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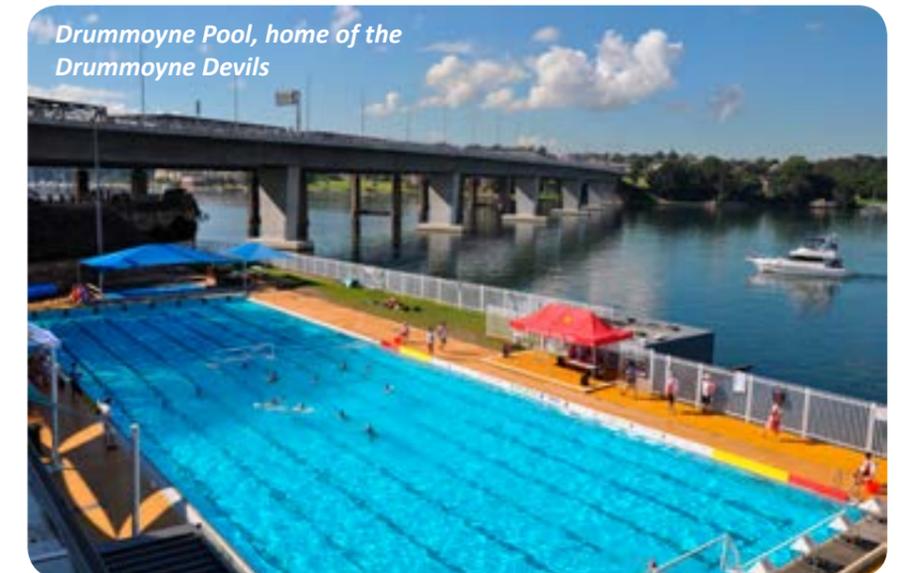
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## About DWPC

*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.*

*Supporting long standing sporting values of participation, competition and community, the Club continues to innovate and lead the progression of water polo in this country.*



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## Our Sponsors

On behalf of the Drummoyne Water Polo Club's members and supporters, we offer a huge thank you to our sponsors for 2014/15.

Without your support, we could not deliver our DWPC water polo program to the high standard we achieve.

A special thanks to our major sponsors:

- The Oxford Hotel Drummoyne
- Birkenhead Point Outlet Centre (sponsor of the Club's Junior Development Program)
- Westpac
- Arena Sports Surveying International
- James Tuite & Associates, and
- The City of Canada Bay.



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We thank all our 2015 National League cap sponsors:

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We could not have achieved all we have without your help!



## Office Bearers 2014/15

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Junior Girls Co-ordinator	Cheryl Jones
Junior Boys Co-ordinator	Mark Ronan

\*Office Bearer role

## President's Report



Success in a club like ours can be measured in many ways.

From the range of teams we field each

year to the vibrancy of our social events. From improvements in team performance to the number of individual players who progress to senior and representative level. From the intake of juniors to the longevity of playing careers (measured in decades) among many of our second division players. And from participation by volunteers in the multiple roles it takes to run a club the size of ours to how well we manage our operational and financial responsibilities.

These are just some of the benchmarks we can look at to review how we're going.

And I think by any estimate, it's fair to say that 2014/15 has been a standout year for the club.

Here are some figures that tell the story more clearly:

### PLAYING RESULTS

In Summer 2014/15, NSWWP had 22 competitions in the Sydney Metro Comp and we put 25 teams in the water. Of these, 19 made the semis and we won gold in 4 comps and were runner up in 4.

Overall our ladies teams won 2 gold and 2 silver – the same tally as our men. We finished in third place

in 8 comps, and fourth place in 3. A fantastic result with 75% of our teams finishing in the final four.

During the year, our M16 and M18 boys teams each won bronze at their respective National Championships. Our L14s, L16s and M18s also won silver at State.

We were thrilled that our men and women's National League teams each made the finals series – a fantastic result! Our men's team finished in fourth position overall.

### REPRESENTATIVES

More players than ever were named in representative teams and squads, and you can find a full list in the Honour Roll at the end of this report.

In summary, 18 of our players were named in Australian squads or teams during the year, covering 44 different national representative opportunities. Almost all these players got their start in water polo through our Junior Development Program.

Of particular note, Morgan Baxter was the first Devil ever to make the Aussie Stingers team (going on to win a silver medal at the 2014 FINA World Cup in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia). Shannan Martin was also named in the Australian Women's senior team and Alex Corbett was included in the Aussie Stingers Squad in 2015.

AJ Roach, Tyler Martin and Mitch Emery were each part of the Aussie Sharks, with AJ and Tyler being part of the team that won the Shark's first gold medal at a major international tournament, winning the FINA World League Intercontinental tournament in California in April.

At State level, 38 players were selected in State based or School representative (i.e. CIS, CCC or CHS) squads or teams, and many won medals in their respective competitions. Again, the vast majority of these players started among our junior ranks.



### SOCIAL EVENTS

During 2014/15, 12 events were hosted. These included the Life Members Lunch, Golf Day, Buddies Night, 30th anniversary of Cans by Candlelight, Back to Drummoyne Day, Derby Day, Presentation Night and events to launch and conclude our National League season.

Special mention must be made of the Devils Dockside Lunch in February 2015 – this was a massive undertaking and I thank chief organiser Neale Murphy, along with James Brennan and Michael Hahn, 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!

### SECOND DIVISION

One of the aspects of the club of which I'm most proud is the fact that many of our second division players have been Devils for decades – many having started as youngsters in the 1970s. We're very fortunate to have such a rich history in our ranks!

Four of our second division teams finished in the top 4 of the Sydney Metro comp. And as you'll read in

the team reports, you'll see that our second division teams feature a good mix of players with years of experience as well as many juniors. By all accounts, the juniors enjoy the camaraderie that exists in these teams and the opportunity to learn from players of many years standing, and our senior players enjoy the injection of 'fresh legs' and skills in the pool!

### VOLUNTEERS

A club the size of ours operates on a huge tank of volunteer energy.

We have a large band of volunteers who help out in a variety of ways. These include roles as 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.

Plus we have a very hard working committee who help with a wide range of ongoing operations and of course many who assist with planning and running our events.

All up, we believe around 100+ volunteers contribute in some way to our club's success.

### JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT

Sponsored by Birkenhead Point Outlet Centre, our Junior Development Program has now inducted more than 1,300 juniors into water polo in its 14-year history. A huge thanks to Mark Simpson for his work organising the program, Allan Cain for running the BBQ, and to Fran Simpson who helped extensively behind the scenes, and to the other volunteers and players who assisted by coaching each week.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2014/15

- Our U16 girls took part in the U18 Hawaiian Invitational Tournament in August 2014 and won the bronze medal. Prior to the trip, the girls and their families hosted a Trivia Night to raise funds for the tour.

- Drummoyne Pool was the location for the inaugural World Club Water Polo Challenge in December 2014 – an event that brought world class water polo to our doorstep with teams from Serbia, Turkey and Australia. Hundreds of people filled the stands and deck in superb weather over the four day series and plenty of Devils lent a hand as volunteers.

- Our Presentation Night recognised the talents and success of many individuals and teams, along with the contribution by many people who help with the club's operations. Special mention to Lora Cipriani, winner of the Michael Corry Clubman of the Year Award, and Sarah Cain, winner of the Garry Nicholls Junior of the Year Award. History was made with Karlee Assef being the first female in the club's history to be presented with an official 'Tart Apron'.

- In Spring 2014, the City of Canada Bay installed a boom allowing the pool to be split into two. This has enabled it to be used by multiple groups simultaneously, and reduced our dependence on needing to hire other pools for training purposes. Our thanks to Council for this important initiative.

### THANK YOU

There are many people I would particularly like to acknowledge:

Special thanks to Men's Head Coach, Petar Petrovic, and Women's Head Coach, Steven O'Keefe, on your efforts throughout the season.

Thank you too, to our water polo directors, Tony Watson and David



Baxter, who each did a great job, as did our 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 contributes 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'd love to hear from you if

you'd like to know how you can help. Please make contact with a member of the committee if you'd like to know more. Contact details are listed on the website, [www.drummoynewaterpolo.com.au](http://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're 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 Devils have had another highly successful Summer of Events in 14/15 and the highlight of the season was the Cockle Bay Bi Annual luncheon which attracted nearly 500 guests in late February.

What a day it was, as all the Devils community flocked to the waterside venue for this fantastic event, which proved to be a most successful fundraiser. It was fabulous day and a huge amount of planning and organisation was undertaken by the hard working committee.

The Life Members lunch was again held in August and Water Polo legend Peter Montgomery and racing identity Ritchie Callendar more than entertained the crowd. This is an event open to all members and guests and is always loads of fun. The Annual Devils Golf Day at Royal Massey Park was held in October and proved to be fantastic day for those who dared have a hit. This event is now firmly placed on the DWPC social calendar as a must-attend event and it would be good to see more involvement from DWPC players, rather than relying on club sponsors and supporters to make up the numbers. Once again well done to the organisers for all their hard work.

We continued to stage a number of events at the pool which usually aligned with National League games. Derby Day was a great success when we took on the Tigers for the "Largie Shield." We again held "Red and White Saturday" as well as "Back to Drummoyne Day" and all of these days had good roll ups and

added plenty of atmosphere to the respective games being played down below.

Numerous after match functions & BBQs were staged during the year and many thanks must go to the ladies and men in the kitchen and behind the bar and BBQs who make it all happen. Our Buddies night is a typical example of lots of people pitching in to create the unique Devil's culture. It can be a thankless job however your support is much

appreciated.

We have a big year planned ahead, including our massive "RED BALL" at Le Montage in March being the main attraction.

We look forward to support from all associated with DWPC to make these functions successful.

**James Brennan**

Vice President and Events Manager

### Big Summer of Fun

We kicked off our 'Big Summer of Fun' with 'Five Seconds of Summer' appearing at Drummoyne Pool on 2 December. Well, in reality it was five second division men's teams battling Balmain, but hey, it was just as exciting.

Next came our famous Red & White Saturday on 13 December as our M1, L1 and L2 teams played Wests and Cronulla. It was a fab warm up for all the events to come throughout December!

**Join us for our Big Summer of Fun!**

Get set for a stellar line-up of sporting and party moments as the Devils dive headlong into summer action!

- Tuesday 2nd December - 'Five Seconds of Summer' appearing at Drummoyne Pool**  
(Actually it's five second division men's teams but still, what an attraction!)  
Wear your best Hawaiian shirt and come and support our 5 legendary men's teams (M4-7) as they do battle with Balmain. Tropical delights from the bar and BBQ.
- Sunday 7th December - Gordons Bay Invitational**  
for M1 and L1 squads.
- Saturday 13th December - Red & White Saturday**  
Wear your Red and White and get down to Drummoyne Pool to support the M1, L1 and L2 teams as they do battle with Wests and Cronulla. Loads of fun, Happy Hour and Christmas drinks.
- Tuesday 16th December - 30th Anniversary of Cans by Candlelight**  
Since 1984... Don't miss this very special anniversary. More details to come.
- 27 - 30 December - World Club Water Polo Challenge**  
This inaugural international men's water polo tournament is being held at Drummoyne Pool. Featuring 8 teams drawn locally and internationally, this event will feature water polo at its best!
- Saturday 21st February - Back to Drummoyne Day**  
Catch up with old and new friends on our harbour-side deck!

More at [www.drummoynewaterpolo.com.au](http://www.drummoynewaterpolo.com.au)

## Cans by Candlelight

Something of an institution in Canada Bay, Cans by Candlelight celebrated its 30th anniversary with a gathering of supporters and a return visit of our famous DJ, aka 'The Cowboy'.

Held on 16 December, it was a great opportunity to gather new and longtime supporters for a song or two on the deck, and also for watching some excellent Tuesday night water polo!



## World Club Water Polo Challenge

While this wasn't a DWPC event, it was very exciting to have it hosted at Drummoyne!

Organised by iAM Sports and held from 27 to 30 December, the event brought world class men's water polo to our doorstep with the likes of Euro League Champions VK Radnicki, Champions of Turkey Galatasaray, as well as Australian National League contenders Wests Magpies, Sydney Uni Lions, Cronulla Sharks plus Balmain Tigers, Adelaide Jets and of course, the Drummoyne Devils.

The deck and stands were packed with spectators, especially for the nail-biting final between VK Radnicki (Serbia) facing Galatasaray (Turkey). The teams traded goals for most of the match, and Galatasaray scored a goal inside the final second of the game to draw 13 all. The ensuing penalty shootout saw two cycles of five players taking turns before VK Radnicki claimed the win 21-20.

Drummoyne had some strong games, and placed 5th overall. AJ Roach and Tyler Martin were back in town and bolstered our ranks. The Devils' U14 boys also got the opportunity to play in front of a big crowd as part of the junior tournament.

Thank you to the many volunteers from the Devils who helped out over the four day series.



## Devils Lunch at Dockside

The Devil's big lunch at Cockle Bay on 27 February was a huge success with 480 people joining in all the fun. John Blackman did an outstanding job as MC, and Vince Sorrenti was as dangerously hilarious as always!

A huge thank you to everyone who lent a hand with the event – especially chief organiser, Neale Murphy, ably assisted by Michael Hahn and James Brennan.

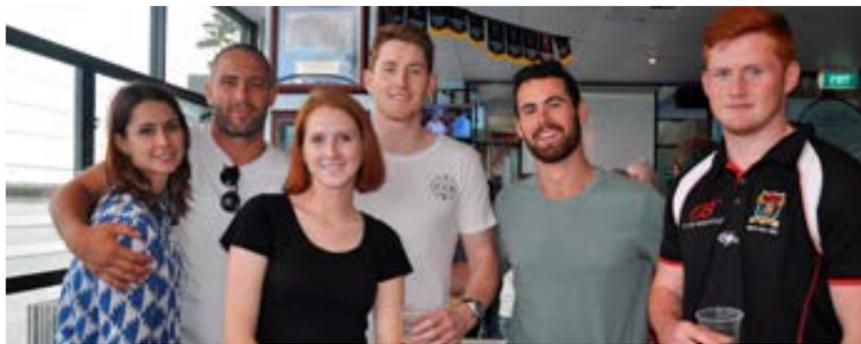
We also thank our many donors whose generosity allowed us to offer an impressive list of prizes on the day. This includes Mark Rogers, Ian Holden, Glenn Garforth, Peter Brennan, Michael Lynch, Dedes Waterfront Group, Traacey Free, Oliveto Ristorante, Copo Café & Diner, Kadmus Lebanese Restaurant, Dolcini Café, The Cove and Haberfield Post.



