

CAMBERWELL HOCKEY CLUB

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Established in 1932 the Camberwell Hockey Club is now the largest hockey club on the eastern seaboard.

Playing members range in age from 5 to 75. The Club's aim is to provide all members with the opportunity to play hockey at the level that best suits them.

THE YEAR IN NUMBERS

- 1,105 Players registered under the Club banner in the last 12 months
 - 225 Children aged from 5 to 8 introduced to hockey through the Hookin2Hockey program at the Club
- 1,500 Local school children introduced to hockey by the Club
 - 54 Teams entered in the Hockey Victoria Winter Competition
 - 10 Teams won their Winter Premiership 6 Junior, 3 Men and 1 Women
 - 2 Men's Premier League won Back to Back Premierships.
 - 6 Consecutive years the Men's Premier League team has appeared in the Grand Final
 - 22 Top grade premierships won by the Club's Men's Premier League team since 1938
 - 6 The Men's Thirds won their sixth premiership in a row
 - 6 Consecutive Premiership medallions around the necks of Men's Thirds Captain Tim Burkhalter and Lachie Hunter
 - 4 Club members playing in the Australian Mens and Womens Hockey Teams
 - 5 Club members played in Australian Masters teams this year
 - 17 Club members selected in Victorian Indoor teams
 - 62 Club members selected in Victorian Outdoor teams
 - **3** Club female umpires umpired Women's Premier League this year
 - 42 Players contributed to the Women's Metro A winning their 3rd Premiership in 4 years
 - 23 Average age of the Men's Premier League Team
 - 20 Average age of the Women's Premier League Team



FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is with a sense of satisfaction I present this annual report and share the highlights of the 2017 season. While we draw attention to these special moments, there are so many more that we could have included as 2017 has been another fantastic season for the Camberwell Hockey Club and one that we should all be extremely proud of.

These achievements would not have been possible without the support of the silent many, who week in week out ensure that we have the opportunity to play and support the game we love. So to all coaches, managers, umpires, coordinators, ball boys and girls, committee members, medical support staff, trainers, photographers, social event organisers, pitch cleaners and all volunteers, I offer my sincere thanks for your contribution over the past 12 months. While I am offering thanks, I would like to acknowledge our great sponsors for once again supporting us throughout the 2017 season and we look forward to your continued support in 2018.

I would like to congratulate players across all sections of the Club on a great year, with a special call out to the 6 Junior, 1 Women's and 3 Men's Premiership teams. An amazing result that once again culminated with a win on the final game of the hockey calendar by our Men's Premier League team who won in convincing fashion and were crowned back-to-back champions. Now for the 3-peat!

I hope by reading this Annual Report you gain a better insight into the club.

I wish you all a safe and happy festive season and I look forward to seeing you all in 2018 (enjoying our new clubhouse) for what I am sure will be another successful season.

Harry Drakos President



In 2011 Hockey Victoria partnered with the Victoria Equal **Opportunity and Human Rights** Commission with the aim to increase awareness of sexual and gender diversity and to promote safe and inclusive environments in hockey. Camberwell Hockey Club was one of four initial pilot clubs chosen to be part of phase one of the project, which expanded to a total of 12 clubs in phase two. Jenny Sach and Bridie Walsh were the leading proponents of this initiative for our club, which has continued to this day ran by our Inclusion Ambassador(s)- Jenny Sach, Britt Simmons and this year Bec Wright and Ed Unkles.

As part of phase one, the Club initiated the "What you say

matters" concept promoted through the use of a poster, which was later adopted by Hockey Australia as a communication resource for coaches to help address the way language can contribute to discrimination and decrease participation.

The Club has continually promoted diversity and participation in sport through awareness, education and leadership, as well as inclusive policies. We also actively participate in Hockey Victoria Fair Go, Sport! Round. In this round all our home teams wear Rainbow socks and present the annual Fair Go, Sport! Cup. Medals are also presented to the best players from both Premier League teams



(men's and women's). This year we played Doncaster Hockey Club and both PL Men and Women won their games.

The Club's role in tackling homophobia was mentioned in an article in The Age, Sunday 20 January 2013. In 2014 we were awarded Hockey Victoria's Inclusive Club of the Year. We are also recorded in Hansard in 2015, as John Pessuto MLA Member for Hawthorn, paid tribute to all our efforts around our participation in the annual Fair Go, Sport! round.

This year Gus Johnston, former hockey player, filmmaker, and anti-homophobia campaigner paid tribute to us when he posted on Facebook: "...In 2011, at a time when very few sporting clubs of any description anywhere on the planet were backing such initiatives, Camberwell bravely took the reigns as a pilot club for the program. It was a simple, but visible gesture that inspired me to come out. And...not be too dramatic about it, positively changed the course of my life forever. An in turn empowered me to make a positive impact on many other lives in return ... "

At the Camberwell Hockey Club we will continue to offer a safe, supportive and inclusive sporting environment both through our actions and our support of the Fair Go, Sport! Initiative.

