



# CAMBERWELL HOCKEY CLUB

91<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL REPORT

2021-2022



# 2022 THE YEAR IN NUMBERS

<b>41</b>	Teams competed in the Winter 2022 season
<b>7</b>	Men's
<b>7</b>	Women's
<b>15</b>	Juniors
<b>12</b>	Masters (inc 2 Womens)
<b>671</b>	Games
<b>344</b>	Wins (51%)
<b>88</b>	Draws (13%)
<b>235</b>	Losses (35%)
<b>1817</b>	Goals for (2.7 per game)
<b>1222</b>	Goals against (1.8 per game)
<b>22</b>	MPLR 22 wins from 22 games
<b>5</b>	Teams scored over 90 goals
<b>20</b>	Teams in finals
<b>11</b>	Teams in grand finals
<b>6</b>	Premierships
<b>15</b>	Australian representatives in indoor or outdoor senior squads
<b>8</b>	Representatives in HC Melbourne
<b>67</b>	Representatives in other Victorian teams
<b>1</b>	International umpire





# WE GET KNOCKED DOWN, BUT WE GET UP AGAIN...

**It will not surprise you that I was my parents' favourite child and still remain so... Being the oldest of 5, Mum and Dad should not have had a favourite, but it was so obvious. Never in trouble, always on time, never arguing with my siblings, you get the picture, right?**

My middle brother, let's just call him, "evil Andrew", was a problem. Sure, hardworking, smart, good at absolutely everything, but he had a dark side. Messing up family photos with stupid faces, blowing out his younger brother's birthday candles before the end of the song, just a nightmare. Honestly, too hard to handle. As a result, and perfectly justified, he was sent to his room frequently.

Each time he emerged, it was as if he had not seen daylight before as he quietly re-joined the family, very weary of what had transpired and sent him to penury, fearful of another "back to back" sentencing.

After 6 "three day" lockdowns, 262 days and the last one, a whopping 111 days, Melbournians looked just like "evil Andrew" emerging from the darkness into the bright light of "freedom". "This will be the last time" proclaimed our ever-reliable leadership. The caged masses, dripping with scepticism, tentatively ventured out into the world to see if it was still there. Amazingly, it was, but the phrase "new normal" summed it up. Cash had disappeared,

for many, offices had as well, thousands had moved to the country, Uni students were nowhere to be seen. Cashed up and free, people spent up on "going out", not certain that it was legal, but keen to give it a go.

After we settled, the one thing that first brought joy was a thing called "re-acquaintance". Initially, with family members estranged by LD6, then close friends and finally our broader community.

"Have you had Covid?" and "are you vaccinated?" were the new "conversation starters". Depending on your point of view, they could start anything from a laugh with the likeminded to an all-in brawl on the steps of Parliament. As time wore on, that too settled down.

In the case of the Camberwell Hockey Club, our members knew we were still there because our wonderful Communications group told us we were. They never stopped the presses ("presses", for those who have forgotten, were machines that printed actual newspapers on paper, which were then delivered to your house... yeah, I know, hilarious!)

Meanwhile back at CHC, summer hockey was tentively planned and optimism grew. Sadly, we had just lost Steve Laussen from the junior committee and while the Women's, Men's and Masters sections got up and running a new group needed to be found for the Junior program.

In what can be defined as a "typical Camberwell moment" a new committee started to take shape, guided by the old guard, Jane Oldham. Enter Sarah Church, Mel Norquay, Bronwen Kohne, Hamish Ridland (and the Hin2H support



We get knocked down, but we get up again...  
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team), Lena Perriman, Scott Cashmere and the incredible Nathan Copey. This group summed up the tasks, tapped people on the shoulder and had Hin2H, indoor and preparations for the approaching winter 2022 season emerged. Help came from all quarters, too many to list as the Junior Program had new life and delivered 15 teams for round one and 50+ Hin2H players. We found a new junior chair, Marcus Edwards, and the puzzle was complete.

Steve had planned to have a Junior Academy, led by club captains, Krissy Bates and Jim Webster, this was organised in February and 55

juniors turned up to get expert coaching from our Premier League elite. Four great sessions and a welcome preseason back at the club.

Victorian sporting participation was suffering as clubs across all sports and age groups suffered large declines. Surveys released suggested that declines in some sports were up to 40% and higher in juniors. This threatened many clubs and Camberwell was not immune. We had 45 teams in the first half of 2021 before LD6 shut us down and 41 teams in 2022. Numbers stabilised after a slow start. In the case of the CHC women, they added a team to buck the trend.

Over the summer, two wonderful upgrades were installed; a new playing surface, fully funded by the great financial management of boards past and a new scoreboard, also fully funded by club donors and the Community Bank - Canterbury, who we welcomed as a new club sponsor. These two projects keep Camberwell at the leading edge of facilities and providing the best we can to our players and supporters. For those who follow the pitch upgrades closely, minor repairs were done to the underlay, which remained in excellent condition and set for another 7 odd years of heavy traffic.

Momentum into the season was exciting to watch and a great night presenting our 40FORTY Premier League uniforms to our top men's and women's teams before round one and the stage was set.

We had to wait until round 3 for our first home MPL and WPL games and the club gathered enmass on a beautiful autumn day. The Life Members and Sponsors luncheon on that day with the opening of the scoreboard were highlights along with top grade hockey returning to Matlock after 10 months. As the season evolved, the women's section was looking very good in all grades and our men's very solid too.

Eventually, as the home and away season reached the end, we had 20 teams in finals, 11 made it to grand finals and 6 teams won flags. The last two grand final games of the season at Parkville, 17 September, was a classic Camberwell Club supporter day. Initially, victory to the MPLR with a 2-1 comeback after the previous 31 straight wins in 2021 and 2022. The MPL with an emphatic 4-1 powerful display taking the flag. Tremendous celebrations and support from the Tangerine army topped off a great year.

Off field, the volunteer army was mobilised early February. There are nearly 200 jobs done at the club by those who freely give their time and skill. The list is huge and the tasks many and in September we celebrated their contribution with a night





at the club. Thank you to all who gave their best to the task they had.

Special mentions can never cover all, but the Comms group, Mental Health First Aid, Trivia night and the newly formed Junior committees need to be mentioned.

The remarkable assistance that comes from Sponsors also needs to be called out. The long-term commitment of Platinum Shirt Sponsor Will Unkles of 40FORTY, Platinum Luke & Sam Temby Echo Cartons, Andrew Henderson CANDOR Group, Scoreboard Sponsor Community Bank- Canterbury Branch, Equipment sponsor Just Hockey and the wonderful list of Summer Masters teams sponsors. The assistance provides opportunities for facility upgrades and off field activities to create a great club.

Lastly, to the Board of our club, I give my profound thanks. Pip Mann, Stuart Will, Sara Conyers, Mary Phillips, Suz Cannell, Nick Ryan and the indefatigable John Unkles for their effort, time, council and vigilance in setting the direction for our club. Additionally, I thank Steve Prior, who is stepping down after a total of nine years on the board representing the Juniors and then Men's sections along with his special project work. Steve's contribution has been significant and he has indicated a desire to stay close to those projects he gets the most enjoyment from.

This year we re-emerged from the gloom and we continued on relentlessly toward our goal as a club for all ages, genders and abilities both on and off the field.

**Simon Winter**  
*President*





# ROY CAREY

## Our New Life Member

**Roy Carey has been involved with the club for over 30 years and served as President for 4 years from 1997-2000.**

As President, Roy continued building the relationship with the council forged by earlier boards and those since, to gain ongoing support, more on field time, better facilities and fending off "non believing" neighbours determined to bring us down. This work laid the foundations for the outstanding relationship with the council we have today and the culture built on respecting our neighbours.

Roy was known for his closeness to the players as a mentor building a team culture, self-belief, mental focus and a sense of responsibility as elite players at the club. He was regarded as the players president having a major focus on club success on field and player development.

Off the field, Roy bought generational change to the structure and accountability of the board. Appointing people on merit, professional qualifications and accountability for portfolios. The structures you see today that we accept as a professional approach were forged during this time.

