

## President's Report

The 2014 season is well and truly underway and there are a number of things happening on and off the field. This year has seen strong growth, especially in the juniors. The Hook in2 Hockey program has got great numbers and we have put on two more junior teams, in the J9/10 Boys and J7/8 Girls. It is certainly an impressive sight on a Saturday morning when all four of our J5/6 and J7/8 teams play in a row at home with the Hook in2 Hockey kids playing on their fields as well.

Next year should see us moving to our new home at Charlotte's Vineyard, so we will have more fields and a brand new clubroom to call our own which will be welcome after four seasons of playing home games without any protection from the elements. At the moment, we have over 175 active players this season and we want to smash the 200 member mark next season.

The increase in junior numbers was down to the strength of our junior recruiting getting out into the schools in our area. Tiana DiMascio, Rhys Hopper and Michael and James Naughtin have represented our club with great distinction and inspired a host of new players to join the sport. Our activities in schools are continuing on now, with the Ellenbrook winter carnival a notable event on the calendar, as well as other clinics at

schools continuing to drum up interest. Our aim is to be the best junior club in the region so that we can offer teams for all levels of players.

On the field, our junior teams have all been competitive with every team having experienced at least 1 win so far. In the senior, our turf ladies especially have shown some strong form to be well situated on the ladder. At this stage, all of our senior turf teams have a realistic chance of playing finals if they can keep getting the results. The grass seniors are enjoying themselves and the men are also a chance of climbing the ladder if they can figure out how to score some goals.



The club's quiz night is coming up soon, so please support the event by coming down and bringing your friends and family from outside the club down as well. Last year, this event was a very strong contributor to our fundraising and we are hoping to repeat that again this year. The Great Southern Carnival is in July and promises to be a great trip away again and the windup date and venue are already booked in so that you can pencil it in to your calendar.

## Silver Sponsors

The club has retained the Professionals as our sponsor for the Hook in2 Hockey Program for 2014. Lisa & Bryan Slater at the Professionals Granger Clark, located at the Woodlake Shops in Woodlake.

Besides their direct support of the club through their sponsorship agreement, they are also offering a special deal to all Falcons members and their immediate families. Whenever someone from the club closes a deal to sell or lease out a property with Lisa and Bryan, the club will receive \$250 and the individual will also receive a discount on the agent fees.

Support the club and help yourself out a bit at the same time!



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# JUNIORS

2014 has seen the Hook in2 Hockey numbers within the club more than double from last year. So a great start to the year. This year the Hook in2 Hockey group have been separated into year levels. We have about 40 kids registered this year, compared to about 15 last year.

## J3/4

Russel and Kate are doing a great job looking after the year 3/4s. The kids are improving each week and are continuing to grasp the positions that they are to play in. They had their first game in pouring rain last weekend and the kids had a great time. They also scored about three goals which is the most that they have scored in a game so far.

There is consistently around 16 kids that play each week, although some weeks the numbers have fluctuated with up to 20 or so. Soon the kids will be going over to Liliac Hill to play against Guilford. Something they are all looking forward to.

## J1/2

This group is being looked after by Jeff (Rowdy) and Corey this year. They too have great numbers, which can also fluctuate each week. Sometimes there is up to 20 at trainings and games. The kids all seem to be having some fun, and the coaches are doing a great job at showing them the basics.



This year the club has fielded a J5/6 boys team, J5/6 girls team, J7/8 boys team, J7/8 girls team, J9/10 boys team, J11/12 girls team. So an extra 2 junior teams this year compared to last year.

The coaches are all doing a great job with each of these teams, with coaches being as follows: J5/6 boys coach is Mason Fairbain, J5/6 girls coach is Matt London, J7/8 girls Alan Uhe, J7/8 boys Clint Carman, J9/10 boys Chris Mellowship, J11/12 girls Tiana Dimascio.

All in all, the teams are doing well, they have been practicing hard at training, and applying their new skills to the game. So great job by all. A big thankyou to all the parents who continue to encourage their children to play, by taking them each week to the game, rain or shine. We all appreciate it. See how each of the teams are going, by reading their individual report.

## Regionals

I would like to congratulate the following junior players who have been chosen from our club, to try out for the regional selection process.

Under 13 boys Kale Kendall as a goalkeeper.

Under 15 boys Camrin Wood.

Under 15 girls Angelique Alberts, Diyanah Moosa and Stef Ameduri.

We wish them all well with their trials.