STRATEGIC PLAN 2017 - 2021

During the course of the last 12 months the Club has conducted an extensive process to prepare for the future. Central to this work has been the development of a Strategic Plan for the next four years – 1st October 2017 to 30th September 2021. This process has been led club President Harry Drakos and Duncan Brooks.

Over 50 club members of all ages attended sessions where the plan was developed. The process culminated in a half day hosted by Alistair Richardson where the basics of the plan were agreed and committed to paper.

Along with the release of our Annual Report will be the release of the Strategic Plan 2017 – 2021.

Following is an extract from the Strategic Plan 2017 – 2021. The Strategic Plan is available on the Club website.

OUR VISION

A community club for all ages, genders and abilities.

OUR VALUES

SUPPORTIVE

empowering each other to achieve our vision and purpose.

SELFLESS

the Club comes first.

RESPECTFUL

of each other.

INCLUSIVE

we are all part of the Camberwell Hockey Club.

RELENTLESS

in the pursuit of excellence.

OUR STRATEGIC PILLARS AND GOALS

1. Player Support & Engagement:

The Goal of this Strategic Pillar is to provide the best environment for our players.

2. Financial Management:

The Goal of this Strategic Pillar is continued financial strength and independence.

3. Community Engagement:

The Goal of this Strategic Pillar is to promote the value of the Camberwell Hockey Club to the Boroondara Community.

4. Hockey Engagement:

The Goal of this Strategic Pillar is to lead, promote and grow hockey in Victoria.

5. Our People:

The Goal of this Strategic Pillar is to strengthen our culture across players, supporters & volunteers.

6. Facilities & Infrastructure:

The Goal of this Strategic Pillar is to provide the best possible training, playing & social facilities.



THE EARLY DAYS

In 1931 two Surrey Hills based hockey players decided to set up a club in Camberwell. These players were Harry Box who was then playing with University and Jack Wright who was playing with Elsternwick.

A meeting of prospective players was called and they met at the Highfield Road Methodist Church Hall. The attendees were mostly cricketers from the Surrey Hills Presbyterian Cricket Club and the Highfield Road Methodist Cricket Club. The Reverend Howard Knuckey from the Methodist Church chaired the meeting and he subsequently became the first President of the Camberwell Hockey Club. From the minutes of that meeting:

Mr Wright moved that a hockey club be formed.

Seconded by Mr Dunn. Carried Unanimously.

Camberwell Hockey Club Minutes 31st March 1932

Two teams were entered into the Victorian Amateur Hockey Association competition that year. The firsts were captained by Jack Wright and in their first year were Premiers in B1 Grade. They were promoted to A2 in 1933 and were runners-up earning promotion to the top grade A1 for the 1934 season. In 1938 the Camberwell Hockey Club won its first A1 Grade Premiership. The senior men were to win another 21 first grade premierships over the next 79 years to 2017.



JUNIOR SECTION

1937 saw the first junior team established at the Club. Although well supported by the senior players it took some years before the juniors really took off – the Club still only had 3 junior teams in 1970. But that was all to change very quickly and the strength today of the Camberwell Hockey Club junior section owes much to the work of many particularly Ken Phillips.

WOMEN'S SECTION

By Sue Howard

Camberwell Women's Hockey Club was established in the 1950s and was a different legal entity to the Camberwell Hockey Club. The two merged in 2004.

The history of the women's club has not been recorded (a great piece of work to do) but I have cobbled together a bit of information based on some old newspaper clippings, some stories from Karen Russ and my own experience of the Club from 1983 onwards. The newspaper clippings about the Camberwell Women's Hockey Club from the early seventies include a lot of stories about Noel Payze. She represented Australia and Victoria and was the Captain/ Coach of the Camberwell women's team in the late sixties and early seventies. During this time the Club had a number of women who played for Australia, and the State team was filled with Camberwell players. It was the club that many young women from the country were directed to when they came to Melbourne, and so were girls from schools around Melbourne.

Karen Russ joined the club in 1971 and she recalls there were 2 or 3 teams at the time. The club trained at a variety of venues including Frog Hollow Reserve. Women did not start using the Matlock facility until sometime later. During the seventies and early eighties the Melbourne A Grade competition was dominated by Yarra Valley and Camberwell. Between 1975 and 1983 the teams played in 8 grand finals and Camberwell won 4.

