



ANNUAL DINNER & PRESENTATION EVENING 2025



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Presidents Report

Season 2025 has been run and won, although it seems like just weeks ago when we were first hitting the pre-season training track and preparing for the year, we have wound up after 125 games.

From a president's perspective it has been another good year in the history of our club both on and off the field.

On the field we saw all but one of our eight teams making the finals, and that team in our Greater Northern League men made great advances over the 2025 season. While we only managed to snare one premiership for the season in the Division 2 men's competition, we came awfully close in others. A mix of new and old faces among our teams should see us well positioned for the coming season if we stick together into 2026.

The credit and thanks for that on-field success must go to our team of coaches, who have committed many hours to support and improve players of all ages and levels of experience. It was particularly heartening for me as president to see new and old, young and not-so-young, training together and learning from each other. Thanks to everyone who has contributed as a coach, both on training nights and game days, and their helpers in assistants and team managers.

A number of our junior players were essential in keeping our senior teams on the field throughout the season, with the age range in at least one team stretching over five decades. Thanks to those young players who took the opportunity to play with our senior teams, and to their parents and carers who helped to make this happen with transport to training and games. The cohort of young players we have will be essential in the future of the club and we want to continue to support them and see them grow.

On the junior front, we were able to offer 'free hockey' to both our under 16s and 13s this season, thanks primarily to our new sponsor Banjo's. Their support this season has been great, and I would encourage all members to make Banjo's bakeries in Burnie, Devonport and Latrobe your choice for baked goods.

From a sponsorship front, we received the continued support from TasValve and Cars R Us, and saw the return of CRE Solutions. All of our sponsor contributions have helped to keep the club on field, and we are hugely grateful to all of our sponsors. CRE were essential in adding to our stock of penalty corner masks, gloves and knee guards for our GNL teams after the pre-season decision from our governing body that masks were mandatory for teams at all levels.

Also on the subject of protective equipment, the club was successful in gaining an Active Clubs grant from the Tasmanian Government. The grant has seen us able to purchase a number of new masks, gloves, knee guards and goalie helmets. Unfortunately, due to issues with supply and the timing of the grant, these arrived just before the finals series, but they will be available for all teams for the 2026 season.

Congratulations to our state representatives and to our Best and Fairest recipients, both at club and league level where we had a number recognised. I also want to acknowledge Rick Barrett for his representation of the club at national and international level with the whistle.

A big thanks to all who stepped up with the whistle through the season as umpires, and to our match managers. The game can't happen without these match officials and we're hoping to see you all back next season and if anyone else fancies picking up a whistle or working the tech bench, the club will help with support from experienced umpires and managers as you learn.

I must pay particular tribute to Petrina Birtwistle for her double duty as vice-president and secretary, and to Brooke Grubb for her work as treasurer which has us in a strong financial position. Thanks to everyone old and new who have been part of our committee, your contributions haven't gone unnoticed and you were all part of helping this great club succeed this season.

It won't be long before we start looking toward season 2026, and I'm gathering feedback from any level to share with Hockey North West. Feel free to have a chat or to email your constructive feedback to the club and we'll compile it to help make next season even better.

Signing off, I've been reflecting on the highlight of my season, which was playing alongside my son in the Div 2 grand final. We had four father-son combinations as part of that win. Across the club there have been a number of other families playing together, and it is one of the bedrocks of the club which has been all about family across its history. Moving forward we want to continue to be a club that welcomes all, and have fun together on and off the field.

Hoping to see you all in 2026.

Luke Sayer

TWBUM

2025 Premierships

Div 2 Men Defeated Devonport 2-1



*Back from left: David Kenworthy, Andy Bates, Matt Johnston, Riley Ennis, Oliver Vandenberg, Jason Birtwistle, Jamie Vandenberg, Hamish Cameron, Iain Cameron, Terrance Ward, Roman King, Nathan King.
Front from left: William Pointon, Campbell Barnard, Ricky Barrett, Craig McCarthy, Luke Sayer, Simon Vandenberg, Maitland Sayer.*



With thanks to our Sponsors



MOLLY COCK AWARD

Molly was a great supporter of hockey and the City Marians Hockey Club and was a patron at the time of her passing. She would brave all weather to watch not only her family, but all teams particularly the juniors, giving encouragement to all.

