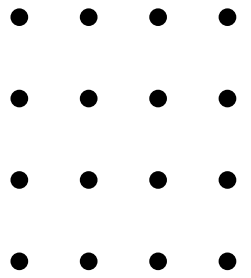
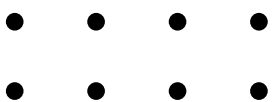


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A Record Breaking Year





President's Report

What a year this has been! It is difficult to describe all the feelings, challenges and unbelievable situations the committee and I have had to work our way through over the last 24 months. The COVID pandemic has truly posed one of the greatest challenges to community sport ever seen and while we have weathered the storm well it has not been without its challenges. As recently as 12 months ago we were still coming out of the final lockdown period in Melbourne and building towards summer hockey; having our doors open again for the first time in months.

Although we are all well and truly sick of speaking of the dreaded COVID times. However, I feel it is important to contextualise our achievements in 2022. As a committee, we could not have possibly believed we would be in the position we are in now after two COVID interrupted seasons.

Remarkably, after these two interrupted seasons we have broken our membership record for the second season in a row; managed to field all junior, senior and masters teams entered in 2019 except for one; and are in a strong position financially. As you will read through this report we have been able to provide an exceptional service to our members and have been rewarded following some tremendous hard work by a large group of volunteers who were dedicated to keeping the club running through some really difficult times in 2020 and 2021.

At the beginning of this season it did not take long for us to see that the work undertaken over the last two years had already put us ahead of other clubs in our region. The efforts to remain operational, run Zoom training sessions and one on one keeper sessions in cricket nets all ensured we returned strides ahead of our neighbours.



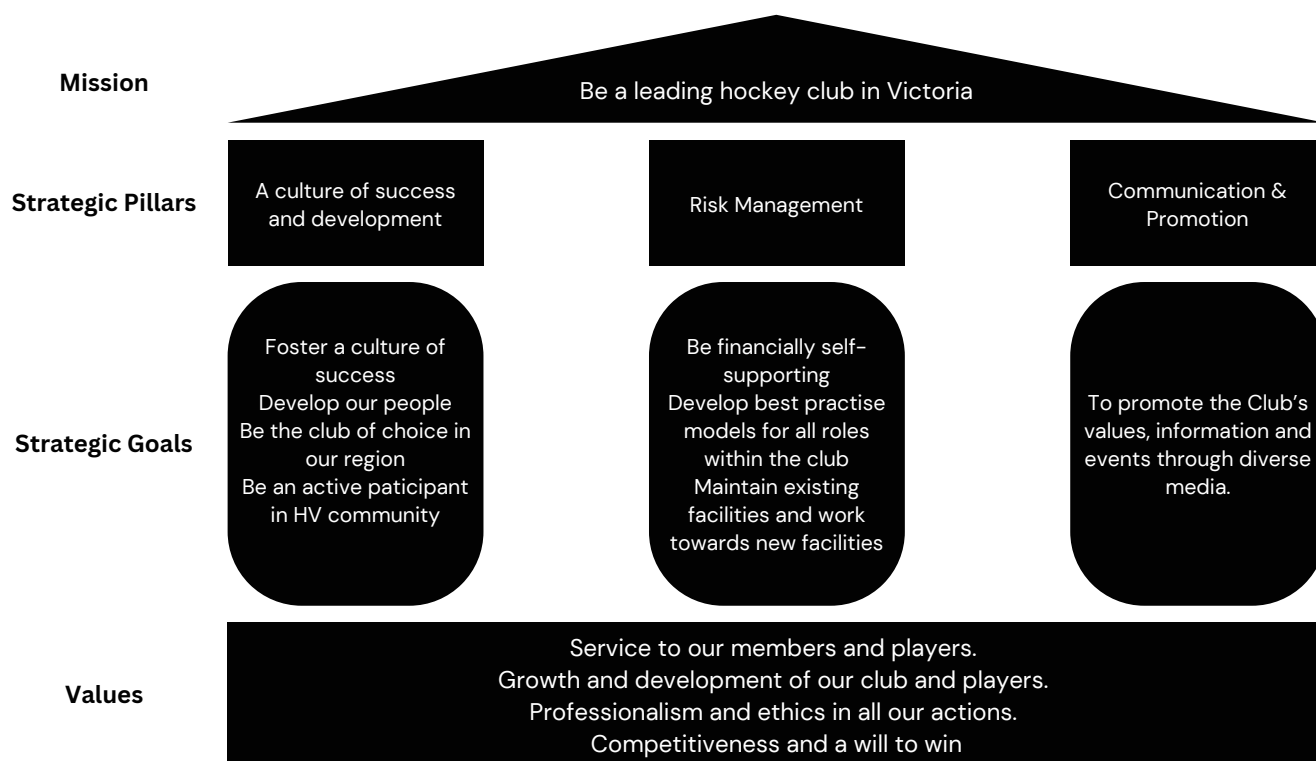
On field, this season was capped off with three of the more exciting grand finals you are likely to see. Our Under 18s polished off a fantastic season winning their grand final after the siren with their opposition missing a stroke to tie the game. Our U12 shield girls played an excellent game against Footscray, winning in sudden death penalties. Our Over 45 Men unfortunately went down in a tight game, being denied by the goalpost three times in the second half. It was inspiring to see our sides excelling on field.

