

# EASTERN BLADES HOCKEY CLUB

## A BRIEF HISTORY

- 1903** Hockey commenced in Western Australia with 3 teams.
- 1949** Bassendean Hockey Club founded by Mr Stan Goodwin, at a meeting in the Bassendean Tennis Club on the evening of March 17.  
The founding members were – Mr Stan Goodwin, Mr Vic Read, Mr Noel Sturgeon, Mr Bob Becker, Mr Ross Dunstan.  
Colours – Black & Khaki shirt, Black shorts, Black & Khaki hooped socks.  
Grounds – Kings Meadows in Guildford & B.I.C. in Bassendean.
- 1950** Home ground B.I.C. – only at Kings Meadows for one season.
- 1951**
- 1952**
- 1953** W.A.H.A. Bulletin commenced – First edition issued May 23.  
Bassendean played Northam at Northam on June 21 and at Bassendean on September 6.
- 1954** Moved into Clubrooms at the B.I.C. ground.  
Bassendean played Pearce on May 9, Muresk on June 13 & York on Sept 5.  
Bassendean won Great Southern Carnival – Open Division V York – Won 2-1
- 1955** Co-hosted the Victorian Colts team.  
Bassendean play Narrogin at Narrogin on June 11 & Fairbridge on May 6.  
State V Rest game played at the B.I.C. on June 19.
- 1956** Bassendean's first season in A1 Grade.  
Bassendean's first ever State representative – Errol Kirk, selected in the State Colts.  
The "Bassendean Bully" first issued on June 9.  
Bassendean played in the Pithara Carnival on July 21-22.  
Bassendean played York on May 6, Juniors 1-1, "B" Grade 0-1, "A" Grade 2-2.  
Extract from Hockey Bulletin – 5<sup>th</sup> May – Hockey Dance – A dance will be held by Bassendean Men's in conjunction with the Bassendean Women's Hockey Club on May 18 at Macdonald Stand, Bassendean Oval. All welcome – Admission 2/11d.
- 1957** Bassendean played York at York – Won the G H Thomas Cup.
- 1958** Bassendean played York at York on May 4.
- 1959** Bassendean played in the Pithara Carnival.  
Fremantle Carnival – D Grade Final – Mosman Park defeated Bassendean 2-0.
- 1960** Glenn Gray won Merredin Carnival Fairest & Best trophy in A Grade.  
Glenn Gray won Old Aquinians inaugural Indoor Hockey B Grade Fairest & Best.
- 1961** Hotspurs formed.
- 1962** Extract from Annual General Meeting February 15 -  
"Mr R Wearmouth reported that negotiations have fallen through re formation of a Bayswater Club".

- 1963** Won Bunbury Carnival – A2 Division.
- 1964** Won Bunbury Carnival – D2 Division.  
Gained the use of the Old Bowling Club Pavilion on the B.I.C. as a Clubroom.
- 1965**
- 1966** W.A.H.A. introduced the awarding of a pennant (Guth Ardagh) to the team on the top of the premiership table at the end of the qualifying round.
- 1967**
- 1968** New ground established at Morley Park.
- 1969** Moved Mr R Bindemann seconded Mr G Brown that the Club socks be changed to black. Sub-Committee of Mr S Taylor, Mr L Smith, Mr S Goodwin & Mr R Prince-Wright was appointed to draw up a revised Club Constitution. Name changed to Bassendean Morley Mens Hockey Club. Top side (A3) played 3 First Semi Finals V Perth.
- 1970** One extra ground allocated at Morley Park.  
Juniors shirt colours to change to Black & Khaki.  
Won YMCA Junior Carnival – Under 12 Plate.
- 1971** Won YMCA Junior Carnival – Under 16  
Won YMCA Junior Carnival – Under 12.
- 1972** Won Bunbury Carnival – G Grade.
- 1973** Penalty stroke tiebreaker rule introduced.  
Two substitute (but no interchange) rule introduced.  
Lot 0-4 to Cricketers in the A Grade final of the Perth six-a-side carnival.  
Colours – Red, Yellow & Black shirt, White shorts, Black socks.  
Won Bunbury Carnival.
- 1974** Tiebreaker rule waived for Under 11's & Under 13's Finals and Challenge Cups.  
Won Bunbury Carnival B Reserve Grade.  
From 1974 Junior Grades have been changed to the following age groups :-  
Under 17, Under 15, Under 13 and Under 11.  
The qualifying date for all junior grades is now January 1 instead of April 1.
- 1975** First year at Hillcrest.  
Last year at B.I.C.  
New Club Constitution adopted on August 31.  
Returned to A1 Grade for the first time since 1958.  
1A colours – Red V neck T shirt with gold trim on collar & sleeves, white shorts, black socks.
- 1976** Kyle Rutter trophy for best "Junior" Club inaugurated.  
Olympians Medal for 1<sup>st</sup> Division Fairest & Best player inaugurated.  
Lights installed at Hillcrest.  
Three year debenture issue called for Club Members.  
Rule changes – Penalty strokes, now taken 7 yards from the goal line, not 8. Long corners, hit out may now be taken on the line within 5 yards of the corner of the field, not 3 yards as previously.  
Won A Grade six-a-side Carnival V Applecross YMCA 3-0.  
New ground allocated at Jubilee Oval Bassendean.