## Back to Drummoyne Day & remembering Michael Corry

It was fantastic to see a good crowd – and especially to welcome Cathy Corry and her family along as guests of honour – at our Back to Drummoyne Day event on 21 March.

We were very pleased to unveil a framed memento in recognition of Michael Corry and the huge contribution he had made to the club.



## Derby Day

On Saturday 18 April 2015 our National League sides took on Balmain at home in our annual Derby Day event, including playing for the Stephen Large Shield.

It was a tight contest with the Shield decided on goal difference!

Balmain won the Women's National League game 11-7, while Drummoyne won the Men's game 11-8.

Congratulations to the Tigers.



Morgan Baxter shoots a 5m at Derby Day



The Devils' President James Tuite presents the Stephen Large Shield to Balmain's Gavin Woods

## The PRO Cup



Rosanne & Anthony's sons, [L-R] Peter, Mark and James, holding the Pro Cup.

became President in 1979. He was also a bit of a tough nut front rower with the Russell Lea Waratahs in his teenage years, and for the last 10 years was a regular at our Monday / Friday 6am take-some-kilos-off boxing sessions.

On 10 March we played a comp match to commemorate Pro's memory and recognise his enormous contribution to our club.

This consisted of a battle between our two M6 teams at Drummoyne, followed by M4, M5 and M7 vs Parramatta. After the games, many adjourned to the veranda to light the BBQ, raise our glasses and be with Rosanne, their 3 sons and families, and talk some Pro stories.

In mid 2014, we lost a long serving member of our club, Anthony Profilio, also known as 'Pro'.

Pro started playing polo with a bunch of longstanding Devils in 1970 and he gave great service to the Drummoyne Water Polo Club for 44 years – both in and out of the water.

Pro served on many committees and

RIP Pro. As his good friend Neale Murphy says, "For all Pro's contributions and cheeky ways, he will be sorely missed".



## Boom! It's arrived!

The much-anticipated boom divider was installed at Drummoyne Pool during Spring 2014.

When raised, it splits the pool into two, or it can be lowered to leave the pool at its full 50m length.

Installed by the City of Canada Bay, the boom significantly boosts the pool's usability. In particular, different groups can now use the pool simultaneously, or different teams within the club can also train concurrently.

## Annual Golf Day

The 2014 Drummoyne Water Polo Golf day was another enjoyable day with 48 golfers taking part in our 4th annual golf day on Friday October 17.

Massey Park Golf Club at Concord again played host to our event offering great course conditions and a very good lunch in the club after the game.

Congratulations to the team from Drummoyne Sailing Club who were this year's winners.

For the 4th year in a row the weather was kind to us which is always a bit

of a lottery when you have to plan so far ahead. Apart from a day off work, a round of golf with friends and a few drinks this event also raises some much needed funds to assist in the running of our water polo club. A big thanks must go to our many sponsors that support the event year after year; your efforts are greatly appreciated.

**Please put October 16 2016 into your diaries, get a team together or come by yourself and join us at Massey Park Golf Club for this year's event.**

Keep an eye out on the website

in the coming months for further details.

Good Golfing!  
**Greg Harnwell & David Gray**  
Event Organisers



## Annual Presentation Night

The 2015 Presentation Night saw us return to combining our Junior and Senior Presentations on the one night.

Held on a rainy night on 2 May, we were especially delighted by how many juniors and their families came along in support.

Congratulations to our long list of winners of team awards and major awards too, and thank you to everyone who helped keep the crowd fed and watered! The night also provided a great opportunity to thank the many volunteers who help keep the club running.



## Junior Development



the youngest age group U9/10's.

With just over 70 children registered for the JDP it was great to see large numbers turn up every Friday. 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 giant help and makes 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'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

This year we saw a large number of children return from last year and a good number of new children registered in

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 ensuring the children always had fun and were eager to teach the children some new water polo skills. A big thank you to:

- Sam Watson and Lara Murray, who are now veterans of the last several JDP seasons
- Fraser Foristal
- Kelsey Baxter
- Rowan Farrell
- Sarah Cain
- Josh Sharrock
- Olivia Patrick

With 70+ kids registered we need more coaches appointed. Without coaches, you do not have a program.

We had a goal four years ago to have a regular weekly coach for every age bracket and gender. I think this year we nearly achieved this.

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.

Now for all the catering I must thank Allan Cain for his tireless work on the BBQ each week cooking 120+ sausages, and 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 whilst 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 whilst 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



second year Cockle Bay Lunch.

Overall, revenues grew by approximately \$24,000 for the year courtesy of the lunch, and costs were reduced by approximately \$28,000, the biggest contributor being the reduced pool hire via more use of Drummoyne Pool with the boom in place.

Healthy contributions to profit came from the Golf Day, Friday night Junior

The club generated a profit of \$48,830 for the April year, after incurring a loss of \$13,935 the year before, mainly on the back of our every

Development program, major and NL cap sponsorships, and the Life Members Lunch, while we continue to try and manage our major costs of fees to NSWWP and AWP, and pool hire.

As Treasurer I believe as a club we need to explore other ways to build income streams and improve our sources of sponsorship.

Overall however our club is in a sound financial position.

I'd like to extend my, and the club's, sincere thanks to Kevin Prout, who has helped me enormously with the financials again this year.

**Neale Murphy**  
Treasurer



## Secretary's Report



met 11 times, covering all aspects of operating the club from major decisions like coaching appointments, to small matters like the shade of red for club apparel.

Most decisions are delegated to the Committee's operating arms:

- Women's Water Polo, and Men's Water Polo;
- Operations and equipment;
- Junior development;
- Communications;
- Apparel;
- Fundraising and events; and
- National League delegate.

Your club is governed by a committee which is elected annually by all members. In the year to April 2015 the Club Committee

The people who volunteer in these various areas contribute an extraordinary number of hours, mostly behind the scenes, for the benefit of all members.

Important mechanisms in the club maintain open communications with members, and are designed to avert or to fairly resolve disputes or complaints that may arise. Please contact one of the following:

- Club Captain Women;
- Club Captain Men; or
- Player Liaison Officer.

You will find their contact details on the club's website: [www.drummoynewaterpolo.com.au](http://www.drummoynewaterpolo.com.au).

Drummoyne Water Polo Inc. is an affiliate of Water Polo NSW Inc. which itself is a member of Water Polo Australia Limited.

This means that our teams participate in competitions that operate under the constitutions and bi-laws (such as playing rules and judiciary processes) of these organisations.

If there are issues you would like the committee to consider, please make contact with me or the relevant person on the committee. Once again, you can find contact details on the website.

I also encourage members to volunteer for roles that support the club, or to nominate for positions on the committee.

**Michael Taranto**  
Secretary

## Men's Water Polo



13 teams missing the play-offs. We ended up with premierships in the boys 18's and M5 while our 16B and M7 sides were beaten in the grand final.

Our National League team qualified for the play-offs and performed very well throughout the finals, eventually finishing in 4th place overall – a very pleasing result.

The junior boys teams had a mixed year, the standout being our 18's who won gold in the metropolitan competition, silver in the state and bronze in the nationals, 16As who won bronze at Nationals, and our 16B boys narrowly beaten in their metro final.

Our other teams, while competitive

The Drummoyne men's programme enjoyed another successful season with only 3 of our

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, the club is focusing on both the junior development programme 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 playing on Tuesday night. With our record numbers in the junior ranks, 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.

My thanks to Fraser Foristal who has dedicated years to ensuring this flow of players to Tuesday night. His efforts are finally paying big dividends for the club. It would be remiss of me not to mention our mighty M5 side who made amends for last year's late season stumble, dominating the competition to win yet another title.

One of the disappointments of this year was our M3 team missing out on their 3-peat. While they dominated all comers during the season proper, they couldn't reproduce the form in the play-offs and missed out on the grand final. Generally our first division teams lacked the player numbers to be competitive every week, something we need to focus on for the next season.

Coaching remains a keen focus for the club in both the junior and senior ranks. After many years running our junior programme,



Our Men's National League & U14s at the World Club Water Polo Challenge, December 2014

Petar Petrovic was promoted to the club's senior coaching position, our men's National League Coach. This appointment was an acknowledgement of the years of great service Petar has given the club but also an acknowledgment of his standing as one of the sport's most respected coaches.

While the early results in first grade were mixed, Petar was always focused on getting his squad ready for the National League season. He wanted them fit enough to play his style of polo.

The preparation clearly paid off with Drummoyne leading the competition after 6 games and qualifying for the play-offs and finishing in 4th place overall: a great result for his first season as senior coach.

A clear indication of Petar's value to the club is that over half the National League squad this season are players developed during his years as head junior coach.

My thanks to the junior coaches, Zoltan Ridzyk, Arnaldo Castelli, PJ Hahn, Ben Scott and Lars Foged and their managers Ross Dembecki, John Kospetas, Danielle Pringle, Joanna Bitar and Shaun Barry for their tireless efforts with the boys.

A special mention for Janelle Urquhart, whose efforts go way beyond just being a manager, she makes the juniors run and I would be lost without her.

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

**Tony Watson**  
Water Polo Director - Men



## Women's Water Polo



My first season as Director of Womens Water Polo has been a successful one for the Club, not because of anything I have done, but rather because of the efforts of coaches, managers, players, parents and supporters.

The water polo calendar becomes more populated each year. We have managed to field competitive teams in all events available to us through the combined efforts of all involved.

This summer we fielded five teams in the Women's First Division Metro Comp. All five made the semi finals or better! Our L1 team finished 3rd. Our L2 Black team won the second grade premiership for the third year in a row and our L2 Red team finished third.

Our L3 Red team were again

premiers. There is no stopping this evergreen group of senior players and talented junior inductees into the academy team which Jenny MacGregor organises each year. For the first year, we entered a second L3 team as the L3 Black and were immediately rewarded with the team placing third in the Metro comp.

The club has a vision of becoming the most successful water polo club in Australia and the hard work which has been put in to creating a pathway for our talented juniors into senior grades is paying off. We are the most successful club in the First Division Women's Metro Comp.

Our ladies social grades (L4 and L5) were not quite as successful over Summer. They have had a difficult transition from Sunday night to Wednesday night water polo and the loss of key players and assistants in the same period has not helped. However with serial volunteers like Lora Cipriani (L4) and

Melanie Roseman and Prue Rayner (L5) organising and leading the way I believe it will not be long before these teams develop successful habits.

Our L4 and L5 teams are an important step for juniors into senior grades and many of the girls currently playing in our National league team were first exposed to senior water polo in our L4 and L5 teams.

I firmly believe our social teams are the backbone of the club. Long after our elite players have finished their careers and moved on our social teams will remain. I am committed to ensuring the success of our social teams and I am indebted to the assistance of Peter Corbett and Allan Cain who share my views.

Our junior teams have had an extremely busy Summer. Our entry level team is the 14B's coached by Sharna Nelson and managed by Nikki Gobran. The



team finished an improving 6th in the Metro Comp with a noticeable uplift in skills and teamwork over the Summer.

The 14A's have had a very successful Summer. They finished 4th in Metro Comp, 2nd at the State Championships and 4th at the Australian National Club Championships. The team was coached Lora Cipriani and ably managed by Leanne Costantino (who made her debut as an L5 player this Summer).

At the State Championships Georgia Smith was named as tournament MVP and Phoebe Hall was named in the tournament six. At the National Championships Phoebe Hall was named MVP. A very successful Summer by any standards.

The 16B's were jointly coached by Elise Mirabito and Kelsey Baxter. The Manager was Natalie McCloskey. The team was lying 6th on the Metro Comp ladder before Christmas but raced up the ladder in the new year to finish a creditable 3rd in Metro Comp. A great effort by the coaches, manager and players.

The 16A's have also had a successful summer winning the silver medal in the Metro Comp and in the State Championships where Emma Jones was named in the tournament team. The 16A's are coached by Michael Hahn and managed by Cheryl Jones. Both of our 16's teams will be working hard over winter towards the National Club Championships which will be held in Perth in late September.

Based on our summer results, we can expect a strong performance from both teams.

The L18's team have had a frustrating season where, but for a bit of luck, they may have ended with medals in Metro Comp, State Championship and National Championship. In the event they finished second in the Metro Comp after comfortably beating their eventual grand final opponents in the major semi final. In the State Championships they again met the Cronulla Sharks in a semi final, this time losing a hard fought game in a penalty shootout.

They finished the tournament in fourth place with Alex Corbett being

named in the tournament team.

At the National Championships they had the misfortune to be drawn again with Cronulla in the stronger side of the draw and finished up out of the medals.

The bulk of our L18 team combined with a number of older girls and were capably led by Fiona Walsh to a silver medal in the Col Smee (Under 20) tournament. The team finished runners up in our fifth consecutive appearance in the Col Smee final, three of which we have won. Fiona Walsh was named in the tournament team. Our dominance at this level is beginning to show in our results in the first division and in National League.

The Women's National League will be the subject of a separate report by our National League Captain. I will leave it to Morgan to provide the details of the season and will only say that the club can be very proud of what our National League women have achieved this season.