Off field, we have had a stellar year. We were once again named as finalists for Community Club of the Year by Hockey Victoria. This is the third season in a row we have been named either a winner or finalist for this award, an achievement of which we are extremely proud. We were also named as a Hookin2Hockey club of the year finalist. Our Hookin2Hockey program saw a record number of U10s come through our door in 2022. Finally, one of the prouder moments for our club this year was being named as Junior Girls Club of the Year by Hockey Victoria. I am incredibly proud of Leigh, Amber and the broader junior team for their accomplishments this year that have lead to us achieving this title. It is a wonderful recognition of the hard work undertaken to provide girls with a high-level community sport experience.

If there is one final message I can leave you all with, it would be my overwhelming confidence in where this great club is heading. 2023 is going to be a special year as we celebrate our centenary and I believe we have the right people in place to not only see us celebrate this occasion well but also continue to see our club grow.

Evan Kittelty - President

Strategic Review



With the club's Strategic Plan expiring in 2023, we are currently completing an evaluation of our current plan, assessing areas of success, and considering future challenges. Over the last four years, the club has taken significant strides across the communication and promotion and risk management pillars of our Strategic Plan. Considerable work has been undertaken to improve the club's online presence both on our website and across social media platforms. This has resulted in increased membership queries and recruitment. We are also receiving high levels of positive feedback both internally and externally regarding our social media activity. A massive thank you to our regular club photographers who often attend games they would not otherwise be watching to ensure all teams gain exposure on social media over the course of the season.

In the background the club has also been working hard to redevelop our financial management systems, create new and adapt current policies and procedures and liaise with Council and Hockey Victoria to improve club facilities. We feel we are in a stronger position than we were four years ago in regards to managing risk.

We are facing challenges in meeting our goals around on field success. We have met our goals in the junior section with shield hockey available for all ages and genders in 2021 and 2022. We will continue to work on high level skill development plans throughout 2023 to ensure the large number of juniors working through the club enter our senior program at a skill level where they are able to compete for spots in our top grade teams. However, it is an ongoing goal for the club to become established and sustainable Premier League club in our senior section, and there is currently a large piece of work in front of us to ensure we achieve this goal.



A Century of Brunswick Hockey

The 2023 season marks 100 years since Brunswick Hockey Club was originally formed by club legend Wally McMillan. This is an incredible achievement for our club which has been through periods of extreme adversity and faced the possibility of folding multiple times during its history, most recently during the 1990s.

The 2023 season is going to provide us with a fantastic opportunity to reconnect with past players who have not been attached to the club over recent years, and celebrate the extraordinary contributions of 100 years worth of members at Brunswick Hockey Club.

The club's major function for 2023 will be a gala event held at the Moonee Valley Racecourse on Saturday 22 July. We are hoping all past and present players will attend to celebrate the 100 year history of Brunswick Hockey Club.

A full calendar of events will be posted early in 2023 to provide notice of all events taking place to celebrate the club's centenary.

Brunswick Hockey Club Centenary Gala

Saturday 22 July 2023

Moonee Valley Racecourse



Junior Section Review

The focus of the Junior Committee coming into 2022 was to build on the growth that had been occurring over the previous seasons and to create more opportunities for the kids at the highest levels of junior hockey.

Through Term 4 of 2021 into Term 1 of 2022 we focused on engaging and up-skilling our junior base with the aim to submit a shield team, and either a district or pennant team, in each age group and gender.

The development sessions were a great success seeing our Senior and Veteran men and women providing the juniors with specialised support required to build skills that had been lost through gaps in play, while encouraging kids back to hockey and sport. This was a great success providing access to development to over 40 children.

We would like to make a special mention to Phil Barret, our current Under 12 Shield Coach. Phil has been coaching juniors at Brunswick for over 10 years. Over the last 3 years he has been integral to the development of a high performance pathway for our juniors. The hours he invests do not go unnoticed and are greatly valued by the club.

For the 2022 season, we submitted 13 teams:

Under 10: Three full teams, boys, girls and mixed. This was the result of our successful schools program and Hookin2Hockey. We continued to grow this group as additional children joined the teams throughout the season.

Under 12: We submitted Shield 12 Girls, Shield 12 Boys and Mixed District 12.

Under 14: Girls Shield A, Boys Shield A and Mixed District

Under 16: Girls Shield B, Boys Shield B and Mixed District

Under 18: Mixed.

The juniors' results were outstanding with grand final wins to our Shield 12 Girls and Under 18 Mixed Team and our Under 16 District made the Finals after only their second season of Hockey. Incredible feats by all those involved.



Our Zone and State Representation grew in 2022:

- We represented TIGERS in the Junior State Hockey Championships with 26 children being selected, our largest number ever across all age groups Under 13, Under 15 and Under 18.
- We increased our Goal Keepers across the Junior Club.
- Our Victoria Academy Representation grew with 12 Brunswick players selected over the Under 13, Under 15 and Under 18 age groups.
- Two junior girls were selected in the State School Victoria Program.
- Three juniors selected for the Under 13 State Teams: Will Tracy, Jude Barrett and Gabriella Pezzimenti, who was also named Captain.
- Charles Barrett selected in the Under 15 State Team.
- Five juniors Selected for the Under 13 Development Team, Jake D'Agastino, Shiv Iyer, Olli Mortimer, Kiara Massa and Paige Haupstein (GK), we believe Paige is our first state GK.
- Josh Tracy selected in the Under 18 Victoria Development Team.

