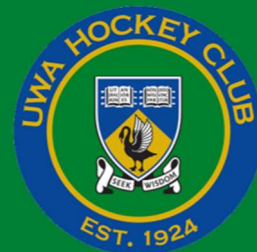


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As the hockey season is rapidly drawing to a close it's a good time for a Junior Newsletter.

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UWA hockey club is one of the biggest clubs in the state and accordingly the Junior section is also one of the larger Junior clubs. Running the organisation is no small task, and running it well requires the efforts of dozens of people.

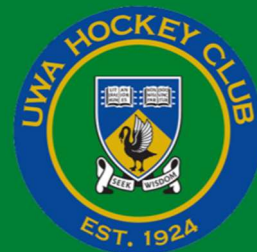
I would particularly like to thank the Junior Committee who have done a mountain of work this year. We are very fortunate to have such a high-quality committee who commit a lot of time to making sure everything operates smoothly, that we have teams on the park each week and that the club continues to flourish. If you bump into anyone on the committee over the next week, please take the time to thank them.

Registrar – Mary Gwynne
Treasurer – Gemma Price
Equipment – John Hasleby
J1/2 Coordinator - Emma Wood
J3/4 Group Coordinator - Chris Webster
J5/6 Girls AGC - Brooke Prosser
J5/6 Boys AGC - Olivia Watson
J7/8 Girls AGC - Rebecca Owen
J7/8 Boys AGC - Rohan McGlew
J9/10 Girls AGC - Michael Dallimore
J9/10 Boys AGC - Jacqui Berglin
J11/12 Girls AGC - Matt Williamson
J11/12 Boys AGC - Emma Gebbie
Skill Development - Shayni Nelson
Social Media - Christine Jones
Umpiring - Bobbie Mignacca
Bunbury Carnival - Justin Mann



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Vacant Positions

We will have a few retirements from the committee at the end of the season and will need to bring new people on. If you are at all interested in getting involved, please contact Chris Nelson – jpres.uwahc@outlook.com

In particular, Gemma Price will be retiring from her role as Treasurer, a role she's carried out brilliantly for many years. This is an important role for the club so please let me know if you are interested. A massive thanks to Gemma for all her efforts over the years.



Wind up details

This coming Wednesday (September 14) is the Junior Club wind up, starting at 5.30pm.

As you are all aware, we've had a lot of growth in the last few years and we are trying to keep the wind up manageable so this year we are going to try a slightly different format:

5.30pm: Split into age groups, AGC,s and coaches will present trophies, do presentations to coaches and managers

5.50pm: Come together for some speeches, presentation of Club awards and then we'll get all the trophy winners up at once

6.10ish Split into teams to present certificates

6.15 Open up the food

There will be a sausage sizzle, drink and ice cream for all the players and siblings and the bar will be open for parents with tasting platters and nibbles.

If you have any ball bags, goalkeeper gear and drink holders, please return them to the club on the evening unless they are required on the weekend. The person behind the bar can provide access to the equipment shed if it is not open.

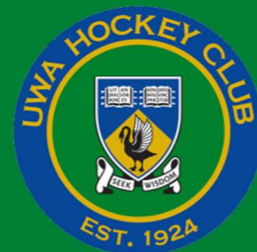
Premier League Debuts

Congratulations to **Lucy Hills** and **Ethan Yem** who both debuted in their respective Premier League teams this season. This is a significant achievement for young players and they have both ended up playing finals and having an impact.

Great to see a number of kids playing seniors during the year including Damon Rees who played the entire season with Max Evan's team – big thanks to him as we had 3 goalies for 2 11/12 spots and due to his generosity of spirit we were able to find places for all 3 'keepers.

