

# Snorter's Report



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## Welcome

Welcome to the slightly new look issue of SNORTER'S REPORT, the Swinburne University Hockey Newsletter, for 2006/7. Over the next few issues I will be playing with the layout to see about re-vamping the newsletter. Let me know if there's anything that you like or hate by sending me an email at [gossip@swinburnehockey.org](mailto:gossip@swinburnehockey.org).

SNORTER'S REPORT will be as good as you want it to be - feel free to comment on what you want to see in it as well as contribute to it by providing match reports, pictures or even some good old fashioned gossip. Contributions can be sent to [gossip@swinburnehockey.org](mailto:gossip@swinburnehockey.org) or scribbled down on a scrap of paper handed over at matches.

## President's Report

Hi everyone

With training well underway and the start of the winter season just a few weeks away, we have lots going on so keep your eyes and ears open.

The Annual Albury Easter Hockey Carnival (Friday 6th to Monday 9th April) is being run again this year and Swinburne is making their yearly trip to participate. This is a great lead up to the start of the season. So, if you are not all already going, there is still time to join us. The carnival is run over the Easter long weekend. We travel up Friday and return on Monday. The weekend is a great social event and last year we were the winners of the march past. So if you are interested please see Laura or myself ASAP.

On behalf of the club I would like to welcome Jessie McCartney. He has been assigned to us from the University as a liaison between us and the university. This role is a volunteer role as it is a part of his course work at Swinburne. He will be working together with the club to assist with recruitment and communication between us and the university.

The University Sports Day which was conducted on the 15th of March was a successful day. We have had players come along and join the club as a result of this day. I would like to thank those members of the club and Jessie for giving up their time to run the table on the day. I believe that the catch phrase "Come play hockey as you get to hit people" was a great selling point.

On Sunday the 15th of April we have organise a Practice Match Day at H2. The day will start at 11am and continue on through out the day with teams playing one after the other. There will be a BBQ running and the eskies will also be there. For those people playing on the day there will be a cost of \$10 to cover ground hire and it also entitles you to the BBQ and one a drink from the eskies. For those people not playing you can pay \$5 and that entitles you to the BBQ and a free drink also. So make a day of it and come and support your club. I would like to thank those people who have given their time to organise this, it will be a great day.

This year we have been luck enough to secure a coach for the men's squad. I would officially like to welcome Jessie McCartney who has kindly accepted our proposal to coach the men this year. So please make him feel welcomed, and show your support.

The winter season will commence on the weekend of the 21/22nd of April so, it's important that you make sure you have paid your \$50 insurance and have completed the membership forms prior to round one. If you are requiring a uniform please let me know ASAP so that we can organise it.

Have a Great and Safe Easter and see you all at training.

Donna

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## Dates to put in your diary!

April 6 – 9 – Albury tournament

April 15 – Practice Matches (H2) Cost: \$10

April 18 – Last Training to pay your \$50 insurance.

April 20 – Pub Crawl/Shirt Presentation night

April 21/22 – Winter Season Starts with a Home day to kick off the season!

## Winners! 2006 March Past

Yes! That's right Swinburne Hockey were the winners of the 2006 March past! We have a title to defend and it's all about the numbers! The more people we can get there the more chance we have of defending our title! So, what can you do to help? You can join us for a weekend of fun, frivolity, debauchery and a bit of hockey! The details are:

**When:** April 6 – 9 2007 (Easter Long Weekend – THIS weekend!)

**Cost:** \$280

Speak to Laura to secure your spot and pay \$50 deposit to Dan at training.



## Player Profile

**Name:** Jason Clarke

**Alias:** Cupcake's slave

**Age:** 27

**Star Sign:** Pisces

**How long have you been in the club:** 6 years

**How did you find out about the club:** It's Bronwyn's fault!

**Worst injury:** Hockey: Semi-dislocated thumb. Tennis: Pinched nerves & missing cartilage



**Position (on the field):** Left, generally.

**Quote:** The score card doesn't say how, just what.

**Favourite Colour:** Blue

**Favourite Food:** Nando's

**Favourite TV-show:** Doctor Who / Torchwood

**Pets:** Five and Patch. Two awesome cats, which I live to serve.

**Favourite Music:** Old school Trance / Techno, older Rock.

**Least favourite thing:** Top40 music. Computer Tech support for my mother.

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## Moved House?

If you have changed address over the past year can you please let either Terry (Vice-President) or Donna (President) know your new details so that we can keep in contact with you.

