



Drummoyne Water Polo Club Inc

Annual Report

2009-10



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Office Bearers

President*	Michael Hahn
Secretary*	Kerrie Emery
Treasurer*	Randall Polivka
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Registrar	Dave Bushell
Waterpolo Director	Dalibor Maslan (Resigned Feb 2010)
Communications	Peter McGraw
Marketing	Amy Stevens-Jones

* Position is an Executive Committee role

Presidents Report

Congratulations to all the players and coaches on fantastic season. Season 2009-2010 was another successful season with some fantastic achievements in and out of the water.....

- JDP in its 9th season – 1,000 participants;
- 28 teams – 10 junior, 16 senior, 2 NL teams;
- 5 premierships, 5 second place and 7 third place; 22 teams in finals;
- Premiers - Mens 1st Grade, Ladies 3rd Grade 3peat, U16A, U16B & U18 Girls;
- Drummoyne Devils National League Mens B2B silver;
- NSW Club Championship – 1st U16, U18, U20 Girls, 1st U20, 2nd U18, 3rd U14 Boys;
- Australian Club Championship 3rd U14 boys;
- Australian representatives 5 senior, 5 junior & 6 youth;
- The Club recognised the contribution made by the newest Life Member Neale Murphy.

Congratulations to all the winners of the awards. Everyone is a winner at Drummoyne and it's great that we are able to recognise the efforts and success of our members. I would like to congratulate everyone who achieved representative selection. The talent pool within our club continues to develop with a some great second generation juniors coming through with Emma Jones, Emma Tuite and Joel Foristal continuing the family tradition and a strong group of Drummoyne players achieving representative honours at school, state, and the various development squads.



2009 MENS 1ST GRADE PREMIERS

The Clubs juniors continued to shine with the girls and boys teams having their share of success while the Clubs Men's and Women's lower grade sides continued to provide an opportunity for social water polo and for some juniors to gain invaluable experience. Thanks to Chicka, Aidan, Murph, Macca, Simmo, Jill, Bec, Catherine, Erin, Clare, Alicia, for organising the Clubs traditional grades and making sure we continue the Clubs traditions in and out of the water.

Congratulations to all the players, coaches, management, referees, sponsors, helpers and everyone who contributed to a successful season. The bar was set high with the Drummoyne Mens 1st grade securing their 2nd premiership in 3 years and our junior teams continued to perform well at all levels. Our first wave of junior boys graduated to the senior ranks with the boys winning the Under 20 Col Smees and 5 Drummoyne juniors achieving selection in the Aussie Sharks mens squad. Congratulations to Adam Polivka, Aidan Roach & John Hahn who played in the 2 Australian teams selected to play at the Sydney international tournament in January and to Aidan and John were joined by Mitchell Emery and Tyler Martin who made their senior debut at the World league preliminaries played in Japan and China.

Special thanks to our coaching staff for their efforts especially Men's Club Coach Dalibor Maslan and Dmitry Gorshkov who we were fortunate to attract mid season. Women's Club Coach Ian Trent, Andrew Maddocks, Damian Callander, Fraser Foristal, Jenny MacGregor, Kate McGraw, Gavin Aubrey, Petar Petrovic, Mitchell Scott, Sarah Dill-Macky and Wendy Stanton. A big thank you to all the team managers, referees, especially Arthur Fogarty for coordinating the Sunday referees, table officials, helpers and the fun police and everyone who contributed to making it happen this season.



2010 DRUMMOYNE DEVILS NATIONAL LEAGUE

I would like to thank the team managers Annabelle Cuthill, Craig Scott, Helen Slater, Janette Pittorino, Jenny Tilyard, Julie Taylor, Kathy Horton, Kim Moodie, Mario Crkvencic, Mitsa Mercuri, Steve Kelly, Sue Polivka, Tracey Mirabito and Wendy Tuite for all their work on pool deck. Without their commitment week in week out it would not have been possible to run the Ladies and Men's teams each week. Congratulations to Kate McGraw who has done a great job with the junior development program attracting plenty of the Clubs juniors to help out each Friday.

The club is fortunate to have a fantastic committee and I would like to thank them all for their work. The contribution made by the entire committee was again outstanding. The success in recent seasons would not have been possible without their contribution and I would like to thank them for their long standing service to the Club. To the strong core group of workers who support the efforts of the club, thank you for your ongoing support. This workload needs to be spread amongst the members and friends of Drummoyne Water Polo Club. A special thank you to Kerrie Emery for her fantastic work in the Devils Kitchen's. Our own Master Chef!



TAMWORTH SELECTION MEETING

Looking back on the last season everyone can be very proud of and I am very thankful to the long list of helpers. As the Club continues to flourish and grow the requirements on the Clubs infrastructure expands. This requires both financial and people resources, something that we take for granted. The Club has made a huge investment securing coaching staff to develop our players and pool space for them to train and play. We really need more people to step up and contribute on pool deck as coaches, referees, managers, to secure funding 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're to maintain this position we need to spread the workload and this can only happen if we have more helpers.

Out of the water the Drummoyne Club continues to excel providing the young and not so young an insight into life skills. This year the Club held their first ladies Night Out and Red Ball plus the swimathon gained momentum. Whether it's a full house for the Life Members lunch at Parliament House, great crowds at Club and National League games, on the road at State and National tournaments, Cans by Candlelight, Wild West Tour, Manning Mug, Raymond Terrace, Club Presentation and Winter luncheon the traditional culture of Drummoyne Water Polo Club shines through.



2009 WILD WEST

Financially it was another tough year suffering a small loss. The main contributor was the decline in sponsorship revenue while our costs were within budget. Thanks to our sponsors especially major sponsors Mozo, PJ Gallagher's and EG Funds Management and all our sponsors whose contribution made it possible for the club to compete at all levels. The growth of the Club sees a need for other fundraising events and revenue streams to be in place. This requires resources, people to assist with planning and implementation of events and to help secure sponsorship.

I know everyone has their own commitments however if we are to sustain and fund our water polo activities we need help from our members and support network. I encourage all members to get involved and help make a difference to the Clubs operations

Thanks again to everyone for your continued support of the Club and water polo in the Drummoyne district. I look forward to seeing you all on pool deck. Go the Drummoyne Devils!!!

MICHAEL HAHN

PRESIDENT

Secretary's Report

Wow, what a year Drummoyne Water Polo Club has had. This summer season saw us put 14 ladies and 14 men's teams in the water.

Firstly we must say thanks to Dave Bushell, who gets you all registered and cleared to play. Great work, we would be lost without you and your contacts in NSWWP. I would have to be the worst secretary the club has ever had, and I must thank Michael Hahn who does most of my job and, really, without Michael Hahn we wouldn't have a club or the success Drummoyne enjoys. Thank you so much.