The Molly Cock Award

David Kenworthy

***Donated by
Glen & Jill Cock***

ARCH HARDY MEMORIAL AWARD

Arch Hardy is recognised as the founder of our club which was formed in 1937. His contribution to hockey was tireless both on and off the field with 556 games for the club and more than 20 years in executive positions. Arch was regarded as being one of the top three half-line players in the country. To this day he is still regarded as being our best player and hardest worker in every facet of the game. This award identifies with Arch and is presented as a junior club person award to an individual who leads by example and takes on extra roles making their presence felt around the club.

***Arch Hardy
Memorial Award***

Zarlia Richardson

***Donated by
Graeme & Edith Goninon***

FAMILY AWARD

Awarded to a family seen as making a great contribution, either on or off the field.

Family Award

Riley Family
Anthony, Alira
Emma, Thomas, Charlotte

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Northwest Mowers***

Club Awards 2025

ELLIS LAMPREY SUPPORTERS AWARD

Dedicated to Ellis, this award illustrates as a club the importance of our off-field supporters as well as the players.

Ellis was involved with the club as a player in the 'City' days and returned when his boys joined C.M.H.C. in the early 1980's. His role in the club involved being a player, attending club meetings, representing the club, and Tasmania at state level (being the oldest player to represent state) and he donated a car to the club to assist with paying off McKenna Park debt. He was a mentor to players like David Guest who has since represented Australia, not to mention the many he has had a quiet word with regarding any aspect of their game.

To those who did not have the privilege of knowing Ellis, please ask someone who does, as they are bound to have a story to tell regarding Ellis and the 'red & white'.

His commitment to and love of the C.M.H.C leaves the recipient of this award to be commended on their support of our great club.

***The Ellis Lamprey
Supporters Award***

Jo Porteus

***Donated by
The Lamprey Family***

ROHAN SUMMERS MEMORIAL TROPHY

Rohan Summers was a member of our division 1 men's team when he was tragically killed in a road accident in 1987 on hockey duty. Rohan contributed more to the game than many who had played for a long period. Conscientious and dedicated in all he attempted, whether coaching or playing, Rohan was a great clubman.

This award is given for recognition of an individuals 'guts and determination' as so often displayed by Rohan both on and off the field.

***The Rohan Summers
Memorial Award***

Lucy Vandenberg

***Donated by
The McCarthy Family***

Club Awards 2025

CLUB ACHIEVEMENT

This award is not presented lightly as it is recognition of a fantastic effort put in by someone, whether it is on or off the field. The award recognizes that the recipient has put more into the club than any other individual in that year.

Club Achievement

Luke Sayer

***Donated by
The Club***

Top 20 Game Players

1	Craig McCarthy	799	Janine Gibson	767
2	Leon Goninon	716	Petrina Birtwistle	598
3	Glen Cock	710	Jacqui McKeown	522
4	Ricky Barrett	685	Amanda Long	515
5	Ron Cock	660	Debra Drake	497
6	Ian Morrison	646	Therese Gibbons	438
7	Simon Vandenberg	574	Brooke Grubb	417
8	Arch Hardy	556	Trudy Redman	401
9	Rodney Evans	548	Karen Challis	376
10	Wayne Garland	544	Colleen Ingles	365
11	David Townsend	534	Louise Gates	364
12	Tony Jago	530	Lisa Richardson	354
13	Michael Tolland	518	Rachael Blyth	317
14	Jason Birtwistle	518	Shayne Sayer	315
15	David Kenworthy	515	Trudy French	292
16	David Bissett	511	Helen Morse	289
17	Ian Cox	510	Stacey Groves	288
18	Brett Rowsthorn	501	Erin Wells	279
19	Jamie Vandenberg	501	Rebecca Hawkins	276
20	Iain Cameron	480	Monique Moore	274

Milestone Games 2025

500 Jamie Vandenberg | Amanda Long

400 Luke Sayer

250 Curtis Goninon

200 Kris Chandra | Zack Reider

150 Veronica Whish-Wilson

100 Sam Harper | Hamish Cameron

The Committee

President	Luke Sayer
Vice President	Petrina Birtwistle
Junior VP	Monique Moore
Secretary	Position not filled
Treasurer	Brooke Grubb
Committee	Craig McCarthy Janine Gibson Louise Gates Erin Wells Iain Cameron Sam Sefton Jo Porteus Zaria Richardson Rachel Blyth Jason Birtwistle
Patrons	Shirley Kenworthy Balt Vandenberg Graeme Goninon
MHFAO	Clare de haan

