



ANNUAL REPORT



2015/16



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About DWPC

Drummoyne Water Polo Club Inc was formed in 1904 as one of the foundation water polo clubs in Sydney. From humble beginnings, it now has more than 425 members, making Drummoyne Water Polo Club one of the biggest in Australia. Known as the 'Drummoyne Devils', the club has men's, ladies, boys and girls' teams across a growing number of grades.

With values of participation, competition and community, DWPC is an engaged and vibrant organisation that offers opportunities for those who wish to play for fun and fitness, to those who aspire to the highest competitive standard.

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Junior Boys Co-ordinator	-

*Office Bearer role

President's Report



2015/16 has been another colourful and successful year in the life of the Devils, both in and out of the water.

As you'll see in these pages, 30 teams represented Drummoyne – ranging from juniors and seniors, to National League. A common theme across the board was our commitment to improving our game as well as enjoying ourselves – with different teams focusing on each end of the spectrum to varying degrees.

One of the aspects of which I'm most proud is how the Devils cater to people who choose to play at

any standard: from beginners to seasoned players, from those who like to play for fun and fitness to those who aspire to the highest representative level.

On this latter point, around the time this report is published, we'll have three of our own heading to Rio as part of the Games of the XXXI Olympiad.

A hearty congratulations to Aidan Roach (in his second Olympics), and Mitch Emery and Tyler Martin (their first) who will proudly wear the green and gold for Australia. To have three Devils in the Olympics is truly remarkable, and made all the more special by the fact that all three played for the Devils from a very young age.

Everyone in the Drummoyne community is very proud of you and wishes you and the Aussie Men's Team every success.

We also acknowledge Jayde Appel who was part of the Aussie Stingers squad and who represented Australia extensively throughout the year.

Fiona Walsh was in the Australian Women's Unirooms team that won gold at the World University Games and she was also part of the Australian Junior Women's team. James Smith was in the Australian Junior Men's team, and Alex Corbett and Morgan Baxter toured to Japan as part of an Aussie Stingers 2020 Tokyo Development Squad.

In summary, 20 of our players were named in Australian squads or teams

during the year. Almost all these players got their start in water polo through our Junior Development Program.

At State level, 12 players were selected in State based school representative (i.e. CIS, CCC or CHS) squads or teams, and many won medals in their respective competitions. Jack Rector, Emma Jones and Carla Traplin were selected in the NSW All Schools teams. Jack and Carla were also selected in the Australian All Schools teams. Again, the vast majority of these players started among our junior ranks.

We had 55 U14 through to U20 players vying for State team selection. From these players 9 U14, 11 U16 and 5 Juniors were selected to play for NSW at either ECC or Pan Pacific Games.

Well done to the big list of Devils who were named in representative squads and teams throughout the year. You can find a summary at the end of the Annual Report.

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

The Sydney Summer Metro Comp had 22 competitions, and we put 26 teams in the water. Of these, 18 made the semis and we won gold in 6 comps and were runner up in 5. Overall our ladies teams won 3 gold and 2 silver – and the men 3 gold and 3 silver. We finished in third

place in 3 comps, and fourth place in 6. A fantastic result with over 75% of our teams finishing in the final four. Of particular note was the success of our L1 team being Ladies 1st Division Club Champions for the first time in our history. Congratulations!

And a special shout out to our L2 Black and L3 Red on their fourth premiership in a row.

We were also thrilled that our men's National League teams made the finals series – a fantastic result! Our men's team finished in fifth and our ladies finished 7th overall.

Congrats to our L16As who won silver @ Nationals, our L18 who won silver at State, our M16 Red who won bronze at State and our M20s who won bronze at the Col Smee State Championships.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Over the year, we hosted 13 events that continued to build the camaraderie our club is famous for.

These included the Red Ball, Life Members Lunch, Golf Day, Buddies Night, Back to Drummoyne Day, Derby Day, Steven Large Shield, Devils on Deck Harbour Cruise, Presentation Night and National League season launch.

Special mention must be made of

the Red Ball in March 2016 – this was a massive undertaking and I thank chief organiser Nicola Murphy, along with James Brennan, Tracey Mirabito, Cheryl Jones and Frances Watson who steered it to become such a huge success, both financially and socially.

Many hundreds of people participated across all of our events and the Devils' spirit was definitely alive and well at each!

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT

Sponsored by Birkenhead Point Outlet Centre, our Junior Development Program has now inducted more than 1,400 juniors into water polo in its 15-year history. A huge thanks to Mark Simpson for his work organising the program, Paul Patrick for running the BBQ, Steph Patrick for looking after the bar, and to Fran Simpson who helped extensively behind the scenes, and to the other volunteers and players who assisted by coaching each week.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to the 100+ volunteers who help out in some way throughout the season, and who make it possible for our club to fulfill its many and varied responsibilities. This includes coaches, managers, table officials and referees. Lots of people help with setting up and packing away the pool for each



home game, and there are many who help on the barbecue, bar, shopping, cooking and serving. And for teams that tour, a lot of time and effort is contributed by helpers in planning accommodation, travel arrangements, catering and more.

There are many people I would particularly like to acknowledge:

A very special thank you goes out to Michael Taranto (Secretary) and Peter McGraw (Website) who stepped down during the season. We all appreciate the many hours you devoted to help the club.

Thanks also to Men's Head Coach, Petar Petrovic, and Women's Head Coach, Zoltan Ridzyk on your efforts throughout the season. (We also welcome Daniel Marsden to the role of Women's Head Coach following Zoli's decision to step down from the role due to family commitments.)

Thank you too, to our water polo directors, Tony Watson and David Baxter, who each did a great job, as did our Club Captains Kelsey Baxter and Hamish Cuthill. Thank you too to our previous Club Captains Elise Mirabito and Ryan Lear.

Our gratitude also goes to Tracey Baxter and her team of helpers who keep us well fed with delicious



food from the kitchen and barbecue throughout the season, Peter Corbett our Gear Steward who stays on top of our equipment needs, and to Anne Farrell who keeps us updated through the Devil's Updates.

To my fellow Committee members, a hearty thank you. I know that each of you contribute many hours to your role and the club is indebted to you sharing your time and talents with us. We would not be able to function without you.

A huge thank you to all of our major sponsors and National League cap sponsors listed at the front of this report. We are very reliant on your support to be able to run the club successfully and to have the range of playing opportunities we offer.

A REQUEST

A thriving club requires the ideas and input of many. We always welcome new volunteers and we would love to hear from you if you would like to know how you can help. Please make contact with a member of the committee if you would like to know more. Contact details are listed on the website, www.drummoynewaterpolo.com.au under the 'About' page.

In particular, we need more people to step up and contribute on pool deck as coaches, referees, managers, and to assist in sourcing sponsors

etc. Otherwise the growth of the club cannot continue and the number of teams we enter will be a reflection on the available resources. Drummoyne continues to grow in its standing in the Australian water polo community. If we are to maintain this position we need to spread the workload and this can only happen if we have more helpers.

At our heart, we are a family based sporting and social club.

Everyone's contribution made it possible for the club to compete at all levels.

Thank you again for your support.

Go Devils!

James Tuite
President



Functions & Events



The social calendar for the Devils took on a fresh look this year with some exciting new events added. The highlight was our bi-annual Red Ball where over 300 guests had a great time at Le Montage. It was a fantastic night that was well supported by all age groups in the club.

The younger Devils took to the water for a harbour cruise in February. It was a terrific night and is sure to become a regular event on our social calendar. It was a good example of what can be achieved when we get new people on board to help in organising such events.

We had a number of other events during the season which were well supported by the Devils community. "Back to Drummoyne Day" was a raging success and is now well and truly entrenched in our social

calendar. It coincides with our "Derby Day" promotion and we look forward to all old and new Devils taking part next year.

The Golf Day was held in November and once again thanks to those involved in organising this important fundraiser, particularly David Gray and Greg Harnwell.

In October we held the DWPC Trivia night that was organised by National League players and parents under the leadership of Tracey Mirabito and Cheryl Jones. It proved to be a very successful fundraiser and a great time was had by all.

Another terrific fundraiser was the Life Members' lunch which was held at Drummoyne Oval. Thanks again to all those who helped organise this annual event.

To round the season off we changed the format for the Presentation Night and introduced "Cameron the DJ" who had thrilled the crowds earlier in the season at Derby Day. The

Hawaiian theme seemed to be a hit and may get another run next year.

It takes lots of people to make these events happen. There are so many who jump behind the BBQ or the bar and we are so grateful for your help.

We are always looking for parents and players to support us. So don't be frightened to get more involved in the DWPC social community.

Next season is the big lunch year at Dockside so get in early and book your tables.

James Brennan
Vice President



DWPC Community & Events Committee

Social events are a great way to grow friendships and build the Devils' community.

To this end, we're delighted that Nicola Murphy has kindly agreed to lead a new initiative in this area – the DWPC Community & Events Committee. This committee will

create and organise social events for the club and Nicola is seeking help in the following ways:

- Suggestions for creative future events or initiatives
- Feedback about previous events (what's worked/what's not)
- Volunteers who are happy to help plan and/or run events

We're hoping for support from everyone in the club – young, old, players, parents and supporters – anyone who'd like to lend a hand.

To assist, please contact Nicola at nicmurph@live.com.au.

Thanks in anticipation of your support!



Life Members Lunch

The DWPC Life Members Lunch on Friday 4 September, 2015 enjoyed another great turn out.

Held at the Greg Davis Room at Drummoine Oval, Peter Gainsford was the MC and he did a fantastic job as always.

Guest speakers were Deputy Commissioner Nick Kaldas, golfing great Craig Parry, and rugby coach Matt Williams.

We were delighted to have our Mayor and Patron, Angelo Tsirekas; Federal MP, Craig Laundy; and the Member for Drummoyne, John Sidoti, join us.

Thank you to everyone who took part, and a special thank you to our prize donors and event organisers!



Annual Golf Day

On 23 October, 44 players teed off in the 4th Drummoine Annual Golf Day at Massey Park Golf Course.

A fair bit of rain the day before and threatening overcast skies on the morning didn't detract from the fun, and fortunately the rain held off.

We commenced the day at 7.15am with a light breakfast at the club then out to the course for an 8am start. With all rounds completed by 12.15pm, it was back into the club for some well-earned drinks and lunch.

Gaino again MC'd the day for us and did a great job as usual. Many thanks to Mick Liubinskas for his insightful chat with Gaino on his Rugby League career with Wests and his association with Wests today.

Many thanks to our sponsors, Drummoine Sailing Club, Time Realty Real Estate Five Dock, Warwick Williams Real Estate Drummoine and Lantmannen Unibake.

Thank you also to everybody who donated prizes for the day. Your support is very much appreciated and significantly contributes to the success of the event.

Thanks to all the players for their support, and congratulations to the winners, the team of (Mark Simpson, Ted Churchyard, Dan Marsden and Trevor Folsom) and all other winners.

David Gray & Greg Harnwell
Event Organisers



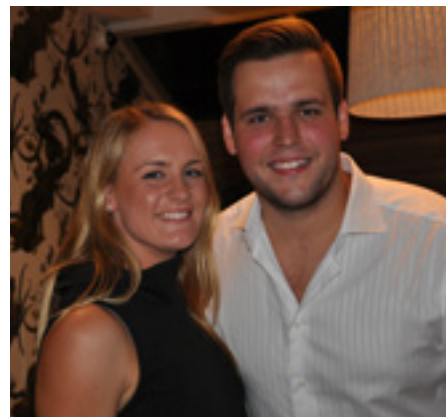
National League cap presentation night

On 14 November, more than 100 Devils gathered to launch our National League Season for 2015/16 with a Cap Presentation night at The Oxford Hotel Drummoyne.

Each member of our men's and women's NL squad was acknowledged, and we also congratulated our L1 team on their history-making Grand Final win that afternoon!

New and returning players were welcomed, and we congratulated our new Club Captains (Kelsey Baxter and Hamish Cuthill) on their appointment, and thanked our outgoing captains, Elise Mirabito and Ryan Lear.

A highlight of the night was John Hahn's speech on what it takes to excel.



Visit by Japanese Men's National Team

We were delighted to host a visit by the Japanese Men's National Team to Drummoyne on 23 November. Our Men's National League played a training game, with the visitors proving to be very fast and strong!

Later, all of the players enjoyed steaks and salad in the clubroom.

Michael Hahn (on behalf of the Devils) and Japan's coach, Yoji Omoto, each made a presentation of their team's t-shirt.



Trivia Night

Around 135 people came along for a terrific night out at our Trivia Night hosted by our National League squads on 28 November 2015.

There were lots of games, prizes and fun for all! The 3 auction items and 23 raffle prizes donated helped enormously with fundraising.

Thank you to all our prize donors:

- Tim Smith
- Microsoft
- Bistecca Restaurant, Abbotsford
- Betta Electrical, Gladesville
- Barry Calaizis
- Parents & Players of DWPC junior teams
- La Unica Salon, Drummoyne
- Delfina (Tyler Martin)
- Jolyn Swimwear
- Tracey Free
- Copo Café & Diner
- The Watershed, Drummoyne
- The Bakehouse, Drummoyne
- Drummoyne Sailing Club
- Drummoyne Swimming Centre
- Harris Farm Drummoyne & Salt Meats Cheese
- Ella Bache, Cherrybrook
- Peter Wynn's Score
- Simpson Family
- Workman Family
- Whelan-Young Family
- Jones Family

- Watson Family
- Mirabito Family
- Geale Family

A huge thank you to Tracey Mirabito and Cheryl Jones who led the

organisation of this event. Thank you too, to the members of our National League who brought along family and friends, and to everyone who came out and supported this event.

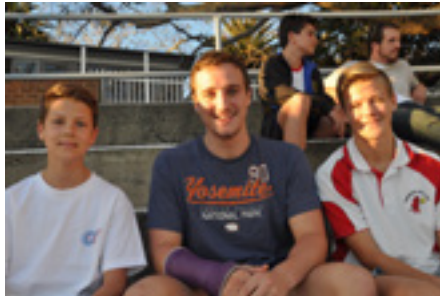


Buddies Night & JDP

December 2015 was jam packed with events. First up was our 2015 Buddies Night on a balmy summer's evening.

Our Birkenhead Point Junior Development Program was in full swing as our U14 and U16 boys and girls were buddied up with a member of our National League squad.

The senior players then led the juniors in a training session while parents, siblings and other supporters enjoyed the Devils' famous hospitality on the deck.



Devils on Deck

Once upon a time, the Devils were well known for the harbour cruises that were part of the social itinerary back in the day.

The tradition was revived with a 'Devils on Deck' harbour cruise on a very pleasant summer's night on 20 February.

A big crowd of Devils and friends enjoyed a fun night out and we thank the event organisers, Lars Faged and Karlee Assef, and their band of helpers for creating and hosting a very successful event.



Devils on Deck

Join in the fun when the Devils & friends take to Sydney Harbour for a summer night's party!



Saturday 20 Feb 2016
Pick up: 6pm @ The Star Wharf
Drop off: 10pm @ Darling Harbour
After party 2 Cargo / Bungalow 8
Strictly 18+ only

Tickets \$100pp (all inclusive food & drink)
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Christmas drinks at the Oxford

The Devils gathered together at The Oxford Hotel Drummoyne on Sunday evening (6 December) to make an early start on celebrating Christmas. It was very pleasant to sit under the stars in the beer garden and enjoy dinner and drinks together. Thank you to everyone who came along!



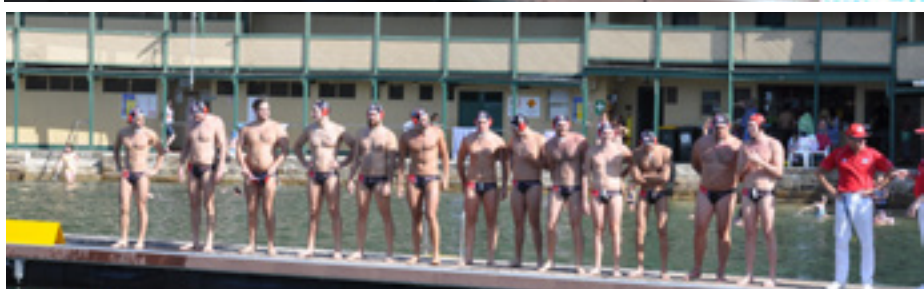
Steven Large Shield

Each year, our National League Men's and Women's teams compete with Balmain to contest the Steven Large Shield. This event is named in honour of the late Steven Large who played for both clubs during the 1980s. Steven was a popular player who is remembered for his love of the game and the social scene that went with it.