## Transfers

If you have come from another club or have **ever** played for another club you need to get a transfer! If you're not 100% sure then let Donna or Terry know and they can chase it up and find out for you.

## Winter 2007 Fees

Fees have been updated. They are now:

Non-students - \$380

Students (all institutions) - \$280

This is only \$10 more than the fees for last year.

### Timelines:

*Prior to Round 1 (21/22 April)* – You will need to pay \$50 for your insurance prior to taking the field in Round 1.

*Prior to Round 5 (19/20 May)* – The balance of your fees must be paid.

If your fees have not been paid by Round 8 you will not be eligible for selection in **ANY** team.

If you feel that you may have difficulty meeting any of these deadlines please speak to Dan Eason (Treasurer) **BEFORE the due date** to negotiate a payment schedule.

## Want to keep up with all the latest information?

Why not sign up to the Swinburne Hockey Official mailing list.

Send an email to [SwinburneHockeyClub-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:SwinburneHockeyClub-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) to subscribe.

Receive updates to your email account.

No email? Check out the website!

<http://www.swinburnehockey.org/>

Updates regularly posted from the start of the winter season.

## 2007 Year Book

Bronwyn Clarke is acting as editor for the Swinburne Hockey Club year book for 2007. She is keen to see any photos of Swinburne Hockey and its members either playing on the field or socially. Bronwyn would also like you all to write down funny stories, match highlights or anything you remember about the Club over the last 12 months, ie Summer Comp, Albury, Winter Season, Training, Parties etc. Or if you happen to be an artist - give Bronwyn your best drawings. It is hoped that we will have the Year Book out for Winter Presentation Night 2007. Everyone please contribute.....

Submissions Close after Round 18 (2/9/06) to allow time for final editing and printing. Submissions can be emailed to [gossip@swinburnehockey.org](mailto:gossip@swinburnehockey.org) or handed over at training, games or whenever you see me.

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## Where are they now?



### Photos from Nudge & Kristy's Wedding

During May, former Swinburne Hockey Club members Ben "Nudge" Graham and Kristy Amos we married on board the sea-going vessel, the Mandalay. Both Nudge and Kristy have had a long association with the Swinburne hockey club and the festivities celebrating their wedding brought out a who's who of Swinburne Hockey Club personalities from the late 1990's "Peel Street" era and was a great opportunity to ask the question – Where are they now? Both Nudge & Kristy were former Swinburne Hockey Club Presidents (Nudge 1993 & Kristy 2001). There were a total of seven ex-Swinburne Presidents attending their wedding!



Nathan "Snath" Mitchell is now working as a Movie Animation graphic designer and has worked on Disney movies as well as the recent Superman Returns movie. He no longer plays Hockey, but is playing competitive floorball



Ed Corsar was Swinburne President 2006 and has been a stalwart feature in goals for Swinburne in recent years. Recently retired (but expecting cameo appearances in Metro 3), Ed was the keeper for Swinburne's only VHA Winter Season Premiership team. Rhonda Bennett made great contributions to the hockey club, both on and off the field is now playing hockey for Frankston. Rhonda's willingness and ability to play in the Swinnie Men's competition and her trademark energy and tenacity is greatly missed among the Swinburne Metro ranks.



Nudge & Kristy are not the first ex-Swinburne Presidents to be married – Scott and Bec had the honour of being the first ex-presidents to tie the knot. Bec Bartell (nee Nelligan) was club president between 2002 & 2003. Bec was a foundation member of the Swinburne Hockey clubs first ever VVHA Winter Season team. Starting her playing career on the field as a halfback, Bec took on the roll as goal keeper and is now playing Hockey for Monash. She is also now a design Engineer for Ford. Similarly, Scott "Floppy" Bartell was also a club president in 1998, started his playing career as a field player, then playing in goals for Swinburne. Scott is currently working as an IT manager for Mitre10 and is back playing on the forward line for Monash. Both Bec and Scott have represented Australia in the sport of Floorball



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James "A.Dot" Barker started his association with Swinburne back in 1990, representing Swinburne at the Aust University Games at both Ballarat and Canberra, numerous Albury tours, a member of the first ever Summer Comp Premiership team in 1993 and even coached the Swinburne State League 5 Men's team. Following a short stint working in NSW and playing for UTS, he met (and subsequently married fellow UTS hockey player, Bindy Wills. James is currently the President of Frankston Hockey Club.



