



CAMBERWELL HOCKEY CLUB

92nd ANNUAL REPORT

2022-2023



Sports Club
Accreditation
Program

GOLD
2023
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CHC 2023 THE YEAR IN NUMBERS

42	Teams
7	Men's
7	Women's
15	Juniors
13	Masters (inc 3 womens)
708	Games
361	Wins (52%)
94	Draws (13%)
249	Losses (35%)
1694	Goals for (2.4/game)
105	Highest number of goals scored for the season (WPLR)
1313	Goals against (1.9/game)
6	Lowest number of goals conceded for the season (U14 Girls Shied B)
13	Highest number of games where no goal was conceded for a team (WPLR)
6	Minor Premiers - 1 Junior, 4 Women's and 1 Men's Masters
24	Teams in finals 63% - 5 Juniors, 6 Women's, 6 Men's, 5 Men's Masters and 2 Women's Masters
16	Teams in Grand Finals (42%) - 4 Juniors, 5 Women's, 3 Men's, 3 Men's Masters and 1 Women's Masters
9	Premierships (24%) - 2 Junior, 3 Women's, 1 Men's, 2 Men's Masters and 1 Women's Masters
17	Australian Reps (teams & squads)
8	HC Melbourne reps
78	Reps in other Victorian Teams (indoor & outdoor)
1	International Umpire
23.15	WPL Average Age
23.27	MPL Average Age
46	Highest number of players through a team (MPB)
78	Oldest Male Player
68	Oldest Female Player



Simon Winter
President

CAMBERWELL HOCKEY CLUB

"THE WHOLE
IS GREATER
THAN THE SUM
OF ITS PARTS"

Aristotle (384-322 BC)

I was born in the sixties, ok, very early sixties. A simple life on a simple planet. No fast food, no sunscreen, no seatbelts, no baby capsules, black and white TV and no mobile phones, just to name a few. I used to play on large building sites on the weekends with my brothers 7 & 5 yo. I didn't know any better and life was great.

Most toys were wooden until someone discovered that they could make toys from plastic. A whole new world of colour and choking hazards opened up, even before "choking hazard" was an expression. Kellogg's have a lot to answer for in my book!

A new board game, "Mousetrap" was launched and every birthday boy, at every birthday party between 5-10, got one. So many small parts for younger brothers and sisters to swallow, break and lose! The idea of the game was a collaboration between players to build the ridiculously complex mousetrap, which eventually, would require 24 different parts to work in perfect harmony to get one of the players pieces, a very small plastic mouse, to be trapped. When it happened everyone would yell "Mousetrap". Getting to the end, almost never happened. It hardly ever went exactly to plan. Usually, parts were not put together properly. Substitute parts for a lost part, rarely bridged the void. So



exciting was the thought of having the mousetrap catch the mouse, however, that the enthusiasm for the task never waned. We would encourage each other to play and work together to build the ultimate device to trap the mouse. It was far more than a board with a collection of colourful plastic parts.



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As the mice worked their way around the board the trap was being built. About the same time as the mice reached the "Cheese" to win, the players could set in motion the trap. Excitement rose. It started with a turn of a handle, which pushed a boot, that kicked a marble down some stairs, then a shoot, knocking a big ball through a hoop, into a bath, onto a see saw, propelling a man into a tub, that shook a pole and allowed the net to fall over the mouse... MOUSTRAP!

The complexity of the game has some remarkable similarities with the way the Camberwell Hockey Club works. The seemingly impossible task is made easier with many hands working together. The chain of events is understood and each participant has a role. Sometimes there are parts missing and substitutes need to be found. Many people have the job of finding all the parts before we need them, others have the task of finding the players, initially, brightly coloured little "mice" that we have to teach how to play and then keep teaching so they get better.

As new "mice" arrive, we teach new players how to look after the mice. The trick is to make sure we are still having fun! This fun element sustains the game and keeps us all coming back.

At the end of every year, we tally up how many mice we have and how many games we won. Success used to be just about the games we won, but more and more we are



keen to know the amount of fun we have too.

Of course, it is not a board game, it is real and the collaborative spirit, interest in others and being organised enough to run a big club is the ability of the collective to make it all happen.

We are still very interested in how well we play the game and in the case of last year we won the 2022 Men's Premier League and this year we won the 2023 Women's Premier League. This is a remarkable achievement.

Additionally, 8 other grand final wins including "back to back" for the MPLR team. Grand Finals are hard to get into and even harder to win. Congratulations to all 16 teams that played off in a Grand Final.

When we are not playing the game, we are looking off field and thinking about our community and what is important. We focused on women and girls, men's health, PRIDE in the community, NAIDOC week and Mental Health. These events were run by a team promoting and educating and starting a conversation that adds to the collective understanding and reflecting our community values.

The support of one another this year, teams staying on to watch the next, the crowds at finals games for all grades was noticed and appreciated by our players.

Many players have told me how much the crowd support lifted them in games. One said "I just trapped the ball and passed it and the crowd went off!"

To be better organised and understand where we want to go, Pip (Mann) Chambers led us through the task of renewing our Strategic Plan for the next few years. The process was entered into wholeheartedly by members and over 50 turned up to have their input. We captured what we see as our collective values and provide direction for the board and other committees. The new plan is on page 27 of this report.

A most important task is to bring new players into the game. The Hookin-2-Hockey program attracts 60-70 children every



year to start their hockey journey. The program has been coordinated by Hamish Ridland in recent years, who started his hockey journey at the then Hin2H version "Minkey" program 40 years ago. Hamish and his cohort have launched many new players careers including 30 boys and girls who started Under 10 competitions this year. If we really want to grow a great club, we need to keep this program increasing in size. I received a note from a dad of players in this age group expressing the excitement of the girls playing and the wonderful new friends they have made. I do recall that the parents of my children's friends become my friends, it is a wonderful time for young families.

Colin Wansbrough, life member, father and grandfather to many Camberwell players, tells me often of the pride he has in the club. The contribution of the younger members and the emergence of the next wave of leaders. I see this happening too and note the increasing contribution of our younger members. I see our women taking on big roles at the club, including half the board positions. These are all the characteristics of a club on the rise. The older among us get great joy from this transition.

A volunteer community based sporting club has leaders on and off the field in every team. We have leadership in our junior coaching, social agenda, our management of equipment, coordinating and managing teams, medical, catering, wellness, umpiring, uniforms, social, fundraising, transition with different people taking the lead. It takes a large number of leaders to manage what we do and it provides great opportunities for young people to grow and grow up owning what they have created together.

From all of this comes lifelong friendships and we know the value of our friends. The joy that we get from this simply proves Aristotle's theory that "the whole is greater than the sum of its parts..."

Simon Winter
President



TWO SPECIAL LIFE MEMBERS

TERRY RYAN

Terry Ryan is a legend at Camberwell Hockey Club (CHC). He has been involved in every part of the club with one exception – he has never played hockey!

Terry came to CHC in 1984 when son Ben and then daughter Natalie started at the beginner's program and from that moment Terry was "hooked".

At CHC Terry has been Club President 2001 - 2007, Junior Section Chair, team manager for teams in all our sections (currently team manager of our top women's team), committee member, ground maintenance supervisor and very importantly a mentor and wise counsel to many members of all ages. One of Terry's greatest achievements was orchestrating the amalgamation of the Camberwell Women's Hockey Club and the Camberwell Hockey Club (Men's club) into one organisation. Despite some opposition Terry stuck to his guns and the results of

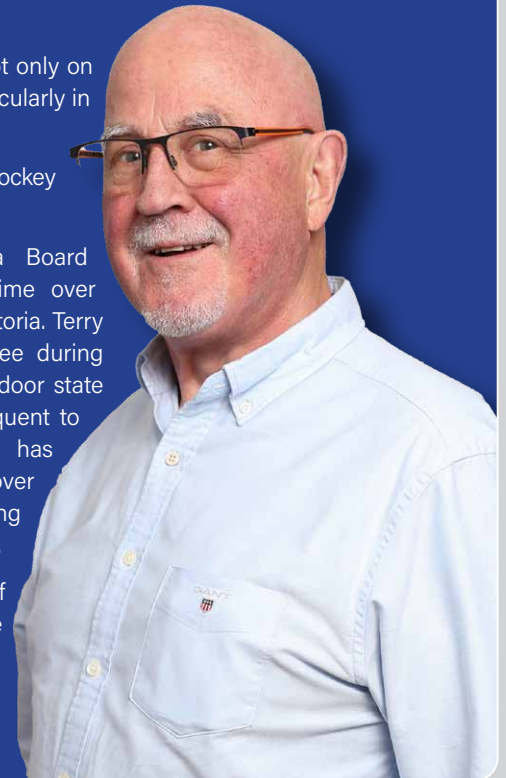
his determination can be seen not only on the field but also off the field particularly in respect to inclusiveness.

Terry's love and contribution to hockey does not end at the CHC gates.

