

**NEWCASTLE**

*TIGERS HOCKEY CLUB Inc.*



**ANNUAL  
REPORT  
2014**

**TIGERS HOCKEY CLUB INC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
AGENDA 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2014**

- 1. PRESIDENT WELCOME.**
- 2. REGRISTRATION OF DELEGATES.**
- 3. APOLOGIES.**
- 4. STATEMENTS OF VOTING RIGHTS. No voting rights if you are an unfinancial member or not yet a member of Tigers Hockey Club Inc.**
- 5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES 2013 AGM.**
- 6. RECEIPT OF TREASURER'S REPORT.**
- 7. RECEIPT AND ADOPTION OF THE 2013 ANNUAL REPORT.**
- 8. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS.**
- 9. GENERAL BUSINESS IF ANY BY FORM OF A WRITTEN LETTER.**



**TIGERS HOCKEY CLUB Inc.**

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12 Killara Drive, Cardiff South, NSW 2285

**MINUTES OF TIGERS HOCKEY CLUB INC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2013.**

**Meeting held at ALDER Park Bowling Club Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2013.**

**Meeting opened at 4:10pm by Sharon Williams.**

**PRESENT**

Scott Taylor, Rod Schimann, Jackie Porter-Kay, Allen Trickett, Colin Doyle, Sharon Williams, Greg Roach, Kay Johnston, Cindy Gorton, Donna Reynolds, Michele Barry

**APOLOGIES**

Annette Muir

**MINUTES PREVIOUS AGM**

Accepted by Sharon Williams, seconded Jackie Porter-Kay

**TREASURERS REPORT**

Note: An amended 2012 Treasurer's report was also tabled during the AGM, identifying transactions occurring soon after the previous AGM but absent from the report.

Both reports accepted by Col Doyle, seconded by Kay Johnston

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Accepted by Jackie Porter-Kay, seconded by Kay Johnston

Sharon Williams stepped down and declared all positions vacant. Greg Roach (Vice President) took over the running of the meeting for election of President.

**Election of Office Bearers for year 2013**

**President**

No written nominations. Jackie Porter-Kay nominated Sharon Williams, seconded by Cindy Gorton. Accepted.

**Vice President**

No written nominations. Rod Schimann nominated Greg Roach, Seconded by Colin Doyle. Accepted.

**Secretary**

No written nominations. Kay Johnston nominated **Scott Taylor**, seconded by Colin Doyle. Accepted.

**Junior Secretary**

No written nominations. Sharon Williams nominated **Kay Johnston**, seconded by Rod Schimann. Accepted.

**Assistant Secretary**

No written nominations. Sharon Williams nominated **Kay Johnston**, seconded by Rod Schimann. Accepted.

**Senior Treasurer**

No written nominations. Rod Schimann nominated **Cindy Gorton**, seconded by Allen Trickett. Accepted.

Note – Senior Treasurer to deal with NIHC, NDWHA, NMHA, HNSW.

**Assistant Treasurer**

No written nominations. Sharon Williams nominated **Jackie Porter-Kay**, seconded by Donna Reynolds. Accepted.

Note – Assistant Treasurer to deal with fee register via senior and junior nominees.

**Senior Delegate**

No written nominations. Rod Schimann nominated **Colln Doyle**, seconded by Greg Roach. Accepted.

**Ladies Representative**

No written nominations. Sharon Williams nominated **Jackie Porter-Kay**, seconded by Greg Roach. Accepted.

**Finance Committee**

Consist of **President, Vice President, Ladies Representative, Treasurer, Secretary and Junior Secretary.**

**Junior Boy's Delegate**

No Written nominations. Position held over pending further discussions with possible candidate.

**Junior Boys Coordinator**

No Written nominations. Rod Schimann nominated **Greg Roach**, seconded by Kay Johnston. Accepted.

**Junlor Girls Coordinator**

No written nominations. Jackie Porter-Kay nominated **Rod Schimann**, seconded by Jackie Porter-Kay. Accepted.

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**Senior Gear Steward (2)**

No written nominations. Jackie Porter-Kay nominated **Michele Barry** and **Donna Reynolds**, seconded by Sharon Williams. Both accepted.

**Junior Gear Steward (2)**

No written nominations. Rod Schimann nominated **Allen Trickett**, seconded by Greg Roach. Accepted. No further nominations made. Second position held over.

**Men Selectors (4)**

No written nomination. Suggested nominations were: PHL coach, Greg Roach, Scott Taylor, Allen Trickett, and Greg Williams.

**Women Selectors (4)**

No written nominations. Sharon Williams nominated **Jackie Porter-Kay**, **Renee Wells**, **Donna Reynolds**, **Michele Barry**, **Michael Wallis**, and **Sharon Williams**.