We are entitled to play three imports and have played only two. I invite

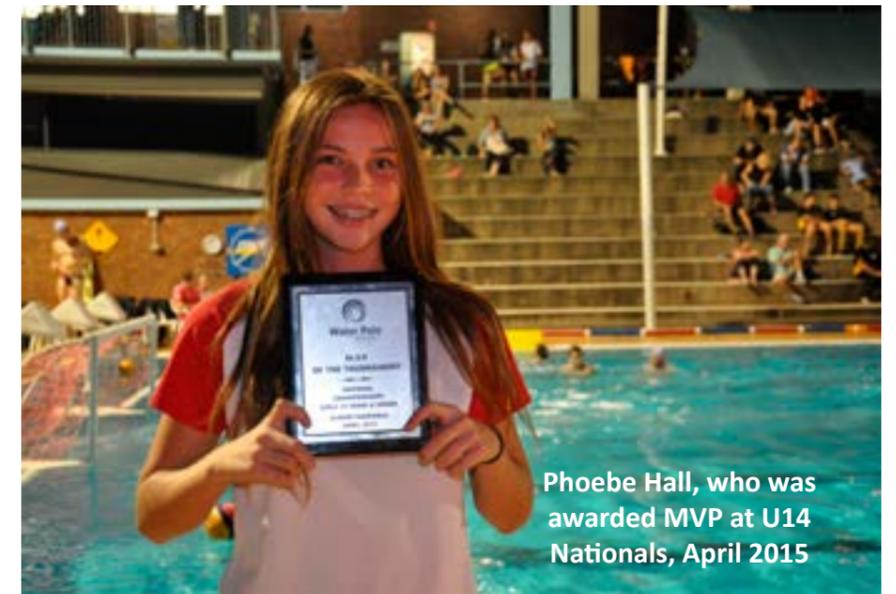
you all to compare our roster with those of all other National League clubs. In terms of developing juniors through all levels to eventually play National League, we are the equal of any team in the competition and way above most.

I record my thanks to all coaches and managers. Our women's teams could not achieve their results without you. I must make particular mention of our two super coaches, Michael Hahn and Jenny MacGregor. Michael and Jenny have each coached three teams this summer past, an enormous workload. Each of them achieved semi final positions in Metro Comp for all three of their teams. Both coached a team to a Metro Comp premiership. Well done.

I also thank my junior co-ordinator, Cheryl Jones, without whom I could not function. Cheryl is the essential link between senior and junior women's water polo at Drummoyne and her knowledge of our junior program, our junior rosters and all matters in relation to junior tours is second to none. Cheryl has one of the busiest jobs in the club co-ordinating our junior teams and ensuring the success of all junior tours and does it with good grace and in a wonderfully professional manner. Thank you Cheryl.

Peter Corbett is our logistics expert. Peter organises the women's training roster and the National League duties rosters, in addition to his official role as the club's equipment officer. Before most home games you will find Peter setting up the pool. Peter's hard work is invaluable and I thank him for it.

I must thank all the parents, players and supporters who assist with the table duties, pool set up and pull down, BBQ, bar and kitchen duties. The club cannot operate without



Phoebe Hall, who was awarded MVP at U14 Nationals, April 2015

your kind help.

Our hard working committee is also to be thanked. Without the committee's support and hard work, our women's program would not exist. The committee members give many hours of their time to work behind the scenes to ensure our teams have all the support they need to participate and be successful in the numerous competitions in which they play.

Lastly I would like to thank our head women's coach, Steven O'Keefe and our L1/National League Manager, Tracey Mirabito.

Steven has been working on a three year plan to develop a competitive National League team based around our talented junior and senior players. It was Steven's election not to play with a third import this year as he considered it more important to give opportunities to our younger players to be part of the National League. Steven's foresight and hard work have set the foundations for success in the National League this year and in the years to come.

Tracey Mirabito is tireless in the work she does organising our L1

and National League teams. She is a second mother to all the players and is a deserved favourite of them all. It is hard to imagine our top level teams functioning without Tracey's input and I am glad to say I have not heard any noises from her about stepping down in the immediate future.

In conclusion I would like to thank all club members and supporters for a successful season. I am very excited by the prospect of our women's program continuing to gain momentum in the years to come.

We now have a number of players walking the pathway from the junior development program through Australian Youth and Junior teams to representing with the Aussie Stingers.

The pathway was created by the vision and hard work of our coaches and committee over the past 10-15 years. I am confident many more of our talented senior and junior players will follow along that path.

Go the Devils!

**David Baxter**  
Water Polo Director - Women



## Report by Women's Club Captain



The Drummoyne Devils have had an extremely successful summer seasons with 25 teams taking to the water over the 2014/15 summer season. Out of the 25 teams, we had 19 competing in semifinals.

Special mention goes out to both the men's and women's national league teams who represented the club at the Australian National League finals at Homebush.

This year season has seen a number of successful events involving people from all around the club: Junior development, back to Drummoyne day, derby day and also the famously wild Drummoyne Devils Lunch.

Drummoyne is still the biggest club in the Sydney competition and it is events like this that help promote and support the club.

It has often been said that Drummoyne is a developing club and I feel that the results from this season put a huge emphasis on the potential that is to come. Special shout out to all coaches involved in the junior programs for building

a fantastic foundation of players to work with. It is really special for me as a senior player and for other members of the club to see the progression of home grown talent down at the Devils playground.

The last two years have been an amazing opportunity for me and I am extremely fortunate to have been involved in such an exciting role. The role has provided me with the chance to be involved in the club and give back to a community that has given me so much. The position as club captain provided me with an understanding of how the club works and all the hard work and dedication that goes on behind the scenes to ensure our players and parent get the all-inclusive Devil experience.

I am so proud to have been a part of such an amazing club's leadership team. I strongly recommend this position to any of the senior ladies members as it is not only a fun role that allows you to meet new people but is also a fantastic way to give back to the Drummoyne community.

The Devils' success is progressive and something that I hope to see developed in the future. Our success is not only measured by the number of premiership flags hung in the clubroom or the Australian representatives that we produce in



the water, but by the relationships developed and the sense of pride and unity we display out of the water.

I would like to personally thank all the players that participated throughout the summer season. Your hard work and dedication is a testament to the success of the club. Thank you to the extended Drummoyne family that are down at Drummoyne week in week out showing their support at games.

Shout out to all of the parents who assist in the kitchen or setting up down on pool deck: our functions and the atmosphere down at Drummoyne could not be the same without you.

Finally to the coaches – thank you for your leadership and patience through the seasons. I know that it's not always easy, however we could not have achieved the success of this season without you. THANK YOU!!!

PROUD TO BE A DEVIL!  
Elise Mirabito #6



## In the media

The Devils are regularly mentioned in the media. Here are just a few sightings...

**INNER WEST**  
**Alex Corbett is an outside chance of a Stingers' call up**  
LISA HERBERTSON INNER WEST COURIER INNER WEST MARCH 25, 2015 12:00AM

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Alex Corbett from the Drummoyne Devils has just returned from the Australia Stingers FINA World League training camp.

**Alex Corbett is a player with a future, and at 17 she's turning heads in water polo circles.**

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**Valuable Phoebe**  
April 23, 2015 | Filed under: Canada Bay | 2, Posted by: Editor

Having played water polo since she was 9, the Drummoyne Devils' Phoebe Hall has spent much of her life in the water.

The talented 14 year old recently earned one of the highest awards available at junior level in Australia in being named Most Valued Player (MVP) at the Under 14 National Water Polo Championships played in Albury/Wodonga over Easter.

"It was really exciting to win the award," said Phoebe. "It's a big honour and it means a lot to me."

The MVP award is decided upon by points allocated to players by referees for each game throughout the tournament. Hundred of players took part, making up 23 teams from all over Australia.

"Under 14s is the youngest age group in the water polo competition and I've been playing in this age group for 4 years now," said Phoebe. "It's great fun being part of a team and I love that you can make friends, and not just at your own club but with other clubs too."

Phoebe was introduced to the sport by her older siblings – brother, Adam, and sister, Gabby, who both play for the Drummoyne Devils.

"I used to do swimming squad, soccer and softball, but now I mainly focus on water polo," said Phoebe. "We usually train on three weeknights and I play in a ladies team for the Devils on Saturday and my Under 14s

Most Valued Player: Phoebe Hall

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**Drummoyne Devils' triple treat**  
November 20, 2014 | Filed under: News | 2, Posted by: Editor

Drummoyne Water Polo Club's Under 18 boys' team has taken the bronze medal at the national Championships for the third consecutive year.

The 2014 title, held in Hobart in early October, saw the Drummoyne Devils defeat Perth side City Beach in a come-from-behind victory, winning 10-9 as the final buzzer sounded. The Devils are also the third consecutive for coach Petar Petrovic.

"Some boys have been part of the bronze medal winning team for two years and one, Chris Armit, has been part of all three," said Peter. "It was a great honour for Chris to be named in the prestigious Team of the Tournament at the end of the competition in Hobart," he added.

"To finish in the top three teams in the country in the past three years is something for really proud of. It shows the strength of our players in our junior marks age group, and many will now advance to play at senior level for our club."

25 teams contested the title with the Mobile Sharks from Western Australia winning the Under 18s and Melbourne Collegians taking the silver.

Devils coach Petar Petrovic, who came to Australia from Serbia in 2005, has been promoted Men's Head Coach for summer 2014/15 and will coach the men's First Grade and National League sides. He has also coached NSW representative teams in recent years.

"Many of the boys I'm coaching at Drummoyne have the potential to progress to play at Australian representative level so I'm looking forward to helping them to continue to grow their skills. We already have many very experienced senior players in our First Grade and National League squads so it will be exciting to see what we are able to accomplish in the upcoming season as well as the years ahead."

Third bronze medal winning for Under 18s Drummoyne Devils

**INNER WEST**  
**Devils' American import Janson Wigo a star for Drummoyne Devils**  
LISA HERBERTSON INNER WEST COURIER INNER WEST FEBRUARY 06, 2015 12:00AM

It's a new season of the National Water Polo league, and the Drummoyne Devils have marked their intentions with an 8-6 win over Cronulla in the opening round at Drummoyne Olympic Pool.

The Devils' American import Janson Wigo was in scintillating form and lead from the front, while goalkeeper John Hahn withstood pressure from the strong Cronulla attack.

Drummoyne's Janson Wigo was in scintillating form. Photo: J. Shirock Photography

With both sides inseparable for much of the encounter, tensions rose between the two late in the fourth quarter as Cronulla tried to break through the Devils' tight defensive set up.

Drummoyne coach Petar Petrovic said that earning extra man opportunity was his teams' strength, before noting that they shouldn't be discounted for the upcoming season.

## Major award winners 2014/15

At our 2014/15 Presentation Night, Lora Cipriani was named winner of our Michael Corry Clubman of the Year Award and Sarah Cain, won our Garry Nicholls Junior of the Year.

Both Lora and Sarah have contributed substantially to the club, not just this year, but over many seasons.

Lora has coached the 14A team and has also assisted with training other teams on a regular basis when their coach was unable to attend.

She has upheld the highest of training standards on pool deck. Her passion for wanting the girls to succeed could not be faulted and she has demonstrated a high degree of professionalism in preparing the girls before each match.

Lora has always put the girls first instead of herself. She was a regular helper at JDP and also at school holiday clinics, always encouraging the young girls to play water polo for Drummoyne.

A long-term player for our L4 team, Lora has also been the team's manager. Lora also coached a

Drummoyne team on Friday nights in Term 3 in addition to the winter and summer competitions.

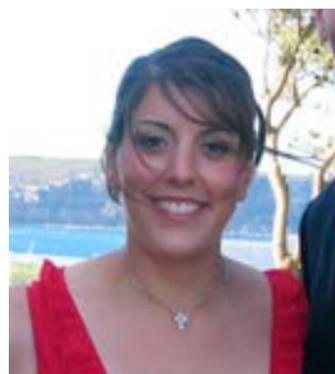
Our Garry Nicholls Junior of the Year, Sarah Cain, is an engaging young lady who makes an impression on everyone she meets.

When attending NL games, she makes herself available for goal judging or score board duties but her best contribution has been through her activities at JDP and continual encouragement of younger players.

Sarah has come down to help almost every week on Friday evenings for the past 2 JDP seasons, assisting with the coaching of a number of different groups of children.

She was not allocated a dedicated group each week, but instead made herself available to fill in for coaches who were unavailable each week, or to assist different coaches with larger groups. She has worked with all of the different ages groups, both girls and boys, and has a great connection with the young children.

### Congratulations and thank you Lora and Sarah!



Lora Cipriani, winner of the 2015 Michael Corry Clubman of the Year Award (above), and Sarah Cain, winner of the Garry Nicholls Junior of the Year (below).

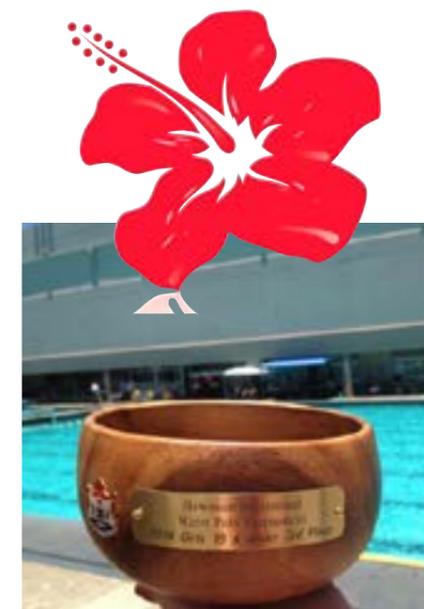


## Hawaiian tour

Two of our women's teams took part in the Hawaiian Invitational Water Polo Tournament from 4-10 August 2014.

To raise funds for the tour, the girls and their families organised a fun Hawaiian themed Trivia Night.

Congratulations to our U18 team (who were all U16 players) who finished 3rd and to our ladies Open team who finished in 4th place – well done!



## The Badanura Room – our clubroom

One of the biggest assets the Devils has is our fantastic clubroom, providing a fantastic place to gather to watch the action in the pool below, and for post match celebrations.

Named the Badanura Room (an Aboriginal word meaning 'Watering Hole'), it is owned by the City of Canada Bay Council and leased to DWPC.

Its existence is credit to the hard work of many Devils back in the late 1990s, and the support of local and state government.

The Badanura Room was officially opened in March 2000, which means it has just celebrated its 15th birthday.

Over the years it has been used by multiple groups including Drummoyne Swimming Club, Pool Management, Lifeguard Training courses, Salvation Army (Red Shield Appeal), Drummoyne Rugby Club, Canada Bay Council, RTA, Touched by Olivia Foundation, more than 50 local residents, local businesses, 10 local schools and for tournaments and events held at the pool.

As the Club's honorary historian, Robbie Priest (or LRP as he is known) has supplied some info about the room's origins:

### Prior to the current clubroom, what facilities did the Devils have?

My research of the Drummoyne club since its inception in 1905/06 does not make any specific mention of a clubroom prior to the 1970s.

