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2022 BUNBURY CARNIVAL REPORT



The Bunbury carnival started for approximately 50 mad keen players and 2 dads (Blair and Neal), at 5am on Saturday morning. We all arrived at the HBF stadium eager to jump on the bus to start the trip to Bunbury. With the last check of my watch, it was 5.30am precisely and the bus left for the 2 hour trip down South.

The bus arrived at the Soccer clubrooms at precisely 8.10am and everyone disembarked, keen to hit the fields. The first games began at 8am in chilly conditions. However, with extraordinarily little rain now forecast, all were feeling confident of another fantastic weekend. Over the next couple of hours, the 5/6- and 7/8-year groups set up their lodgings for the weekend at the Soccer Clubrooms with the boys finding themselves on the main turf side of the building this year and the girls to the back of the clubrooms. The 9/10 players jumped on the coaster but driven by Andrew and were delivered to the Sea Scout Hall at South Bunbury on the inlet to set up their bedding for the weekend.

Many games were played throughout the day and many slushies, donuts, fairy floss, and random junk food was consumed. Now and then, miraculously the odd muesli bar and piece of fruit also passed the lips of many players. Soon it was Saturday night (Italiano Night). With the help of Kiara and Justin (Huxley's parents) I picked up 44 family sized pasta meals and they were delivered to very hungry players and parents at the two accommodation sites. The pasta went down a treat at both venues along with garlic bread and salad.

Before and after dinner at the Soccer clubrooms it was time to disco with DJ Ben Archibald spinning tracks from 4pm and lighting up the night with bright colored lights and a smoke machine. The kids had a great time dancing, playing chasey or just chatting about the day's events. Meanwhile at the scout hall, dinner was followed by a walk outside along the shoreline down to the local skate park, why a skate park at night and without boards I have no idea. Eventually everyone dropped off to sleep at both camps and Sunday soon arrived.

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On Sunday many more games were played again, and many teams were working there way up the standings. Our year 9/10 players were getting opportunities to umpire 5/6 teams which was great for their development and fantastic for the young players to see their older clubmates being interested in their games. The clock rolled on to 5pm and many of us (to many to name) worked our way to the Bunbury Hockey clubrooms to fire up the Barbi for the famous UWA Burger cook-up. Approximately 160 burgers were prepared for the hungry UWA players and parents. Many of the younger players hung around to watch some of the 9/10 action on Turf 1 while our own 9/10 teams traveled back to the sea scout hall for their movie night.

Back at the scout hall about half of the players walked into town to the local movie center to watch Top-Gun Maverick. It was crazy to hear 14- and 15-year old's singing the theme songs to T.G approximately 36 years after I first watched the original. We walked back to join the rest of the crew around a fire pit to share marshmallows and belt out a few tunes. The Soccer clubrooms were again the place to be at Hay Park with the dance floor rocking again and many a young player and the odd parent cutting a rug. The sandman soon came a knocking at both camps (albeit much later at the scouts) and we all looked forward to Monday and possibly finals.

Monday was another fine, yet cold day and the players were starting to feel the effects of many games. However, some great hockey was played throughout the morning, culminating in some great results. In the end both our 5/6 Champ teams were premiers, and our 9/10 Carnival boys' team were unfortunate to draw the grand final only to lose the premiership on results count back by 1 point.

Such a massive event could not have occurred without the help of several people. Many thanks to Mary Gwynne the Queen of everything juniors, Chris and Shayni Nelson for their experience and help setting up the clubrooms, Megan Enders who came on board and assisted with the structuring and input of information in the booklet and many other things over the weekend, Andrew Mellor and Hayley Wingham who drove the coaster bus, All the AGC's for organizing the teams, All the Managers and Coach's for doing such a great job with our young players, our 9/10 players and 6 parents who helped umpire all weekend and lastly all of our fantastic parents (cheer squad) for cheering us on all weekend and supervising our players at the two venues.

Counting down the days to Bunbury 2023.

Many thanks
Justin Mann
Tournament Coordinator



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INTRODUCING COURTNEY SCHONELL

Courtney is aged 21 and is in her second year with AIS. She was selected as our AIS draft player last season.

In 2021 she played 8 games for our club and scored 4 goals.

In 2021 she played 4 games for Australia on a tour of NZ.

In 2022 she was again selected to tour NZ with the Australian team.

However she caught covid on tour and was restricted to playing half a game for the national team.

This disruption may have affected her chances for selection in this year's World Cup team. What is certain is that she will have many more opportunities to play for Australia.

She has been in outstanding form with the club this season. She has played 4 games and scored 8 goals including 5 in the game against the Reds.

Courtney grew up in western Sydney and started playing at the age of 4. She played her first premier league game in Sydney for Gordon North Shore at the age of 14.