It was classic kitchen table club administration and that partly explains why the history is hard to piece together. From year to year a box of papers needed to run the Club would be passed from one hapless secretary to another. The Club struggled on that front for a while, but the Club got a bit more organised in the mid 80's. The junior girls started in 1984 and lots of senior players, particularly from the 1sts and 2nds, took on jobs as coaches, on the committee and as umpires. A junior section of the administration was also established and it was guite successful. By 1990 there were

6 junior girls' teams and 6 senior women's teams.

In 1990 the Club had five of its 6 senior women's team in Grand Finals and won 3 and 2 of its 6 junior girls teams also won their first finals. There is so much more to say really... another time perhaps.

OUR GROUNDS

The Club has had two homes originally Wattle Park and then in 1939 Matlock Reserve. Matlock was the first non-grass ground in Victoria. It was originally made of cinders ash from the Colonial Gas Works at Box Hill and the Power House at Newport but this proved to be very difficult when it became wet and a better way of binding the surface was applied. The surface was replaced with a scoria surface in 1971 and the first synthetic carpet was laid in 1986. The problem of finding another ground has haunted the club from it's very earliest days with Highfield Park and Frog Hollow figuring in committee minutes over many years. The first lights were installed in 1955 and upgraded in 1971, 1986 and 2016.



OUR COLOURS

On his way to the meeting that established the club Jack Wright was wondering what uniform would be appropriate for the club. His sister-in-law was wearing a bright tangerine pullover and that caught his eye. He took it to the meeting and the colour was accepted along with Royal Blue. Mike Craig's book tells the story that two players who were tailors Russell and Gordon Ince obtained some tangerine dye and issued a packet to each member. According to Jack: "They all came out different colours!"

Source:

"A History of the Camberwell Hockey Club 1932-1982" Mike Craig















JUNIOR SECTION

2017 delivered exciting growth and excellent results for the Junior Section, with over 500 boys and girls participating across our programs and all six teams competing in Grand Finals this year victorious to deliver a rare clean-sweep.

HOOKIN2HOCKEY

The season got under way with our Term 1 HookIn2Hockey program which offers young players a fun introduction to hockey as they develop basic skills and awareness of the game. This program is our key recruitment avenue supported by Hockey Victoria's Participation and Education team securing incursion bookings at our local schools.

This year for the first time we fully staffed these School Roadshow sessions with Camberwell members and over the course of a week in late February visited over 1500 boys and girls at ten local schools. We achieved amazing results with over 150 children joining our program, representing a 68% year on year increase with an almost equal gender ratio.

Nicole Snelleksz, Sports Coordinator at Canterbury Primary School generously offered some follow-up after the sessions: "I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank Hockey Victoria for the amazing roadshow program that ran last week. We were very fortunate to have coaches from Camberwell Hockey Club to our school over 3 days! Laura, Bridgett, Olivia, Max and Alex were wonderful! They were so professional and engaging, and were fantastic ambassadors for the sport, club and organisation."

I'd like to thank Alex Wong, Hayley Gooden, Bridget Pledge, Laura Barden, Liv Bell, Max Hendry & Greta Brooks who undertook our Roadshow sessions with such fantastic professionalism and enthusiasm; and additionally Sara Conyers and our superb crew of young coaches who run our HookIn2Hockey activities so well.

INTRA-CLUB

Many of our HookIn2Hockey players graduate into Intra-Club, a small-field competition hosted at Matlock each Wednesday afternoon during the winter season. This year we fielded 9 mixed teams with 80 boys and girls expanding their HookIn2Hockey skills while experiencing teamwork and competition in a fun environment.

Congratulations to the Killer Kleinschmidts (White) team who edged out the Red Websters (Red) in a tight Grand Final and many thanks to all our players and parents for supporting the program and managing our temporary facilities so well.

The Intra-Club competition also provides our trainee umpires their first opportunity to take charge of a game and we are fortunate to have the enthusiastic support of so many of our young players who participate in this critical program. Thank you and well done all.

I'd like to thank the generous support of our Masters section which allows us to fund our class leading officiating program. A special thank you to Kieran Walsh who managed umpire development and the season umpire rota each and every round with undaunted calm and precision; and lastly thanks the no less than 30 members who participated as umpires and umpire trainers in the 2017 junior program.



Junior Section Continued...

WINTER

In Hockey Victoria winter competitions we entered 19 mixed and girls teams in Under 10, 12, 14 and 16 agegroups in a program comprising 300 players and almost 100 coaches, team managers, co-ordinators and other volunteers.

Whilst too many to single out I'd like to especially thank our Age Group Co-ordinators Andrew Phillips, Lilian Topic and Steve Laussen for their feats of organisation in fielding our teams; David Wansbrough for his tireless work across the section and coaches Tom Winter, Ruby Phillips, George Bazeley, Lachie Dreyer, Jess Durst and Al Ewin for stepping in where needed with invaluable team and specialist coaching.