The Swimming Club used a room located on the southwest corner of the pool deck to store some of their equipment. As the Water Polo Club was associated with the



swimming club at the time, it too used the room to store equipment. The goals, which were of rigid timber construction with heavy fiberglass floats, were kept on the roof. Many a player went through the asbestos sheeting to the concrete floor below while maneuvering those goals on & off that rooftop.

In the early 1980's the Water Polo Club negotiated a deal with the Swimming Club, whereby we would be given sole usage of the corner room.

From that point, the Club entered into its retail phase. Stocks of beer were raised, various cooling systems introduced and supply extended to include games nights. Soon we had members willing to stay behind and cheer on the higher grades. The need for food was a natural progression. First simply packets of chips and twisties were peddled. Then, in an effort to become more sophisticated we trialed hot dogs. These of course required the heating of frankfurters and it was discovered that the Swimming Club's tea urn was more than up to the task. (Not so good for our relationship.) Eventually we purchased a BBQ which was set up outside and became the focal point of social activity.

We regarded that room as our clubhouse and over the subsequent years it was repainted and fitted out to suit the club's needs. Fridges and freezers were installed, lockers fitted and a permanent club comb

was always to be located by the communal mirror.

### How did the idea for the current clubroom come about?

1993 saw Drummoyne send a team to a Masters game for the first time. The World Masters were held in Perth that year and eight intrepid players ventured across the continent to take on the international teams.

While on a trip down the Swan River, it was pointed out to our delegates that the Melville Club, whose home pool was situated by the water not unlike ours, had just obtained a government grant to construct a clubhouse which overlooked their home pool. Similarly, the pool we were to compete in for the Masters contained a licensed bar high aloft, affording a tremendous view of the games. Certain members were so inspired by the view that they remained there instead of attending poolside for their games. These two occurrences got the wheels of our imagination turning. What if we.....?

### Were there any particular obstacles you had to overcome to get it underway?

The first and most obvious obstacle was cost. Although our finances were very well off at the time, they were nowhere near sufficient to cover the cost of construction of even a small clubroom. Remembering that the Melville Club in WA received a grant for their clubhouse, we applied for and received a grant from the NSW

Department of Sport and Rec.

We still had to raise at least half the funds though, and to assist in this a 'Sportsman's Lunch' was organized at NSW Parliament House during the 98/99 season. It was a tremendous success and provided a well-needed boost to the coffers, raising over \$20,000 in one day. This, of course, was the precursor to the lunches now institutionalised into the Club's social calendar.

While that was going on we had to decide on a site to build this clubhouse. Different alternatives were considered. Council's Engineer suggested 'Why not take up the room on the top deck?' PERFECT. Not too much construction needed. Roof and flooring already in place along with one third of the walls.

### Who helped build it?

Here I must mention three people who, I believe, are solely responsible for the realisation of the most ambitious project undertaken by our Club to date:

Firstly, Andrew Murray, who was instrumental, not only in obtaining the government grants, but also in using his influence to secure the necessary permissions to allow a community group to run an enterprise on what is substantively Crown Land. Without his efforts and the support of his father, the project would not have passed go.

Also, the efforts of Peter Gainsford who liaised at the Local Government level and tirelessly worked on the plans drawing and redrawing the blueprints dozens of times. Peter understands the workings of Council back to front and was able to overcome issues that would have stymied most of us.

Next, of course, is John Brahms, who actually physically built the thing. He



## DRUMMOYNE WATER POLO CLUB Inc.

### THE CLUB ROOM II

It's finally underway and going to be a beauty. Thanks to all those people behind the scenes. This is YOUR Clubroom, so we need YOUR help.

From 1998

**THE ROSTER. - Labouring**  
 Many people have already given their time. Thank you. But we need everyone. I am aiming to create a roster which will lighten the load. Each weekend, 2 "gangs" will be allocated a shift - one Saturday, one Sunday. Galno's given the blurb on what he is expecting. More details will be forwarded with your roster.  
 To fit in with your time schedules please nominate at least two (2) dates you are available to offer your services. If I do not have a response from you, I will just allocate available shifts.

**THE ROSTER - Catering**  
 We need everyone to be involved, so the Juniors (or their parents) and the Ladies will be in charge of this area. (If you would prefer to do hard yakka, let me know) A group leader will be allocated for each weekend. They will coordinate the rostered members. Although, your group is given a "weekend allocation" you will only be needed on one of those days. The task of the WHOLE GROUP is to provide food & drink (e.g. sandwiches, drinks and snacks) for the workers. More details will follow with the roster



donated all his time and I suspect not a small amount of material to the construction. Of course there were many who lent a hand with a hammer and a paint brush, but John was there doing the hard yards every day.

Jim Tuite should also rate a mention for undertaking the legal aspects and negotiating the lease for the Centre, as should Kerry 'Cocko' Sunderland who guided the negotiations from the Presidential helm. Ann-Marie Miranda did her best to drum up workers for different jobs - a

daunting task which she handled capably.

### When was it built?

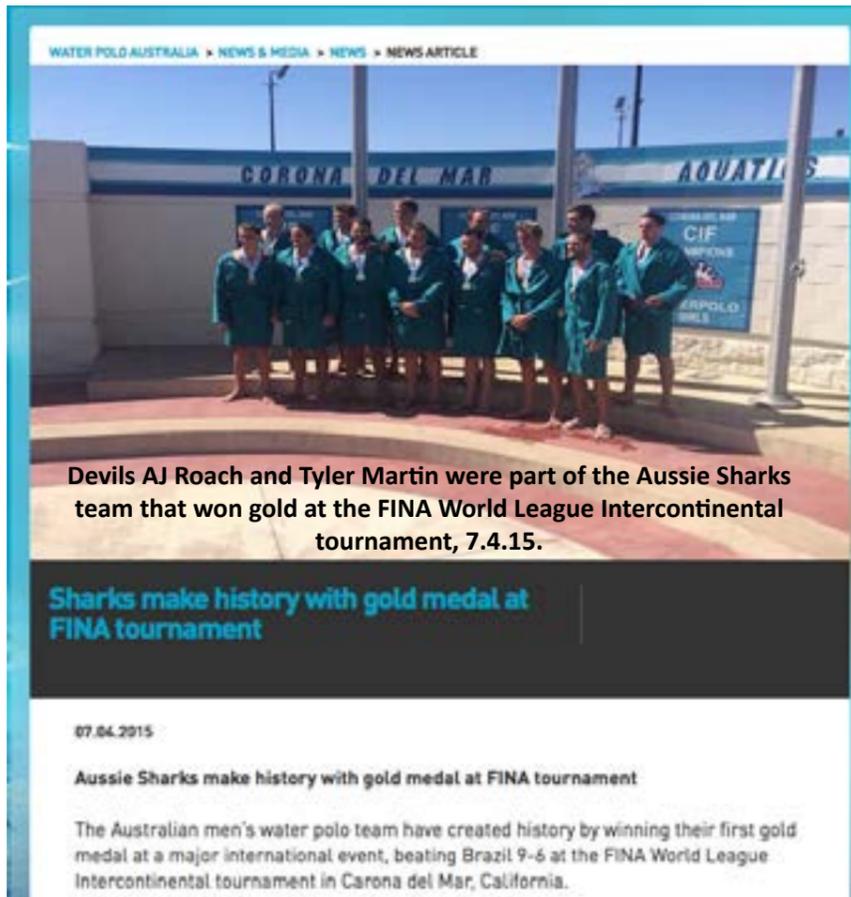
Construction began in August 1998 and letters were sent to all club members asking for assistance.

A series of working bees were held and numerous Devils donated their time and talents to getting the room built. Construction was completed by late 1999.

And many a celebration has been held there since!

## 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...



Former Drummoynes National League players Courtney Matthewson and Ashley Southern with current Drummoynes player Morgan Baxter, Gold and Silver Medalists at the 2014 FINA Women's World Cup, Khanty - Minsiyk, Russia, 17.8.14.



Lachlan Davis (left) and Blake Artemi who were part of the NSW City 16's Boys team who won the gold medal at the 16's division of the Pan Pacific Youth Water Polo Festival in Auckland, July 2014.



Emma Workman (left) and Emma Jones (right) flank Manager Tracey Mirabito. The girls were part of the Australian Girls Born 98 team that took part in Pan Pacs in New Zealand in July 2014.



## Under 14A Girls

### TEAM

Olivia Patrick  
Tori Workman  
Phoebe Hall  
Caitlyn Murray  
Macy Hansford  
Gabbie Cain  
Kate Coyne  
Georgia Smith  
Gabby Costantino  
Maggie Collins  
Cara Murray

What a pleasure it has been to be involved with the U14A girls team. After coaching all but 3 girls to a premiership during the winter season, there were big expectations of them when they moved up into the A team. And didn't they deliver!!

All girls trained super hard at each and every training session, improved immensely and gave it their best at all games! Their hard work paid off, they had some fabulous wins during the season, beating the eventual Premiers every time they played them!

They shone at the State titles, remaining undefeated until the very end. They were awarded a Silver Medal, 2nd in the State required an awesome effort!

Georgia Smith was awarded Most Valuable Player of the tournament, while Phoebe Hall was named in the Tournament 6.

Tori Workman, Phoebe Hall, Georgia Smith, Caitlyn Murray, Macy Hansford and Olivia Patrick were all selected in the NSW State Squad, with Gabbie Cain selected as a reserve.

The girls were on a mission for a GOLD medal at the National Championships! They certainly impressed, remaining undefeated

through their round games. Pulling together as a team to win one of their games 30-0! After a massive couple of days of play they found themselves at the pointy end of the competition. They played their hearts out during the semi-final match, but went down by 1 goal. They ended up placing 4th at Nationals – the 4th best team in Australia is an incredible achievement and a wonderful way to end the season!

Thank you to all the girls on an exceptional season and know that everyone is VERY proud of your



achievements. Thank you to all the parents and supporters for their tireless efforts throughout the season. And a MASSIVE thank you to our super efficient and organised manager Leanne Costantino – your efforts were much appreciated by everyone.

We will certainly be #Devils4EVA

**Lora Cipriani**  
Coach

Coach: Lora Cipriani  
Manager: Leanne Costantino  
MVP: Phoebe Hall  
MIP: Kate Coyne

## Under 14B Girls

### TEAM

Bronte Ryan  
Irene Yoo  
Sophie Gobran  
Josephine Lewis  
Lili Kablau  
Nicole Kalaitzakis  
Sarah Prasai  
Sachi Farmer  
Saskia Collins  
Tamara Lenthall

The 14Bs came in 6th on the ladder this season, a tremendous feat considering some of the girls had never played a game of water polo before.

This novicehood helped with some of the rule changes implemented this year. Throughout the season we managed to beat teams of girls who were playing their second and third season together, which demonstrates a lot of potential and depth at Drummoyne.

We drew on the strengths of some of our more experienced players in Sophie and Irene, with Kate going up to 14As after returning from injury.

All of our girls showed a lot of

determination and heart. It was fantastic to see the energy and passion they have developed for the sport and our club.

*“The girls have come a very long way since our first game at Warringah, with even opposing teams and coaches commenting on our impressive improvements throughout the season.”*

This season we focused on water polo basics; acquiring key skills and game knowledge in order to set up good habits and a foundation for the future. The future looks bright!

The girls have come a very long way since our first game at Warringah, with even opposing teams and coaches commenting on our impressive improvements throughout the season.

When the girls listened, focused on things practised at training, and followed game plans they demonstrated great potential. I am



very proud of the girls' commitment, efforts at training and their development throughout the season.

Thank you to the team and the club for their support of my pregnancy throughout the season.

We were very fortunate to have Niki Gobran as our manager who was exceptional with the communication and organisation.

Thank you also to Luke Collins for his knowledge, support and assistance on the bench and to Kelsey Baxter and Allan Cain for their help at training.

Our parents and families have been outstanding supporters of our girls throughout the season, demonstrating what a strong club Drummoyne is.

**Sharna Nelson**  
Coach

Coach: Sharna Nelson  
MVP: Irene Yoo  
MIP: Josephine Lewis

## Under 14A Boys

### TEAM

Nathaniel Griffiths  
Jacob Gadiel  
Will Kablau  
Ethan Hansford  
Ben Tuite  
Nikita Strbac  
Jack Pringle  
Eddie Taranto  
Ned Weiland

The 14As had a great summer campaign, rich in development of all players (and a coach).

Pre-Christmas, the competition proved to be somewhat messy. The introduction of new rules proved to be quite difficult for the coach, the players, the referees and the spectators to adapt too. We had a few mixed results and took some time to acclimatise to the new game and playing styles which left us around mid-table.

During the Christmas break the boys thoroughly enjoyed a few days of competition at Drummoyne Pool – being the pre-cursor for the World Club Water Polo Challenge tournament and allowing for some great exposure to the international standard.

Post-Christmas proved to be very successful for us as a playing group. The team gelled and the boys seemed to respond well to each other and the coach, Ben. With wins against all 5 of the top teams, including the eventual premiers Cronulla, we finished the regular season in 4th.

Going into the finals, we were dealt a blow with our starting centre forward out injured and a few boys away on camp. We finished down by 4 to a strong Sydney Uni team, the eventual runners up to Cronulla.

We travelled to Tamworth for our state championships. Here we had some significant wins against the lower ranking teams and eventually lost in a nail biter to Hunter, which meant we played a very difficult crossover and missed the semis, and eventually finishing 5th with a win against Balmain. A great weekend for club culture and development of relationships as well as a good team result.

A highly modified squad headed to the Gold Coast for nationals. With numerous players out due to injury and the new rules taking full effect, the intention was really on development. All involved had a great time and the boys finished a credible 13th, after losing 4-3 in the Plate Final to a young-gun City Beach team. Again the team really showed heart and resolve in a difficult time, considering our entire game (attack and defence) had to alter with the changing of personnel. It was wonderful to see the individual and team progression.

A few individual achievements to mention;

- Jacob Gadiel: leading goal scorer for Metro Comp and joint MVP at state Championships. Also selected in NSW State Squad.

- Eddie Taranto: selected in NSW State squad and captained the team at Nationals, where he led from the front.

- Ethan Hansford: selected in NSW State squad as a reserve.
- Duke Weiland: cancelled a surfing trip on the Gold Coast to play with us at nationals and capped it off with a goal.