The Coaching Team

Coaching Coordinators	Jason Birtwistle Craig McCarthy
Junior Coordinator	Fiona Jackson
GNLM	Coach – David Kenworthy Manager – Michael Gates
GNLW	Coach – Karlin Fernandini Manager – Monique Moore
Div 2 men	Coach – Jamie Vandenberg
Div 2 women	Coach – Petrina Birtwistle Erin Wells Lisa Richardson
Div 3 men	Coach – Jason Birtwistle
Div 3 women	Coach – Shayne Sayer Maitland Sayer
Under 16	Coach – Jo Porteus Zaria Richardson
Under 13	Coach – Sam Sefton Suzanna Gibson Erin Wells

2025 Association Best & Fairest

Under 13	Emma Riley
Under 16 R/U	Maitland Sayer
Div 3 Women	Veronica Whish-Wilson
GNLW R/U	Suzanna Gibson

2025 State Representatives

Under 14	Emma Riley (Train on)
Under 14	Will Heyworth
Under 15	Oliver Vandenberg
Under 16	Maitland Sayer
Open Indoor	Lucy Vandenberg, Jemma Kenworthy

Player Awards

GNL MEN

Best & Fairest	Roman King	Donated by TasValve
Runner up	William Gates	Donated by R & K Barrett
Coaches Award		Donated by J Gibson

GNL WOMEN

Best & Fairest	Suzanna Gibson	Donated by J&P Birtwistle
Runner up	Lucy Vandenberg	Donated by G & J Cock
Coaches Award	Suzanne Gibson	Donated by A Long

DIVISION 2 MEN

Best & Fairest	Matthew Johnston	Donated by D&K Kenworthy
Runner up	Roman King	Donated by G & E Goninon
Coaches Award	Nathan King	Donated by J & P Birtwistle

DIVISION 2 WOMEN

Best & Fairest	Ashley Murphy	Donated by D&K Kenworthy
Runner up	Emma Riley	Donated by G & J Cock
Coaches Award	Alira Riley	Donated by R & J Cameron

DIVISION 3 MEN

Best & Fairest	Campbell Barnard	Donated by CRE
Runner up	Will Pointon	Donated by G & E Goninon
Coaches Award	Rhys Fagan	Donated by J & P Birtwistle

DIVISION 3 WOMEN

Best & Fairest	Veronica Whish-Wilson	Donated by Cars R Us
Runner up	Stephanie Hey	Donated by C & H McCarthy
Coaches Award	Adah Durant	Donated by G & J Cock

UNDER 16

Best & Fairest	Maitland Sayer	Donated by Banjos
Runner up	William Pointon	Donated by A Long
Coaches Award	Campbell Barnard	Donated by J Gibson
Coaches Award	William Heyworth	Donated by R & J Cameron

UNDER 13

Best & Fairest	Emma Riley	Donated by Banjos
Runner Up	Nate Ward	Donated by C & H McCarthy
Coaches Award	Maison Ward	Donated by G & J Cock
Most Improved	Vali Ralston	Donated by D & K Kenworthy



Coaches Reports

Under 13

The U13 City Marians team had a great 2025 season, showing tremendous growth both on and off the field. We saw a noticeable improvement in teamwork, confidence, and technical skills. Across the board, our juniors showed an improvement in their hockey skills and understanding of the game.

Attendance at training was bountiful, with players ready to face any challenge we threw at them and always giving it their best effort. Game performance improved too, with a better understanding of the game's structure and more confidence in their ability.

I would like to extend a warm thank you to all the dedicated parents and guardians who braved the cold on Mondays and Fridays, allowing their children to have the opportunity to play. When I reflect on my time as a junior playing hockey, nothing was more important to me than my dad supporting me. In fact, he still comes to all my Div 1 games to this day, and I still search for him in the crowd every time, just to be sure. Your ongoing support of your kiddos doesn't go unnoticed. You are all doing such a great job of raising strong, kind, and genuine little people.

Another important thank you is owed to Erin Wells, who stepped into the Assistant Coach role this year to help me build my confidence as a first-time coach. Thank you for allowing me to learn and grow this year. I'd also like to thank Sue Gibson for joining me on this journey, not only in coaching but also in moving clubs with me. Having Sue share her knowledge was a great help to me and to the juniors.

My personal highlight this year has been the overall attitude and outlook of our juniors. I have always believed that a good game of hockey should be won by the team that played the best, not the team that was the roughest, biggest, or oldest. We had some hard slog games this year, and despite this, after every game we walked off as a team, sat down as a team, discussed our play and what we needed to improve, then had a laugh with—and sometimes at—ourselves.