This year the event was hosted by Balmain at Dawn Fraser Baths on 6 December. It was also a fundraiser for Cade and Kaley Wright of Balmain who were facing some tough times following Cade's diagnosis with cancer shortly before the birth of their first child.

Balmain has held the shield for many years, however 2015 was the year of the Devil, with a one goal win on goal difference. (Our women's team lost 10-7 and our men's team won 8-4.) Both games were action-packed and there was a great atmosphere down at 'Dawny' with lots of supporters showing up.

Many thanks to the UTS Balmain Tigers for your hospitality!



Aus Sharks v Italy

On 19 December, Drummoyne hosted Water Polo by the Cove featuring the Aussie Sharks v Italy.

With perfect summer conditions, the night was made extra special by having three Devils in the green and gold for Australia – AJ Roach, Tyler Martin and Mitch Emery.

Another bonus was the Sharks winning the match in a thrilling 12-11 victory in front of a crowd of 500+ people.



World Club Water Polo Challenge

More than two dozen games were played at Drummoyne Pool as part of the World Club Water Polo Challenge that ran from 27th to 30th December.

Organised by iAM Sports, the competition included men's teams from Verona (Italy), Serbian Federation (U20) and OSC Hungary, as well as Queensland, and local teams Balmain, Cronulla Sharks and UNSW Wests and of course, the Drummoyne Devils who finished in 5th spot.

Our junior boys (U14s) competition included teams from Serbia, UNSW Wests, Queensland, Balmain, Adelaide Jets, Cronulla Sharks and Sydney Uni, and we were delighted to watch our Drummoyne Devils win the bronze medal on the final day.

A large contingent of volunteers stepped up to lend a hand by helping with the BBQ, table duties, billeting, pool set up and clean up and much more. Thank you to everyone who assisted, and also to those who came along as supporters.



Derby Day

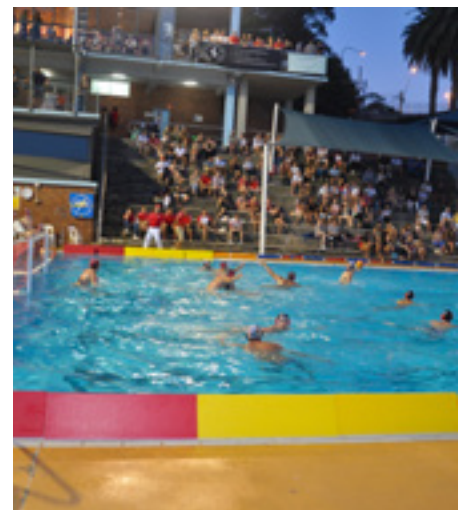
A big crowd enjoyed a great afternoon of fun, entertainment and water polo as part of our combined Derby Day/Sponsors Night/Back to Drummoyne Day event held on Saturday 5 March.

We started the afternoon off with a Parents v Kids game featuring our U14s who took out the title. Next came our Women's National League game – a thriller until the end when the Devils got the win over UNSW Wests, 9-8. Following this was an Under 25's v Over 25's men's game (the 'elder statesmen' got the win), and the action in the pool finished with a hard-fought Men's National League game, where UNSW Wests won 12-6.

Upstairs, our famous Devils Burgers were on offer in the clubroom (thanks Tracy Baxter for making this happen, and also to our band of helpers on the grill in the kitchen and behind the bar).

Music was courtesy of James Smith's big brother, Cameron, and we were pleased to be able to thank our many sponsors, and to welcome back many familiar faces as the party continued.

It was a terrific night and we thank everyone who contributed to organising and running this event.



Red Ball

It's always a fun night when the Devils community and friends 'frock up' and turn out in force for our famous Red Ball!

Held on 18 March 2016 at Le Montage, more than 300 people enthusiastically joined in the fun.

Many thanks to our super sub-committee of organisers for this event: Tracey Mirabito, James Brennan, Nicola Murphy, Frances Watson and Cheryl Jones. You did an awesome job!

Thank you too, to MC Andrew McFarlane, our auctioneer Michael Hawkins, our quiz master and Patron Angelo Tsirekas, The White Tree Band who supplied the fab music, and all the team Le Montage.

We are also very grateful to our long list of prize donors:

- Dede's Restaurant
- Kadmus Restaurant
- Bakehouse Drummoyne
- Zeus Restaurant
- Cupcake Factory
- Destros Pharmacy
- Traeey Free
- Tyler Martin
- Teo Galic & Centre Manager Stefan – Drummoyne Swim Centre
- Ben Scobie & Family
- Barry Calaizis
- Kerry Cain
- Anne Farrell – for baskets on behalf of the Men's NL Team
- Georges Fine Meats
- Foristal Family
- Ali Carey
- Peter Brennan and Michael Lynch
- The Lane Vineyard
- Cheryl and Ross Jones

Thank you to everyone who came along or supported this event!



Junior Development



This year we made some minor adjustments to the JDP format compared to previous seasons, based on feedback

from parents and children in previous years.

- We split the program into 2 separate 10 week terms, aligning with school terms 1 and 4 each year.
- We started the program half an hour earlier at 6.30pm
- We focused more on playing games, whilst still ensuring that the children were provided with skills development and specific water polo training exercises.

We are always open and receptive to feedback on the changes introduced this season, and we will be sending out a survey to obtain feedback on how we can continue to improve our junior development program.

This year we saw a large number of children return from last year and a good number of new children registered in the youngest age group, the U9/10's.

With over 80 children registered for the JDP for both terms 1 & 4, it was great to see large numbers turn up every Friday evening. During this season we had some fabulous weather, with warm clear nights typically greeting the smiling children each Friday evening. With a lot of help from the many volunteers each week, the JDP again this season was a huge success.

Now to the thank you's because there are plenty, as a program of this magnitude does not happen by waving a magic wand.

First and foremost, thank you to Birkenhead Point Outlet Centre for their generous sponsorship of the JDP. It is a major part of making the program possible!

A big thank you to all the children who participated this season and their parents who brought them down each week, especially when we had a few wild weather evenings.

Thank you to all the Men's and Ladies National League and under 16 & 18's players who came down to assist our permanent coaches most weeks.

To all our permanent coaches who not only did a great job with the children each week, but also assisted with the set up and pack up each Friday night. We were very fortunate to have such a talented and dedicated group of coaches who ensured the children always had fun, and were eager to teach the children some new water polo skills.

A big thank you to:

- Fraser Foristal, Olivia Patrick and Lara Murray, who are now veterans of the last several JDP seasons
- Kelsey Baxter, who has been instrumental in encouraging some of the senior ladies to come down and lend a hand with coaching,
- Rowan Farrell
- Chris Artemi
- Blake Artemi

With 80+ kids registered we need more coaches appointed. Without coaches, you do not have a program. Let's hope that more club members like the ones mentioned above see the value and necessity to participate as a regular coach, as this program is where our future champions evolve.

Sponsored by:



Now for all the catering I must thank Paul Patrick for his tireless work on the BBQ each week cooking 120+ sausages, Steph Patrick for running the bar and all the ladies running the kitchen, who ensured we had enough sausage sandwiches for the hungry masses after the JDP finished each Friday night.

And lastly the biggest thank you to Fran (AKA the Sausage Lady), who bought all the food each week, had our kids ready to go when I rushed in from work each Friday, kept a record of attendees each week, fielded many questions and generally ensured that things ran smoothly in the clubhouse while the JDP was running down on pool deck.

Once again thank you to all of the children who participated:

- I hope you've all had a great time this summer,
- made some new friends,
- enjoyed some exercise to end a busy week of school and,
- learned some new water polo skills while having fun with your team mates.

I thank everyone who assisted in making this year's Junior Development Program so successful. I hope to see you all back next season, either at the next JDP in November later this year or as a member of one of Drummoyne's U14 water polo sides.

Mark Simpson
Junior Development Program

Treasurer's Report



Our financial result for the 2015/16 year was a small, but satisfying profit of \$2,517. Our aim at season start was to break

even, which in a "non big lunch" year means we have lived within our means - always a good idea in running any business.

Revenues were up slightly, with highlights as:

- Trading profit from the clubroom grew strongly, and special thanks to Leanne Constantino and Amanie Janes who did a great job with clothing, Tracey Baxter for her tireless work in the kitchen and all who helped on the bar and bbq.
- Mark Simpson and his band of helpers in the clubroom and on pool

deck who organised and ran the junior development program.

- Peter Corbett and all who helped with MLC pool entry collection.
- Simmo again for controlling the clubroom hire.
- Greg Harnwell and Dave Gray for another Golf Day success.
- Sponsorship was strong. It is so important that we each support our sponsors, so please do so and tell them that you are from the Devils.
- The Life Members Lunch changed venue, giving us more space and a solid profit. And wasn't it another great afternoon? Let's do it again on Friday 26 August.
- The Red Ball was a sensational night, and a huge financial success. Many thanks to Nicola Murphy, Tracey Mirabito, Cheryl Jones, Frances Watson and all who helped.
- The Trivia Night, hosted by our NL teams and led by Tracey and Cheryl again, was a valuable new addition to our calendar.

- As was the Harbour Cruise. This could turn into THE season gathering of Sydney water polo players. Thanks Kate, Lars, Karlee and Nicola.

Our club is in a sound financial position, we have a strong committee and a membership base of players and parents who support our fund raising activities. Our mantra is that "it's better to raise money having fun, than just upping the playing fees".

I would sincerely like to thank Kevin Prout for his counsel and assistance with the financials. His service to our club is invaluable and much appreciated.

Onto the 2016/17 season, let's do it better again, in the pool and afterwards.

Neale Murphy
Treasurer

Secretary's Report



I'd like to acknowledge the quality and balance brought to this role by my predecessor, Michael

Taranto, who stepped down due to moving to Perth in the summer. In taking on the role, I will utilise my organisational skills, computer knowledge and communications abilities to effectively maintain records of the Committee and ensure effective management of the Club's records.

Your Committee, elected annually, is responsible for managing the club on behalf of the members. This includes planning for the future, developing

policies, communicating with members, responding to feedback, developing external relationships, obtaining resources and ensuring all financial and legal matters are properly managed.

In the year to April 2016, the Committee met regularly, discussing all aspects of operating the club from major decisions like coaching appointments, to matters like policies on tournament specific apparel.

The Committee is well supported by a number of sub-committees that allow for quick decision making and effective operations covering areas such as: Women's and Men's Water Polo; Junior Development; Player Liaison; Operations and Equipment;

Apparel; Communications; Events; and National League.

The club is run by a great group of volunteers who contribute their skills and so much time for the benefit of all members. Please raise issues that concern you, or pass along great ideas to help the club, to either myself or a relevant committee member. You can familiarise yourself with the various committee roles and contact details on our web site at: <http://drummoynewaterpolo.com.au/about/committee/>.

If you have the time and the passion, please consider volunteering your skills to a role that can make our club stronger!

Ross Dembecki
Secretary

Men's Water Polo



I begin my report with the very exciting news of having three Devils in the 2016 Men's Olympic Team.

This is a fantastic achievement for Aidan Roach, Mitch Emery and Tyler Martin personally, and we are tremendously proud that three out of thirteen members of the National Team hail from our club. Well done AJ, Mitch and Tyler, your families, your coaches and everyone who has assisted you in this journey.

Back home, the Drummoyne men's program enjoyed another successful season with only 4 of our 15 teams missing the play-offs.

We ended up with 3 premierships (M16Bs, M4 and M7), gold and silver in the M7 and silver medals also in M3 and 16A. Another stellar performance in and out of the pool for the men's side of the club.

The junior boy's teams had a mixed year, the standout being our 16B's who won gold in the metropolitan competition and the 16As who while not winning anything, show great promise.

Our other teams, while competitive at times, struggled against the top sides and we know we need to refocus on developing our junior ranks. The club is currently going through a rebuilding phase in the juniors after a number of years of record numbers in all ages. To this end, we are focusing on JDP and running elite development camps to strengthen our junior playing base.

Our second division teams were

again boosted this year by a number of juniors. All the men's teams benefitted from a sprinkling of young, strong legs to do the swimming, allowing our senior statesmen time to think their way around the pool. This combination of youth and experience is a great benefit to both the club, by boosting our playing strength, but also to the players, ensuring the young ones continue to develop and the seniors keep playing polo for the sheer enjoyment of the sport.

Our emphasis of combining youth and experience was showcased in the stand out grand final of the year in M7 where Youngy's team took on Muz's kids. While Muz's team got the cash on the night, it might have been a very different story if the officials hadn't made the old blokes play in a 30m pool. Our other highlight was Simmo's M4 side finally beating their nemesis from Cronulla. This was a win 12 years in the making and celebrated in typical Drummoyne fashion at the Oxford Hotel.

M3 again came close but couldn't get over the line in the grand final. The dream team again dominated the season but the goals dried up when it counted in the last quarter of the final, losing to Wests by a goal. Generally our first division teams lacked player numbers to be competitive every week, something we need to focus on next season.

M1 and National League this year could both be summed up by "if only". M1 lost their Semi Final by a goal with a missed 5 metre penalty. If only we had converted that opportunity. National League were even more unlucky going down in penalty shoot-out in the finals to eventual winners UWA. Between the ball bouncing the wrong way off the woodwork and the referee denying us a fair goal it just wasn't our day. If the game was played another 10 times we would win it every time, again if only.

Petar Petrovic again excelled in his second year as Head of Coaching, fulfilling not just the national league and M1 coaching roles but also mentoring all the club's coaches to ensure our juniors are taught the skills to allow them to continue to develop not just for the club, but the many representative roles fill by players from Drummoyne

My thanks to the junior coaches, Srdjan Maric, Ben Scott, Ryan Marnell, Rod Perez and Anthony Brown and their managers Ross Dembecki, Greg Taranto, Jennifer Gwynne, Suzanna Strbac and Yumi Bondy for their tireless efforts with the boys.

Another great season for the men and all signs are there for many great seasons to come.

Tony Watson
Director, Men's Water Polo



Women's Water Polo



We come to the end of another busy summer but not the end of the National Championship season for L16.

The logistics of selecting, training and playing teams in Metro Comp, State and National Championships becomes a more difficult task each year and I thank everyone involved with the women's teams.

FIRST DIVISION

This summer we again fielded 5 teams in the women's first division and finished as the Metropolitan First Division Club Champions.

Our L1 team, coached by Zoli Rizdyk and managed by Tracey Mirabito, are Premiers. Our L2 Black team coached by Michael Hahn and managed by Neale Murphy, won the L2 premiership for the fourth year in a row! Our L2 Red team, coached by Jenny MacGregor and managed by Beverley Southern, were semi-finalists.

Our L3 Red team coached by Jenny MacGregor won an all Drummoynne Grand Final against our L3 Black team. This is, I think, the 5th premiership in a row won by the L3 Red team which simply gets better with the passing of years.

The L3 Black team was coached and managed by Michael Hahn and Neale Murphy when available. However, the brunt of organising and running this team was borne by Simone Piper and Kiara Salmon and I thank them both for a huge effort and a very successful season for the team.

SECOND DIVISION

I am pleased to report an uplift in playing numbers and results for our ladies social grades.

Anna Corry and Leanne Costantino took on the responsibility of managing/coordinating the L5 team. Their efforts saw numbers grow and the team achieved a semi-final position. We look forward to continued improvement in this team next summer.

Lora Cipriani manages/coordinates/coaches the L4 team. Lora's tireless efforts with this team have seen an increase in numbers and a huge improvement in results to narrowly lose the final. A grand final position must surely await next year.

JUNIORS

Our entry level team L14B was this year coached by Club stalwarts Fraser Foristal and Mark Simpson. They are a very young team which showed marked improvement over the summer and will no doubt put up a strong performance in the summer to come. Fraser and Mark are already plotting their development

over the winter period.

The 14As were again coached by Lora Cipriani who was this year assisted by Kate Mackarell as manager. Laura and Kate put in a huge effort throughout the summer which saw the team steadily improve to the point where it achieved an 11th placing in the National Championships.