To Tracey Mirabito, thank you for keeping track of all the game cards. Your tireless efforts never go unnoticed. Peter McGraw who keeps us all up to date with everything that is happening in the club, I guess we take all your work for granted, but you do a great job. The committee is a hard working group who give up their time freely to make this club what it is. Randall for keeping the reins pulled tight so we sort of stay within our means. James, Traeey, Cathy, Frank, Mitsa, Tracey, Trevor, Caroline and anyone who I have forgotten.

The Red Ball was awesome and was a night we will all remember for a long time, and raised much needed funds.

Last but by no means least, the running of the clubroom and **THE DEVILS KITCHEN**: a big thank you to everyone who has cooked on the BBQ, served behind the bar, served in the kitchen or cleaned up afterwards. Special mentions must go to Robyn Reid for her Thai Curry and Annabelle for her Bolognese, that helped feed the players on National League Nights.

But there two very special ladies that helped make all my bright ideas work; Tracey Baxter and Caroline Marnell. Without you two ladies we would never had food or eaten on the sponsors day or the Presentation night. Drummoyne Water Polo Club has great players and supporters and that's what puts us above the other clubs.

REMEMBER: IF EVERYONE PUTS IN AND DOES A LITTLE, THE RESULT WILL BE A LOT!

KERRIE EMERY

SECRETARY

Treasurers Report

The past year has been a challenging one for the club with sponsorship money being difficult to raise as companies worried about the impact a global recession could have on their businesses. Despite this we were able to retain the generous support of our major sponsors PJ Gallagher's, EG Funds Management, Datapharm and Australian Structural Steel. In addition, the club is grateful to have had two new sponsors, MOZO and Renascent join us during the year. Nonetheless our sponsorship income fell by \$18,000 in the year just finished compared with the prior year.

Thankfully in true community spirit, our club rallied to support the two new fundraising events namely, the "Girls Night In" and the "Red Ball" with these events combined raising in excess of \$25,000 in net funds. However, the clubs largest fundraiser is the "Parliament House Luncheon", which is held only once every two years. Unfortunately, as we did not hold this event in the past year our total fund raising income was down by \$46,000 from the previous year.

This fall in income meant that the club needed to achieve savings in the day to day operations of putting teams in the pool. I'm happy to report that we were indeed successful in reducing our net operating costs (after members fees) by \$47,000 for the year when compared with the prior 12 months. Our largest expense item is fees to NSWWPI and it was a particularly pleasing that whilst fees to NSWWPI rose by approximately 20%, we were able to minimise our fee increase to club members to 10%.

The club is fortunate to have the use of its clubroom, which due to its fantastic outlook and again generous patronage from members, generates a positive income stream from food & drinks sales. The clubroom is also available for hire by the wider community and thank you to Mark Simpson who coordinates this valuable source of revenue. Clubroom operations generated a \$9,000 net profit for the year down \$1,000 from last year.

To sum up, the net result for the year was a deficit of \$9,305 and this compares with a deficit for the prior year of \$9,209. So although the club continued to spend more than was taken in, the committee has felt this level of investment has been necessary in order to continue the development of our juniors and to maintain the level of service to all members. Finally, the club has budgeted to return to a surplus flow of funds over the coming 12 months and I am confident that with continued good management, we are well positioned to achieving this.

RANDALL POLIVKA

TREASURER

Functions & Events

The Devils, as always enjoyed themselves more than most during the season. A number of events were held, with the highlight being “The Red Ball” in March. Staged at La Montage, over 400 guests donned their finest apparel and danced the night away to the sounds of Jellybean Jam. It was our first Ball since the early ‘90’s and was a major success, not only as a social event, but also as a fundraiser. Many thanks to the committee who worked tirelessly to make it happen. And a huge thank you to all the members who organized tables and made the night, one to remember. Even if the memory is a little hazy, especially for those who hopped on the courtesy bus back to PJ’s for the “After Party”.

A number of other functions were held during the season. The traditional “Cans by Candlelight” (which of course dates back to the early 1980’s) was held in the week leading up to Xmas and as usual great fun was had by all. The Life Members winter lunch in August proved to be another huge hit, with a full house entertained by the “Big Marn” Daryl Brohman. Not to be outdone the ladies held the inaugural “Girls night In” which proved a major hit. Well done to the organizers for finally catching up with the blokes!

A magnificent Sunday afternoon for a National League game was the setting for our “Sponsors day.” It was a great afternoon and a really good way for the Devils to show their appreciation of our fantastic band of sponsors. We aim to really ramp this day up in the future.

There were a number of more impromptu events during the season which resulted in loads of fun, but none more than the “After Party” following the National League Finals. It seems almost every club on the Continent returns to the Devils lair, to let their hair down after a grueling Final series. Clearly, they know where to have a good time.

Let’s hope the 2010 season is one where the whole club gets behind all the social events staged. Without the support of the members we cease to exist. A key event next season will be the Parliament house luncheon on Feb 4th. Put it in the diary NOW!

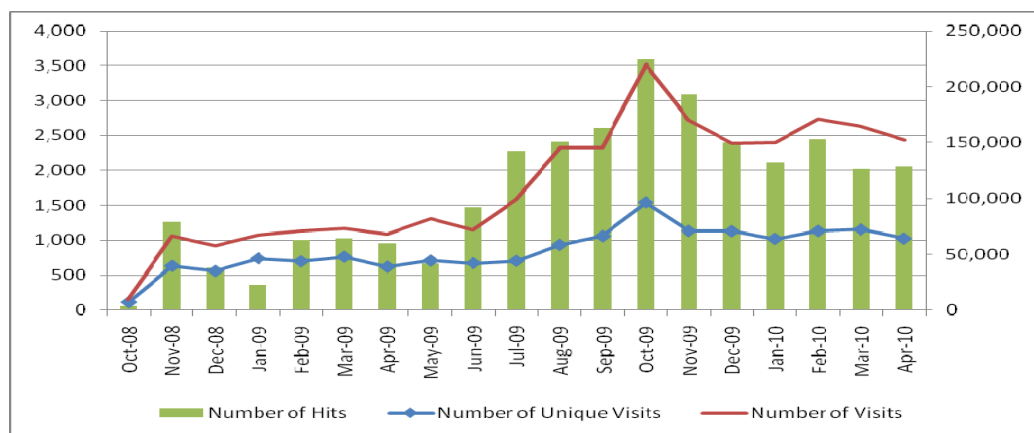
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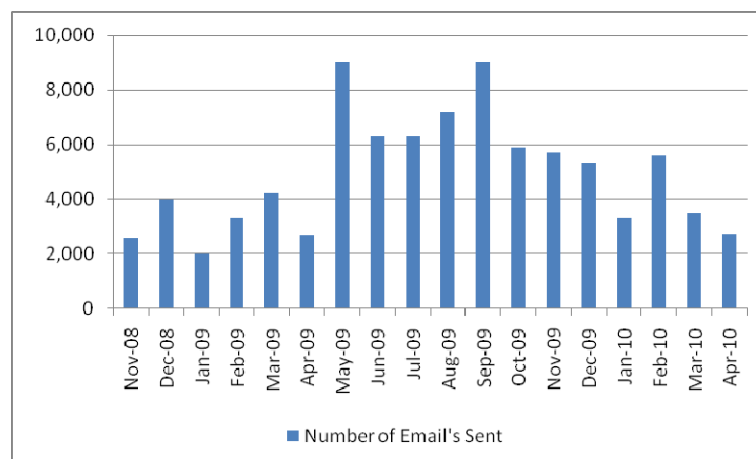
Communications Report

The past year showed the results of implementing the Electronic Communication Plan which encompasses the Club's web site and the distribution of news via the weekly emails. During the year, the Club also formalised its Privacy and Terms of Use policies.