I am so proud and very thankful for every person who made this year possible. Sue and I hope to see you all back next season for more fun, growth, grapes, and watermelon!

Samantha Sefton



Back from left: Rhiannon King, Vali Ralston, Indi Wells, Emma Riley, Charlotte Riley, Telia Streets Oscar Anderson.

Front from left: Maison Ward, Nate Ward, Rhyn Pitchford Streets, Tanner Ralston, Zander Pitchford Streets Missing Caleb Gray, Lydia Hills, Liam Britton, Felicity Brown, Maddison Innes.

The 2025 Season definitely didn't disappoint in entertainment! Whilst we might have tripped at the final hurdle, there is so much for us to reflect on with pride.

We began the year unsure of numbers and even whether we would be able to field a side. But with the kids doing a fantastic job rallying up some new players to the sport and the club, we kicked off with our first game against South Burnie. Even with a 1–0 loss, that game showed we were going to be a good chance for the finals — and it was our only loss of the home and away season.

Over the season, we worked on game strategy, connecting and playing together as a team, and positive talk, with the results showing how much work everyone was putting in. Our senior players did an outstanding job mentoring and encouraging the newer players, which showed on the park each week as the team improved.

Some highlights for me were our wins against Smithton — first at home 5–4, then backing it up with a 3–2 win away. All our team made the goal scoring list over the season, including some ripper goals from our first timers. We saw some amazing hockey on display — and we can't forget the 'responsible adults' eating all the lollies in the dugouts!

The brand of hockey these kids played is something both they and our amazing Club should be proud of. Throughout the season, we received plenty of feedback from umpires, opposition supporters, coaches and players about how well the team played together, their respect for the game, and how they encouraged each other. I believe this is our greatest achievement.

In all honesty, choosing our Club awards (Coaches and Most Improved) was the hardest thing Zee and I had to do all season. We even 'debated' who the recipients should be and asked if we could give out a few extras! Special mention must go to Aysha (aka Mozzi) — you shut down any player we assigned to you; Rhys — your dedication shone through in your improvement this year; and Oli — your flat tackles are the absolute best! No one can get past you when you set your mind to it.

Congratulations to Maitland for Club B&F and Association Runner Up B&F. This was so well deserved — you truly were the fairest player, and your teamwork and ability to lift those around you shows why you have such an exciting future. Will P, our Club Runner Up B&F, you have so much skill and potential — believe in yourself and keep up the hard work. Cam B, our Coaches Award recipient, you were dependable, reliable and always up for anything. We cannot thank you enough for all your effort. And Will H (aka Foxy), our Most Improved, you worked so hard this year on every part of your game, and it shows with your State selection and GNL debut.

Firstly, a big thank you to our Junior Sponsor Banjo's. Having our juniors play at minimal cost definitely helped us field a side. This support is crucial for developing juniors, which benefits all our teams. To our leadership group leaving Juniors this year, the way you helped newer players, encouraged each other, held true to our values and showed resilience and tenacity is a credit to you. You were our rocks this season, and Zee and I could not be prouder. We wish you all the best for your future hockey careers and look forward to seeing you around the club.

To our newer players, thank you for choosing us to begin your hockey journey. It has been a pleasure to watch you grow in skill, confidence and love for the game. I loved seeing your excitement when you mastered a skill and hope you return next year to continue building your game. To our playing group continuing in Juniors, you have been amazing, and seeing your growth this year has been the most rewarding part of coaching. It's an exciting time to be part of CMHC, so make sure you bring your friends along next year.

To all the parents, carers and families, thank you for supporting us throughout the season. Travelling from Smithton to Devonport to play and train is a big commitment, and we appreciate it. Thanks also to everyone who was a 'Responsible Adult', match managed, umpired, cheered and believed in us. To the CMHC Committee and Coaching crew, especially Jas and Putty, thank you for trusting Zee and me with this amazing group of kids, and for your encouragement, guidance and support. We have learnt so much from you and appreciate all you have done for us.

Lastly, to my #1 Zee — thank you for everything! Your drill prep, encouragement and pep talks, belief in the kids, position coordination, and your patience (with me!) is beyond your years. You amaze me every day.

2025 U16s, remember our pre-game chats: a champion team will always beat a team of champions; when we lift each other, the whole team lifts; play smarter, not harder — hockey isn't a hard game, it's about possession and keeping it; and always look for the early, smart pass 😊.

Thank you for an amazing season and we look forward to seeing everyone in 2026. Go Bloods!