**Social Committee (6)**

No written nomination. Sharon Williams nominated **Jackie Porter-Kay**, **Sharon Williams**, **Linda Grinwood**, **Donna Reynolds**, **Michele Barry**, **Kay Johnston**.

**Public Officer**

The Treasurer **Cindy Gorton** to take this position.

**Committee Members**

No written nominations. Nominations from floor: **Annette Muir**, **Greg Williams**, **Allen Trickett**, **Joanne Roach**, **Donna Reynolds**, **Michele Barry**, **Graham Johnston**.

**Women's Judiciary Member NWDHA**

No written nominations. Sharon Williams nominated **Jackie Porter-Kay**, seconded by Donna Reynolds. Accepted.

**Coaches Men**

Held-over to next meeting.

**Coaches Women**

Held-over to next meeting.

**Coaches Junlor**

Held-over to next meeting.

**Managers Mens**

Held-over to next meeting.

**Managers Women**

Held-over to next meeting.

**General Business by form of written letter**

**Nil.**

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**Next meeting Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2013 at 6:30pm at Alder Park Bowling Club.**

**Meeting closed at 5:05pm.**

## **TIGERS HOCKEY CLUB COACHES FOR 2014 SEASON**

### **PREMIER LEAGUE MEN**

**3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE MEN**

**4<sup>th</sup> GRADE MEN**

**5<sup>th</sup> GRADE MEN**

**6<sup>th</sup> GRADE MEN**

**James Birkefeld**

**Scott Taylor**

**Greg Roach**

**Greg Williams**

**Greg Williams**

### **PREMIER LEAGUE WOMEN**

**2nd GRADE WOMEN**

**4th GRADE WOMEN**

**5th GRADE WOMEN**

**7th GRADE WOMEN**

**Michael Wallis**

**Sharon Williams**

**Sharon Williams**

**Sharon Williams**

**Sharon Williams**

**A GRADE BOYS**

**B GRADE BOYS**

**C GRADE BOYS**

**D GRADE BOYS**

**Andre Du Plessis**

**Ben Ferguson**

**Dave Jackson / Ian Ingram**

**Jarrood Ferry**

**A GRADE GIRLS**

**B GRADE GIRLS**

**C GRADE GIRLS**

**D GRADE GIRLS**

**Molly Moore**

**Hannah Drury**

**Annalise Newby**

**Graham Tull**

### **MODIFIED COACHES**

**Peter Roach**

**Mel Lydiard**

# **Tigers Hockey Club Inc Trophies 2014**

## **MINOR PREMIERS WOMEN 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE 2014**

**Cheyenne Turner  
Analiene Newby  
Katie Schimann  
Sharon Williams  
Jackie Porter-Kay  
Melissa Lydiard  
Neva Williams  
Rani Williams  
Casey Skiros  
Mistie McGreggor  
Melissa Hatton  
Bianca Cheetham  
Alex Delbridge  
Taylah Lloyd  
Danielle Dannock  
Renee Fleming**



## Tigers Hockey Club Inc Trophies 2014

### MINOR AND MAJOR PREMIERS WOMEN 7<sup>th</sup> GRADE 2014

Heather Porter-Kay  
Donna Reynolds  
Karen Hemming  
Michele Barry  
Louise Jones  
Krichelle Oldis  
Breah Young  
Vanessa Guest  
Carissa Francis  
Belinda Johnston  
Lauren Wright  
Jade Gambrell  
Mel Patterson  
Asta Johnson  
Teagan Barry



## Tigers Hockey Club Inc Trophies 2014

### MINOR AND MAJOR PREMIERS MEN 4<sup>th</sup> GRADE 2014

**James Birkefeld  
Tim Bishop  
Rory Cameron  
Leigh Chambeyron  
Ross Hodge  
Ian Holden  
Liam Johnston  
Sean Johnston  
Matthew O'Brien  
Luke Ottery**

**Greg Roach  
Seth Roach  
Steve Rowsell  
Rod Schimann  
Greg Stoddard  
Jason Toll  
Paul Topfer  
Allen Trickett  
Ian Turner**



## Tigers Hockey Trophy Winners 2014

<b>Womens</b>	<b>Best and Fairest</b>	<b>Most Improved</b>
Premier League	Hannah Drury	Alex Delbridge
2nd Grade	Neva Williams	Bianca Cheetham
4th Grade	Jessica Yates	Alex Hodge
5th Grade	Recebba Winder	Breanne Janbroers
7th Grade	Krichelle Oldis	Vanessa Guest
<b>Mens</b>	<b>Best and Fairest</b>	<b>Most Improved</b>
Premier League	Josh Trickett	Haydon Boyd
3rd Grade	Jonathan McLean-Philips	Aaron Mani
4th Grade	Seth Roach	Sean Johnston
5th Grade	Scott Palmer	John Costley
6th Grade	Darcy Guy	Matt Keats
<b>Club Person of the Year</b>	Kay Johnston	
<b>Michelle Walker Trophy</b>	Hannah Drury	
<b>Stan Rowsell Trophy</b>	Darcy Guy	
<b>Stanley Cup</b>	4th Grade Men	
<b>Rookie Of The Year</b>	Jake Wigham	
<b>Annette Muir Trophy</b>	Haydon Boyd	
<b>Toll Trophy</b>	Neva Williams	
<b>Col Simms Trophy</b>	Neva Williams	
<b>The Locum Cup (Mark Chappell)</b>	Darcy Guy	