On the web site, the average hits per month was over 145,000 (maximum was 224,000) and we attracted over 1,000 (maximum was 1,544) unique visitors' each month and with them returning 2.3 times on average. Although we don't have a full year on year comparison, the growth in our web site visitation is significant.



As well as distributing Club information and news via the web site, the Club also uses weekly emails that include hyperlinked sponsor's logos. During the year almost 70,000 emails were distributed usually twice a week.



PETER McGRAW

COMMUNICATIONS

Junior Development Report

This year's program saw a new group of young enthusiastic boys and girls introduced to water polo. We had great support from some of our juniors who helped out each week in coaching roles. Participants were introduced to the basics skills, some tactics and had lots of fun.

The program continues to provide a good pool of players for the Sydney Metropolitan Competition with many JDP participants graduating to the clubs playing ranks.

We plan to review the program for the upcoming season with both Club Coaches Dmitry Gorshkov and Ian Trent offering to provide some guidance that will help us deliver a bigger and better JDP in its season.

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the continued success program. In particular I would like to thank Kate McGraw who has been running the pool deck operations for the last 2 seasons and special mention to Peter and Sam McGraw who managed the top deck each week.

Dalibor Maslan

This season we farewelled Dalibor Maslan who had spent nearly 5 seasons as Head Coach at Drummoyne Water Polo Club. Plenty can be said to try and describe Dalibor Maslan and his impact at Drummoyne Water Polo Club and the water polo community. One thing we can't debate is that the European style, discipline and structure of water polo Dalibor introduced to Drummoyne paid dividends. All the stakeholders in water polo have benefited from the program Dalibor introduced to Drummoyne in 2006. Irrespective whether you play club, represented Australia or a 10 year old being introduced to the game. Dalibor's magic board communicates with all age groups at all levels. Some people love what he has done and he has his detractors. All I can say to the latter group is forget the personality and focus on what Dalibor can teach boys and girls at all levels of water polo.



The first game Dalibor coached in October 2006 was an Under 16 boys game played at Sutherland that included many of the players he has developed who are now key players in the Drummoyne Devils National league team and 4 who played that night played for the Australia mens team this year.

Drummoyne teams coached by Dalibor have won 19 gold or silver medals since 2006. His ability to get the best out of players who were prepared to commit was evident when a young Drummoyne line-up surprised many when they finished runners up in the 2006 Col Smees Under 20 competition. The team included many of the young Under 16 players Dalibor coached that first night at Sutherland pool. This same playing group has gone on and either won or finished second at the last four Col Smees tournaments. Six boys have played in all 4 Col Smees tournaments and have all gone on to be part of the Drummoyne Devils National League team with Aidan Roach, Tyler Martin, Mitchell Emery and Ben Scott involved in Dalibor's farewell game while Robert Hahn and Daniel Corry are still combining rugby with their interest in water polo.

This core group of juniors joined Australian team members Grant Richardson and John Hahn Olympians Dean Semmens, Sean Boyd, Nenad, Igor, one of our earlier club coaches Juan Ramirez and a young slingshot Adam Polivka to win the NSW Mens 1st Grade Premiership in 2007. The Clubs first premiership in the top grade in over 80 years. Runners up in 2008 was followed by a second 1st grade premiership (2 in 3 seasons) in 2009. In 2008 the Drummoyne Devils were launched qualifying for the National League finals in their inaugural season, almost grabbing gold in 2009 and winning the inaugural Consolidated Cup Under 23 tournament in the same year.

It hasn't just been the top grade that Dalibor has developed. He has created a program that developed a skill level that extends down to the clubs under 14s and into the junior development program. Dalibor has not only created a new water polo ethic he has worked alongside the traditions of the Drummoyne Club aka "BBQ water polo" to create a talent pool of players.

Dalibor has developed a support team alongside him including junior coach Petar Petrovic and Manager Craig Scott who has done an incredible job and been a great ally for Dalibor. In a very short time Dalibor has made a major impact on water polo at Drummoyne and across Australia. Dalibor has created so much interest and enthusiasm in the sport he leaves us with a great legacy as we move to another era. Everyone at Drummoyne Water Polo will be forever grateful for the vision and change he introduced.

On behalf of everyone at Drummoyne Water Polo Club and the entire water polo community we thank Dalibor for his outstanding fantastic contribution and wish him every success at the Victorian Institute of Sport and in his role with the Australian Water Polo mens program.

We all look forward to seeing you on pool deck in the near future. Dobra!

CRAIG SCOTT

MANAGER MENS

Under 14A Girls (LSJA)

Overall a good season finishing 4th with UNSW beating us in the semi final. This season saw many of the girls develop as strong players both mentally and physically.

I was great to see regular attendance at training consistently throughout the season, not once did I have less than 8 people at training out of a squad of 10.

The State titles were in Tamworth where everyone had a fantastic time both in and out of the pool. Unfortunately due to poor scheduling, we saw a team who finished 7th in the rounds go thru to the final. Finishing first in our pool we had one chance to go thru to the finals and unfortunately Breakers beat us in the last minute of the game, and due to the draw we were out.

Nationals were in Brisbane, again a wonderful trip had by all. A big thank you to all the parents for helping out, as special thank you to Caroline Marnell for her gourmet meals. (Stay tuned for the Drummoyne Waterpolo Tour Cook Book, it would be a great fundraiser.) The dads who drove the players around and to Kim our manager for all her hard work through out the season. We stayed at the Bridgwater Terraces which are an excellent venue to stay at. In the pool unfortunately the only game we lost was the first game to an unknown team called Stuartholme. We lost to them 4-2, they were clearly one of the four strongest teams there, a draw with Melville saw us finish 3rd in our pool so effectively we finished 7th overall. Only one win away from a medal match, maybe next time girls. We took up 4 of the under 14B's to Brisbane Kailyn, Lara, Alex and Hannah, it was a great experience for them, the best memory for me from the trip was the game against Tasmania where all the older players only played 3 minutes of the game to take the lead then all the younger girls who will be out 14's this year took over to win the game 11-0.

We had many players who were successful in gaining representation in NSW squads. Congratulations to Macca, Katie, Sam, Nicole & Georgia all were chosen for the Under 14's NSW squad to go to TAP camp then Brisbane later in the year for nationals and Sarah, Megan & Bronte chosen for the Under 13's NSW development squad. Congratulations to all the girls on your selection and a great season by everyone.