P.S. Don't forget to register for Indoor.



*Back from left: Coach – Zarliah Richardson, Rhys Fagan, Campbell Barnard, William Pointon, Maitland Sayer, Thomas Riley, Deegan Streets, Oliver Vandenberg, Coach - Jo Porteus.
Front from left: Maxwell Innes, Skie Streets, Willow Cummins, Izzy Heyworth, Aysha King, Scarlett Reed, Emma Riley, William Heyworth (Goalie)*

Pre-season commenced on Saturday the 9th of November at 8.15am and was followed with eggs, bacon, juice and coffee. The sessions were initially held on Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday, running at the View Road Reserve or basketball at Marist College. Upon the turf allocations at McKenna Park, we then trained Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Thursday for 4 weeks prior to the season commencing.

The Saturday and Sunday sessions were at times very uncomfortable with the summer sun beaming, and competitive minds created the “Bibs and Non-Bibs” banter which held strong all year. Sessions finished with players searching for more water or laying flat on their backs, but it was obvious to see a strong camaraderie and desire within the group.

The running sessions initially commenced on Wednesday nights at View Road Reserve with a 1.8km time trial. The first trial was run in November and the second in April, with improvements notable in the times achieved.

The basketball games were, let’s say, played with vigour. It is also fair to note we do have some in the team that can play and others that are learning. After each game the players voted a best-on-court, who was presented with a limited-edition Jack Jumpers souvenir.

The season commenced on the 12th of April. By then, we had completed approximately 60 training sessions, consumed 30kgs of bacon, 350 eggs and a few loaves of bread.

The first game of the year was a significant loss but, as a developing group, we were aware some games would be tougher than others. It was also a different style and, as coach, trying to get a balance and players learning an alternate structure was part of the challenge.

As the season progressed, we competed exceptionally well at times. The ball movement and opportunities being created were fantastic, and a number of supporters commented on how well the group was playing.

Three games that resonate with me were all played in Burnie:

South Launceston

A very tough game, but we were victorious 2-1. The significance was beating a team that had handed us some heavy losses over the years.

Queechy

This game was poised at 3-all with 5 minutes left. We demonstrated a hunger that showed we were absolutely competitive with a senior team and executed a modified game plan. Although we went down 5-3, belief was growing.

Launceston City

Arguably the best game we executed all year. Playing a team also in a developing phase, our dominance, ball movement and opportunities created were great to watch. The energy and camaraderie were outstanding as we finished 5-1 winners.

As a developing team you also face more difficult encounters, which we did during the later part of the season. But training was still well attended—we brushed ourselves off and turned up again the following Saturday.

A game in Launceston saw 3 of our juniors playing through the midfield at ages 16, 15 and 14. It was great to see and also highlighted the strength and potential of the club. Junior players were given opportunities in other senior roles during the year. They were nervous but accepted the challenge, and with the support of senior players around them, really blossomed.

At times we had father and sons on the ground, debuted 2 players from our U16 team, and also needed to call upon a couple of senior players throughout the year.

I would like to thank the leadership group and all players in the team for your commitment and contribution. Players were at times frustrated with the coach, and the coach with the players, but we finished the year on a positive note—understanding our capabilities and potential.

At our very first meeting, a 10% improvement was agreed as achievable. In my view this was exceeded, due to the work that commenced on the 9th of November 2024.

I would like to thank Mick Gates for your assistance during the year—game day management, copious amounts of lollies, and sometimes a settling word to me was much appreciated.

Lastly, I would like to thank my wife Kylie. Partners often go unnoticed when their spouse is involved with sporting clubs, but the breakfasts, bib management, or simply being a sounding board for a “confident, happy” or “very frustrated” husband after games was invaluable.

Thank you all—it was a pleasure.

Regards,
David (What If)



Back from left: Coach - David Kenworthy, William Gates, Matthew Cameron, Jason Birtwistle, Riley Enniss, Jason Lawes, Hamish Cameron, Alexander Walter, Roman King, Iain Cameron, Maitland Sayer, Manager – Michael Gates. Front from left: Issac Gates, Joel Ollington, Aiden Jones, Cody Gibson, Oliver Vandenberg. Laying: William Heyworth (Goalie). Absent – Matthew Emmerton



Division 2 Men

Let's start with the good stuff.... **City Marians HNW D2M Premiers 2025**, It doesn't get any better than that!