The 16Bs were coached by Jenny MacGregor and managed by Leanne Costantino. The team had a very successful summer making their way to Metro Comp Grand Final where, in a see-sawing and very tight game they lost by one goal.

The 16Bs are a young team and we look forward to strong performances from these girls as they continue in the 16's for the summer to come.

The 16A's were also coached by Jenny MacGregor and were managed by Steve Traplin. This team is also in the development phase and has shown improvement throughout the summer. Jenny has a big program worked out for the team over the



winter period as they move towards the National Club Championships with the hope of achieving good results. If Jenny's enthusiasm for this team is a guide, we can expect a strong performance in the Nationals.

The L18s were coached by Michael Hahn and managed by Cheryl Jones. The team had a strong summer finishing fourth in the Metro Championships, second in the State Championship and fourth at the Nationals. Many of this team are eligible to play L18 again next summer and we can expect a strong showing.

The bulk of our under 18 team, combined with a number of older girls, once again competed in the Col Smees (under 20s) tournament. The Club had previously competed in five straight finals in this tournament and the girls had a very hard act to follow.

The tournament results indicated what a strong age group this is and unfortunately the girls finished out of the medals.

I thank Michael Hahn for taking on the role of coaching the team. I'm sure we will return to the winners' circle in this tournament soon as the bulk of this year's team will be eligible again next year.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Under 14A team recently returned from a successful campaign at the Under 14 National Championships. As noted above, the team achieved 11th placing. Importantly, the team drew with All Hallows during the rounds - All Hallows went on to win the Championship and become National Champions.

Nine of the twelve players who represented the Club at the Under 14 National Championships are

eligible to do so again next year and we look forward to some very strong performances from this team in the summer to come. Macy Hansford was named in the tournament team.

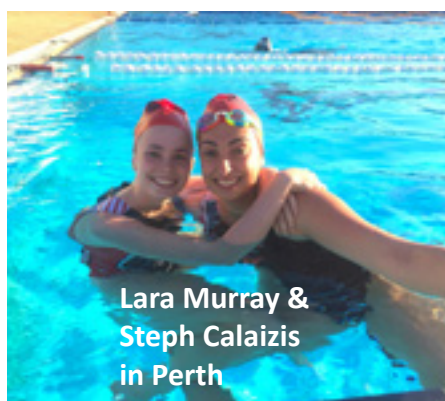
The Under 18 National Championships concluded on 16 April 2016. The team finished fourth after qualifying on top of their championship pool. They were defeated in the semi finals by eventual National Champions Melville from Western Australia and met Sydney Northern Beaches in the bronze medal game. The team had defeated Sydney Northern Beaches in the pool rounds by one goal. In the bronze medal game they weren't able to repeat that performance and lost by 2.

The Under 18s Nationals was a very strong competition. Any of the top four teams could have won. Emma Jones, Savannah Henshaw and Emma Workman stayed on in Perth after the conclusion of the Championships for a Born 98 National Camp.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

The Women's National League will be the subject of a separate report by our National League Women's Captain, Breanna Appel. I will leave it to Bre to provide the details of the National League season.

The National League team, like L1, was coached by Zoli Ridzyk and managed by Tracey Mirabito. The



Lara Murray &
Steph Calaizis
in Perth

team finished 7th on the competition table, one place out of the finals.

In National League, Zoli was aided by Michael Hahn as the assistant coach. I thank Zoli, Michael and Tracey for their efforts with the team. We are all aware the season was fitted into a tight schedule to match men's and women's National Camps which posed difficulties for the coaches, manager and players. I thank all involved for the effort they made to ensure their availability in periods when we might otherwise have expected a short break from water polo.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I once again record my thanks to all coaches and managers. We could not complete in any competitions without the time and effort the coaches and managers put in. The professional manner in which all coaches and managers go about their jobs never ceases to amaze me. Their passion for the club and the teams they coach and manage is obvious to all.

Cheryl Jones has again performed the role of Junior Coordinator. This position is a key link between senior and junior women's water polo and Cheryl's extensive knowledge of protocols of our touring teams is a huge asset to our junior managers and coaches. Thank you Cheryl.

Last year I thanked Peter Corbett who works as our logistics expert. He has again performed that role and more importantly done all of the hard work in setting training rosters and organising pool time. With 12 women's teams and the National League team ensuring each has adequate training time and a pool in which to play each week is a difficult task which Peter seems to perform with ease. Thank you Peter.

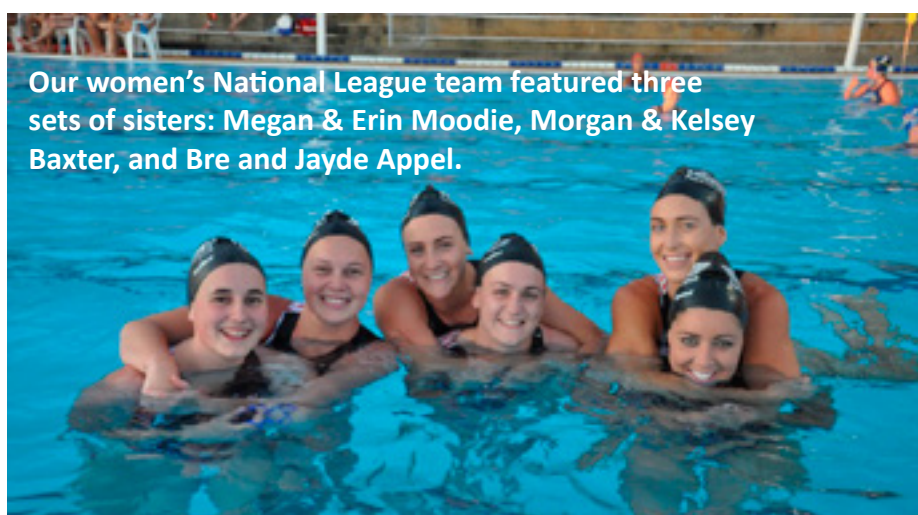
I wish to thank parents, players and

supporters without whom the club would not exist. All parents and supporters who have assisted with table duties, pool set up and pull down, barbeque, bar and kitchen duties have had a very busy summer and done their jobs willingly and in most cases without the need to be asked. Thank you all.

I would like to thank Zoli Ridzyk, our L1 and National League coach. In his first few weeks with the team, Zoli was able to take L1 to the Metro Premiership. In his first season of coaching the National League Women, Zoli took the team to 7th place on the National League ladder. Zoli and Dora are expecting a second child and Zoli believes he will no longer have the time to coach. I thank him for his effort with our senior teams in the season past.

Zoli was assisted through the summer by Michael Hahn as assistant coach of the National League and as ever, Tracey Mirabito as manager of L1 and National League. Managing teams at this level is a big commitment and Tracey has once again carried it off so that the girls think of her as their second mother. Thank you Tracey and thank you Michael for your role as assistant coach.

I must lastly thank my fellow committee members. As the club has grown, so has the commitment



of the committee members in terms of time and effort. They have freely given their time to ensure the success of the club without any expectation of reward other than knowing they have done their job to the best of the abilities, provided the club's teams with every opportunity to succeed and all players to play and enjoy the sport they love. I thank the committee for its support throughout the season. I could not do my job without their support.

REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS

I wish to congratulate all players who have made national teams, national age squads, state squads and school representative teams in the past 12 months. Their achievements will be listed elsewhere in this report and I will not repeat them here.

Special mention should be made

of Jayde Appel who was among the final group of contenders to be considered for the Rio Olympics, and who has trained and competed extensively with the Stingers over an extended period. Well done too to Fiona Walsh who in 2015 represented Australia in the World Junior Championship and Australian Universities in the World University Games.

I also welcome Daniel Marsden to the role of Head Coach of our Women's Program. Daniel brings extensive coaching and representative credentials to the position, and we are delighted to welcome him to the Devils' community.

Here's to a successful 2016/17 season!

David Baxter
Water Polo Director - Women



Report by Women's Club Captain



The Drummoyne Devils have concluded another fantastic and successful summer

season. 2015/16 saw 26 teams taking the water across the men's and women's metropolitan divisions, with 19 of those teams qualifying for finals places. We also fielded 2 very strong teams in the men's and women's National League. A huge congratulations to the men's team for qualifying in the finals series and defeating Cronulla to take 5th place. A special mention to the women's National League side for a hard fought season, narrowly missing the final series and finishing in 7th place.

While Drummoyne is known for successes in the water, it is also known for its many famous events and busy social calendar. This past year has seen some of the best events to date, including Back to Drummoyne day, Red and White Day, Derby Day, Buddy night, Trivia night and of course another successful Red Ball. These events help to promote the club and strengthen the social bonds for which the club is famous.

This year Drummoyne was lucky enough to again host the World Club Waterpolo Challenge which is a great few days for the club as it brings thousands of people to the Devil's playground for some quality water polo. We were also able to host a senior men's international game which brought hundreds of people to our home pool to see the Aussie Sharks take on Italy, followed by some even higher class water polo with the Drummoyne Devils NL women taking on the Hunter Hurricanes!



Front of house duties for Water Polo by the Cove at Drummoyne Pool, December 2015

What I am most proud of being involved in within the club is the Junior Development program. This program is something very special and unique to Drummoyne and one of the club's finest achievements. Each year it gains new members and even better talent which assists in fielding and strengthening so many of our junior teams. It is a great pathway for young kids to learn the sport and pick up new skills.

It is also a great way for younger players to meet their club heroes with many National League players offering their time to help out. A huge thank you to Mark Simpson for consistently running such an amazing program; your massive efforts each week on pool deck and behind the scenes definitely do not go unnoticed.

Also a special mention to the

coaches who generously gave their time each week to assist; Fraser Foristal, Lara Murray, Rowan Farrell, Olivia Patrick, Morgan Baxter, Blake Artemi and Chris Artemi - your work and dedication to the juniors is admirable.

The club is well rounded with a great social atmosphere and a deep passion for the sport we all dedicate our time to. Without the support of our sponsors, committee members, volunteers and all the club members, both players and their families, Drummoyne would not have grown to become one of Australia's largest and most successful waterpolo clubs. A huge thank you to everyone for the past year in what I believe is one of the best yet! I am very proud to be a Drummoyne Devil.

Kelsey Baxter
Women's Club Captain



U14 girls at Tamworth

Road to Rio



Water Polo Australia's preparations for the Rio Olympics began well before 2016.

We are very proud to have had four Drummoyne Devils among those in contention for a spot on the men's and women's teams over the past year or so.

These were **Aidan Roach** (who competed at the 2012 London Olympics), **Mitchell Emery**, **Tyler Martin** and **Jayde Appel**.

All four sacrificed countless hours in time away from family, friends and work as they trained or toured with their respective squads. It's an enormous workload requiring significant dedication, focus and skill.

The performance of members of each squad is constantly evaluated, with numbers becoming successively fewer as the months rolled by.



Aidan, Tyler and Mitch in the centre of the Aussie Sharks line up before the AUS v Italy game at Drummoyne Pool in December 2015.

All four Devils were in the mix until the very end, which in itself is a massive achievement.

On 1 July 2016, Aidan and Mitch were named in the Men's Olympic Team. And following an injury sustained by Nathan Power, Tyler Martin was added to the team on 27 July.

We are absolutely delighted for Aidan, Mitch and Tyler who began with the Devils when they were youngsters.

And we are equally proud of Jayde, who came so close, and who was part of the Aussie Stingers in a

variety of international games played during the selection process.

Well done Aidan, Mitch, Tyler and Jayde on representing yourself, your country and our club so brilliantly. You each made us very proud!



Major award winners 2015/16

A big crowd came along to celebrate the 2015/16 season at the club room on 30 April.

As is our practice, it's a great opportunity to acknowledge the work done by many throughout the year.

At this year's event, we were delighted to name long time Devil's player and supporter, **Andrew Murray** (Muz), as a Life Member.

In presenting the award, past President and stalwart of the M7s – Peter Gainsford – paid tribute to Muz and his significant contribution to the club over several decades.

Muz has held numerous official positions over the years, including being President from 2003 to 2005. He also played a very big role in helping get the Badanura Club Room built in the late 1990s.

Muz has played water polo since his teenage years, and he has taken an active interest in giving our junior players extra experience by playing in second division teams.

Muz is a very keen Devil and supports all of our many activities. Congratulations on this award Muz and thanks for all your years of hard work and dedication!

The next major award is our Michael Corry Clubman of the Year award.

Michael passed away 10 years ago. His contribution and legacy he left us with is a major reason behind the success and growth of DWPC. This is awarded to a member of the club who has made an outstanding contribution to the club's operations. It can be won by a player, administrator, manager and/or coach or anyone whose activities have had significant impact to the core activities of DWPC.

This year's Michael Corry Clubman of the Year award went to **Anne Farrell**. Anne assists with a wide variety of the club's communications including creating and distributing our weekly newsletter, our Annual Report, sponsorship proposals, and she assists with creating content across our social media platforms. In 2016, Anne assisted in giving our website a makeover, and she also captures a record of our events by being our unofficial photographer. Thank you and congratulations Anne.

The final major award for the night is the Garry Nicholls Outstanding Junior award.

This award goes to a player from the Junior ranks who has performed well in and out of the water. While the award is not meant to just recognise the most "successful junior who achieves the highest level as a representative player", it also recognises a player's commitment and their contribution to the club's day to day activities.

This award is open to anyone from U/14s through to U/20. It does not necessarily go to the best player, but the person who epitomises what our club is about. A person who puts effort in, both in the water and out.

Rowan Farrell has for a number of years committed to coaching at Junior Development and training camps for juniors. His effort in the game and at training can not be questioned. It is always 100%. He represents his club with pride and we are delighted for him to receive this award.

Well done Rowan.



Andrew Murray



Rowan & Anne Farrell

Michael Hahn - Citizen of the Year

Congratulations to Michael Hahn who was named the '2016 Citizen of the Year' for the City of Canada Bay. Michael (or Firewalker as he is affectionately known) received the award in front of many hundreds of local citizens at the Mayor's Christmas Reception at Angelo's on the Bay in December.

Council also formally presented the award to Michael at the Australia Day Ceremony in January.

Mayor Angelo Tsirekas spoke of Michael's tireless dedication to helping the community through his voluntary work in a variety of roles.

As many will know, Michael served as President of Drummoyne Water Polo Club from 2003 to 2013, during which time the club enjoyed unprecedented growth.

In the years since stepping down from this role, he has continued to work energetically for the club, helping out with coaching several teams, commentating at NL games and often being the person who's there setting up, and locking up at the very end of each night. There would be few tasks in the club that Michael has not done at one time or another.

Michael also served a term as President of Drummoyne Rugby and successfully defended against a move for the club to be placed in a lower division. He continues to remain associated with the club and many other community activities in Canada Bay.

In accepting the award, Michael said he was incredibly surprised but honoured. He praised the many people who contribute to community building, and he also said

how much he loves living in the area, having been a 'blow in' from North Sydney back in 1979.

Michael singled out his wife Lynn and four children, John, Rob, PJ and Ellen, thanking them for the support they have given him that's made it possible for him to live the life he has.

Congratulations Michael. A well deserved honour!