Roy also took the club to a new level with medical care for players. As a surgeon, Roy understood the value of pregame, during and post-game treatment of players. He developed relationships with local physiotherapists and set the standards envied by other clubs. A standard we rely on today. The introduction of afternoon

teas for our top teams after Matlock games was also introduced during this time for foster a culture of respect and friendship between competing teams.

Roy has remained a volunteer medical officer available to all players throughout the decades of membership. Roy arranged the equipping our medical/physiotherapy room(s) (past & present) with electric tables for medical treatment of players including physiotherapy treatment. He further arranged for medical supplies to be donated to the club thus saving financial resources for a considerable number of years. The Roy Carey Medical Room is testament to this enormous and sustained body of work.

Roy was heavily involved in our Junior section from his earliest days. A volunteer parent, a superb organiser, an enthusiastic and effective committee member, dispenser of medical advice, band aids, bandages and arranger of instant hospital treatment if that was required.

Roy saw the need to have our club as a 'whole' club and for the then separate Camberwell Women's Club to be fully within the structure. He had many discussions with Terry Ryan, who succeeded him as President and could be rightly said to have helped lay the foundations for subsequent negotiations and discussions which led CHC to be a 'whole' club in 2004. This should not be forgotten. As a club, we have grown and developed amazingly since this time. We are better for the diversity, the cooperation and coordination of the sections, the social cohesion, the pathways for developing juniors, coaches and umpires and of course lots more teams to support. We would not be in the position we are today without Roy's foresight.

Roy has contributed enormously to the

development and wellbeing of our Club. He is widely known as a CHC member, and is an immensely valued medical adviser not only to the Club but also to HV and HA thus promoting our culture and our values by placing this club squarely in the public consciousness. His public persona enhances the reputation and lustre of CHC, placing it at the forefront of a knowledgeable Australia wide hockey community.



# WE LOST TWO CLUB CHAMPIONS



## VALE Steve Laussen

In December 2021, the club was shocked and profoundly saddened to hear of the sudden passing of Steve Laussen from a heart attack.

In addition to being husband of Sarah-Jo, a father to Ella, William and Henry (all CHC players) and a great friend to many at the club, he had also been Junior Chair for the past 3 years and a solid contributor to the Junior program over many years before that.

Steve's funeral service was held at the MCG in a packed function room overlooking the hallowed turf, the people's ground. A venue fitting for such a lover of sport and a man such as Steve.

Sport is Life... Steve loved sport and saw the value of the lessons we learn, the friendships

we make, the thrill of victory and the despair of defeat. Steve immersed himself in a number of sports and sporting clubs. We at Camberwell were blessed to be one of those who benefited from his presence.

In the end, it is always about the people and Steve was a man for the people.

The jewel in the crown at Camberwell and the thing that sets us apart is our junior program. Boys and girls start playing this wonderful game, many stay for life, many become elite and delivering this program is our life blood.

Steve led a wonderful group of committed volunteers who delivered our junior program. Passion and discipline in the right mix can achieve everything. Steve bought such a personal commitment to this task. His passion and his discipline were in balance. He made it his personal mission to ensure that every child and their family who walked through the gates into Matlock Reserve had a positive experience.

We held a "Sausage for Steve" the Saturday after his passing, for the juniors and their families. 200 people turned up for a snag. We cook a great snag at Camberwell, but they

came to recognise the contribution and the man that Steve was to them. Many came to express their thanks for the wonderful experience they have had and how much Steve had influenced this. Families kept coming all day to tell us.

It was personal for Steve.

These days, men are being challenged to recognise the role they have in the community and to rethink their standards and behaviours. The way men relate to women and children, the way men use the influence they have. The levels of consideration and decency, inclusiveness, embracing diversity and the recognition of individuals and their specific needs.

I think society is trying to create more Steve Laussens.

*Respected by those who met him,*

*he inspired those who knew him*

*and was loved by those close to him.*

*We miss our friend Steve.*

**Simon Winter**



## VALE Graeme Cliff

The Club this year farewelled Graeme Cliff after three and a half years living with prostate cancer. Graeme was the type of person that we all want to have as part of our Club. In 2002 he joined the newly formed Camberwell second Veterans (Masters) team and became an enthusiastic contributor to the Men's Senior and Masters sections at various times as a player, umpire, team manager, and

coach. Graeme started playing hockey in the early 1970s which probably accounted for his ability to hold down any position on the field, although he accumulated a reputation as an 'attacking full-back' in his later years. He was innovative and a great organiser. In 1980 as president of the Monash University Hockey Club he led the organisation of the inaugural combined Men and Women Intervarsity competition. To fund this venture he ran a profitable high schools hockey carnival held on the fields of Monash University.

Graeme was at his happiest when he was able to play in the same senior team as his sons Edward and Tristan. Renowned for his booming voice on and off the field, there were endless years as a team manager and unofficial coach for both his sons' teams. The culmination of this was the 2013 Men's Metro 2 Premiership campaign, where he got to raise a pennant with them both. He

was always immensely giving in his hockey wisdom to all who played with him, and brought many new players along for the ride.

He played in both the Summer Masters Competition based at Matlock Reserve and the over 45's HV Winter competition, always demonstrating his great passion for the game and his team mates. Never one to turn down a game of hockey, Graeme was prone to playing every game going when teams needed a fill in - his Monday nights often ended up being multi-game adventures. Graeme was universally thought of as a wise, kind, respectful and sincere gentleman. We will miss his smiling face, but the Club is greater due to his legacy.

**Tristan Cliff**





# JUNIOR SECTION

## Winter Competition

This year the Camberwell Junior Section fielded fifteen teams across four age groups with three u10 teams playing half field, four u12 teams, three u14 teams and five u16 teams. Five teams were Girls only and ten teams were Mixed. The total number of participants in the juniors CHC competition was 201, which was down 5% (10 players) on 2021. Girls numbered 62, representing 30% of the total playing group.

Of the twelve teams that played full pitch, four made the Finals and one of those were minor Premiers. Congratulations to the Girls Shield A team who made the grand final (Coached by Bridget O'Shea & Joanne Peeters).

Progression from juniors to seniors is a big step for any of our players, of the sixty five u16 players, 42 have now transitioned from the Junior program and have been introduced to their Women's and Men's sections. Fifteen players received the CHC medal for having participated in all six years of the u12, u14 and u16 competition's

and the girls and boys and their respective families should be very proud of that achievement. The commitment of providing two coaches for every team was maintained with both the Women's and Men's sections providing many of those coaches in either lead or development roles. I am always amazed and very proud of the sheer number of very talented and experienced coaches who make themselves available for our junior teams, many are parents and many are current players at CHC. It is through this structure that we are able to run a very thorough selection process and then pursue our overall goal of creating an environment in which every girl and boy develops their knowledge and skill of the great game of hockey as well as developing lifelong friendships at the club.

We do have concerns regarding competition from other sports, particularly AFL since we saw a reduction in numbers of participants from the previous season, also the flow on from covid and some players not returning has also reduced numbers in the juniors section.

We will once again fully staff our involvement in the HV 2022/3 Roadshow program but with a view to extending the involvement with associated schools across the full school year. We expect that engagement to attract greater participation in both Terms 1 and 4 of 2023.

We are extremely fortunate to have talented and committed members of the Junior Committee, Age Group Coordinators, Team Managers and Coaches who make it all happen and we thank each and everyone of you for your commitment and contribution.

## Hookin2Hockey

Programs were successfully run again in Terms 1 with 40 kids attending, and Term 4 where we expect 40-45 kids to attend. Like in previous years Camberwell's new facilities have created a very positive social environment for children, parents and families alike.

We were extremely fortunate to have Hamish Ridland leading the







Hookin2Hickey program this year. Like every program Hamish and his team of coaches, and their team of umpires are all to be congratulated for their delivery of a quality program.

### Stick2Hockey Intra Club

This program was run again in Terms 3 and 4 and was also enhanced through the new facilities providing a social hub for parents and families. The fixed time slot and focus on skill, fun and participation provide an important extension to HookIn2Hockey and the transition to u10's and u12's. We had great continuity in management, coaching and umpiring with effectively all those mentioned above in Hi2H involved in this program.

### Indoor Hockey

Following successful pre-covid years, the Club has once again committed to participating in the Indoor hockey program with the same level of structure and support provided to the winter program. We have entered 7 teams this year as follows; U12 Mixed Shield, U12 Girls only, U14 Mixed Shield, U14 Girls only, U16 Mixed Shield, U16 Girls only, U16 Mixed Pennant. We look forward to further achievements in Term 4, 2022 and must thank Scott Cashmere once again for leading the Indoor program for CHC this year.

### Summer Sixes

A total of 60 Girls and Boys (U10, U12, U14, U16) participated in the seven-week program in Term 4, 2021 and approx. 30 have enrolled for 2022. This year we have reduced the age groups and are just including U10 and U12, the U14 and U16 age group have been encouraged to consider the ever-growing Indoor program. Thanks of course to Steve Laussen and Sarah Church for running this program in 2021.

### JSC ('Hot Shots')

The Junior State Championships provide an opportunity for CHC players to be selected in a team (Eastern Hotshots) with players from Waverley, Knox and Echo, and compete against other zones from within the State across four days. JSC is a fantastic opportunity for our juniors to play in a well run and very competitive tournament. 4 Girls and 10 Boys were selected in the respective Under 13 teams where the Girls won a Bronze medal and the Boys finished in a tough tournament 9th place. 9 Girls and 3 Boys were selected in the respective Under 15 teams, with the Girls winning Gold and the Boys finishing in 4th place. 6 Girls and 10 Boys were selected in the Under 18 teams, the Girls and the Boys Teams both won a Gold Medal!!!. These were outstanding results and a credit to Alex Wong (Zone Co-ordinator for HV) and the Coaches and TM's from CHC that committed to the various teams.



#### U13 Boys

Coached by Liam Henderson and Angus Hendry  
Managed by Fiona Curl and Billy Chadwick

#### U15 Girls

Coached by Jayde Temby and Sierra Lee  
Managed by Matisse Daniel

#### U18 Girls

Coached by Ruby Webb and Charlotte Will  
Managed by Sierra Lee

#### U18 Boys

Managed by Henry Laussen

Will Aldred attended as the U13 Umpire which also including umpiring the U13 boys bronze medal match.

### Umpiring

The Junior umpiring program at CHC provides an additional way for our young players to enjoy their hockey experience. The program has three levels, Level 1, Community, and Beginner Umpires. We had 14 Returning umpires, a very promising 11 New Umpires and thanks also to 7 Parents/Coaches who also helped by umpiring during the season. This level of participation is critical to the Club maintaining its commitment to provide umpires across all levels of competition. The success of the program over the years has been such that we are now challenged with providing a large pool of umpires with experience and something we need to address with HV. Our program is the





Junior Section Continued...

envy of all Clubs and Melissa Norquay must be congratulated and thanked for the management, of the Junior Umpiring Program.

The CHC Junior program has developed and grown over many years such that the majority of effort goes into maintaining a structure, systems and processes that have proven to be successful. That being said, it still requires very dedicated, committed and talented individuals to make such a large program work. There are too many to name here, but the Club is once again indebted to Junior Committee members, AGC's, Coaches, TM's, and volunteers devoted to specific areas that simply make it all work. The section receives wonderful support from the Board, Women's and Men's sections and administratively. 'Great People, Great Club' is a reasonable mantra to adopt and we thank you all for maintaining high standards, delivering quality programs and most of all having fun.

See you on or at the field soon

**Marcus Edwards**  
Chair - Junior Section







# WOMEN'S SECTION

## What a year it has been, if we were to look at the year in numbers these would be my highlights:

- 142 registered players
- 9 teams (7 seniors and 2 masters) – the most we have ever had
- 13 Coaches + additional specialist coaches
- One of the longest undefeated stretches for the WPL side in recent history
- All senior teams and 1 masters team making finals!
- 6 Teams making the Grand Final
- 3 Premiership teams – Masters 45+, Pennant B and Metro – Congratulations to all involved
- Every team social engaged

We have so many amazing people that are constantly looking for ways that we can continue to improve both on and off the field. The tireless efforts of our members and committee have culminated in arguably our most successful season in recent times.

I remember sitting at a coaches meeting earlier in the year and the discussion was around “well why do people want to play”. Don’t get me wrong, we know we all want to win, but is this the only reason why we turn up to training and games week after week, rain hail or shine? Well, the overwhelming response was to have fun and connect. So, with this in mind it became our focus for the year, and it was a pleasant surprise to see that once we created this our on-field success followed.

Off the pitch this year has been filled with

- Group lunches, afternoon teas and dinners
- Development opportunities for our mind and body
- Fitness opportunities offered across the entire section

Each of these occasions were met with excitement and enthusiasm further reinforcing our ethos that we are more than just hockey.

None of these great opportunities would be possible without the help of our volunteers. We have 13 coaches supporting our 7 senior teams and a considerable number of specialist coaches also available throughout

the year to help with specific skills training. This number of coaching supports is rare for a section to have.

An enormous thanks goes out to all our coaches.

David Wansbrough, Geoff Perriman, Tynan White, Narelle Richardson, Pip Man, Suzanne Henderson, Matt Porritt, Alex Wong, Ollie Bell, Sam Balson, Alarna Nightingale, Sierra Lee, Adele Stewart and Paul Dixon.

Thank you to you all. You have all done an incredible job this year with making all our players feel connected, valued, and welcome. The time and effort that you put into your team and our section is amazing.





Women's Section Continued...

The CHC women's section is the place to be, and people outside the club are noticing this too, largely because of you all. Thank you. Not only have your efforts improved our section culturally and it would be amiss of me not to acknowledge the success that we have delivered on the scoreboard across all of our teams As mentioned every senior team made finals this year.

To our committee. What a power group. If you don't know this small but mighty group you should, because they are the ones that are pushing us at every corner. Suz Cannell, Pip Mann, Jane Perriman, Adele Stewart, John Faulks and Emmy Nottle. I remember thinking at the start of the year... do we need more numbers? But this group has proved that it is all about how efficient you are. Thank you for always raising the difficult conversations,

for talking through fresh and new ideas and for challenging us all.

Summary of all the amazing seasons each team had below:

**Premier League**

The Women's Premier League season enjoyed an incredible season with some spectacular hockey on the pitch and just as importantly some really significant growth off the field, with a very inclusive and friendly atmosphere fostered across the section and especially the reserves squad.

From the opening successive 7-0 wins over Melb Uni and Doncaster the teams attacking style captured the attention of all hockey followers across the country.

The result of 14 wins 3 draws and 2 losses

in the regular season with 93 goals for to 9 against demonstrates the success. In the end in the finals without a couple of stars (Laura Barden and Sophie Taylor) we just fell short but make no mistake this was a season of exceptional achievement across the group. Each week there was an amazing level of excitement and anticipation & will continue for years to come with many youngsters coming through to compliment the international stars in Hazuki Yuda and Joanne Peeters

We would like to thank the support team too with wonderful contributions from Board, the Women's Committee, Pip and Narelle, James for fitness, Grace our physio and Corinne as our excellent team manager.

There is a clear determination in the group to target a premiership in 2023





### WPLR

A team of both youth and wise heads, 35 players took to the field for WPLR in 2022 seeing them finish 2nd on the ladder heading into finals, scoring an amazing 95 goals for and only 24 against. Although the finals series didn't go the way they wanted, the team's improvement throughout the season paves the way for an exciting 2023.

### WPA

The WPA team had an extremely successful year finishing on top of the ladder as Minor Premiers. The team only lost 2 games for the entire season, the first game and unfortunately the last game which was the Grand Final. A total of 36 players participated in this team. They all contributed to the success of the team. Special thanks to the leadership team of Jane La Nauze, Lena Perriman and Prue Bouman who provided tremendous support to Suzanne as coach.

The group set a series of team goals at the start of the season. They were:

- 1. To finish in the top 4,
- 2. To enjoy playing and developing together as team
- 3. To earn the respect of our opposition by the way we play and our positive attitude.

We achieved all goals and more.

### WPB

PB had a good mix senior and junior player, that played well together and enjoyed their hockey this year. Great effort put in by everyone on and of the field, and while we all couldn't make trainings there was a obvious commitment to the team and fitness that was evident during the games. Challenged in the run home to finals and asked to prove themself on multiple occasions. This team had a point to prove and they did not disappoint! Great season and well-deserved Premiers!

