



WOMBATS NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2011

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all Wombats and their families. We hope you have had an enjoyable and safe time and look forward to seeing you in 2011.

Club News

Firstly, a big welcome to our new committee members for the 2011 hockey season. For those of you that were not able to attend presentation night our new members are Dave Christy and Steve Kramer. They have already found out that the 2011 season has started and this is only the beginning. The executive this year are Julie Versteegen (President), Tom Swaby (Vice President), Cayte Campbell (Secretary), Heather Davis (Minutes Secretary) and Joy Lee (Treasurer). Our committee members, who are brave enough to be fronting for duty again, are Pat Johnson, Phil Lowe, Deb MacVean, Chelsi Russell and Andrew Leah (Board liaison). Big thanks to Tim Hartwich and Nicole Rennie who will not be on the committee this year. Their work and commitment over their term has been valued and appreciated.

2011 looks like it will be a big year for all (and a fair bit of work for your committee) as we have a couple of big things on the go, the first of which is that we are seeking new sponsorship for the club (details in the next newsletter) which if it comes off will result in the purchase of new uniforms. We will not have them ready for the start of the season, but will keep you posted on the time line – ideally all will be sorted before June.

Grand Final Day

Congratulations to all the teams that made it to the finals. This year we had the biggest representation for quite some time with U16 Boys, U16 Girls, U14 Girls, U12 Boys, Div1 Men, Div 2 Women, Div 3 Women, and Vets Women all making the finals four (this is one more than last year, and much more than anything in the last ten years). What a great result.

From there the U12 Boys went on to win the premiership and U16 Boys and Div 1 Men were runners up.

Many of our players did well in the Association Best and Fairest, but special mention must be made of Joshua MacVean and Andrew Nixon who took out the Association Best and Fairest for the Div 1 Men and U12 Boys respectively.

Wombats again were the club to supply the most sprinters the age groups races on Grand Final day and we were justly rewarded. Great effort guys.

U16 Boys	Ben Hooppell	1 st
U16 Girls	Cassie Lee	2 nd
U14 Girls	Jessie Nixon	1 st
U12 Boys	Andrew Nixon	3 rd
U12 Girls	Emma Hooppell	4 th
Div 3 Men	Dave Christy	4 th
Div 2 Men	Ben Hales	1 st
Div 1 Men	Tom Swaby	1 st

Senior Presentation Night

This year Wombats had a successful season to celebrate with all senior teams doing well. For some, how well was measured by their final position on the ladder and for others it was the end of a great season of hockey and social activity. This year's trophy winners can be found below.

Vets Women (Green)	Best & Fairest Most Improved Congeniality	Ally Hamilton Elissa Lowe Tracey Bradford
Vets Women (Gold)	Best & Fairest Most Improved Congeniality	Jane Verbunt Angie Hooppell Wendy Tanner Ally Hamilton & Leanne Meredith

The MacVean Trophy

Division 3 Women (Green)	Best & Fairest Most Valuable Player Most Improved	Jenny Moyle Hannah Lodge Hayley Campbell Jenny Moyle & Joy Lee
Most HAW Votes		

Division 3 Women (Gold)	Best & Fairest Most Valuable Player Most Improved	Magella Wendt Sophie Bird Marie Piggott Tegan Rennie
Most HAW Votes		

Division 3 Men	Most Consistent Best & Fairest 2 nd Best & Fairest	Steve Kramer Glen Erskine Pat Baine Pat Baine
Most HAW Votes		

Tristram Rich Memorial Cup

Division 2 Women	Most Improved Most Consistent Best & Fairest	James Eley Jess Hooppell Ellie Lewis Mallory Campbell
Most HAW Votes	Catherine Pratt	

Division 2 Men	Best and Fairest Most Consistent Most Valuable Player	Sam Kramer Jordan Ball Kyle Ball
Most HAW Votes	Kyle Ball	

Division 1 Women There not being a team this season, the Roy Family Trophy was handed over to Phil Lowe to be presented in 2011.