MVP – Nicole Moodie

MOST IMPROVED – Bethan Smolenic

WENDY STANTON
COACH

Under 14B Girls (LSJB)

The 14B's had a great season to qualify for the grand final and had a great experience playing their first State Championships at Tamworth. The combination of a hard draw and a very young team has provided the girls with a great platform to continue their development.



All the girls should all be very proud of their achievements and will all have a smile on their dial when they look back on the experience. They will all benefit from their rookie season as they step up a level in the Winter 2010 and Summer '10/11. Well done girls. Enjoy the season ahead and thanks for the memories.

MVP – Lara Murray

MOST IMPROVED – Kailyn McLennan

KATE McGRAW

COACH

Under 14A Boys (MJA)

The Drummoyne U/14 boy's team has progress and matured into a talented group of players who fit the description of a "champion team". Not one individual doubted each other's potential throughout the whole season and that goes to show with the great friendships that were made amongst each other and the outstanding sportsmanship shown by all to their opponents, coach, manager and officials.

This team should really be proud of the effects and achievements in 2010. Many of these players had never played water polo before. Most had only been associated through the Junior Development Program or through their School. Well they sure did prove that they had an inexpressible passion to improve from week to week. That determination shown by the boy's is evident in their status as the, as the "3rd best team U/14 in Australia".

The team had a top 3 finish at all 3 tournaments they competed in.

- NSW U/14 State Championships- **3rd place**
(Beaten 5-3 in the Semi Final by Central Coast)
- Sydney Metropolitan Under 14 Competition- **2nd place**
(Beaten 7-5 in the Grand Final by Cronulla)
- National Under 14 Club Championships- **3rd place**
(Beat KFC Breakers 4-2 to claim the Bronze Medal)

A big thank you must go to the team manager, Julie Taylor. Julie's effortless hard work and exceptional organisational skills have helped this team function without drama and a true reason why the team performed so well throughout the season. Whether it is a Wednesday night game or a trip to Tamworth or Brisbane, the amount of work never phased Julie as it was well organised and ran without hiccups.

I would also like to thank Nick Taylor for volunteering to referee each week when available, including our tournament referee for Tamworth. Very much appreciated.

In addition, a big thanks to the parents for the continued support and appreciation given throughout the season. It was great to see you all poolside cheering on the boys each week as well as in Tamworth and Brisbane.

And last but not least I would like to congratulate and thank every player in the team. Not only have I enjoyed coaching such a outstanding group of individuals, it has been rewarding to see the progress the players have made as a team and individuals skills and attitude of each player improve.

Keep an eye for the Drummoyne National League team in a few years. I'm sure you will see plenty of these boys featured in the Devils line up.



DEVILS BOYS WIN FIRST U/14'S NATIONAL MEDAL!

The U/14 Drummoynes Devils boys' team has brought home the bronze medal at the Australian National Club Championships in Brisbane.

Going through the rounds undefeated with solid wins against Sunshine Coast (QLD), Sydney Uni (NSW), Melbourne Collegians (VIC), City Beach (WA), KFC Breakers, (QLD) and a hard fought 2 -2 draw against NSW and Sydney Champions Cronulla Sharks meant that the Devils were guaranteed a semi final berth.

Unfortunately Cronulla had the better goal difference and got the "easier" semi final against KFC Breakers while the Devils were up against the undefeated Melville Sharks who cruised through the preliminary rounds.

After leading 3-2 at half-time against powerhouse Melville Sharks, the devils struggled to match Melville going down 8-3 and narrowly missing a spot in the gold medal game.

Without losing sight of a medal up for grabs, the boys lifted themselves just one more time to dominate KFC Breakers and bring home the clubs first medal at the U/14 age group.

Coach Mitchell Scott was extremely pleased with the boy's efforts,

"Our aim was to make sure we got through each game and not got ahead of ourselves. We only lost one game all week and were very unlucky not to be playing in the gold medal game. A bronze medal was by far, beyond of all our expectations."

Melville Sharks claimed the title 9-5 after leading 6-1 at half-time against the Cronulla Sharks.

MVP – Steven Xenakis

MOST IMPROVED – Ryan Brennan

**MITCHELL SCOTT
COACH**

Under 14B Boys (MJB)

The season commenced on a high with our biggest victory (by goals) achieved in our first game. The boys appeared to have learned from their Winter Comp intro to water polo & the benefits were on display. The Coach's optimism was slightly dimmed when the following weeks we lost by similar margins as it became apparent that there was a large chasm between A & B teams. We were competitive against all other B teams who were mainly the same age but not against the A teams who all had mostly boys in their second Summer of U/14s.



2010 U14B FUTURE DEVILS – YOU CAN SEE IT IN THEIR EYES!

There was much improvement in the team performance & within the team individually. After some heavy losses in the first half of the season, the boys must've found money in their Christmas Pud because after the break we managed three draws, one win & our only loss was against our bigger, hairier cousins from the A's.

Qualifying for the semi's we drew Ryde in the minor, who we had failed to beat on three occasions in the home & away games. The game was a good lesson in patience for the boys as we tried to rush a couple of shots only to turn the ball over & get countered on. Ryde could have been up by more at the end of the first quarter but held a one goal lead. We went goal for goal with them in the second quarter but importantly the boy who had scored all three goals for them was fouled out. We scored three unanswered goals in the third & the game was won.

We played Cronulla in the final who we had managed to draw with a few weeks before. Unfortunately the bigger field became a bridge too far for our young boys as Cronulla demonstrated how important extra swimming training is. We peppered their goal but the chasing up & down had taken much of the potency out of our shooting. In the end we lost by a few but we learnt a lesson.

In February we embarked on the obligatory trip to the Country Water polo capital of NSW for the Clubs Champs in Tamworth. As with the Sydney Comp. we lost more than we won against bigger boys but I hope I speak for everyone in saying it was a truly wonderful experience for everyone. The organization was terrific & the idea to house four Drummoyne teams in the one hotel would one day of been madness in the view of the local constabulary but times have changed my friends. This was bliss. Everyone sitting around the gardens with a glass of something chilled in the warm air as the kids frolicked about was hopefully a reminder to everyone that DWPC is more than just water polo.

I truly hope that everyone in this team enjoyed the season & that their experience thus far has been only positive. Results in Winter Comp suggest that if we all continue to work on the game (Coach Incl), we could achieve some great experiences that come with application. Finally big thanks to Sue Sharrock for reffing & fill-in coaching & also to Jen Tilyard for managing, which is a task that enables the Coach to concentrate without distraction.

Well done 14B's.