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State Representatives 2022

Under 13

Boys	Girls
Mats Bell Max Nelson Matt Lough Josh McGlew Taj Dorrington Tom Halsmith-Watters	Georgia Gwynne Mia Michaelopolous Jade Veverka Shayni Nelson (Coach – Storm) Abi Prosser (Train on)

Under 15s

Boys

Boys	Girls
Finn Bell Christopher Henderson Joel Bell (Coach - Gold)	N/A

Under 18

Boys	Girls
Mason Michalopoulos Ethan Yem	Lucy Hills

Skills Academy

Skills Academy is now in its third year and the improvement in skills across the grades really is noticeable. We've had good numbers again this season:

- 72 in pre-season sessions
- 37 in term 2
- 32 in term 3

This year an additional program commenced alongside the Senior Women. The **Junior Development Program** was offered to our division 1 squad members in J9/10 and J11/12 in boys and girls. Where Skill Academy is open to all comers and is intended to develop basic skills, the Junior Development program is intended to assist our most promising young players to develop their skills, game knowledge and physical conditioning, in preparation for moving into seniors. Additionally, it is a goal of the program to prepare players to compete at the elite level, whatever that may be.

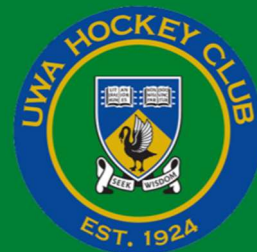
Participation

You will note that this newsletter has celebrated the high performers in the Junior Club, and while we celebrate their success, it's important to remember why we all play hockey. A guiding principle of the committee is that UWAHC is an elite club and the Junior Club has an important role in developing players that will go on and play in our Premier League teams and higher.

However, the Club firmly believes it is our responsibility to provide opportunities to players at all levels. A central part of this is providing a fun and supportive environment for all our kids. Not

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everyone has plans to play for the Kookaburras or the Hockeyroos but there is no reason they can't get out each weekend and have fun with their mates on the hockey field.

The wind up this week will be one of those opportunities to get together and celebrate all the aspects and benefits of being part of UWAHC.

J1-4 competition

This year we made the decision to commence our own J1-4 competition. In part this was due to significant growth in the J3-4 group which meant the YM competition had trouble fitting us in. It gave us the opportunity to build the competition the way we want and it's meant that we can have the J1-2 group together with J3-4 group which has hopefully helped significantly with the morning logistics.



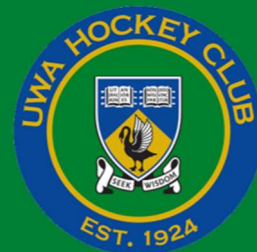
We now have **240** kids in the J1-4 age group and based on feedback, we can expect growth next year. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and as intended, it's been a great social event each Saturday morning. Having the bbq going and the coffee van along with somewhere to sit has created a place where old friends and team-mates can take some time to catch up, and new hockey buddies can build long lasting friendships.

A massive thanks to J1-2 coordinator Emma Wood, J3-4 coordinator Chris Webster and competition coordinator Bridget Smith for all their efforts to make this such a success. Thanks also to the volunteers from the Premier League squads who came down to help out during the year and the parents that manned the tongs.

Looking forward to next year!

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Summer Hockey

Fri 14 Oct 2022 16:30 — Fri 02 Dec 2022 - Friday nights on the turf.

- This is a social competition. ALL levels of skill and experience are welcome.
- All teams must be mixed especially J5/6 Boys.
- Modified rules apply.
- 7-a-side (Minimum of 3 Females per team): THERE WILL BE NO ALL BOYS TEAMS FROM J5/6 & UP
- Games are (two 20min halves).
- Secure your team by registering here:
<https://www.uwahockey.org.au/eventsregister/152328/>
- You will need to provide a team name, age group, contact person and pay the team fee

All players details will be required by MONDAY 10th OCTOBER 2022.

For any queries or requests, please contact Brad Ladyman at uwahcevents@gmail.com

Where: UWA Turfs 1 and 2.

When: Friday 14th October 2022 to Friday 2nd December 2022 (8 week season).

Time: Note that times are subject to change dependent upon team nominations!

J1/2 @ 4:30pm

J3/4 @ 5:15pm

J5/6 @ 6:00pm

J7/8 @ 6:45pm

J9/10 @ 7:30pm

Open @ 8:15pm

Cost: \$660/team including GST.