Thanks,

Penny Carman  
Junior Coordinator

## Boys 5/6 Report

Hey guys, we are getting stuck into the season now, and the boys 5/6 have yet to have a goal scored against them (Hopefully this is the case at the time of printing), this is fantastic news, except for whoever is goalkeeping. This is my first year coaching any team, and the boys have been very accommodating by only whining a little bit when I send them on a warm up run.

At the moment we have 17 registered players in our team which is fantastic, and amongst these 17 is a variety of strengths and weaknesses. We have exceptional defenders, great runners and goal hungry attackers amongst our team, which makes for a great

game every week. With regard to our weaknesses, we will work on improving those every week at training and every Saturday at our games. Big thanks to Lachlan's Dad, Ian, who has been giving valuable support to me at training as our numbers increase. It can get a bit crazy trying to organise 20 stick wielding lads at times, and his assistance is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions or advice, suggestions etc. please feel free to come and speak with myself or Michelle as we are both more than happy to help and listen (make sure you get Michelle on a good day though). Thanks for your support in the season so far, and I'm looking forward to the rest of it.

Cheers, Mason - Coach Boys 5/6

# JUNIORS

## Girls 7/8 Report

The club has fielded a J7/8 Girls team for the first time and numbers have been a bit tight, as is usual with the first team into an age group. This is because we don't have a core of players who played the grade last year being joined by new players coming up into the grade. The team has however managed to gain some experienced players from other clubs to help round out the team, which has been a welcome addition.

The girls have been very competitive so far this year, despite us playing with half a team of Year 6s every week. A massive thanks is owed to the girls from the J5/6s who have come down to play (as well as the parents who have spent all morning driving around). Some of the team play has been fantastic and the girls have managed to bond very quickly considering that most of the players have no history of playing together before. They have already come a long way from the rabble that was turning up to training in the beginning and their stronger focus has helped them improve a lot on where they started the season, even at this early stage. I look forward to seeing the girls continue to improve and developing into a strong team by the end of the season.

## Boys 7/8 Report

Four games into the season and the 7/8 Falcons are progressing nicely. Forgetting about a rocky start, the last two games have been a ripper. Round 3 the Falcons met Mazenod on the field and showed them how to play. With an impressive win of 8-0 the boys were 'flying high' indeed. Round 4 the boys took to the turf for the first time this season. Playing Victoria Park the boys quickly realised how different playing on turf was to grass. Despite the change in scenery the boys pulled through to take down Vic Park 2-0, bringing the boys tally to 2 wins for the season.

Currently sitting in 5th place on the ladder, the boys have some tough competition ahead. This weekend they have a break (for the long weekend) and then will be met by Kalamunda at their home ground, and as always the boys will hit the ground running. Training is always important and it's great to see so many down each and every week, developing their skills and also their fitness. 'You Play like you Train' was my motto and if

that holds true, we could be seeing the Falcons turning heads this year at the top of the ladder Go Falcons!

## Boys 9/10 Report

Drawing additional players from J 7/8 Boys, J7/8 Girls and J11/12 Girls to complement existing player numbers the club has been fortunate to be in a position to introduce a team in the J9/10 Boys grade for the 2014 season.

Although playing up to 3 games on some occasions over the weekend, and at times against some older opposition, after 4 games the team currently sits with a 1-3 record with some positive signs of continuous improvement evident each week. No doubt the experience will provide the club with a strong foundation moving forward in coming years as many of our juniors hopefully look at progressing through senior grades. Most pleasing though is to see all the players maintaining a high level of enthusiasm and support for one another. Special thanks to all parents for their ongoing commitment each week and encouragement being provided to all the players.

Looking forward to the remainder of the season ahead.

## Girls 11/12 Report

So far this season the J11/12 girls have been going really well, we have won, lost and drawn some but I'm certain they'll have plenty more wins. The girls that I coach are great, having played with them before makes it more fun as we have all connected as a team before, as well as recruiting new players who fit right into our team.

The girls are all very skilful players, as well as our goalie Chase, and reserve goalie Courtney. We hope to continue having a great season :)

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# SENIORS

Halfway through the season sees all of the senior turf teams reasonably placed to play finals hockey this year, with some good results so far. Look to the next issue of the Falconer for more detailed reports on all of our senior teams.