## **TIGERS HOCKEY CLUB OFFICE BEARERS 2014**

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	<b>Sharon Williams</b>
<b>VICE PRESIDENT</b>	<b>Greg Roach</b>
<b>SECRETARY</b>	<b>Scott Taylor</b>
<b>ASSISTANT SECRETARY</b>	<b>Kay Johnston</b>
<b>TREASURER</b>	<b>Cindy Gorton</b>
<b>ASSISTANT TREASURER</b>	<b>Jackie Porter-Kay</b>
<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Sharon Williams</b>
	<b>Greg Roach</b>
	<b>Cindy Gorton</b>
	<b>Jackie Porter-Kay</b>
	<b>Scott Taylor</b>
	<b>Col Doyle</b>
<b>SENIOR DELEGATE</b>	<b>Jackie Porter-Kay</b>
<b>LADIES REPRESENTATIVE</b>	<b>Kay Johnston</b>
<b>JUNIOR DELEGATE</b>	<b>Greg Roach</b>
<b>JUNIOR BOYS COORDINATOR</b>	<b>Kay Johnston</b>
<b>JUNIOR SECRETARY</b>	<b>Rod Schlimann</b>
<b>JUNIOR GIRLS COORDINATOR</b>	<b>Michele Barry</b>
<b>SENIOR GEAR STEWARDS</b>	<b>Donna Reynolds</b>
	<b>Allen Trickett</b>
<b>JUNIOR GEAR STEWARDS</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>MEN SELECTORS</b>	<b>Greg Roach</b>
	<b>Allen Trickett</b>
	<b>Greg Williams</b>
	<b>Scott Taylor</b>
<b>WOMEN SELECTORS</b>	<b>Sharon Williams</b>
	<b>Jackie Porter-Kay</b>
	<b>Renee Wells</b>
	<b>Donna Reynolds</b>
	<b>Michele Barry</b>
	<b>Michael Wallis</b>
<b>SOCIAL COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Sharon Williams</b>
	<b>Jackie Porter-Kay</b>
	<b>Linda Grinwood</b>
	<b>Donna Reynolds</b>
	<b>Michele Barry</b>
	<b>Kay Johnston</b>
<b>PUBLIC OFFICER</b>	<b>Cindy Gorton</b>
<b>COMMITTEE MEMBERS</b>	<b>Annette Muir</b>
	<b>Julle Lyons</b>
	<b>Fran Smith</b>
	<b>Greg Williams</b>
	<b>Jo Roach</b>
	<b>Allen Trickett</b>
	<b>Graham Johnston</b>
	<b>Michele Barry</b>
	<b>Donna Reynolds</b>

## **Presidents Report 2014**

This year has probably been the hardest year to juggle both the Tigers President role as well as the NDWHA Presidents role with effectiveness. The demands that HNSW are placing on both the NDWHA association and NMHA is bordering on arrogance.

Whilst last off season was all about recruitment and retaining key players, this years' plan has been about supporting and nurturing the dedicated team of players and administrators to keep the ball rolling in 2015.

We juggled our women numbers and entered 5 women teams. Supporting the 10 senior teams is a job in itself and I would like to thank the Committee, coaches and managers for the time that they put in.

Our junior teams were again successful and our boy's A-grade team contested the Grand Final and embraced the travellers from Taree and Central Coast that assisted us in doing that. It was a great working relationship and the parents of the Taree boys were very supportive as is all the Tigers parents. A great effort to gain a Grand Final berth this year

Congratulations to all the junior girl teams. It was an honour to witness two teams in the A-grade competition from Tigers and it was extremely well juggled by Rod Schimann, Greg Williams and Charmaine Piper.

A big thankyou to all the junior coaches, managers and volunteers who support our teams week in and week out. It is a mammoth task and I would especially like to thank Kay Johnston this year for juggling the juniors and assisting in collecting fees and balancing books when necessary.

Another great attendance at the Junior Presentation day that was hosted in our new venue – Hamilton North Bowling Club. That was a reflection of the appreciation towards my Junior Committee. They work extremely hard all season and I wish a safe and relaxing off-season. The Tigers Club as a whole received many positive thanks and appreciation emails and reiterates our drive to be the family club

The continuous efforts of Scott Taylor as Secretary and communicator to the masses has been made easier this year with the technological input that Graham Johnston has brought to the club.