MVP – Jagen Blair-Summons

MOST IMPROVED – Joshua Sharrock

FRASER FORISTAL - COACH

Under 16A Girls (LJA)

It has been an extremely successful season for the U16 A team. The team finished the rounds of the summer competition in second place behind the Sydney Northern Beaches (SNB A) team, losing twice to this team. Having lulled SNB A into a false sense of security the team headed into the major semi final as the “under dog”. For SNB A it was a surprise result in the major semi final which Drummoyne won in golden goal extra time.

The team trained hard and grew in confidence during the two weeks prior to the Grand Final. Up against SNB A again it was another extra time golden goal victory. Even though the result was close (6-5) the Drummoyne girls played a better standard of team water polo. The girls now realised that victory in the State championships was now a possibility.

The State Championships in Wagga Wagga in April was where the U/16 A girls reaped the reward from a season of consistent and disciplined training. Winning through to the Grand Final the Drummoyne girls had a glorious and solid victory over SNB A (8-5), the third in a row for the season. Other wins over the weekend were against Cronulla B, Tamworth, Ovens and Murray, SNB B, Sydney Uni (quarter), Newcastle (semi). Katy Laycock was added to the above team for the State Championships.

The u/16 A team members were:- Ellen Hahn, Erin Moodie, Eliza Pithers, Fiona Walsh, Karlee Assef, Katie Laycock, Lilee Forrester, Maddie Wilson, Stephanie Calaizis, Shannan Martin, Stephanie Polivka, Lauren Wilson.

Eight girls were selected in the State Squad; Stephanie Calaizis, Shannan Martin, Stephanie Polivka, Erin Moodie, Karlee Assef, Fiona Walsh, Ellen Hahn, Maddie Wilson

Congratulations to these girls and Shannan Martin who was selected as the MVP for the tournament.

I would like to thank all the team members for their friendliness, commitment, enthusiasm and dedication to water polo and this team. It has been a pleasure to coach them this season. I am also very grateful to team manager Sue Polivka. Without her capable organisation and support throughout the season these results would not have been possible, especially during the Wagga Wagga weekend.

I look forward to our next challenge the Australian U/16 Club Championship in October.

MVP – Shannan Martin

MOST IMPROVED – Karlee Assef

JENNY MacGREGOR
COACH

Under 16B Girls (LJB)

The U16B 2009-10 summer season was definitely a season to remember! With a relatively slow start to the season we were lucky to come away with some one goal wins in our first few games. However, as the season progressed the girls got more confident and were able to start winning games more comfortably. We were starting to grow more as a team and this was shown through the way we played the game.

The team finished 1st in the regular season with an undefeated record and were looking like big contenders to take out the premiership title. The girls played the game of the season in their semi final against the strong Cronulla team, winning 6-1. However entering the grand final undefeated, the girls felt the pressure to continue their winning streak and the nerves kept them from playing the strong Water Polo they had been building up to throughout the season.

Thankfully the girls pulled out some excellent team work in the last quarter to pull away, winning 3-2 and taking out the U16B championship.

Following a fantastic metropolitan season the girls also participated in the U16 State Championships in Wagga Wagga. Placing second in our pool we entered the quarter finals. The girls put up a good fight against the hunter team and although we weren't able to come away with a win the girls showed skill and determination to be eventually placed equal 5th - a fantastic effort!

After competing in the State Tournament in Wagga our star goal keeper, Isabella Mercuri, was selected in the state squad. We wish her the best of luck in her endeavor to be selected in the NSW team and congratulate on her great success to this point!

To finish I would like to thank everyone involved in making this season so successful. Firstly to all the parents who travelled around Sydney taking girls to training and games. Thank you also to both Mark McLennan and David Baxter for their excellent refereeing. Also, a big thank you to Super manager Mitsa Mercuri for her guidance and organisation throughout the season. Most importantly however, thank you to all the girls for their commitment and determination. You have made my job so easy!!

I wish everyone the best of luck in their future sporting endeavors, be it in water polo or anything else. I hope you have all enjoyed the season as much as I did and I look forward to seeing you all soon!

MVP – Isabella Mercuri

MOST IMPROVED – Jayde McLennan

Prepared by: Mitsa Mercuri - Manager

SARAH DILL-MACKY

COACH

Under 16A Boys (MJA)

In the first half of the season the boys played to the level expected of them, however some patchy performance in the second round saw the boys finish in 4th position going into the semi-finals.

That match saw us meet SNB, who we had beaten during the season. A lack of discipline in the first half meant that even a greatly improved performance in the back half of the game was not enough to claw back a win. However, the boys showed a great deal of heart to maintain the fight right to the end of the match.

The U16A boys had an excellent State Club Championships tournament in Wollongong, finishing equal top of their pool on points, and narrowly missing out on goal differences to the team that went on to win the Bronze medal.

The boys showed a large improvement in their defensive play, and based on results against the top 3 teams we believe we were the best defensive team at the tournament, having the least number of goals scored against us.

There was a great fighting team spirit evident amongst the whole group particularly in the games against SNB and Hunter. Congratulations go to the four players ultimately gaining selection for the U16 State squad (Alex Allen, Mitchell Holden, Jack Slater and Milan Stojkovic).

Highlights of the season were the boys increasing their fitness; a better developed body balance in defence; greatly improved reaction times, and quality/speed of counter-attack. It has also been fantastic to see that the boys have been increasingly able to take charge of their own destiny in the pool, communicating well and reorganising both defensive and attacking structures in response to the course of the game. As a team, they had developed a greater level of knowledge and understanding of the game by the close of the season.

Thank you to all the parents for your support in getting the boys to training, games and tournaments, and particularly to those who helped with organising and running events out of Sydney. Many thanks also to our tireless team manager, Helen Slater.

MVP – Jack Slater

MOST IMPROVED – Alex Allan

PETAR PETROVIC
COACH

Under 16B Boys (MJB)

An enjoyable season only to be trumped by the disappointment of a Grand Final loss. From reports received everyone played their heart out in a game that went down to the wire losing 4-3 in the final second of extra time. Because of business I was overseas missing both the grand final and the herculean effort at the NSW Club Championships in Wollongong.

I was fortunate to be on pool deck to see a faultless display in the major semi final defeating the minor premiers 11-5 in a 14 goal turnaround after we fell short of the mark in the competition rounds. Excellent extra man conversion couple with strong defence provided a potent cocktail that left the opposition staring blankly at the bottom of the pool.

There were some fantastic team performances and memories during the season including Luke Hayward scoring 5 goals in the major semi final and finishing the season as our leading scorer. Callum Gates improved every week at centre back and proved a great ally for “the wall” Michael Mirabito who repelled more water polo balls than flies at an Aerogard factory only to be topped by the 5 metre specialist Jordan Corbett who was as keen as a mustard factory.

I take my hat off to everyone for their commitment to training and extra effort made by everyone in the back half of the season was reflected in our strong performance in the pool. I would like to thank Petar Petrovic for his assistance and including the boys in the U16 sessions in what was a very busy program that was difficult to manage. Thanks also to the Kelly gang Steve and Leanne who backed up to manage the team. To our referees Kerri Hay, Arthur Fogarty and Grant Parker for being available to take on the toughest job each week and to all the parents and friends for your stint on the table each week.