- Three juniors achieved Level 1 Umpiring Accreditation: Alessandro Pezzimenti, Max Rosatto and Riley Woodyatt.
- We had juniors umpiring senior games and master's games.
- Four juniors took on junior coaching roles over the season, Libby Sumerfield, Max Rosatto, Tama Martin and Marco Holmes.
- We had our 25 juniors from Under 14, Under 16 and Under 18 flow into seniors during the 2022 season, our largest movement for the club.

In Term 4 we have submitted seven Indoor Hockey Teams, our largest number ever.

We are running term 4 Social IPL for our juniors with over 60 players committed.

We will continue to run our development sessions moving in term 1, 2023 as well to ensure we are adequately up-skilling the teams.

Amber Pezzimenti and Leigh Tracey, Junior Representatives



Primary School Roadshows

The Primary School Roadshow Program is the club's most important recruitment tool for junior players entering the sport for the first time. Over a one week period we had the opportunity to enter primary schools and run sessions for up to 1500 children, offering them the opportunity to experience hockey and hopefully join our Hookin2Hockey program afterwards.

The 2022 Roadshow was shaping up to be a great one. Visits to two schools were planned for each day, with Brunswick Hockey Club providing all our own coaches and equipment.

Unfortunately, in the week before we were to kick off, half of all primary schools who had booked pulled out due to their COVID-19 protocols, and we were down to just one school a day.

After a quick coach reshuffle, we carried on and ended up visiting four schools over five days: Moreland Primary School, Merri Creek Primary School, St Joseph's Primary School, and Coburg West Primary School.

All schools welcomed us warmly and enthusiastically, and coaches and kids alike had a ball! Big thanks to Morris and Scott for putting their hands up to help coach with Alex, and to Amber for her behind the scenes work as always. We're currently gearing up for our 2023 Roadshow, which will hopefully be bigger and better than this year's. If anyone is interested in coaching in 2023, let Alex know!

Alexandra Sadler, Growth and Development Coordinator



Our Next Gen Superstars

Brunswick's Hook in2 Hockey flowed on seamlessly from our Roadshow, kicking off the week after we visited schools. Despite only seeing half the number of schools we hoped to we had a record program, with more than 80 kids fronting up to the Come and Try day. Testament to our Roadshow team, the pitch was pretty full! With the hard work of our Junior Coordinators engaging with parents on the sidelines, and our awesome volunteer coaches, ranging from U16s to Masters and Vets players, we ended up with 83 new kids on the books, and regularly saw in excess of 60 children showing up (especially on sunny days)! The program ran for eight weeks, and a massive thank you goes out to all the coaches and players, juniors and seniors alike, who showed up every week to herd cats and recruit the next generation of Wickers. When the program ended at the end of term 1, many kids (and some coaches!) transitioned into U10s, and those not yet ready for competitive hockey got involved in our Superstars program. The hard work put in by all those involved resulted in the club being runners up for Hookin2Hockey Club of the Year, which is just a cherry on top of the success evidenced by our strong U10s and Superstars sections.

The U8s age group not yet ready to play half-field competition attended on Tuesday nights to be coached by our U14 Wickers. Under the Wickers coaching and umpiring, these young Superstars developed their skills, confidence and understanding of the game to play quarter-field matches every Saturday and train every Tuesday. The Superstars developed their love of hockey, and we regularly had 20-30 players attending training every Tuesday night. Some transitioned to or filled in for U10s, proving the efficacy of Superstars as a bridging program, and we're sure to see plenty of them back next year, thanks to the great coaching of our Wickers Academy participants. The 2-term season ended with a match against PEGS HC U8s. There was such a strong turnout from Brunswick we had to lend PEGS some players! A fantastic year for the program, heralding great prospects for our junior program in years to come.

Alexandra Sadler, Growth and Development Coordinator



Wickers Academy

Wickers Academy also had a strong year, with 12 U14s and 12s players committing to learn how to coach and umpire twice a week, including two who joined midway through the season. These juniors came to the club twice a week, every week, sacrificing part of their warm-up and pre-training chats on a Tuesday and dragging themselves out of bed on a Saturday morning to come and develop our Superstars players.

Many Wickers volunteered to help coach and umpire the U10s, who share the field with the Superstars, working alongside Wickers graduates as well as Hilary and Leigh, exposing them to more experienced coaches and giving them a clear pathway should they want to go into coaching. Every single participant improved significantly in their confidence and capability in coaching and umpiring. Many Wickers began umpiring U10 and U12 games as the season went on, and sometimes older age groups! Through this program, the participants learned both skillsets, but many showed a clear preference for one or the other.

The Wickers have ended their first year of the Academy with the ability to coach young players, umpire quarter and half-field matches, and are ready to progress on to attaining their Level 1 coaching or Umpiring qualifications next year. The Wickers represent the next generation of involvement in our club and give hope to umpire coordinators everywhere. They have done a wonderful job developing themselves and encouraging the Superstars, and it is testament to their hard work and enthusiasm how many kids run on the field excited to be there every Tuesday and Saturday.