Andrew "Skanky" Scott joined the Swinburne Hockey Club during the mid 1990's after defecting from Greensborough as a result of a successful O-Week recruitment campaign. Andrew was a key forward in the VHA winter, Summer Men's and Indoor competitions – quiet often topping the goal scorer's table. Even though work commitments have moved Andrew to Sydney where he now works for Optus (well – lets be brutal here – he basically runs their NSW networks), he has always maintained his links to Swinburne by playing at the Albury Hockey Carnival. Alas, this year Andrew will not be able to attend. Instead he will be marrying Christine on the shores of St Kilda – so watch out for the next Swinburne Hockey Club wedding photo spread!

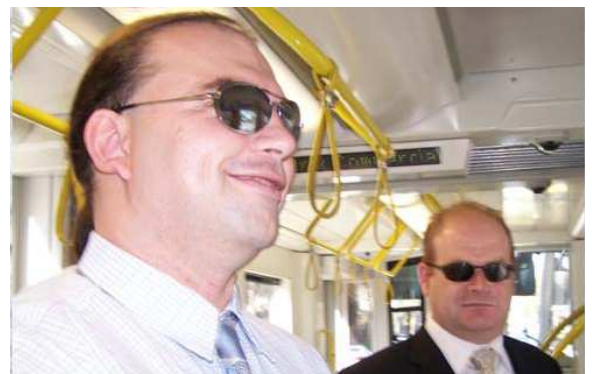


Matt "Mattress" Benfield was a member of the victorious Swinburne teams that dominated both Mens & Mixed hockey competitions at Albury and Summer Comp during the mid 1990's. Matt is now playing football in the country and plans a return to hockey, playing Pennant grade with TEM

Very few people would know that Chippy has a real name - but venerable hockey club stalwart, Glenn "Chippy" Beaumont retired from Hockey & the Swinburne Hockey Club in 2005 following the VHA Winter Competition Grand Final. With a short break & a season playing for TEM, Chippy has played over ten seasons for Swinburne Winter Men's team, close to fifteen Albury tours, member of the Summer Men's & Winter Comp Premiership teams was a foundation member of the first ever Swinburne Indoor team. Chippy stood by the club & turned out during the darkest days and took the field even when we had "just enough" to take the field. Throughout the last 12 years of the club, Chippy also sat on the club committee assisting with social and fund raising activities and was coach for the Women's district team during 2005, assisting them to get to the finals. Chippy is now working towards his Health Care Qualification. He is pictured here with his partner Michelle and another wedding is sure to be just around the corner.



Braden "Mr Bubbles" Betley has been a member of the Swinburne Hockey Club on and off since 1990 when he first represented the university at the Australian University Games at Ballarat. Known for his trademark tartan shorts, Braden was club president in 1999, a foundation member of the Swinburne State League 5 & Indoor Hockey Teams. Braden has had the honour of coaching Victorian State Vets team in Hockey. In recent years Braden has played for Mornington and Monash, but in 2007 plans to make a welcomed return to Swinburne.



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Catherine LeHunt (nee Barker) was a foundation member of the Swinburne Hockey Club VWHA team, playing predominately on the half line. Catherine also sat on the committee and acted as team manager for the women's team. Married to Phil, Catherine retired from hockey with the birth of their daughter Chelsea, who incidentally has her own hockey stick and practices in the back yard with her dad!!!



Justin "Gus" Hewlett joined the club for the 1989 Summer competition at the SHC. He was a team member in the first ever VHA Winter Comp team, Indoor Hockey and a foundation member of the State League 5 Team, and his aggressive style of hockey often without regard for his own safety was simply inspirational (and very bloody). Gus even has the distinction of representing Swinburne University at the National Uni Games without every having studied at Swinburne! Working as a graphic designer Gus is the creative genius behind most of the Swinburne Tour T-Shirts. Unfortunately for Swinburne, Gus retired from Hockey, with his last cameo being played in 2004.



Before there was Ed there was SoK "Son of Ken" – Andrew Cathie. Dedicated goal keeper who had his first taste of Swinburne at Albury in 1993. SoK played for Swinburne Summer Mixed & Mens, Indoor, Albury, Rebel IV, Rich River, Western Region Games and even represented the University competing in Inter Varsity games. SoK has now moved to Perth and after working in the Oil & Gas industry is now doing Heavy Engineering in the mining Sector. SoK also represented Australia in the Sport of floorball.

Stay tuned to the next edition where you will receive a run down of Andrew "Skanky" Scott and Christine's wedding on March 31 2007. Not to be too far out done by Kristy and Nudge there were 6 ex-president's at their wedding. Here's a sneak preview just to whet your appetite:

