to go through a season undefeated and dominate the competition is a commendable achievement but for me the real achievement for this team was the improvement as individuals and as a team. Although not lacking in skills as individuals we definitely lacked the basics of position, teamwork and structure but the team worked hard from the beginning and were enthusiastic to learn and find their place in the team. With early results being fairly close by season end we were consistently defeating opposition teams by large scores which was evidence of our improvement and the most pleasing thing for me was that everyone contributing to our results and was a team effort.

But there is more to a team than just the sport and as individuals the respect, support and friendship shown by each one of the team is a credit to them all resulting in a rewarding and enjoyable season for all.

I consider myself fortunate to have had the opportunity to coach such an outstanding group of teenagers and got to share in just a brief period of their lives, a period I will remember fondly.

James Arnold – James was originally going to sit out the season but after a few games was encouraged to join our team by his mates and I'm glad to say he had a really enjoyable season. James' inclusion was a huge benefit for the team as his talent as a metro standard player obviously made us stronger but his ability to bring out the best in players around him is his real brilliance and was happier to give the ball to a teammate than do it himself. A natural sportsman, James has it all, pace, skill and determination and deservedly won the player of the Grand Final.

Adam Brookfield – Adam was a fullback in last years U17 Grand Final winning team so is an accomplished field player but has also played goalkeeper before so unselfishly padded up for the season. Spending large periods of time just watching, when he was called on he didn't let us down making many crucial saves. Adams goal keeping improved immensely over the season conceding only nine goals and he and looks forward to continuing keeping in the seniors next year

Josh Clay – Josh has also won two U17 Grand Finals in a row and was a vital utility player who performed well in any position he was placed. Having coached Josh before I have watched him develop as a person and a player over a few seasons and his hockey went to another level this year in both confidence in his ability and ball control.

Alec Colqhoun – Although possessing good skills, Alec lacked direction and polish in his game and so was one dimensional. What a turnaround a season can make! By the end Alec's control, patience and short game was exceptional and his ability to turn defence in to attack was vital to the teams success. A huge improver.

Connor Crowley – Connor had a great season. Connor didn't improve greatly over the season which I say as a compliment as he was already a very good player. Another who I could throw into any position and

make a difference, he could spark the attack if in the forwards and shut down dangers in defence. Connor payed close attention to his coaching and gained from giving himself space and time.

Benji Hoppitt – I was really pleased when I saw Benji’s name on the team list as I had coached him before and knew how good a player and respected person he is. Benji is a rock you build a team on. He is a classic centre half that instinctively knows where to be with a high work rate, great offload and solid defence and captained the team with distinction. The highest praise I can give Benji is that when I watch him play he reminds me of my centre-half brother, 500 game Sutherland stalwart Mark Brookfield. He also never forgets to say thanks after training or match, so thank you Benji.

Caleb Nieuwendyk – For someone who hadn’t played much hockey Caleb had very good skills. He lacked a bit of positional understanding but fixed that up pretty quick and proved to be a potent attacking weapon from the right wing. Caleb worked hard in attack and scored many goals for the team and I’m sure had a very enjoyable season.

Lachlan Rowland-Wild – I was pleased to see Lachlan return to hockey this year after having last season off. Having coached Lachlan before I knew that if nothing else I would get 100% from him. Fortunately he has more than just effort and is a good tackler and played well in the halves for the team . He also enjoyed opportunities in the forwards scoring a couple of goals and proving difficult to handle for opposition teams. A well liked member of the team I am very happy he got to win a junior competition.

Lachlan Ryder – Lachlan is a bit different. He’s quiet, he doesn’t have much to say and you never really know what he’s thinking. He just lets his hockey do the talking and boy, does it talk! So dependable at full back he got stuck there for most of the season but with good skills showed great promise as an inner in the last couple of games, even scoring the goal of the season, a screamer in to the top left corner. Once I got under his defences I discovered a loyal, dependable and hugely likable young man.

Eden Stephens – Eden is a very athletic girl who is fast and quite determined if a little timid in the push and shove of the circle. Predominantly a winger I believe she could become a very handy half as she has very good ball skills and passes well in tight situations, something I wish we had more time to explore. A popular member of the team who was always having fun and never once lost that smile.

Harry Tattersal – Wow, what can I say other than Harrys a freak of nature! When I was told that Harry had never played hockey before I thought oh no, not a beginner in U17’s! A bench warmer I thought. How wrong was I. Harry scored with his second touch of the ball, two goals in his first ever game and was our go to man for the start of the season at centre forward scoring most of our goals! A naturally gifted sportsman, big, strong and super determined he intimidated seasoned opposition players. To his credit he worked hard on his basic skills, picked them up quickly and had an outstanding season as one of our highest goal scorers. Remember the name.

Will Vandermaal – If Benji was the rock, Will was the Clysdale. The work horse of the team gave every ounce he had every week. I don’t think I had to tell Will to do anything all year, I didn’t have to as he just did it. Setting up attacks, laying on goals for Harry, getting back in defence, he just knew where to be

and did it. Will's the player you'd pick first in any team, after Harry, and James. Ha ha! Just kidding, well done Will on a great season!

Michael Warner – Mr Dependable at the back, Michael had an outstanding season. Once the rough edges were chiselled off he played with control, safety and surety. His defence was rock solid killing most breakaways with lovely timing and organised the defence with authority. A future leader.

Ashleigh White – Ashleigh had a busy year playing for the Sharks, her Sutherland women's team and representative teams. I am in awe of how hard she can hit the ball with such a slow lazy swing, testament to great technique and timing. Ashleigh held her own on the wing and created many opportunities for the team through determination and skill.

Coach: Andrew Brookfield