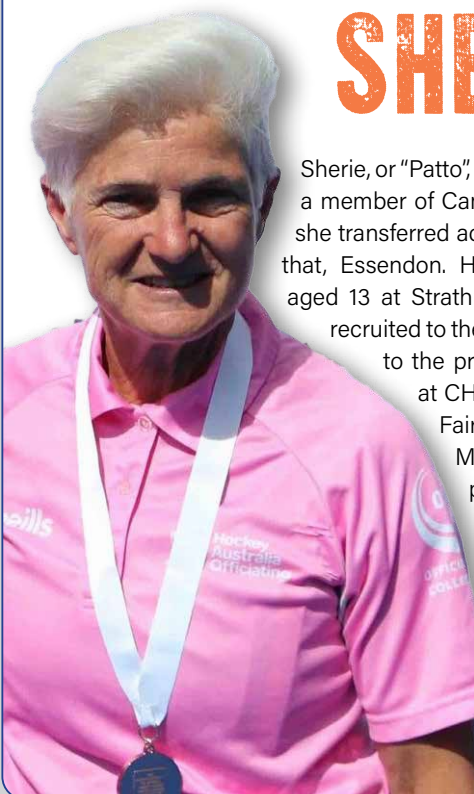
Terry, a past Hockey Victoria Board Member has volunteered his time over several decades to Hockey in Victoria. Terry chaired the indoor sub-committee during 1997-2002 and team managed indoor state teams from 1993 - 2002. Subsequent to being involved in indoor, Terry has contributed to HV State Teams over the decade, mostly team managing U13 & U15's since 2016 to this day.

Terry Ryan is a Life Member of both Hockey Victoria and the Camberwell Hockey Club.

John Unkles
Club Secretary



SHERIE PATTERSON



Sherie, or "Patto", as most know her, has been a member of Camberwell since 1988, when she transferred across from Kew, and before that, Essendon. Her hockey journey began aged 13 at Strathmore High when she was recruited to their team, and has continued to the present day. Prior to arriving at CHC, she was voted Best and Fairest of the then-top-tier ML1 comp. Her years as a player at Camberwell were some of the women's most successful – spanning several finals campaigns, two runners-ups and two premierships in the early 90s, and her tenacious never-give-up style contributed greatly

to that success. With her teammates, she attended several Albury Easter carnivals, and continued playing until 2003. She contributed at master's first as a masseur for four years, then two years as a player, then finally in the 35+ Australian team, with whom she travelled to Singapore in 2001. At Masters she continues to umpire even now, building on 45 years of contribution at club, state and national level. She recently returned from umpiring at the 2023 National Women's Masters Championships in Perth. She was part of a core committee team for eight years, serving as treasurer for the then- women's club from 1997 until 2003. When asked what she would like known, she said that she wanted the club to know how much joy she got out of the WPL1 premiership this year, and how much joy she was sure it brought to so many others.

Cath Mok

INCLUSION AND WELLBEING COMMITTEE



In 2023, Camberwell Hockey Club established the Inclusion and Wellbeing Committee highlighting our commitment to fostering a club culture that is welcoming and inclusive for all hockey players, friends, family members, and community members. It is our aim that all members feel motivated and empowered to actively take steps to make others feel welcome.

The committee's first major event, the Women and Girls Round, showcased their commitment to empowering girls and women. Through an engaging interview between club members Beth Lyon and A/ Prof Julie Miller, members gained valuable

insights into Julie's career as an endocrine and trauma surgeon. The event highlighted the challenges she faced in a male-dominated field while also raising a family, inspiring others to overcome obstacles and pursue their dreams. The committee further celebrated women's contributions to sport by attending Hockey Victoria's Women and Girls Breakfast, featuring inspiring guest speakers who shared their experiences as Indigenous women in sport.



The second major event, Pride Round, focused on fostering allyship and inclusivity. The club organised educational presentations led by club member Tom Winter from Pride in Sport Australia, engaging the entire club in learning how to be better allies. By spreading awareness and promoting understanding, Camberwell Hockey Club continues in our commitment to creating a more inclusive environment

for our diverse members. The club proudly displayed rainbow colours and wore rainbow socks during the Pride Round, demonstrating their support for gender-diverse players and community members with diverse sexual orientations.

The third major event, Indigenous Round, saw some 16 senior teams across two weekends wear the CHC Indigenous strip. Aunty Jill Gallagher a proud Gunditjmara women facilitated education sessions where members heard about our indigenous history and what the then upcoming referendum vote entailed. Uncle Ringo came to our club where he ran a welcome to country and smoking ceremony.

The fourth major event, Mental Health Round/RUOK was a special round to highlight the importance of understanding mental health and to remember club member Yasmin. RUOK balloons were front and centre as you entered the ground and players wore yellow socks or ribbons.

The fifth and final major event, Men's Health Round, created awareness of the importance of preventative health checks. Many wore blue socks to acknowledge this round.

Each major round were not merely symbolic gestures but opportunities to actively engage members through education and awareness. By fostering inclusivity and a welcoming culture throughout the year, the committee has made a significant impact on the club's overall environment.

Camberwell Hockey Club's efforts in establishing the Inclusion and Wellbeing Committee, organising empowering events, and promoting education demonstrate their commitment to creating a club where everyone feels valued and supported. Through these initiatives, they have fostered a culture that celebrates diversity and actively works to break down barriers.

Corinne Lyon
Chair - Inclusion and Wellbeing Committee



JOHN UNKLES

Secretary & Board Member - Camberwell Hockey Club



After 11 years as a Board member and Secretary of the Camberwell Hockey Club, John Unkles has stepped down from both roles.



John and Deb Unkles came to the club in the customary way, following their children through the gate. Their four boys embarked on exciting hockey journeys and were eagerly supported. It was inevitable that John would get involved, initially Minkey, junior teams, junior committee and eventually the Board and Secretary. A total of 36 years plus contribution.

John has agreed to maintain an involvement and will keep some of his current duties that are not as much board related.

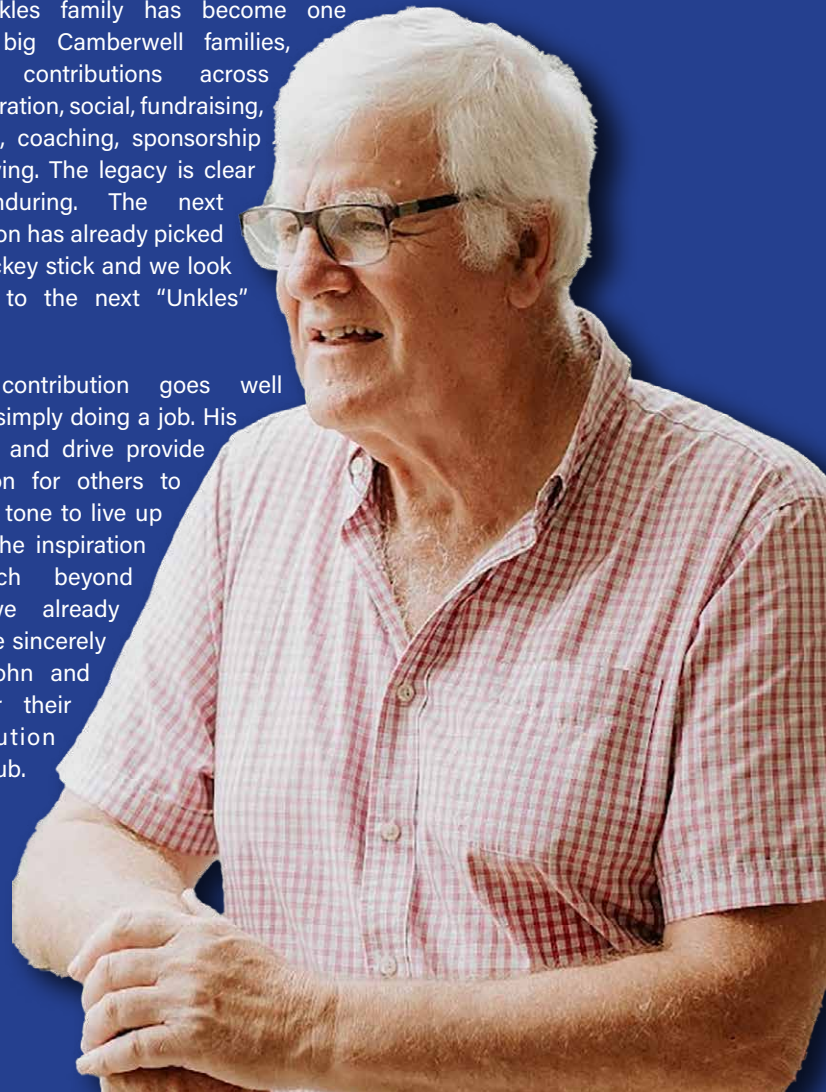
John has consistently maintained the direction and value of the Camberwell Hockey Club brand. He has a very clear vision of what we stand for and how we portrait ourselves to those we encounter. Relationships with the local council and especially our close neighbours have been John's domain. John has been the bond between the local government to the great benefit of all stakeholders. He was recognised as the (joint) Boroondara Citizen of the year for 2023 and deservedly so.

As Secretary, John has maintained excellence in a role that is critical to our success. John uses his unwavering enthusiasm, goodwill and an even-handed approach to include those who are involved in and around the club.

The Unkles family has become one of the big Camberwell families, making contributions across administration, social, fundraising, wellness, coaching, sponsorship and playing. The legacy is clear and enduring. The next generation has already picked up a hockey stick and we look forward to the next "Unkles" chapter.