A final word to the boys. Skill levels will always vary irrespective of the sport we play. Some of the players in this team have the ability to play at a higher level if you do the work. I know we are competing with other sports and we have to make time to keep ahead of our school commitments. There has to be a balance. Whatever your decision I hope you all continue to be involved with Drummoyne Water Polo Club. Thanks for an enjoyable season and I look forward to seeing you all on pool deck.

MVP – Michael Mirabito

MOST IMPROVED – Callum Gates

MICHAEL HAHN
COACH

Under 18 Girls (LC)

Drummoyne secured the 18s double, winning both the Metropolitan and State titles in a memorable season.

The Devils took out the State Championship at Ryde Pool with a comfortable 7-5 win over Cronulla in the Grand Final after going through the rounds and preliminary finals unbeaten. Dani White top scored in the State Championship tournament with 14 goals, whilst Devon Boyle hit 13. Serena Reid was once again outstanding in goals.

8 players were successful in being chosen in the NSW Blues team that won the National title in Perth whilst another 2 played in the NSW Waratahs team.

Towards season's end the 18s then won the Metropolitan gold medal, downing old rivals SNB 5-2 in the Grand Final. Once again a frustrated Breakers line-up could find no way past Serena Reid who played behind a great team effort. Dani White top scored for the season with 35 goals, Morgan Baxter nailed 26 and Devon Boyle 24.

The core of this team has never lost a title since they began in the 14s so they are to be congratulated on rounding out their junior careers in such great fashion.

MVP – Serena Reid

MOST IMPROVED – Morgan Baxter

Under 20 Ladies Col Smees

The Drummoyne girls scored the club's first ever title in the girls Col Smees Under 20 tournament with an outstanding undefeated run to the finals. The Devils then easily accounted for UNSW in the semi final and SNB 5-3 in the Grand Final. The quality of the win cannot be understated as the Drummoyne team for next year loses only one player, and then only one more for the following year. Indeed we fielded a very young team. In her first year with the club Natalee McJannet played superbly to win her first ever gold medal.

IAN TRENT
COACH

Under 18 Boys (MC)

The U18s was a team of players competing across four other grades besides the U18s few training sessions as a team. Despite this, the boys put up a very solid performance throughout the season, with 9 wins and 4 losses in the regular season. The Devils eventually succumbed to a fired up Cronulla in the semi finals, who charged out of the blocks and clearly wanted the game more than us.

The U18s had an excellent showing at the NSW U18s Championships in November winning silver, beating all teams except the UNSW Wests Magpies... who defeated us in the Grand Final.

Thank you to all the parents for supporting the boys and helping with the management and match officiating each week.

MVP – Hamish Cuthill

MOST IMPROVED – Ryan Lear

Dalibor Maslan
Coach

Annabelle James
Manager

Under 20 Mens Col Smee

The tournament played in January and not the traditional time was not an obstacle for the Drummoyne boys who have a proud record in this event with Gold in 2007, Silver in 2006 & 2008. This would not only be the last 'junior' game for a group of Drummoyne juniors...but was also going to be Dalibor's last tournament as a Drummoyne Devil.

The boys did not let each other or Dalibor down, going through the event undefeated and beating Sydney Uni in a tight but entertaining final in front of a healthy Drummoyne crowd with AJ winning his third consecutive MVP.

Saying Goodbye to Junior Competitions for Drummoyne leaving this event with 2 Gold and 2 Silver medals - Aidan Roach, Tyler Martin, Benny Scott, Rob Hahn, Dan Corry and Mitchell Emery

Congratulations to Aidan Roach, Mitch Emery, Tyler Martin, Adam Polivka, Hamish Cuthill, Benny Scott and Ryan Marnell all named in the NSW U20 squad with Ryan Lear added later in April.

CRAIG SCOTT

Manager

Women National League

Even though the Drummoyne National League Women's squad finished just out of the finals in 7th place, there were plenty of positives from the 2010 NL season.

This year Drummoyne improved in a number of categories relative to 2009:-

Win / Draw / Loss:

2009: 9-3-10 or 47.73%

2010: 10-2-10 or 50.00%

For / Against record (goals)

2009: 169-202 or -33

2010: 232-192 or +40

That is a huge 67 goal turnaround

Competition Points

2009: 43

2010: 44

Lauren Silver won the scoring title, smashing the previous record. "Lolo" scored an amazing 89 goals, easily beating her nearest rival Cronulla's Nicola Zagami (78)

Other top goal scorers for the Devils were Nikita Cuffe (31), Angela Turnbull (30) and Lisa Callahan (29)

Highlights included exciting draws against defending champions Brisbane Barracudas and top 4 team Fremantle, narrow losses to minor premiers Balmain and top 4 team KFC Breakers and victories over finalists Cronulla and Victoria Tigers. Unfortunately missed opportunities led to disappointing results against the University of NSW and Sydney University (both split series) and these proved costly in the long run.

Our younger brigade played many more minutes than in 2009 and 16 year old juniors Morgan Baxter and Shannan Martin were introduced to elite level Water Polo.

Whilst we can be disappointed we missed the finals this year, in the future you will see that this season was a pivotal one in the development of our Women's Program.

MVP – Lauren Silver

IAN TRENT

HEAD COACH

Ladies 1st Grade (L1)

Drummoyne finished in a creditable fifth place in the 1st Grade competition, narrowly missing out on the semi finals. On the face of it this was not a great result, but looking a little closer there were definitely positives to emerge.

Drummoyne fielded largely a young team, mainly playing with only one senior player, whilst each of the semi finalists could call on almost their National League strength line-ups.

The Devils registered 5 wins, including one against Sydney University who edged us out of the top 4.

A couple of our young players turned the corner in their development and look set to kick-on next season. Devon Boyle top-scored with 20 goals, Dani White had 16 and Morgan Baxter 15.

MVP – Sasha Cuffe

MIP – Elise Holden

IAN TRENT

COACH

Ladies 2nd Grade (L2)

Unfortunately we were unable to improve on our minor premiership following successive losses in the finals. Our momentum was disrupted in the back half of the season seeing us unable to finish off a solid start to the season. Great to some of the juniors do well and grab the opportunity when asked to step up and play 1st division. Thanks to our manager Janette Pittorino for all her work organising the team and myself each week.

MVP – Amy Pittorino

JENNY MacGREGOR

COACH

Ladies 3rd Grade (L3A)

"It's a 3peat for the L3 A team" The team included a mix of the youngest and the oldest Drummoyne club members. Team members were:-

Kerry Hay, Alison Greig, Julie Rohl, Erin Moodie, Karlee Assef, Fiona Walsh, Jenny MacGregor, Simone Piper, Brooke Dredge, Sue Trent, Ellen Hahn, Kim McJannett.