### WPC

A promotion to a higher grade, new

unknown teams to face and COVID were but some of the challenges confronting this team at the start of the year. The only negative thing that could be said about the season is that it didn't end the way we'd have preferred it did. Otherwise, it was a year of overwhelmingly positive experiences on and off the field. This team grew together into what could only be described as a family filled with love, support, and incredible hockey players. Genuine fun and success don't often come hand in hand but this year it took the form of women's pennant C, and I don't doubt it will continue to do so for years to come.

### WPE

This team is made up of young girls who are highly motivated and enthusiastic about their hockey and their fitness training! It was great to see their never say die attitude week in week out, and this was the exact reason the girls were able to come from behind in the major semi-final to take the game in a penalty shootout and progress to the grand final. The team really deserved to make it to the final and should all be proud of themselves for their efforts individually and as a team this season.

### Metro

A phenomenal season which started with only have 3 official players which grew to become a cohesive team who went on to win the premiership! Thank you to everyone that contributed and made the metro team feel connected and valued.

### Masters

The women's Masters teams have gone from strength to strength over the past few years, bringing players back into hockey, getting Mums from the junior section, supporting players in a move from another club and getting new players involved in the sport we all love.

The 35 masters team this year had a fun season, finishing 5th, with a commitment for 2023 not to be the only women's team to not make finals!



The 45s on the other hand, retained their 2021 winning position and stormed through to be premiers in 2022. Congratulations to the 45s on a successful season, and congratulations to all of the women's masters players who have fostered a fun, inclusive and friendly competition, and it's great to see so many of you here tonight.

**Sara Conyers**  
Chair - Women's Section





Following the crushing disappointment of the 2021 season being cancelled, our President's message was of 'Unfinished Business.' Entering our third consecutive pre-season in January this year, that feeling was palpable as our players and support team swung into action to return hockey to Matlock.



Five of our seniors and three of our masters teams eventually reached that first finals series for three long years, with congratulations to our three premiers Men's Premier League, Men's Premier League Reserves and Men's 50A.

### Premier League

Our Premier League team was coached by Lachlan Anderson with a support crew of Hamish Prior (Manager), Nick Rees (Physiotherapist), Dr Roy Carey (Doctor), Alex Wong (Video) and James McGeoch (Fitness). Over the past two years an amazing nine players have made their debut. Congratulations to Sam Lowndes, Liam Henderson, Cam Wansbrough, Gus Hendry, Ollie Worcester, Ollie Will, Oskar Wallace, Sam Rusjan, Lachie Paice. This is a group who are regenerating themselves whilst maintaining their performance at





the very highest standard of Victorian club hockey.

The season also saw captain James Webster play his 300th first grade match of the club in round 16 against Doncaster; scoring the last gasp winner in an amazing come from behind thriller. An outstanding achievement from this champion clubman who has barely missed a round over his career. It was no surprise that James backed up his Hockey Victoria Premiership Team of the Year selection and Hockey Victoria joint Best & Fairest with the MPL Best & Fairest. Congratulations to Eden Davis who took out the Coaches Award and to Sam Lowndes taking out the Men's Section Best Junior Playing Seniors award.

I'd also like to thank all the other volunteers who make our Premier League home games so special. Michael Copey with the ball kids, Duncan Goldsmith, Peter Taylor and others on the tech bench, parents and partners managing the spread and Pauline and the canteen crew keeping us fed and watered. Well done everyone we couldn't do it without you.

Having narrowly lost the 2019 grand final, Premier League Reserves has not dropped a single point since. A come from behind win over Waverley secured the well

deserved premiership. Congratulations to coaches Cam Ridland and John Nailon to manager Derek Vanden Driesen and to the playing group on an outstanding season. Matthew Appleby won Best & Fairest and Declan Kerr-Lawley took out the Coaches award. Congratulations also to James Dean, suffering a season ending shoulder dislocation in the Preliminary Final, in taking out the Men's Section Top Scorer award.

## Pennant

The commitment and professionalism of our Pennant A group remain is simply unmatched at this level. Our long run of premierships finally ended in a semi-final shootout defeat but we will return hungry next season. Congratulations to coaches Ruby and Bill Webb and manager Ian Launder. I'm super proud of the work Ruby and Bill have completed this year, super proud of the playing group who worked into an incredible vein of form into the finals, and super proud of our club who can offer an opportunity for such a strong female role model in the men's section. Well done all. Congratulations Matthew Webb taking out the Best & Fairest and Finn Smith taking out the Coaches Award.

Pennant B had a fine run of form,

ultimately missing out in the semi by a single goal. Huge thank you to our match day coach Simon Eastham who has been able to pass on his wealth of knowledge to everyone in the team. Tim Burkhalter for his tireless efforts running the team and the large quantity of people that doubled up and filled in for the team across the year a huge thank you. Most of all I would like to thank all of the members of the MPA/B squad, the intensity and enjoyment each player brought on a weekly basis has been incredible. Congratulations Max Trollope taking out the Best & Fairest and Pat Leigh taking out the Coaches Award.

Pennant C were in contention for a finals berth right up until the last couple of rounds but finished up just outside in fifth position following a couple of very tight results. Congratulations to the group who battled a tough fixture with bye rounds and to Tim Gunzberg taking out the Best & Fairest and Charlie Hunter-Scott taking out the Coaches Award.

Congratulations to the entire season's Pennant E squad of 48 players and to the many volunteers in the team including – Fran Scheelings who has managed the team (and section) for some years, Murray Robinson, invaluable running the bench and Jason Reilly for assured



Men's Section Continued...



coaching and leadership. From a mid table team at the half way point of the season, we built momentum to rightfully earned a spot in the grand final. We held the lead until three minutes from time, and completed TWENTY shootout rounds to fall agonisingly short. Well done to Best & Fairest Lachlan Tadgell and Andrew Moore taking out the Coaches award.

### Metro

Our Metro team just missed out on finals this season after being on the receiving end of some tough scheduling and policy quirks. Congratulations to Lachie Graham winning Best & Fairest and Liam Anderson taking out the Coaches award. Huge thanks also to the group and Tim Oldham for integrating our transition cohort into training; and to our roster of guest coaches assisting with the sessions.

This year we endeavoured to provide additional support and resources to our lower grades and I'd like to offer my thanks to Adam Levin who took ownership of this and recruited a new sub-committee including Paul Dixon, Tim Kollmorgen, Fran Scheelings, Philippe Olivier, Sam Balson and Lachie Graham. The sub-committee will review areas including but not limited to transition and recruitment pathways, training, selection, match day, communication and social events. We will unfortunately miss Adam next year as he relocates for work, but he leaves us as the well deserved recipient of this years Tom Askill for Best Club Person award. Well done.

Also stepping back next year from a long term role with our lower grades is Steve Wittwer. Steve literally turns our selections into teams; managing players, schedules



and logistics to get boots on the ground. Steve has contributed an amazing period of outstanding work. Thank you and well done.

### Men's Masters

We once again had a strong master's response (140+ Players) to play the winter season with very few withdrawals. We determined to enter ten teams which included a 60+ and two 50+ winter teams.

Our teams competed strongly throughout a challenging season with several teams reaching the finals. The impact of COVID and injuries tested our depth at times, requiring some innovative selections and double-ups to ensure a full complement of players were available at each match on a Monday and Wednesday night.

### Special Thanks

I would like to extend my gratitude and thanks to the Men's Committee: Nick Ryan, Charlie Faulks, Paul Simmenauer, Richard Harris, Oliver Chauhan, Cal Taylor, Phil Martin, Ollie Harris, Tim Oldham, Ian Launder, Hamish Prior and Adam Levin who continue to provide exceptional management and support.

Finally I'd like to offer my great thanks and gratitude to Nick Ryan who has agreed to succeed me as Men's Chair. It's been ten years for me and time for a break. I am honoured to have played a small part in supporting our club. Nick is super organised, well connected and full of energy to take us forward. Thank you all.

**Steve Prior**  
*Chair Men's Section*



# JAMES WEBSTER 300



## 300 MPL GAMES and counting....

Milestone matches don't come around all that often, and they become increasingly rare as that number of matches go up. In round 16 of the 2022 Premier League season, James Webster joined a small, elite cohort of players to reach 300 games in the top flight of Victorian hockey.

Jimmy got started at Box Hill, but quickly moved over to Camberwell where he began the decorated career that he's had to date. His junior career was littered with state and rep teams, from state championship campaigns to selection in the Australian U16 team. All the while, he was playing in various senior sides as a junior, rising through the ranks from Metro 2 until in May of 2006 he played his first game for Camberwell's Men's State League One team.

In the late 2000s, Camberwell were on the cusp of entering a new era of dominance. 2009 saw the first of nine grand final appearances for Webster. Racking up 300 matches meant for some extraordinary personal statistics - in all these years of hockey, Jimmy has only missed one game due to injury!

It was a tough loss in the 2009 grand final to Doncaster, but in 2013 Camberwell exacted their revenge against the same side in a thrilling shootout win. More success was yet to come. Now captain, Jimmy went on to win three more premierships with our MPL side, in 2016, 2017 and 2022. Throughout this time, Webster won the Finn McNab Premier League Best and Fairest award in 2016 and 2022.

Throughout this period, Jimmy's presence at state and national tournaments continued to grow. In 2007, Jimmy played in both the under 18 and 21 Victorian teams, winning gold in the latter, and then again in 2010 at the same tournament. 2010 was also his first year playing for the Victorian Vikings, a side he played in for nine consecutive years until 2018, winning gold in 2016 and 2017.

Adding to this remarkable achievement, he was selected in the Victorian Vikings All Star Team, announced in 2018 as Hockey Australia pivoted away from AHL to the new Hockey One League.

Jimmy has won two Finn McNab Awards (Hockey's Brownlow equivalent) and is a four-time winner of the Box Wright Trophy for Men's Premier League Best and Fairest at Camberwell.

Throughout his time in the tangerine and blue, Jimmy has consistently proven a remarkable ambassador of our club and game. Congratulations on this incredible career to date, an achievement well earned.

**Hamish Prior**  
MPL Manager





# SUMMER MASTERS

The Summer season continued the concept of having all games at Matlock and playing six 40-minute games in a four-hour period, with a quick turn-around between games. It proved to be a huge success with all players at the one venue, experiencing the new turf and enjoying the clubroom facilities, refreshments and BBQ services running all night. This ensures that a most important part of our summer competition, the social aspect, has players and spectators encouraged to gather for post-match refreshments.



We again conducted our competition as an intra-club competition whilst still maintaining the cover and player insurance as registered members of HV. We had 180 players participating: a mixture of our regular men's winter players, 'summer only' masters, club friends, an increase in women's master's players and a group of new masters.

Our Summer sponsorship is unique and again continued, in that each team has an individual sponsor drawn from local and/or member's businesses. Our sponsors contribute towards team shirts and the operation of the overall competition. However, with the uncertainty of the summer season occurring, we ran out of time to organise individual sponsor shirts. All the sponsors understood the situation and recommitted to their ongoing sponsorship. We thank them for their continued support and to Fashion Club Wear (Andrew Minter) for his assistance with our summer team shirts.

## Highlights of Our Summer Season

- 12 CHC Teams - 180+ players ... playing all 6 games each Monday at Camberwell. It was great to see the whole master's section (women and men) at one location.
- Largest summer comp in Victoria.
- Closeness of the competition – we endeavour to have all teams equally balanced.
- Excellent spirit of competition and high standard of games.
- Introduction of under 35YO 'future masters' group to the competition.
- Our weekly 'Summer Dump' email newsletter sent to all players.
- Successful Grand Wine Raffle – Raising **\$2415.50** to support CHC Junior development.
- Our continuing relationships with our sponsors from the previous season

The Summer season doesn't run by itself, and the Masters Committee would like to acknowledge and thank on behalf of all players, the fantastic efforts of the following club members who made the season run so smoothly.

- Canteen Staff Pauline and Bailey Webb for Bar and BBQ each week.
- Thanks to our Team Captains / Coaches and Managers
- A particular feature of our summer competitions has been the use of junior and young players from the club as umpires to officiate matches. This has been highly successful and has led to further umpire development.

Thanks to all our summer season's umpires, in particular Ollie Chauhan for organising the umpire's roster.

To Neil Pratt and Paul Ryan for their generosity and donations to the success of the Grand Final Wine Raffle.

**Jim Forsyth**



# TWO SPECIAL LIFE MEMBERS

Since the planning for this special page on two of our Life Members sadly one, Bill Horman, passed away:"



## Bill "Jock" Horman

*Life Member and Club Legend*

Bill (or Jock as he was more affectionately known) was one of the Dryden St Mob - local kids who played a form of hockey in the streets surrounding our ground using fence pickets for hockey sticks and all manner of materials to make a hockey ball. The "Mob" included Alan Carnell, plus other well known 'hockey family' people - Rick & John Purser, Stan Brett & Noel Goodman.

He always played at CHC once joining as a junior; was an wonderful senior player through the 1950's and 1960's and was an outstanding club man. In his hockey career, he

- Played in CHC's A1 team (top grade) from 1950 to 1964
- Victoria Under 21 Representative from 1950 to 1953 (and Captain in 1952 & 1953)

- Victoria State Team Representative from 1954 to 1964
- Was selected for the Australian Olympic Mens Hockey Team for the 1960 Olympics but was unable to go to Rome and compete as there was no financial assistance to athletes in those days. Bill had just moved into a new house and had a child due in November of that year.
- VAHA Delegate in 1961
- CHC Committee member from 1967 to 1977
- CHC Selector for all teams from 1976 to 1982
- Team Manager of CHC SL1 (now MPL) through the highly successful 80's & 90's (6 Premierships)
- CHC Property Steward from 1972 to 1982
- CHC Records Secretary in 1981 & 1982, but most likely continued in the role thereafter during that decade.
- CHC Life Member since 1989
- Member of the CHC 'Team of the Century' which was announced 19 July 2000

He was instrumental in supervising the installation of the first ever floodlights at Matlock Park, which had been donated by the Nicholas Aspro family from their Burnham Beeches property in Sherbrooke. As an aside, CHC was the first and only Melbourne hockey club to have had a floodlit

pitch back then, where you could train at night and which also allowed CHC players to have practice matches vs international hockey teams prior to the start of the 1956 Olympics.

He was an astute hockey brain and could read game play better than most on the sidelines (and on the pitch) whilst managing. Team players of that time have told of passages of play where Bill picked impending turn-overs whilst everyone else thought we had complete control - they then watched in disbelief as the opposition turned us inside out.

He was also legendary in days gone past of smoking up an absolute cloud on the sidelines when games became tense. He hardly ever ventured an opinion though during any game. "That was the Coach's job". I think Argy (Don Argus), amongst others, was happy with that.

We could go on, but perhaps we should be pleased and proud to have had a great club man and role model (he did give up the ciggies) from our earlier years. Bill passed on 1 October 2022, just a few weeks before his 90th birthday.

**Terry Ryan**



## Sue Howard

*Life Member Camberwell Women's Hockey Club*

Sue joined the Camberwell Women's Hockey Club (CWHC) to play first grade hockey in 1983, having moved from Canberra to Melbourne to attend University a couple of years earlier.

In 1983 the CWHC comprised two senior women's teams, and the Club relied heavily on the work of the Secretary at the time, Sherryl Jamison. The load of keeping the club afloat required the work of more people, and Sue joined the Committee

as President in 1984, understanding the importance of volunteering in sustaining community sport. She stayed in the role until 1992.

This was a period of stability, growth and success with many capable women in playing, coaching, umpiring and administrative roles. In 1984 Susie Payne and Karen Russ got the first junior girls teams going. A couple of years later Celia Pollock and Pam Jarvis took over coordinating the junior girls section allowing our senior players to focus on coaching and mentoring. Soon our junior girls were filling senior teams at all levels. By 1990 there were six senior women's teams and six junior girl's teams.

Besides work, life at this time was consumed with playing, training, umpiring, being involved with the administration of hockey and socialising with the many friends she made at the Club. Sue played in the Camberwell firsts for ten years and

was involved in three premierships. She played another seven years in the seconds and played masters hockey for Camberwell and Victoria until 2002. Sue played State Hockey a couple of times, enjoyed many memorable Easter tournaments in Albury and was part of Camberwell's over 40's team that won gold at the World Masters Games in 2002.