Working the BBQ



Michael Hahn



Gemma, John, Patrick, Lynn, Michael & Rob at the Australia Day awards

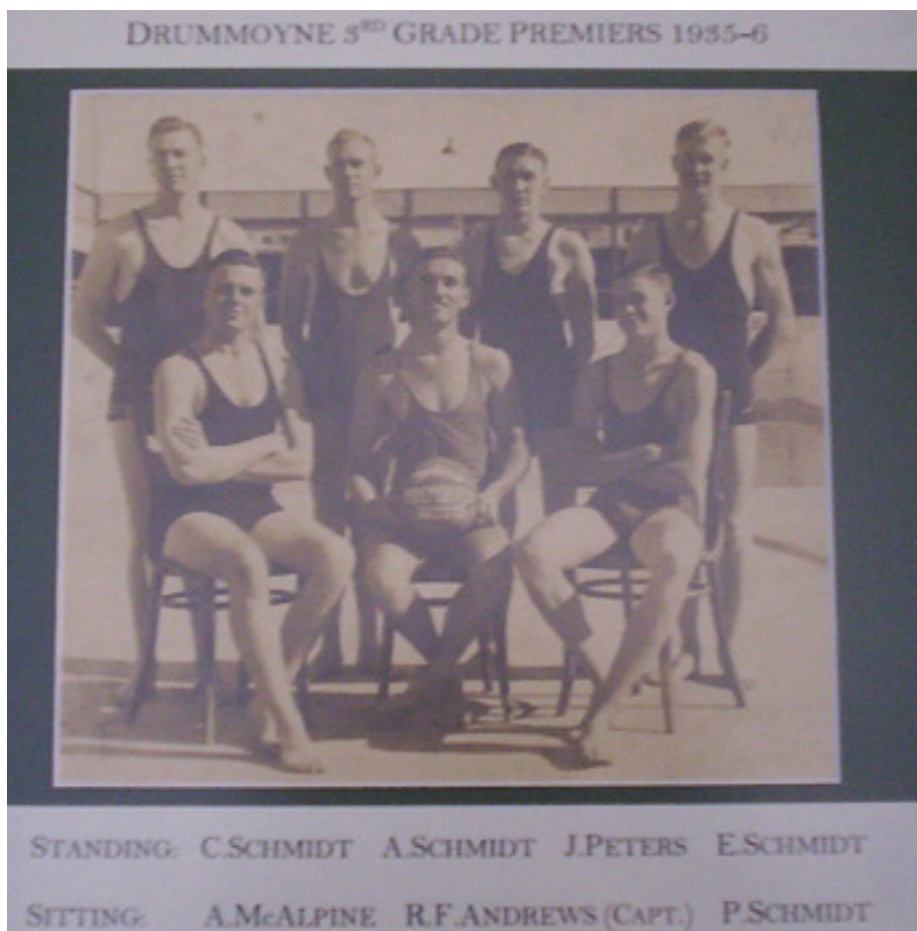
Some snippets from the vault

3rd grade premiers - 1935-6

Around a decade ago, the granddaughter of E Schmidt sent us the scanned photo at right.

It shows the winning Drummoyne side that won the 3rd grade premiership in 1935-6.

Clearly the Schmidt family were very important to the club, with four of the seven players bearing the surname.



VP on the PR trail

It's no secret that our Vice President, James Brennan, works very hard for our Club, but many may not realise he's been doing it for decades!

Here's a piece from the District News (circa 1991) supplied by past Secretary and M7 Red manager, Mike Young.

Nice work James!



Changes to how we communicate

With a goal of ensuring our digital communications better reflect our brand, in 2015/16, the club made some significant changes in the way we communicate.

RevolutioniseSport

First up, in September, we rolled out the RevolutioniseSport platform which we used to process summer registrations.

Later we expanded our use of this tool to process RSVPs and payments for several events.

New newsletter format

Next up, in November, we began using Campaign Monitor to create and distribute our weekly newsletter to our 600 strong database.

This new format enabled us to send picture content which better captures the club's many interesting activities and events.

New website

Inspired by the capability offered by RevolutioniseSport, in February we migrated our website to its platform.

This enabled us to centralise key functions (for example, news, registrations, events, merchandise, team communications and more) all in one place.

We thank the members of the Digital Communications Sub Committee who created these valuable changes. These included Ross Dembecki, Anne Farrell, Peter McGraw and Steve Traplin.

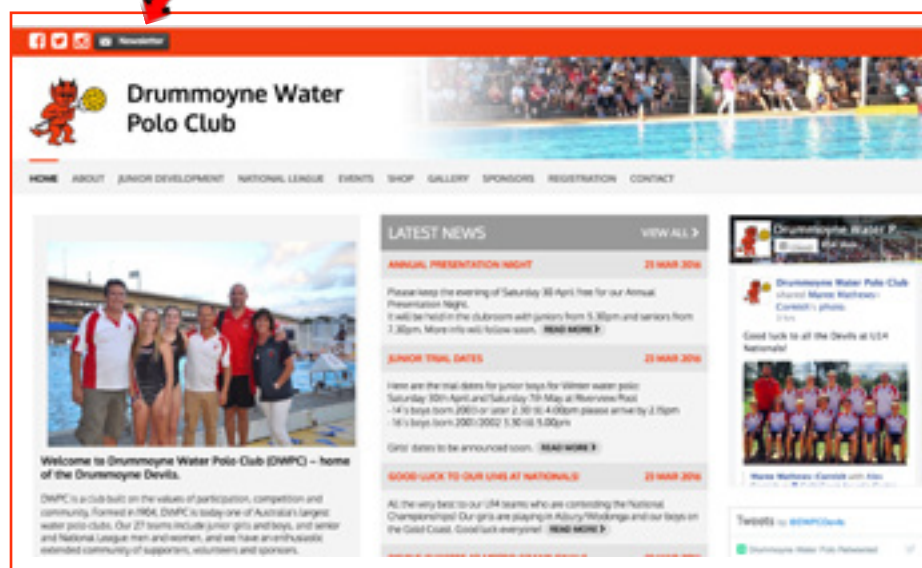
Ross has dedicated many hours to establishing and managing our presence on the RevolutioniseSport platform. Together with Anne, he also helped build the new website.

A special thank you to Peter McGraw who built our previous website, and managed it over many years.

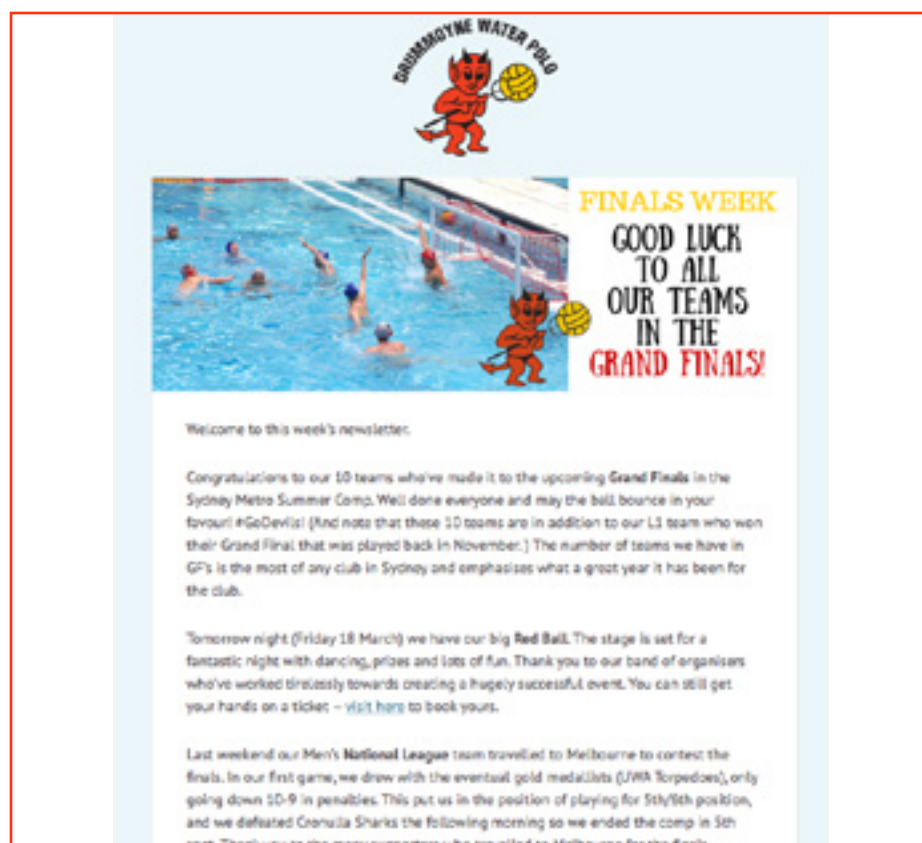
You can sign up for our newsletter at our website, www.drummoynewaterpolo.com.au.

We continue to also use social media extensively and thank everyone who contributes content to these forums.

In particular, we share information via Facebook (Drummoyne Water Polo Club), Twitter (@DWPCDevils) and Instagram (@DWPCDevils).



New website (above) and new format newsletter (below)

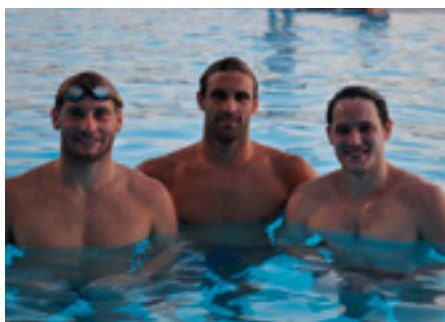


Just some of our representative moments...

When you look at the Representative Honour Roll at the back of this report, you will see how far and wide the Devils have travelled as part of rep teams. Here are just some of those moments...



Emma Tuite and Sarah Kerrison (NSW) won gold at Australian All Schools, defeating Queensland 6-4.



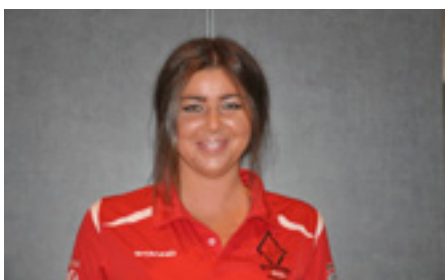
Mitch Emery, Tyler Martin and Aidan (AJ) Roach were in numerous international tournaments throughout 2015/16 as part of the Aussie Sharks. **During July, all three were named in the Men's Olympic team for Rio!**



James Smith (centre) was part of the Australian Junior Men's team that competed in the 18th FINA World Men's Junior Water Polo Championships in Almaty, Kazakhstan.



Born 99 Devils girls Ruby Borozan, Georgia Southern, Kayla Rogers and Sarah Kerrison take out the gold medal match in the Trans Tasman tournament defeating Qld 6-5.



Jayde Appel represented Australia as a member of the Aussie Stingers during 2015/16.



Joe Kospetas and Bronson Ronan travelled to Europe for tournaments as part of the Born 2000 squad.



Savannah Henshaw, Emma Workman and Emma Jones (along with Manager Tracey Mirabito) from the AUS Born 98 girls.



Jacob Taranto, Daniel Lukic, Sam Yip, Angus Davis, Connor Wicks and Jack Rector in school rep teams at All Schools tryouts.



Fiona Walsh was a member of the Australian Women's Uniroos team that won its first ever gold medal at the World University Games.



Lilian Hunt, Georgia Smith and Tori Workman who were part of the NSW U16 girls (along with Georgia Gray)



Emma Workman and Alex Corbett toured to Europe with the AUS Born 97 girls..



Brooke Mather, Phoebe Hall, Carla Traplin, James Kolenda and Bronson Ronan heading to NZ for Pan Pacs representing AUS Born 00.



Our young Devils Ben Tuite, Macy Hansford and Nikita Strbac attended the East Coast Challenge in Victoria 7-10 July. The “Blues” boys and girls taking out the Gold to win the tournament.



Mitch Emery and Aidan Roach at the farewell lunch for the Rio Olympic teams.



Nate Sinclair and Lachlan Trabinger (along with Justin Trabinger) represented ACT at the Aust Country Champs.

Congrats Jenny MacGregor

In May, we were delighted to learn that Jenny MacGregor’s service to School Sport water polo was recognised when she received the prestigious School Sport Australia Service Award in Water Polo.

In its announcement, School Sport Australia said, “Jenny is a great example of an elite schoolgirl athlete who progressed from NSW representation to the ultimate level; Australia representation and after retirement from competition, devoted her life to providing opportunities for developing junior players.”

Well done Jenny!



Rowan Farrell and Adam Hall (along with Gianni Taranto) went to Europe as part of the Born 97 boys’ tour.

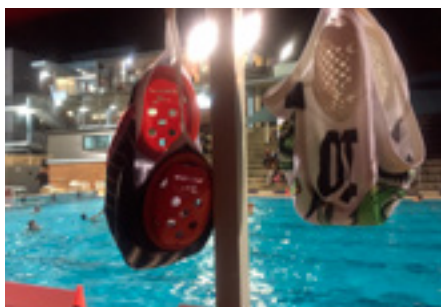


Vale Cole Miller



The death of 18 year old Cole Miller following an alleged coward punch incident in Queensland shocked the entire community, and especially the close network of water polo clubs throughout the country.

Cole - a member of the Brisbane Barracudas - had played at Drummoyne Pool for QLD as part of the World Club Water Polo Challenge in the week before his passing.



In Cole's memory, a minute's silence was observed at a number of National League games in the weeks that followed. In addition, Cap #10 (Cole's number) was set aside during play.

Many Devils also put their 'Cossies out for Cole', a remembrance that took place all around Australia.

We continue to think of the Miller family and mourn their tragic loss.



Team duties

First of all, a huge thank you to everyone who's already helping out in these ways. But we do need to share the load...

So please remember that teams playing at home who are the first game of the night have the responsibility of setting up the pool, as do those who finish, who need to pack up. Too often it is left to the same people (and we don't want to wear them or their willing attitude out!)

Likewise, each team needs to make sure they have someone organised to do the table. In the lower grades this is often the responsibility of the team playing before or after. A roster system works best, so that the same people are not required to do it every time.

As a club we are renowned for the support we give our fellow teams. Arriving early and staying back to support our fellow Devils is what we are about.

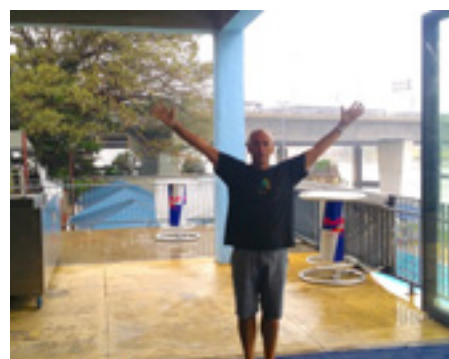
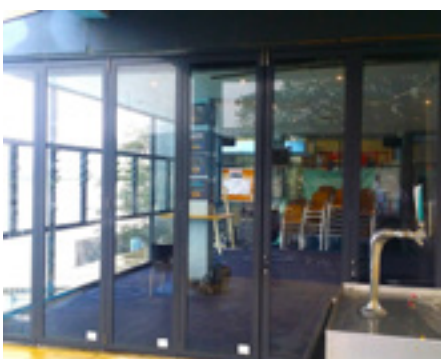
If you are unsure about how a job is done, the simplest way to learn is to join in and ask. We would love to have more people step up so please don't wait to be asked.

Thank you!

New doors for the club room

In late December, the club room had new fully opening doors installed. These allow the deck and enclosed area to open into one large space.

Many thanks to the City of Canada Bay for your contribution to the update of the Badanura Room, and also to Peter Gainsford who assisted with this project.



Under 14A Girls

TEAM

Josephine Lewis
Cara Murray
Sophie Gobran
Sarah Prasai
Macy Hansford
Bronte Ryan
Rose Bouwman
Lili Kablau
Annabel Smith
Cate Brady

Extras at Nationals:

Miah Gough
Kara Simpson

Metro comp was always going to be a tough ask for this very young and inexperienced team. (9 out of the 12 girls still have another year in U14s.)

They started out slow and had a steep learning curve and introduction to the A comp, however they persevered throughout the season and had some very good wins and a few close games. They trained SUPER hard throughout the season and improved each game!

At State Champs, due to the timing and new rules requiring a minimum number of players, we had to play in the B comp. However, these competitions are like playing a whole season in a weekend and the girls learnt heaps! They had some



very good wins and had 4 players selected in the U14s TAP camp - Macy Hansford (top goal scorer for the tournament too), Cara Murray, Bronte Ryan and Lili Kablau.

By the time Nationals arrived, the girls were VERY ready to show the other clubs what they could do! Our first game loss was the wake-up call the team needed! They stepped up and won their next 4 games against older and stronger Sydney Uni, City Beach, Ovens and Murray and Melbourne teams.

In our 6th game of the tournament, it was time to face off with a very tall and competitive All Hallows side (the eventual National Champions). With a massive crowd there to watch on, Drummoyne didn't disappoint!

It was a nail biting goal-for-goal game. In the final minute we were up 5-4, but unfortunately a 5m penalty was awarded and converted to end the game with the scores level at 5-5. A phenomenal effort by each and every player!