- All remaining team members (Nate, Jack, Ben, Nikita, Ned and Will) and B players (Jarrah, Alex, Finn and Duke) who not only contributed but excelled along the way.

Big thanks to all the boys for their commitment and support throughout the year. It was great to see individuals learn and grow and the team as a whole really achieve some great results.

As a final word – a special mention must go out to all of the parents and, of course, my Managers: Joanna, Danielle and Kev. You all made my 1st gig as a coach easy and really assisted along the way.

**Ben Scott**  
Coach

Coach: Ben Scott  
Managers: Joanna Bitar, Danielle and Kev Pringle  
MVP: Jacob Gadiel  
MIP: Nathaniel Griffiths



## Under 14B Boys

### TEAM

Lucas Easton  
Jarrah Ronan  
Alex Cornish  
Tom Moody  
Adam Lucich  
Oliver Westie-Pero  
Alex Smith  
Finn Barry  
Nick Long  
Charly Simoni

This Season we had many familiar faces return to the 14Bs from the previous winter comp as well as a number of boys stepping up from junior development.

The start of the season was challenging for the boys with a mix of in pool abilities and ages ranging

from 12-1. However a few rounds in the boys found their strength and started to play as a team.

As we progressed throughout the season their understanding of the game and improvement of skills related directly to more goals on the scoreboard.

After taking a few early losses in the season, the boys fought back with some dramatic wins and a rise to middle of the table. Up until the last 5 rounds we had Lucas Easton sit at the top of the comp as lead goal scorer for the season (27) and Jarrah Ronan not too far behind.

Despite a massive improvement

from the start of the season, the boys were unable to make the finals with powerhouse teams ( Crounulla, Sydney Unix2 and Wests) taking out the top 4 spots and securing their place in the finals.

The Team as a whole should be proud of their achievements over the season and think of it as a building block for a lifetime of fun in the water.

**Lars Foged**  
Coach

**Coach: Lars Foged**  
**Manager: Shaun Barry**  
**MVP: Jarrah Ronan**  
**MIP: Finn Barry**



## Under 16A Girls Red

### TEAM

Grace Watson-Carr  
Emma Jones  
Georgia Southern  
Kayla Rogers  
Gabi Taranto  
Ruby Borozan  
Lauren Wheatley  
Georgia Gray  
Jasmine Yip  
Sarah Kerrison  
Gabi Hall  
Lilli Borozan  
Carla Traplin



Championships at Woy Woy.

A successful season for the U16A girls team winning a brace of silver medals.

Writing the season report, the girls are currently back in full training looking to go one better in their final U16 tournament to be played in October at the Nationals in Perth.

It has been a season of learning for everyone adjusting to the rule changes and with a good roster it was just as tough on pool deck.

One thing I have learned about this group is there is plenty of willingness to do the work required to get the job done. Our fitness and skill base is very strong. Consistency is the key. Case in point where we played a sensational first half in the NSW Club

Our consistency fell away in the second half and the opposition took advantage when we had them on the ropes. Everyone needs to be playing four consistent quarters, every game. Some days our ducks are lined up better than others!

Plenty to be done before October, however the commitment of players, parents and siblings is evident. Winter competition and training will toughen us up for Perth when we play the best in the country.

Thanks to Cheryl who was great as a manager and great support.

Thanks also to her assistant co-managers Jenny Borozan and Bev Southern for your help and to all the other parents, brothers sisters and grandparents who supported the team, helped on tour, the table and

for getting the girls to training every week.

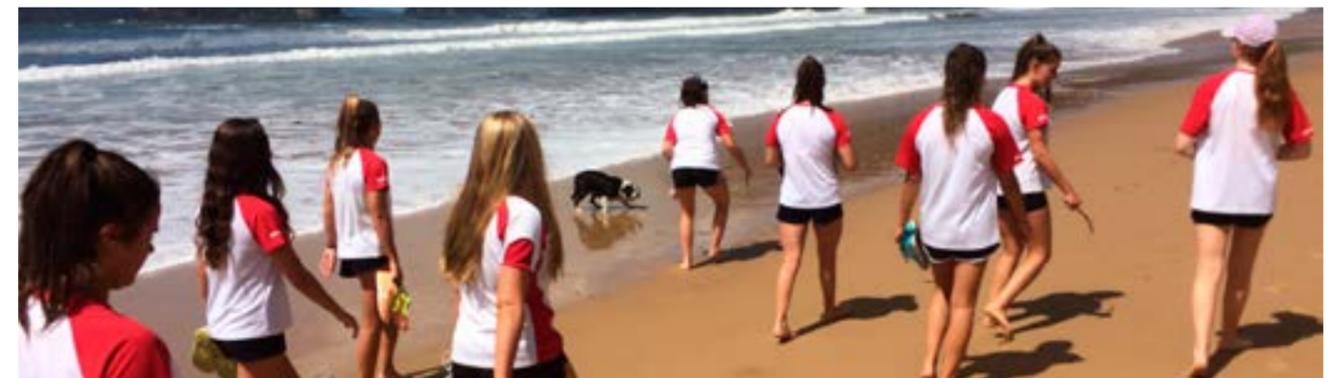
Many thanks for an enjoyable season and to everyone for your support. Well done everyone who achieved success with selection in the many representative teams selected during the season.

Don't worry about what you didn't achieve, worry about what needs to be done to achieve your goals.

We have a great group. We have had some great times and 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 – Emma Jones**  
**MIP – Sarah Kerrison**



## Under 16B Girls

### TEAM

Annabelle Bennet  
Mary Pothas  
Olivia Harrison  
Rebecca Smith  
Grace Marsh  
Maddison Grillo  
Jamie McIntosh  
Emily McCloskey  
Tessa Barry  
Lilian Hunt  
Emily Peeters  
Hannah Bellikoff

The 16B summer season started slow whilst the team was just finding their feet and learning to play as a team. Some nice presents in their Christmas stockings had the girls returning from the holiday season with a bang, coming out fit and strong.

The U/16 state championships on the Central Coast provided a much-needed bonding weekend for the

girls. The tough games had the girls stepping up to meet the competition and finishing in the top 12 of the tournament.

The championships gave the girls an idea of what's to come for the National championships later in the year, and had them fired up for the rest of the season.

*“Intensity of training increased as did the level of skill and teamwork of each player.”*

The competitive streak continued with added strength through Hannah Bellikoff who recently joined the Devils from South Africa.

This added bonus pushed the girls through to the finals series of the summer season.

Intensity of training increased, as did the level of skill and teamwork of each player.

Coming from 6th on the ladder to make the finals was not good enough for the girls who pushed through to end in 3rd position after a hard fought final against Sydney Northern Beaches.

Both coaches and players are looking forward to what's in store for the young Devils during the winter season and leading up to the Nationals in sunny Perth.

**Kelsey Baxter**  
Co-Coach

**Coaches: Elise Mirabito & Kelsey Baxter**  
**Manager: Natalie McCloskey**  
**MVP: Annabelle Bennett**  
**MIP: Olivia Harrison**



## Under 16A Boys

### TEAM

James Artemi  
Angus Davis  
Billy Dodds  
Harry Gilkes  
Joe Kospetas  
Daniel Lukic  
Benjamin Murray  
Jack Rector  
Bronson Ronan  
Jacob Taranto  
Sam Yip

Throughout summer 2014/15, our M16A team improved considerably under the coaching of Arnaldo Castelli.

Some of the boys had been part of the M16A team that won the bronze medal at Nationals in Hobart in October, however many of this team progressed to the U18 age group over summer.

This meant our team that remained was a relatively young team (in fact most will contest the U16 age group for another year).

There was a significant increase in skills and fitness over the season, and a large number are now part of the NSWIS Academy, and State teams.

Overall, the team finished 3rd in the Sydney Metro Comp and showed great promise for next year.

An unusual feature of this team is that it contains four left-handers – something that NL Coach Petar Petrovic is secretly jealous of! 😊

Thank you to all the parents and supporters who helped out each week.

And well done to each of the boys on the hard work you put in throughout the season. We look forward to

watching you reap the rewards of this in the year or so ahead.

**John Kospetas**  
Manager

**Coach: Arnaldo Castelli**  
**Manager: John Kospetas**  
**MVP: Joe Kospetas**  
**MIP: Sam Yip**

[The bronze medal winning M16A team that competed at Nationals in October 2014 was coached by Petar Petrovic and managed by Phil Artemi.]



Above: the combined M16A and M16B teams at the State championships



M16s after winning the bronze medal at Nationals, Hobart, October 2014

## Under 16B Boys

### TEAM

Alex Chambers  
Will Cornish  
Brayden Gossling  
Aidan Farmer  
Haydon Johnson  
Tom Lambert  
Thomas Linfield-Kent  
Ethan Parker  
Adam Somboli  
James Tuite  
Ben Wastie-Pero

It was a good season for the M16B's, who were the beneficiaries of a new coaching structure trialled this year. Under the new structure, the M16B's trained alongside the M16A's as part of a squad, rather than as an independent team. The 'squad' structure provided an opportunity for the team to train under the joint coaching power of head coach, Arnaldo Castelli and PJ Hahn, appointed as the M16B's coach. Arnaldo's technical knowledge and PJ's game experience were a great combination. The boys displayed a keenness to listen and learn from both coaches, notwithstanding the dramatically increased training regime.

PJ's coaching leadership was exemplary. He gained immediate respect from the boys, showed measured determination and passion during game time and was able to boost morale among the team in the (rare) face of defeat. Under PJ's guidance, the results speak for themselves; the team got off to a strong start and maintained their consistency throughout the entire season. Indeed, the competition stats are impressive; the team finished 2nd on the ladder with 50 points, just behind the Club's worthy rivals – Cronulla, and scoring a monumental 216 goals. Thomas

Linfield-Kent took the lion's share, finishing second on the competition ladder with 40 goals.

This strong finish placed the boys into the finals season, by this stage, under the coaching stewardship of Rok Crnica who stepped in to guide the boys following PJ's departure to the Philippines. Rok, an experienced coach and NL player, was able to impart significant knowledge, skill and experience in a small space of time before the finals. Fortunately, he had the benefit of knowing most of the team, whom he coached in the previous season's U14s. The training with Rok paid off and the boys won the qualifying final against UNSW Wests in an exciting (7-6) penalty shootout. This meant however, that they had to play the grand final match against Cronulla, only hours later. With two men down

and without the star goal shooter, the boys played valiantly, but losing narrowly (6-4) in the closing minutes of the game, in what was a tense and hard fought finish.

The boys are to be congratulated on their efforts this season. Their commitment and team sportsmanship were commendable, and we hold even stronger hopes for a premiership title next season.

**Janelle Urquhart**  
Co-Manager

**Coaches:** PJ Hahn (Season),  
Rok Crnica (Finals)  
**Managers:** Janelle Urquhart and  
Bob Chambers  
**MVP:** James Tuite  
**MIP:** Will Cornish



## Under 18 Girls

### TEAM

Emma Workman  
Sarah Harnwell  
Megan Moodie  
Emma Jones  
Georgia Mirabito  
Emma Tuite  
Savannah Henshaw  
Hannah Gray  
Sarah Cain  
Ebony Milgate  
Alex Corbett  
Zoe Whelan

It has been a bitter sweet season for the U/18 girl's team.

The girls had great hopes for a successful season.

After a slow start to the Metropolitan competition, losing the first three games, the team remained undefeated for the rest of the round competition, finishing on equal points with Cronulla.

Just before the semi-final our super star goal keeper Emma Workman was diagnosed with glandular fever.

What to do?

Emma Jones, a retired softball catcher, was told to get into the

cage for the major semi-final against Cronulla. The team played magnificently in front of Emma and she was great in goals and we won the major semi (11-10) and were in the Grand Final. The same result could not be replicated again in the Grand Final against Cronulla, the team losing 10-7.

The Australian Championships were only weeks away and the team had no goal keeper. There were two options: put up the white flag or perfect a game plan that might work.

The girls opted for the latter and the team headed off to Canberra with high hopes of doing well.

The team topped their pool and moved into the Championship division. The girls played fantastically without a specialist goalkeeper, always sticking to the game plan.

Unfortunately the competition draw did us no favours. Games were lost narrowly. Even though the team may not have achieved our season goals, they impressed everyone on the side of the pool by their skilful play and commitment to each other.

I would like to thank all the girls

who gave me their support and commitment this season.

I would particularly like to thank the B97 girls who have been with me since they were babies in the U14 competition.

I hope I have taught you all more than just the skills of water polo but also how to enjoy the game.

Also a big thank you goes to Sharon Harnwell for managing this group for the past five years.

It probably hasn't been easy at times dealing with me. You have always worked to do the best for the team and fulfilled my many requests. You have made my job of coaching so easy.

**Jenny MacGregor**  
Coach

**Coach:** Jenny MacGregor  
**Manager:** Sharon Harnwell  
**MVP –** Alex Corbett  
**MIP:** Savannah Henshaw



# Under 18 Boys - PREMIERS

**TEAM**

- Ben Scobie
- Lachlan Davis
- Josh Sharrock
- James Hayward
- Adam Hall
- Mitchell Taylor
- Gianni Taranto
- Taylor McDonald
- Joel Foristal
- Harry Tunstall
- Liam Corry
- Charlie Kospetas
- Rory Williams
- Rowan Farrell
- Matthew Dembecki
- Chris Artemi
- Blake Artemi

It was a long and rewarding season for the men in the 18 & Under program (Born 97+).

The 2015 M18 squad had a long season playing from September 2014 through April 2015. They competed as our M18 team in 3 competitions, using 17 squad members (plus occasional help from the M16's).

In addition to the busy M18

schedule, nearly all the boys played in a Men's grade team over the summer and 6 of the boys played National League as well.

The season started in late September with a Metro game against SNB Breakers with our team missing a number of key players due to the HSC. The Born 98 guys covered and with some help from the 16A's, we took a small win forward. This would be similar to the way the season unfolded over October and November.

The squad chopped and changed week in and week out and then in November, Water Polo NSW moved the Metro competition to new FINA rules that Water Polo Australia had endorsed for age group competitions: smaller ball, 25m pool and only 6 players in the water (goalie + 5 field players).

We came into the Christmas break in a good position on the ladder, but not having met our potential. With HSC commitments over, the coaches laid out the 2nd half of the season

and what would be required from the boys to reach their potential.