John's contribution goes well beyond simply doing a job. His decency and drive provide a beacon for others to follow, a tone to live up to and the inspiration to reach beyond what we already have. We sincerely thank John and Deb for their contribution to our club.

*Simon Winter
President*



THE SECOND COMING

Hands up if you played junior or senior hockey only to “retire” when career and or children came a long and demanded your hockey be shuffled out the back door. You might have even disposed of your stick and shoes saying “well, I won’t need them again”:

As the career demands and/or children growing up provides a new focus, you leave behind a long list of “me time” activities.

As you find the handle on your career and your children start to become a bit more independent, another new phase is reached. One day, you think “my kids need an activity, maybe a sport?” and the sport you know is hockey, so off they go to the local club to try it out.

Instead of grabbing a coffee and standing “outside the fence” you find yourself “inside the fence”, no coffee and miraculously... holding a stick that magically appeared!

I know this to be true because it happened to both Jane and I, when Tom started playing and I have witnessed it over and over at our Hin2H sessions.

The way we left the sport and then returned is different for everyone, but here are two wonderful short stories on “The Second Coming”:

Lauren Reitz: mother of Gracie, Becca (and Gigi). Note: Gigi is a talented hockey player, but she just does not know it yet! A hockey player disguised as a Gymnast! Becca and Gracie, on the other hand are loving it!

Lauren grew up in Natal, South Africa. A budding netballer, she lived for the sport. That was until at 12 a friend’s mum invited Lauren to fill in for the school hockey team and netball, despite Lauren’s love for the sport, was rolled over in favour of hockey. A talented athlete, Lauren found herself in the Natal junior state representative team and she was a hockey player until study changed her path. There must have been optimism about a return to the game as the hockey stick survived 3 international moves!

Gracie started playing in South Africa and when the family moved to Melbourne, Becca started at Camberwell in Hin2H. Lauren not surprisingly found herself “inside the fence”, holding a hockey stick. Steve Laussen asked Lauren to coach the U10 girls. Soon after and 26 years since she last played, Lauren returned to the field as a player.

Gracie and Lauren played together in the WPE in 2023 and were runners up in the Grand Final. Something tells me Becca will not be far behind and all 3 might find themselves in the same team at some stage.



Becca, Lauren and Gracie

Marlene Tham: mother of Charlotte and Ethan Chong



Marlene started playing as a 4 year old at Grange Hocky Club in Adelaide. Marlene was a strong junior and represented South Australia in every junior team from U13 to U21. Marlene’s hockey career peaked as an Australian U21 representative playing in NZ and Asia. About that time, Marlene dedicated herself to her university medical studies and then a career and family and completely separated herself from the game.

Terry and Marlene moved to Melbourne and Charlotte found Marlene’s “hockey chest” with photos and her history and asked about it. Charlotte had a go at hockey through the Roadshow going to her school. Charlotte started to do Hin2H and asked for her mum’s help. Ethan soon followed and Marlene found herself playing summer masters after a 27 year break in 2022. Unfortunately, in Marlene’s return game, she broke her hand. Not to be deterred, Marlene returned, playing masters 35’s in Winter 2023.

A Second Coming, two new chapters have begun!

Simon Winter
President

JUNIOR SECTION



Winter Competition

This year the Camberwell Junior Section fielded fifteen winter teams across five age groups with four u10 teams playing half field, three u12 teams, three u14 teams, four u16 teams and for the first time an U18 Team. Five teams were Girls only and ten teams were Mixed. The total number of participants in the juniors CHC competition was 202, which happens to be 1 additional player than last year. Girls numbered 70, representing 34% of the total playing group.

Out of the eleven teams that competed on a full pitch, five of them reached the Finals, with one team becoming minor Premiers in the U16 Boys Pennant category. All five of these teams performed exceptionally well, making it to the Grand Finals. Congratulations to all the teams for their fantastic achievement! A special shoutout goes to the U14 Girls Shield B team, coached by Beth Lyon and Jade Henderson, as well as the U16 Boys Pennant team, coached by Josh Henderson and Eden Davis, for emerging as the champions in their respective grand finals.

Progression from juniors to seniors is a big step for any of our players, this is a process that we take very seriously and work with the Senior Sections to introduce the juniors to players in the senior teams. This can be in the form of training with them which even leads to them playing a game or two, or even a pizza night where they can all talk about moving up and who they might be playing with. Of the sixty-one u16 players, approximately half have now transitioned from the Junior program and have been introduced to their Women's and Men's sections.

In 2023, we established the U18 Mixed District Team to cater to year 12 students who wanted to balance their studies but also enjoy playing hockey in a more relaxed setting. The primary goal was to provide a casual and enjoyable experience for these students, giving them the opportunity to participate in a fun game of hockey on Fridays.

Sixteen players were honoured with the CHC medallion for their remarkable six-year participation in the u12, u14, and u16 competitions. Both the girls and boys, along with their families, should feel

immensely proud of this achievement. Additionally, eighteen U16 players were acknowledged as "Leavers" of the Junior Section, marking the conclusion of their journey with the Juniors.

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 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.

Hookin-2-Hockey

In Terms 1, programs were once again successfully conducted with an approximate attendance of 40 kids. As for Term 4, we have over 70 registered players. Similar to previous years, Camberwell's



new facilities have fostered a highly positive social environment for children, parents, and families. This year, we are incredibly fortunate to have Hamish Ridland as the leader of the Junior Section Hookin-2-Hockey program. We extend our congratulations to Hamish, the team of coaches, and the umpires for delivering a high-quality program.

Indoor Hockey

Following successful 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 8 teams this year as follows;

- U12 Mixed Shield,
- U12 Girls only Shield,
- U14 Mixed Shield,
- U14 Girls only Shield,
- U14 Mixed Pennant,
- U16 Mixed Shield,
- U16 Girls only Shield,
- U16 Mixed Pennant.

We look forward to further achievements in Term 4, 2023.



Junior Section Continued...

Summer Sixes

The Summer Sixes competition commenced on Thursday the 12th of October and runs through until 7th December, this will be open to Mixed teams for U10 and U12 players.

JSC ('Hot Shots')

The Junior State Championships offer CHC players a chance to join the Eastern Hotshots team, which includes players from Waverley, Knox, and Echo. Over four days, they compete against teams from other zones within the State. JSC is an excellent chance for our young players to participate in a well-organized and highly competitive tournament.

Camberwell juniors had great success this year in being selected with 1 Girl and 6 Boys being selected in the respective Under 12 teams. 7 Girls and 7 Boys were selected in the respective Under 14 teams, with the Girls winning Gold and the Boys finishing in 6th place. 6 Girls and 5 Boys were selected in the Under 16 teams, the Girls team finished in fourth place and the Boys Teams achieved a Silver 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.

We also have 6 Boys and 9 Girls playing in the U18 JSC Championships, this tournament was run on September 22-24, 2023.

Umpiring

At CHC, the Junior umpiring program offers a valuable opportunity for our young hockey players to enhance their hockey experience. The program comprises three levels: Level 1, Community, and Beginner Umpires. In the 2023 Winter season, we were fortunate to have 16 returning umpires and 3 new umpires, and we also greatly appreciate the efforts of parents and coaches who assisted by umpiring during the season. The active participation of individuals at various levels is essential for the Club to uphold its commitment of providing umpires for all levels of competition.

The program's remarkable success has resulted in the need to meet the increasing demand for experienced umpires, which is a matter we must tackle together with HV. Our program is greatly admired by all Clubs, and we must extend our congratulations and gratitude to Melissa Norquay for effectively managing the entire 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



HOOKIN-2-HOCKEY

Camberwell has run the Hookin-2-Hockey program in Terms 1 and 4 in 2023.

Camberwell undertook roadshows in local primaries however the program has grown to 60-70 participants, mainly via word of mouth and “bring a friend” days.

A large volunteer base for ex-players, life members, club stalwarts, committee members and parents provide a great atmosphere that is fun and inclusive.

As a landing zone to the sport and the club the program’s major function is to bring new players and families into the game. The Hookin-2-Hockey program attracts 60-70 children every year to start their hockey journey.

A pleasing result was that 30 boys and girls who started Under 10 competitions this year from the Hookin-2-Hockey program.

A key focus has been to reengage CHC alumni with their children to share their hockey knowledge to grow the base at the club. We are always looking for more help especially in coaching. If you would like to be involved in this program please do not hesitate to contact me.

Hamish Ridland
Hookin-2-Hockey Coordinator





opportunity to learn new skills and strategies to “repel” pesky goal scorers!

Quite apart from the new skills and strategies, the goal keepers also discovered... each other! Our 43rd team was formed and many felt a sense of rapport developing as they initially met at STOMP and then passed at training, pre and post games.

The STOMP program included face to face on ground sessions with Rachael and then individual programs for training and skill development throughout the season.

Rachael reflects that “it has been so wonderful to work with the many gks across the club to develop their skills, grow their confidence and create a network and friendship within Camberwell”.

The goalkeepers comments support the sense of increased confidence and knowing what to expect and what to do when the heat is on.