## Women's 2s – Provisional 4

This team was a new one, inserted into the gap between the 1s and the Metro team. Adding this team is huge for the club, as it opens up the turf pathway for juniors who are not quite ready for the level of the 1s team, as well as creating more opportunities for our seniors to play on turf. The team is a real mix, with players from both of last year's women's teams, as well as some new and returning players, ably assisted by some juniors and Metro ladies filling in. The juniors have really done well in the grade and are improving every week. Clarise in particular is really starting to take the game on and the skill she is building up is becoming dangerous when combined with her pace.

It has been a real struggle with numbers so far, with the result that the team is different every week. Despite this, the results so far have been very positive. The ladies have been competitive with the top teams and made them work hard to win and have been comfortably better than the bottom teams in the grade. If the ladies can keep on improving every week, then they may be able to start to give the top teams a surprise in the second round.

## Men's 2s – Provisional 4

This year sees the Men's 2s fielding a team that is largely unchanged from last year, unlike previous years. This was reflected in a solid win in round one, despite a lacklustre turn out to pre-season training. With a core group playing every week being added to by some talent coming up through the grass and junior teams, the team has consistently shown great promise so far this season, even when that promise has not translated into a win.

The team keeps on improving however, and has had a string of wins in a row, building confidence and team play. The win loss ratio has certainly improved this year from last. If this recent form can be continued into the latter half of the season against some of the higher placed teams in the grade, the 2s will be well placed to make a strong showing come finals time. If the team manages to get a few more players to training, and continues to polish their skills in the attack line to improve their poise in front of the goals, more of the opportunities that continue to present will be converted into goals and finals will be a certainty.

## Women's 3s – Metro 2

Like the Women's 2s, this team is relatively new, with a small core group that has played together since the inception of the club being joined by a mix of older and younger ladies of varying skill levels. This has meant that we are still discovering each other as a team as we play through the rounds.

Numbers have also been a struggle at times, with some of our best hockey being played when we are short!

Sadly there have been more losses than wins so far this season, but each game is a chance to improve and grow as a team, with many positive signs. An example of the positive signs has been the attendance of a number of the team at training on Tuesday nights. Hopefully this training will pay off, and will see some more goals scored before the end of the season!

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# Kookaburras Win Finals!

The Kookaburras and the Hockeyroos have both made it through to the finals of the 2014 Hockey World Cup. The Kookaburras are of course the defending champions, but for the Hockeyroos, this is their first time back to contest the finals since 2006 when they lost to the Netherlands, hosts of this year's tournament, and unfortunately, they just couldn't pull off the win this time. They played extremely well however, and should be proud of their silver medals.

Huge congratulations go to the Kookaburras, pulling off a 6-1 win. There were some early nerves, with the 15,000 crowd cheering on the Netherlands home team as they scored the opening

goal, but it wasn't too long before the Aussies scored an equaliser from a short corner conversion thanks to Chris Ciriello.

The Aussies then took the lead with a stunning tomahawk shot from Kieran Govers, before going on to dominate the rest of the match, and silence the crowd. Goals followed from Glen Turner, another two from Chris Ciriello and were topped off by some Jamie Dwyer magic.

The tournament sees the men retain their number one world ranking, while the women look set to rise to the number two spot.

Congratulations to the two teams once again!



# QUIZ NIGHT

The annual quiz night is on Friday the 20th of June. The location is Ellen Stirling Primary School, 23 Strathmore Parkway Ellenbrook, and doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start. The cost is just \$12 a ticket, and don't forget to bring some cash for the silent auction, table games and drinks. Put a table together, kids more than welcome, free, if under 15, with tables of 8. BYO nibbles, but drinks available at the bar. Raffle, door prizes, auction items, guess the lolly jar for the kids.

This is the club's major fundraiser for the year, so please support it.

Tickets available from Penny Carman, Kate and Colin Sharpe, Mark Haslam.

Every year each team is asked to put a basket together to auction off on the night. If you would like to donate an item, please give

to Penny or your child's manager for their team.

Themes for all junior teams follow:

Hook in2 Hockey – children's games, ie cards, jigsaws, puzzles, fun games/kids stationary.

J5/6 boys and J5/6 girls – kids birthdays, ie invitations/party bags/ party games/hats

J7/8 boys and J7/8 girls – chocolate delights, ie anything yummy or chocolate

J9/10 boys and J11/12 girls – food hamper.

All Senior teams should speak to their team manager to arrange their basket items for the night.

Do you have a PA (public announcement) system the club could borrow for the night? Please see Penny Carman if you can help.