Massive thanks go out to Maria Barbetti for her umpiring expertise and regular attendance on a Saturday morning to give the Wickers the benefit of her experience and knowledge, and also to Meg and Scott for lending Alex a hand on Tuesday nights!

Alexandra Sadler, Growth and Development Coordinator



Finding Room to Grow

Over two years ago Brunswick Hockey Club began exploring the potential development of a second hockey pitch in Merri-bek City Council to cater for the outstanding growth within our club community. Over the last four seasons alone, we have seen close to 30 per cent increase in overall club participation. This has resulted in a reduced capacity for the club to undertake the required training sessions for our players while also being able to continue the community work we value.

Key to our exploration of a second pitch is a continued desire for our facilities to be utilised by the broader community and not locked away from potential user groups. When not being used by the club, our new clubrooms should be accessible to the community as a Community Meeting Hub or space for Senior Citizens groups and the pitch accessible to local schools who may be lacking all weather outdoor recreation facilities.

BHC successfully secured funds within the 2021-2022 council budget for a feasibility study to be undertaken that would report on prospective locations where a second pitch and clubrooms could be located.

We were pleased to read the findings of the feasibility study that were released in September which identified McDonald Reserve on Bell St in Coburg and Parker Reserve in Coburg North as the two preferred site. McDonald Reserve is the club's preferred choice due to its close proximity to public transport, council facilities and Coburg High School, whose students could make use of the facilities as Brunswick Secondary College currently do with our current pitch.

Council has provided in-principle support for a pitch at McDonald Reserve and we eagerly await further reports that will determine the next steps.

Vale Kel McMillan

Kel, the son of one of the Brunswick Hockey Club's founder Wally McMillan, was born in 1930 and lived in Brunswick Road. For those of us who met Kel, when he returned to Brunswick would remember a brilliant junior hockey player, who grew up around the hockey club and always had a stick in his hand. He rose to play A Grade hockey at Brunswick in his mid-teens. Stories of his hockey skills, stick work, and prolific goal scoring were often talked about around the club.

Kel represented Victoria in senior hockey over three years from 1946 to 1948. Kel was only 16 when first selected for his State; the youngest ever to achieve this honour.

Earlier this year during a phone conversation with Kel he said "You know I hit five field goals against Camberwell in an A Grade game in 1948, has anyone ever topped that at Brunswick?". Well I knew he was only 17 years old when he hit those 5 goals. I had great pleasure in letting him know he still holds that title some 74 years later, and it will probably never be beaten.



Shocking news was to follow. Only nine months after Australia won that Cup, Kel would be struck down with infantile paralysis – the polio virus – in April 1949. This meant that the muscles in one of Kel's legs was paralysed and that there was no cure for that. Regarded as “the best forward in Australia” at the time, he would never have the chance to represent his country.

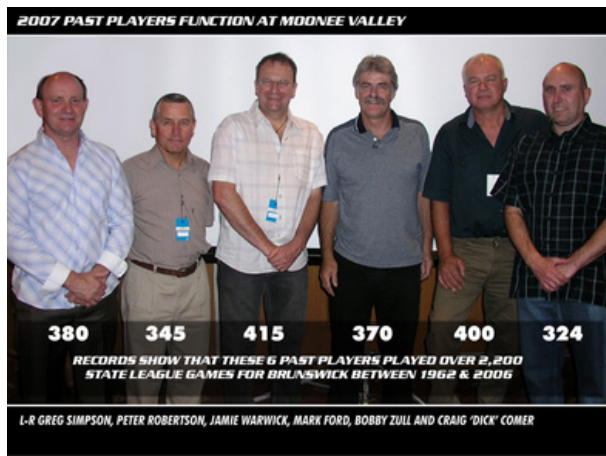
In that same year of 1948 when he was only 17, Kel was selected in the Australian team to tour New Zealand. His father Wally had apparently said that Kel was too young to go overseas with the National Team, and that he would have plenty of time to do so in the future.

Though Kel had his brilliant hockey career stolen, he remained around the Brunswick Hockey Club and took on roles over the next two decades as Club President, A Grade Coach and Manager up until the early 70's. Past players who were around the Club during this time had said that “even on one leg you could not get the ball of him”. Kel returned to Brunswick on the rare occasion after that. He kindly took up the invitation to attend the official opening the new Brunswick synthetic ground in 2008 with his son Greg.

For the older generations his hockey story has been told over and over again, but the modern-day members may not have heard of Kel. I hope his legacy will never be forgotten at Brunswick. Although his A Grade career was over when just a teenager, and he surely would have played many years for club, state and country. He must be considered one of the greatest players to pull on the black and white for the Wickers.

Noel Turner, Club Historian





Vale Peter Robertson

Peter 'Robbo' Robertson played in the top Brunswick Mens A grade team over a 20 year period from 1963 to 1982 in some 345 games. If the Club did name a 'Team of the Century' then Robbo would have to be one of the first selected. He was right up there with the best players to ever play at Brunswick over the past century.

Robbo was diagnosed with prostate cancer some 15 years ago around the age of 60 and through effective treatment went into a long remission. Sadly, the cancer was the eventual cause of Peters death this year at age 75.

The Brunswick 'little number 4 champ' was only short in stature and slightly built, but quick and strong for his size. He was a Brunswick A Grade captain and a playing coach and duel Best and Fairest winner from 1978 to 1980. Robbo's ambition to play for Australia in seniors although, throughout what was a very strong era in Australia hockey at that time, he didn't achieve his dream.

Players of his era would comment about Robbo's fitness, training, game preparation, and professionalism. He had all-round solid skills which, along with good decision making, made him a very reliable player. He was a role model and mentor to younger players and a mentor, freely passing on his advice and experience. I remember as a teenager coming in to the A Grade Squad and Robbo, then in his 30's, would just take you aside at the end of training and give you some tips on things he had observed and how you could improve parts of your game.



After his 345 A Grade games, Robbo dropped down to play Pennant seconds. Then, in 1984 when in his late 30's, he played in the Brunswick thirds metro team where he would control the game playing at Centre Half. The team ended up playing off for the Premiership that year. The game went into extra time and then on to a penalty shootout. Robbo calmly put his penalty into the back of the net (along with four of his teammates) for Brunswick to bring home another flag.

Robbo did go on the play veteran's hockey for Victoria and eventually realised his boyhood dream of representing Australia, at the Master's level.

I know the vast majority of the current club members would never have heard of Peter Robertson. He did come back to the Club a handful of times in the past decades for certain events including for the opening of the new ground and for Legend's games. May he rest in peace.

Noel Turner, Club Historian



Men's Section Review

Premier League and Reserves

Following on from a season stricken with instances of lockdowns and social distancing restrictions, the men's section returned to another year in Premier League, testing our skills, teamwork and mental strength by playing at the highest level in Victoria in a challenging 19 rounds of hockey. The end of 2021 saw the departure of head coach Jessie, leaving us without a head coach at the beginning of preseason. Nicole Date, our reserves coach and junior skills development expert, was keen to stay for the journey and remained Premier League Reserves coach for 2022. Jack Banister was then appointed Premier League head coach early in 2022.

Our usual Tuesday and Thursday training structure saw the continued expansion of the Tuesday session to include any players looking to develop their skills and hockey knowledge. The club saw players of all ages – some as young as 14 – coming along and engaging in high intensity training sessions, forging a link between the pennant and premier league sections of the club. Enabling the continued growth and development of the section will expand our depth and provide opportunities for high quality coaching experiences to all who are willing to make it down to the pitch on a Tuesday evening.

The year saw many changes in the line-up across the two squads, with many new young players such as Louis Holmes and Morris Hunter finding themselves a spot in the Premier League squad alongside the return of previous players. These included Lachie Date, Charles Swain and James Tierney, the latter of whom would find himself coaching on a couple of occasions. All were able to provide a different aspect while cultivating a wealth of knowledge which continues to build the depth of hockey knowledge in the squad.

Players with experience in leagues outside Australia including Nav and Rahull provided further perspectives on skills and structure to implement into our game plans. Such perspectives help our style of play and increase the skills of all individuals in the structure, as well as allowing some freedom for our playmakers.



A massive thanks goes out to the support network around the Premier League and Reserves squad. It takes a team to help us week in week out. Special mention must go to Pete 'Daggers' D'Agostino. Daggers is our team manger, but this title is not fitting. He deals with everything from team entries, stats keeping, game filming, Gatorade supplying, first aid, kit management and so much more. We would not be able to run out on the pitch each week without all of Daggers' hard work.

Pennant D

A well fought season for the Pennant D boys this year, every week going out and giving 110 per cent to the game we all love so much. Great development from the start of the season to the end, with new juniors climbing the ranks. Fantastic coaching from not only Rich, but Dan and Ben. A huge thank you to all their hard work throughout a trying season.

Pennant E

A tough season overall in the new structure for the bottom half of the Pennant Competition. A tale of two competitions with a difficult top half and close competitors in the bottom half. With low numbers the semi-serious/development Pennant E team took on the remaining numbers of those from the Metro competition. While results didn't go our way each week, the effort put on the field was faultless. Lead on field by Jules the run and effort was always there from the midfield to the forwards. Each week we were under pressure down back but the backline gave it their all no matter what the numbers. Keepers were hard to come by in the end but whenever we were in trouble Damo would be willing to kit up and you wouldn't have thought he was only a part-time keeper. While the season didn't go the way we wanted overall I saw more growth in the players through the tough conditions; especially the juniors that came through the ranks as they had to work out how to beat skilled players above them, skills that will be helpful for them as the move up the ranks. A massive thank you to Chris for his countless hours of work.

Finally, a massive thanks to all of the men's sub-committee, anyone who filled an umpiring shift, canteen shift or tech bench shift through the season. We cannot play a season without a team of volunteers behind us.



Women's Section Review

2022 was a really strong year for the women's section, both on and off the pitch.

We started off the year with a new approach to preseason fitness. Instead of runs around Princes Park we linked up with the Coburg Harriers Athletics Club, with President Mike taking us through a four week/eight session running program. Each week we learnt new techniques, ran different durations and found real enjoyment in developing our running skills.

Alongside the running, we also participated in spin classes, Muay Thai sessions, cardio/fitness workouts run by Ceitlin as well as participating in Hockey Victoria's summer hockey comp and Stand Out Cup, making it a fun and varied preseason.

In February we held our annual 'Come and Try Day' - where we invited people returning to hockey, completely new players, and junior players to join existing players for a morning of hockey skills and games. This was followed by a chance to socialise at Welcome to Brunswick. This was well attended and resulted in several new recruits for the section.

We entered five senior women's teams, with what was previously known as our Metro A team becoming our Pennant E team, and our Metro B team becoming Metro 1 North West.

We were very pleased to have coaches for each of our five teams this year, and thank them for all their guidance throughout the year:

- Vic League 1 - Sean Heath
- Vic League Reserves - Jessi Dillon
- Pennant C - Alessandro Wilson
- Pennant E - Mark Sansom followed by Sarah Eaton
- Metro 1 - Michael Reidie



We had great junior representation and integration throughout the section, with plenty of new and returning juniors playing regularly and looking very much at home in the senior competitions. Altogether 17 juniors played in the women seniors competition this year.

Strong seasons from our section saw three of our teams make the finals: Vic League 1 finished 3rd, Vic League Reserves finished 4th and Pennant E finished 3rd. Pennant C and Metro 1 both finished 7th, with solid seasons from teams. Unfortunately deep runs into the finals were not to be, with all our teams losing in their semi-finals, and Pen E going to shoot outs to determine the winner. However, a fantastic result to have three teams in the finals, and one that everyone was very proud of.

Three of our players finished in the top two goalscorers for their grades; Christine Butcher (14 goals - VL1), Adele Walsh (12 goals - VLR), and Katy O'Sullivan (20 goals - Pen E). We also had four players feature in Vic League Team of the Year - Meg Vincent, Clare Dalton, Christine Butcher and Jessie Campbell. Meg Vincent also came runner-up in the Vic League 1 Best and Fairest.

Thanks to the women's subcommittee members, team managers, selection and umpire coordinators, social committee and other volunteers for all their help in making it such a fun and rewarding year. The women's section is in a really fantastic place, and we're looking forward to building on these successes next season.

And lastly, after 4 years in the role, Fiona Bell will be stepping down as women's representative as Ellie Lacey continues on.



Masters Section Review

Our first full, uninterrupted season this year was a blessing for everyone after two years off from playing our beloved sport.

First of all, my sincere thanks go out to all the Master's Sub-Committee members – Frank Zaccaria for the 50s; Michael Reidie 45s; Adam Ruddick Open Age men; Tony Lennie Women's B grade, and Wendy Vincent A grade women's team. These special people, aside from Tony, are also players that administer, coach, recruit players and help manage all our master's teams each week. They do these tasks as volunteers and fulfil many other roles on and off the pitch. I am very grateful for their support, guidance, advice, intel, and humour each week.

This year, there seemed to be either a feast or famine regarding players lining up for teams. We were either scratching for a few players or we had four to five on the bench taking turns to have a week off! The 45's cohort seemed to take a nosedive in numbers early in the season, so a club wide call out occurred. A few former players and newcomers to the game came striding out of the woodwork. Parents stepped up – aka Ron 'I can fulfill any role this club throws at me' Holmes and Frank 'Yes I can do this' Massa. Big credit goes to Frank Z's brilliant thought to invite Daniel Brown back to the club as goalie for the 45s, helping things get back on track for this squad. Lucky for them as they were the only Master's team that hit the GF circuit!

A quick summary of each team across the section:

Women 35B – The pool for the B this year seemed imbalanced as far as self-grading of teams went. Much of the B pool should have been placed in A grade and as a result of this, our Women's B team fought hard for their solitary win this season.

Women 35A – The team this year didn't have the depth in the player pool and struggled to field an entire team without leaning on double-ups where we could with B team players or cajoling near 35-year-olds from the Senior women's section. Either that or we had to give walkovers. All in all, a disappointing season due to persistent injuries and players leaving the fold; we just couldn't make a solid team stand up this season.



Open Men NW – Their season saw some tight wins and equally, some tight losses. A big player pool and new goalkeeper this year ensured a solid turn out most weeks. Thanks, Adam, for wrangling this team and also to those who stepped up to help when Adam took time out to support his wife and become a Dad earlier this year – congratulations.

Men 45+ NW – Finished 2nd on the ladder, beat Greensborough 3-0 to go straight through to the grand final. Opposition MUHC's run to the grand final went like this: being the 3rd placed dark horse they thrashed the Brumbies 5-0, then beat Greensborough 3-0 in the Preliminary. On the night, it seemed like the Kermonde clan got the better of our 45s. The game was not so much as a thrilling, but rather an unbelievable, gob-smacking match where Brunswick found the goal post three times instead of the net. Had it been the other way around, it would have been thrilling!

Men 50+ – The 50's finished 4th on the ladder with their greatest winning streak of five wins in a row. They went down in the Semi-finals to La Trobe ending their finals run there. Acknowledgment goes out to Frank Zaccaria who is finally passing on the baton of 50s team wrangling after 12 incredible years supporting our club members and firing up the BBQ whenever he could. Amazing effort. Thanks Frank!