- 1977** Veterans competition inaugurated.  
 First National Indoor Hockey Championship.  
 Relegation & promotion between 1A and 1B grades was brought into line with other grades (i.e. 2 up, 2 down) with the proviso that a team has had two seasons in that grade.  
 Won Bunbury Carnival – A Reserve Grade.  
 Won Narrogin Junior Carnival – Under 17 Grade.  
 Won Perth Hockey Club six-a-side Carnival..
- 1978** Moved into new Clubrooms at Hillcrest Oval.  
 R & I Champion Club Cup inaugurated.  
 Last year at Morley and Jubilee grounds.
- 1979** Hosted Victorian State Schoolboys.  
 Commonwealth Hockey Stadium opened.  
 Association medal for 1B Grade Fairest & Best introduced.  
 Two new grounds allocated at Elstead Reserve.  
 Interchangeable reserves rule introduced..
- 1980** Contributed \$512.00 to the Commonwealth Hockey Stadium appeal.  
 Won the Old Wesley Veterans Carnival.  
 Won Bunbury Carnival – D Grade.  
 Won the R-Send Shield – versus Geraldton at Geraldton.  
 Colours changed to – Red with gold trim on the neck and sleeves shirt, gold shorts, black socks.  
 Stephen Cavey Memorial Trophy – Best Junior Clubman – inaugurated.  
 Tie-break rule introduced for all Challenge Cup, Semi-final, preliminary-final and grand-final fixtures.
- 1981** Name changed to Bayswater Morley Mens Hockey Club.  
 Inauguration of the Under 21 Competition, Bayswater in Pool C with WAIT Won 2-0, Vic Park Won 2-0, Old Modernians Lost 1-5, Eastern Goldfields.  
 Last year at Elstead Reserve.
- 1982** Minkey launched at W.A.H.A.  
 Hosted the Northern Territory State Under 14's.  
 Won the Kyle Rutter Trophy.  
 Ron Glew won the W.A.H.A. 1B Grade “Best Clubman Award”.
- 1983** Won Merredin Carnival – A Grade  
 Won Bunbury Carnival – B Reserve Grade.
- 1984** Australian Institute of Sport Hockey Unit set up in Perth.  
 Graham Reid and Ian Pavitt – A.I.S. members drafted by Bayswater Morley.  
 Return to 1<sup>st</sup> Division – first time since 1975.  
 Commencement of Minkey by Bayswater Morley with 6 teams.  
 Hosted Queensland State Under 16's.  
 First year for Bayswater Morley in Veterans Grade.  
 Won Merredin Carnival – Open Grade  
 Won Bunbury Carnival – C Reserve Grade.
- 1985** Inauguration of L R Connell Trophy.  
 (Top 1<sup>st</sup> Division team at the end of the qualifying rounds).  
 Club lapel and cloth badges introduced.  
 Won University Pre-season Carnival – A Grade.  
 Won Bunbury Carnival – C Reserve Grade.  
 Won Under 17 Grade – Avon Valley Junior Boys Hockey Association Carnival.
- 1986** W.A.H.A. discontinue the policy of player's insurance.

**1987**

**1988** Mark Zadkovich Memorial Trophy – Best Senior Club Member – inaugurated.

**1989** Bayswater Morley juniors combined with Harlequin Dianella juniors under the name of Harley Bay United.

**1990** Juniors reverted back to Bayswater Morley.

**1991** New style black shirts introduced for 1C team.  
Negotiations commenced for new sports complex at Altone Park, Beechboro.

**1992** New style black shirts introduced for whole of Club.

**1993**

**1994** Name changed to Eastern Blades Hockey Club  
Inaugural year for the first ever women's team associated with the club.

**1995** First year at Altone Park.

**1996** New style (hockey stick logo) shirts introduced.

**1997**

**1998** New style white shirts introduced.

**1999**

**2000**

**2001**

**2002**

**2003** New style – Yellow shirt with black markings and collar – shirts introduced.  
Ceri Writer appointed President of W. A. Womens Hockey Association.

**2004** Ceri Writer elected as inaugural President of Hockey W. A.  
Wendy Farmer became the first lady from Blades to be selected in a State Team – Women's Over 40's.

**2005** First year for Women's Veterans team – Over 40 Div 2.

**2006** Playing fields at Altone Park named Roger Macliver Field.