I asked Racheal to give me one highlight of the program this year and she settled on the development of one of our junior female keepers. Rachael says “seeing Regan Smith debut for WPL and then doing shoot outs in both juniors and seniors GF’s for the club was amazing. Her confidence seemed to grow and grow so I look forward to following her journey”.

Camberwell’s commitment to developing keepers will continue and we look forward to many great stories to come.

THE LAST LINE OF DEFENSE

Camberwell Hockey Club has been blessed with exceptional goal keeping talent in past decades. Again, this season, we have seen some wonderful athletic, flexible and courageous talent on display. We have a group of talented juniors start to emerge and finals provide a great test.

With so many teams making finals and most of them making grand finals and a staggering 24% of all teams winning grand finals, we intuitively know that good defense is the rock on which victory is built. The cornerstone of this defence is our goalkeeper.

Rarely does a team win a final or win a flag without having a good goalkeeper. In recent years the change from penalty strokes to “One on Ones’ in finals has increased the need for a goalkeeper to be agile, fast, aggressive and precise. Those who have more skill than their opposition keeper, shift the odds in favour of their team. The good ones have become even more in command of their domain and

determine the outcome of the close ones.

This year, as Rachael Lynch joined our Women Premier League team after completing a decorated career as a Hockeyroo. Rachael had developed her STOMP program for goalkeeping training and the club embraced this inviting every Camberwell Goalkeeper to participate.

17 Keepers took up the opportunity, including 7 women and 8 juniors. 4 masters also took advantage of the



SUMMER MASTERS

Thirteen Camberwell teams competed on Monday nights for the Camberwell Hockey Club Summer Masters Cup and 'The Ron Yeates Shield' at Matlock Reserve.



The Summer season continued the concept of having all games at Matlock and playing six 40-minute games in a four-hour period. It proved to be a huge success with all players at the one venue enjoying the clubroom facilities, BBQ and refreshments 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 insurance coverage 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 masters players and new masters.

Our Summer sponsorship is unique, with each team having an individual sponsor drawn from local and/or member's businesses. Our sponsors contribute towards team shirts and the operation of the overall competition. We thank them for their continued support and to Fashion Club Wear (Andrew Minter) for providing our summer team shirts.

Congratulations to 'Sinclair Dermatology' on their success in winning the Summer Masters Cup. In addition, they were also awarded the 'Ron Yeates Shield' as best performing team of the season. Team members also received a medallion to commemorate their win.

Highlights of Our Summer Season

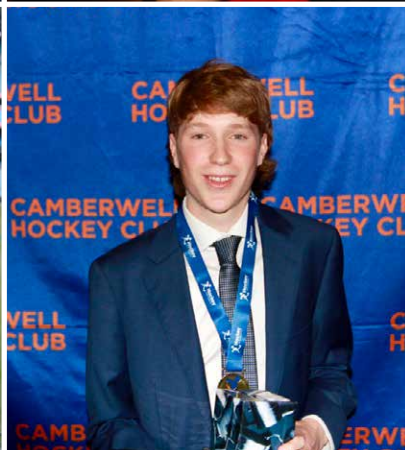
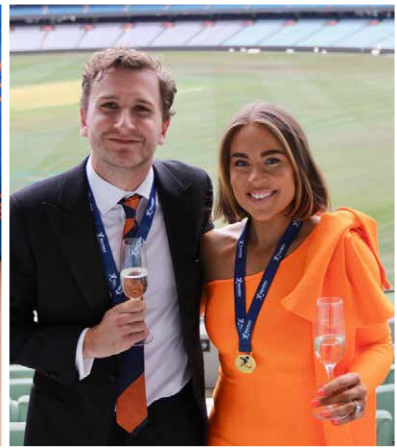
- 13 CHC Teams - 180+ players ... playing all 6 games each Monday at Camberwell. It was great to see the whole master's section (women and men) at one location.
- Largest summer comp in Victoria.
- Closeness of the competition – we endeavour to have all teams equally balanced.
- Excellent spirit of competition and high standard of games.
- Continued the 35YO 'future masters' group in the competition.
- Successful Grand Wine Raffle – Raising \$3100 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 who made the season run so smoothly.

- Canteen Staff Pauline Webb, Char Will and Jasmine 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 Cal Taylor for organising the umpire's roster.
- James Gadsden's special donation of a Wine Fridge as the raffle's first prize proved to make our yearly collection the best ever - in excess of \$3100 for the development of the Junior Club. Many thanks to players who donated a bottle of wine and also to Neil Pratt for printing the raffle tickets.

Paul Simmenauer
Secretary - Men's Masters Section







CHC 2023 PRESENTATION NIGHT





WOMEN'S SECTION

I am continually amazed by the group that is the Women's section. What a year!

- 10 teams (7 seniors and 3 masters) – the most we have ever had
- 15 Coaches - and amazing support crews for every senior team
- Winning 73% of our senior matches
- 9 teams making finals, 3 of which were minor premiers.
- 7 teams making Grand Finals - that's 70% of our teams making Grand Finals! Incredible
- 4 Premiership teams – PL, PA, PC and Masters 35+ B
- 21-year drought broken with the extraordinary win from our Premier League team

I'm thrilled to extend my congratulations to our players, coaches, and support team for a remarkable season – one that has undoubtedly been one of the best in recent memory, both on and off the field. Your dedication, hard work, and unity have shone brightly, and your achievements are a testament to your exceptional efforts. What an amazing September. Congratulations to all our teams that made finals, phenomenal work to our PREMIERS and what an incredible feeling being able to end a 21-year drought for WPL! Well done!

Our coaching staff David Wansbrough, Geoff Perriman, Tynan Whight, Narelle

Richardson, Pip (Mann) Chambers, Suzanne Henderson, Fiona Johnson, Matt Porritt, Suz Cannell, Ollie Bell, Sam Balson, Paul Dixon, Matt Webb, Hazuki Yuda and Andrew Hancox have played a pivotal role in guiding and nurturing our players, ensuring that they were well-prepared for every challenge. Your tireless efforts behind the scenes have not gone unnoticed, and your expertise has undoubtedly contributed to our success this season. In addition to this, we have seen the benefit of offering strength and conditioning to all senior teams and working in conjunction with the men's section. Thank you to all our support crews!

Furthermore, the committee members who have worked tirelessly to create a supportive and inclusive environment for all. Suz Cannell, Jane Perriman, Emmy Nottle, Pip (Mann) Chambers, Lucy Gallagher, Krissy Bates and John Faulks - your dedication to the growth and development of our women's section has

been instrumental in fostering a sense of community and camaraderie among our players.

Specifically:

- Transition program
- Retention strategy
- Social and fundraising opportunities
- Player and coach development opportunities
- Commitment to community engagement

Big thank to Angus Oldham for all his support with Umpires this year also and for to the men's section for working together on many projects.

Once again, congratulations to the players, coaches, team managers, support team, and committee members for a season filled with success, growth, and memories that will last a lifetime. Let's continue to build on this momentum and look forward to even greater achievements in the future.





Premier League

PREMIERS - It was evident from the first training session that players had been doing fitness work in the off season and were coming into 2023 with real purpose and a steely determination that this team was serious in its intent to do what was necessary to end the season on a high note.

The pre-season cup showed that the team talks at the start of the training sessions and the rigorous drills, small games etc in the sessions had allowed the players to meld into a formidable team and to build a basis for it to improve as the season progressed.

And it proved so. Through 15 home and way rounds in the quest for a finals berth, the team kept improving week after week after week with the self belief building into an unstoppable momentum of 12 wins, 2 narrow losses and a draw... which had us as Minor Premiers at finals time. Fantastic finals but a superb 5-2 win against Essendon in the GF, a truly dominant display of power hockey and pure determination. A season like no other for such a long time!

WPLR

What a season for our PLR team. A whopping 105 goals scored and only 17 against (13 games where none were scored against), the team went from strength to strength as the season progressed, playing some exciting fast paced hockey. With the team changing each week (33 played in the team), it was a testament to all who played how well they connected each week both on and off the field, summed up by their motto going into finals, "Together, every step of the way". Though just falling short in the grand final, this young team should all feel really proud of their hockey journey this year.

WPA

After losing last years Grand Final, we were out for redemption. The team worked well, valuing each player and being flexible when required. The leadership group of Lena Perriman, Caz Gangle and Prue Bouman provided great support to the coaches and players. The team won 15 games, drew 1 and lost 2. Our ability to stick to our game plan and never give up enabled us to make it to the Grand Final. Finally we completed the last piece of our puzzle and won the Grand Final in shootouts against Hawthorn. It was a wonderful end to what was a fun, competitive season. Thanks to Fiona Johnson for joining as part of the coaching team. Her calmness, great understanding of the game and her communication skills were a huge asset to the team.

WPB

Coming off a premiership year, expectations are high; opportunity to add to the medal tally is real; and new teammates adds to the fun of playing a team sport.

On the pitch we had a successful year with only 1 loss heading into finals. And that loss was to our biggest contenders of 2023, Waverley. What we dubbed as our 'grand final equivalent', our round 4 win against them (4-2), was one of the most intense and fulfilling games of the season. The season was filled with many goals scored (54); even more goals saved!

The team had many games of experience shared between the players. With a strong sense of playing a team game, this enabled developing players to flourish and develop their confidence and others to refine their skills and tantalise the opposition. We were at our strongest when we built up the play, had patience, capitalised on switching around the back and utilised feedback from one quarter to the next!

