CAMBERWELL HOCKEY CLUB

94th ANNUAL REPORT

2024-2025



CHC 2025

THE YEAR IN NUMBERS

734	HV Registered Players
280	Female
454	Male
43	Winter Teams
16	Juniors
7	Senior Men
8	Senior Women
12	Masters (Men & Women)
625	Games
290	Wins (47%)
93	Draws (15%)
239	Losses (38%)
1333	Goals For (2.1 /game)
86	MPL and MMetro 2 - highest number of goals scored by a team
1159	Goals Against (1.8 /game)
8	Women's Pennant D - Lowest goals conceded in Home & Away season
4	Minor Premierships -MPLR, WPB, WPC and WPD
18	Teams in finals
6	Teams in Grand Finals - WPL, MPLR, WPLR, WPB, WPC and MM45CN White
3	Premierships - WPLR, WPC, and MM45CN White
18	Australian Reps
10	Players playing in Hockey One teams
80	Representatives in Victorian Teams
80	Oldest Male Player
70	Oldest Female Player
18	Age of Youngest in MPL
16	Age of Youngest in WPL
41	Highest number of players through a Men's team (MPB)
38	Highest number of players through a Women's team (WPLR and WPB)
12	Highest number of games were no goal was conceded (WPD)
6	Number of members who umpired Premier League
260+	Number of volunteers who give up their time around the club.



BEING PREPARED TO STAY

Kindergarten, primary, secondary school and university all do the same thing, they prepare young people to leave. Preparing to take on the next step in their growth and development. Most young people, especially in our area, are blessed with a wonderful array of quality options to prepare them to leave. These experiences can be the gifts that keeping on giving, despite leaving and starting the next stage somewhere else.



Simon Winter
President

Our community hockey club is the same, but different. We also prepare young children for the game we love. Importantly, however, we prepare them to stay.

We offer a pathway that allows them to stay forever.

This term, our youngest participant in the Hook in2 Hockey program is three-year-old, Charles, who tells me proudly that he turns four next week. Charles walked in the gate at Matlock, followed by his parents, picked up a hockey stick and started his own journey.

I have mentioned John Longmuir in the past, a man that constantly inspires me. I watched him play for Victoria's Over 80's at the National Championships in Newcastle recently. John has 15 teammates, he played against three other teams to win silver. His selection in the Australian 80+ team for the 2026 World Cup proves the claim of hockey being a whole of life sport.

I wonder what Charles has in front of him. It is far more than a game, it is a lifestyle, it is friendships decades in the making across clubs, states and countries. I wish Charles and his cohort, the most amazing journey.

President's Report Continued...





After seven years in this role, I am stepping down and handing the job to Rosemary Kelly – known to many of you as Laura and Max Barden's mum. I am very pleased that we will see the first female as President of the fully amalgamated CHC in 20 years alongside Britt Simmons as the first female Secretary.

The opportunity of doing this job has bought me great joy and allowed me to step from the backblocks of the Over 60s Masters into the hockey "fast lane" of our Senior and Junior sections.

We have always strived to be as good off the field as we are on it. In the past seven years (missing one and a half seasons for COVID) we have won 30 premierships over five full seasons, including MPL and WPL flags. We have had three Hockeyroos and two Kookaburras in this time. Additionally, over 70 have represented Australia on the international stage as U21s, indoor and Masters players and umpires. Hundreds of Wellers have represented Victoria (and other states and countries) at Junior, Senior and Master's levels. When it comes to on-field, we have a track record to be proud of and maintain.



Off-field has been a huge area of growth. The sad passing of Yasmin Wilson gave rise to the Mental Health First Aid group. Training and communications focussed on supporting each other. The previous loss of Jesse Foster had been remembered with two trophies at the club. The relevance, never lost, was reinvigorated as our members placed this subject front and centre. We have held special rounds, games and education sessions ever since.

Our respect for the indigenous and LGBTIQ+ communities were echoed through the celebration of special rounds that included education sessions. An important two planks in our inclusion platform.

COVID struck in 2020 and 2021, and Victoria's 262 days of lockdowns saw the 2020 season cancelled and 2021 stopped after ten rounds. This had a major impact on life as we knew it and we emerged differently. The club responded with a huge platform of communication as every opportunity was taken to stay in touch. Podcasts, countless newsletters, over a thousand postcards, Year 12 care packages and the amazing pet photo wall at Matlock, among other initiatives, kept communication lines open with members.

Each year we have held a Life Members Lunch also inviting sponsors, donors and our community to celebrate the new season. Additionally, the Past Players Days for the Men's and Women's Sections are growing in numbers as we welcome back Wellers to our magnificent facility and our club community.

The Men's and Women's Sections welcome our Juniors, as they move into Seniors ranks. Our annual Volunteer's Night thanks 200+ members who donate or do something for nothing at the club.

Sponsorship has grown to support us and allow our community to thrive. 40FORTY Finance (Will Unkles) and the Candor Group (the Henderson family) have maintained continuous support for the past seven years and I am very grateful to have this ongoing relationship. We have a stream of sponsors supporting us and each is valuable. Please refer to the back cover of this Annual Report.



Every activity and action works to create an atmosphere where anyone, as young as three, can learn our game. Where people across a spectrum of backgrounds, beliefs, genders, sexual preference and cultures can find a welcoming atmosphere. A place where children, grow into adults and thrive in a safe and supportive environment. These are our community building blocks.

We all collectively set the standards and tone. Our efforts and results are recognised by more than just ourselves. Our Council recognises us, schools in the area talk about what we are doing, the hockey community seek our advice and those who come from interstate and overseas to join us, spread the word on what they found.

Generations of Wellers created our club over decades. The effort and good will of many within and around us, we strive to maintain and grow what we have. Each new person takes over from the last and pushes on.

Everyone has an impact on the next, creating a community that stands the test of time. We can never rest in this pursuit, but we can be proud of what we have created together.

Simon Winter
President



WHEN HEARTS BEAT TANGERINE

It was a balmy 13 degrees as the Weller Birdz pulled into the carpark and proceeded to schlerrpp their way through the mud to the salubrious draw of the upscale clubhouse.

As the drizzle settled in, the Pen C girls opted to stretch in the safe haven of the 'Visitors Changeroom.' Never before have the Tarts in Tangerine felt more pre-game glamour than when sharing the bench seat within the shabby tiled walls of the men's urinal and shower stall...

And so it was that this high-class hockey moment was photographically memorialised as a representation of so much more than a game. We bloody love the pitch. We chase that ball around in all weather conditions for sixty minutes like our lives depend on it.

But it's the connections forged in these memorable moments shared that will last a lifetime for us all...oh... and a PREMIERSHIP!!!

Pennant C in 2025 has been the most special of teams. This team has epitomised positivity, nurture and endeavour. I can't express just how much I have appreciated the inclusivity and welcoming warmth of this team for my daughter Ruby, (a long standing CHC Junior in her first season of Seniors hockey). It's been like watching her open a treasure box filled with a diverse group of beautiful people and seeing her marvel that a team of women can be so supportive of each other and celebrate each others' individual strengths. Such powerful learnings for a young girl.

Our team consists of old friends and new, but it's also been an incredible family affair...Rube and I were joined on the turf by Bron and her daughter, Tess. Our talented teammate, Gracie, is the daughter of our beautiful TM, Lauren. The Pen C backline was impenetrable due to our incredible wifey duo of Heidi and Bee, and we were most ably led by our mother/daughter Captain/Coach extraordinaire Colleen and Keeley.

To finish a season as Minor Premiers is exceptional. To come away with a premiership win is extraordinary. But to do it with team members whose blood shares the same tangerine DNA is an experience that will likely come only once in a CHC lifetime...

As the year comes to a close and the Weller Cellerbrations die down, the opportunity for connection and club culture continues. As the cherry on top of our sensational season, Team Newnham had the opportunity to take to the hallowed turf of Matlock in Round 1 of the summer social competition... TOGETHER... for the first time EVER!! Between the five of us we have something like 86 seasons of hockey under our belts. As we sit on the precipice of an enormous shift in our family dynamic, (with Archie defecting to a Taswegian club in 2026), the opportunity has been particularly sweet. Again, we have shared this very special opportunity with other families, with the Kohnes (Bronny, Tess, TK and Danny) and the Anchers (Anna and Lila) making up a full 11 on the team sheet!

Gav enjoyed over three decades in the net at CHC and consequently, we have both made lifelong hockey friendships and connections that endure. When Gav and I signed the kids up for Hookin2Hockey at Camberwell 13 years ago, we did so in the knowledge that it was a great club. We believe wholeheartedly in the value of team sport and hoped that maybe one out of three kids would find as much joy in hockey as we both do. The joy



in seeing ALL THREE kids replicate those experiences and connections has been heart exploding!

Our strength as a hockey club is clearly evident on the scoreboard of history. We have more Premiership Pennants in the storage drawer than we have wall space to display them in our clubhouse! But the REAL strength of Camberwell Hockey Club is its people and our culture...and the five of us couldn't be prouder to be Weller Fellers and Tangerine Kweens.

Sal Newnham



THE BEST OF RIVALRIES

BABY BERT BATCH CUP

The Men's Premier League team (then State League 1) fought a decade long struggle for supremacy over Waverley from 1981 to 1992. Over 12 years Camberwell won in the even years of 1984, 1986, 1988, 1990, 1992, with 5 flags in all. Waverley won in 1981, 1983, 1985, 1989, 1991, also 5 flags. Yarra Valley in 1982 and TEM in 1987 were the only other clubs to win. No back-to-back flags for anyone, an extraordinary piece of history.