Congratulations to our Grand Final winners; 7th Grade Women and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Men.

Thank you to my tirelessly hard working and dedicated committee, who really make a difference when it is needed. I look forward to working with them next year now that we have the majority of hurdles covered. Items such as the rego, the many number of versioned draws, the HNSW reform were all dealt with and support by the committee and sometimes this is a thankless job

**And finally on a personal note, I have had yet another fantastic year being a part of the Tigers Club.**

**Being surrounded by such caring people is often a great way to draw the strength and focus to continue to drive for better things, personally and for the club.**

**I hope that players, coaches, managers and everyone that helps out feel the same way and I look forward to the 2015 Tigers Hockey Season.**

**Sharon Williams**

**President**

**Tigers Hockey**

## **TIGERS HOCKEY CLUB SECRETARY REPORT 2014**

**Another year done and dusted!**

**Sharon has steered the Tigers ship through another successful year in amongst her Newcastle District Women's Hockey Association and Australian representative duties! This could only be done by the great support she received from the other members of the club so thank you to all those people too.**

**Our Vice President Greg Roach has again had a busy season being junior boy's coordinator and being called upon regularly to help with the running of the senior men's teams too. Greg continues to do a lot of "behind the scenes" work which resulted in a new men's PHL coach being appointed and the attracting of junior talent to the club to help build our strength in years to come.**

**Thank you to our Treasurer Cindy for surviving another season and moving states in the meantime! A thankless and at times difficult task that is essential for the continuation of the club.**

**A big thank you to Kay Johnston, our Club Person of the year recipient again – well deserved! Kay is our assistant secretary, junior secretary, junior delegate, fee collector, uniform distributor, and all-round go-to person around the grounds. Kay also works as part of the Newcastle junior boys committee which keeps her incredibly busy.**

**And to the various people that help run Tigers behind the scenes; Jackie, Col, Michele, Donna, Greg Williams, Al, Cutter, Andre, Graham Johnston, and the various others in each team, thank you for your efforts that not everyone sees. Your efforts are what make the club what it is today!**

**To the various men's team managers / coaches for getting the teams on the pitch each week, thank you for making my job much easier.**

**Congratulations to the trophy winners at our club presentation night. Once again many of our juniors made their mark on this night and it bodes well for Tigers' future. It's also good to see many of Tigers' juniors appearing in the various representative teams – a good sign that the hard work is paying off.**

**I'm looking forward to building on the initiatives the committee put in place this season for our Premier League squads, and in our junior development program.**

**There will be further changes introduced as Hockey Australia and Hockey NSW implement their vision of what hockey should look like in Australia, and as a member club we'll need to change with it. With the committee we have in place I'm confident Tigers will move relatively smoothly through these changes and hope that our players support us through these times.**

**Scott Taylor.  
Tigers Secretary**

## **Women's Convenor Report 2014**

In 2014 Tigers submitted 5 Women teams with good playing numbers to enable us to meet playing commitments as well as financial commitments.

I would like to thank those players that communicated well with their coach/ manager when they could not make a game and also to those that filled in and played up when required. Good communication in a timely manner is always appreciated by all.

Our Premier League is in a rebuilding phase and I'm sure they will reap the rewards of all the efforts put in this year in the years to come.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade team remains a strong well balanced team that nurtures the players through to Premier League. It also offers the girls an opportunity to take more of a dominant role.

4<sup>th</sup> Grade was a good mix of old and young but lacked a little consistency in their playing roster this year.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade was also a good mix but just needed to put some goals in the back of the net in crucial games.

7<sup>th</sup> Grade battled well in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade competition until the split and was well rewarded with a Grand Final victory due to their consistency.

The highlight of the season would have to be our 4 victories and a draw on Ladies Day and all the players that supported by either playing multiple games or supporting from the sideline. Well Done Tigers!

2015 brings exciting times for all players with hopefully a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade team being entered as well but in the mean time I wish everyone a happy and safe xmas and a relaxing off season.

Regards

Jackie Porter Kay



Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2014

### Social Committee Report

This year our major sponsor Alder Park Bowling club confirmed it would not be sponsoring our club ongoing. We were very fortunate that Dave Moore and Rod Schimann were able to secure a sponsorship from Hamilton North Bowling Club. The Club has an excellent function area and can hold up to 250 people for any function, they also have a fantastic bistro with a large selection of food and reasonably priced.

Our Trivia night was held at Hamilton North Bowling Club, with 150 people attending this function which was a huge success. We made approximately \$2500 once all expenses were paid.

Another successful year with the social events, the chocolate drive was successful once again with \$2000 dollars in income for the club.