More match and training attendance and attention to detail to master the "new rules" which have a dramatic impact on game tactics.

The second half of the season was improved and the team got fitter and much more familiar with the tactics required to do well. After building solidly through February and March, the season ended in a flurry as the boys medalled in all 3 competitions over a 4 week period - Gold, Silver and Bronze to the Devils!

Their winning streak began with a Gold medal at the Water Polo NSW Metropolitan Championships held on 29 March in a tight encounter with UNSW Wests, followed by a Bronze medal at the National Championships in Adelaide on 12 April with tight win over Melville, and a Silver medal at the NSW State Championships after going down to UNSW Wests on 19 April.

"The boys have worked very hard to earn each of these successes," said Zoltan Ridzyk, coach of the boys at the Metro and State Championships. "I'm very proud of all the boys, particularly how they've performed during the finals which were very tough games."

A number of the boys have played together for Drummoyne since they began playing water polo in the Under 14s. "This group of boys includes several who have won the Bronze medal at Nationals at Under 14s, Under 16s and now Under 18s," said their Nationals coach, Petar Petrovic. "It's a huge achievement to consistently finish in the top three clubs from all over Australia."

The major team awards for the season went to Rowan Farrell – Most Valuable Player and Mitch Taylor – Most Improved Player, well done!

Following the National Championships, Chris Artemi was selected in Water Polo Australia's Born 98 squad that toured Europe in May, while Adam Hall, Gianni Taranto and Rowan Farrell were named in Water Polo Australia's Born 97 squad that toured the USA in late June/early July.

Adam Hall was also named in the Tournament Team at the conclusion of the State Championships, and selected in the 28th Summer Universiade squad by Water Polo Australia.

**Ross Dembecki**  
Manager

**Coaches:** Zoltan Ridzyk (Metro and State Championships), Petar Petrovic (National Championships)  
**Manager:** Ross Dembecki

**MVP:** Rowan Farrell  
**MIP:** Mitchell Taylor



Bronze medal winners at National Championships, Adelaide, April 2015



Silver medal winners at State Championships, Sydney, April 2015



Gold medal winners at Sydney Metro Championships, March 2015



## Women's National League & L1

### TEAM

Steph Calazis  
Morgan Baxter  
Fiona Walsh  
Alex Corbett  
Becca Dorst  
Kelly Ronimus  
Elise Mirabito  
Shannan Martin  
Erin Moodie  
Karlee Assef  
Emma Jones  
Savannah Henshaw  
Georgia Mirabito  
Sarah Harnwell  
Dani Carr  
Hannah Gray  
Drummoyne Women's Squad came off a consistent Sydney Metro competition qualifying for the semi-finals. Although losing the semi-final, the squad started to develop consistent results throughout the season.

The start of the National League Season had the Drummoyne Women's National League team winless after 3 weeks before coming up against Balmain at Ashfield. With the heavens opening up after a large storm and heavy rain, the girls showed that they were able to compete with stronger teams



like Balmain who had started their campaign with strong wins against Brisbane Barracudas and KFC Breakers.

This seemed to reinvigorate the squad and after splitting the games with Hunter the girls started believing in themselves and travelled to Brisbane to contest their road trip against KFC Breakers and Brisbane Barracudas.

The first game produced a hard fought win over the KFC Breakers with a large number of girls celebrating on the score sheet for a great team win. Our game against Brisbane Barracudas was always going to be a good analysis of how the team is placed within the National League competition and this was evident in the closeness of the game. The result was not in our favour, however the girls showed great tenacity which proved to be a strength across the entire season.

Our second game against KFC Breakers resulted in another win with the momentum starting to shift in the culture of the player group and what the expectations were of the group for the rest of the

season. Our return game against Brisbane Barracudas showed that on the fourth day of our road trip fatigue and illness was setting in, and we had a few girls unwell and not able to play or playing not at 100% fitness.

A win and a loss to Vic Seals again showed that the playing group could compete with previous finalist, and there was a calculated opportunity for the team to qualify for the end of season finals.

Two convincing victories against UWA Torpedoes moved the Drummoyne Women's Squad closer to a finals appearance. At the conclusion of the UWA Torpedoes game the competition had a two week break for Easter and the All Stars game where Fiona Walsh and Alex Corbett were selected. This was the first time for both girls and a big congratulation to both on their selection in the All Stars game.

At the commencement of week 9 of the National League, our Drummoyne Women's team participated in return match ups against Balmain Tigers and UNSW Killer Whales. A loss to Balmain Tigers placed a small dent in the road to a finals appearance however a strong return match against UNSW Killer Whales put the team back on track for finals.

The following weekend Drummoyne hosted Adelaide Jets who were competing in a long road trip away from their home. Two convincing strong victories against Adelaide Jets moved the Drummoyne Women's Squad into 10 wins from 20 games and fighting for the final 6th place in the finals series. UNSW Killer Whales and Vic Seals were also fighting for the final position for the finals series

and going into the final week of regular competition the Drummoyne Devils needed to win both games against top-of-the-table team Sydney University Lions and have other results fall their way.

The final week of regular competition also fell on the same time as World League qualifications. This would benefit Drummoyne Women's Squad as a large number of Sydney University Lions players were selected for the World League Competition. Not excusing the under strength Sydney University Lions, Drummoyne Women's Squad completed their games with standout victories. Results from other games of the last weekend of the regular season also favoured Drummoyne Devils Women's Squad.

Completion of the regular season with 12 wins enabled the Drummoyne Devils Women's Squad to qualify for the National League Finals Series for only the second time in the club's history and not since 2009.

Entering the National League Finals Series in 6th position had Drummoyne Devils Women's Squad contest the elimination semi-final against 3rd ranked Cronulla Sharks. The playing group went into the elimination semi-final with nothing to lose and everything to gain from the experience. The result was not the fairy tale ending to the season however the girls put in a strong fight and played hard.

This result eliminated the Drummoyne Devils Women's Squad out of medal contention and we played against the Balmain Tigers for 5th and 6th position. With a spit result for the two teams during the regular season the game would prove to be must win for both teams and on the day, Balmain Tigers were too strong and prevailed over



Drummoyne Devils.

With a final placing of 6th position for the 2015 National League Season I want to thank the whole Drummoyne National League Squad for their commitment and dedication to striving to achieve the goals you set out for yourselves this year.

I also would like to thank Morgan Baxter for her leadership in captaining the squad this year and Elise Mirabito for your ongoing support. This season we also had two American imports, Becca Dorst and Kelly Ronimus, who I would also like to thank. Their involvement in the playing group didn't go unnoticed and on behalf of everyone involved with the Drummoyne Women's Water Polo Squad, thank you.

My biggest thanks must be given to Tracey Mirabito for again managing the Drummoyne Devils Women's



Squad this year. You continue to be not only a great manager but also an extended mother to all involved with the squad. Thank you.

Success also for the following for being selected in representative teams this summer:

- Morgan Baxter – Aussie Stingers World Cup Team 2014
- Shannan Martin – Australian Women's Senior Team
- Fiona Walsh – Australian Junior Squad, All Stars Game, NSW U20 Team, Australian University Games Team 2015, Australian Junior World Championship Team 2015
- Alex Corbett – Australian junior Squad, All Stars Game, NSW U20 Team
- Emma Jones – Australian Youth Team
- Savannah Henshaw – Australian Youth Team
- Sarah Harnwell – NSW U20 Team
- Dani Carr – NSW U20 Team

**Steven O'Keefe**  
Women's Head Coach

Coach: Steven O'Keefe  
Manager: Tracey Mirabito  
MVP NL: Becca Dorst  
MIP NL: Steph Calazis  
MVP L1: Morgan Baxter  
MIP L1: Alex Corbett

## From the Captain of Women's National League



*It was a tough start to the season, losing our first 5 games to some strong*

*opposition and last year's finals contenders. The Devils were able to pick themselves up and keep working hard to gain our first win against the Tigers.*

*After this win the flood gates were opened and we were able to secure a few more wins before suffering some disappointing losses to the Hurricanes and Seals. The girls were able to maintain their focus on that finals position and chase hard in the last few games of the season to gain the last spot in the finals series.*

*We had a few difficulties this season, especially with losing key players like Shannan Martin from the team. We also lost girls due to injury or sickness, notably Emma Workman with illness and Kelly Ronimus who battled a recurring shoulder injury before regaining fitness to help the team*

*push for finals.*

*During this time, the rest of the team did well to combat this and do their best to fill their positions in the water.*

*I must make special mention of our goalkeeper, Stephanie Calazis, who has been in phenomenal form from week to week despite the huge workload of being our only goalkeeper for training and competition. It was great to see the younger players really step up this season and get their name on the score card.*

*We really proved that we are a force to be reckoned with in this National League competition and our juniors aren't to be underestimated. Couple this with two incredibly supportive imports, Becca and Kelly, both in and out of the water which helped to create a strong team dynamic and we had a recipe for top six.*

*This season has been the Devils most successful season since 2009. We went into the season knowing we were yet again a young team, yet we didn't let this*

*deter us.*

*The Devils girls are all to be proud of themselves this season. We aim to take what we have achieved this season and build on it for future seasons to come.*

*On behalf of the team I would like to thank our coach, Steven O'Keefe, and our manager, Tracey Mirabito, for the effort they make throughout the season to ensure we have the opportunity to perform at our best and providing constant encouragement and belief that we will be finals contenders.*

*I must thank all of our parents and supporters who, throughout the season, have battled what at times have been terrible conditions to provide us with vocal support from the stands and make sure we have a supply of hot food and drinks to sustain us after our games. Thank you all.*

*Go Devils!*



*Morgan Baxter  
Captain,  
Women's  
National League*

## National League milestones

Stephanie Calazis	100 games	Brisbane	13 March 2015
Morgan Baxter	100 games	Brisbane	13 March 2015
Elise Mirabito	100 games	Uni of WA	24 March 2015
Morgan Baxter	50 goals for season	Sydney Uni	3 May 2015

**Well done!**



## Ladies 2nd Grade Black (L2) - PREMIERS

### TEAM

Lara Murray  
Steph Polivka  
Alana Jones  
Nicola Murphy  
Dani White  
Elise Mirabito  
Ellen Pittorino  
Kelsey Baxter  
Elise Holden  
Sheree Hart  
Amy Pittorino  
Kate Murphy  
Serena Reid  
Ellen Hahn

Given the talent in the squad and 2 premierships in the last 2 years, the season started with reasonable expectations.

The core of the team was in place

again and we welcomed back Lara, Sheree, Alana, Kelsey, Serena and Ellen Hahn.

Commitment was mostly strong, but at times we struggled with numbers when social life or work commitments took over.

Coach Hahn worked the bench well as there was no lack of talent with Amy, Ellen, Dani and Elise H up front dominating and strong defenders at the back with Nic, Kate, Elise M and Steph P.

We won the major against a short staffed Drummoyne Red team, then took care of Balmain in the grand final winning 5 – 2.

MVP went deservedly so to Elise

Holden.

This year Elise Mirabito had another crack at National League, hopefully a few more of our L2 girls follow her lead next year.

It's a pleasure to be part of the L2 group, a fine bunch of young ladies who enjoy each other's company and who want to continue playing team sport at a reasonably competitive level.

Onto 2015/16 to chase a 4th title?

**Neale Murphy**  
Manager

**Coach: Michael Hahn**  
**Manager: Neale Murphy**  
**MVP: Elise Holden**



## Ladies 2nd Grade Red (L2)

### TEAM

Emma Workman  
Sarah Harnwell  
Megan Moodie  
Emma Jones  
Georgia Mirabito  
Emma Tuite  
Savannah Henshaw  
Hannah Gray  
Sarah Cain  
Ebony Milgate  
Shannan Martin  
Zoe Whelan  
Sarah Kerrison

The L2 Red team was the U/18 team without Alex Corbett. Shannan Martin joined the team after Christmas following a period of injury that saw her out of the pool for several months.

The team took out the minor premiership following the rounds.

This in itself was a great achievement for the season as player availability was often at a critical low due to players given the opportunity to play First Grade and National League.

L3 players willingly put up their hand to fill in, doing this very capably, demonstrating the player strength in the junior ranks.

The major semi was against the club's other second grade team, the L2 Black team. This was an experienced group of players that triumphed in the major semi-final to earn a spot in the Grand Final.

Balmain was too strong for the team in the Final.

**Jenny MacGregor**  
Coach

**Coach: Jenny MacGregor**  
**MVP: Sarah Harnwell**



## Ladies 3rd Grade Red (L3) – PREMIERS

### TEAM

Alison Greig  
Amy Harnwell  
Julie Rohl  
Lisa Murphy  
Ruby Borozan  
Lilli Borozan  
Jenny MacGregor  
Kayla Rodgers  
Brooke Dredge  
Georgia Southern  
Sharna Small (up to Xmas)  
Phoebe Hall

It was another happy and successful season for the L3 Red team.

This third grade group have been premiers for the 7th time. The team comprised of the usual solid group of seniors players and the new junior recruits.

This season was going to be a challenge to defend our premiership without a selected junior goalkeeper and Sharna Small being unavailable

after Christmas.

Alison Greig put her hand up to fill the goalkeeping position.

The team finished the rounds in second place behind Cronulla.

The major semi was a disaster – Cronulla defeating the team by a goal. Some would say the loss we needed to have.

The team went to the training pool, Auburn, at 8am on Sunday for the next few weeks.

Training paid off and the team defeated Drummoyne Black in the Final to earn a spot in the Grand Final.

The Grand Final was the team's best performance for the season.

Drummoyne shot out to a 5-0 lead at the end of quarter one, a lead that

Cronulla never recovered from. The final score was 13-5 to Drummoyne.

It was pleasing to see the junior players, Ruby, Lilli, Kayla, Georgia and Phoebe all contribute to the teams Grand Final success.

Julie, Lisa and Brooke always contribute but the man of the Grand Final was Alison Greig, the goal keeper.

This season – with its many challenges – made this victory much more satisfying.