From this intense period with two star teams, came a great rivalry which is celebrated each year with the Bert Batch Cup. This "Cup" game holds great importance to both teams today and the rivalry is as strong as ever. This rivalry flows through the grades of both clubs.

Against this historical backdrop, comes the U8 and U10 Hubs in Term 2 and Term 3. The concept has our 6 teams of 5 aside, with 8 boys and girls per team, playing games against other clubs, at a central location each week. The Term 2 Hub was Matlock and the Term 3 Hub was at Waverley. The way it worked out was that only Camberwell and Waverley teams attended each Hub, due to geographical arrangements. This however, saw "Baby Bert Batch Cup" games every week! Played on smaller fields and modified rules, the clubs youngest players experience their first competitive games. Officially, every game is a draw. But we all know who wins and who scored the goals! As our children grow older and move through the ranks, they may come to understand the history of the two clubs. This explained why some of the hockey playing parents watching on became tense at the sight of tangerine and royal blue up against navy and white!

Despite their youth, the intensity of competition takes hold and games are exciting. Every play and goal celebrated eagerly by parents, siblings and dogs! Each Camberwell team has 2 coaches and a manager. The oranges and lollies at half time underscore the spent energy needing replenishment. Coaches are busily organising structures and game styles to kick start hockey journeys that might last a lifetime. These days are important and generate lasting memories. It seems somehow fitting that our U8 and U10 Camberwell Hockey Club journey starts with a healthy dose of the rivalry with Waverley. The players will grow up playing against each other in each age group, then together in Hotshots for the Junior State Championships and then against each other in senior teams. Friendships will develop, but the rivalry will live on.

Thank you to all the parents who team managed and also our wonderful coaches led by Jenny Morley: Erin Ellis, Ryan Ellis, Lucia D'Onofrio, Mackenzie Lane, Jade Henderson, Tildy McCreery, Nicole Schneller, Jac Warburton, David Pratt, Max Findlay and Dan Besley.

Simon Winter
President











ANOTHER BRICK IN THE WALL

the Tom and John Askell story





If you want to leave your mark on the world and a legacy to stand the test of time, history shows that building a wall has been a good choice.

Examples through time easily come to mind: the Great Wall of China, the Berlin Wall, Hadrian's Wall in Britain, the holy Western Wall in Jerusalem. Even saying you are going to build a wall can draw attention to yourself... especially, if you can get the Mexicans to pay for it!

If you want to go big, build a wall!

There is a wall, however, that is standing the test of time, has not attracted a lot of attention to itself, but does attract thousands of visitors who have been sitting on it every year since 1986. This is our bluestone wall at Matlock Reserve and it turned 40 this year.

"Our wall" has become a meeting place for Friday night, Saturday and Sunday supporters to gather to watch the goings on at our "field of dreams."

How did it get there, who built it and who do we thank for creating such an iconic and truly unique feature of our home ground?

Our 80 metre wall is made of bluestone blocks, the traditional stone of choice in Melbourne and Victoria. Aunty Jill Gallagher AO, a great friend of the club, has spoken about the 6000-year-old "eel traps" located on her Gunditjmara country in Western Victoria, which are built from bluestone, by her ancestors. Most of Melbourne's landmark buildings built in the 1800's are bluestone or have bluestone foundations. Gutters and laneways throughout Camberwell and Melbourne are bluestone. In these parts, bluestone is the foundation of our community and so it is with our wall.

The wall's construction in 1986 was part of a realignment of the ground with the land shape at Matlock Reserve to accommodate the laying of our first synthetic pitch (which incidentally didn't have a shock pad). The same year, a long-time member, Tom Askell, retired from the Council and takes over the ground maintenance. The romantic version of the story has Tom "spiriting" away the necessary bluestone blocks from the council depot, but given each one weighs 20kgs and we have around 1000 blocks, this seems implausible. The more likely version is that the council built the wall, with Tom pulling the strings and obtaining extra bluestones for additional landscaping. Either way, Tom Askell's appearance at the same time as the wall ties them together.

Tom Askell served in the ADF in WW2 from 1942 – 1946, he then managed the Balwyn Pool in the 50's & 60's and was a council employee for nearly 30 years. His wife, Joan (nee Gunn), gave birth to John in 1948. John had a learning disability as well as severe epilepsy. In time, Tom decided that hockey would be a safe sport for John to play circa 1962. Tom managed the Z4's at Camberwell and with the agreement of opposition teams, John would take the field as the 12th player for Camberwell.

From 1986, John would accompany Tom to the ground arriving at 9am each day. They went home for lunch and returned to continue the work in the afternoon. Tom and John attended dinner at the club on Thursday nights. Matlock was John's safe place. Tom and John managed the canteen, cleaning the clubrooms and maintaining the ground. Maintaining the ground involved riding a 4 wheeled bike dragging a net to brush the newly-laid synthetic pitch, now securely enclosed with the new ground fence. John was known to take the corners too fast from time to time resulting in him taking a tumble. John gained a lot of pride from knowing the work he did for the club.

In 1992, John passed away at the age of 44. Before John's death several Camberwell members; Keith Thornton, Colin Wansbrough, Alan Carnell, Terry Ryan, Roy Carey, Warren Paterson, Peter Collins and Catriona & Peter Ridland visited John to wish him a pain-free journey. Tom and Joan very much appreciated the support shown by the Club for John over many decades.

The Junior boys' section, installed a drinking fountain at the ground dedicated to John. This fountain gave way to the new clubrooms, but the drinking fountain on the SW corner of the new building has a plaque that refers to John Askell.



Tom and John, lived a life of positive action, despite the challenges. Tom and John left their mark on the Camberwell Hockey Club, both in the hearts of those who knew them, but more enduringly, with the wall that has become the place we gather to talk, celebrate and support each other. The cold grey bluestone blocks are a place of warmth and friendship these days.

Many people make contributions that set a new course and we, as a community, are the beneficiaries of their bricks in the wall. Thank you, Tom and John Askell.

Simon Winter



This year, Camberwell Hockey Club built a 'Goalkeeping Zone' (GKZ) with the support of our wonderful sponsors – O'Brien Electrical Camberwell. This special space serves as a 'cricket-net-like' area behind the main goals at CHC, used to fire balls from a ball machine at its willing (and maybe a little bit eccentric) goalkeepers. The purchase of new netting, lighting, and the all-important ball machine has created a haven for goalkeeping training and development like no other. The first of its kind in Victoria!

The club's leap towards innovation and goalkeeper development has earned it the Boroondara Sports Awards' Most Innovative Club Award, as it plugs a much-needed gap, allowing goalkeepers like myself to receive individual and specialised training away from team trainings.



Since the GKZ's construction, a few other goalies and I have had the pleasure of really putting it to the test. Hours spent before and after trainings have resulted in some high-intensity and great-quality sessions, leaving us worn out but satisfied that we got just a little bit better.

One aspect of this area that I particularly like is the focus on goalkeeping basics. Through repetition, muscle memory can serve as a great backup when things in a gameplay setting get a little chaotic. Knowing that I can save the ball with correct technique without having to think about it too much allows me to focus on other areas, such as communication and decision-making.

Looking ahead, I'm eager to use the GKZ as an environment to further refine my own abilities and support the ongoing development of other goalkeepers within the club.

Tom Dyall





JUNIOR SECTION

It's been another big and exciting year for the Junior Section at CHC! Here's a snapshot of the highlights, achievements, and milestones from the 2025 season.

Winter Competition

This year, the Junior Section fielded 16 teams in the Winter competition across six age groups:

- U8/U10: Six teams playing quarter and half-field formats
- U12–U18: Ten teams:
- 3 x U12
- 3 x U14
- 3 x U16
- 1 x U18

Of those ten U12-U18 teams, three reached the finals:

- U12 Girls Shield
- U14 Mixed Pennant
- U18 Mixed

Congratulations to all our teams – whether you made the finals or not – on a fantastic season of development, teamwork, and commitment.

A special shout-out goes to our girls, especially the U12 and U14 teams. With lower-than-usual U14 numbers this year, many of our U12 girls stepped up weekly to help our U14 Girls field a full side – often playing two games each weekend. Yes – that's two warm-ups, two games, and double the post-game Allens' snakes. Thank you, girls – your commitment and team spirit was outstanding. And to the U14s: your resilience, leadership, and good humour made it all work.

Transition to Seniors

The step from Juniors to Seniors is one we take seriously. This season, a number of U16 players trained with senior teams, and several played with senior teams across the year – including Matilda D'Onofrio, who debuted in our Women's Premier League team mid-season. Congratulations Matilda!

For Year 12 students juggling study and sport, the U18 Mixed District Team continues to offer a fun, flexible hockey option. Demand was so high this year that we're now considering a second U18 team for 2026 – stay tuned!

Farewells and Milestones

This year, five junior players received CHC Medallions in recognition of their six years of participation across U12, U14, and U16 levels. In addition, 17 U16 players were acknowledged as Junior Section leavers – marking the end of their junior hockey journey. We'll miss seeing you all on the junior pitch – but look forward to seeing you tearing it up in tangerine with our senior or U18 teams next year.



Coaching Commitment

We again maintained our strong commitment to junior development by continuing to provide two coaches per team this year, thanks to the vital support from both the Men's and Women's Sections. The quality and depth of our coaching plays a key role in nurturing our junior players – thank you to all our dedicated coaches.

CHC Futures

2025 saw the launch of CHC Futures, with a three-day winter holiday program focused on skill development for our juniors, run by our Seniors players. Over 60 participants took part in the inaugural event, which was a resounding success.

Huge thanks to Beth Lyon, whose vision, leadership, and planning brought CHC Futures to life. Her work ensured the program was inclusive and engaging for players of all ages and abilities. We're excited to expand it further in 2026.

Junior State Championships (JSC) - Eastern Hotshots

The JSC gave our juniors an opportunity to compete alongside players from Waverley, Knox, and ECHO as part of the Eastern Hotshots – basically the Avengers of junior hockey.

Held at Footscray and the SHC for U12–U16 in July, and in September for U18s, the tournament delivered some fantastic results for our CHC players despite the cold, wet, and windy conditions.

CHC Player Highlights:

- U12: 4 girls, 5 boys
- 2 boys in the Gold medal-winning team
- Our 4 girls and 3 boys placed in separate 6th placed teams
- U14: 1 girl (Silver medal), 2 boys (5th place)
- U16: 7 boys (Bronze medal), 7 girls (Silver medal)
- U18: Gold medal for the girls and 5th place for the boys

Congratulations to all our CHC players and coaches who represented the region with pride.

Junior Umpiring Program

Learning to umpire helps players understand the game from a new perspective – and builds knowledge and respect for the rules and those who enforce them. Nothing builds empathy faster than giving a junior player a whistle and asking them to umpire a game of under-12s!



This winter, 23 junior umpires participated in the program, officiating across a wide range of matches. Well done all.

And a special thanks to Rowena Findlay, who ran the program like a well-oiled machine: your organisation, guidance, and Jedi-level calm is second to none.

Hookin2Hockey – Where It All Begins

Our Hookin2Hockey program continues to be the starting point for many future CHC stars.

- Term 1: ~55 participants in what was a particularly fun, welcoming environment
- Term 4: ~60 participants with a lot of success from a come and try approach.

Thank you to Simon Winter, our head coach of little humans, for leading the program so effectively, and to his team of young coaches for bringing energy and enthusiasm each week.

Parents across the program comment on how inclusive and friendly an environment our H2H program is – an absolute credit to Simon and has band.



Indoor Hockey – Term 4

CHC juniors have embraced Indoor Hockey with enthusiasm, entering nine teams in the HV Term 4 competition – two more than last year. If there's one thing our juniors love just as much as field hockey, it's hockey that bounces off boards.

Our teams this year are:

- 2 x U12 Mixed
- U12 Girls
- U14 Mixed
- U14 Girls
- 2 x U16 Mixed
- U16 Girls
- U18 Mixed

Early results suggest a strong start across the board.



Junior Section Continued...



Season Wrap-Up

2025 has been another hugely positive year for our Junior Section. While premierships may have eluded us, we are proud of the development of our players, and the community, growth, and sportsmanship shown by our young players.

The Junior Section represents around one-third of CHC's membership – and (we'd like to think) brings about 80% of the energy! Nurturing this group is crucial for the future of our club.

Key achievements this year:

- Launch of the CHC Futures program
- Growth in Indoor Hockey participation
- Continued success of the Hookin2Hockey program
- Launch of our Juniors Mentoring program
- Hosting the U8s and U10s Hub at Matlock

With strong momentum heading into 2026, the future is looking bright.











The Real MVPs

While it's impossible to name everyone, special thanks go to:

- Our Junior Committee
- All Coaches, Team Managers, and parent volunteers
- The Men's and Women's Sections for their continued support
- The CHC Board for backing junior development at every turn

Our motto, "Great People, Great Club," truly reflects the culture we're building – one where juniors feel supported, challenged, and inspired.

Congratulations all on another fantastic season – see you all in 2026!

Warwick Newell
Chair - Junior Section

JUNIOR MENTORING PROGRAM





Years ago, when my sister Mindy was playing the equivalent of Premier League, the legendary Mike Craig would often come to her matches. He offered her one-on-one invaluable, individualised feedback - how to receive the ball, where to position herself, and when and where to lead. This guidance gave her the edge to succeed in her hockey. Her efforts culminated in scoring the winning goal in extra time of the 2002 Premier League Grand Final for Camberwell.

Reflecting on her experience and wanting to provide a similar inspiration for our current junior players, I introduced a Junior Mentorship Pilot Program in the latter part of the 2025 season. The goals of the program were to:

- Develop technical and tactical game skills
- Build player confidence
- Improve player retention
- Foster stronger connections between our junior and senior players.

We selected five boys and five girls who showed a strong willingness to learn, were open to feedback, and eager to take their game to the next level. Each junior was matched with a mentor from our Senior section, based on playing position and personality fit. We specifically recruited senior members who were not already coaching or volunteering at the club, which allowed us to tap into a broader pool of passionate experienced players. We are blessed at CHC to have such an amazing and qualified depth to draw on.

Mentors were asked to attend two junior games and one training session to observe and provide individualised feedback. Many mentors went above and beyond – attending extra games, reviewing match footage, and conducting video-based discussions with their mentees. In return, mentees were encouraged to attend one of their mentor's matches and engage in post-game reflection and conversation.

All mentees reported a boost in confidence, with 50% noting noticeable improvements in their game. Learnings ranged from what it takes to get to the top, positioning on the field, setting goals, tactical understanding and technical skills. Most importantly, all mentees said they valued their mentor's input, appreciated their presence at games and enjoyed the informal chats that followed. Feedback was overwhelming positive will all mentees hoping the program is rolled out in future seasons.

- *"This was an amazing program & I can really see that it gave my son a lift and I think it will continue to have value well beyond the program ending. I love that it really enhanced connections between the juniors & senior teams, especially as my son will probably do seniors next year."*
- *"This is a great initiative Camberwell Hockey Club. All these Juniors have benefited immensely from this program, which I'm sure would help reinforce their passion for the game as well as for CHC. I'll need to also express my gratitude to the passionate work being put in by the Senior Wellers, taking on the role of mentors and spending considerable amounts of time working with the Juniors (on-field and video analysis). Way to go!"*
- *"My daughter was definitely inspired to improve by being afforded this opportunity. She was really impressed by the feedback she was given after her Mentor watched her game. The advice was very specific, clearly worded and comprehensive."*

Feedback from mentors was equally enthusiastic. They enjoyed attending training sessions, watching both junior and senior matches, working on targeted skill development, and creating a bridge between different ages and levels of hockey. Many noted that the program gave them a meaningful way to give back to the club without a large time commitment. Amazingly, all but one mentor – who is moving back to New Zealand – are keen to participate in the program again next year.

The program concluded with a casual pizza dinner on the club deck, bringing together mentees and mentors to celebrate, relax, and chat about the program, finals and summer plans. It was a fitting end to a rewarding experience for all involved.

I am incredibly proud of how positively this program impacted our juniors – not only in terms of their hockey but in building confidence and relationships across age groups. I am also thrilled that our senior players found it just as rewarding. I look forward to continuing and expanding the Junior Mentorship Program next season and beyond.

Special thanks to Beth Lyon for her support in planning and recruiting the senior mentors, and to our Senior sections for their support of the program.

A heartfelt thanks to our amazing mentors and mentees:

- Nathan Copey (MPL) - Hughy Brant (U14)
- Ben Mitton (MPLR) - Michael Knox (U16)
- Ollie Harris (MPA) - Amery Powell (U16)
- James Dean (MPLR) - Thomas Tsui (U16)
- Max Hendry (MPL) - Chris Chinowuttichai (U16)
- Brodie Cochrane (WPL) - Emily Watson (U16)
- Renae Robinson (WPL) - Matilda D'Onofrio (U16)
- Chloe Fader (WPL) - Lila Ancher (U16)
- Meg Mortenson (WPL) - Ruby Newnham (U16)
- Claudia Trollope (WPLR) - Maddie Ross (U14)

Bronwen Kohne



WOMEN'S SECTION

2025 was a truly successful year for the Women's Section, both on and off the field. It was wonderful to see familiar faces return alongside new players, all sharing in the camaraderie and team spirit that define our section, regardless of playing experience.

This year, we fielded eight senior teams and two masters teams, despite facing an unprecedented number of unavailabilities at various points in the season. Our players frequently stepped up to fill roles and support other teams, a true reflection of who we are as a section. The lowest number of players who took the field for a team was a tie between Metro and 45s, each with 26 named players. The highest was a draw between Premier League Reserves and Pennant B, both with 38 players on their lists.

Across the section, the number of players who took the field throughout the season highlights the incredible flexibility and teamwork shown through fill-ins and double-ups:



- Premier League – 29
- Premier League Reserves – 38
- Pennant A – 29
- Pennant B – 38
- Pennant C – 34
- Pennant D – 31
- Pennant E – 37
- Metro – 26
- 35s – 34
- 45s – 26

On the Field

It was an exceptional year on the pitch, with 7 of our 8 senior teams and 1 of our 2 masters teams reaching finals. We proudly had four teams compete in grand finals, and we celebrate Pennant C and Premier League Reserves as our premiership winners. Congratulations to everyone for bringing such competitive and spirited hockey to the field each week!

Premier League

This season, 29 players had the opportunity to represent our club in Premier League. A reflection of both our depth and the strength of our program.

With players away on U21 and U18 national duties, and others making the most of international travel for a European wedding, the season certainly had its challenges. But those challenges brought growth in resilience, adaptability, and character.

As coaches, we couldn't be prouder of this group for stepping up, staying connected, and putting themselves in a position to compete for the premiership.

We'll take the lessons, the belief, and the hunger into next season. Bring on 2026 as we look to slay the final dragon.

Tynan Whight and Cam Ridland

Premier League Reserves

What a ride the WPLR had this year. Started off with a loss but finished with the win that counted, seeing them crowned back to back champions!

In between there were some great wins, some disappointing losses, and a cast of thousands playing - 38 to be exact. At one point only 4 regular players were available (Europe anyone??) seeing both coaches having to take to the field.

Six weeks out from the grand final the coaches mentioned to the team they had to win the last 3 games of the season to have a chance of making finals. The team responded they just needed to win the next 6 to finish the season premiers....and the rest they say is history.

The team played a lovely brand of hockey all year whilst always having fun. Well done WPLR - 2025 Premiers.

Narelle Richardson and Beth Lyon

Pennant A

Women's Pennant A this year came back ready to go for another big year! Welcoming in lots of new faces, farewelling a few from 2024 and supported by many club icons it was a great challenge to hit 2025 with the same tenacity and enthusiasm as previous years.

With fly in, fly out coaches and the usual CHC takes Europe hitting a bit harder than usual it was a harder run to finals but still a very fun one for the Pennant A squad this year. Although we didn't get further than first week we put on some phenomenal displays of team hockey throughout the whole season. Always a laugh and joke along the way, saw plenty of great team culture and that was evident with the Pennant A ladies really coming out in force to support the club off field at the pointy end of finals.

Bridget O'Shea and Matt Bellin

Pennant B

Pennant B had another standout year finishing as minor premiers with our second undefeated regular season in a row, ending as Runners Up for 2025. It was great to see the team cohesion grow across the season. A big highlight was a preliminary final demolition of Essendon scoring in the first 18 seconds.

Sam Balson and Sarah Morley

Pennant C

Our motto for Season 2025 was to have fun! There were a few other instructions along the way but essentially this was our goal from the first game to our last.

35 players graced the field as an integral part of the wider Pennant C group this season. Thank you to all who helped us out along the way. We were excited to welcome 2 Juniors to Seniors Women's hockey for the first time and enthusiastically embraced a talented bunch of new players to this grade as well. We were known as the 'family' team with 2 couples and 4 mother/daughter combinations sharing all things Pennant C during the course of the season.

Testament to the exemplary way we conducted ourselves on the pitch were the numerous compliments we received from umpires, opposition coaches and players alike. We were seen to have a culture that not only enjoyed success but reflected a connection that is rarely seen in team sports. It is a badge of honour we proudly wear.

Our stats were inspiring with 59 goals for & 13 against. Our Win Ratio was an impressive 94%. 17 players contributed to our scoreline this season and 5 of the top 10 goal scorers in Pennant C were from our team. Well done Woodsy, Gracie, Charlotte, Keeley & Charlie.

In a nutshell our season looked like this ...

18 Rounds: 17 wins – 1 Loss

3 Finals: 2 Shootouts and then the ultimate ... The Premiership!! (no shootout required).

Winning the Grand Final in the last 90 seconds of the season can truly be credited to the absolute belief, trust and respect that everyone has for their teammates and also for themselves and their role within our team. It was a sweet, sweet end to a hard-fought game that proved that a champion team will inevitably find a way to win!

Colleen McCormack and Millie Faulks





Pennant D

What a year for the minor premiers, losing only 1 game and conceding only 2, whilst scoring 50. A great team of hockey players who showed up, committed to each other, made the best of opportunities on the pitch and developed as a team through the season. They're also a great bunch off the pitch with dinners, WhatsApp jokes, and success at school, uni or work, as well as many holiday adventures, shared throughout the year.

Jack Burke and Suz Cannell

Pennant E

2025 was a transitional year for Pennant E with players from last year either stepping up for higher duties or taking the year off, which provided opportunities for Metro players of last year and younger players to test themselves at the higher level. The team worked hard throughout the year earning points from twelve out of the seventeen games and pleasingly scoring four or more goals in a game on five separate occasions with the only losses coming by a single goal





Women's Section Continued...



to top four teams. Throughout the year we had thirty-seven different players play, in addition to thirty different double-ups and fourteen different goal scorers. Ultimately missing the finals by the barest of margins.

Paul Dixon

Metro

Metro came into the season with no expectations - in an 18-person list, one third had never picked up a hockey stick before their first training session, one third were playing their first ever season of Seniors for Camberwell, leaving one third to lead the way.

In what ended up being possibly the most welcoming sporting space I've ever had the privilege of being a part of, we demolished all expectations we had for ourselves. Through the support of our teammates, and bravery to try something new, this side came away with 3rd overall; a significant improvement from the previous season, even with less on-field experience.



While not finishing with a medal, we were bested by two teams that I believe would've been competitive in a higher division. I hope this whole team had enough of a blast to be motivated to come back to the squad, or play higher, in 2026, to continue to develop as players, and also to hopefully come away with a medal next season!

Imogen McGillivray

Off the Field

Off the field, our section continued to thrive through a range of club activities and fundraising events, which were enjoyed by players and supporters alike. It was also fantastic to see so many teams organising their own informal catchups. From dinners and drinks to run clubs and team afternoon teas, with teams often staying to cheer on the next team. These moments truly embody the strong community spirit within our section.

As this was my first year in the Chair role, I want to express my heartfelt thanks for the incredible support I've received from members and mentors in continuing the brilliant work of Sara Conyers and the Women's Committee over recent years. Suz Cannell is the powerhouse of the Women's Section, whose contributions have made sure that makes the world spin, thank you.

I'm also deeply grateful to everyone who filled a volunteer role, ensuring we could field teams every week. A special thank you goes to our coaches, team managers, and committee members for their dedication, and to our sponsors, whose ongoing support helps make community sport more accessible to all.

While many haven't put their sticks down for a summer break, for those who have, we look forward to seeing you return (and bring a friend) for the 2026 winter season. I'm a big advocate for engaging everyone to contribute to our volunteer-run club, please consider what you can give back to the club next year.

Milly Bell
Women's Chair



INCLUSION AND WELLBEING

Events highlighting the importance of inclusion and wellbeing continued to build our sense of community at CHC.



In May, coinciding with Mother's Day, we kicked off with our annual Women's and Girls Round. The sun shone, and of course pink was the "colour de jour" as we honoured the women who contribute to our club's success – players, coaches, team managers, officials, volunteers and supporters. The cake stall and raffle at Matlock was a hit and raised over $1400 for Breast and Ovarian cancer research. In the week prior we gathered a panel of experts in women's health to speak to our younger females. Thanks to members Dr Elisa (Lee) Rough (paediatrician), Dr Rebecca Woodman (GP) and Rowena Findlay (ultrasonographer in O&G) who chronicled the health journey for girls and women, from childbirth to post menopause, followed by a Q&A.

Pride Round in June saw rainbow colours on show at training and matches – sox, ribbons, shoe lace beads and cupcakes. We celebrated the contribution of all members including those from the LGTBQIA+ community. We welcomed Kade Matthews from The Victorian Pride Centre who spoke about the challenges they faced and the importance of our inclusivity, allyship and support on an ongoing basis.

Indigenous Round was celebrated in July and we were honoured to welcome back Dr Jill Gallagher AO who joined CHC Masters Player Jim O'Shea at Matlock. Aunty Jill yarned to our members at training one night about her life and challenges and also updated us about the progress of Victoria's historic Indigenous Treaty. On the following Saturday she delivered an acknowledgement of country to those gathered to watch our top teams take on Hawthorn with our senior players proudly wearing our club indigenous strips. We were delighted to also welcome Dr Monique Ryan, MP for Kooyong, John Pesutto State MLA for Hawthorn, and Cr Sophie Torney, Mayor of Boroondara for this special round.

Thanks to Lucy Gallagher who organised Mental Health round in August as a tribute to Yasmin Wilson, a Juniors player and friend to many, who took her own life in 2019. Our Pennant teams wore yellow sox / ribbons and we reminded ourselves to foster open conversations about mental health and to support one another (RUOK). In recognition of her work, Lucy was named the Young Club Person of the Year at the Boroondara Sports Awards.

In the lead up to Men's Health Round in August, Men's Chair Nick Ryan invited firefighter colleague Chris May OAM along to speak to our senior men about the importance of speaking out about health issues, particularly mental health issues. By sharing his experiences as a former solder in Afghanistan and the PTSD he suffered as a result, he spoke about the importance of seeking support when needed and checking in your mates. Blue sox were worn at the round.

These opportunities are not solely a good excuse to wear different coloured sox! They showcase on and off the field the strength and pride in our community's stance on inclusion and wellbeing created over many years at Camberwell Hockey Club. In 2026 they will continue and we plan to offer members the opportunity to undertake Mental Health First Aid training – an important component in ensuring the wellbeing of our club members and families.

Rosemary Kelly
Chair, Inclusion and Wellbeing Committee
on behalf of the Committee members: Sam Balson, Lucy Gallagher, Lucia D'Onofrio, Ruby Phillips, Lee Rough, Lexie Rough, Roman Sowada.





MEN'S SECTION

The Men's Section has enjoyed another strong year, highlighted by consistent performances across all grades and the ongoing development of players stepping up into higher levels of competition. Our depth has once again been a strength, with players from every team contributing to a positive season on and off the field.

This season, we fielded seven senior teams. Across these grades we saw a number of exciting results and plenty of individual success stories. The camaraderie across the section continues to be a cornerstone of our culture, and it has been fantastic to see so many new and returning members embrace their roles within the club.

A huge thank you must go to the countless volunteers, coaches, managers, and support staff who make it all possible. Without your time and commitment, the success of the Men's Section simply wouldn't happen.

Men's Premier League

The Premier League squad had a competitive season, building momentum as the year progressed. The team finished 2nd on the ladder, a fantastic achievement in a tough competition. Their finals campaign ended in a shootout in the semifinal, despite being a matter of seconds away from victory. Congratulations to Cal Taylor, who won the MPL Best & Fairest, and to Kipp Thrupp, recipient of the Coaches Award.

A big thank you to Lachlan Anderson (Coach), Cam Ridland (Assistant Coach), Peter Paice (Team Manager), Ash Mitchell (Physio), Roy Carey (Doctor), Nath Ebenezer and Alexandra Amvas (Strength and Conditioning) for their dedication to the team this season.

Men's Premier League Reserves

The Reserves continued their winning ways with a consistent and high-quality season. They finished 1st on the ladder, securing the minor premiership and went on to have a strong finals campaign, ultimately going down in the Grand Final. It was a very strong season with the only loss sadly coming in the final game. Well done to Matthew Bellin, who was awarded Best & Fairest, and to Sebastian Mactaggart, winner of the Coaches Award.

Thank you to Ruby Webb (Coach) and Bill Webb (Assistant Coach) for their efforts in leading the side.

Men's Pennant A

MPA started the season off really strong going into the top 4 of the ladder, unfortunately however, through injury and movement of players, they endured a challenging season as the season drew to a close. It must also be mentioned MPA went on a 6 week undefeated run that almost saw them make the top 4. They finished 6th on the ladder, narrowly missing finals contention. Congratulations to Oskar Wallace for taking out Best & Fairest, and James Launder for the Coaches Award.

Thank you to Clive Harrison (Coach) and Ian Launder (Team Manager) for their leadership and commitment to this group.

Men's Pennant B

MPB were highly competitive in a tight competition and put together several strong performances across the season. They finished 3rd on the ladder, setting themselves up for finals action where they came up short in the shootout of the semifinal. After starting the season 1 win and 5 losses. The concern was more around making finals at all and it was great to see the squad rally together and come home to finish so strongly. A massive



amount of this late success is attributed to Tim Burkhalter who was pivotal in providing extra players through his efforts calling and messaging available players. Best & Fairest went to Nick Dean, while the Coaches Award was presented to Tristan Cliff. Congratulations to you both, very deserved winners.

A special thank you goes to Jason Reily (Coach) and Tim Burkhalter (Team Manager) for guiding the team throughout the season.

Men's Pennant C

MPC's season was disrupted by availability issues, but the group fought hard in every match. They finished 6th on the ladder, just outside of finals contention but were in the running right up until the final week of the year. With 10 juniors playing during the season it is exciting to see how this group will grow. Well done to Kaz Smolarek on winning the Alan Carnell Cup for Best & Fairest, and Eamon Newell for the Coaches Award a lot of hard work has gone into both of your seasons.

Thank you to Lachlan Dreher (Coach) and Roman Sowada (Team Manager) for their tireless work and dedication.

Men's Pennant D

It was the first time in a few years since Camberwell had a MPD grade after the promotion last season. The team showed they were well and truly up to the promoted grade with a run of 5 games undefeated. The team showed great development and continued to strengthen as a unit. They ended the season in 6th place on the ladder. Congratulations to Jack Brant (Best & Fairest) and Sam Hindhaugh (Coaches Award).

A huge thank you to Murray Robinson (Coach) and Fran Scheeling (Team Manager) for their invaluable efforts with the group.

Men's Metro 2

Metro 2 put together a spirited campaign, demonstrating great teamwork throughout the season. The side finished 3rd on the ladder, earning a finals berth where they fought hard in every match. The team showed a massive improvement from last year with a lot of the strength coming from players in the team improving from the year before. It is really exciting to see how this group will go next year. Best & Fairest went to Josh Cooper, and the Coaches Award to Ben Baulch.

A huge thank you must go to Pat Goss (Coach) and Michael Ostoja-Solecki (Team Manager) for keeping the team together and having fun.



Men's Masters

The Men's Masters remain one of the strongest parts of the Camberwell Hockey Club, once again fielding nine teams across Monday and Wednesday night competitions. With over 120 participants, the Master's program continues to thrive, offering hockey for players of all abilities over 35 years of age.

This year saw three winter teams reach finals. A standout achievement was the Men's 45+ CN - White team, coached by David Wansbrough sealing back-to-back premierships, defeating the strong favourite TEM at H-1, in a scintillating Monday night Grand Final.

Congratulations to the following Winter – Most Valuable Player award winners:

Open B-SE *Patrick Goss*
45+ CN - Blue *Tim Oldham*
45+ CN - White *Rick White*
45+ C-East Tangerine *Brian Richards*
45+ C-East Blue *Doug Watson*
50+ HMHC *Rob Daniel*
50+ SE *Jeremy De zylva*
60+ A *Andrew Brown*
60+ B *Peter Chaplin, Savas Miriklis, Doug Watson*

A heartfelt thank-you goes to the Men's Masters Committee: Paul Gibney, David Herrington, Declan Keating, Neil Pratt, Paul Simmenauer and Andrew Wells and also those stepping down: Jim Forsyth and Kevin Hickey for their tireless work in organising teams, registrations, and ensuring that Masters hockey continues to be an enjoyable and successful part of the club.

A special thank you to the recently retired Chair, Jim Forsyth, who for many years worked tirelessly with the various members of the Master's Committee, Men's Section and CHC Board to build the Men's Master's into a significant part of the Club, providing many parents with the opportunity to continue in a team sport in a family friendly club environment. We wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

Awards & Recognition

Tom Askell Award (Men's Section Club Person of the Year): Fran Scheeling

This award recognises the outstanding contribution of an individual to the Men's Section over many years. Fran has consistently gone above and beyond in his roles within the club, providing tireless support in coaching, managing, and administrative duties. His dedication to both the senior and masters competitions, along with his behind-the-scenes work, has been instrumental in keeping the section running smoothly. Fran embodies the spirit of volunteerism that makes our club so special, and this award is a fitting recognition of his ongoing commitment.

Jesse Foster Memorial Award (Most Improved Boy Playing Seniors): Harbariq Singh



Men's Section Continued...

The Jesse Foster Memorial Award acknowledges the development of a young player within the Men's Section while honouring the memory and spirit of Jesse Foster. This year's recipient, Harbariq Singh, has shown significant growth across the season, stepping up with confidence and maturity. His improvement has been evident both in skill and consistency, earning him his debut in the MPL this year. Harbariq's determination and hard work make him a deserving winner of this award.

Highest Goal Scorer (Men's Section):
Declan Kerr-Lawley

Goals win games, and this award celebrates the player who consistently found the back of the net throughout the season. Declan Kerr-Lawley finished the year as the Men's Section's leading goal scorer, with an impressive tally that highlights his attacking flair and reliability in front of goal. His contribution of 23 goals in 19 matches was vital to his team's success, and this achievement reflects both his individual skill and his ability to deliver when it mattered most.

Committee Acknowledgement

The Men's Section Committee has once again played an essential role in making the 2025 season a success. Their commitment to selections, administration, match-day organisation, and player support underpins everything our section achieves.

Men's Section Committee Members 2025

Nick Ryan, Sarah Church, Nathan Copey, Nick Swanton, Elliot Flukes , Fran Scheeling, Jack Burke , Sam Balson, Ian Launder, Tim Oldham, Hamish Prior, Andrew Wells, Paul Simmenaur, Paul Gibney, Jim Forsyth and Richard Harris.

A heartfelt thank you goes to every member of the committee for the time, expertise, and energy you contribute to the Men's Section.

We would also like to make a special acknowledgement to those stepping off the committee at the end of this year — Nick Swanton, Jim Forsyth, Andrew Wells, and Richard Harris. Your work has been invaluable to the Men's Section over many years, and we are deeply grateful for your contributions.

Final Acknowledgements

Once again, the Men's Section has enjoyed a strong year on the field and a welcoming, community-focused environment off the field. Thank you to the Men's Section Committee, the Men's Masters Committee, and every volunteer who helped in 2025.

A particular note of thanks goes to Lachlan Anderson who is stepping down from coaching MPL after 6 years, in this time winning a premiership and seeing finals every year.

Another thank you must go to Ollie Will, who coordinated umpires across the Men's Section this year.

On a personal note I will be stepping down from the role of Men's Section chairman this season. I loved this role and all of the wonderful experiences that it brought. I believe CHC is so lucky with the community of fantastic people that make up this club. This role enabled me to meet many of them over the years with many of them being regarded as my friends. Thank you all for assisting me in this journey. I am very excited for what this section and club will do in the future.