Like Frank, I'm passing on the master's section coordination baton to someone willing to take it on; Eloise Connolly, a fine hockey player in our master's section as well as a valued player in various senior women's teams. I hope you will all give El the support she needs to take this section on. It might seem like we're just old hockey players who can't say no to an opportunity to play, but that does not diminish the work involved to get us on and off the pitch each season and every week throughout summer and winter.

A huge thanks to Amber Pezzimenti for support and recruitment of Junior Academy kids into an umpire pool to umpire master's matches each week. It was fantastic to have regular, competent umpires to call on each week. Alessandro took the lead most weeks and proved to be a calming presence amongst the rabble of old players. Thanks to our broader umpire pool made up of Rahul, Damien, Paul 'Seal' Tannenberg; Morris Hunter, Ann Lennie, and Alessandro Pezzementi.



Goalkeepers at BHC

With preseason GK training starting in February, our GK Squad hit the ground primed and ready at the start of the winter season.

This year saw an increase in BHC goalkeepers, giving some teams the option of two. We have new goalies in U12 District and U12 Shield Boys, with Zara, Marlow and Orion joining the BHC GK Squad.

BHC once again got behind the GK program and purchased a deflecta mat, three new OBO kits (\$5,000 worth of gear) and had Hockeyroo GK legend, Rach Lynch, conduct three training sessions.

We saw junior GKs, Mia, Claire and Connor picked for the Under 18 and Under 15 JSC teams, and 11-year-old Paige make the Victorian Under 13s. Women's VL GK, Jessie, was chosen as the train-on for the Country Vic Champs. Master GKs Floss and Dayle were selected for the National State Championships in Cairns, representing Victoria and South Australia respectively. Dayle is also off to play at the Pan Pacific Games, representing Regional Victoria.

Paige's Under 12 team took out the Grand Final, in a sudden death shootout, while Connor, in the U18s, got the team the top honours in the Grand Final with an unconverted stroke in the last minute. Our Second year GK, Archi B, also made his first finals with U16 district.

Paige, Claire, Mia, Connor, and Archie S all made senior debuts in 2022

We welcomed back GK Dan Brown to the 45's Mens Masters, with the team finishing 2nd in a close Grand Final.

At the Hockey Victoria Awards, our VL1 GK Jessie was picked for the Vic League Team of the Year.

A rewarding, progressive and very successful year for the BHC Goalkeeper Squad.

Community and Inclusion

First Nations Recognition



In 2021 BHC recognised that we, as a club, needed to start recognising Australia's Indigenous history and culture.

We all live, work and play hockey on stolen lands.

BHC opened our 2022 season with our first Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony, hosted by Wurundjeri Elder, Uncle Bill Nicholson. We introduced an Acknowledgement of Country on our Website, and email signatures.

For our Women's Round, we raised funds to donate to EMHAWS, the Elizabeth Morgan House Aboriginal Women's Service, who provide support for Indigenous women and children facing violence in the family home.

In 2023, BHC will continue to learn more about Australia's Black history, and is planning an annual Pay the Rent Round, where funds raised will go to organisations who directly support the families of those who have died in custody.

In the future we hope to engage more with Indigenous organisations and people. If you have any ideas on how we can support our First Nations people, please be in touch.

2022 Women's Round



In Round 5 of the senior season we celebrated Women's Round across the club. The round started off with a group of club representatives attending the 10th annual Hockey Victoria Women & Girls Breakfast on Thursday 5 May. The theme was 'Future of Hockey' and we heard from panelists such as Emma Highwood, CEO of Hockey NSW and David Pryles, CEO of Hockey Australia.

On our social media channels we featured a number of player, coach, administration and volunteer profiles from across the women's section.

We had seven senior teams playing at home that weekend, including all of our senior women's teams. All of these teams looked fantastic playing in their pink Women's Round socks, with a best on ground being awarded for all our senior women's games.

Some of the junior girls ran out with our VLI players, and life member Maria Barbetti did the coin toss for this game. We had a bake sale across the Saturday and Sunday, and our Social Committee put on a women's round-themed trivia at Wylie on Saturday night, all raising money for Elizabeth Morgan House - Aboriginal Women's Service.

Elizabeth Morgan House is a local Aboriginal community controlled organisation. They provide refuge accommodation and specialist family violence services to Aboriginal women and their children. They are also a peak body in Victoria for Aboriginal women and family violence, advising Peak Aboriginal Organisations, Government & NGO sectors. The women's subcommittee selected this organisation because they are local to our club, and have a very worthwhile and important purpose/function, which aligns with broader club objectives around greater engagement with First Nations history, culture and people.

We were able to raise \$1,200 for Elizabeth Morgan House, which was a fantastic result and was deeply appreciated. Overall a really successful Women's Round!

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Mens Health



After COVID-19's interruption of the last two years of hockey, our Men's Health Round fundraising for Beyond Blue was revived in 2022 having lockdowns mean the two reschedules were cancelled. Everyone was invited to wear blue to a day of home matches in Round 9, and to Wylie during the evening, to raise awareness and come together as a community. A large proportion of the Men's Premier league team players and Women's Vic League team players came to Wylie, to continue to build on the community development and cultural shift budding at the club. As a community we raised \$600, an excellent achievement we hope to build on in future years.

The round had a primary focus of highlighting the importance of men's mental health across all age groups but also had an expanded focus celebrating the men who have an important role in shaping the club.