Of our 18 eligible teams, 14 qualified for finals including 5 of our 7 girls teams who continue to improve at an amazing rate with excellent results through the season. Our gender ratio continues to close thanks to the on-going outstanding work across the Club of our Womens & Girls Working Group, with females now representing 44% of our winter players.

Six teams reached their Grand Final, many withstanding tense shootouts to deliver an amazing clean-sweep haul of six premierships. Congratulations to our 2017 premiers with a special congratulations to our Under 14 and Under 12 Shield and Pennant teams who each completed the home and away season undefeated boasting a combined goal difference of 237.

Congratulations to the many players who were selected for the Hotshots teams and to the Camberwell players, coaches and managers who represented Victoria.

Lastly I'd like to thank the Junior Committee and the Mens' and Womens' sections, the Board and our generous sponsors, all our fantastic volunteers and our families, friends and players for your continued and outstanding support.

Thank You.

Steve Prior Junior Section Chairperson

JUNIOR AWARDS

2017 PREMIERS

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U14 Mixed Shield defeated Southern 5:3

U14 Mixed Pennant defeated Latrobe 1:0

U14 Mixed District defeated KBH 3:2

U12 Mixed Shield defeated Essendon 7:6

U12 Mixed Pennant defeated know 2:0

2017 SECTION AWARD RECIPIENTS

Carol Swann Memorial Trophy: Ellen Williamson

Lachlan Dreher Award: Blake Plummer

Karen Russ Award: Meg Sinclair

Andy Philpott Award: Harrison Wallace

SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA

Alastair Ewin

SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA

Greta Wansbrough (U12 Girls), Joshua Allen (U12 Boys), Henry Laussen (U12 Boys), Oliver Will (U12 Boys), Talana Kitchen (U16 Girls), Nicholas Gooden (U16 Boys), Joshua Henderson (U16 Boys)

VICTORIA STATE

Matisse Daniel (U13 Girls), Charlotte Hodgson (U13 Girls), Ziggy Tornya (U13 Girls), Lauren Phillips (U13 Girls), Train-on), Joshua Allen (U13 Boys), Miller Smith (U13 Boys), Oliver Will (U13 Boys), Isabella Bozzone (U15 Girls), Mietta Kendall (U15 Girls), Alexandra Wansbrough (U15 Girls), Liam Henderson (U15 Boys), Ben Allen (U15 Boys), Oliver Worcester (U15 Boys), Angus Hendry (U15 Boys), Angus Oldham (U15 Boys), Terry Ryan (U13 & U15 Boys Manager), David Wansbrough (U15 Girls Coach), Bridget Pledge (U13 girls Assistant Coach), Anna Moore (U15 Girls Assistant Coach), Andrew Henderson (U15 Boys Coach)

VICTORIA STATE INDOOR 2016

Matisse Daniel (U13 Girls), Connor Heath (U13 Boys), Angus Hendry (U13 Boys), Aimee Dickson (U15 Girls), Talana Kitchen (U15 Girls), Mietta Kendall (U15 Girls GK), Isabella Bozzone (U15 Girls Train-on), Nicholas Gooden (U15 Boys)

BOMEN'S SECTION

I was a bit daunted at the start of the season following in Rosemary Kelly's footsteps but I have had ongoing support from Rosemary, the Board and the Women's committee. So, thank you all.

When the 2017 preseason kicked off we had a range of new enthusiastic coaches in place, fantastic team managers, an increase in player numbers including players that we welcomed back to the Club and sponsorship specific to the Women's section from Sinclair Dermatology which looked great on the new training tops. We also had the knock down of our clubrooms as our club moves into a new era. Thanks to all those that helped with the working bees. We found some hidden gems in the cupboards including awards,

sought after retro uniform, photos and other memorabilia.

We had an interesting start to the season with WPL and WPLR starting before the other teams and having byes and midweek games thrown into the mix. Our other teams were keen to start their Winter Comp 2017. We had a record number of 142 players registered. We promoted one of our Metro Teams into the Pen F competition and Metro B was promoted to Metro A.

Our numbers looked healthy at the start of the season but as the year progressed all teams were faced with challenges with injuries both on and off the field, holidays, national duties, life experiences and work commitments impacting on availability. All coaches worked together under the guidance of our Chair of selectors –Fi Ralph to form the teams each week. Some of our younger players had their debut for WPL and WPLR which was a great experience for them all. We were lucky to have two coaches for most teams. All teams surprised themselves at times with the standard of their team play and winning games by coming from behind. There was laughter, fun and tears. Fixturing and umpires or lack of them at games added to the rich tapestry of hockey experiences. Weather also played a part with one of the early WPL games having to be abandoned due to hail. It was then a challenge to find another suitable date for a replay of the game. Other skills coaches and team managers had to master were





Women's Section Continued...

coordinating the Matlock lights, leaning toilets and various locks with changing combinations. All is worth it for the clubhouse that we will have in the future.