Nick Ryan
Mens Chair











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 200 players participating: a mixture of our regular Men's winter players, 'summer only' Masters, club friends, Women's Masters' players and new players.

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

Congratulations to 'Evans & Partners' who won our Summer Masters competition for the 2024/2025 season, defeating 'Total Facility Management' in the Grand Final to claim the Ron Yeates Shield.

Highlights of Our Summer Season

- 13 teams - 200+ players ... playing all six games each Monday at Matlock. It was great to see the whole Master's section (Men's and Women's) at one location.
- Largest summer competition 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 35-year-old 'future Masters' group in the competition.
- Successful wine raffle raising funds to support the Junior's Section and player development. Many thanks to James Gadsden and Grand Cru for donation of a wine fridge for first prize, players who donated a bottle of wine and also to Neil Pratt for printing the raffle tickets.
- Our continuing relationships with our sponsors from the previous season
- The summer season doesn't run by itself, and the Masters Sub 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 Lauren Hendry, Stewart Fitz and assistants for coordinating the 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. Thank you to all our summer season's umpires, in particular Nakita McDonald and Ollie Will for organising the umpire's roster.

Paul Simmenauer
Secretary - Men's Masters Section

2025 NATIONAL & STATE REPRESENTATIVES

AUSTRALIAN

KOOKABURRAS
Liam Henderson

AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR (U21) SQUADS
Women: Charlotte Hodgson
Men: Sam Lowndes, Oliver Will

AUSTRALIAN U21 BURRAS TEAM
(SULTAN OF JOHOR CUP 2025)
Oliver Will

U18 NATIONAL FUTURES SQUAD
Women: Cande Wortley

AUSTRALIAN U21 COUNTRY TEAM
Women: Regan Smith

AUSTRALIAN U16 SQUAD
Molly Noonan

AUSTRALIAN WOMENS TEAM - 2025 TRANS TASMAN CUP
035s: Jess Daly, Sam Daly, Shauna Martin (Manager)
055s: Kath Forsyth, Narelle Richardson, Heidi Wenk
060s: Trish Young
065s Shadow: Cheryl Malcolm, Sue Barling

AUSTRALIAN MENS TEAM - 2025 TRANS TASMAN CUP
060s: Owen Rogers
065s: Simon Winter
070s: Clive Harrison, Norman Same
050s Shadow (Marcus Edwards)
075s Shadow: John Longmuir

NEW ZEALAND A
Women: Brodie Cochrane
Charl Ulrich Men:

UMPIRES

INTERNATIONAL UMPIRE
Jim Unkles
Ollie Chauhan - Sultan of Johor Cup
Cath Mok - Masters
Rob Gardiner - Masters

NATIONAL UMPIRES
Ollie Chauhan - Hockey One
Cath Mok - Masters
Rob Gardiner - Masters

VICTORIAN

HC MELBOURNE
Women: Krissy Bates, Charlotte Hodgson, Anna Moore, Sophie Taylor
Men: Eden Davis, Josh Henderson, Liam Henderson, Oliver Will

TASSIE TIGERS
Kathryn Lane

ADELAIDE FIRE
Laura Barden

HC MELBOURNE FUTURES SQUAD
Girls: Matilda D'Onofrio, Molly Noonan,
Beth Lyon - Assistant Coach

VICTORIAN COUNTRY
Regan Smith

VICTORIAN U21
Women: Charlotte Hodgson, Sierra Lee, Meg Mortensen, Bailey Wallace, Cande Wortley, Sophie Taylor (Asst Coach)
Men: Henry Laussen, Lachlan Paice, Oliver Will

VICTORIAN U18 STATE
Women: Chloe Fader, Bailey Wallace, Cande Wortley
Men: Harbariq Singh, William Watson

VICTORIAN U18 DEVELOPMENT
Women: Odile Roberts, Regan Smith, Claudia Trollope
Men: Isaiah Peterson

VICTORIAN U16 STATE
Girls: Molly Noonan, Beth Lyon (Asst Coach)

VICTORIAN U16 DEVELOPMENT
Girls: Lila Ancher, Matilda D'Onofrio, Emily Watson
Boys: Kai Fernando, Michael Knox

VICTORIAN U14 DEVELOPMENT
Girls: Emilia D'Onofrio, Maddy Ross

SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA (SSV)
U15 Girls: Charlotte Chong, Emily Watson, Alex Wong (Head Coach)
U12 Girls: Rebecca Reitz
U12 Boys: Ethan Chong

VICTORIAN INDOOR

U21
Men: Angus Hendry

U18
Women: Bailey Wallace
Men: William Watson, Jamie Watson (Team Manager)

U16
Girls: Alex Wong (Coach)

U14
Boys: Kai Fernando

VICTORIAN MASTERS

VICTORIAN MASTERS WOMEN
035s: Sam Daly
045s: Kate Forbes
055s: Jenny Morley, Narelle Richardson
060s: Lue Hanson, Belinda McGee, Sally Wansbrough, Heidi Wenk
065s: Janie Davey
065s - Cheryl Malcolm
065s - Karen Russ
065s - Trish Young
070s - Sue Barling

VICTORIAN MASTERS MEN
040s - Lachlan Karp
050s Div 1 - Kyp Bosci
050s Div 2 - Jordy Schellebeck
055s Div 1 - Jeremy De Zylva, Lachlan Dreher, Marcus Edwards, Robert McDonald, Mark Watton
055s Div 2 - Dermot Browne, Paul Simmenaur, Darren Cutts
060s Div 1 - Owen Rogers, Rob Jones, Michael Ostoja-Solecki (Team Manager)
060s Div 2 - Dave Callander, Kester Crelin, Savas Mirikis, Andre Neideck, Mark Wright
065s - Rob Hancock, Warren Key, Ivo Mol, Jim O'Shea, Simon Winter, Rick Barry
070s Div 1 - Clive Harrison, Norman Same
070s Div 2 - Paul Gibney, Paul Linossier
075s - Peter Ridland, Doug Watson
080s - John Longmuir
QLD 060s Div 2 - Warwick Jones

HOCKEY VICTORIA AWARDS

WPL AllStar Team
Sophie Taylor - Defender

MPL AllStar Team
Patrick Coates - Striker

David Saleeba Award for Male Umpire of the Year
Jim Unkles - 5 time winner

BOROODARA SPORTS AWARDS

Young Club Person of the Year
Lucy Gallagher

Young Club Person of the Year
Oliver Will

Lifetime Achievement Award
Roy Carey

Innovative Club of the Year
Camberwell Hockey Club

2025 LADDER POSITION

Team	Ladder	After Finals
SENIORS		
MPL	2nd	3rd
WPL	5th	2nd
MPLR	Minor Premiers	2nd
WPLR	3rd	Premiers
MPA	6th	6th
WPA	3rd	4th
MPB	3rd	3rd
WPB	Minor Premiers	2nd
MPC	6th	6th
WPC	Minor Premiers	Premiers
MPD	6th	6th
WPD	Minor Premiers	3rd
WPESE	5th	5th
WMetro1	3rd	3rd
MMetro2	3rd	3rd
MASTERS		
WM35A	7th	7th
WM45A	3rd	3rd
Mixed Open B	7th	7th
MM45CN White	2nd	Premiers
MM45CN Blue	5th	5th
MM45CE Tangerine	8th	8th
MM45CE Blue	12th	12th
MM50 HMHC	6th	6th
MM50A	4th	4th
MM60A	3rd	3rd
MM60B	5th	5th
JUNIORS		
U18 Mixed District	4th	4th
U16 B Shield	10th	10th
U16 G Shield A	6th	6th
U16 B Pennant	5th	5th
U14 B Pennant	4th	4th
U14 G Pennant	7th	7th
U14 Mixed District	7th	7th
U12 M Shield	7th	7th
U12 G Shield	3rd	3rd
U12 Mixed District	7th	7th

FROM MINKEY AT MATLOCK TO THE KOOKABURRAS

2025 has been another remarkable year for Liam Henderson, whose journey from the junior ranks of Camberwell Hockey Club to representing Australia with the Kookaburras continues. Liam's story is one of dedication, consistency, and a love of the game.



Liam has been around the club ever since he was born with both his parents, Andrew and Suzanne, also being Camberwell State League 1 premiership players. Liam started as a junior, showing an early flair for the sport and a quiet determination that soon set him apart.

After a series of strong performances in Victorian state teams, HC Melbourne and standout seasons in the Premier League, Liam was selected into the National Junior Squad and then the National Development Squad, marking a significant milestone in his career.

This year, Liam was picked to debut at the FIH Pro League in Sydney. In this series Liam debuted alongside a number of friends that he has grown up playing against and with in junior Victorian teams. To go with this, Liam was awarded player of the match against the Netherlands.

Since making his debut for Australia, Liam has continued to grow in confidence on the international stage, becoming known for his work rate, precision distribution, and reliability in both attack and defence. His transition into the Kookaburras squad was seamless, underpinned by his calm presence on the ball, sharp defensive instincts, and ability to read the game under pressure.

Beyond his on-field achievements, Liam remains deeply connected to Camberwell Hockey Club, showing that this club means so much to him. Whenever his schedule allows, he returns to the club to support local programs, engage with junior players, and share his experiences. For many young players, seeing a Camberwell product representing Australia provides tangible inspiration and reinforces the club's reputation for developing athletes who succeed at the highest level.