The wine fundraiser was held differently this year, we did an email order form, however this was not very successful and we only raised \$300 on this event. We will reconsider how this event will be conducted in the future.

The junior presentation was once again a great hit with over 150 people attending, everyone enjoyed the bingo.

The presentation night for seniors went well we were down on numbers due to other prior commitments from some key people who would have normally attended. It was also held later due to availability of the function room at the club. It was still an excellent night with some excellent music and well planned costumes.

Overall for the year, a very good result and we had some very good help throughout the year from some key people, so our thanks go to all that helped to make this year successful.

Kind Regards

Jackie Porter-Kay  
Tigers Hockey Club  
Social Committee

## **Women PHL Coaches Report 2014**

This year was a tough year with a lot of learning taking place for players and myself. We struggled to maintain the same team on a week to week basis which made it hard for us to gel as a team and get some consistent results. We had some good results against the stronger teams in our competition but failed to get results in crucial games that would have helped us make the semi-finals, in saying that we gave ourselves a chance right up to the final week to sneak in to the top 4.

A special mention goes to all the girls in the squad that were playing multiple games each week to help us field a team, and also a mention to all our Representative players as well. It shows how strong we are as a club when we have so many girls representing Newcastle, NSW and Australia at all levels.

I took a lot away from my dealing with the girls this year and feel I have learnt a lot from people in the team and people around the team, and look forward to continuing to learn and grow as the players will week to week.

I believe the squad we have at the moment has a real chance to work towards getting the consistent result we need to win this comp, and I look forward to helping this team get to a stage where this is possible.

**Michael Wallis**

## **Tigers Women 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

Another successful year for Tigers Women 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade with a hard fought Minor Premiership to add to the trophy cabinet but just falling short in the big game of the season going down 2-1.

This year we again welcomed an influx of junior players into the team, some who were playing their first full season in seniors and some that have matured through the grades and showed their dominance and understanding in the game. As always the Tigers 2<sup>nd</sup> grade team rely on the experienced players returning and providing guidance and support to all. This was a fantastic mix and all complimented our strengths and weaknesses across the team.

We were fairly consistent in our playing roster for 2014 starting with 15 at the beginning of the season and being consistent in our numbers throughout the year.

Some rising stars came to the forefront and I wish them well in the coming years, especially those young girls ready to take on Premier League. We definitely benefited from our junior players being exposed to the higher standard this year, a lot more than ever before.

Congratulations to Melissa Lydiard for leading the team exceptionally well on the park.

A huge thankyou to Jackie Porter Kay who juggled the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade organising commitments, as well as Premier League for the entire year. With support like this I was able to pursue my own representative duties in Darwin and Rotterdam.

**Players Player – Neva Williams**

**Most Improved – Bianca Cheetham**

Sharon Williams  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Coach

## **Tigers Women 4th Grade**

**This year the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tigers team was placed back into 4<sup>th</sup> Grade and once again this was a challenge to bring new and experienced players together.**

**We did have a good mix between juniors and more experienced players but struggled fielding a consistent and competitive team. Despite having 14 registered players in 4th grade this year we were forced to call up different players from 5<sup>th</sup> grade on many occasions.**

**I would like to thank Jackie Porter-Kay for stepping into GK duties as I was away with representative duties and I think a fresh voice and new ideas really gave these girls a lift to drive forward and they made an admirable run for the final Semi Final birth, only to fall a little short**

**I would like to thank Renee and Heather for managing and captaining this team in my absence for this year.**

**Players Player – Jessica Yates**

**Most Improved – Alex Hodge**

**Sharon Williams  
4th Grade Coach**

## **Tigers Women 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**This was a very united team on and off the field and had the most consistent playing roster for 2014.**

**Predominantly an older more social team, this team was competitive in the majority of games but lacked the ability to score goals in close games.**

**I congratulate the efforts of the die hard Tigers players who tried to play to the structure that is expected of them in this grade but we lacked a little bit of consistency in key playing positions. All players need to strengthen their application of game plans and aggression in the circle.**

**I wish this team the best for 2015 and hope that they all stick together and work on these identified problems. The ladies are a very self sufficient side and I thank Karen Irvine for running this team in my absence, which was apparently more often than not**

**Players Player – Bec Winder  
Most Improved – Breanne Joebrers**

**Sharon Williams  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade coach**

## **Tigers Women 7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**This team was nominated 7<sup>th</sup> grade but had to play the competition in 6<sup>th</sup> grade due to lack of numbers. The team fought hard between the grades winning the games that were expected and either drawing or being defeated by the closest of margins on the 6<sup>th</sup> grade games.**

**There were a few good combinations in this team and everyone tried to the best of their ability and some more.**

**We had a very consistent playing roster this year for 7<sup>th</sup> grade and that was due to the great communication from Michele Barry who ran the team extremely well.**