With Devonport winning the right to host the Grand Final on their home turf, and having defeated us in all 4 games played against them this season, we were always going to be up against it. One should know better than to underestimate the determination and the smarts of the core of this team! With the perfect balance of youth and experience, we were successful with a 2–1 victory, and we continue on as custodian of the D2M Premiership Cup.

Season 2025 consisted of 15 games with 8 wins, 4 draws and 3 losses. We scored 46 goals, only conceding 26, and finished in 2nd position on the ladder. As always, weekly availability was varied, and we managed well throughout with 27 players contributing along the way. It was a good blend of 'youth' (speedy legs with dynamic skill) and the 'oldies' (experienced and street-smart).

Trainings this year were different – we actually trained!! It was the most we've had at trainings for many years, with some training 2x per week. We joined in with the D1M under the guidance of Dave, and his expertise was clearly the difference! Kudos to Andy for being 'keeper of the balls' and to Nathan for care of the votes tin each week.

Special mentions:

We welcomed back Terrance Ward and his family to the club, who has returned after 12 years away.

5 father/son combinations throughout the year – Sayer / King / Barrett / Vandenberg / Cameron.

A 500 gamer.

Campbell & Will for great teamsmanship beyond their years during the finals.

Camo's assistance as Bench Coach at the business end of the season.

Putty as BOG in the Grand Final.

Congratulations to Matt Johnson, voted as our team Best & Fairest. Always consistent and so reliable, it was great to see him rewarded with this achievement. Well done to Roman King as our runner up, Hamish Cameron as the team's highest goal scorer, and Luke Sayer with the most goals saved! 😊

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed during the year. The success of the D2M is something the club can be extremely proud of. With 19 premierships in the last 25 years, it's a testament to an excellent club environment over the years.

TWBUM

Cheers,

Jamie Vandenberg

Division 3 Men

Season 2025 was one of growth, grit, and great hockey for our Division Three side.

This year saw the exciting introduction of new youth talent with Campbell Barnard, Rhys Fagan and Will Pointon, who slotted seamlessly into the team alongside other emerging young guns like Taig Birtwistle and Will Heyworth, who showed great versatility by removing the pads from his usual position and stepping out onto the field, proving himself as a valuable contributor wherever needed. Their enthusiasm and energy gave the side a real spark, proving that the future of the club is in safe hands.

Balancing this youthful drive was the steady presence of experienced Div.3 stalwarts, Curtis Goninon, Ray Howe, and Zack Readier, whose leadership and composure on the field anchored the team week in and week out. Behind them, the ever-reliable Kris Chandra stood tall in goals, providing confidence to the backline with his consistency and determination. The season also saw Ben Hey and Bruno Fenrandini play solid and dependable roles through the year, adding strength and stability to the lineup.

On the competition front, Division Three finished 3rd in the roster season, a strong effort that earned them a finals berth. The semi-final proved to be one for the ages—an absolute nail-biter decided after one-on-ones, where the team's resilience and composure under pressure saw them emerge victorious. Unfortunately, a grand final berth was not to be, going down the following week in the prelim.

The season's individual honours went to Campbell Barnard, who was awarded Best and Fairest. Campbell's performances throughout the season were a standout, combining skill, determination, and maturity.

All in all, Division Three showed a wonderful balance of youth and experience, and their 2025 campaign will be remembered for its exciting blend of fresh faces, loyal stalwarts, and unforgettable finals drama.

Jason Birtwistle

*Back from left: Zack Reider, Curtis Goninon, Ben Hey
Rhys Fagan, William Pointon, Campbell Barnard
Bruno Fernandini, Coach – Jason Birtwistle.
Front from left: Will Heyworth, Ray Howe, Taig
Birtwistle. Laying: Kris Chandra*





Division 1 Women

Season 2025 saw a lot of new faces welcomed to our GNLW squad with 23 players taking the field for our team over the course of the season. As we continue to build a strong club culture of support and inclusiveness, I hope to see the assistance across all grades continue as it has this season.

Our 2025 season started off positively (although slowly); bye-win-win-bye. Overall, the GNLW held steady throughout, finishing the regular season in 2nd place with 10 wins, 1 draw, and 4 losses.

Our finals series was tough, firstly losing against competition benchmark, Queechy in the Semi Final and, despite beating them in all other encounters, we lost our second chance outing against South Burnie with a very flat performance in the preliminary final. Whilst our finals foray doesn't do our improvement over the season any justice, I hope we can all take some learnings on board from our year.

Season highlights:

Placing second at the end of the regular season

Managing byes, season breaks and travelling with positivity and resilience; and a 4 game winning streak.