She has represented NSW at under 13 ,under 15 , under 16 ,under 18 , under 21 and at senior level. She was first selected in the NSW state team at the age of 16.

Courtney has a very full on work schedule. Five days a week she has AIS training, plays club hockey each week and works 15 hours a week at Woolworths. She also helps out as a junior coach on a regular basis. She is also is in her third year of a business and exercise science degree at ACU.



COMMONWEALTH GAMES MEMBER 2022



NEWSFLASH: Courtney has just been selected to compete in the 2022 Commonwealth Games. Huge congratulations to her. Best of luck, we will be cheering you on.



SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY 3RD JULY 2022

INDIGENOUS ROUND

VENUE: UWA SUPERTURF 1
4.00PM: WOMENS
6.00PM: MEN'S



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Six Seasons - Nyungar Life on the Coastal Plain

The Nyungar year is divided into six seasons as can be seen in the calendar wheel. The seasons were not defined by strict dates but by changes in temperature, wind, rain and food availability.

Nyungar were not seafaring people but used all the resources of the coast, the coastal plain and waterways, and the scarp.

In the warmer months they gathered and hunted plants and animals from the coast and coastal lakes and waterways. In the colder months they retreated from the coast to the hills for shelter.

WOMEN'S 7s aka #sLEEK7s

A rough start to the season due to covid casualties, injured players, and lack of goals saw the coaches, Max Evans and James French introduce incentives to motivate the team.

The first incentive was unlocked in Round 3 with Dom Hoad scoring off a beautiful assist from Emilie "Fitz" Fitzgerald. Despite the result being a loss the #sLEEK7s were happy to see Dom and Fitz rewarded with a drink from The Blue Bar, courtesy of the coaches.

Round 5 saw the team finally win after their first social event... coincidence? I think not. A 4-0 win over YM saw the second incentive unlocked with the Coaching Crocs not well received by the coaches, choosing only to wear them to one game each so far...

If you were passed out in the carpark post-Freshers and were awoken to the sound of a ball constantly hitting the backboard that was courtesy of the #sLEEK7s 10-0 over Ellenbrook. Double digits incentive TBC*.

While currently sitting in 5th on the ladder as the highest goal scoring team (rude), the girls are convinced that by keeping up a solid training regime (including a very well planned social calendar) they will easily climb into the top 4.

"Flags are won in September, not May" – Max Evans, #sLEEK7s coach, 2022.

*Stay tuned to see the third incentive unlocked with the boys coaching in dresses.

INTRODUCING BELLE RAMSHAW

Belle first arrived at UWA hockey club in 2020 when still at high school. Prior to then she had played 3 seasons with the South West Strikers. In her year 12 she was living in Collie, going to school in Bunbury and travelling to Perth twice a week for hockey.

She is now aged 19 and in her third season with our club.

To date she has played 36 games with us and scored 2 goals.

Her hockey ability was recognised early. She has represented WA at under 13, under 16, under 18 and under 21.

She was recently selected in the WA senior squad and most recently selected in the Australian Jillaroos squad.

The next women's Junior World Cup will be played in Chile in 2023.

She is in her second year as a WAIS scholarship holder. Pip Morgan, Britt de Silva and Neasa Flynn are also WAIS scholarship holders.

Belle is working for construction company Building Solutions and is studying for a Commerce degree at Curtin University.

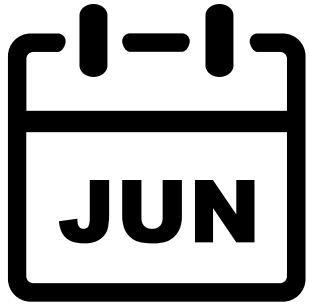
Her grand mother Jan Ramshaw also has a great hockey heritage. Jan was selected to represent Australia at the 1980 Moscow Olympics.

Unfortunately she never got to play as Australia boycotted the games.



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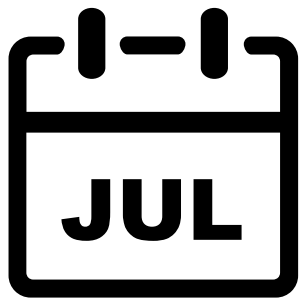




Skills Academy Sessions - Tuesday 21st, 28th



Next Double Header: Saturday 25th June



Indigenous Round - UWA vs Melville: Sunday 3rd July



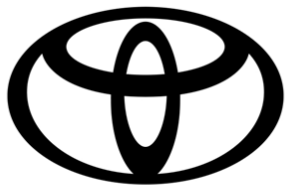
Holiday Clinic: Tue 5th to Fri 8th July



Double Header: Saturday 30th July



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