**A huge welcome to the 4 new players in the team, we hope you had a great experience with Tigers and look forward to having you back in 2015.**

**Playing the GF in the heat with 3 regulars missing was a challenge but it's amazing what you can do with 1 short in the heat of battle. This removes the pain of what was experienced by the girls the year previously – being knocked out in the finals**

**It was very rewarding for myself to see some key players stepping up and encouraging not only the new players but existing ones with less skill and understanding than they have.**

**Players Player – Krichelle Oldis  
Most Improved – Vanessa French**

**Sharon Williams  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade coach**

## **Tigers Men PHL Report 2014**

**I would like to thank the team for all the time and effort they put in this season, and a big thanks to those that filled in and the numerous players and parents that travelled from Taree, the Central Coast and Sydney this season to play, your efforts are greatly appreciated.**

**Though the results would suggest otherwise I think the team should be commended on their performances this year.**

**It is always difficult to turn up and get beaten, and heads can easily go down across the season, but this team stuck in with a desire to improve and be more competitive each week and these goals were achieved.**

**Rather than dwelling on the season I think it is important that we look towards the future and though it may be a long road there is a lot of promise we can take forward.**

**I think the greatest thing we can take away from the season is the gradual change in attitude that occurred, initially accepting of defeat the team began to look at what they could have done better and the opportunities that got away, believing that they were in games and let them slip, and this sets a great platform for us moving forward.**

**It is a very young team over half the squad was under 23, all of whom developed knowledge of the demands of the level being played and the belief that they can consistently compete and play well in premier league.**

**With time and work I am sure this group can start clawing its way up the table.**

**James Birkefeld**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Report 2014**

Due to the lack of teams in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade the Association decided to run 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades together for one full round and then split the grades depending on where the teams ended up. The Tigers team looked like it had the goods on paper to be a very competitive team, but there was some unrest about the merged grades. The team started the season with a bang winning a few games and a few players became nervous that we might end up being in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade!

We played a new structure this season to mimic PHL where several players may be required on an occasional basis. After bedding this system in the team worked well defensively but we lacked a bit of support for our strikers with them being isolated on many occasions – something to work on next season.

The team had a bit of a form slump in the middle of the season which cost a top 4 position, but still stormed home to claim wins against some of the top teams missing a spot in semi's by 3 points. It was great to see some of our juniors take out the awards this year – well deserved.

A big thankyou to Graeme Tull and Justin Burns for helping to run the team – their experience and input helped immensely. I'm hoping to see some more of our talented juniors come through the team next season as I think the boys we had this year will soon be making their way to Premier League!

**Best and fairest**

**Jonathan McLean-Philips**

**Most improved**

**Aaron Mami**

Regards

Scott Taylor



## **TIGERS MEN 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE REPORT**

**2014**

**A very consistent effort from all the guys this year, in a very tight comp. At some stages during the year there was four teams on the top of the ladder, we sat between first and fourth most of the year.**

**We had good mix of youth, and old fella's. It was very impressive to see the younger guys step up. The improvement of the younger guys, in their strength and skill was very pleasing, and the older guys were solid as ever.**

**We did have a few injuries, people going on holidays, people going overseas and some people that just wanting to sit on the bench (as usual) throughout the year, thanks to all the people that filled in for us during the year.**

**Solid effort in the Grand Final, to come back after being down at half time to post a good win. The young guys held their own against a team that threw everything at them.**

**Bring on next year**

**Al Trickett**

## **Tigers Men 5<sup>th</sup> Grade 2014**

**Tigers 5<sup>th</sup> grade this year was made up of the 2013 Tigers 6<sup>th</sup> grade grand final winning team. This was not only to challenge our skill level but to show the association that there was at least one club fair dinkum about grading. This appeared to be the right decision for the first half of the season.**

**Unfortunately the second half of the season all went wrong. We had an awful number of injuries and relied on far too many players filling in from other teams. This coupled with our completion having seemingly new teams of younger and faster players as the season went on made for a very disappointing end to our season. All in all we still managed to have a lot of fun and were very unlucky not to make the finals. Although with a seven game losing streak just prior properly felt like it was not meant to be anyway.**

**I would like to thank all the boys that backed up this year ,there is too many to mention between the 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teams this year but THANKSI Also it is sad to say that a number of the founding 6<sup>th</sup> Grade (come 5<sup>th</sup> grade) fathers and son team have retired or have moved away. It has been great playing with you guys and hope to still see you all around.**

**Finally I would like to thank the support from Tigers and in particular the grading committee allowing a 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade team compete this year.**

**Regards**

**Greg Williams**

## **Tigers Men 6<sup>th</sup> Grade 2014**

**Tigers 6<sup>th</sup> grade 2014 was a real mix of players having a few goalies playing on field and a few players not have played before, with some experienced older heads and some young enthusiasm. Not to mention a large number of fill-ins.**

**This team was full of hopes and dreams but proved to be the dark horse of the comp. Week after week the results proved to be better than expected and perhaps with a little training or even a regular team being fielded this team could have been premiers. But it was not to be!**

**Any Grand Final aspirations were nipped in the bud by a hungrier more desperate Maitland in the semi- final. Not to mention this game was played at Maitland. (Could there have been any other result). The boys played hard and held their heads high but at the end of the day will have to try again next year.**

**This great bunch of blokes who had never played together did a fine job and should be proud. Thanks for great year!!**

**Regards**

**Greg Williams**

# Coaches Report

## 2014 Tigers A Grade Junior Boys

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2014 proved to be a long season, one we will need to learn from in order to realise success in 2015. The boys had mixed results against everyone except Wests. Consistency was a problem throughout the season.

Given the talent and ability of the Tigers core players I think this year was a missed opportunity. Playing a competition with only four teams hurt the competitive nature of the competition and for much of the season's games it felt like the boys were going through the motions. It was nice to see some spirit, determination and hunger towards the end.

The lack of competition was realised by a poor attendance at training – even accounting for Central Coast and Taree players who made a significant part of the side. I tip my hat to their commitment and their parents who manage to get them to games reliably. I also thank those players who turn up religiously to training despite a lack of enthusiasm from their team mates. For those that attended training I saw real progress, not just in hockey skills but in other skills much more important to succeeding in life. Dedication, application, respect and reliability will take them much further than they can imagine.

We bid farewell to a number of players this year and I thank them for being a part of the team. I would also remind them this is really just the start – hockey has much more to offer them as senior players and one day the clubs future coaches, managers and administrators.

The level of ability in some of our juniors is without doubt a highlight for our club and we should be aiming for a much more successful season in 2015. Another positive for me as coach was the ability of the group to play a variety of structures and systems. They may not have always got it right but neither did I as a coach. We did however learn a lot.

While it is important to realise positives from the season it is far more important to identify our failures and put in mechanisms to correct these failures.

### Commitment

Training attendance was unacceptable again. If we want this team (and our club) to be successful we need to improve the numbers at training consistently. This is perhaps the single most important thing we need to change – it impacts not just A grade but our senior teams also. Without A grade, 2nds and PHL training together we have no progression. We also fail to set performance standards and create the expectations and aspirations for our juniors. To improve training numbers:

- **Create expectation:** Players should all be expected to be at training, A grade boys should also attend seniors training. A fitness session wouldn't go astray either. This expectation has to be communicated to parents and should also be applied to younger grades. We give permission to miss training far too easily.

## **Tigers C Grade Boys 2014**

**Tigers C grade 2014 had a big job ahead of them at the start of the year as we had several players who had never played before, and with two coaches who also had lots to learn.**

**The season didn't start well as we played what turned out to be the hardest team in the competition, a 15 nil thrashing was the result. As the season continued the players listened and worked together to improve enormously. Near the end of the season they held the team that beat them 15 nil, scoreless until the last nine minutes before conceding some late goals. I think these players will improve even more as they mature and gain more confidence and physical presence.**

**I would like to thank Greg Roach for helping at training it was much appreciated and it was good to learn from Greg. Also our Manager Jodie Kiel who was always supportive of the coaches and made our job easier, of course thanks to co-coach Ian Ingram. But my biggest thanks are for the supporters of this team with their very vocal and encouraging support from the sideline.**

**It turned out to be a positive year where the team managed to pick up a win and a couple of draws. This was due to a great bunch of children who consistently turned up for training and worked hard to improve. As a first time coach I could not ask for much more.**

**Cheers**

**David Jackson**

## **Boys D Grade Report 2014**

**2014 was another difficult year for the boys and girls of D grade.**

**Starting the season with a lot of new faces, many of which had never played hockey before, it looked promising. A few close matches to start the season was an exciting prospect. In saying this, it took until the last 10 minutes of the season for our first and only goal to be scored. Luckily enough it was by one of our 2015 C grade players Charlie Connolly. This just goes to show that the team was still putting as much in towards the end of a difficult season as they did at the beginning.**

**Coming up against strong outfits such as North's and South's sides really drained the team both physically and mentally.**

**Training in the middle and latter parts of the season became increasingly better to watch, with players starting to understand the concept of basic skills and when to use them in game situations. Many thanks to James Birkefield for assisting us in some moments of need.**

**Positional play throughout the year was chosen in an even and fair process giving all players the chance to play every position. Goalkeeping was again a week-to-week decision, choosing a new goal keeper each week to give all the opportunity to prove to themselves as well as the rest of the team what they could produce in the high pressure situations. Following on from the training point, positional play in the mid to back end of the season became rather impressive to watch.**