Liam's contribution to the sport extends beyond his playing ability. He's admired for his humility and team-first approach, often crediting the support of his family, coaches, and clubmates for his success. In interviews and community events, he regularly highlights the role that grassroots clubs like Camberwell play in shaping not just skilled players, but well-rounded people. His willingness to give back – whether through mentoring sessions, local clinics, or informal chats on the sideline – embodies the club's values of inclusion, growth, and respect.

As the Kookaburras continue their build-up toward the next Olympic cycle, Liam's focus remains firmly on contributing to team success and continuing his development as an elite athlete. For the club, his achievements serve as both a source of pride and a reminder of the importance of nurturing local talent and providing pathways for players to reach their potential.

We congratulate Liam on another outstanding year and celebrates his ongoing commitment to excellence. His journey from our home at Matlock to the international stage is a testament to the strength of our player development programs, the dedication of our volunteers, and the enduring spirit of our hockey community. We look forward to watching Liam continue to represent both the Kookaburras and the Camberwell family with distinction in the years ahead.

Josh Henderson
A proud brother



COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

This year, our Communications Team has continued to lift the bar, sharing the energy, passion, and achievements of the Camberwell Hockey Club with our growing community. From dynamic social media campaigns to engaging newsletters and website updates, our goal has been to connect, inform, and inspire — celebrating everything that makes Camberwell Hockey Club special.

We've embraced fresh, creative approaches to storytelling, expanded our digital reach, and continued to build strong engagement with our members, families, and supporters near and far. Stay tuned for next year as we have a few more fresh ideas on the way!

A huge thank you to Britt Simmons, Hamish Prior, Steve Prior, Harry Greenhough, Brodie Pledge, and Narelle Richardson for their incredible enthusiasm, creativity, and commitment. Your passion for sharing the Camberwell story keeps our community connected and thriving.

Website

While overall website traffic dipped slightly this year, this reflects a positive shift — more members are engaging directly through our social media and newsletters.

- 13,000 unique visitors
- 8,900 page visits
- 110 form submissions

21% of traffic from overseas – a testament to our global reach!









Newsletters

Our newsletters remain one of our most effective tools for keeping members informed and connected, often delivering the latest club news hot off the press!

- 140,605 total sends
- 2,321 subscribers
- 62.8% open rate

A massive thank you to Narelle, Brodie, Annabelle, and Hamish for the huge amount of work that goes into crafting these weekly updates. Your efforts ensure our members are always in the know and feel part of the action.

Social Media Engagement

Facebook

- 1.9K followers
- 340.6K views
- 5.9K content interactions

Instagram

- 2.5K followers
- 888.1K views
- 39.2K reach
- 11.8K interactions

Our social media presence continues to flourish, driven by creative storytelling and engaging visuals that capture the true spirit of Camberwell. A big shoutout to Britt Simmons and Brodie Pledge for keeping our content fresh, relevant, and always on trend!

Sara Conyers

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The 2025 Social Committee set out this year with a clear goal, to build on the strong foundations of recent seasons and continue fostering connection, inclusivity, and club spirit across all sections. With a calendar packed full of events both new and familiar, there was a real sense of excitement as we planned ways to bring members together on and off the field.

We kicked off the season with a Round 1 Club Night at Matlock, continuing the committee's goal of making full use of our much-loved clubhouse. A number of club nights were scheduled throughout the season to do just that, and they certainly didn't disappoint. Another favourite also made its return to Matlock, with iPod Shuffle Night once again delivering a great mix of music and entertainment. A big thank you to DJ Max Hendry for setting the tone, and congratulations to our winner, Lauren Phillips. And of course, thank you to everyone who bought a song, your contributions helped to raise funds for the club!

This year also saw the revival of a classic, with Three Tribes hosted between CHC, KBH and Hawthorn at the Hawthorn Hotel. Players from across the three clubs took full advantage of the opportunity to mix, mingle, and engage in a bit of friendly inter-club banter.

As the home and away season came to a close, we celebrated a major milestone: 75 Years of the Women's Section. The event, held on a Pennant Day at Matlock, featured reflections from Milly Bell (Chair of the Women's Section) and Simon Winter (Club President) on the section's remarkable growth and success over the years. It was a fantastic afternoon, a beautiful spread, wonderful company, and plenty of stories that reminded us why this section means so much to so many.

Another successful season on pitch certainly translated into well attended finals celebrations. Each team in finals had an impressive showing of support at their games. Celebrations of wonderful seasons and on-field performances continued at the Hawthorn Hotel and the Auburn Hotel throughout the Grand Final weekend to mark the end of the winter season for 2025, and for those who made it to Mad Monday, a true test of endurance beyond the pitch.

We concluded the social calendar with Presentation Night, hosted by MCs Emmy Nottle and Tristan Cliff at Lakeside Pavilion. The evening was a celebration of both team and individual achievements, blending well-earned recognition with plenty of good humour. Congratulations to the recipients of the Club perpetual trophies, (Imogen McGillivray, Matilda D'Onofrio, Beth Lyon, Franciscus Scheelings, Harbirq Singh and Declan Kerr-Lawley) and team Best & Fairest and Coaches Awards. Emmy and Tristan added their own flair to the night, featuring everything from a dance-off to a round of club trivia. The dance-off was won by Will Watson and was officiated by our resident international umpire Jim Unkles. Whilst the trivia was taken out by Shauna Martin – an impressive effort that put the rest of us to shame in her very first year at the club!

The Well was once again superbly led by Lauren Hendry and her team, who added to the match day experience at Matlock. A thank you from all the teams for the great food, warm service, and, of course, the ever-popular drink tokens.

Special thank you to Britt Simmons, Lauren Hendry, Keeley Pledge, Patrick Leigh, Nick Ryan, Kate Ryan, Gus Hendry, Lauren Phillips, Summer Satterley, and Laura Barden, for your outstanding work in planning and delivering this season's events. Your efforts brought our club community together and made each occasion memorable!

It's been another exceptional season and a pleasure working alongside such a dedicated and proactive committee. The club continues to thrive thanks to the tireless contributions of Narelle Richardson, Stuart Will, and so many others behind the scenes who help us run these events. We also want to acknowledge the Inclusion & Wellbeing Committee and the Sections for their ongoing efforts in creating a welcoming environment, something that truly enhances the spirit and turnout at our social events. This sense of community is at the heart of everything we do, and we hope every member feels connected to it.

Lucy Gallagher













CHC 2025 PRESENTATION NIGHT




















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ONCE A WELLER, ALWAYS A WELLER



Two reunion events held this year proves that you can take the player out of Matlock, but you cannot take Matlock out of the player!

The first was the 2nd annual men's reunion with over 50 old boys from the 1970's onward (1940's including Colin Wansbrough), with Colin Imer and Anthony Thornton rounding up the support.

With a specific game in mind the old boy network got going and a wonderful afternoon of reminiscence with past players flying in from WA, NSW and QLD to rekindle the tangerine that still flows within them.

The next week, we celebrated the 75th anniversary of the women's section, with another 50 guests, current and past players coming together and celebrating a wonderful history, enjoying the current day successes and looking forward to a bright future.

These events show the depth of feeling our past players carry with them about their time at the club and the great affection for it. We certainly encourage and support these events and look forward to them growing even bigger in coming years.

Simon Winter
President







TREASURER'S REPORT - 2025

Total Income was $494,759 which is an increase of $17,256 or 3.6% on 2024. The two most significant increases were Membership Fees and Canteen Sales in 2025. The Club continues to be well supported by a diverse group of Sponsors, contributing $71,087 of Income in 2025. 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 earned Interest Income of $22,511 from the money we hold on Term Deposit.

The vast majority of our Cash Operating Expenditure is linked to our core purpose of playing hockey. In 2025 our Cash Operating Expenditure was $382,234, a decrease of $21,017 or 5.2% on 2024 and this is almost entirely attributable to decreases in Electricity & Gas, Functions and Registration Fees.

We also recorded non-cash expenditure in the form of Depreciation in our accounts and this was $83,268 in 2025, an amount consistent with 2024.

With regard to the Balance Sheet, the club has maintained a sound level of Cash Reserves which currently sit at $697,177. This is an increase year on year of $122,200.

I am pleased to report that the Club recorded an operating cash flow surplus of $69,671 in 2025. We also received $61,498 in Donations via the Australian Sports Foundation ("ASF") which remains unspent at year end. The ASF funds are to be spent on the Dug Out upgrade project which will commence shortly.

The Board considers it prudent to maintain a strong level of cash reserves so as to ensure operating flexibility into the future as we plan for the replacement of our pitch and our ground lighting

Stuart Will
Treasurer

JAMES **WEBSTER**

THE MOST CONSISTENT MAN AT CAMBERWELL

James Webster (aka Jimmy, Webby, Web) made his Premier League debut way back in 2006 — a simpler time, when shorts were shorter, hair was longer, and pre-game nutrition consisted of a sausage roll and a lukewarm Powerade. Funny to think some current Premier League players weren't even born then.

Since then, he's racked up a casual 366 Premier League games, having missed just two due to injury. That makes him the human equivalent of a Toyota Hilux: indestructible, dependable, and somehow still going.

