



pictured is the winning Division 1 Team, 2012 which Rowan's two sons, Fergus & Fenn both played in.

Life Member - Rowan Wallace

Many of you will know me as "the uniform lady", this is a little of my Falcons story...

I first became involved with Falcons Hockey Club through my sister, Jenny Wallace. Jenny had been involved with Falcons for many years and in 1988 she suggested that I start my children off as hockey players so I took 2 of my daughters to the Minkey Program, which was being run by Kevin Burns and so began my association with Falcons Hockey Club.

Over the years from 1988 until present day I have had 5 children play with Falcons. The 3 youngest all went on to play hockey at Rep and State levels, and are still keen followers of Falcons, playing whenever they can.

My boys Fergus and Fenn have both helped out with coaching junior teams for the club and also played for the Spitfires. Fenn now plays for Footscray Hockey Club and Fergus played for Geelong.

I have never felt that I wanted to play hockey as I have always been busy off field and the logistics of getting the children to and from hockey took all my time.

In 1988 I knew nothing about hockey and because Jenny mostly took my girls to hockey I never really became involved until Fergus started playing and he wanted to do Rep Hockey. Then, for the next 18 years I became one of those people who seem to live at the Hockey Centres of Victoria driving thousands of kilometres for trials and games. I spent many happy hours managing the boys teams and I think the friendships and contacts you make through this are very rewarding.



Pictured above is Rowan carrying out her Manager duties during Club Weekend.

By 1995 I was out on the field Saturday mornings running Minkey and continued to help out with that on Monday afternoons when my children were old enough to be Minkey helpers.

In 2004(I think) Terry filled the role of Secretary as the club was struggling to fill the position. Then we did a deal and I went on the Committee as well so that he could have a beer at the meetings and I would drive him home, then as his work commitments were getting too much he left the Committee and I stayed on.

In 2007 I became President and was privileged to lead the club for the next 7 years and since then have been a vice president supporting Matt Bardy and Billy Anderson as Presidents of the club.

I have many memorable moments from over the years including the Division one Men's team winning 4 consecutive Grand Finals 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 is a wonderful highlight and is something our club can be very proud of.

Personally being awarded a Life membership of Falcons Hockey Club is something that I will always treasure but I think the greatest thing is just to be a small part of a great club. It's so heartening to see every day, every weekend all the players, members and supporters who just by doing something no matter how small contribute to the Falcons Hockey Club and its ongoing viability.

I have seen the club go through many ups and downs, while we may not have always been the most successful club on field I believe that what sets Falcons apart are the core values. Numbers across hockey are lower now and it's harder to recruit players with so many other factors competing for people's time.

I was very fortunate in my time as President to have the privilege of John Jewell coming on board as senior Men's coach and leading our men's teams from 2010 until 2016. From John I learnt much that shaped my knowledge of Hockey and developed my perception and understandings of this game we call hockey.

I also really appreciate that we have so many people who give so much to the club and continue to come back and help out.

We pride ourselves on being a family club and when I see 3 generations of families all

involved playing and coaching I feel like that is what makes Falcons a great club. We are very fortunate to have a club that is committed to being a family club and works hard to provide a great camaraderie and fellowship amongst our members.