WPC

We had almost the perfect season we could have asked for. Starting early in February with preseason the players were keen to back up another grand final showing, hoping to go one better. Some wonderful new additions to the team only added more strength, and the team built steadily as the season went along going

undefeated in the second half. We had a few great highlights:

- Reaching first place for the first time in pennant C after a promotion 2 years ago, ending with the minor premiership



Women's Section Continued...



- Most goals scored and least goals against in the league, with Milly Bell topping the league individually, and GK Chloe Kues stopping strokes.
- A consistent 4 quarter grand final win over Footscray to secure the premiership after not getting the best of them all year
- A great year with constant fun, laughs and support for each other.

WPE

A successful season for Pen E. Every game was played with passion, positivity & perseverance. At some point, or other, 32 different players contributed to our success. No matter the line up, the team worked together, encouraged each other and never gave up.

It was special to have 3 sets of mother-daughter combos in the team (one week we even had a 4th set). We lost only 2 games all season (each by a solitary goal) and were delighted to finish as Minor Premiers.

Metro

With a total of 40 contributing players making up the team this season (with 14 regulars), Metro had a huge mix of ages and skill to draw.

The team really hit their stride halfway through the season, gaining a regular goalkeeper (shout out to Louis Janssen!) and figuring out their game. While the overall season we placed 5th, Camberwell had the most draws of any team this season with 7 draws and only 1 loss in the second half of the season.

The fantastic team spirit and collaborative learning was a huge part of what made for a memorable season. Everyone stayed open to feedback, building each other up and increasing confidence every week.

Masters

The master's 35's teams both had extremely successful seasons, and both

proceeded to finals - both teams saw new and old players returning, with great camaraderie exhibited. Master's 35s 1 made it to the Grand final against an undefeated Doncaster and they came out fighting. With only a few minutes to go in the first half Doncaster were up 2-0. However, with some grit and determination we were able to finish the game 2-2, which resulted in one on ones. Trish Cronin was an amazing goalie, who despite never having done one on ones looked like a pro. A nerve-wracking watch but we won 3-2 in shoot outs.

Congratulations also goes to our 45s team, while they may not have made finals they had a great season, made great friends, connected with old and new teammates.

Sara Conyers
Chair - Women's Section



THE RISE AND RISE OF CAMBERWELL WOMEN'S

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2022	2023
TEAMS	8	8	8	9	9	10
AVE. LADDER POSITION	4	5	5	4	3	2
WIN%	52	54	64	62	77	72
DRAW %	17	17	12	20	16	15
WIN + DRAW %	69	71	76	82	93	87
TEAMS PROMOTED	0	1	1	3	1	0
PREMIERSHIPS	0	1	1	1	3	4

I love stats! I like what they show us. Stats beat “the vibe of the thing” hands down for telling us “what” happened.

Where stats don't help is revealing “how” it happened. There is little doubt that the “vibe” around the women's section has been positive for sometime and the results are certainly remarkable.

Let's look at the “what” and then look at the “how”.

The “WHAT”

We have a section with growth, we have a section winning a lot more games and finishing higher on the ladder each year across the board. We have a group of teams that is very hard to beat! We have a section that is winning premierships!

10 premierships in 6 seasons

The question now is “How”.

The “HOW”

The first thing is leadership. Sara Conyers, Suz Cannell, Pip (Mann) Chambers, and Narelle Richardson will hate me throwing them up as the most significant factor, but this is such an indisputable fact. It should

be a Stat! The off-field organisation, the inclusive approach and thoughtful leadership is undoubtedly the number one HOW for the rise. It has taken some tough decisions, a clear set of priorities and a strong but dedicated committee and coaching team to get us to where we are today.

- **Quality Coaches** – the addition of every team having 1 or more coach, but also having a quality selection chair, Suz Cannell and Sal Wansbrough in previous years, that ensure all coaches feel supported. The coaches influence the culture as much as they influence games style and skills. We have had very strong coaching.
- **Quality players coming up through juniors** – the focus of development through our transition program to ensure that juniors are comfortable and supported moving from juniors to seniors has ensured we retain players.
- **Quality senior players continuing to play and mentoring juniors in all teams** – development and leadership opportunities for all players regardless of age and skill level.

- **Elite players joining or rejoining the playing list bringing experience and top end talent** – dedication to creating a culture that all players want to be part of. David Wansbrough has been paramount in leading this space.
- **Retention of players at all levels** – implementing a strong and ongoing retention and reengagement strategy for our section to keep all players connected and supported.
- **Masters returning to the game** – Making a space that is fun, friendly and flexible has meant we have opened up our masters for new and returning players. A social space where everyone is welcome. The flexibility for women's masters has really been a game changer.
- **A culture that makes people know they belong:** One of the priorities on the womens committee has been to create new opportunities for social interactions between teams. Having these opportunities improved the culture off field which in turn flowed on field.

Success does not happen by accident. The implementation of a plan that includes the above aspects and the embracing of it by the players at all levels has certainly produced the RISE and RISE of the Camberwell Women!

Simon Winter

MEN'S SECTION



The Men's Section had a very successful year overall for the large amount of players that were turned over from the previous season.

The entire Section showed its depth in being able to support up the grades with players pushing themselves further than they have in the past. Six of our seven Seniors teams made finals and three out of the six making the grand final. While the Men's Masters showed their continued success with 5 making finals out of 10 teams. The success of this season would not be achievable with all of the volunteers that make this club so great. Two big groups that exemplified this volunteering spirit were the Men's Masters Committee; Jim Forsyth, Paul Simmenauer, Paul Gibney, Kevin Hickey, Declan Keating and Grant Trollope and the Men's Section Committee; Britt Simmons, Nick Swanton, Max Hendry, Ian Launder, Tim Oldham, Charlie Faulks, Hamish Prior, Richard Harris, Franciscus Scheelings, Jim Forsyth and Paul Simmenauer.

Paul Gibney was awarded with the Tom Askeel Award for the Men's Section Club

Person of the Year. This recognises Paul's contribution to the Section over a number of years, including:

- Selector for Masters Summer Competition 2022/2023 (13 teams)
- Selector for Men's Masters Term 1 Competition - 60's (2 teams)
- Selector for Men's Masters Winter Season (10 teams)
- Chief coordinator of Men's Masters Winter Season with HV
- Selector for Masters Summer Competition 2023/2024 (13 teams)
- Mens' Master Committee and plus registration (winter and summer)
- Summer competition special rules
- Winter team manager - Men's Masters 45+DE (Blue)
- Volunteer umpire when the club has asked for his assistance.

Thank-you Paul for your input to the Men's Masters and our Club more broadly.

The Jesse Foster Memorial Award for the Most Improved Boy Playing Seniors recognises the development of a player within the Men's Section while remembering the spirit of Jesse Foster. This year it was awarded to Max Trollope. Max showed significant improvement this year, moving from MPB in 2022 to being a starting regular in MPLR. Max grew from strength to

strength this year, culminating with a brilliant finals series and a premiership to top it off!

Declan Kerr-Lawley was prolific in the forward line and was the highest goal scorer for the Men's Section in 2023 with 25 goals.

A heartfelt thank you to all for such a successful season. I look forward to having even more players back next season making 2024 even more enjoyable.

MPL had a very new look squad with seven players from the 2022 premiership team stepping back from hockey for the year.

This did not deter the group however, led by Lachlan Anderson, the team got to work trying to replicate the success of the past year with preseason starting in the last week of November. The team had many different members take on more responsibility this season seeing a great





growth of our 'junior' players in stepping up and taking account in big games. The team had a very successful season coming 4th and gaining a double chance for finals. Sadly the team was unable to continue on their winning ways into finals and bowed out in the second week. Some individuals also had fantastic seasons with James Webster, Liam Henderson and Max Hendry being selected in the Hockey Victoria Men's Premier League All Star Team for 2023. Liam Henderson also capped off a successful year being awarded the Boroondara Community Athlete of the Year and also being selected in the U21 Australian Men's team, the Burras, for the Sultan of Johor Cup. The MPL Best & Fairest was awarded to Max Hendry and Coaches Award to Matt Appleby.

Thank you must go to the everyone that made this team work so well, this includes but is certainly not limited to Lachlan Anderson (Coach), James Webster (Captain), Derek Van Driesen (Team Manager), Ash Tak (Physio), James McGeoch (Fitness), Alex Wong (Video Analyst) and Dr Roy Carey (Doctor). Huge congratulations must also go to Nick Swanton, Henry Laussen and Charl Ulrich for getting their first debuts with MPL this year.

MPLR had a very interesting start to the season again losing a lot of their players from 2022, however, this did not affect the resolve of the team. With some new players in, the team started the season back to where they finished the 2022 season: winning. With some small blips across the season the team had a very strong season earning some much due excitement for their games. The team narrowly lost their first final, but continued with a vengeance all the way to the grand final to which they won. A sincere congratulations must go to this team, it is not easy to win a premiership in Premier League Reserves, especially this year when all the teams were so competitive. Well done to MPLR Best & Fairest James van den Driesen and to the Coaches Award recipient Sam Rusjan.