An amazing accomplishment from a team who were so young. We were the only team throughout the Championships that All Hallows couldn't defeat on their way to their National title! Great bragging rights!

It has been such a pleasure to be involved with such fun, enthusiastic and committed athletes as well as their very supportive families! I also want to thank our wonderful manager Kate Mackarell for her superb organisation and support to myself, the team and their amazing parents!

Best of luck to this gun team in Summer 16/17 - Watch this space!
#Go Devils.

Lora Cipriani
Coach

Coach: Lora Cipriani
Manager: Kate Mackarell
MVP: Macy Hansford
MIP: Sarah Prasai



Under 14B Girls

TEAM

Stephanie Dunn
Sachi Farmer
Ella Foristal
Jemma Gilligan
Miah Gough
Emily Gow
Chloe Judge
Jess Lovatt
Cara Parker
Ruby Peresa
Kara Simpson
Sophia Zorzi

The U14B Girls didn't win too many games during the season, but they sure won a lot of admirers for their guts in the face of adversity. Only five of the extended squad had played before, and some of them started after the season had commenced.

There was even doubt whether we would be able to field a B team in the frantic lead up to Team Nominations, due to U14 rules stipulating a minimum of eleven players.

What wasn't so clear was that, that rule is strict for the A Comp, but not so, for the B Comp.

It meant that we made a concerted effort to fill the team from our Junior Development Program, with some girls, who might normally have waited another year.

When it came to game days, we were obliged to rotate five players at the mandatory mid quarter breaks in the first half.

We didn't have enough strong and experienced players to be competitive after making the compulsory substitutions.

Other teams were fielding only seven or eight players and hence were able

to leave their strongest players in the water for the whole time.

Our first game was against Wests Black and we had an unexpected victory 6-4. Coach was happy.

Our second game was against SNB who ultimately won the comp. They are very good swimmers and exposed our inexperience in some areas. Coach didn't sleep well.

Our third game was against the team that finished the season third and the ledger after three games was looking like a Clive Palmer Nickel mine balance sheet. Coach sought medical advice.

Next up, we played the team that ended up losing the GF by one goal. Although we lost 18-0, there was a sense that the girls were starting to understand.

Playing those three teams in the first few weeks was a very tough introduction to the sport for most of the girls.

At that point we had conceded 56

goals and scored 10.

We told the girls to remember these games, as the memory would serve them well as they improved over time. Water polo is not a sport that is learnt fast or from a book.

As the Xmas break approached, the girls were training well and progressing slowly but surely.

With minds on all things festive, against a team below us on the table, we took our eyes off the ball in the last game before Yuletide, and were thumped in a disappointing effort. Coach needed a good lie down.

Despite the lop sided win/loss record, the girls never lost their enthusiasm for playing or training. They did give the Coach needed perspective.

Our results in the second half of the season didn't accurately reflect the amount of resolve they showed or the amount they improved.

Over the course of the season, we lost three players, as their other



commitments became too large for their families to juggle.

Two of those girls were of the five who had previously played, so it placed greater responsibility on the other three but also meant that others had to fill the void.

That was done admirably by girls like Sophia Zorzi, who blossomed as the season wound on. From a girl who, despite her swimming ability, was very timid before the break, yet scored a hat trick in our second last game of the year.

Another example was Jemma Gilligan. Plucked from JDP, despite her dislike of swimming, we decided she would make a great goalie. And so it was. With improved throwing, she will become a very capable shot stopper.

Cara Parker is further demonstration of perseverance prevailing. She was a reluctant starter who, like Sophia, scored her first goal in our penultimate game, and hopefully that will spur her to realise her considerable potential.

After losing those aforementioned girls, it was with some relief that just before the Chrissie hiatus, we were fortunate to get a new player on board. Although slight of frame, Miah was a pocket rocket, and despite her lack of experience, by season's end, had become part of our top five starting players. She will benefit greatly by playing a full season of Winter Comp.

Ruby Peresa played a number of games this year where she was very good, and she will continue to improve with more experience.

Chloe Judge was one girl who played every game during the year, scored a couple of goals, and was very consistent. If she applies herself, she

will go far. A big thank you also to her sister Sarah, who filled in a few times. Much appreciated all round.

A special mention to Emily Gow and Stephanie Dunn. Both girls are new to water polo. Steph was a late starter from JDP but quickly became a popular member due to her beautiful nature and gutsiness. As a regular member of Nippers, her swimming can only improve & I'm sure we will see her develop over Winter.

Emily was our youngest player and has a full two years remaining in this age group. Never once did she take a short cut or ask for it. Girls like Emily are a delight for a coach and by season's end, her determination was showing all the signs of progress.

Kara Simpson was our leading goal scorer this year and really came into her own after a disrupted (last) Winter Comp. Her shooting was mostly accurate and with careful listening will only improve further. In concert with Ella Foristal, they scored 19 of the team's total of 33 goals.

Both girls were stand out performers and the team would've benefitted further had we have been allowed to have them together more, instead of rotating them to even the team out. Ella's scoring was also accurate but her greatest asset to the team was her covering defence.

Both girls will have fine futures in the sport.

A special mention to the girls who couldn't complete the season. Thank you to Jess Lovatt (and parents) who tried to juggle everything for most of the season. To Sachi Farmer, who was playing really well and had scored some goals before, also falling victim to the soccer curse. Also, to Alex Vaughan, who stopped despite playing for a couple of years.

Finally I would like to thank all of the parents for being so encouraging of your kids and of the team. Rain, hail, shine or shellacking, you all stood as one and put on a very nice smile for everyone to see. Well done to every single one of you.

A final sign off wouldn't be correct without thanking our Manager, the one and only Mark Simpson. He is one of a kind. It is logistically impossible to cover off as many roles as he does. Not only is he there first to organise tills for gate entry, he's there to instruct people on clock and card duties.

Many times, he also found himself with ref's duties also, whilst managing our team expertly. On top of all that, he runs JDP and has recently taken over the Metropolitan Director's role at NSW WP. Believe it or not, he has a full time job also and a long suffering wife and three kids. Freak of nature.

With five chainsaws in the air, he still manages to be a great counter balance to me. For that I am eternally grateful.

To the 14B girls 2015/16, well done all.

Fraser Foristal
Coach

Coach: Fraser Foristal
Manager: Mark Simpson
MVP: Ella Foristal
MIP: Emily Gow



Under 14A Boys

TEAM

Finn Barry
Charly Simoni
Duke Wieland
Nikita Strbac
Ben Tuite
Alex Cornish
Adam Lukic
Jarrah Ronan
Jordan Lancaster
Will Bondy
Oliver Wastie-Pero
Brandon Wicks

The 14A boys started the metro competition on the back of very tough pre-season training with new coach to Drummoyne, Rod Perez.

Our team was predominantly made up of younger '03 born boys who stepped up to the plate and dug deep against the much larger and experienced sides. The Devils' fighting spirit was clear from the outset!

There were some tough decisions made against us throughout the season and a few forfeits awarded against the team meant we missed out on valuable points. Overall the boys finished 5th on the ladder, just missing out on an opportunity for the play offs.

Days before Christmas, the State Championships were held in Tamworth.

It was always going to be challenging as the boys were placed in the toughest group coming up against the tournament favourites, Sydney Uni, in their first game. Unfortunately the Devils went down 10-4. As acknowledged by tournament officials, the highlight of the State Champs was our game against Cronulla who eventually went on to take out the tournament.

It was a nail-biter that ended in the smallest of margins with a 7-6 loss. Whilst our boys were devastated by the defeat, it was the best polo played by the team to date and our boys should be proud to have come so close. A special mention goes to our fearless goalie Finn Barry who played the whole tournament with plaster on his broken arm and to Nikita Strbac who was selected in the Tournament 6.

From Tamworth to the bling of the Gold Coast. Our U14A boys went into the National Club Championships in March with new-found confidence and renewed team spirit achieving 5th place in Australia.

The outstanding result from a team of athletes who dug deep and gave 110% every game under the guidance of coach, Rok Crnica, whose technical guidance was outstanding.

Again, as at the State Championships, our 14A achievement at the Nationals was "talk of the tournament". A special thank you goes out to the Barry's for

keeping us well "hydrated" at the 1202 Bar!

On the back of the Nationals, the NSW state selections commenced in April. Congratulations to Nikita Strbac - U14 Blues, Ben Tuite - U14 Waratahs, Finn Barry - U14 Platypuses, Alex Cornish, Jarrah Ronan and Brandon Wicks - U14 Opals on your State team selections!

Well done to all our talented athletes on a progressive season that ended on a spectacular high! Also a huge thank you to all the coaches, parents and supporters who made this journey possible for the U14A's - it could not have happened without your positive contribution.

Suzana & Dali Strbac
Managers

Coach: Rod Perez/Rok Crnica
Managers: Suzana & Dali Strbac
MVP: Finn Barry
MIP: Jordan Lancaster



Under 14B Boys

TEAM

Max Manak
Max Fathulla
Mac Hay
Corey Brown
Nick Long
Federico Canas Velasco
Eaden McNeill
Will Bondy
Sebastian Gilchrist
Lachlan Painter
Oliver Kenney
Nicky Sabine
Tamas Tottszer
Bill Athanassiou

After a 6 year stint overseas, this was my first time coaching a team since returning home. The season kicked off with a game against Cronulla, where the boys had a tough loss of 23 to 1.

As the season progressed, the boys played the same tough teams again, however their rapid improvement as players and as a team were evident with much improved scores – such as their second round score of 2 to 8 against Cronulla.

This progression was made through the boys' efforts in not only training, but their willingness to better understand the rules of the game and play more fluidly as a team. I also worked on making the boys better understand their own strengths and with that their confidence followed.

I would like to thank all the parents for their commitment and support throughout the season.

I thoroughly enjoyed the season and look forward to coaching the boys in the winter season ahead.

Anthony Brown (Jav)
Coach

Coaches: Anthony Brown
Manager: Yumi Bondy
MVP: Will Bondy
MIP: Eaden McNeill



Under 16A Girls Red

TEAM

Brooke Mather
Tori Workman
Phoebe Hall
Macy Hansford
Lilian Hunt
Georgia Smith
Carla Traplin
Georgia Gray
Hannah Belikoff
Tess Barry

It was an exciting start to the summer season for the U16A girls with a last-second loss in the first game. With Jenny taking over the reins and a mixture of top and bottom age players, there was only upside to come.

After being introduced to Jenny's Lego men, her admiration of the women's 2012 US Olympic Gold medal water polo team and her coaching style, the team started to show signs of working together and producing encouraging results.

The lead up to the State championships in Orange in late January was low key. Despite this, the girls had a pretty good tournament with lots of action in and out of the pool. (Including the parents!!!)

They started the tournament a little slowly and gained confidence as their defence and teamwork grew stronger, but in the end just missed the semi-finals, finishing a very credible 5th.

The good news was because of the state titles and continued regular training, the girls finished off the summer season very strongly and made the finals. They beat UNSW in the first minor semi-final playing their best game of the year and backed this up against SNB in the



final. Unfortunately the team went down in penalties against SNB who went on to take the premiership.

Overall - from the first practice to the end of the year - the girls have had fun, developed individually and as a team. This summer has been a great stepping stone for the Nationals in Hobart in September.

The team has many players with great potential:

- Carla Traplin, Brooke Mather and Phoebe Hall have been selected in the Australian B2000 group to play in the Pan Pacs in New Zealand. Carla and Brooke will be staying on with the selected Australian team to play a Test series against NZ following the Pan Pacs.
- Georgia Gray, Tori Workman, Lilian Hunt and Georgia Smith have been selected in one of the NSW teams to play in the Pan Pacs
- Macy Hansford has been selected as the Captain to the NSW U14 Blues for the East Coast Challenge

The team would like to thank Jenny and the parents for their support.

Steve Traplin
Manager

Coach: Jenny MacGregor
Manager: Steve Traplin
MVP: Carla Traplin
MIP: Lilian Hunt



Under 16B Girls

TEAM

Olivia Patrick
Kate Coyle
Grace Marsh
Olivia Harrison
Gabi Costantino
Maggie Collins
Cara Murray
Janya Koshnitsky
Nicole Kalaitzakis

The big question was, "Would there be enough players to field a second 16 years team?"

The team was entered and this meant hunting around for a few extra players in September.

Mission accomplished and the team was ready to go for their first game mid-October.

The first round game was a close win, the first win for many of these girls in a long time.

The wins kept coming week after week throughout the season.

The minor premierships had been achieved. The girls were a very happy and enthusiastic unit.

It was onto the final series. The major semi-final against Ryde was a solid 6-1 win, probably the team's best performance all year.

Ryde won the final and came back well prepared with the extra game to play us in the Grand Final.

Victory was not to be in the Grand Final. The team peppered the goal too many times with little success. The result was Ryde's 3-2.

It had been a great decision to enter the second team.

The girls have had fun and success through the season. The highlight of the season would have been the trip to Orange for the State Championships, a great learning experience in many ways.

I would personally like to thank all the girls for their dedication and

commitment to training and the effort that they always put into every game.

Also Leanne Costantino was always there backing me up and organising the team each week. I thank her very much for her assistance.

It was a pleasure to coach this appreciative group of girls.

Jenny MacGregor
Coach

Coach: Jenny MacGregor
Manager: Leanne Costantino
MVP: Grace Marsh
MIP: Olivia Harrison



Under 16A Boys

TEAM

Connor Wicks
Jack Rector
Jacob Taranto
Angus Davis
Daniel Lukic
Harry Gilkes (c)
Joe Kospetas
Bronson Ronan
Sam Yip
Luka Maric
Jamie Samuel
Ethan Parker
Ben Wastie-Pero
Benji Murray
Aidan Schmitt

For the U16s, the season really starts in Winter with the Nationals scheduled in late September. Winter is an important time for the 16s teams so this report begins with Winter 2015 and finishes at the end of Summer 2016.

Winter started with a bevy of great players competing for spots in the 16As. A couple of B'00 players had migrated from other clubs to join an already star-studded squad, so the season looked promising. For Winter and the Nationals, the majority of our players were B'00 with only 3 players B'99. Even so, we thought

we had a good crack at getting some stellar results in the upcoming tournaments.

We had a new coach for the team – Srdjan Maric – only recently immigrated from Montenegro where he had coached for 20+ years across various clubs and age groups. So with a new coach and several new players, we got down to the business of integrating the team quickly by playing two winter competitions: M3 on Tuesdays and M16A on Sundays.

M3 was more a training exercise than anything, and our results were

mixed with the team struggling against some of the heavier/older men's-based teams.

M16s was a tight competition with the team making it to the grand final with a big challenge to beat Wests, who were a bigger, stronger team with more B'99 players, and tipped to be on the podium at the Nationals. However, our boys did well to put all that out of their minds and just focus on the task at hand, pushing Wests to a 5m shootout. In the shootout the experienced Wests shooters lost their nerve and our boys calmly went about their business with Connor making a couple of handy saves. So we won the Winter comp and things were looking like they were falling into place.

Following that success the team trained extremely hard in the lead-up to Nationals, including a good showing at the Canberra Cup. The trip to Hobart was smooth and the boys really focussed on their water polo. We played reasonably well in the qualifying rounds and made it to the championship group.

On our side of the draw, we again came up against our nemesis: Wests. It was another intense game where we again came back from behind and pushed the great side to another draw. One more goal and we would have been in the semis, however we were pushed out of the semis by Wests on goal difference. This was the peak of the tournament for us as the team went to sleep a bit and lost to Melbourne, but placed a very respectable 6th overall, which was a great achievement for such a young team.

Then summer started and we lost our B'99 players Harry, Jack and Daniel. Now we had a team stacked with all B'00, top-age players. A lot of talent and expectation to do

well over the coming tournaments. Metro season started with a shock draw to SNB and a loss to Wests. Eventually the team started to wake up and started winning.

When the State Champs came around we thought we were well prepared. However, Wests and Cronulla had other ideas. With a strange tournament draw we played Cronulla in our group, going down to their incredible goalie, then we had to play them in the semi-final, without getting a chance to play Wests in the tournament. The semi was all going well with Drummoyne ahead by 3 goals going into the 2nd half. However, some ill-disciplined play saw Cronulla creep back to level close to full time. The shoot-out was doomed against the super-human Cronulla goalie. We overcame SNB comprehensively in the 3/4 playoff to take 3rd place in the States. A tournament of "What could have beens". However a good lesson. Congratulations to Bronson Ronan for making the tournament team!!!