Division 1 Men	Coaches Award Most Valuable Player 2 nd Most Valuable Player	Alan Fuller Ben Hooppell Josh MacVean Joshua MacVean
Most HAW Votes		

The Allerdice Trophy	Josh MacVean
Old Crocks Award	Keith Russell
Spit the Dummy Award	Dave Nixon
Hackers Award	Emily O'Regan
Shit Stirrers Award	Tom Swaby
Wombat Trophy	Josh MacVean
Rookie of the Year	Glen Erskine
Prater Trophy	Matt Caton
Azzi Trophy	Marie Piggott
Clubperson of the Year	Gaye Hales

Crichton Trophy Rowena Smith
Tetlow Trophy Tom Swaby

Service to Club Medallions

Gaye Hales, Peter O'Dwyer, Deb. MacVean, Cayte Campbell, Steve Hooppell, Nicole Rennie, John Hudson, Ben Hooppell, Ann & Michael Bartram, Richard Lee

Game awards

50 Div.1M Games: Al Fuller
100 Div.1M Games: Josh MacVean
Jarrod MacVean
Matt Evans
150 Div.1M Games: Tim Hartwich
Andrew Leah

Junior Presentation

A great time was had by both parents and juniors at our junior presentation and game evening. According to my sources the parents again won the hockey grudge matches but I have also heard that the umpiring may have favoured the parents just a little. Thank you to those club members that came to help out on the day either serving food or helping with the games. The results of the presentations were:

U12 girls	Best & Fairest Coaches Award Coaches Award Most Improved	Emma Hooppell Katie Smits Courtney Ellis Abbie Benson
U14 girls	Best & Fairest Most Consistent Most Improved	Jessie Nixon Natalie Kramer Rebecca Doubleday
U16 girls	Best & Fairest Most Improved Most Consistent Coaches Award	Mallory Campbell Lauren Albert Catherine Pratt Mary Baker
U12 boys	Best & Fairest Most Improved Brightest Prospect Coaches Award Coaches Award	Justin MacLennan Cooper Tanner Andrew Nixon Clancy Lowe Oscar Smart
U14 boys	Best & Fairest Most Improved Coaches Award	Caleb Hudson Aiden McMillan Edward Dean
U16 boys	Best & Fairest R/Up Best & Fairest Coaches Award	Ben Hooppell Jamin Barrett Sam Kramer

Encouragement Awards (awarded for State Selection): Ben Hooppell
Jessie Nixon

Chatterton Trophy Natalie Kramer
Moffat Trophy Mallory Campbell
Coca Cola Trophy Ben Hooppell
Gerogery Hotel Plaque Cooper Tanner

The Off Seasons Going's on

Twilight has been happening on Wednesday nights and there is a fair contingent of Wombats down there participating and having fun – which is what twilight is all about

Congratulations also to Jordan Ball who was selected during the year to represent his school umpiring hockey (sorry for the late congrats Jordan but we only just found out about it)

Congratulations to those that went to the Alice Springs Masters this year. The >40 team took out the Bronze and the >45 age group took out the Gold medal. Well done ladies. No wonder we have such a strong vets contingent.

Jocelyn Bartram continues to impress with her latest effort seeing her selected in both the U18 and U21 NSW squad, as well as being selected in the Australian Junior World Cup squad. Well done Jocelyn.

The selections in the Albury Rep squads for 2011 have already been made and we had players successful in this selection.

U13 boys	Nathan Lee, Justin MacLennan, Andrew Nixon, Oscar Delmenico, Oscar Dean
U13 girls	Caitlin Baine, Emma Hooppell, Emily Crawford
U15 boys	Caleb Hudson, Zac Kraich, Jack Saunders
U15 girls	Jess Nixon, Tiana Crawford
U17 boys	Jordan Ball, Patrick Baine, Ben Hooppell, Ryen Versteegen, Jamin Barrett
U17 girls	Tegan Rennie, Amy Rooke, Mallory Campbell, Cassie Lee, Catherine Pratt

Life outside Hockey.

Congratulations to Tim Hartwich and Stacey Griffiths who just gave birth to Joshua John Vincent Hartwich on the 21st of December – and I can vouch that he is very cute!

If you know of a Wombat that is doing something special outside of hockey that we may all be interested in then let us know via the website and we will recognise their achievements in our newsletter.

Dates to Remember

(All dates for next year are to be confirmed but this is our best guess)

Proposed Calendar of events

13 February	Registration day for Wombats
20 February	Registration day for Hockey Albury Wodonga –unsure of this
Early March	Training begins 5.30-6.30 Juniors 6.30-7.30 Seniors
Late March	Managers Meeting
1 – 4 April	Start of 2011 season

Social

Late March	Start of season Sausage Sizzle
Late March	Wine drive with final orders on 6 May

I look forward to seeing you all at Registration day in February.