Thank you to Cam Ridland (Coach) for running this team so well all year and working to overcome so many challenges along the way, Harry Drakos and Rod Appleby (Team Managers) and Ash Tak (Physio).

MPA put together a very competitive season all year. Starting white hot and flying into the top two for the first half of the season they were looking hard to touch. Sadly as the European summer

called to some players, along with injuries, the side's strength took a hit and the team dropped a few positions to finish the season 4th. The team went into the finals reinvigorated but sadly lost out in a close affair that saw them out of finals. A season that everyone should be proud of and excited for what's to come next year, with a few more players coming back to bolster the ranks. Well done to joint MPA Best & Fairest winners Oliver Harris and Matt Webb and to Coaches Award Ben McQueen.

Thank you to Ruby Webb for her second season in control, where she has really started to show great growth within the role, and to the Men's Section's longest consecutively serving Team Manager Ian Launder.

MPB started off sluggishly being 7th on the ladder after the first four rounds. This quickly changed however as the team started to find its form and moved quickly up the ladder. The team had a lot of fill-in players throughout the season bringing the total players up to 46 players! The team's core group managed to keep performing, eventually ending with them going down in a nail biting grand final. A mammoth season and a great outcome considering how the season started.

Men's Section Continued...

Well done to MPB Best & Fairest Hamish Ridland and to the Coaches Award Philippe Olivier.

A massive thank you must go to Lachlan Avil. He initially put his hand up to manage the team, but then was called on to assist with selections and other roles imperative to the teams success and he excelled.

MPC performed strongly all year, they were always in contention for finals and continued to deliver on that expectation. The team saw new players stepping up to the grade but the strong results remained with the team only going as low as 3rd on the ladder all season. MPC capped it off with a grand final spot, however were unable to get the result on the day. Well done to MPC Best & Fairest Lachlan Tadgell and to the joint Coaches Award winners George Johnson & Charlie Hunter-Scott.

MPC were lucky enough to have Bill Vietch, David Pratt and Lachlan Dreher player-coach the side, with Bill also managing the side. Thank you to all of you for your contribution.

MPE saw themselves in a three horse race all season with the top end of the ladder being competitive all year. The team, mostly powered by the future of CHC, saw a very strong season coming 2nd overall and ensuring they would get a double chance at finals. The team was very unlucky, despite playing their heart out, they were ultimately defeated the week before the grand final. Well done to MPE Best & Fairest Angus Robinson and to the Coaches Award Nick D'arcy- Evans.

MPE The fantastic season had by our MPE team has to greatly be attributed to Murray Robinson (Coach) and Fran Scheelings (Team Manager and Selector). The mountain of work performed was able to set up three teams around them and was also imperative to setting up players being eligible for finals.

Men's Metro 2 East started the season slowly sitting down the lower half of the ladder. As the team began to get to know each other more, however, they began to get the results they deserved: winning five of their last eight matches.

Next year will be an exciting year to see how they continue to grow and perform together as a team. Well done to MM2 Best & Fairest Pat Goss and to the Coaches Award Sam Lincoln. A huge thank you must go to Michael Butler, he has played for, coached and team managed this side. His continued effort was a major contributing factor to the great resurrection the second half of the season proved to be.

The Men's Masters continue

to thrive at Camberwell Hockey Club. This winter we submitted ten teams across Monday and Wednesday night competitions. With a total of 145 players across the sides, they showed that this section just keeps on building. The

teams had a multitude of exciting results throughout the year but not many can go past the evening at Hawthorn that saw two back to back grand finals being played and won by Camberwell sides (45+ B-NW Tangerine and 45+ C-SE. Additionally the 45+ C-SE team was awarded the great honour of the Ron Yeates Shield being judged as the best performed team of the Men's Masters Winter Season in 2023.

Appreciation must go to the Men's Masters Committee for their tireless work this season. Having so many teams every season is a great reflection of the work they do to attract and retain players.

Nick Ryan
Chair - Men's Section





THREE TEAMS ONE CULTURE

There are very few players in the top 3 Camberwell Men's teams who have not been premiership players, in recent years. As young players arrive from juniors or a new player to the club walks in, the expectations are clear; play together, win together.

The record speaks for itself. The past decade has provided the Camberwell Hockey Club faithful much to celebrate on the field from our MPL, MPLR and MPA teams. They have consistently made finals and delivered flag after flag.

Men's thirds - MPA

We wrote during covid about the truly amazing Men's thirds winning 12 of 14 flags between 2006 – 2019, including 8 in a row 2012-2019. This included 100 premiership players and was an extraordinary period. During that time, the team fielded over 150 players, which is effectively a new team every year and yet the consistency and sustained performance prevailed.

Men's firsts - MPL

The club has celebrated the MPL wins of 2013, back to back 2016-17 and last year, 2022. They have competed in finals every year for the past decade and finished top of the ladder in all but 3 seasons. Players have changed and moved between teams, but a strong, consistent core group and outstanding leadership, has embraced new additions and inducted them into "the way we play".

Men's seconds - MPLR

MPLR has built a legacy of sustained success. Like MPA they provide players who develop and move up to the next level and despite this, they have developed their team each year and played in the

past 9 grand finals winning 6. Another remarkable and sustained performance. They have completed back to back flags in 2013-14, 2017-18 and again 2022-23. Another extraordinary performance.

The 3 teams have won 17 flags in the last 9 seasons. I'm not certain the club has celebrated this enough, but our WPL team has shown us how to really celebrate a flag and we intend to collectively "step it up" in future.

The culture of blending new players and teaching the secret to sustained success between coaches and players is clearly a part of the teams core approach. Congratulations to the MPLR on their back to back premierships.

2023 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

KOOKABURRAS

Anthony Potts (Assistant Coach)

AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR (U21) SQUAD

Women: : Charlotte Hodgson
Men: Liam Henderson, Sam Lowndes

HOCKEY AUSTRALIA FUTURE TALENT SQUAD

Men: Lachlan Paice, Oliver Will

AUSTRALIA MASTERS TRANS TASMAN TEAMS 2023

Women: 035s - Trish Young (Manager)
Women: 050s - Jules Ashmore
Women: 050s - Narelle Richardson
Men: 060s - Simon Winter
Women: 065s - Karen Russ
Men: 075s - John Longmuir

AUSTRALIAN MEN'S WC INDOOR SQUAD

Men: Jake Sherren

AUSTRALIAN MEN'S JUNIOR (U21) INDOOR SQUAD

Men: Thomas Dyal, Angus Hendry

AUSTRALIAN EMERGING (U18) INDOOR SQUAD

Women: Jayde Temby
Men: Angus Hendry

INTERNATIONAL UMPIRE

Jim Unkles

NATIONAL UMPIRES

Hockey One League - Jim Unkles
U18 - Ollie Chauhan & Lachie Avil
U13 - Vanessa Ponza
Women's Masters - Cath Mok & Sherie Patterson

HOCKEY AUSTRALIA HALL OF FAME 2022 INDUCTEES

Lachlan Dreher

David Wansbrough OAM

Rachel Dwyer (nee Imison) OAM

2023 VICTORIAN STATE REPRESENTATIVES

HC MELBOURNE

Women: Laura Barden, Krissy Bates, Charlotte Hodgson, Rachel Lynch, Joanne Peeters
Men: Liam Henderson, Nathan Copey, Eden Davis

HC MELBOURNE FUTURES SQUAD

Girls: Chloe Dunlop, Bailey Wallace, Cande Wortley
Boys: Will Aldred, William Watson (train-on)

VICTORIAN MASTERS WOMEN

050s - Jules Ashmore, Narelle Richardson, Kath Forsyth, Jo Cooper, Marieke De Ruijter
055s - Jenny Morley, Heidi Wenk
060s - Jo Hale, Sally Wansbrough, Cheryl Malcolm, Trish Young (Manager)
065s - Sue Barling, Janie Davey, Karen Rees

VICTORIAN MASTERS MEN

050s Div 1 - Jeremy Da Sylva, Jordy Schelleback, Marcus Edward, Kyp Bosci, Andrew Hancox
055s Div 1 - Scott Cashmere, Lachlan Dreher, Dermot Browne, Rob McDonald, Tony Coombes
060s Div 1 - Jim O'Shea (Player/Coach), Owen Rogers, Simon Winter
060s Div 2 - Michael Butler, Rob Hancock, Warren Key, Andrew Neideck
065s Div 1 - Norman Same
070s - Peter Ridland, Doug Watson
75s - John Longmuir

VICTORIAN U21

Women: Charlotte Hodgson, Sierra Lee
Men: Eden Davis, Liam Henderson, Angus Hendry, Sam Lowndes, Lachlan Paice, Oliver Will

VICTORIAN U18

Women: Ellie Jarratt, Meg Mortensen, Bailey Wallace, Cande Wortley
Men: Henry Laussen, Oliver Will

U18 DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Women: Jade Henderson, Claudia Trollope
Men: Dominic Bozzone

VICTORIAN U15

Girls: Chloe Dunlop, Brooke Kafer

U13 DEVELOPMENT (VOLT)

Girls: Charlotte Chong
Boys: Kai Fernando, Thomas Tsui

SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA (SSV)