At the back end of the metro comp Drummoyne started to get their mojo back. At semi-final time we comprehensively beat State Champions, Cronulla. However, in the final we went ahead early and then let Wests get back into the game with Wests taking the

championship by 1 goal from us.

Some disappointments for the year but certainly, in hindsight, some great achievements and, most importantly, many lessons on team-spirit, water polo and life which are valuable resources to draw on in these boys' futures. The boys worked extremely hard and had some great times on the road - a lot of interesting characters whom I witnessed maturing into young men over this year. Best of all they were always good sports and great ambassadors for the DWPC. Well done M16As!

With the Summer competition completed the team looks forward to the 2016 Nationals for their final redemption. Again, a lot of promise and expectation.

Work hard boys and, again, enjoy the experience and the rewards it provides for all the hard work you will put in.

Greg Taranto
Manager

Coach: Srdjan Maric
Manager: Greg Taranto
MVP: Connor Wicks
MIP: Sam Yip



Under 16B Boys - PREMIERS



TEAM

Nate Griffiths
Jacob Gadiel
Jackson Brown
Ethan Hansford
Haydon Johnson
Josh Gazzard
Thomas Linfield-Kent
Will Kablau
Alistair Moore
Eddie Taranto
Will Cornish
Nabeel Hatoum

It was a summer of ups and downs for this new team – a mix of talented younger players, talented and experienced older players, and some keen new players. Ben and Ryan worked hard to bring that all together over the course of the season.

The ups: From the start the boys played well and played as a team. There was sometimes a struggle to stay with their own game plan – and not play the opposition's game – but in the end, every match they played was won. Some were easier than others but sometimes that was harder and the lesson was that every match was up for grabs and nothing

could be taken for granted. The icing on the cake was to finish the summer season at the top of the ladder and then, of course, to win the Grand Final.

The downs (or rather, the not so ups!): Having entered a modified team in the A Division of the U16s State Championships in Canberra, the team took a bit of a beating - but they took it on the chin each time and came back for more! The boys were challenged - up against older and more experienced players/teams across the State, but by the end of the competition they came out of it that little bit stronger and finished with a win. Playing in this tournament at this level was aimed at development and experience,

which it certainly was on both counts.

The highlights: Winning the Metro Grand Final against Cronulla (complete with nail-biting penalty shootout - final score was 10-8). Our boys were determined to win the gold - but so were the Cronulla boys having got that far. In the end it was, as were many other games that day, a match worthy of being the season's finale. For both teams, a great end to the summer season.

Jen Gwynne
Manager

Coaches: Ben Scott & Ryan Marnell
Manager: Jen Gwynne
MVP: Will Cornish
MIP: Jackson Brown



Under 18 Girls

TEAM

Emma Workman
Emma Jones
Georgia Southern
Kayla Rogers
Emma Tuite
Ruby Borozan
Jasmine Yip
Gabby Taranto
Lilli Borozan
Savannah Henshaw
Sarah Kerrison
Gabby Hall
Zoe Whelan-Young
Carla Traplin
Brooke Mather

A 12 month cycle saw the Drummoyne Under 18 girls qualify for finals in all competitions including a second place finish in the NSW State Championships, fourth place in the Australian U18 Club Championships and similar result in the Sydney summer competition. All great results in anyone's language.

There was plenty of competition for our time each week with some girls managing their HSC exam workload

while plenty in the group kicked off their HSC commitments at the start of the season in Term 4. What about those fantastic HSC results by Emma Tuite and Emma Workman who as well as playing water polo are now studying Physiotherapy and Law. Both great role models.

It's always an interesting time at this age. It was very pleasing to see the positive response and commitment even after plenty of training sessions and crossing the Nullarbor twice (three times for a couple) in six months. Hopefully everyone will have enjoyed themselves enough to continue their journey and continue to juggle their time as some players move up to U20 ranks while others have another U18 season.

One thing about this group is they are prepared to work hard, and they really enjoy themselves while playing and training for their water polo. Nought would be possible without the great support network we call parents, siblings and friends.

Thanks to Cheryl who did a fantastic

job as manager and to all the other parents for their support. Thanks to my colleague PJ for stepping in to coach the girls and to the entire Drummoyne Water Polo Club community for making it possible.

Thanks for an enjoyable season and your fantastic support when I had my glitch. Congratulations to everyone who achieved success inside and outside of Drummoyne Water Polo Club.

We have a great group and you are all part of a great club. We will continue to have great times, enjoy each other's company with plenty of laughs, in and out of the water. Wouldn't have it any other way. See you all on pool deck.

Michael Hahn
Coach

Coach: Michael Hahn
Manager: Cheryl Jones
MVP: Savannah Henshaw
MIP: Georgia Southern



Under 18 Boys

TEAM

Matt Dembecki
Rory Williams
Chris Artemi
Blake Artemi
Taylor McDonald
Jack Rector
Harry Gilkes
Daniel Lukic
William Mulhearn
Joe Kospetas
Luka Maric
Connor Wicks
Jamie Samuel

The 2016 Under 18's team used 24 players with regular help from the M16's. Most of the boys also played in a Men's grade team and Chris Artemi played National League.

The Metro comp had 8 teams from 6 clubs, with Sydney University and UNSW Wests entering 2 teams. First up was a road win over Cronulla. The HSC, illness and injury caused havoc prior to Christmas and our team list changed a LOT each week.

We managed easy wins against the Uni B teams and were able to manage wins over Balmain and Cronulla consistently. UNSW Wests gave the lads their first defeat, and it wasn't pretty. The boys rallied to draw with Sydney Uni's A team and

to defeat Hunter prior to Christmas. Jack Rector and Matt Dembecki were consistent leaders in attack with Harry Gilkes and young 16's goalie Connor Wicks leading the defence.

The team got through to Christmas with 1 loss and 1 draw and several close wins to be tied 2nd on the ladder. With the older players becoming available, the New Year held promise. First up, State Championships in mid-January. The timing conflicted with family trips and 3 of our best were away on holidays, and Jack Rector returned from India the night before! Our M16 boys filled the gaps and despite some close games, our tired mob (playing their 8th game in 3 days) lost the 5th placed playoff to a team they beat on day 1.

The resumption of Metro saw an improving Devils outfit take on UNSW Wests A (who won Silver at Nationals). It was an exciting game with the Devils staying goal for goal then edging ahead in the 4th to win 12-10. A draw or win in the final round would seal top place. Leading Sydney Uni by 2 in the 3rd, a disrespect call against us led to a 1 goal loss – and a 3 way tie for top spot. Count back rules made us 3rd seed for the semi-finals, having to

play Hunter (#2 seed for Nationals). The Devils lost that semi 10-11 in a quality game and Hunter went on to win the Metro. Thanks to coach Srdjan Maric who took the boys thus far.

With National League Finals in March, head coach Petar Petrovic took the team to Nationals in Perth in April. Water Polo Australia – trying a new structure – seeded teams prior, making game 1 a “must win” to go through to top 8.

Due to the 6th place at State Championships, our boys drew #2 seed, Hunter, in game 1. Despite great preparation, the boys started nervously and had to chase the game. They matched Hunter in the 2nd half, but lost. This forced them into the Bowl group to play for 9th. Our lads were disappointed, but went through the week winning their way to the Bowl Final against Sydney Uni and claiming the Bowl at the end of a long week in Perth, and a long summer of water polo.

It was a great club effort with so many of the 16's players helping out week after week – and 4 of them making the trip to Perth. Congratulations to Harry, Daniel, Chris, Rory, Matt and Jack who were all named in the NSW Junior Men State Squad at the end of the summer. Jack went on to earn Australian Schoolboys selection in May.

Ross Dembecki
Manager

Coaches: Srdjan Maric (Metro & State), Petar Petrovic (Nationals)
Manager: Ross Dembecki (Metro),
Milka Lukic (State), Phil Artemi (Nationals)
MVP: Chris Artemi
MIP Jack Rector



Col Smee - U20 State Championships

Over three hot Summer's days from 12 - 14 February, our U20 teams took part in the Col Smee Cup.

Our men's team finished 3rd overall after defeating Hunter Hurricanes 12-9, and our women's team finished 4th after a very close game against UNSW Killer Whales when Wests broke the deadlock in the final minute to win 6-5.

Congratulations to the Devils' Savannah Henshaw and James Smith who were each named in their respective Tournament 6 teams!



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Women's National League / L1 - PREMIERS

NL/L1 SQUAD 2016:

Stephanie Calaizis
Emma Jones
Eike Daube
Erin Moodie
Georgia Mirabito
Sarah Harnwell
Savannah Henshaw
Bre Appel (Capt.)
Fiona Walsh *
Karlee Assef
Morgan Baxter(V.Cpt)
Alex Corbett
Jayde Appel*
Hannah Gray
Kelsey Baxter
Sam Stanton
Megan Moodie
Emma Workman
Lara Murray
*only played in NL.

The Drummoyne Devils Women's Team started the 2015-2016 season with an historic success by winning the L1 Sydney Metro Competition. We had consistently good results throughout these games, only losing one game against Sydney Uni. Our semifinal vs. Balmain, which we won on penalties, was probably the hardest game. In the final vs. UNSW Magpies we had a brilliant start in defence leading the game at half time by 5-0 and securing the win in the end by 7-5. It was a great way to start the new season, and a solid platform to build on the upcoming National League season.

Then the start of the NL was a totally different experience. Our first game was played in the Dawn Fraser pool vs. Balmain and we lost 7-10 against a team we had beaten 3 times so far this season in the Metro comp. The refereeing was totally different than we'd been used to in the previous successful Sydney comp and we failed to adapt to the new approach during the game. The

amount of turnover fouls against us was shocking: 21 and only 4 against Balmain... Before the competition started, I considered this Balmain game essential to achieve a good result in the end as our following games were away in Perth.

The road trip started with a hard fought draw (8-8) with UWA Torpedoes on Thursday night, that ended up a draw after penalties (11-11). We learned that night that Torpedoes this year is a much stronger side than previously. Our second game against them was a much better game, but we still lost 9-12 after losing our first CF Jayde Appel and main CB Bre Apple in the third quarter. In the games vs. Freo we showed our potential especially in the second game where we were leading 4-0 and 7-5 but being the fourth game of the trip we probably got tired and lost the game in the end 9-12.

Before the NL holiday break we had two more games (against Hunter Hurricanes), and we won both in a convincing manner.

After these first seven games I really saw an improvement in the team. We started to integrate the two new players (Fiona and Jayde), who had not played in the Metro Comp. Their presence significantly changed the dynamics of the team and the responsibilities of different players within the game. I felt it's a big shame that we had the holiday break in December/January because we'd begun to pick up pace and have a better understanding as a team.

Our first game after this break was a rather disappointing 8-15 loss against Cronulla. I was disappointed – not only because of the result – but more so because of our approach to the game. I felt like we forgot basic things and we need to recap them a.s.a.p. The next game was Balmain in Drummoyne and it was a great win (11-8), and we played very well. The team totally changed from the previous game and became much more positive; it was one of our best games this season. The next day we played UNSW Magpies where again we struggled in all aspects of the game, but won 6-5. The upside from this game was the fact that



we managed to win playing badly, and this was very important as it brought back our confidence and the possibility of qualifying for the finals!

Two very close losses against Sydney Uni (10-12) and Cronulla (9-12) showed that we can compete with the best teams of the comp. Actually I felt that these games were big opportunities we missed to gain some points and move closer to a final appearance. The following weekend Drummoyne hosted KFC Breakers and we won the first game in torrential rain 16-12. Defensively it was another weak game and unfortunately the defensive failure continued in the return match two days later. KFC held a 9-1 lead at half time and after getting ourselves together we could only minimise the damage, finishing 6-13 down. Another vital game lost, but the girls kept working hard and had a very strong encounter on the following weekend against Brisbane Barracudas. We forced the undefeated leaders of the championship into a very close game, losing by just 7-9 in the first game, but defeating them in the second game 9-6.

At this stage we were still in the race to occupy the last spot in the final series, but we needed to win all our games on our Victoria/Adelaide road trip. Unfortunately Victoria proved stronger than us in both games, but I was very proud of my team as they fought both games heroically to the end (8-12, 10-13).

After a short flight to Adelaide, we played two important games to secure at least our 7th spot on the ladder. We won 17-10 and 15-6 and I was again very pleased with the performance of the younger players, Savannah Henshaw, Emma Workman and Emma Jones.

In the last round of the season we

had two more games to play: 8-17 loss vs. Sydney Uni in their pool, defensively probably our poorest game; and a 9-8 win over UNSW Magpies. This last game was again a very good one, totally the opposite of the game vs. Sydney Uni. We played a disciplined game, and we deserved to win.

All in all I consider our season a positive one, with a great performance in the Metro Comp and lots of ups and downs in the National League. With a little bit more consistency and luck we could have easily reached the final series there too, and achieved a good result. I saw lots of improvements technically, tactically and physically among most of my players and the team as a whole, but I also believe there is still plenty to improve on. Learning from our mistakes and paying lots of attention to the details is essential in achieving these improvements.

Finally I would like to thank the whole Drummoyne National League Squad for their commitment and dedication this season. I also would like to thank Bre Appel and Morgan Baxter for their leadership in captaining the squad this year. Thank you both!

This season we had Eike Daube as

an import player from America, whom I would also like to thank. Her involvement was very important for this group and her performance was outstanding on most of the games throughout the season. On behalf of everyone involved with the Drummoyne Women's Water Polo Squad, thank you.

My biggest thank you is to Michael Hahn who assisted me in the coaching of the L1/NL Squad on every training session and game! His input was very important and his dedication to the sport and the Drummoyne Club is exemplary. Cheers Michael!

Another thank you must be given to Tracey Mirabito for managing the team this year again.

I would also like to thank Peter Corbett and David Baxter for their hard work for the Club.

Zoli Ridzyk
Women's Head Coach

Coach: Zoli Ridzyk
Assistant Coach: Michael Hahn
Manager: Tracey Mirabito

NL MVP: Eike Daube
L1 MVP: Morgan Baxter
MIP: Savannah Henshaw

Member of the All Star Team named by Water Polo Australia: Bre Appel



From the Captain of Women's National League



We started first grade in Summer Metro 2015 as a new team with a new coach and

entered the competition trying to get to know each other's style of game and under a new style of coaching.

With a really young team, we were very successful during the season, only suffering three losses and coming in minor premiers. We played Balmain in the semi final and after a bad start, fought our way back to even at full-time. The game then went into extra-time and with no score, we ended up in penalties. Steph Calaizis had an outstanding game and saved four of Balmain's five penalties, and with us converting four, we won the game and made our way to the grand final. We came up against UNSW in the final. We had played and beaten them twice during the season, but with grand final nerves and the pressure of finals, anything could happen. The first half, our girls played out of their skins and we blew them away to a 5-0 lead. Going into the second half up by five, calls didn't go

our way and we ended up in foul trouble and UNSW came crawling back. We managed to pull through and get the win which made it Drummoyne's first ever 1st Grade women's premiership. Eike Daube, our superstar import from USC, was named MVP.

We then started our preparation for the National League season with a few home games and a road trip to Perth. We started off the season a bit shaky, losing four from four games in Perth and finding ourselves at the bottom of the ladder with a lot of hard work ahead.

We then picked up momentum during the season and managed to get some wins on the board against UNSW, Balmain and Hunter.

The girls fought really hard and were unlucky in games against Cronulla, going down by two, and a strong Sydney Uni team (who ended up going on to win the competition).

The game of the season for us this year was against Barracudas, who were premiers in 2015. We played our best and managed to sneak away with a win, putting us in 7th place on the ladder.

The last four games on the schedule were huge for us, because we had to beat Melbourne twice and Adelaide twice to take 6th position on the ladder and qualify for finals. The first game against Melbourne started promisingly, with both teams locked up at half time, but Melbourne went on to score some unanswered goals and we lost the game by two. We then went on to have another loss in the second game against Melbourne, however we finished the road trip with two wins against Adelaide.

Unfortunately this meant we ended the season coming in 7th place and just missing out on finals.