In the end, we were delighted to see 5 of our 6 senior teams make finals. Sadly, WPB just missed out. WPL made it into the second round of finals and were pleased to beat Essendon in round 1. Unfortunately, they lost to MCC in round 2. WPLR also made the first round of finals losing to Footscray. Half the WPLR team were aged under 18 which will benefit us in the future. WPA were beaten in the first round by MCC. They were pleased to make finals after having been so close in the last few years. WPF made it to the second round of finals and after having to venture to the country were unfortunately beaten by Gippsland Bulls. Our metro team made the grand final and won in convincing style on a beautiful sunny afternoon. The coach Oliver Bell has decided to stay at the Club.

Our Masters section fielded 2 teams (A and B) and had a mixed year too. Masters A and Masters B both missed finals. Our Masters Women played at Koonung this season as a home base as there was no opportunity for them to play at our Matlock. Many of our Masters players represented both Victoria and Australia.

On behalf of our players, thank you to all who make it all possible week after week to get players onto the pitch – our coaches, assistant coaches, team managers, captains, video volunteers, junior ball kids, physios and other health professionals, umpires, tech bench volunteers, afternoon tea providers, photographers, partners, parents and friends. They number many and their support is appreciated.

Special thanks to Libby Taylor and Jo O'Brien who have been overseeing our Community Strengthening Grant from Boorondara Council and the Rotary Club of Balwyn. We had successful presentations from a Dietician and the Resilience Project. Our club cookbook is the final part of the program.

I'd like to single out a couple of people who are moving on:

Fiona Ralph – took on the role of Selection Co-ordinator for the year but is stepping down as her daughter will not be playing hockey next year so she will not be at the club as much. She has promised to assist from the background. Thank you Fi for all the negotiations, phone-calls and discussions that were required to fill all out teams each week. We were lucky this year to have some flexible goalies and players who played across a range of teams. Thank you Fi.

Britt Simmons – we thanked her last year and Britt has been away for much of the year. This did not stop her posting on various forms of social media for the Club. She was also responsible for writing up a successful grant application for the club. Britt will not be returning to the Club as she is moving to Sydney to work. We wish you all the best.

Jess Durst – Jess has been an active member on the women's committee and has been a star goalie in WPL. Jess is described by her WPL coach as being determined, positive and a team player. She has a great work ethic, contributes constantly, has a real athlete's mentality and is super determined to be the best hockey player she can be.

Since the heady days of a Pennant B Premiership she has played Premier League Hockey, attained a VIS scholarship, represented Victoria at U21's and senior level. Recently Jess was named the 2017 Premier League All Star Goalkeeper. Jess was also part of the successful Vipers team that won the recent AHL competition. Not a bad effort Jess.

We are proud of you - an amazing journey so far and it's just a start. Jess is moving interstate for personal reasons. She will be studying to become a nurse and playing hockey. Thank you for everything you have done for the club both on and off the field. Good luck in WA.

David Goode – David has been our treasurer for 4 years. We thank him for his ongoing service especially this year when his daughter was no longer playing. We appreciate all the time David has provided sorting the section's finances.

I am appreciative of the ongoing support I have received from my deputy Narelle Richardson who has answered all my questions about all sorts of things, Rosemary who has had countless coffees with me as I run through my list of questions and my fellow Board members. Thank you to our wonderful committee, coaches, captains, players and team managers and many others.

Liz Grant Chair Womens' Section



TEAM HONOURS

Best Club Person Award: Bridget Pledge

Best Junior Girl Playing Seniors: Talana Kitchen

Women's Section Top Goal Scorer: Milly Bell (22)

Premier League Noel Payze Shield - Best & Fairest: Sophie Taylor Coach's Award: Sarah Chancellor-Goddard

Premier League Reserves Best & Fairest: Jordy Polding and Narelle Richardson Coach's Award: Olivia Gray

Pennant A - Best & Fairest: Jenny Morley Coach's Award: Carolyn Gangell

Pennant B - Best & Fairest : Ellora Kelly Coach's Award: Aleisha Ward

Pennant F - Best & Fairest: Olivia Evans Coach's Award: Julia Patterson

Metro A - Best & Fairest: Adele Stewart Coach's Award: Sophie Leigh

Masters A - Coach's Award: Jo Cooper

Masters B - Coach's Award: Anna Emmett

INDIVIDUAL HONOURS

Australian Representatives

Australian Development Team: Krissy Bates, Sophie Taylor

National Junior Squad & Junior World Cup Team: Sophie Taylor, Krissy Bates

National Senior Squad - Hockeyroos: Laura Barden, Krissy Bates

Australian Masters Teams: Narelle Richardson - 045s (Co- Captain) Karen Russ - 060s Trish Young - 035s (Manager)