While Sue was President communications between the CWHC and the Camberwell men's club became more formalised and coordinated, but the women's club remained autonomous, and maintained a separate identity until the CHC and the CWHC amalgamated in 2006. Gathering information and recording the history of the Camberwell Women's Club, is something Sue is keen to work on to help round out the whole story of this great community sporting club.

**Janie Davey**



# MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID COMMITTEE

**It was wonderful this year just to be able to complete a full year of hockey! The committee has been busy as ever helping to support the mental health and well-being of our Club.**

One of the highlights of the year was being recognised as the 'Most Inclusive Club' at the Boroondara Community Awards, as well as being finalists in the category of the 'Most Innovative Club' for our Pet Wall Project. Paul Dixon, one of our committee members, was also recognised with a Lifetime Achievement Award. We congratulate him for this well-deserved award.

Grants we received from BUPA and VicHealth made it possible for us to implement many of our project ideas this year. We also received a grant from Jellis Craig through our success at the Award night. We are very thankful to these organisations for supporting us.



We ran mental health and wellbeing sessions through Sport and Life Training (SALT).

Following a short member survey and extensive discussions with SALT, we decided to run the following sessions at the Club:

1. Positive Coaching
2. Well-Being and Mental Health (females)
3. Well-Being and Mental Health (males)
4. Healthy Masculinity

The feedback received from these sessions was positive and there was increased discussion across the Club about supporting those with mental health challenges. We aim to provide some further sessions on request next year.

Another project we facilitated this year was centred around social inclusiveness in teams, as we wanted to foster a feeling of belonging and ongoing connectedness to the Club. What better way to do this than through food! Many dinners were arranged for the teams, with the committee assisting with organising and setup activities.

Pride round was once again celebrating inclusiveness for everyone regardless of their gender or sexual orientation. Mental Health Week was a week dedicated to asking the question 'R U ok?' and spreading the equally important message that it is 'OK to not be OK'.

The MHFA team has continued to quietly assist club members as qualified Mental Health First Aiders, connecting those in need to appropriate services.

Our core team consists of Liz, Kelli, Britt, Mary, Kerri, Jane, Paul and Lena. Others have joined in when they can, and we welcome new members any time. We would like to thank the CHC Board for allowing us to implement our ideas, and we look forward to 2023.

**Liz Grant**  
*Convenor*







# PRIDE COMMITTEE

**Pride at Camberwell. This manifests itself in many ways, our pride on the field, our pride at being associated with our club and in recent years it is starting to be seen in relation to LGBTQ inclusion within our club and more broadly within the sporting sphere in which we live.**

Pride round at Matlock is something that is becoming a staple and a highlight of every year and 2022 was no exception. The Pride committee underwent some changes this year and was also combined with our fantastic Mental Health Committee. Pride round this year had a familiar look of colour, with more than 10 of our senior teams donning the pride socks across two weekends. Its really important to note that whilst the pride socks are a great part of the weekend, the round and indeed CHC stand for more than just the visibility of inclusion.

At CHC we strive to create an environment where anyone and everyone feels they can enter our space, feel welcome, safe and included. We hope that not just our players, coaches, officials and administrators can also be themselves at all times. This is something that we have been working towards over a number of years and we will continue our work to make this a reality. Unfortunately, this isn't the current case within sport in Australia, we must continue to educate ourselves and be prepared to improve. Studies tell us that over 80% of participants in sport have heard homophobic language in the last 12

months. They tell us that 75% of people don't believe that openly gay people would be safe as a spectator at a sporting event. They also tell us that through open conversations and education we can drastically reduce these numbers. I feel that CHC has been genuinely committed to creating change.

I would like to thank the entire mental health committee for their help this year, in particular Ruby Phillips, Britt Simmons, Kelly Simmons and of course Tara for her brilliant decorations that made Pride Round such a success.

If you would like to learn more about the space or be involved in the Pride Committee in 2023 please let us know. The more the merrier.

**Tom Winter**  
*Convenor*





## 2022 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

<b>KOOKABURRAS</b> <i>Anthony Potts (Assistant Coach)</i>
<b>MEN'S NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SQUAD</b> <i>Max Hendry</i>
<b>WOMEN'S NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SQUAD</b> <i>Laura Barden, Sophie Taylor</i>
<b>AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR (U21) SQUAD</b> <i>Liam Henderson, Sam Lowndes</i>
<b>HOCKEY AUSTRALIA FUTURE TALENT SQUAD</b> <i>Lachlan Paice, Oliver Will</i>
<b>AUSTRALIAN MEN'S MASTERS 2022 WORLD CUP</b> <i>060s - Kevin McLaughlin, Simon Winter, Jim O'Shea (Shadow)</i> <i>070s - Doug Watson (Shadow)</i>
<b>AUSTRALIAN MEN'S WC INDOOR SQUAD</b> <i>Jake Sherren</i>
<b>AUSTRALIAN MEN'S JUNIOR INDOOR SQUAD</b> <i>Liam Henderson</i>
<b>AUSTRALIAN EMERGING INDOOR SQUAD</b> <i>Women: Matisse Daniel</i> <i>Men: Lachlan Paice, Angus Hendry</i>
<b>INTERNATIONAL UMPIRE</b> <i>Jim Unkles</i>
<b>NATIONAL UMPIRES</b> <i>U21 - Jim Unkles</i> <i>U18 - Ollie Chauhan</i> <i>U15 - Lachlan Avil</i> <i>Women's Masters - Vanessa Ponza</i>

## 2022 VICTORIAN STATE REPRESENTATIVES

<b>HC MELBOURNE</b> <i>Women: Krissy Bates, Joanne Peeters</i> <i>Men: Eden Davis, Liam Henderson, Max Hendry, Jake Sherren, Lachlan Anderson (Coach), Nick Rees (Physiotherapist)</i>
<b>VICTORIAN MASTERS WOMEN</b> <i>045s - Jane Elzinga.</i> <i>050s - Jules Ashmore, Jenny Morley, Narelle Richardson</i> <i>055s - Belinda McGee</i> <i>060s - Jo Hale. Sally Wansbrough, Trish Young</i> <i>065s - Sue Barling, Janie Davey, Karen Rees</i>
<b>VICTORIAN MASTERS MEN</b> <i>050s Div 1 - Jeremy Da Sylva, Jordy Schelleback, Marcus Edward</i> <i>050s Div 2 - Andrew Neideck, Paul Dixon (Manager)</i> <i>055s Div 1 - Scott Cashmere, Lachlan Dreher</i> <i>055s Div 2 - Dermot Browne, Tony Coombes</i> <i>060s Div 1 - Jim O'Shea (Player/Coach), Kevin McLaughlin, Simon Winter</i> <i>060s Div 2 - Michael Butler</i> <i>065s Div 1 - Norman Same</i> <i>065s Div 2 - Paul Linnosier</i> <i>070s - Peter Ridland, Doug Watson</i> <i>75s - John Longmuir</i>
<b>VICTORIAN U21</b> <i>Women: Sophie Taylor (Asst Coach)</i> <i>Eden Davis, Thomas Dyal, Josh Henderson, Liam Henderson, Angus Hendry, Sam Lowndes, Oliver Will, Nick Rees (Physiotherapist)</i>
<b>VICTORIAN U18</b> <i>Women: Lucy Dunlop, Sierra Lee, Jayde Temby, Andrew Henderson (Coach), Kristi Smith (Physio)</i> <i>Men: Sam Lowndes, Lachlan Paice, Miller Smith, Oliver Will</i>
<b>U18 DEVELOPMENT TEAM</b> <i>Women: Kate Carter, Meg Mortensen, Lauren Phillips, Greta Wansbrough</i> <i>Men: Henry Laussen, James Horsey, Terry Ryan (Manager)</i>
<b>VICTORIAN U15</b> <i>Girls: Chloe Dunlop, Regan Smith, Bailey Wallace, Georgia Wallace (Manager)</i> <i>Boys: Will Aldred</i>
<b>U15 DEVELOPMENT TEAM</b> <i>Girls: Claudia Trollope</i>
<b>U13 STATE (VENOM)</b> <i>Girls: Brooke Kafer</i>
<b>U13 DEVELOPMENT (VOLT)</b> <i>Lila Ancher, Alex Wong (Assistant Coach)</i>
<b>SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA (SSV)</b> <i>U16 Girls: Jade Henderson, Domenic Bozzone, Meg Mortensen, Chloe Dunlop - Emergency, Regan Smith - Emergency</i> <i>U16 Boys: Henry Laussen</i>

