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UWA Hockey Club Newsletter JUNE 2021 Volume 5



CLUB INFORMATION



CLUB PARTY BACK TO SCHOOL!

Saturday 26th June 2021

8.30pm -12.00am

**Free Entry before 9.00pm
After 9pm: \$5.00 after 9.00pm**

**DOUBLE
HEADER
VS
WOLVES**

WOMENS CAPTAIN SPOTLIGHT: IOLA BROWN

The Women's Captain this year is Iola Brown, coming into the role after assisting Anna Churack in 2020. Iola has played continuously for UWAHC since starting juniors in 2006. She currently plays in the Women's 5th team. Iola has graduated with a Bachelor of Education (Primary) and is currently studying a Graduate Certificate in Early Childhood Education from ECU.

Iola has taken on the role of Women's Captain with great enthusiasm and has enjoyed being a part of the community.

She is most grateful for the outstanding support that she has received from a number of club legends during this experience. She especially thanks Suzi Wood, Fi Miotti, Julie Waddell, Michele Clement, Peter Churack and Lee Bott.

This year saw the Women's side of the club grow from 9 teams in 2020 to an incredible 11 teams. Coming into Round 10 of 2021 sees over 80% of the Women's teams in the top 4 of their respective ladders, showing how talented and strong UWAHC is this year.

Iola looks forward to supporting the Women's club to continue to grow from strength to strength this year with huge development happening throughout the Senior grades under the guidance of a group of highly talented and supportive coaches

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BUNBURY CARNIVAL 2021

On the June long weekend the annual Bunbury Hockey Carnival kicked off again after a COVID hiatus last year. The Juniors were back in force with 8 teams in all the grades for the first time in a number of years. As usual we occupied our spot in the centre of the action, taking up digs at the soccer club with the younger teams and also at the Sea Scout hall where the older J9/10 teams stayed.

Preparations for Bunbury seemed a lot like the storming of Normandy, but with a lot less casualties. It took a long time and involved a lot of people but preparation is everything and the weekend went off without a hitch. Justin "Jug" Mann did a brilliant job organising the weekend, getting all the kids on the bus there (and back), tour shirts organised and catering for all. There were of course a host of other helpers and parents who have been thanked in other mediums.

Bunbury is a hell of an experience – this was my first time overnighthing and being there and staying with the kids made it an absolutely fantastic weekend. It seems like a bold statement saying that sharing a dormitory with 50 odd kids is good, but when they're tired enough they sleep well and it makes the stay a lot easier. Four or more games of hockey plus an hour and a half of chasey each evening tends to mean they are pretty tired. Games started at 8am each morning which was a bit of a stretch on the first morning when the bus arrived a few minutes before the first game. However, a combination of borrowed players and an urgent dash from the bus meant we had full teams on the ground and they were off and running. The 9/10s finished the day with games on the turf after 8pm providing entertainment for everyone.

The carnival has 14 grounds and these are full from morning to night. Teams come from most of the big Perth clubs and all over the southwest. It's a great chance for the kids to play lots of games with and against kids they wouldn't normally play. Having that many games in a short space of time is great for their skills and game play and it's amazing how much they improve over that time.



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There's also the chance to spend a lot of time hanging around with their mates (away from screens!) and making new friends. Having the clubrooms means there's a base and between games the kids can wander in, grab some food and hang out. Food seems to be a feature of the weekend and most people were torn between donuts and the fresh mandarins being sold about the place.

The parents also make a point of having a drink each evening and that's surprisingly easy given the kids are spread over a couple of acres of sporting grounds.

All the kids should be congratulated for being great representatives of the Club – they played every game in the right spirit and with huge enthusiasm and they were to a person, great to be around all weekend.

Probably worth mentioning that not only did the kids have fun, they played some great hockey too and it was reflected in the results - the J5/6 Championship Boys and Girls each won the Championship, the J5/6 Girls coming runner up in the Carnival Division and the J9/10 Boys runner up in the Championship division.

We were also really well supported by a group of umpires sourced from the older kids playing and some willing parents. Again, they all did a great job and reflected well the effort that goes into our junior umpiring program.

Lastly, a big thanks to Jinder at Hockey International for his sponsorship and supplying the great touring shirts. Bunbury Carnival is just another reason why it's great to be part of Uni. Bring on next year, I'm sure it will be bigger and better!

Poss Nelson
Junior President

Congratulations

Our U21 State Reps in 2021

Brittany De Silva
Maddie De Silva
Belle Ramshaw

Christian Starkie
Cam Geddes
Cain Evans
Harry Golding

We wish you all the best in the tournament. Stay Safe.



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