National Indoor Squad: Emily Riordan

Victorian Representatives

Victorian Indoor U18: Jordy Polding

Victorian Indoor U21:

Olivia Bell, Gemma Coenen, Jordy Polding - Train On Victorian Open Indoor: Sarah Darling, Sarah Forsyth, Sarah Goode, Emily Riordan

Victorian Outdoor U18: Jordy Polding

Victorian Outdoor U21: Krissy Bates

Victoria AHL Teams: Vipers: Laura Barden, Krissy Bates, Jess Durst, and Sophie Taylor

2017 WPL All Star Team: Jess Durst, Sophie Taylor

2017 Emerging Vipers: Jordy Polding

Victorian Masters Teams: O40s - Paula Diaz Olivia, Jane Elzinga, Emma Forward, Bronwen Kohne O45s - Lisa Benfell, Narelle Richardson (Captain) O50s - Fiona Bloss O55s - Jo Hale, Lue Hanson, Trish Young O60s - Janie Davey & Karen Russ



MEN'S SECTION

It was always going to be difficult to replicate or better season 2016 when the Men's Section had 8 of its 11 teams playing finals winning 4 Premierships and 3 Runners Up.

But we came close with MPA winning their sixth consecutive flag after a nail-biting 10 round penalty shoot -out where Andrew White once again came into his own.

MPL went through the year in emphatic fashion finishing minor premiers and smashing Doncaster



in the Grand Final 7 to 2. The Men's PL team achieved back to back Pennants for the first time since the State League 1958/ 59 teams. The team was superbly coached by first year coach Katie Allen and assisted by Hamish Ridland as Assistant Coach, Rich Callaghan as fitness guru and Derek Vanden Driesen as Team Manager. Congratulations to James Webster on winning the B & F. Also special mention to James Webster on being named Runner up in the HV Best and Fairest

MPLR again with a significant number of personnel changes from 2016 finished minor premiers and atoned for last year's loss to Greensborough with a 2 nil win over Hawthorn. The team was superbly coached by Will Unkles with lain Jones as Team Manager. Will was able to blood a number of juniors which all goes well for the future. I pay special thanks to Will Unkles who steps down as coach after 2017 and we hope to see him back at the Club in some capacity in 2018. Congratulations to Matthew Drakos on winning the B & F.

MPA coached by the wise and gentle Danny Miles were strong all year with their only serious contender being Waverley who they met in the Grand Final. They won in a 10 round shoot out to claim their sixth Pennants in 6 years and 10 Pennants in 11 years an extraordinary performance. Well done to all who have played in this team for many years and thanks to lan Launder for managing the team. Congratulations to Sam Ganguly on winning the B & F.

MPB with former State League 1 premiership player Jason Reilly as playing coach was able to recruit a few wily players in the likes of Nailon, Matschoss S and Swann. The team was a blend of experience and youth



and managed to finish 4th narrowly losing their first final. While not tasting the ultimate in Premiership glory the PB players are a fantastic role model for the rest of the Men's section and should be commended on their selflessness. Congratulations to John Nailon and Elliot Flues for jointly winning the B & F.

MPC continued on its merry way under the guidance of Playing Coach Simon Forsyth and the bubbly Bec Wright as Team Manager. MPC finished third on the ladder and for the second time in as many years missed out on winning the Grand Final losing a hard fought game to KBH, in one that got away. Bec Wright steps away from PC in 2018 after many years of selfless service as Team Manager and I thank her. Congratulations to Vinay Parikh on winning the B & F.

MPD under the match day guidance of David Pratt finished the home and away in second position. A couple of missed





opportunities saw them miss out on a much anticipated GF berth The team was ably assisted by its team's heart and soul Charlie Pratt and Steve Wittwer on the sidelines and Brad Affleck in goals. Congratulations to Ed Pike on winning the B & F.

MPE finished in third place at the end of the home and away. The team unfortunately missed out on a Grand Final berth after tasting ultimate success last year. Congratulations to Patrick Leigh on winning the B & F.

MPF finished in 5th, for the second year in a row which was an admirable effort seeing they often played against other Clubs higher ranked teams. Congratulations to Declan Kerr- Lawley on winning the B & F for MPF.

Men's Metro A North West finished in 8th place with. Again this side regularly played against other Clubs higher ranked teams and is to be commended on their persistence and application throughout the year. Congratulations to Dylan Edwards on winning the B & F.