**Thanks to Nik Mursa who this year put his hand up to do the management duties of this team. Nik did a great job organising the team week in, week out and also helping the C grade team with a few players if they were ever in need of numbers.**

**I trust the boys that will be moving up into the C grade competition next year will thrive on the advancements in the team positional structure that is developed through a stronger competition.**

**Despite the scorecard this year I really believe we are only one or two more experienced players away from being competitive. In any of the other 6 teams there were one or two players that would take control of the games. In 2015 I think the players playing their 3<sup>rd</sup> year in D grade as well as some of our 2014 new starters could stand up and be those types of players.**

**Tigers D Grade.**

**Jarrold Ferry**

## **Girls B Grade Tigers – 2014**

**The B grade girls' team was formed after the first week of hockey this year, after the A grade-2 team unfortunately had to collapse due to player withdrawal. With that, a combined team of 15 was formed with players from A grade 2 and B grade.**

**This team consisted of a wide range of skill levels, with players beginning their first year of hockey to those who have played for more than ten years. The beginning of the year consisted of bringing these girls together as a team and teaching the newbies about hockey. But after the first week together, these girls showed they are a strong team and went on to win game after game.**

**With this team having built a strong foundation at the beginning of the season, it was time for a bit of fun. We switched players around and allowed goalkeepers and defenders to have a run up the front. This resulted in nearly all players scoring a goal this year. Both our fullbacks even managed to score more than one goal!**

**Towards the end of the season, we started preparing for the semi-finals. We finished 2<sup>nd</sup> on the table coming up against the undefeated Wests. We played our best game, creating a challenge that they had never come across before but unfortunately we were defeated. We then played our next game against Regals hoping to make the Grand Final. After one of the most entertaining games of hockey I have ever witnessed, sadly we were beaten 1-0 by a well deserving team.**

**In conclusion, this team had a great year playing hockey. Friendships were formed, lots of fun was had and we kept the Tigers tradition of playing while the whistle alive!**

**I had a blast coaching, well done girls!**

**Hannah**

## **Tigers D Grade Girls**

**What a great year for Tigers D Grade Girls. We started off well and got better as the year progressed. Unfortunately we had a lot of interruptions through the season, such as Masters events and other championships. When we played consecutive weeks, we seemed to play really well, but after having a week or two off, we didn't seem to play with the same intensity.**

**We started to gel as a team straight away, and the team spirit got better as the year went on. We went from a group of girls trying really hard as individuals, to a group of girls trying really hard to win as a team. The passing to each other definitely improved as the year went on.**

**Unfortunately we didn't make it to the Grand Final, getting knocked out of the competition with a 1 all draw in the week before the Grand Final. The team we played was higher on the ladder and therefore automatically progressed.**

**Some strong friendships were formed within the team and it will be a shame to see the team split up, with a couple of the girls going on to play C Grade next year.**

**This years D Grade Girls has uncovered a couple of girls who will go on to be rep players in the future. I wish all the girls the very best of luck next year, and it has been an absolute pleasure in coaching them this year.**

**Graeme Tull  
D Grade Girls**



## **Tigers Black Modies 2014 Coach Report.**

**Modies were fortunate to have 2 teams this year 2014, and I coached the tigers black modies.**

**It's been a while since I have coached a hockey team and I had a great time. I was lucky to attend a hockey training night with James Birkenfield, which strengthen my coaching skills.**

**Our team was amazing considering most had not played hockey before. We won lots of games and lost some too. I'm sure everyone had a great fun and improved their hockey skills.**

**Training was great for our modies teams, it gave us a chance to get to know each other, and building friendships. We had the privilege of the clubs training structure, and the 1<sup>st</sup> grades coach James Birkenfield spending some valuable time with our modies teams. This time given by James showed in our games with our player's new acquired skills.**

**Most of our team will be going up to D Grade in 2015. I think our team fostered great friendship with each other, as well as gaining valuable skills in hockey.**

**Thank you to tigers hockey Club and Juniors co coordinators for all their hard work and help. Thank you to all the parents for their support through out the year.**

**Tigers Black modified Coach  
Peter Roach**

## **Tigers Moddies Gold Report 2014**

**Moddies gold had a fantastic season this year. We dominated most OF our games with only a couple of other teams in the comp beating us (Tigers Black being one!). Tigers gold had a few players return from last year, and we also welcomed quite a few new players, and all together making for a great little team.**

**With training, we went from everyone chasing the ball to everyone spreading out in 'pizza' formation and passing the ball to each other. It was great to see the beginning of great hockey skills in our players.**

**Most of all, everyone had lots of fun each week, and every single player scored at least one goal! Tigers Gold were an absolute pleasure to coach, and I hope to see them all back on the hockey field next year.**

**Mel Lydiard.**