U16 Girls: Chloe Dunlop, Bailey Wallace, Cande Wortley, Alex Wong (Assistant Coach)
U16 Boys: William Watson

VICTORIAN INDOOR OPEN

Women: Jayde Temby
Men: Jake Sherren (player/coach)

VICTORIAN INDOOR U21

Women: Sierra Lee
Men: Thomas Dyal, Angus Hendry

VICTORIAN INDOOR U18

Women: Sierra Lee, Jayde Temby
Men: Lachlan Paice

VICTORIAN INDOOR U15

Women: Chloe Dunlop, Claudia Trollope, Bailey Wallace, Alex Wong (Asst Coach), Georgia Wallace (Manager)
Men: Will Aldred

VICTORIAN INDOOR U13

Women: Alex Wong (Manager)

HOCKEY VICTORIA AWARDS

Don & Pam Vincent Award - Women's Premier League Best & Fairest
Krissy Bates (Joint Winner)

WPL AllStar Team

Rachel Lynch - Goalkeeper
Joanne Peeters - Midfielder
Krissy Bates - Midfielder

MPL AllStar Team

Liam Henderson - Midfielder
James Webster - Interchange
Max Hendry - Interchange

2023 LADDER POSITION

Team	Ladder	After Finals
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SENIORS

MPL	4th	5th
WPL	Minor Premiers	Premiers
MPLR	2nd	Premiers
WPLR	3rd	2nd
MPA	4th	4th
WPA	2nd	Premiers
MPB	2nd	2nd
WPB	Minor Premiers	3rd
MPC	3rd	2nd
WPC	Minor Premiers	Premiers
MPESE	2nd	3rd
WPESE	Minor Premiers	2nd
WMetro1	5th	5th
MMetro2	7th	7th

MASTERS

WM35B	2nd	Premiers
WME35B 2	3rd	3rd
WM45	8th	8th
Mixed Open B	5th	5th
MM45 Tang	Minor Premiers	Premiers
MM45 Blue	10th	10th
MM45CSE	4th	Premiers
MM45D Tang	4th	3rd
MM45D Blue	7th	7th
MM50 HMHC	2nd	3rd
MM50A	2nd	2nd
MM50B	8th	8th
MM60A	2nd	3rd

JUNIORS

U18 Mixed District	10th	10th
U16 B Shield A	8th	8th
U16 G Shield A	2nd	2nd
U16 B Pennant	Minor Premiers	Premiers
U16 M District	7th	7th
U14 B Shield B	2nd	3rd
U14 G Shield B	2nd	Premiers
U14 B Pennant	2nd	2nd
U12 Mixed Shield A	6th	6th
U12 Girls Shield A	8th	8th
U12 Mixed Pennant	8th	8th
U10 Mixed Dist Tang	4th	4th
U10 Mixed Dist Blue	5th	5th
U10 G Dist Tang	5th	5th
U15 G Dist Blue	9th	9th



CAMBERWELL HOCKEY CLUB A GOLD ACCREDITED SPORTING CLUB



In 2023 the City of Boroondara introduced a Sports Club Accreditation Program. It was developed in response to the Council's Sport and Recreation Strategy action to recognise levels of achievement for clubs who work towards improving their delivery to the community. The program provides the City of Boroondara an opportunity to recognise the importance of sporting clubs, the great work they do and connections they provide within the Boroondara community. Involvement in the program is voluntary.

The Accreditation program set's a baseline of standards for all sport and recreation clubs to pursue, with ratings of gold, silver and bronze used to identify the level of achievement.

Only two clubs in Boroondara achieved the Gold Level of Accreditation – the Burwood Cricket Club and the Camberwell Hockey Club.

Bronze level accreditation focuses on club operations and documentation required under the clubs' agreement with Council. Silver level accreditation focuses on the

development of inclusive, capacity building and safe environment policies and actions. Gold level accreditation focuses on the implementation of these policies and actions. Once a club achieves a level of accreditation their accreditation status is valid for two years. By implementing inclusive policies, procedures and actions and providing a safe environment everyone at the club benefits, including players, spectators and volunteers.

CITY OF BOROONDARA 2023 SPORTS AWARDS

The Camberwell Hockey Club is a strong supporter of these awards that recognise excellence in a range of categories.



WINNER
Community Athlete of the Year

Liam Henderson

Liam has been playing hockey at Camberwell since he was four years of age.

Liam is an accomplished and highly skilled hockey player who proudly represents Camberwell Hockey Club at the highest level. Additionally, he showcases his talent at the state level as a key member of Victoria's Under 21 team and as a valuable player in the Australian Under 21 team, the Burras. Liam's dedication to hockey recently took him to Europe with the Burras, where he competed in international matches against formidable opponents such as The Netherlands, Belgium, and Germany's Under 21 National teams. Liam was selected as Captain of the team that played against The Netherlands.

FINALIST
Young Club Person of the Year

Emily Nottle

Emmy Nottle is a passionate, dedicated and loyal Camberwell Hockey Club member and has been a key contributor to the Club ever since she started playing at the Club as a six year old.

Now aged 22, Emmy contributes to CHC both on and off the field in many capacities as a player, coach, committee member, umpire or social and fundraising representative. She is a dedicated volunteer, who constantly goes above and beyond.

As a member of her hockey team, she's the first to check in with her fellow team mates at training and always brings a positive friendly attitude both on and off the field. She genuinely cares for how her team mates and how she can help. She's the first to say yes if another team needs a fill in player and volunteers to organise the team socially.

FINALIST
Inclusive Club of the Year

Camberwell Hockey Club

Inclusion at Camberwell Hockey Club (CHC) is the key plank of our culture. We are committed to fostering a club culture that is welcoming and inclusive for all hockey players, friends, family and community members. The Club aim is that all members feel motivated and empowered to actively take steps to make others feel welcome.

CHC's efforts organising empowering events, and promoting education demonstrate our commitment to creating a club where everyone feels valued and supported.

The Club has either been a winner or finalist in this category in each of the four years of the awards. This is a true reflection of the work done by so many to ensure that we remain inclusive across all levels.

Lifetime Achievement Award

Terry Ryan

Terry is both a Life Member of the Camberwell Hock Club and a Life Member of Hockey Victoria. As Terry has a military history you can truly say he has a Life Membership and Bar! You can read more about Terry's contribution to the Club on page 6 of this report.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Communications Portfolio has had a profound and transformative impact on our club. Through the teams dedicated efforts, it has served as the linchpin connecting individuals, informing members, and rekindling the passion of both new and past players. In an era where effective communication is paramount, the portfolio has bridged geographical gaps and fostered a sense of togetherness among members. Regular updates, newsletters, and social media engagement have ensured that information flows seamlessly, keeping everyone abreast of club activities, events, our successes and important developments. Moreover, by reaching out to past players and engaging them in the club's activities, it has not only enriched the club's history but also reinvigorated the camaraderie and spirit that defines the Camberwell Hockey community. This portfolio's impact is not merely seen in the statistics of increased membership or improved communication; it is felt in the sense of belonging and enthusiasm that now permeates the club, uniting players and supporters alike in their shared love for the sport and the community it has created.

Social Media:

Social media has shown this year it is a pivotal channel for connecting with our diverse membership base. The relentless efforts to create new, captivating, and engaging marketing materials have proven to be a game-changer, significantly expanding our reach. By consistently offering fresh and exciting content across

all facets of our club, from matches to events and everything in between, we have witnessed a notable surge in member engagement.

The dynamism of our social media presence mirrors the vibrancy of our club, attracting not only our loyal members but also newcomers eager to be a part of our thriving community. It's through these online platforms that we've ignited enthusiasm among individuals who share our passion for hockey. Our increased engagement serves as a testament to the power of innovation and creativity in maintaining and strengthening the bonds that make the Camberwell Hockey community so special. We're excited to continue this journey, exploring new horizons and sharing our love for the sport with an even broader audience.

Newsletter:

Our WOC Newsletter continues to be our main communication to members for our club news. We send out a weekly WOC newsletter that is jam packed with information including weekly results, State and National team announcements, club news, wellbeing articles and so much more. Each section also sends out newsletters containing information specific to each section, including match reports, team announcements and upcoming programs. Since December 2022 we've sent 190 email campaigns to our 1400 subscribers (or sub sections of) equating to over 134,714 emails being sent (↑ 11% on last year), with an overall open rate of 62%.

Website:

2023 was another strong year for Camberwell's website, notching up moderate improvements over the last reporting period, with yearly unique visitors now sitting at roughly 13,000.


Our traffic has been more spread than in previous years, with the addition of a new FAQ page proving popular, especially in the early parts of the season.

Overseas traffic to the Camberwell website has increased over the last reporting period, now sitting at roughly 16% of all visits. In line with previous seasons, we are seeing most of this coming from the US, with rising interest from India and the United Kingdom.

Our search performance has had another strong year, with significant increases in our number of clicks and impressions, now sitting at roughly 6k and 770k respectively. Of some note however is a drop in our overall clickthrough rate, likely contributed to by some of our content on broader topics such as podcast episodes starting to age. Continued focus on quality content going forward should do well to arrest this dip, but all things considered (especially the jump in overall impressions), this continues to be a strong performance metric for the club's website.