Men's Metro B East finished in 3rd position after the home and

INDIVIDUAL HONOURS

James Webster runner up in the HV PL B & F

MPL All Stars Team:

James Webster, George Bazeley, Nathan Copey, Andrew Philpott and Katie Allen (Coach), Jim Unkles (Umpire)

2017 AHL victorious Victorian Vikings : George Bazaley, Aaron Kleinschmidt, Andrew Philpott, James Webster and Max Hendry

Australian Representatives

Australian Senior Squad: Aaron Kleinschmidt and Andrew Philpott

U21 Australian Team: Max Hendry

Australian Representative Umpire : Jim Unkles

Victorian Representatives

Victorian U21's : Pat Coates Co-Captain and Max Hendry

Victorian Indoor Open: Tynan Whight

Victorian Indoor U18s: Elliot Yeates

AUSTRALIAN MASTERS REPRESENTATIVES

055s: Simon Winter 060s: Norman Same

MENS VIC MASTERS REPRESENTATIVES

040s: Jamie Watson 045s (1): Grant Trollope, Jeremy De Zylva, Philip Barrett 045s (2): Darren Cutts 050s (1): Lachlan Dreher, Owen Rogers 050s (2): Craig Avil, Dermot Browne (train-on) 055s (1): Bruce Phillips, Greg Martin, Kevin McLaughlin, Simon Winter 055s (2): Richard Pye, Warren Key 060s (1): Norman Same 065s: Peter Ridland 070s: John Longmuir 075s: Peter Beaumont



Men's Section Continued...

away season for the second year in a row. This team was once again largely a father and son team and are to be commended on playing finals for the second year in a row. Congratulations to Koshin Ibrahim on winning the B & F.

I would like to particularly thank Steve Wittwer, Duncan Scorer, Adam Levin and Charlie Daniel for their tireless work with MPD, MPE, MPF, MMA North West and MMB East. It is no mean task organizing 5 teams each week but they did so with aplomb.

I also wish to thank Nathan Copey, Matt Drakos, Ed Unkles, Phil Martin and Tim Burkhalter and all of the MPL, MPLR, MPA and MPB players who volunteered during the year to help out with Wednesday Night training for MPD, MPE, MPF, MMA North West and MMB East. This is the third year this has occurred and I only continue to hear positive feedback about this initiative.

Congratulations to Duncan Scorer on winning the Tom Askell Award for Best Club Person and Callum Taylor for winning the Jesse Foster Memorial Shield for Most Improved Boy Playing Seniors with. Special thanks also to the medical team ably lead by Roy Carey, Shauna O'Connor and Karyn Solomon on their outstanding work during the year.

MEN'S MASTERS

The Men's Masters Group has developed into a huge success through the untiring work of Jim Forsyth and Ralph Kerr and the hardworking Sub-Committee.

The Men's Masters fielded 14 Summer teams in 2016/2017 (over 200 players) and 11 Winter teams in 2017 (over 150 players) and unquestionably contributes enormously to the fabric of the Men's Section and has brought to the fine game of hockey many first time players and also coaches/ team managers for the Junior teams.

In the winter competition, 6 Men's Masters Teams played finals, with two teams (Men's 45+C C/N Blue) and (Mens 45+A) finishing Runners-up.

The 2016/17 Summer Masters competed for the HV Bilia Volvo Cup and the Ron Yeates Shield. They raised, through their Team Sponsors and wine raffle, over





\$30,000 for the Club - an outstanding achievement.

I would like to thank the entire Masters Committee headed by Jim Forsyth and Ralph Kerr for another outstanding year.

SPECIAL THANKS

I wish to thank Phil Everist as secretary. Phil has been outstanding as too the remainder of the Committee Members comprising Tim Burkhalter (Treasurer) and the General Committee of Bec Wright, Ian Launder, Hamish Jones, James Van Den Driesen, Henry Lourey, Nick Ryan, Duncan Scorer, Hamish Prior, Jim Forsyth and Ralph Kerr and I thank them for their great service and loyalty.

Finally a special thanks to the Club President, Harry Drakos and the rest of the Board and in particular John Unkles and Michael Barden who have been simply outstanding in their efforts in co-ordinating the new Clubhouse development.

Richard Harris Chair of the Men's Section

CAMBERWELL HOCKEY CLUB INC. BOARD MEMBERS 2016-2017



HARRY DRAKOS - PRESIDENT

Harry is an Elected Board Member and has been Club President since 2014. In addition, Harry has responsibility for the Club Liaison portfolio which includes liaising with Hockey Victoria, local council, state and federal politicians, and is also responsible for the Club House Redevelopment project.