The team had their usual slow start to the season. The older members moved out of their winter hibernation and the young ones met the challenge of adapting to the slow, disciplined game style. Following the summer break it is necessary to win all our games to secure that spot in the major semi final. It was achieved and the Blue Mountains must be overcome to make the Grand Final.

The major semi won we trained solidly for two weeks to once again play the Blue Mountains. Victory was won by Drummoyne 7-4 with all players making a contribution.

Heaps of thanks to our contingent of young ones (and their taxi drivers) who turned up week after week to help us out. Hopefully some of the bucket loads of experience floating around in the 3A's was absorbed and they enjoyed their time with us.

Thanks to all our referees (particularly Arthur and Andrew) who turned up each week to ref, without them there would be no comp. And to our trusty table people and supporters, you know who you are, many thanks it's great to have your support. All in all not a bad season. **WELL DONE GIRLS!!!**

MVP – Sue Trent

MIP – Ellen Hahn

**ALISON GREIG
PLAYER, MANAGER**

Ladies 3rd Grade (L3B)

This season presented a new challenge for most of the players with a significant number of players moving up from L4 to form a second L3 team. The season started with a convincing win against Sydney Uni before being taught a water polo lesson by the Drummoyne A team in our second game. A lot was learnt from the five goal loss and with four wins from our next four games; we were only one point behind first place after eight rounds.

A tough run of games before and after Christmas include playing the top sides of the competition (Cronulla, Blue Mountains and Breakers). Some of our best polo of the season was played against these sides, despite two goal losses away to Blue Mountains and Breakers and a one goal loss to a full strength Cronulla team. These games in the middle of the season showed that we can match it with the top teams in the competition. Individual confidence was high after these games and showed in big wins in the next few games. A minor setback running into the semis with another loss to the Drummoyne A team, but with a 64% win record, we had done enough to sneak into the semis in fourth place.

We were up against a strong Breakers team in the minor semi final. After a scoreless first quarter Breakers opened up a 2-0 lead at half time. A strong centre forward goal to Amy Sundercombe and a goal on extra by Nicole Wilson late in the fourth quarter equalised the scores. Unfortunately Breakers scored with 40 seconds left in the game to win 3-2. A narrow loss in the semi finals in what was the first season in L3 for most of the team was tremendous effort and one the team can be very proud of.

MVP – Sarah Dill-Macky

Ladies 4th Grade (L4B)

There were a few new faces to the L4B team this season with a few girls from the previous season moving up to L3. The girls put in an excellent effort across the entire season to end up in fifth place, just one point out of the semis, in what was the most competitive L4 competition in several years. The season ended with a strong win over the minor premiers and grand finalists, Parramatta. The win was not enough to make the semis but showed that the girls could match it with the top teams. Overall, it was another fun season and the girls are looking forward to next year.

MVP – Belinda White

ANDREW MADDOCKS

COACH

Ladies 5th Grade (L5A)

This year at the annual Raymond Terrace carnival we were dressed as lifesavers, complete with props like the yellow rescue floatie thing, which came in very handy during our last game.... We had a great time at Raymond Terrace and had a great time during most of our season. However, we were unfortunately not able to use the yellow rescue floatie thing during the finals at the end of this season.

We finished top of the table but unfortunately fitness and inconsistent attacking skills in the face of tight defence meant we went down in both the major semi-final and the final. It has been an enjoyable season, with the usual L5A mix of youth coming through the ranks and experience still clinging to our youth. Maybe next year we'll talk again about training. Maybe we'll actually attend training.....maybe...it is L5A..... Well done on the minor premiers girls.

Congratulations to MVP Annette Jamison, who was the highest goal scorer of all teams entered in the L5 summer competition accumulating over 40 goals.

MVP – Annette Jamison

REBECCA LAWSON

CONVENOR

Ladies 5th Grade (L5B)

The L5B's had a very mixed team this season, with some people who had played for ages and some new people who had never even seen a game before.

We started shakily with some frustrating games because we knew we could play better. Towards the end of the season though it all came together with great improvement from every player especially the new girls and if we had played like that all year we could have done much better overall. We had a lot of fun playing and training.

MVP – Emma Palmer

ERIN COWMEY

CONVENOR

Mens National League

Who could have thought that at the end of National League season, that we could be playing off for the Gold medal in the Grand final? We could have only dreamed about it... But nothing is impossible if you want it enough! In Russia we say, "If you want something enough, skill and talent will follow".

I'm so happy, and I thank the team for all that they endured. Not only that they were able to understand and work with me through the language barrier, but also that they believed me when I said that we can achieve above and beyond other people's expectations of us. During the championship I noticed that this team has a huge hunger to win. Even more importantly, that they are all like-minded in their thoughts and actions, and in their belief in themselves. Above all else, when in the final Victoria beat us and it seemed that all hope was lost and that we wouldn't finish with our "fairy tale" ending, the boys managed to pull together like a true "champion team" and to show everyone that DRUMMOYNE DEVILS are all guts and determination... And that's not the end of it.

GOOD HARD WORK IS NEVER IN VAIN and as a result after the final 4 of our boys were selected in the National Squad and 2 for the junior squad. Tyler Martin was nominated in the ALL STARS team. All of this proves we are on the right track and that there is nothing impossible if we want to continue improving.

All my most sincere thanks to all that participated in training, including all involved that perhaps didn't make the final team cut for final's week. Be proud of and enjoy this final, as they don't happen every year... I wish everybody the best of luck for winter.

Every fairy tale has its ending... Soon enough our new season begins which means new sacrifices with new goals. If our hunger remains strong enough, the more chance we have of repeating our fairy tale ending!

MVP - *Tyler Martin*

DMITRY GORSHKOV

MENS HEAD COACH

Mens 1st Grade (M1)

Planning for the season saw a vastly different side from the successful team from last season. Missing from the National League Finalists were Olympians Sean & Dean, Canadian Import Andy, Drummoyne Local Legend (in his mind) AJ, Aussie Rep Timmy and our SA lefty Pat going home.

Dalibor worked hard with his remaining players, looking towards the upcoming NL season, giving a few of last seasons “benchies” players plenty of pool time .The boys did not let him down with some very pleasing early season results. Dalibor, the team and supporters first saw the spirit in this side with a draw against the strong and early title favourites Wests.

Consistent results throughout the season with only one poor result v Sydney Uni and the late season of AJ from Turkey saw the boys make the playoffs full of confidence. A semi final victory saw the Devils make their third consecutive final.

A replay of last season’s grand final v Balmain saw the young and inexperienced side win their second M1 title 7 -5 with Adam in an MVP performance including 3 goals. The Trophy coming back to club now proudly on display on the bar for another year and the chance to defend it again in 2010

Highlights of the season

- The development of the clubs “benchies” to take the step from second to more reliable first graders, including Ben’s 11 goal season
- Tyler 25 and Adam 23 goals over their 11 game season

MVP – Samuele Avallone

MIP – Ben Scott

CRAIG SCOTT

MANAGER

Mens 2nd Grade (M2)

The season started well with good and consistent results, leading at the Christmas break but we were soon caught up again with NL and player qualification rules needing to fully utilise the rule to get through the season. Poor results followed and generally a lack of goal scoring with no player scoring above 15 goals for the season. The leading scorer was Ben with 13 from 6 actual games.