Improved training attendance*(although we can still do better :P); and individuals stepping up to start trainings (special shout out to our crew that travelled weekly)

Sue Gibson – GNLW Leading Goal Scorer 2025

Some amazing goals from a variety of people and our DPC strength.

I would like to give a special mention to the coaching directors, the GNLM squad and those individuals who stepped up at training this season. Having a group of people that could assist to take trainings during the week (particularly at the last minute), and the openness of the GNLM to work together on a Thursday gave us some stability and kept things running as smoothly as possible.

Similarly, on game days we had the support of Monique, Janine (and our coaching directors when available). Moniques' calm presence as bench coach whilst I played on field was hugely beneficial and (particularly as a playing coach) I'll be forever grateful.

A final acknowledgement to all of the players who I have seen improve their game, and support others. For those going on exciting new adventures, we wish you the best, and for those who are sticking around – I can't wait to see what 2026 will bring.

Karlin Fernandini



Back row: Lucy Vandenberg, Sam Harper, Carly Ecker, Piper Emmerton, Sam Sefton, Amy Enkelaar, Suzanne Gibson, Karlin Fernandini, Monique Moore.
Front row: Jessie Gibson, Kasia Taylor, Aysha King, Emma Riley, Zaria Richardson.

Division 2 Women

For the 2025 season, we had 30 different players have a hit! A big thank you to everyone that was part of our 2025 team; your eagerness to ensure all of our women's teams had numbers each week, and help out our club where needed, is very much appreciated by all of the coaching team.

Once again, our team this year consisted of youth and experience. We were fortunate enough to have Zaria, Emma and Aysha be able to play between Division 1 and 2 this year. We also had Indi and Vali come up from U13s and experience our women's competition. As coaches, we have enjoyed watching their game improve and confidence grow. We were also lucky enough in having a lot of experience return to hockey after a break, in Ash, Kira, Gemma and Twink joining our 2025 Div 2 team. Congratulations to Ash and Emma for winning the Best and Fairest and Runner-Up awards, respectively.

A massive thank you goes to Karlin; she went above and beyond her GNL coaching position once again this year. She was welcoming and accommodating to all women's divisions. Karlin's training sessions are always beneficial, fun, and accommodating to the different skill levels. We truly appreciate everything you do for all of our teams—you are a gem! A huge thank you to Lisa for coming on board as our bench coach; this is not an easy task, and we certainly appreciate your time and knowledge in what you bring to our team each week.

A massive effort from all our players this year put us in a good place for our semi-final, where we beat West Devonport, securing ourselves a home Grand Final. Two weeks later we faced South Burnie in the Grand Final. Our team showed grit and determination in holding South to a one-all draw at the final siren. Then it was time for the dreaded one-on-ones. Five of our players lined up and gave it a fair crack! AJ did what AJ is known for and put as much effort into saving goals as she could. Unfortunately, things didn't go our way and we went down to South Burnie.

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to our Div 2 season!



Back from left: Amanda Long, Rachel Blyth, Ashley Murphy, Erin Wells, Amber Smith, Gemma Rimmlezwaan Kira Swinden, Brooke Grubb, Lisa Richardson. Front from left: Alira Riley, Petrina Birtwistle, Emma Riley, Aysha King, Zarliah Richardson, Indi Wells, Therese Gibbons.

2025 was interesting, with Div 3 only playing 12 games all season. With rostered byes, random weeks off, Mother's Day etc, trying to have a consistent season was difficult. But despite this, we still achieved 4 wins, 3 draws and finished 4th overall, bowing out in our 1st semi-final with only the bare eleven.

There was great improvement from last year, with our forward line looking more solid. Having Jemma Hargrave out for the season, expecting her 1st baby, and having Adah Durant join the team full time, she helped with solidifying our forward line. Our veteran defence line was steady and mostly reliable in the circle, with the occasional full back thinking they were the goalie and getting their feet involved. We are also looking for a new goalie, as Janine would love to retire. Thank you to Janine for filling in with us again this year.

New faces for this year were Sophie Williams, who hadn't played since U13s, but quickly picked up her skills again to be a handy wing. Telia Streets stepped up from u13s to play alongside her mum, Alisha. Having come from playing with her peers to playing with women, Telia did a great job holding her own with the "big girls". Scarlett Reed also debuted in the senior women's competition, having played with the U16s all season and stepping up to help fill the team on occasion. Another junior player, Izzy Heyworth, made cameo appearances when her busy schedule allowed. We hope that all the girls continue with their hockey careers and continue to rise through the senior ranks.