**Jenny MacGregor**  
Player/Coach

**Coach: Jenny MacGregor**  
**MVP: Alison Greig**



## Ladies 3rd Grade Black (L3)

### TEAM

Lily Murphy  
Holly Edstein  
Kaitlyn Laycock  
Kristyn Bennett  
Nicole Moodie  
Simone Piper  
Grace Watson Carr  
Laura Donnellan  
Merissa Perivolarellis  
Gabby Hall  
Jasmine Yip  
Georgia Gray  
Gabi Taranto  
Lillian Hunt  
Emily McLoskey  
Carla Traplin

A new team for Hahn to mould, a mixture of some seasoned 18 – 19 year olds focusing on study & social life (not necessarily in that order), a bunch of our up and coming U16's and old heads in Simone and Holly to run the show.

It took some time, but eventually it gelled. We pushed through to the Semis and won the minor against UNSW in a penalty shootout.

We battled hard in the final and it was only in the last quarter or so that our other team of seasoned veterans got the better of us (and they eventually went on to win the comp convincingly).

Thanks to the juniors backing up, it's all part of your development.

We sincerely hope that the 6 seniors, Holly, Simone, Nicole, Katie, Kristyn and Lily continue to play with the Devils, in 3's or higher. You have much to contribute and there is much enjoyment to be had.

**Neale Murphy**  
Manager

**Coach: Michael Hahn**  
**Manager: Neale Murphy**  
**MVP: Lily Murphy**

## Ladies 4th Grade (L4)

### TEAM

Gabbie Cain  
Lora Cipriani  
Emma Wright  
Katharine Horton  
Elizabeth Cobden  
Hayleigh Bennett  
Annette Jamieson  
Clare Douglas  
Lyndal Douglas  
Danielle Mackay  
Maddie Tilyard  
Lana Kowarski

home games at Drummoyne.

It was very much appreciated by everyone.

L4 are certainly looking forward to the winter comp to try to resurrect our premiership days in preparation for a bumper summer season.

**Lora Cipriani**  
Player/Manager

**Manager: Lora Cipriani**  
**MVP: Elizabeth Cobden**

L4 has had a mixed season. We won a few games, however with busy work/home/family life we seemed to hardly ever have the whole team at the games all at the same time. We must thank the many junior players who helped us field a team each week! We certainly enjoyed the social side of our water polo games!

David and Tracey Baxter deserve a massive thank you for hosting a wonderful dinner after one of our



## Ladies 5th Grade Red (L5)

### TEAM

Anna Corry  
Debbie Collie  
Holly Wright  
Jali Blair-Summons  
Jess Rayner  
Kate Collins  
Kerrie Edwards  
Leanne Costantino  
Leonie Barnett  
Mel Roseman  
Mia Conolly  
Prue Rayner  
Sara Judd

season (must have been Gabby's coaching!!)

Our experienced players added huge value throughout the season – the wealth of experience, training support and patience shown by Sara, Leonie, Debbie, Holly, Mel, Jess and Anna was immeasurable. Great effort by our highest goal scorer Sara, followed closely behind by Holly and Debbie. Holly continued to impress with her multitude of lob goals and tight defence. Debbie made breaks all season, proving lethal in goal scoring. Leonie was always reliable and calm under pressure, always providing direct passes. Anna and Jess came out of nowhere to give back up, aid defence or offer a free hand for a pass or goal shot. The Rayner sisters with their long arm reach managed to block shots enhancing defence. Mel also sizzled in defence, managing to provide some invaluable defensive lessons to some of the other teams! This season we struggled with getting numbers to the pool each week. Although we did manage to get a great turn out for a team dinner. Sara, Prue and Holly all proved to be the most dedicated, all equal for the most attendance record. A special mention and thank you to Gabby Costantino who played 6 games, and to many other juniors who played from time to time – we

First game of the season and we started with a lot of brand new players thrown into the pool to literally "sink or swim"....with the score looking shockingly bad at half time, a brand new team member offered to go in goal, saying "Oh, I have played goalie before"....and wow, were we glad she offered. Saving our skins throughout the season, Jali was a golden addition to our team.

The other new players (some returning to the pool, others playing polo for the first time ever) keep returning, despite the sad, sorry score lines and kept on improving. Kerrie was notable with her speed & surprise aggression; Kate was a dedicated and enthusiastic player. Leanne perfected the art of stealing the ball early and made some memorable drives throughout the



couldn't have made it through the season without you.

Although we didn't feel the glory of victory, there was improvement throughout the season by individual players and the team functioning together. The shocking score lines from the first few weeks declined as the season went on. This team spirit was shown in the MVP voting as it was spread between Jali, Holly, Prue and Debbie with literally only a few points between them all. Next summer, we hope to make a splashing come back and return to at least the middle of the table, if not the top!!

A massive thank you to Lora Cipirani for refereeing for us throughout the season.

We wish Sara and her family well on her move to sunny QLD – we will definitely miss Sara's dedication, speed, experience and goal scoring abilities.

**Mel Roseman & Prue Rayner**  
Managers & joint authors of this  
report  
**MVP: Jali Blair-Summons**



# Men's National League & M1

## TEAM

John Hahn  
 Janson Wigo  
 Nate Sinclair  
 Adam Hall  
 Milan Nestic  
 James Smith  
 Mitch Emery  
 Nick Taylor  
 Rowan Farrell  
 Rok Crnica  
 Charlie Kospetas  
 Hamish Cuthill  
 Teo Galic  
 Chris Artemi  
 Mitch Taylor  
 Lachlan Trabinger  
 Gianni Taranto  
 Alberto Rapisardi  
 Sam Watson

“Intelligence plus character – this is the true goal of education.”

Martin Luther King Jr.

Water polo is a very simple sport, but different people, players and coaches can make it complicated.

The chemistry inside the team is reflected during the matches. For a few years now I've been following the progress, development and preparation of this team, including being coach for the younger group of players.

Often I push my expectations of the

group much higher, waiting to see their response or the action they take.

The issue we were facing at the beginning of the season related to chemistry. We had several players leaving, some coming back, others staying and a younger group of players progressing forward.

With strong leadership demonstrated by some players who decided to stay, we managed to build the team, and in few months we had a compact, well-respected team.

Younger players were receiving positive feedback, older players showed they were true leaders, and people who returned earned trust back in no time. From my perspective, by December we had everything you need to progress further. And then we did it...

Something that makes our National League side quite special is the fact that more than half our players came through the ranks as juniors for Drummoyne.

This includes our seven youngest players this season who not only gained experience at NL level, but in some moments, the team was relying on them. Many scored their first National League goals for Drummoyne and we can be proud what these young athletes have

achieved so far.

From our beginnings as an average team at M1 level, we soon became the National League team that didn't lose a game in the first five rounds.

Experienced players took responsibility in crucial moments, lifted and held the team up. It took us a few months to convince and believe in ourselves, and the timing couldn't be better. Our team spirit was unable to be crushed by any team or score, players or coaches.

We managed to turn our fire into flame, and the first teams who felt the bitter water at Drummoyne pool were Cronulla, Wests and Freemantle. At this point, the sun was rising and expectations became obligations.

In the next few weeks, we managed to increase our form. We pushed harder, made gains and we started to believe in each other and ourselves.

Different games and tactics demanded different responsibilities in the pool. We won some games and lost others, but our team spirit prevailed.

By the end of the league we had achieved what we planned for this



season: we had made the finals, and developed our capability with a bright future in front of us.

Finals arrived and the game against Melbourne was one of our best performances all season. Drummoyne players and their instinct for winning dominated all game.

Only one team could win, and this would be the team with great leaders combined with youth and a hunger to prove what they're made of. From the very beginning to the end of this match, we knew which team would make the medal playoffs.

Our performance in the finals was equally good, but to win games like this we needed to be better, which physically we couldn't sustain – for now.

At the end of 6 months, we had ticked all our boxes. We had beaten the worst enemy – ourselves. We kept improving; we'd created a fresh team spirit. We were Drummoyne Devils.

Loyalty leads to bravery, bravery leads to team spirit, spirit creates



trust. Even though we lost a few games, we were and stayed THE DRUMMOYNE DEVILS.

**Petar Petrovic**  
 Men's Head Coach

Coach: Petar Petrovic  
 Managers: Michael Smith/Tony Watson/ Matt Farrell  
 MVP NL: Rok Crnica  
 NL Players' Player: Mitch Emery  
 Coach's Award: Rowan Farrell  
 MVP M1: James Smith  
 MVP MIP: Adam Hall



Congrats!

## National League milestones

John Hahn	200 games	Brisbane	13 March 2015
Mitchell Emery	200 games	Sydney Uni	9 May 2015
Mitchell Emery	50 goals for season	Hunter	10 May 2015

## From the Captain of Men's National League



The Drummoyne men had a strong start to the 2015 NL season kicking off with a hard fought 8-6 victory in round one over the Cronulla Sharks.

With new coach Petar Petrovic at the helm, all squad members were keen to impress to try and solidify a regular spot in the team. This helped drive a healthy competitive spirit within the squad and ultimately boost participation making for the largest NL Squad I had ever been involved with at Drummoyne.

Following our first win we continued our winning form against Fremantle, UNSW Wests, Balmain and securing a draw with Cronulla to remain undefeated after the first quarter of the season.

Using his experience from working with the club juniors, Petar was in a position to be able to blood many young players whom he has worked with for a number of years to bolster the senior and more experienced half of the playing group.

Off the back of such a strong start there was definitely a growing belief within our team and the foundations had been laid for a successful season.

New US import Janson Wigo instantly impressed. He was

dynamic in attack netting numerous goals in the opening rounds and together with Mitch Emery formed a potent combination on the LH's side.

Teo Galic returning for a second season was again damaging at CF whilst Rok remained as reliable as Milan was strong at CB – both crucial to our defence.

Nate Sinclair also showed immense improvement in the opening rounds of the season becoming a dangerous player on the RH's side.

The next challenge presented itself on our weekend road trip up to Lambton where we went down in two narrow losses to the Hunter Hurricanes. Both matches were intense affairs and after a spirited fight back in the second game which saw us lose by one goal we made the trip home with our heads still held high.

Following the Hunter weekend our attention turned to the Brisbane road trip where unfortunately we were forced to travel and play slightly undermanned.

With the opportunity to step up it was Jimbo Smith who found form and helped secure two important wins against the QLD Breakers, and Hamish Cuthill also did well to fill the void left at CF.

Unfortunately Brisbane were too strong in the other games but after a solid weekend away and some bonding

amongst the group, spirits remained high with a good opportunity to consolidate a top 6 finals position after strong performances through the first half of the season.

The following rounds were then disrupted by the international calendar but we did secure several important wins.

Unfortunately we were not able to lock up all of the desired victories at home against UWA and Melbourne which led to us losing momentum and then finding ourselves in a position where we no longer looked likely to finish in the top four.

Determined not to let the season slip we persevered winning crucial points with a major highlight Nick Taylor's 3 goal last quarter haul versus eventual champs UNSW Wests, which helped the team to an important draw.

A more clinical performance against our Balmain counterparts and two further wins against Adelaide saw us go into the final round against table leaders Sydney Uni.

Whilst we suffered two losses they were both encouraging performances and critical to continue building towards an attack on a league title.

Our first hurdle in the finals was a strong Melbourne outfit who we were yet to beat, but a gutsy one goal win saw us set up another rematch with league favourites Sydney Uni in the

semi-final. Unfortunately for us the Lions were too strong but a much improved defensive effort saw us going down 6-3 in what was still a proud performance. The following day we were not as fortunate eventually losing the bronze medal match to Hunter leaving us to finish a commendable 4th place.

As a team we have made a lot of progress over the past 8 months and a top four finish was probably a result many suspected was one beyond the current playing group.

All of what has been achieved would not have been possible without the efforts of all the coaches in Juan, Zoli and particularly Petar.

Thanks must also go to our team of managers who worked together tirelessly to ensure things went to plan and the right support was in place for the team each week.

Finally I would like to thank my team mates. For a number of you it was our first season playing together but hopefully not the last.

Some of you have been presented with a unique opportunity to begin playing at the top level with a coach and numerous team mates who you already have strong understanding and friendship with.

For many others it was not our first rodeo and I hope we can build on our 2015 achievements together as we work towards that elusive premiership.

I would also like to individually thank Mitch Emery who has been in particular a huge support for me and the team over the season which culminated in his selection as this year's player's player – extremely well deserved.

Whilst we fell short of a premiership this season the team has come along in leaps and bounds. The future looks strong and the team is moving in the right direction.

I am confident that with the right attitude and more hard work leading into next season, 2016 could be the year of the Devil.

John Hahn  
Captain, Men's National League



## Men's 2nd Grade (M2)

TEAM  
Alberto Rapisardi  
Steven Xenakis  
Chris Artemi  
Rory Williams  
Mitch Taylor  
James Hayward  
Rowan Farrell  
Sam Watson  
Charlie Kospetas  
Lachlan Trabinger  
Gianni Taranto  
Adam Hall  
Zoltan Ridzyk

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 19 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. Thanks to Zolie and Alberto for guiding a very young team. Their years of experience are invaluable to young players trying to make in the senior ranks.

Tony Watson  
Manager

Manager: Tony Watson  
MVP: Zoltan Ridzyk

## Men's 3rd Grade (M3)

Ben Scobie  
 Rob Hahn  
 Ben Scott  
 Phil Emery  
 PJ Hahn  
 Adam Richardson  
 Matt Hay  
 Eli Deloraine  
 Andrew Murray  
 Ryan Marnell  
 James (JJ) Brennan  
 Mikey Parker

The M3 boys had another strong year but unfortunately they were unable to make it three premierships in a row. After finishing the season minor premiers, we lost back to back finals games, eliminated by a Gavin Woods lead Balmain team.

Ben Scobie had a great year in goals,

and has the potential to develop into a national league goalie in the future. Richo was strong in defence and attack and barely spent anytime on the bench or missed a game. Eli barely managed to make it to a game on time, but when he did he showed he could still hold his own in National League.

Philberto was the heart and soul of the team, but needs to keep out of the cage after conceding 8 goals in a quarter. Benny bro winded the clock back with some vintage outside shots and is another bloke with the potential to make a NL comeback. PJ was missed at the end of the year and could have been the difference during finals time.

Barney was strong in the hole all

year and scored plenty of quality goals.

Matty, Mikey and JJ were strong contributors to the team especially in the 2nd half of the year. A big thank you to Zoli and Tony for all their support coaching and helping to organise the team. I have no doubt M3 will bounce bigger and better next year and be in the mix for another premiership.