Overall, we had a fantastic first grade season and a learning experience in National League. With a new coach and players, we always knew it would be a stepping stone towards building a stronger future at Drummoyne and we look forward to a great season in 2017.

Bre Appel
Captain Women's National
League 2015/16



National League milestones

During the 2015/16 season, the following players achieved these milestones:

- **Bre Appel** 400 goals (and named in the All Star Team at the end of the season)
- **Morgan Baxter** 200 goals
- **Fiona Walsh** 100 games and 100 goals

Well done!

Ladies 2nd Grade Black (L2) - PREMIERS

TEAM

Lara Murray
Alana Jones
Nicola Murphy
Dani White
Elise Mirabito
Ellen Pittorino
Kelsey Baxter
Elise Holden
Shannan Martin
Amy Pittorino
Kate Murphy
Ellen Hahn
Elise Holden

A four-peat!

One cannot complain when you finish the season as undefeated premiers. As they say in the classics, good teams win ugly and the L2 Black team had their fair share of fortune defending their title and not losing a game.

It was a pleasure to work with a group who wanted to defend their title. They wanted to train and while we didn't have the attendance

at each session expected in the top grades, everyone knew what was required to get the cash. Congratulations to all the girls for grabbing the opportunity. A great achievement to win four successive premierships.

Well done Fiona Walsh, Kelsey Baxter and Lara Murray on your success in National League. Great that you still get an opportunity to play at the elite level plus you want to continue playing with your friends. To the rest of the team whether I think you should be playing a higher grade is irrelevant. What is relevant is you are all still playing at a high level and hopefully you will continue to play.

Playing with your mates is a key foundation of the culture Drummoyne Water Polo Club was built on. The girls played hard in and out of the water putting on some brilliant displays of water polo. There were plenty of contenders for MVP. Lara Murray had a brilliant season in the cage stepping up

when required. This was never more evident when we backed up for the GF after the Red Ball. Lara controlled our defence and was a worthy MVP. Congratulations Lara.

Neale Murphy was again instrumental to the success of the team. He is more than a manager, he is a motivator and a great organiser who gets as much enjoyment out of the team's success as the girls do.

Thanks for all your great work and also to all the parents who get along to the games and do the table, card and cheer us on every week.

I look forward to seeing everyone on pool deck next season.

Michael Hahn
Coach

Coach: Michael Hahn
Manager: Neale Murphy
MVP: Lara Murray



Ladies 2nd Grade Red (L2)

TEAM

Emma Workman
Sarah Harnwell
Megan Moodie
Emma Jones
Georgia Mirabito
Emma Tuite
Ruby Borozan
Hannah Gray
Savannah Henshaw
Georgia Southern
Lilly Borozan
Zoe Whelan
Sarah Kerrison

It was a satisfactory season for the L2 Red team. They finished the rounds in 3rd position. This was in itself an achievement as player availability

from week to week was varied and often not known until the day before the game. There was also no scheduled training session for the team, an anomaly considering this is the development pathway for future national league players.

All looked hopeful for the minor semi-final against Cronulla until Emma Workman, the goalkeeper injured her hand on the National League road trip. Emma Jones once again volunteered to go back into the cage for the minor semi-final. Unfortunately Cronulla narrowly defeated Drummoyne.

I would like to thank two good

women for their assistance throughout the season. Firstly Bev Southern who stepped up out of nowhere to take on the managerial role each week and secondly Sharon Harnwell who competently took the coaching reins when I had L3 commitments.

A great effort overall girls after 30 minutes team training for the season.

Jenny MacGregor
Coach

Coach: Jenny MacGregor
MVP Georgia Southern

Ladies 3rd Grade Black (L3)

TEAM

Simone Piper
Kiara Salmon
Kristyn Bennett
Steph Polivka
Lily Murphy
Elissa Branwhite
Kaitlin Laycock
Jasmine Yip
Gabby Hall
Gabby Taranto
Lilian Hunt
Annabelle Bennett
Hannah Belikoff
Olivia Patrick

(Thanks to Tessa Barry and Grace Watson-Carr who played some L3 games during the course of the season.)

L3 Black provided a great opportunity for senior players to continue playing in the top division, while some aspiring juniors gained some experience playing alongside senior players. Not a bad cocktail for success with the team qualifying for the Grand Final after upsetting the

minor premiers in the major semi-final.

Unfortunately, we couldn't maintain the momentum in the GF, however a silver was a good result against a very good Drummoyne team (that included one of our own from last season) in the L3 Black's second season.

When Neale and I look back at where each of the players started their careers it gives us both a lot of pleasure to see the senior players continuing to enjoy themselves and the juniors improving. Thanks everyone for your contribution in and out of the water. To the team leaders, Simone and Kiara, your involvement and support was very much appreciated and we look forward to it continuing.

Congratulations to the MVP Elissa Branwhite who also figured prominently in the just-in-time poll for least minutes made at the pre-

game team talks. To all the other players well done. Keep on playing and enjoying at whatever level you achieve and hopefully the pathway will always come back and you continue to suit up as a Devil.

Thanks to all the parents, partners and siblings for helping out on game day and away from pool deck. The final yeh, thanks, pat on the back is for Neale Murphy who continues to deliver the best master class about the history and traditions of being a Drummoyne Devil while doing an extraordinary job managing the group.

I look forward to seeing everyone on pool deck next season. Go Devils!!

Michael Hahn
Coach

Coach: Michael Hahn
Manager: Neale Murphy
MVP: Elissa Branwhite

Ladies 3rd Grade Red (L3) – PREMIERS

TEAM

Brooke Mather
Alison Greig
Julie Rohl
Lisa Murphy
Carla Traplin
Phoebe Hall
Jenny MacGregor
Georgia Gray
Brooke Dredge
Sharna Small
Tori Workman

It was another Premiership for this happy group of senior players with their new junior recruits.

It was obvious from the start of the season that the club's L3 Black team was going to be the team to beat this season.

From Round 1 it was game on when the L3 Black team turned up with half of the L2 Black team to play an unfit old unit just out of hibernation. They won the encounter by a mere one goal.

From here the team went on to maintain an unbeaten run until their next game against the L3 Black in December. L3 Red being a little under strength, the team again lost to L3 Black.

Xmas and New Year passed and the old heads once again became serious, back to the swimming pool.

The team only played two more games leading into the major semi-final, not really an ideal situation for

a successful outcome.

In the major semi-final the L3 Red team were defeated narrowly by the club's L3 Black team.

We didn't plan to lose the major semi but I think it was all for the best that the team got to play an extra final game.

The team comfortably defeated Cronulla in the final game. The L3 Black team had also been lulled into a false sense of security with their previous track record of three wins against the L3 Red across the season.

In the grand Final L3 Red defeated L3 Black 11-5 following a solid lead of 4 goals early in the game.



Congratulations to the junior team members, Carla, Georgia, Tori, and Phoebe on following the game plan, and to Brooke who was a brick wall in goals. They have all improved dramatically from the start of the season and have been a pleasure to coach and play with.

The older brigade of Julie, Lisa, Sharna, Brooke and Alison were as solid as ever when it comes to defending a premiership.

I would like to thank Julie, Lisa, Sharna, Brooke and Alison who keep coming back to play with a new group of young ones each season.

Well done again on another premiership.

Jenny MacGregor
Player/Coach

Coach: Jenny MacGregor
MVP: Lisa Murphy



Ladies 4th Grade (L4)

TEAM

Rebecca Smith
Lora Cipriani
Emma Wright
Annette Jamieson
Phoebe Katelaris
Lizzie Cobden
Hayleigh Bennett
Maddie Tilyard
Tessa Barry
Georgia Smith

L4 had a successful season, lots of wins and exciting games against some of our cross town rivals.

We welcomed juniors Tessa Barry and Georgia Smith, who were both

a great asset to our team. Georgia Smith scored 20 goals and Tessa Barry 13! An incredible effort!

Annette Jamieson was our top goal scorer with 28 goals! Rebecca Smith played goalie for most of the season, she made some magnificent saves and we definitely appreciated her time in the cage.

We finished the season in 3rd place, we won our semi final, however went down in the Preliminary final to SNB, the eventual winners.

Thank you to juniors Macy Hansford

and Cara Murray who ably stepped in to play a game or two for us throughout the season.

I would also like to thank all the parents and significant others who came to watch and dutifully did the table duties for us.

Looking forward to next season!

#GoDevils!!

Lora Cipriani
Manager

Manager: Lora Cipriani
MVP: Rebecca Smith

Ladies 5th Grade Red (L5)

TEAM

Anna Corry
Leanne Costantino
Claudia Elwaw
Kaitlin Foster
Kelly Parker
Cassandra Galea
Danielle Mackay
Holly Wright
Rachel Horton
Emily Fleming
Stephanie Boatswain
Gabby Costantino

This season we welcomed a number of new faces to the team. With a number of players returning from a hiatus from the game and a few in their first year the season got off to a slow start.

With the best, but unfulfilled, intentions to train, we slowly improved under the direction of the more experienced players. We made it into the semi finals losing out to the ultimate winners of the competition.

Danielle Mackay was our MVP and Claudia Elwaw the most improved from fourth and fifth grade.

A big thank you to all the juniors Gabby, Grace, Olivia and Janya who filled in throughout the season and to Steven Boatswain for refereeing.

Anna Corry
Co-Manager

**Managers: Anna Corry &
Leanne Costantino**
MVP: Danielle Mackay

Men's National League & M1



TEAM

John Hahn
Milan Nasic
Nick Taylor
Rowan Farrell
Jono Ross
James Smith
Mitch Emery
Tyler Martin
Samuel Avallone
Rok Crnica
Justin Trabinger
Hamish Cuthill
Teo Galic
Chris Artemi
Sam Watson
Adam Hall
Lachlan Trabinger
Alberto Rapisarda
Charlie Kospetas
Ben Scobie
Aidan Roach

Season 2015/2016 is one I will remember for a long time. It was a season that will always be “one of those years”. Before it even started, it was clear we faced one of the hardest seasons so far.

There were eight teams – including us – that could potentially make the grand final, and of course two of those teams would not make the final series in Melbourne.

On 1st September, we had a team ready to represent Drummoyne Water Polo Club in the way everyone was expecting. All players were present, and there was a hunger in their eyes and a desire to compete.

Training throughout winter had helped; we'd improved existing skills

and had become stronger and faster. In the next few months, a focus was to become quicker in our decision-making.

We started well in the summer metro competition, trying to fit the last pieces of the jigsaw puzzle together. With an earlier start for National League this year, all players knew we had limited time to work with. As a coach I had a few doubts, however these were completely gone by the end of October.

We'd finished last season with a bitter taste losing to Hunter in the finals, and this season we faced them as our first game. A perfect chance for us, and it was perfectly

National League milestones

During the 2015/16 season, the following players achieved these milestones:

- **Mitch Emery** 300 goals
- **Tyler Martin** 200 games & 200 goals
- **Hamish Cuthill** 100 games



Congrats!

executed. We won both games, and more importantly, we weren't even playing our best level yet. There was room for improvement, individually and as a team.

The age gap in our team was invisible, our ball moving was good, and we were dominant when it came to fitness. It was expected we would be hesitant, with our first game against an opposition that had come 3rd in Australia just 6 months earlier. It was clear we needed to keep up our good performances.

However this season was different to any other season – and in many ways, our road trip to Perth proved that. We came back with 9 points out of 12 and had only few weeks to lift ourselves up.

During the Christmas break we worked on the little missing pieces. Even with a few players injured in one week, we still managed to beat Cronulla, Balmain and Wests. We had a great team spirit, and even better leaders.

At this point we were in the top 4 teams in Australia and we were ready for anyone coming our way.

With a few injured players, in ten straight games we won nine. This great group of players started to have more trust in one another, and

they were taking responsibility in and out of the pool. Every player had his role in our team, and all of those roles were taken seriously.

Unfortunately our second road trip (Melbourne and Adelaide) wasn't so successful. When we lost to Melbourne in the last quarter of both games, it was obvious we were thinking of finals and not using our chance in the pool.

At this point we could've finished second, however with several players out with injuries – and our team's average age of just 23 years – it was not to be.

Losing those games meant we had to play against UWA in our first game of the final series. Unfortunately, even though it was one of our best performances this season, it just wasn't enough. We had a lead of two goals in the middle of the third quarter, and even though we were the more attacking team when we were up, they managed to score and win on penalty shoot out.

Our last game of the season was against Cronulla, where we rallied after our disappointing loss the day before, and won this game to finish

in 5th place in Australia.

The last 6 months were intense; we worked hard and overtime, pushed our boundaries over the limit, we made the finals and lost on penalty shoot out to the team that went on to win the National League title.

I am very pleased I had the chance to coach and lead this team.

We have gone through lots of things together and I know that if we have more luck next season when it comes to avoiding injuries, we might make it right to the top.

That is what those great players deserve, that is what supporters expect and that is what we owe to Drummoyne Water Polo Club.

Petar Petrovic
Men's Head Coach

Coach: Petar Petrovic
Manager M1: Michelle Scobie
Manager NL: Matt Farrell

NL MVP: Mitch Emery & Tyler Martin
M1 MVP: Teo Galic
MIP: Lachlan Trabinger



From the Captain of Men's National League



The recent season proved the perfect opportunity to continue building momentum

towards becoming one of the strongest Drummoyne NL teams to date, as well as one of the top teams in the country.

Backing up a surprise top 4 finish in the previous year and with coach Petrovic in his second term at the helm, expectations were high for the 2016 season. Our squad was bolstered by the experience of several Devils who had returned to the fold whilst many younger members of the squad were primed to continue their development.

The season began well with the men's side able to solidify a commanding position on the table with victories against more fancied opponents. A road trip West to Perth saw us stumble in

two matches against UWA but it quickly became clearer than ever that the Devil spirit was strong among the group. Given the new format and timing of the season due to it being an Olympic year, we were presented with the opportunity to have a number of weeks off.

This proved to be extremely valuable as it enabled the squad to focus on specific parts of our game; for some players to work on some further conditioning or take some brief time away from the pool to bond and become closer as a group.

Several injuries and the unavailability of some players proved to be to the benefit of others, resulting in numerous opportunities for some of the youngsters in the squad to play. Impressive depth across all positions meant we were never left short and that as one squad member went down we had two or three others all ready to take his place. While we were not

able to finish the regular rounds as strongly as we would have liked, it was clear that there was a strong belief among the group. This was going to be a crucial ingredient to winning the title.

A 5th place regular season finish resulted in an elimination final match-up with UWA who were successful in defeating us via penalty shootouts. The Torpedoes then went on to win their semi by 1 and defeat eventual runners up in Melbourne also in a penalty shootout on the final day, clearly reflecting the closeness of the competition.

Despite falling short of the medals, 2016 was a hugely successful season. With the growing depth and level of ability amongst the squad it is certainly clear that not only "Winter is coming..." but also that "the Devils are coming..."

John Hahn

*Captain, Men's National League
2015/16*



Men's 2nd Grade (M2)

TEAM

Ben Scobie
Chico Perez
Chris Artemi
JJ Brennan
Matt Dembecki
Davis Jensen
Harry Gilkes
Sam Watson
Charlie Kospetas
Lachlan Trabinger
Blake Artemi
Adam Hall
Nate Sinclair

M2 this season, as it has been for the previous couple of years, has been a struggle. This year the team had all players except for 2 under 21 years of age.

Combining this with players being unavailable each week due to HSC and other commitments makes it very hard to compete at this level.

The bright side is that the side did manage to hold their own in a number of games which gives hope

that next year and the seasons that follow should see this group emerge as a real threat in this competition.

Tony Watson
Manager

Manager: Tony Watson
MVP: Ben Scobie

Men's 3rd Grade (M3)

TEAM

Steven Xenakis
Connor Wicks
Ben Scott
Phil Emery
Adam Richardson
Gavin Aubrey
Eli Deloraine
Matt Deloraine
Ryan Marnell
Ryan Lear
Scott Lear
Luka Maric
Bronson Ronan
Joe Kospetas
Zoli Ridzyk

talented juniors in our club and as the season progressed, these juniors really became integral to the team make-up.

Throughout the regular season the M3 team performed well and continued to get wins on the board, despite the odd injury or attendance hiccups.