We again made the semis but bowed out meekly in the semi v Syd Uni with our most consistent player Rob Hahn unavailable for the finals due to rugby and coaches Gavin and Dean at a wedding.

Special mention to Phil who never gave up during the season and Juan who played another season to help out when called for help. Special thanks to Gavin for coaching the side, even when still on crutches.

Highlights of the season

- Gavin's coaching each week
- Ben scoring 6 goals v Cronulla
- 25 players gaining experience including a lot of the Petar's younger guys gaining much needed experience in the higher grades.

MVP – Robert Hahn

CRAIG SCOTT

MANAGER

Mens 3rd Grade (M3)

The team was comprised of some wiser and more experienced heads such as Dalibor Maslan, Andrew Murray, Roy Katona and Chad Watkinson, as well as eight regular players from the U18 and U16 teams.

The younger players were able to gain from this older group valuable advice and playing skills at this senior level. As a result, their confidence and ability to play at this higher level of physicality improved dramatically throughout the season.

The principal area of improvement for the team as a whole was in the speed and effectiveness of their counter-attack.

Thank you to Helen for being a great manager and to all the parents for getting the boys along to the games every week.

MVP – Ryan Marnell

PETAR PETROVIC

COACH

Mens 4th Grade (M4B)

This season our victorious M5 side from last year was forced to move up to M4's. With a little juggling of players between last years M4 and M5 sides, we ended up with two M4 sides, the M4A's (not so old coves) and the M4B's (old coves). There were a few who didn't rate the M4B's chances at the start of the season. But by December, the M4B's were sitting on top on the ladder, with 5 wins, a draw and a bye from the first 7 rounds.

The M4B's continued their good form right up to Christmas, where they suffered their first loss of the season to their arch rivals, Cronulla at Cans By Candlelight. The M4B's must have indulged a little too much over the Christmas break, as our form dropped right off, only winning a further 2 of the remaining 6 games after Christmas. Thanks to our good form early in the season we still managed to finish 2nd at the end of the rounds.

The M4B's played the star studded Cronulla side in the major semi. After letting Cronulla get out to an early lead, it was 5 – 1 to Cronulla at half time. The M4B's fought back in the 2nd half, bringing the game back to 6 – 5 to Cronulla early in the 4th quarter. The 4th quarter stayed very tight until a couple of unusual refereeing decisions with only 2 ½ minutes left in the game gifted Cronulla some late goals to win the game and move into the grand final.

The final the following week was played against Ryde, in a very tight game, where we missed a few early opportunities to get out to an early lead. The game was all tied up at 6 -6 late in the last quarter with the M4B's finishing over the top of Ryde, when Ryde were awarded a dubious 5m penalty with only 3 seconds left in the game. Unfortunately Ryde scored the 5m and we narrowly missed our chance to take it to Cronulla in the grand final, which Cronulla won, easily accounting for Ryde.

Many thanks to all the M6 players, who filled in throughout the season when M4's were short of players on several occasions.

MVP – Paul Helyar

MARK SIMPSON
PLAYER/MANAGER

Mens 6th Grade (M6A)

M6A Started the season well winning two of first three games including win over last season's premiers Parramatta (this year's finalists) & an unlucky one goal loss to semi finalists SNB.

The team found it very difficult to score however the defence was good with goalkeeper Kerry Sunderland in fine form together with ex Springbok Shaun Povey. Some good polo was played when the play was not rushed & first instinct passes made.

Thanks to Chicka for game night organisation & M5/M4 for providing referees.

MVP – Sean Povey

Mens 6th Grade (M6B)

Another exciting year, slow out of the blocks, gathered pace around Christmas with a string of wins to place us well for the finals only to fall at the last hurdle. The loss of a few crucial games towards the end of the season cost us dearly in our pursuit for secure a place in the finals.

Murph played 17 games scoring 4 goals – all lobs. Firewalker took on the role of sitting forward, as well as coach / mentor / in-water referee etc, etc and scored a whopping 12 goals and hardly ever came back over half way. Speaking of half way, Bunkers only played 10 games and never went over half way. He was ably assisted by Lonno who ventured up the pool when the tide and wind were going in the same direction at the time.

Evan, Youngy, Chicka, Roy, Broomie, Bushie (coming out of retire yet again), Will Van Asperan and Will Dunlop, Gaino, Peter Johnston, Eddo, Phil Brown and our Springbok import Shaun all made it over half way and came back – thank you guys.

Cocko and Palmer were not allowed out of their cage and besides, they could not throw the ball over half way, without pulling their shoulder out – thank you for stopping a few of them during the season.

MVP – Nick Gribin

Award Winners 2009 – 2010

	MVP	MOST IMPROVED
Under 14A Girls	Nicole Moodie	Bethan Smolenic
Under 14 B Girls	Lara Murray	Kailyn McLennan
Under 16A Girls	Shannan Martin	Karlee Assef
Under 16B Girls	Isabella Mercuri	Jayde McLennan
Under 18 Girls	Serena Reid	Morgan Baxter
Under 14A Boys	Steven Xenakis	Ryan Brennan
Under 14B Boys	Jagen Blair- Summons	Joshua Shorrock
Under 16A Boys	Jack Slater	Alex Allan
Under 16B Boys	Michael Mirabito	Callum Gates
Under 18 Boys	Hamish Cuthill	Ryan Lear
Garry Nicholls Outstanding Junior	Serena Reid	
Women National League	Lauren Silver	
Ladies 1st Grade	Sasha Cuffe	Ladies 1 st Division MIP
Ladies 2nd Grade	Amy Pittorino	Elise Holden
Ladies 3rd Grade A	Sue Trent	Ladies 2 nd Division MIP
Ladies 3rd Grade B	Sarah Dill-Macky	Ellen Hahn
Ladies 4th Grade A	Mikayla Corbett	
Ladies 4th Grade B	Belinda White	
Ladies 5th Grade A	Annette Jamison	
Ladies 5th Grade B	Emma Palmer	
Men National League	Tyler Martin	
Mens 1st Grade	Samuele Avallone	Mens 1 st Division MIP
Mens 2nd Grade	Robert Hahn	Ben Scott
Mens 3rd Grade	Ryan Marnell	
Mens 4th Grade A	Damian Callander	
Mens 4th Grade B	Paul Helyar	Mens 2 nd Division MIP
Mens 5th Grade	Matthew Fitzpatrick	Andrew Maddocks
Mens 6th Grade A	Sean Povey	
Mens 6th Grade B	Nick Gribin	
Michael Corry – Clubman of the Year	Mark Simpson	

Representative Honours 2009 – 2010

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Financials 2009 – 2010

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