We must also congratulate our B&F winners, Veronica Whish-Wilson and runner up Stephanie Hey. Veronica is one of our veteran players, who is a most reliable and strong player. This was also recognised in the Northwest Hockey Association, where Veronica also won B&F.

Stephanie is a 2nd year player who is still learning the game. She is a quick learner and quick on her feet! Her attitude is amazing and is always willing to listen and learn.

Well done ladies!

As coaches, this was all new territory for us, and we were a little anxious. I knew that it wasn't going to be an easy job, but with Maitland being the brains of the team and having the amazing help of Petrina in getting the teams organised each week, then remembering the balls, face masks and lollies for game days, it certainly made me more aware of what's necessary to coach a team.

Moving forward to next year, we hope to see everyone again, and to keep building on what we've achieved this year. It's been a great year!

Thankyou ladies....and Kathryn 😊

Shayne & Maitland



*Back from left: Maitland Sayer, Stephanie Hey, Alisha Enniss, Veronica Whish-Wilson, Shayne Sayer, Louise Gates, Janine Gibson. Front from left: Telia Streets, Sophie Williams, Fin Sayer, Adah Durant, Kylie Durant
Absent: Kathryn Fordyce.*

TOP 10 Senior Best & Fairest Votes

Votes were awarded by team members based on a 3 – 2 – 1 system

<i>GNLW</i>		<i>DIV2 WOMEN</i>		<i>DIV3 WOMEN</i>	
<i>Suzanna Gibson</i>	<i>263</i>	<i>Ashley Murphy</i>	<i>101</i>	<i>Veronica Whish-Wilson</i>	<i>135</i>
<i>Lucy Vandenberg</i>	<i>125</i>	<i>Emma Riley</i>	<i>83</i>	<i>Stephanie Hey</i>	<i>133</i>
<i>Kasia Taylor</i>	<i>107</i>	<i>Petrina Birtwistle</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>Adah Durant</i>	<i>98</i>
<i>Karlin Fernandini</i>	<i>92</i>	<i>Kira Swinden</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>Kylie Durant</i>	<i>82</i>
<i>Amy Enkelaar</i>	<i>76</i>	<i>Allira Riley</i>	<i>63</i>	<i>Amanda Long</i>	<i>54</i>
<i>Samantha Sefton</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>Brooke Grubb</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>Finlee Sayer</i>	<i>54</i>
<i>Piper Emmerton</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>Aysha King</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>Sophie Williams</i>	<i>41</i>
<i>Jessie Gibson</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>Zarlia Richardson</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>Janine Gibson</i>	<i>31</i>
<i>Samantha Harper</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>Karlin Fernandini</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>Shayne Sayer</i>	<i>22</i>
<i>Carly Ecker</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>Amber Smith</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>Alisha Enniss</i>	<i>20</i>

<i>GNLM</i>		<i>DIV2 MEN</i>		<i>DIV3 MEN</i>	
<i>Roman King</i>	<i>144</i>	<i>Matthew Johnston</i>	<i>180</i>	<i>Campbell Barnard</i>	<i>135</i>
<i>William Gates</i>	<i>133</i>	<i>Roman King</i>	<i>120</i>	<i>William Pointon</i>	<i>129</i>
<i>Alexander Walter</i>	<i>110</i>	<i>Craig McCarthy</i>	<i>79</i>	<i>Raymond Howe</i>	<i>82</i>
<i>Jason Birtwistle</i>	<i>98</i>	<i>Simon Vandenberg</i>	<i>78</i>	<i>Rhys Fagan</i>	<i>58</i>
<i>Isaac Gates</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>Jamie Vandenberg</i>	<i>66</i>	<i>Ben Hey</i>	<i>48</i>
<i>Iain Cameron</i>	<i>79</i>	<i>Nathan King</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>Kris Chandra</i>	<i>44</i>
<i>Aiden Jones</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>Andrew Bates</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>Matthew Cameron</i>	<i>37</i>
<i>Joel Ollington</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>Luke Sayer</i>	<i>49</i>	<i>Curtis Goninon</i>	<i>31</i>
<i>Matthew Cameron</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>Campbell Barnard</i>	<i>49</i>	<i>Taig Birtwistle</i>	<i>31</i>
<i>Cody Gibson</i>	<i>49</i>	<i>Hamish Cameron</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>Zack Reider</i>	<i>30</i>