But let's be clear — Webby wasn't just out there making up the numbers. He was out there winning them. With 4 Premier League Premierships, 4 CHC MPL Best & Fairest awards, and 9 years as PL captain, it's fair to say Webby has spent more time on a podium than the plastic couple on a wedding cake. And he did it all without ducking off for a European summer like many in half the Lleague does now. No Mykonos, no Ibiza, just cold Tuesday and Thursday nights at training and big Saturdays and Sundays. That's old-school commitment. Thanks Jimmy.

Web'sHis on-field accolades are stacked higher than any CHC bar tab at the Geebung (now the Auburn) or this year's end-of-season function at The Lakeside. He's been selected in 11 Victorian All Star Teams, won 2 Finn McNabb B&Fs, finished runner-up twice, and had 6 top-five finishes in HV's most prestigious individual award. At the State level, Web wore the Vikings/HC Melbourne colours for 9 years, picking up 2 AHL gold medals and being named Viking of the Year in 2019 — an award that definitely deserves a horned helmet.

But perhaps Webby's greatest contribution came in 2016, when the retirement of several senior players and long-standing leaders left a young Premier League squad searching for guidance. With the average age of the team plummeting from a seasoned 32 to somewhere closer to 22, Webby stepped up as captain.

Over 9 years, Web He became the steady hand, the calm head, and the guy who understood that success in Premier League wasn't just about having silky skills — it was about consistency, preparation, preparation, preparation and turning up on time (preferably not with Macca's still in hand).

Web knew that success didn't come from shouting louder, but from setting the standard — showing the way through action. He trained hard, played harder, and kept a level head when others were still figuring out how to navigate a press. Webby led with purpose. He knew that success came from doing the little things right: recovery sessions, team values, giving honest feedback. Over the years hHe built a culture of accountability, but also trust — one where the younger players could grow, fail, learn, and try again, all under the guidance of someone who had been there, done that, and had the cred to prove it.

In many ways, Web wasn't just a captain — he was the glue. And while premiership medals are nice, it's that era of quiet, consistent leadership that might just be his most lasting legacy.

So here's to James Webster — a genuine CHC legend, consistent and a once-in-a-generation contributor.

Enjoy your retirement, Webby. And together with Katy, enjoy the new challenge of chasing Freddie around — though let's be honest, missing only two games in 19 years, you're still probably backing yourself to catch him.

Derek van den Driesen



THE LEGEND OF **FROSTY**

TIM EVERIST



Tim's hockey story kicked off at Camberwell back in 2004 as a fresh-faced under-11. Even then, he carried that trademark Everist calm – though, to be fair, it might've just been that he was still half-asleep for those dreaded 8am games.

Following years of junior State representation under his belt, it was never a question of if he'd hit the big stage, only when.

By 2010, the State League/Premier League program had a new recruit: Tim Everist. But before you can call yourself a senior player, there's a test tougher than any fitness session – surviving the nickname ritual. "Everist" sparked plenty of ideas: BC (short for Base Camp), The Rev, Evvy… nothing felt right. Then came the first practice match. Tim slotted into defence, calm as a monk, fast, tight, and ice-cool under pressure. And just like that, Frosty was born.

From that day on, Frosty iced his way through the PL competition, racking up 253 Premier League games – all of them in defence. He wasn't just part of the backline; he was the backline. Opponents found getting past him tougher than getting past airport security.

His hockey CV isn't bad either:

- 4 x Premier League Premierships (because apparently once just wasn't enough).
- 2 x PL Best & Fairest Awards (proving defenders can get noticed – AFL, take note!).
- The Jesse Foster Award in his debut season (no pressure, kid).

As the years rolled on, Frosty joined the leadership group, guiding the next wave of players – usually by showing them how to look completely unbothered while shutting down a 2-on-1. Calm, composed, and with ice in his veins, Frosty set the standard for what a Camberwell defender should be.

And he didn't stop there. In 2013 and 2014, Tim even pulled on the strip for the Northern Territory, proving he could defend just about any patch of dirt in Australia.

Tim "Frosty" Everist isn't just another name on the team sheet. He's the cool head in defence, the rock at the back, and the bloke who made being ice cold the warmest gift a team could have.

Enjoy retirement, Frosty. And together with Sylvia, enjoy chasing Ella around – though given your track record, we all know she won't get past you either.

Derek van den Driesen

Former and long-time MPL Team Manager

Camberwell Hockey Club Inc. Board Members 2024-2025



JACK BURKE

Jack is an Elected Board Member following a year as Observer, and he holds the portfolio of Facilities & Infrastructure. He coached Women's Pennant D to the finals in 2025. Jack is employed as a Coordinator in Facilities & Operations at Camberwell Grammar School.



WARWICK NEWELL

Warwick is a Section Board Member (Juniors) and in his first year leading the Junior Section. He first came to the club 8 years ago, as his eldest son began his Hin2H journey, and now has three 'hockey obsessed' boys playing across both the Senior and Junior Sections of the club. Warwick is a finance lawyer by profession and a member of his firm's board.



STUART WILL - *TREASURER*

Stuart is an Appointed 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.



KRISSY BATES

Krissy is an Elected Board Member and has responsibility for Club Governance matters. She is a lawyer working in corporate mergers and acquisitions at global commercial law firm, Norton Rose Fulbright. Krissy has been the captain of the Premier League team for four years and was part of the premiership winning team in 2023. She was awarded Best & Fairest of the Women's Premier League in 2023 and 2024. Krissy has been a player and member at the Club since 2014. She has contributed to the Club through sitting on the Women's Committee in 2023 and 2024 as well as coaching the Junior Centre of Excellence.



PIP CHAMBERS (NEE MANN)

Pip is an Appointed Board Member and is responsible for Club Governance matters. In 2024 she joined the Women's Premier League coaching staff as Assistant Coach. She is an experienced Legal & Governance Counsel and has a passion for hockey, encouraging everyone to get involved at the Club in whatever capacity they can. Pip has been a player and member at the Club since 2002. She has contributed to the Club through sitting on the Women's Committee since 2014, as well as coaching junior and senior teams.



NICK RYAN

Nick is a Section Board Member and Chair of the Men's Section, having been a member of this Committee since 2015. Nick plays hockey for the Club in Men's Pennant B. Playing for the Club is a family affair with his father Paul playing Masters, his brother Lachie also playing Men's and his sister Kate in the Women's Section. Nick is a firefighter for Fire Rescue Victoria and prior to that worked as a project coordinator in the construction industry. He has a Bachelor in Project Management (Honours) from RMIT.



SIMON WINTER - *PRESIDENT*

Appointed Board Member, Simon has served as President since 2018. Simon is responsible for relationships with Hockey Victoria, Boroondara Council, Koonung Secondary College and State and Federal politicians. Simon has been a member of the Camberwell Hockey Club since 1999 as a player, coach, team manager, umpire and member of the Men's Masters Subcommittee. Simon is retired and has previously served on committees of several other local community sporting clubs.



MILLY BELL

Milly is a Section Board Member in her first year leading the Women's Section as Chair. Milly has been a player at Camberwell since 2013 where she decided to try out the forward line, having always been a full back growing up playing for the Shepparton Strikers until she was 14, then several years away from hockey. Milly previously held the Inclusion & Wellbeing portfolio on the Board. Milly trained as a physiotherapist and completed her PhD in 2023. She is currently leading hockey injury related research through La Trobe University as she wishes to understand what contributes to injuries (or absence of injuries) in hockey players of all ages.



SARA CONYERS

Sara is an Elected Board Member and 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, as Chair for six years, Women & Girls Subcommittee, coaching, inclusion and diversity, Hin2H, and coordinating the social and fundraising events. With a background in marketing and communications for non-profit organisations, Sara currently holds the position of Senior Development Manager at The University of Melbourne within the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry, and Health Sciences, where she works in the field of philanthropy.



BRITT SIMMONS - CLUB SECRETARY

Britt is an Appointed Board Member and is in her second year as Club Secretary. Britt oversees the Social & Fundraising Committee 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 in Women's Pennant A. Britt has also been appointed as a Gender Equity Ambassador for Hockey Victoria. Britt is a Senior Transport Planner and Project Manager with AECOM and works on strategic transport planning and transport infrastructure projects.

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

PLAYER ENGAGEMENT	HOCKEY EDUCATION	COMMUNITY & HOCKEY ENGAGEMENT	CLUB CULTURE & MEMBER PARTICIPATION	FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE	FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT & GOVERNANCE
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

PLAYER ENGAGEMENT	HOCKEY EDUCATION	COMMUNITY & HOCKEY ENGAGEMENT	CLUB CULTURE & MEMBER PARTICIPATION	FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE	FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT & GOVERNANCE
▪ 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

PLAYER ENGAGEMENT	HOCKEY EDUCATION	COMMUNITY & HOCKEY ENGAGEMENT	CLUB CULTURE & MEMBER PARTICIPATION	FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE	FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT & GOVERNANCE
▪ 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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Acknowledgement of Country

Camberwell Hockey Club acknowledges the Traditional Owners and custodians of the lands of our home Matlock Reserve and of where we play our sport; the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung People of the Kulin Nation.

We honour and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

We celebrate the diversity of Aboriginal peoples and their ongoing cultures and connections to lands and waters across the Australian continent, with histories of continuous connection dating back more than 60,000 years. We also acknowledge their enduring cultural practices of caring for Country.

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