Most of the opposition teams have familiar faces to previous years, which allowed for continued rivalries, and Drummoyne remained firmly in the top 4.

The M3 team recommenced business as usual in the 2015/16 competition and as with previous seasons, established themselves as a front runner.

The team was built on the same core group of players, who have been together for a number of years now and a mix of some really talented juniors coming through the ranks.

It's great to see the M3 team continue to be a prodigious development opportunity and introduction to grade polo for the

One of the highlights was winning a game with only 6 players and having 2 players out of the top 3 goal scorers in the competition.

The finals rolled around, although a few 'big-name' players didn't qualify due to injuries and a dubious forfeit from 2 weeks prior – our first game was up against Wests, who were the top team after the regular season.

Our boys put in a great effort and got the cash, 13-9, which meant we had a week off the following week and a ticket straight into the grand

final. This being the 5th grand final appearance in 6 years.

As it were, we played Wests again in the Grand Final, and although we were the better team on the day, our finishing let us down and we lost 9-8.

Ben Scott
Player/Manager

Manager: Ben Scott
MVP: Gavin Aubrey



Men's 4th Grade (M4) - PREMIERS

TEAM

Paul Whelan
Daniel Marsden
Harry Tunstall
Duncan Ritchie
Paul Helyar
Oliver Fitschen
James Hayward
Mark Simpson
Daniel Lukic
Daniel Lister
Joel Foristal
Kiel Nelson
Liam Corry

This season our M4 side finished the summer season a premiers with a convincing grand final victory over Cronulla.

The Drummoyne M4 side took on their arch rivals for the past 20 years, Cronulla in the grand final, played late on Tues 22nd of March, 10pm at Ryde pool.

Having been beaten by Cronulla twice during the regular season, Drummoyne surprised Cronulla in the major semi, beating them 5-4 to go straight through to the grand final. Two weeks later Drummoyne faced Cronulla again in the grand final, as they had done many times over the past 20 odd years, with Cronulla only ever losing one other grand final back in 2004 to Drummoyne.

The Cronulla side, having had a stranglehold on the M4 grade grand finals for so long, were always going to come ready to play. Drummoyne - with a good mix of youth and experience - controlled the game from the start, with great defence, repeatedly turning away the Cronulla side, making several steals and with a patient attack finished the 1st quarter 3-1 up. The 2nd quarter was much the same as the 1st, with



Drummoyne extending their lead to 5-2 at half time.

With the Cronulla side having to focus on Drummoyne's experienced players, the younger Drummoyne players started to dominate their opposition, outscoring them 3-1 in the 3rd quarter, making it 8-3 at 3 quarter time.

In the 4th quarter Drummoyne continued to find the back of the net, resulting in a convincing victory, 11-6 over Cronulla.

In what was a great team effort, goal scorers for Drummoyne were: Harry Tunstall 4, Daniel Marsden 3, Daniel

Lister 2, Paul Whelan 1 and James Hayward 1.

The M4 side also had a grand final victory in the 2015 winter season, beating the Blue Mountains 15 -14, making the last 12 months another very satisfying year of BBQ water polo. Hopefully we will see you all back again over the winter and next summer.

Mark Simpson
Manager

Manager: Mark Simpson
MVP: Daniel Marsden
MIP: Harry Tunstall

Men's 5th Grade Red (M5)

TEAM

Craig Pendergast
Troy Ready
Harrison Steen
James Tuite SNR
James Tuite JNR
James Brennan
Ryan Brennan
Dan Sturrock
Trevor Folsom
Serge Gonzales
Ange Tsirakis
Matt Ellis

The M5 Red team was a mix of some DWPC stalwarts and a few others who dramatically lowered the average age of the team and

increased the scoring ability just as dramatically.

This blend of old and new resulted in a finely tuned machine that only lost the one game all year before being rubbed out by officialdom. Who knows what might have been as we were certainly coming home with a very big "wet sail."

Special mention to Daniel Sturrock who really carried us along in some tight games and like the proverbial red wine gets better with age.

Gub Tuite was clearly inspired by James Jnr and became a scoring machine later in the season, virtually

scoring at will.

Ryan Brennan, Matt Ellis and Harrison Steen combined well and have very bright futures with M5 Red should they find the same pathway in polo many others in this team have found.

Onwards and upwards to 2017 and a premiership.

Craig Pendergast
Manager

Manager: Craig Pendergast
MVP: Dan Sturrock

Men's 6th Grade Black (M6)

TEAM

Rod Wallwork
Matthew Pennycook
Tom Southern
Ed Boyd
Steven Lewis
Phil Holst
Liam Wheatley
Steven Simpson
David Pennycook
Greg Cullen
Graham Purcell
Ian Van Der Steege
Aidan Pennycook

As usual a slow start to the season, with the team ramping up only after the new year.

Injuries for some half way through the season thwarted one, but we pushed through to the Semi's.

Our Grand final campaign was halted by the other Drummoyne team.

We gave it our best and better luck for the next instalment.

Most Valuable Player goes to Stevie Lewis who has returned, much to the shock and dismay of his body - oh boy did he suffer during some games, that is his fitness.

Well done Steve.

Aidan Pennycook
Manager

Manager: Aidan Pennycook
MVP: Steve Lewis



Men's 6th Grade Red (M6)

TEAM

Michael Hahn
Greg Broome
Mark Rogers
Marco Lo Blanco
Nick Grbin
Col Churton
Darren Spooner
Scott Talbot
Patrick Zadow
Neale Murphy
Ben Wastie Pero
Josh McMahon
Peter O'Sullivan
Greg Bray

Wow, what a cracker of a season!
The core group of 10 players backed
up again this season enjoying their
polo, beers and banter.

The annual influx of 3 young men
definitely added spark to the team
and most certainly the quality of
polo.

This season saw an additional senior
player join us who moved up from
Victoria. He being a goal keeper, the
skills were much appreciated as we
lost our veteran goal keeper in the
1st game to a chronic back injury.

We started the season slow with a
couple of losses that slipped through
our fingers, although we regained
structure and passion, putting
some strong wins together to find
ourselves in the finals.

Now here, we found the 2 top

team too strong on the day and we
finished the season 3rd.

More impressive were the numbers
on the bench every week, the
camaraderie through the team and
the Tuesday night beers and banter
at the locals around Sydney.

Looking forward doing it all again in a
few months. Well done boys.

Mark Rogers
Manager

Manager: Mark Rogers
MVP: Greg Bray



Men's 7th Grade Black (M7) - PREMIERS

TEAM

Aiden Farmer
Alex Chambers
Andrew Murray
Angus Rankin
Benj Murray
Josh Ferraz
Nathanael Griffiths
Sam Bailes
Thomas Linfield-Kent
Will Cornish
Will Mulhearn

So what was so special on the second last Tuesday of March 2016 at Ryde Pool?

Well let me lay out a few facts to get started. Not since 1982 (33 years ago) had a men's team been entered in the summer competition that all but consisted of junior high school students. And yes, for a team that was pulled together in the 11th hour at the start of the season with 11 players; it took only 11 days to understand there was a lot to learn.

A convincing first match victory by 15 goals with all that young adolescent testosterone in full flight was soon brought down to earth with an immediate loss to the team that eventually finished 3rd in the competition.

However as the boys progressed, the season's mantra of playing water polo the way it should be played was coming to the fore.

And statistics don't lie: Minor Premiers, most goals scored / least goals conceded and leading goal scorer in the competition.

So with 10 of the 11 players under the age of 16 at the start of the season (many younger) and two of who have never played club water polo before, this premiership is truly

incomprehensible and definitely one for the believers.

Believers in what?

In the Club's junior program of a water polo philosophy that has been instilled into these boys over the years.

To achieve so much with so little water polo experience is testament to the Club's relentless pursuit of a water polo playing style and culture that clearly delivers results.

Now, enough about the result. As this was secondary. There were three team goals that were established at the start of the season.

1. Play attractive, sound water polo as a team
2. Develop as a player
3. And most importantly enjoy yourself!!

This was spelt out to all team members at the first match and reiterated throughout the season. Even in the Grand Final! At half

time in the penultimate match the question was asked of all players. "Are you enjoying yourself? Is this fun?" The emphatic response by all was YES. After this the coach knew that the colour of the medal was only going to be gold!

Sport is a wonderful journey. It is a map with many roads. However you need to be on a road for memories to be created. So proud of the boys. So proud of them wanting to play a wonderful sport and most importantly with a wonderful club. For all the right reasons.

Devils forever!

The Grand Final result? Drummoyne Black 8 defeated Drummoyne Red 4.

Andrew Murray
Coach

Coach: Andrew Murray
MVP: Benj Murray



Men's 7th Grade Red (M7)

TEAM

Kerry Sunderland
Fraser Foristal
David Henricks (Coach)
Dylan Higgs
Lars Foged
Peter Johnston
Will Parker
Ted Churchyard
James Henderson
Peter Gainsford
Matt Henricks
Michael Hayward
Michael Young

Another successful season finishing second to Drummoyne Black in the preliminary rounds losing three games.

We played in our second successive

Grand Final but lost 8/4 to Drummoyne Black.

We beat Wests 7/4 in the Final to qualify. The last quarter of that match was one of our most impressive of the season with great goal keeping by Cocko.

Qualifying for GFs is difficult. Not many senior men's teams have played successive GFs over the years (M5 most recent & we don't do it as well as the women) so it was an achievement considering that we did not perform consistently in each game but did enough to win.

The competition, in most cases consists of the older experienced mixed with juniors.

Leading goal scorers - Michael Hayward 29, Dylan Higgs 23.

Michael Hayward was the most consistent player.

Thanks to Elizabeth Higgs for doing the table each week and David Henricks for coaching.

Mike Young
Manager

Manager: Mike Young
MVP: Michael Hayward



Award Winners 2015/16

Life Member		Andrew Murray
Michael Corry Clubman of the Year		Anne Farrell
Garry Nicholls Junior Clubman of the Year		Rowan Farrell
	MVP	MIP
WOMEN		
NL	Eike Daube	
L1 - PREMIERS	Morgan Baxter	
L2 Red	Georgia Southern	
L2 Black - PREMIERS	Lara Murray	
L3 Red - PREMIERS	Lisa Murphy	
L3 Black	Elissa Branwhite	
First Division MIP		Savannah Henshaw
L4	Rebecca Smith	
L5	Danielle Mackay	
Second Division MIP		Claudia Elwaw
L18	Savannah Henshaw	Georgia Southern
L16A	Carla Traplin	Lilian Hunt
L16B	Grace Marsh	Olivia Harrison
L14A	Macy Hansford	Sarah Prasai
L14B	Ella Foristal	Emily Gow
MEN		
NL	Mitch Emery & Tyler Martin	
M1	Teo Galic	
M2	Ben Scobie	
M3	Gavin Aubrey	
First Division MIP		Lachlan Trabinger
M4 - PREMIERS	Daniel Marsden	
M5	Daniel Sturrock	
M6 Red	Greg Bray	
M6 Black	Steve Lewis	
M7 Red	Michael Hayward	
M7 Black - PREMIERS	Benj Murray	
Second Division MIP		Harry Tunstall
M18	Chris Artemi	Jack Rector
M16A	Connor Wicks	Sam Yip
M16B - PREMIERS	Will Cornish	Jackson Brown
M14A	Finn Barry	Jordan Lancaster
M14B	Will Bondy	Eaden McNeill

Representative Honour Roll 2015/16

Congratulations to our players selected in the following:

AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVES

AJ Roach, Mitch Emery & Tyler Martin selected in Australian Men's Team for the 2016 Rio Olympics.

AJ Roach, Mitch Emery and **Tyler Martin** in Aussie Sharks in multiple events including the Vodafone Cup at the Alréd Hajós Swimming Complex in Budapest; 16th FINA World Championships, Kazan Russia; and FINA World League Tournament in Japan.

Jayde Appel in the Aussie Stingers in multiple events including the Kunshan Cup in Shanghai; the test series against the US.

Fiona Walsh: Unirooms, World University Games, and 11th FINA World Women's Junior Water Polo Championships (Greece).

James Smith: 18th FINA World Men's Junior Water Polo Championships in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

Joe Kospetas and **Bronson Ronan**: Born '00 tour to Europe, July 2015.

Alex Corbett and **Morgan Baxter** toured to Japan as part of an Aussie Stingers 2020 Tokyo Development Squad.

Alex Corbett & Emma Workman - Born '97 squad tour to Europe in June/July 2016.

Adam Hall, Gianni Taranto & Rowan Farrell - Born '97 squad tour to Europe in July, 2016.

Savannah Henshaw & Emma Jones - Born '98 squad to tour Europe in July/August 2016.

Phoebe Hall, Carla Traplin & Brooke Mather in Born '00 Squad for Pan Pacs, July 2016.

Carla Traplin & Brooke Mather for Test Series v NZ, July 2016.

Bronson Ronan in Born '00 Squad for Pan Pacs and Test Series v NZ, and James Kolenda in AUS Barbarians Team, July 2016.

Daniel Lister in the Men's Open Australian Country squad to attend the Princess Chulabhorn Cup tournament in Bangkok in November.

STATE / TERRITORY REPRESENTATIVES

Bronson Ronan, Sam Yip, Joe Kospetas and **Angus Davis** (NSW Blues team) and **Connor Wicks, Jamie Samuel** and **Jacob Taranto, Georgia Gray** and **Carla Traplin** (NSW Waratahs) in the Born '00 tournament against New Zealand, July 2015.

Jack Rector (NSW Blues)

and **Daniel Lukic** (NSW Waratahs) Born '99 at the Trans Tasman Cup in Queensland, July 2015.

Ruby Borozan, Georgia Southern, Kayla Rogers and **Sarah Kerrison** (Blues) and **Kimberly Keane** (Waratahs) for Born '99 Trans Tasman Tournament in Brisbane, July 2015.

Macy Hansford (U14 Girls Blues), **Nikita Strbac** (U14 Boys Blues), **Ben Tuite** (U14 Boys Waratahs) for U14 ECC, Melbourne July 2016.

Bronty Ryan and **Cara Murray** (U14 Girls Platypus), **Finn Barry** (U14 Boys Platypus), and **Alex Cornish, Brandon Wicks** and **Jarrah Ronan** (U14 Boys Opals) for U14 Pan Pacs NZ July 2016.

Georgia Gray (U16 Girls Blues), **Tori Workman** (U16 Waratahs), **Lilian Hunt** and **Georgia Smith** (U16 Platypus), **Aidan Schmitt, Angus Davis, Jamie Samuel, Connor Wicks, Jacob Taranto** and **Sam Yip** (U16 Boys Blues), and **Jacob Gadiel** (U16 Boys Platypus) for U16 Pan Pacs NZ July 2016.

Georgia Southern and **Sarah Harnwell** (Junior Girls Blues), **Ruby Borozan** (Junior Girls Waratahs), **Harry Gilkes** (Junior Boys Blues), and **Jack Rector** (Junior Boys Waratahs) for Junior Pan Pacs NZ July 2016.

Justin Trabinger, Nate Sinclair and **Lachlan Trabinger**: NSW & Australian Country Championships representing ACT.

SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

Emma Tuite: Australian Schoolgirls team playing in South Africa and Australia.

Carla Traplin, Emma Jones, Connor Wicks, Jack Rector, Jacob Taranto and **Sam Yip** in the NSW CIS 17 years and Under Teams as part of the NSW All Schools Championships.

Olivia Patrick and **Phoebe Hall** in the CHS U15 team to play in the Pan Pacs in NZ.

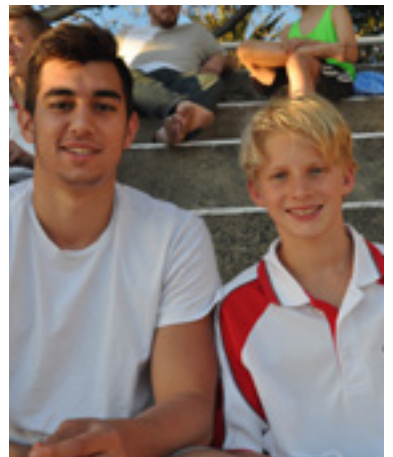
Carla Traplin & Jack Rector in Australian Schools Teams to play in NZ in December, and **James Kolenda** named reserve.

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Anne Farrell
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