A heartfelt thank you is due to Britt Simmons, Hamish Prior, Narelle Richardson, and Steve Prior for their unwavering dedication and commitment to the Communications strategy. Their tireless efforts have been instrumental in keeping our members engaged and connected. Their passion and dedication have been pivotal in ensuring that the wheels of our club keep turning smoothly.

Sara Conyers
Convenor

42,997 NUMBER OF PEOPLE REACHED 41% increase	22,351 FACEBOOK REACH	INCREASED BY 21%
	20,646 INSTAGRAM REACH	INCREASED BY 56%
44,588 VISITS 108% increase	26,812 FACEBOOK VISITS	INCREASED BY 276%
	17,776 INSTAGRAM PROFILE VISITS	INCREASED BY 59%
4,439 FOLLOWERS 8% increase	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WOMEN • MEN 	1,751 FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS
		2014 INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS
		674 X (TWITTER) FOLLOWERS

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING

The new look Social Committee for this season was eager to build on the great work of a post-COVID 2022 and continue to facilitate greater connections within the Club: a key element which we hear from feedback each year and directly aligned to our new Strategic Plan. There was certainly a buzz as we approached planning for the year!

The theme of **C** for Camberwell was widely interpreted this year for Trivia Night. We saw a brigade of chefs ready to whip up a general knowledge storm, criminals make an escape to join the fun, cowboys and cricketers sharing turf and crayons keeping it colourful. The evening was a great success with TriviaOz putting brains to the test. A sincere thank-you to everyone who

generously made a donation to the evening. We really appreciate your contribution.

A goal for the Social Committee was to make more use of our amazing clubrooms! We scheduled in a number of Club Nights to do just that. This included arguably the most anticipated event of the season: our first iPod Shuffle Night. We'll confirm it here and now: this event is here to stay! Our host Max Hendry took us through an eclectic collection of songs which people had bought to raise funds for the Club.

Another successful season on pitch certainly translated into well attended finals celebrations. Each team in Grand Finals had an impressive showing of support during the day, which continued on at the Glenferrie Hotel afterwards. (And we'd like it on record that the tangerine and royal blue well and truly outnumbered red and black at the WPL Grand Final five to one!).

The biggest night of the year, Presentation Night, concluded our celebrations of the 2023 season. Hosted in the Member's Dining Room at the MCG, 200 Wellers were in the safe hands of MCs Ellie Patterson and Nick Swanton for the evening. We celebrated both team and individual

successes - congratulations to our award recipients - in a speedy ceremony before making very good use of the dance floor. It was a wonderful evening to share with fellow Club members.

Special thank-you to Nick Swanton, Max Hendry, Lucy Gallagher, Emmy Nottle, Nick Ryan and Andy Rappos for your fantastic efforts this season. On a personal note, it's been a wonderful year and I've had so much fun working with you all. The Club is so lucky to have such a proactive Committee! We also really appreciate the support of Narelle Richardson, Pauline Webb, and Stuart Will among many others.

We'd also like to recognise the work of the Inclusion & Wellbeing Committee and what both they and the Sections do to facilitate a welcoming environment which goes hand in hand with attendance at our social events. This community is at the centre of what we all do for the Club and is something we hope everyone feels a part of.

Want to get involved and join the fun next year? Let us know!

Britt Simmons
Convenor

2022 FINANCE REPORT

Total Income was \$444,037 a modest increase on 2022. Membership Fees were down \$19,289 in part a result of a conscious decision to hold or reduce fees for younger members. The Club continues to be well supported by a diverse group of sponsors, contributing \$66,996 of Income in 2023. 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. We also recognized \$12,155 of Capital Income as a result of projects completed using Australian Sports Foundation Funding.

The vast majority of our Cash Operating Expenditure is linked to our core purpose of playing hockey. In 2023 our Cash Operating Expenditure was \$431,146, an increase of \$38,971 or 10% and this is almost entirely attributable to an increase in Registration & Affiliation Fees paid to Hockey Victoria which increased by \$34,146.

We also record non cash expenditure in the form of Depreciation in our accounts and this was \$91,545 in 2023, an increase of \$11,914 on 2022.

With regard to the Balance Sheet, the club has maintained a sound level of Cash

Reserves which currently sit at \$591,989. This is a reduction year on year of \$53,950, which is in line with Capital Expenditure in 2023 of \$54,870. The Club recorded a modest cash flow deficit from operations of \$8,759 in 2023.

The Board considers it prudent to maintain a strong level of cash reserves so as to ensure operating flexibility into the future as we continue to see upwards pressure on operating costs.

Stuart Will
Treasurer

Camberwell Hockey Club Inc. Board Members 2022-2023



SIMON WINTER - PRESIDENT

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) CHAMBERS

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.



SARA CONYERS

Sara is Section Board Member in her 5th year leading the Women's section, additionally she leads 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 working for non for profits within the marketing and communications area. She currently works in the world of philanthropy as a Development Manager at The University of Melbourne within the faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences.



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.



CORINNE LYON

Corinne is an Elected Board Member. She joined CHC in 2019 as a Masters player and since then has been involved in a number of key areas within the club including Team Manager of WPL in 2022. Corinne chairs the Inclusion and Wellbeing Committee which was established in early 2023. Through her dedication CHC continues to grow in the area of inclusion. Corinne brings a wealth of experience in Executive Leadership within the healthcare sector.



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.



BRITT SIMMONS

Britt is an Elected Board Member and is in her first year on the Board and as the Secretary of the Men's Section. Britt's portfolio on the Board is Social & Fundraising and she is also an active member of the Communications Group. Britt has been a member of Camberwell Hockey Club for 20 years after joining as part of Minkey and still plays today. Britt has also been appointed as a Gender Equity Ambassador for Hockey Victoria. Britt is a Senior Transport Planner with AECOM and works on strategic projects focused on sustainable transport and travel demand management.



JOHN UNKLES - CLUB SECRETARY

John is an Appointed Board Member and has been involved in some capacity at the club for over 36 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 role with Anglicare Victoria, the Canterbury Community Action Group and as a tour guide at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.



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.



CAMBERWELL HOCKEY CLUB STRATEGIC PLAN

2023

2030

VISION: A Community Club for all ages, genders and abilities **VALUES:** Supportive, Selfless, Respectful, Inclusive, Relentless

STRATEGIC PILLARS

PLAYER
ENGAGEMENT

HOCKEY
EDUCATION

COMMUNITY & HOCKEY
ENGAGEMENT

CLUB CULTURE & MEMBER
PARTICIPATION

FACILITIES &
INFRASTRUCTURE

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
& GOVERNANCE

OUR GOALS

Enhance Player Retention, Recruitment & Re-engagement

Develop Hockey Players & Officials at all levels

Maintain Strong Relationship with the Community, Council & Hockey Victoria

Enhance Club Culture and Member Participation

Provide the best possible Training, Playing and Social Facilities

Continued Financial Strength, Good Governance and Sustainability

DESIRED OUTCOMES

- Increase player participation across all levels at a sustainable rate
- Increase player retention, recruitment and re-engagement
- Reduce barriers to playing hockey
- Increase participation and capability of coaches, umpires and officials
- Provide development opportunities for players of all abilities
- Provide elite player development pathways

- Lead, promote and grow hockey in Victoria.
- Continue to meet LEC requirements
- Maintain strong relationship with Council and community
- Increase Club diversity

- Strengthen whole of Club culture
- Increase Club social opportunities
- Increase Club volunteer engagement
- Provide inclusive environment for all

- Continue to provide first class facilities at Matlock
- Improve 2nd home ground and facilities
- Maximise use of facilities
- Provide equal access to facilities
- Maintain safe facilities

- Maintain financial strength
- Uphold good governance
- Manage efficient Club operations
- Build Club resilience, succession planning and sustainability

FOCUS AREAS

- Review retention initiatives to minimise player turn over
- Undertake program to re-engage past players
- Consider recruitment programs to increase participation
- Expand summer, indoor and midweek hockey programs
- Review barriers to playing hockey and enable flexibility
- Create and grow Club coach, umpire and officials development programs
- Expand school roadshow programs
- Provide hockey basics programs for all ages
- Provide elite player development pathways
- Promote hockey excellence

- Support Hockey Victoria on-field and off-field initiatives
- Review LEC requirements and implement action plan
- Review diversity of the Club and community, and create action plan to increase diverse engagement
- Enhance Council and neighbourhood engagement

- Create more whole of Club social opportunities
- Create volunteer role descriptions and plan to increase Club volunteers
- Promote inclusion initiatives
- Promote wellbeing initiatives
- Complete Gender Equity Audit and Action Plan

- Review 2nd ground and facilities options
- Implement infrastructure and capital works program
- Promote community & social use of facilities
- Review game fixture usage
- Review equal access and best use of facilities
- Consider technology developments to improve player and member experience

- Increase sponsorship
- Maximise grant opportunities
- Review volunteer versus paid roles and succession planning for key roles
- Streamline club operations where possible
- Increase use of technology to improve Club administration
- Implement National Integrity and Safe Hockey Frameworks

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TEAM SPONSORS SUMMER MASTERS COMPETITION

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Sinclair Dermatology

Acorn Window Cleaning

Red Rooster

Visions Fitness

Watson Young Architects

Camberwell Rodd Medical Centre

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