## HOCKEY VICTORIA AWARDS

<i>Fin McNab Men's Premier League Best &amp; Fairest</i> <i>James Webster</i>
<i>David Saleeba Award - Male Umpire of the Year</i> <i>Jim Unkles</i>
<i>Dieter Lau Medal - Best Junior Umpiring Seniors - Boy</i> <i>Lachlin Avil</i>
<i>WPL AllStar Team</i> <i>Sophie Taylor - Defender, Joanne Peeters - Midfield</i>
<i>MPL AllStar Team</i> <i>James Webster - Midfield, Max Hendry - Midfield, Liam Henderson - Striker, Nathan Copey - Interchange, Lachlan Anderson (Coach)</i>
<i>Hockey Victoria Life Membership</i> <i>David Wansbrough, Rob Dalton, Terry Ryan</i>

## 2022 LADDER POSITION

Team	Ladder	After Finals
<b>SENIORS</b>		
MPL	2nd	Premiers
WPL	2nd	5th
MPLR	Minor Premiers	Premiers
WPLR	2nd	5th
MPA	3rd	3rd
WPA	Minor Premiers	2nd
MPB	3rd	4th
WPB	Minor Premiers	Premiers
MPC	5th	5th
WPC	2nd	2nd
MPESE	2nd	2nd
WPESE	3rd	2nd
WMetro1	2nd	Premiers
MMetro2	5th	5th
<b>MASTERS</b>		
WM35B	5th	5th
WM45	Minor Premiers	Premiers
M40A	7th	7th
M45BSE	3rd	3rd
M45CSE Tang	12th	12th
M45CSE Blue	9th	9th
M45D Tang	6th	6th
M45D Blue	9th	9th
M45+NW	7th	7th
M50A	3rd	Premiers
M50B	6th	6th
M60	3rd	4th
<b>JUNIORS</b>		
U16 B Shield A	4th	4th
U16 G Shield A	Minor Premiers	2nd
U16 B Pennant	6th	6th
U16 G Pennant	4th	4th
U16 M District	6th	6th
U14 B Shield A	10th	10th
U14 G Shield A	6th	6th
U14 B District	6th	6th
U12 B Shield A	4th	4th
U12 G Shield	6th	6th
U12 B Pennant	5th	5th
U12 B Dist SE	6th	6th
U10 B Dist Tang	2nd	2nd
U10 B Dist Blue	6th	6th
U10 G Dist SE	2nd	2nd





# BOROONDARA SPORTS AWARDS

## During the year Camberwell Hockey Club was recognised again at the City of Boroondara Sports Awards.

Held annually the awards recognise the role sport plays in the community and are designed to increase community participation, improve community health and well being and foster social connection.

This year the Club won the award for Inclusive Club of the Year and was one of three finalists in the Innovative Club of the year. This latter award had been won for the previous two years by CHC. In addition, our very own Paul Dixon was recognised with a Lifetime Achievement Award for having had a significant impact on the development of sport in the City of Boroondara.



### Inclusive Club of the Year

*Following is part of the submission for the award.*

*During yet another Covid lockdown in August 2021 the Camberwell Hockey Club Mental Health First Aid Group came up with a brilliant initiative. It was displaying beloved pet photos along the boundary fence of Matlock Reserve with the aim to put smiles on the faces of those who walk past it. The response was overwhelming with over 800 pet photos on display. The Club invited anyone in the community who would like to recognise their pet for the support they gave during Covid.*

*At any time of the day you would find locals, and others, enjoying the vast array of photos – dogs, cats, guinea pigs, birds – even two cows. The photos sparked happy smiles and conversations and were a welcome distraction from the sixth lockdown we all experienced.*

Feedback from the community was nothing but enthusiastically supportive. Over 350 comments unsolicited comments received.



### Innovative Club of the Year

*Following is part of the submission for the award.*

*Following the tragic death of a young female player in 2019, the Club reflected on how it could ensure that it was as supportive as it could be to all players and their families both on and off the field. Initially, the Club asked for volunteers to become Mental Health First Aid Officers. The Club provided on-site mental health training. There was a ground swell of support from members wishing to become a trusted 'first responder' to any club member (or their family) requiring assistance and support in this area.*

*The Mental Health First Aid Group at the club have conducted a very wide range of programs from speakers to special gift packs for players starting their Year 12 exams.*

### Jellis Craig Award

In addition to the above recognition the Club was awarded a special award from Jellis Craig as part of their community award program. This award was also a recognition of the Club's awareness of and practical support in the mental health of our members and the community generally.



# SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING



**With our first full season in over 2 years the club was looking to come out with a bang bringing back some of the old favourites that we have known to expect in a normal hockey season. Over the year the team was able to put on a large array of events that have been widely received by the club members. These events have included Trivia night, Women's round, Men's round & presentation night.**

The events were run and facilitated by a large selection of social committee members that were able to take it in turns running and suggesting ideas for each event. This method of planning and thinking was intended to promote a broader approach to each of our events and including as many members in the club at each event as possible. Through these events we were able to provide more enjoyment for the Wellers community outside of the normal match day games and helped people cement friendships with the club members we spend so much time with.



The trivia night was themed 'Through the Decades' in which we saw a fantastic collection of dress ups. The event got the sharpest minds of CHC going at it for 3 hours to attempt to prevail as the smartest







table, whilst also creating a great fundraiser for the club. The event also had a large collection of generous gifts that had been auctioned off that also helped in creating valuable fundraising for the club.



Women's & Men's rounds were run more around the club with most teams wearing pink & blue socks for the respective rounds. The teams continued to celebrate the two rounds with social media posts in the lead up to the two events, celebratory food & drinks supplied at the canteen ('The Well') and club-based events. These events included a celebration in the club rooms after the Women's round, a raffle to raise money for Berry St Charity and a BBQ after the men's round to get people talking & communicating. The committees also worked in coordination with the Mental Health & Wellness group to ensure that the mental health presentations were given in the two respective weeks to tie the events together.

The final event of the calendar was the presentation night. Hosted at the iconic MCG 225 CHC guests were in the Olympic room for a night of glitz & glamour hosted by Camberwell's own Harry Lang & Keeley Pledge. The event was a great opportunity for the club to look back on the collection and individual successes of the club and celebrate that with awards, trophies and photos.

Huge thank you must go to our fantastic social committee comprised of Callum Taylor, Ruby Webb, Emmy Nottle, Adele Stewart, Prue Bouman, Pauline Webb, Lucy Barret and Sara Conyers. The club is very lucky to have these hardworking volunteers.

**Nick Ryan**  
*Convenor*



# 2022 FINANCE REPORT

**The major focus for 2022 was a return to playing hockey for the entire season.**

The Club's underlying Income returned to historic levels with all major Income generating activities able to be completed in 2022. Total Income was \$434,545, a modest increase on 2021. Membership Fees were flat year on year. The Canteen operated at full capacity for the entire year and we continue to be well supported by a diverse group of Sponsors. Once again other revenue streams resulting from playing hockey such as Uniform Sales, Ground Hire and Fundraising activities

continue to enable the Club to deliver a broad range of programs to its members.

The vast majority of our Cash Operating Expenditure is linked to our core purpose of playing hockey. In 2022 our Cash Operating Expenditure was \$332,034, an increase of \$98,474 or 42% and this is entirely attributable to there being a full Summer and Winter Season.

We also record non cash expenditure in the form of Depreciation in our accounts and this was \$79,631 in 2022, an increase of \$25,142 on 2021. The increase is a result of major capital works completed in the past 12 months being the pitch resurfacing and also the new scoreboard.