Whether it be the work behind the scenes in ground maintenance, looking after team gear, photographers or those who've done it all in the past and now come down to support every game they can, making themselves available for a chat pre-game to settle the nerves or provide some advice over a drink at the end of the day.

Pride at Brunswick



Over the weekend of 29 July the club celebrated Hockey Victoria's Pride by running a fund raiser for Queerspace Youth, a Carlton based organisation that provides support and counselling for gender diverse youth. Queerspace is a truly fantastic organisation that run mental health, support, self care, and general activities with a goal to contribute and create safe communities for all people.

As a start our women's and men's firsts squads, and the captains of our remaining teams, all played in Pride Round socks. In addition to this the club ran a bake sale over the weekend to raise funds. However the big event was our Drag Bingo night that was run at Wylie. A great crowd attended with our fabulous MC Antonio Orbell running Bingo and Pride trivial throughout the night. At the end of the weekend we had raised over \$1,000 for Queerspace.

The Brunswick Hockey Club is a safe and welcoming environment for everyone in our community and rounds such as Pride Round help us reinforce this commitment and recognise the many differences in our club that make us strong. As a club we will continue to develop this program and messaging in the future so if you are interested in helping please let us know.

2022 Financial Statements

Profit and Loss Statement

Brunswick Hockey Club
1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022
Cash Basis

30 Sep 22

Income	
Indoor Membership Fees	236
Canteen	
Canteen Alcohol Purchases	(6,655)
Canteen Purchases	(11,857)
Canteen Sales	38,443
Total Canteen	19,932
Events	
Events & Socials Expenses	(12,173)
Events & Socials Income	13,330
Total Events	1,157
Members	
Coaching Expenses	(36,711)
Hockey Victoria Affiliation Fees	(31,966)
Membership Fees	111,459
Umpiring Expenses	(18,020)
Total Members	24,762
Uniforms	
Uniform Expenses	(14,001)
Uniform Sales	8,321
Total Uniforms	(5,680)
Total Income	40,407
Gross Profit	40,407
Plus Other Income	
Govt. Grants	2,552
Interest Income	67
Sponsorships	9,318
Total Other Income	11,938
Less Operating Expenses	
Advertising & Signage	560
Bank Fees	292
BSC Home Ground Expenses	6,818
Canteen Equipment	3,039
Club Equipment	5,726
Donations	2,623
Fitness & Coaching Clinics	2,212
Insurance	1,427
International Player Expenses	4,743
Licenses & Registrations	514
Merchant fees	1,203
Printing & Stationery	143
Repairs and Maintenance	757
Subscriptions	915
Website	715
Wylie Clubrooms Expenses	1,537
Total Operating Expenses	35,017
Net Profit	17,327

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Balance Sheet

Brunswick Hockey Club As at 30 September 2022 Cash Basis

30 Sep 2022

Assets

Bank	
Business Acc9657	11,451
Statement Acc0018	40,582
Term Deposit Account 7973	89,598
Total Bank	141,630
Current Assets	
Prepayments	4,448
Total Current Assets	4,448
Total Assets	146,078

Liabilities

Current Liabilities	
GST	(1,197)
Rounding	-
Total Current Liabilities	(1,197)
Total Liabilities	(1,197)
Net Assets	147,275

Equity

Current Year Earnings	17,327
Retained Earnings	129,948
Total Equity	147,275

Brunswick Hockey Club Treasurers Report Season 2022

- BHC is in the cloud! The accounts are now on Xero.
- Xero provides the committee with accurate and timely information that has not been available in the past
- For the period 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022 BHC made a cash profit of \$17,328
- BHC has reached a critical mass of members. 493 members this year
- Increasing memberships has secured and strengthened the club's financial position
- Recovered the losses from the previous two covid affected years.
- Strong Canteen sales including the Grand Finals that were played at BHC
- HV failed to invoice \$3500 of team entry fees for Term 1, 2022. These invoices will be paid in the current year
- 30% (\$9,751.36) COVID discount from HV for team entry fees for 2022 season.

What's next?

- This result puts the club in a great position for the upcoming centenary year
- Each section will have a budget for equipment, fitness and coaching clinics and other activities for the first time.
- The 2022/2023 budget will be entered in Xero and we will be able to compare actual vs budgeted figures in real time

Michael Dempsey, Treasurer

Acknowledgements

2022 Committee

Evan Kittelty - President
Graeme Kennedy - Vice President
Alessandro Wilson - Secretary
Michael Dempsey - Treasurer
Tash van Velzen - Master's Rep
Antonio Orbell - Men's Rep
Scott Carter - Men's Rep
Fiona Bell - Women's Rep
Ellen Lacey - Women's Rep
Amber Pezzimenti - Junior's Rep
Leigh Tracey - Juniors Rep
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Brad Hunter - Ordinary Member
Sarah Eaton - Ordinary Member

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Deb Gough

Merchandise Coordinator

Tash Dearden

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HV Community Coach Developer

Nicole Date

HV Queer Ambassador

Antonio Orbell

HV Zone Coach Developer

Nicole Date

HV Talented Coach Development Program

Alexandra Sadler

State Team Representatives

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Jack Banister (Coach)
Larnie Watson (Trainer)

North West Tigers Zone Representatives

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