**Rob Hahn**  
 Manager

Coach: Zoltan Ridzyk  
 Manager: Rob Hahn  
 MVP: Adam Richardson



Drummoyme is fortunate to boast a great many players who have played for the Devils for many decades.

Thank you to longstanding Devil, Mike Young from M7 who recently found an old pair of Drummoyme cossies dating back to the 1980s. They obviously got a lot of use! Thanks Mike.

## Men's 4th Grade (M4)

TEAM  
 Oliver Fitschen  
 Daniel Zanin  
 Paul Helyar  
 Andrew Murray  
 Joel Foristal  
 Daniel Lister  
 Josh Rogers  
 Matthew Dembecki  
 Liam Corry  
 Mark Simpson  
 Ryan Brennan  
 James Jnr Brennan  
 Emanuele Ronconi

This season our M4 side welcomed the introduction of more of our younger Drummoyme Water Polo members, providing a pathway into

the higher grades for the young lads, Liam Corry, Josh Rogers Joel Foristal, Ryan Brennan, Emanuele Ronconi and Matt Dembecki.

As the season progressed we started to play more like a cohesive team, and we were very competitive in a closely fought M4 competition. We were running 2nd most of the year until the final few rounds where unfortunately we lost 4 senior players, one to injury, one moved away and the other 2 moved up to M3 to fill holes left due to the lack of numbers in M2's, leaving us to finish 3rd. In the minor semi we came up against Ryde, whom we beat in a penalty shootout. In the preliminary

final we faced SNB, who we had beat and had a draw with during the season. Unfortunately SNB were too strong for us, going on to face Cronulla in the grand final.

Many thanks to all those who helped out during the season when we were short of numbers. The M4 side was much improved this year and very competitive, making it another enjoyable season of BBQ water polo. Hopefully we will see you all back again over the winter and next summer.

**Mark Simpson**  
 Player/Manager

Manager: Mark Simpson  
 MVP: Daniel Lister

## Men's 5th Grade Red (M5) - PREMIERS

TEAM  
 Craig Pendergast  
 Luke Hayward  
 Duncan Ritchie  
 James Tuite  
 James Brennan  
 Serge Gonzales  
 Ange Tsirekas  
 Harry Tunstall  
 Kiel Nelson  
 Daniel Sturrock  
 Troy Ready  
 Harrison Steen  
 Trevor Folsom

A great season finishing with a grand final win against Balmain.

With a few new players Luke, Kiel, Sticks, all the old guard and you Harry, we did enough to win throughout the season to finish second on the table.

A training plan was thrown out as we made the mistake last year of having one session, continued to taper off and beat the undefeated Balmain in

the last round and continued on our winning way all the way to the Grand Final.

With half the side over 50 we see a bright future ahead.....

**Craig Pendergast**  
 Manager

Manager: Craig Pendergast  
 MVP: Kiel Nelson



## Men's 6th Grade Black (M6)

### TEAM

Brad Palmer  
Michael Hahn  
Greg Broome  
Mark Rogers  
Marco Lo Blanco  
Jason Battley  
Nick Grbin  
Col Churton  
Dave Pitcairn  
Darren Spooner  
Joel Katz  
Scott Talbot  
John McMahon  
Patrick Zadow  
Neale Murphy



The season started strongly with a good line up of 15 men rested for the competition. A couple of early wins stamped our mark that we were the real deal. Other than perhaps one team, every game was tough and could have gone either way in the last quarter. As the season wore on we won as many as we drew, and this showed how competitive and equal our competition was.

Approaching the finals we let one slip away. This found us playing in the minor semi final against our brothers M6 Red. We had had a good match up with them during the season winning 2 of 3 games.

The semi final against M6 Red was no walk in the park. It was probably the pinnacle of our season: us with only 1 reserve and they were stocked with a full bench and some in the stands. It was a good hit out, and we came up with the goods, at 3 – 1.

We moved forward to the final against Stingers who had 2 close victories and a draw over us during the season.

Game started and we were in it early,



even at half time but collapsed in the 3rd to be sitting with a 3 goal deficit lining up for the 4th.

It pretty much stayed that way. As hard as we tried we could not grind back and went down by 3.

Overall a great season, with most of us ..legal age.. attending our end of year dinner.

Looking forward to another great season in 2016 with the same core

mates backing up again for the M6 polo, banter, beers and occasional story to keep life humorous.

Well done boys, another good one.

**Mark Rogers**  
Player

**Manager: Neale Murphy**  
**MVP: Col Churton**

## Men's 6th Grade Red (M6)

### TEAM

Rod Wallwork  
Matthew Pennycook  
Aidan Pennycook  
Ed Boyd  
Tom Southern  
Phil Holst  
Liam Wheatly  
Steve Simpson  
Josh Sharrock  
Greg Cullen  
Graham Purcell  
Ian Van Der Steege  
John Braams  
Brayden Gossling  
Darren Gossling

Massive change: one year we're in 5th Grade, next we're in 6th – and adding to this the comp featured only 6 teams. This over the season played out really well, as in some

occasions the games were tight and the Competition Ladder was nail-biting.

We played to our ability and at times that....ability was our arch nemesis. Although we had been mentoring our younger players throughout the years, there was a standout this Season and that was Liam Wheatly. Toward the end of the season he consciously took onboard our game play and proved it in the water. Great work Liam.

Of course we had our seasoned vets planning, again thanks for turning up on the night and playing a game that we all could enjoy and joke about afterwards.

A late injection to our team really

gave us some enthusiasm and great team play. Thanks to the father and son combo of Darren and Brayden Gossling for joining us late in the season. Darren, who said he hadn't played for decades, had some cracking moments in the water.

And then his son Brayden whose enthusiasm before, during and after the game was priceless.. He did call a spade a spade and some of his comments were astoundingly true and poignant.

Let's see how we go next season...

**Aidan Pennycook**  
Manager

**Manager: Aidan Pennycook**  
**MVP: Rod Wallwork**

## Men's 7th Grade Black (M7)

### TEAM

Bastian Breckner  
Fraser Foristal  
David Henricks  
Dylan Higgs  
Lars Foged  
Peter Johnston  
Will Parker  
Ted Churchyard  
Michael Sohns  
Peter Gainsford  
Matt Henricks  
Michael Hayward  
Michael Young  
Kerry Sunderland

Finishing second at the end of the main comp was an enormous achievement for the team following the struggles of the previous seasons. Losing only two games, both to the unbeaten Cronulla who fielded Andrew Kerr (4 x Olympian and ex Aussie Captain) and Bobby Bryant (Sydney Olympian) plus several well credentialled others is as good as winning the competition.

The team scored 143 goals and conceded 48, only five behind Cronulla. Cronulla scored 15 against us indicating our defence was very strong against others.

We lost the major semi 8/4 to Cronulla (after a poor 1st quarter) and beat Sydney University 9/6 in the Final coming from 2/0 down in the 1st minute. The Grand Final score was 12/5 to Cronulla and we played in typical Drummoyne spirit and were not daunted by the opposition.

The experience gained from 2013/14 by juniors Dylan Higgs and Michael Sohns plus the slightly older Lars Foged and Will Parker paid off. Also the restructure of Tuesday polo by way of introduction of juniors to M4 saw Ted Churchyard and Fraser Foristal drop to M7 from M5.

The acquisition of junior Michael Hayward was a real bonus. Sadly

our veteran GK Kerry Sunderland was injured for a long period but out of the blue we acquired German Bastian Breckner – a bottler of a substitute plus an excellent field player. Bastian returned to Bremen in April to complete a Masters in Engineering and we hope he returns to Drummoyne Devils to complete his education. The Coach has developed the juniors and the team has benefited from his tactical approach.

### Main scorers

Dylan Higgs 27, Lars Foged 19, Bear Churchyard 18, Will Parker 16, Matt Henricks 14, Michael Sohns, Fraser Foristal 13, and Michael Hayward 11. (He also won the majority of his swim offs.)

**Michael Young**  
Manager

**Manager: Michael Young**  
**MVP: Matt Henricks**

## Award Winners 2014/15

**Michael Corry Clubman of the Year**

**Garry Nicholls Junior Clubman of the Year**

**Lora Cipriani**

**Sarah Cain**

### MVP

### MIP

#### LADIES

National League	Becca Dorst
L1	Morgan Baxter
L2 Red	Sarah Harnwell
L2 Black	Elise Holden
L3 Red	Alison Greig
L3 Black	Lily Murphy
L4	Lizzie Cobden
L5	Jali Blair-Summons
L14A	Phoebe Hall
L14B	Irene Yoo
L16A Red	Emma Jones
L16B	Annabelle Bennett
L18	Alex Corbett

#### MEN

National League	Rok Crnica
M1	James Smith
M2	Zoltan Ridzyk
M3	Adam Richardson
M4	Dan Lister
M5	Keil Nelson
M6 Red	Rod Wallwork
M6 Black	Colin Churton
M7	Matt Henricks
M14A	Jacob Gadiel
M14B	Jarra Ronan
M16A	Joe Kospetas
M16B	James Tuite
M18	Rowan Farrell

Steph Calaizis
Alex Corbett
Kate Coyne
Josephine Lewis
Sarah Kerrison
Olivia Harrison
Savannah Henshaw
Adam Hall
Finn Barry
Sam Yip
Will Cornish
Mitchell Taylor

Players' Player: Mitchell Emery  
Coach's Award: Rowan Farrell

## Representative Honour Roll 2014/15

Congratulations to our players selected in the following:

### AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVES

- Morgan Baxter - Aussie Stingers 2014 FINA World Cup in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia
- AJ Roach & Tyler Martin - Aussie Sharks 2014 FINA World Cup in Almaty, Kazakhstan.
- Mitch Emery, Tyler Martin & Aidan Roach - Aussie Sharks Squad for FINA World League Intercontinental tournament in California
- Tyler Martin & Aidan Roach - Aussie Sharks - Gold medal FINA World Cup
- Janson Wigo - USA Squad for FINA World League Intercontinental tournament in California
- Fiona Walsh & Alex Corbett - B'95 Tournament in Hungary
- Tyler Martin and Mitch Emery - Aussie Sharks team in the BHP Billiton Aquatic Super Series in Perth.
- Morgan Baxter & Shannan Martin - Australian women's senior team.
- Morgan Baxter - Aussie Stingers World Cup
- Alex Corbett, Fiona Walsh, Lachlan Trabinger & James Smith - National Water Polo League All Stars
- Alex Corbett - Aussie Stingers Squad for the 2015 FINA World League Training camp in Canberra

- Emma Jones & Chris Artemi - Tri Nationals series against NZ Australian Born 98
- James Smith - Australian Born 96 to FINA World Youth Championships in Istanbul, Turkey
- Adam Hall & Gianni Taranto - Australian Boys Born 97 for U20 Pan Pacs, NZ
- James Smith - Born 95 squad for the 2015 FINA World Men's Junior Championships in Almaty, Kazakhstan
- Emma Jones & Savannah Henshaw - Australian Born 98 Youth Squad camp at AIS
- James Smith & Adam Hall - Aus squad for 28th Summer Universiade 2015
- Fiona Walsh & Alex Corbett - Australian Junior Women's B95 Squad
- Alex Corbett, Fiona Walsh & Morgan Baxter in combined Aus Juniors and World Universiade selection camp
- Fiona Walsh - World Universiade 2015 and Australian Junior Women's Water Polo team
- Emma Jones and Savannah Henshaw - Australia Girls Born 1998 tour to Europe
- Aidan Roach, Mitch Emery & Tyler Martin - Aussie Sharks World League Finals in Italy & World Championships in Russia
- Adam Hall, Gianni Taranto & Rowan Farrell - Australian Born 97 for

training tour to US

- Joe Kospetas & Bronson Ronan Australian Born 00 for tour to Europe

### STATE / TERRITORY REPRESENTATIVES

- NSWIS team competing in Australian Water Polo's NTC Challenge: Mitch Emery and James Smith.
- NTC - Fiona Walsh and Morgan Baxter.
- U16 - Born 1999 - Emma Jones, Sarah Kerrison, Kayla Rogers, Georgia Southern, Ruby Borozan, Jack Rector
- U/16 - Born 2000 - Carla Traplin, Georgia Gray, Angus Davis, Bronson Ronan, Joe Kospetas, Jacob Taranto, Sam Yip
- Lachlan Davis & Blake Artemi - NSW City U16 boys
- Kelsey Baxter - Canberra Water Polo Academy Women's U20s
- Justin Trabinger, Lachlan Trabinger, Nate Sinclair & Matt Dembecki - Canberra Water Polo Academy Men's U20s, & Lachlan Trabinger also in U18s
- Alex Corbett, Ellen Hahn, Erin Moodie, Fiona Walsh, Shannan Martin & Stephanie Calaizis - NSW U20s at Nationals in Adelaide
- Charlie Kospetas - NSW U20s at Nationals in Adelaide
- James Smith in NSW U20 Blues, & Lachlan Trabinger & Gianni Taranto in U20 Waratahs at Nationals in Sydney

- Fiona Walsh & Alex Corbett in NSW U20 Blues, & Sarah Harnwell in U20 Waratahs at Nationals in Sydney

- Phoebe Hall, Ethan Hansford & Eddie Taranto (NSW U14 Blues); Macy Hansford & Tori Workman (NSW U14 Waratahs)

### SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

- NSWCS - Emma Workman, Zoe Whelan-Young, Emma Jones, Ruby Borozan, Lilli Borozan, Grace Watson-Carr, Chris Artemi, Blake Artemi, Matt Dembecki, Rory Williams and Liam Corry
- NSWCCC - Emma Tuite, Sarah Kerrison, Gabi Taranto, Lachlan Davis, Daniel Lukic and Angus Davis
- NSWCHS - Savannah Henshaw, Georgia Southern, Kayla Rogers
- NSW All Schools - Emma Tuite, Savannah Henshaw, Emma Jones and Chris Artemi. Also, Emma Workman, Sarah Kerrison, Blake Artemi and Lachlan Davis were named as reserves
- Alex Corbett and Gianni Taranto - CIS Blue for Water Polo
- Hannah Gray and Ben Scobie - CCC Blue for Water Polo
- Emma Tuite in Australian Schoolgirls Team, and Sarah Kerrison as reserve.

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