With regard to the Balance Sheet, the club has maintained a sound level of Cash Reserves which currently sit at \$645,939. This is a reduction year on year of \$139,119, however when you consider it is after capital expenditure of \$244,336, this is a very sound result. The Club recorded positive cash flow from operations of \$99,206 in 2022.

The board considers it prudent to maintain a strong level of cash reserves so as to ensure operating flexibility into the future.

**Stuart Will**  
*Treasurer*

# COMMUNICATIONS

Continuing on the success of the last two years the communication committee worked on maintaining the success for 2022, and focused on ensuring all the Camberwell community were connected in various ways throughout the year.

Thank you to Britt Simmons, Issy Harris, Ruby Webb, Hamish Prior, Narelle Richardson, Steve Prior, and Ruby Phillips for continuing the great work, always looking for new ways to keep our members engaged and connected and for working well as a team to keep the wheels turning.

Campaigns throughout the year included:

- Mental Health sessions aimed at whole of club
- Come and try days for Juniors and Women's programs
- Social and Fundraising events: Trivia night, Men's and Women's Round, Presidents Raffle
- Development opportunities: Coaching courses, State trials
- Livestream of Premier League games and finals

## Website:

Overall, the Camberwell Hockey Club website had another strong year, pivoting back to the kind of engagement we expect during a full season of hockey.

Visits are  $\uparrow$  about 16% year on year to 14k. Unique visitors are  $\uparrow$  about 19% to 12k which was expected in our first full year out of the pandemic, but great to see, nonetheless.

Geographically, about 13% of our traffic comes from overseas. This is down from last year a bit but given our focus has returned significantly back to on-field activities, it makes sense that more of our traffic would be local. Again, we are seeing the majority of this is coming from the US, in most cases big field hockey states. Otherwise, it's mostly field hockey countries: The UK, India, Canada, Japan, NZ and the continental European powerhouses.

Setting aside the landing page, "Get Involved" proved most popular, followed by a roughly even spread across resources, news, registration and about. Contact form submissions are up by 43% year on year.

Google search performance is  $\uparrow$  about 95% which is quite significant, but we must remember that prior to April last year we weren't getting the full data, so there's a bit of a discrepancy there. Search impressions are around 386k which is a 302% increase. Our click through rate is down 51% though to 1.13%.

## Social Media:

Social Media continues to be one of our biggest channels for connecting with all our members and through new, exciting, and engaging marketing material we continue to increase our community reach. With more varied and exciting topics/events across all areas of the club we saw an increase in our engagement as a result.

### **Twitter: In game progress and build awareness**

- Followers: 688  $\uparrow$  5.3%
- Impressions: 69421
- Profile Visits 46452
- Mentions: 83

### **Instagram: Inspire and tell stories**

- Followers: 1808  $\uparrow$  9.4%
- Reach: 17,347  $\downarrow$  7.5%
- Page visits: 12,106  $\uparrow$  94.7%

### **Facebook: Sharing and discussions**

- Followers: 1627  $\downarrow$  1.5%
- Reach: 13,203  $\uparrow$  48.7%
- Page visits: 9,266  $\uparrow$  122.7%

### **Content with the greatest reach:**

- Happy 90th Birthday: 2674 reach
- 300 Games Jimmy Webster: 2627 reach
- Great start to the season – round 1: 2600 reach

## Newsletter:

Our WOC Newsletter continues to be our main communication channel to members for our club news. We send out a weekly WOC newsletter containing a wide range of information including results, State and National team announcements, club news, wellbeing articles and so much more. Sections also send out newsletters containing information specific to each section, including match reports, team announcements and upcoming programs. Since December 2021 we've sent 147 email campaigns to our nearly 1500 subscribers (or sub sections of) equating to over 119,934 individual emails being sent, with an overall open rate of 64.1%.

## Profiles:

A new initiative that we have introduced this year is the – Volunteer Profiles. These profiles are an opportunity for us to recognise not only the amazing work that is being done inside our club but also outside our club in the community. There are so many incredible people at our club and it is our pleasure to be able celebrate them throughout the year. If there is anyone that you would like us to bring into the spotlight please let our comms team know – [comms@camberwellhockeyclub.com.au](mailto:comms@camberwellhockeyclub.com.au).

### **Sara Conyers**

*Convenor*



# Camberwell Hockey Club Inc. Board Members 2021-2022



### SIMON WINTER - PRESIDENT

Simon is an Elected Board Member and has been President since 2018. Simon is responsible for club liaison with Hockey Victoria, local council, Koonung Secondary College and State and Federal politicians. Simon has been a member of the Camberwell Hockey Club for 23 years as a player, coach, team manager, umpire and a men's master's sub committee member. Simon is a director of his own Owners Corporation Management business and has served on the committees of several other local community sporting clubs.



### SUZ CANNELL

Suz is an appointed Board member joining the Board this year who joined our club in 2015. Suz has been a major contributor to the club as a player and particularly in her role as Secretary of the Women's Section, Masters Coordinator and Selection Coordinator. Suz is an avid runner when not playing and administrating at Camberwell. Suz works for Glen Eira Council in Recreation and Infrastructure. Suz has also recently been appointed as a gender equity ambassador with Hockey Victoria.



### PIP MANN

Pip is an Elected Board Member and has responsibility for Club Governance matters and the Retention of Women Strategy. She is an experienced Legal & Governance Counsel and has a passion for hockey, encouraging everyone to get involved at the Club in whatever capacity they can. Pip has been a player and member at the Club since 2002. She has contributed to the Club through sitting on the women's committee since 2014, as well as coaching junior and senior teams.



### NICK RYAN

Nick is an Elected Board Member, in his first year on the board. He has been secretary of the men's section for the last three years and a member of the men's committee since 2015. Nick's portfolio for the board this year was the Social committee. Nick still plays hockey for the club as he has done since 2008, Playing for the club is a family affair with his father Paul playing masters and sister Kate in the women's section. Nick is a firefighter for Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV) and prior to that worked as a project coordinator in the construction industry. He has a Bachelor in Project Management (Honours) from RMIT.



### SARA CONYERS

Sara is Section Board Member in her 3rd year leading the Women's section, additionally she responsible for the Communications portfolio. Sara first came to Camberwell in 2002 as a player and has contributed to the club through the women's committee since 2014, coaching, assisting with coordinating the Hin2H program, and coordinating the social and fundraising events. Sara's background is in marketing and communications and currently works in the world of philanthropy as a Development Manager at The University of Melbourne.



### MARY PHILLIPS

Mary is an elected member of the board and is also responsible for the Mental Health and First Aid (MHFA) committee. Mary came to Camberwell in 2014 as a parent of a junior player and contributed to the club as a team manager to various teams over the years. Her background is in information systems, consulting and project management. She is currently working as a Director at Deakin University within the Graduate Employment Division.



### JOHN UNKLES - CLUB SECRETARY

John is an Appointed Board Member and has been involved in some capacity at the club for over 35 years. He has served on both the Junior and Men's Committees. Now retired John's working life was spent managing professional institutes and trade associations. His time is now divided between family including grandchildren, the hockey club, his roles with Anglicare Victoria, the Canterbury Community Action Group and as a tour guide at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.



### MARCUS EDWARDS

Marcus is a Section Board Member (Junior) in his first year leading the Junior's Section, he first came to Camberwell in 2018 following his daughter who began in 2016. Marcus currently contributes to the club as a Junior Coach (Indoor U12) and as a Team Manager for the Masters 50A Team. Marcus is currently the Chief Product Officer & Founding Director for, a company providing SaaS to critical infrastructure industries globally.



### STEVE PRIOR

Steve is a Section Board Member, in his third year as Chair of the Men's Section. He was previously Chair of the Junior Section. Steve is also a major contributor to the Communications Working Group. His expertise in IT and the use of social media has been of immense value to the Club. Steve has been involved in the Camberwell Hockey Club for over 18 years as a parent, manager, committee and Board member



### STUART WILL - TREASURER

Stuart is an Elected Board Member and has been Club Treasurer since 2013 and involved with the club since 2011. Stuart oversees the financial stability of the club and is responsible for budgeting and capital expenditure prioritisation. Stuart is a Senior Finance Executive by profession and is also a Board Member of Point Lonsdale Surf Life Saving Club as well as being a proud supporter of The Mirabel Foundation.









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