Harry has been involved in the Camberwell Hockey Club for over 15 years as a parent, coach, manager, player, committee member and Chair of the Junior section.

Harry is a director of a procurement consulting company and is involved in a number of charities and community organisations.



RICHARD HARRIS

Richard has been a Section Board Member since 2014 and Chair of the Men's Section since 2014.

As a member of the Board Richard has responsibility for the Club's Social and Fundraising portfolio.

Richard has been involved in the Camberwell Hockey Club for over 15 years as a parent, coach, manager, player and committee member.

Richard is a Barrister at the Victorian Bar and also sits on the Board of the JMB Foundation and a number of other non for profit organisations.



ELIZABETH GRANT

Liz is a Section Board member and Chair of the Women's Section. Liz has been involved in the club for over 12 years as a parent, team manager and committee member.

Member from 2011-2016 and was co-ordinator of the Camberwell Hockey Club uniform during founding members of the Women and Girls Subgroup at Camberwell Hockey Club. Liz was also involved with the Women and Girls Advisory Group through Hockey Victoria. Liz has assisted with various funding applications the most recent being the Community Strengthening Grant through the Boroondara Council. with Junior and Middle School Students. She is also involved with the Friend's of Hockey Support Group at her school.



STEVE PRIOR

Steve is a Section Board Member and has been Chair of the Junior Section since 2014. In addition Steve has responsibility for the Club Facilities portfolio which includes ground strategy and bookings, Matlock & Koonung maintenance, canteen operations and liquor licence compliance. Steve also participates in the Communications Working Group.

Steve has been involved in the Camberwell Hockey Club for over 12 years as a parent, manager and committee member.

Steve has run his own IT business for the past 20 years; developing and operating software for retail industry customers all over the world.



NARELLE RICHARDSON

Narelle is an Elected Board Member and is responsible for the Communications portfolio.

Narelle has been involved in the Camberwell Hockey Club since 2011 after moving to Melbourne from Brisbane as a parent, coach, player, committee member and Vice-Chair of the Women's Section.

Previously Marketing Manager for a Web Agency in Brisbane, Narelle moved into coaching roles in various schools in Melbourne and is currently a full-time carer.



JOHN UNKLES - CLUB SECRETARY

John is an Appointed Member of the Board and is Club Secretary. He is also responsible for the Sponsorship portfolio.

Although having never played hockey he has been involved in some capacity at the club for 30 years following his four son's hockey journey. His first club role was managing Minkey Hockey now Hookin2Hockey. He has since served on both the Junior and Men's Committees. Now retired John's working life was spent managing professional institutes and trade associations. His time is now divided between family including grandchildren, the hockey club, his roles with Anglicare Victoria and as a tour guide at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.



STUART WILL - TREASURER

Stuart is an Appointed Board Member and has been Club Treasurer since 2013. Stuart has developed consistent financial practices across all sections and will oversee the funding needs for the new clubhouse redevelopment.

Stuart has been involved in the Camberwell Hockey Club for over 7 years as a parent, team manager, player and Junior Section committee member.

Stuart is currently CFO at Optal Limited, a global payments organisation and is a proud supporter of The Mirabel Foundation.



ELLEN WILLIAMSON

Ellen is an elected Board Member and has responsibility for Club governance matters, with a background of over 25 years in the law. She is also involved in member protection liaison on the Junior Committee.

Ellen has been involved in the club for nearly 15 years, as parent (starting with Minkey (Hookin2Hockey)), team manager, very occasional player and spectator. She also sits on the Board of Hockey Victoria.



FACILITIES, COMMUNICATIONS, FINANCE, SOCIAL & SPONSORSHIP

FACILITIES

The Facilities area has been dominated this year with preparation for and commencement of the major clubhouse development works.

The Preparations

The year began with great support from our members tackling the onerous job of clearing out the clubhouse in preparation for handover to the building contractor. Skips were filled and boxes filled and stored away in temporary containers at each end of the ground.

The temporary portables and bathrooms quickly arrived forming the Matlock courtyard, along with the container sized generator to deal with our unexpected early loss of mains power.

Operating the ground lights from this monster generator was a challenge. Training sessions had to be compressed to minimise environmental noise and we had a number of technical issues effecting both training and matches. We thank all our players and families for managing this difficulty over the season and offer an enormous thank you to our neighbours who generously accepted the noisy intrusion of this equipment for much of the season.

The New Clubhouse

The Club leases Matlock Reserve from the Boroondara Council. Whilst it may seem like the building is taking some time to get to completion it will be well worth the wait. The ground floor will comprise four change rooms, a gymnasium, recovery room, storage, office and showers. Upstairs will be a much larger social area, meeting room, kitchen and again plenty of storage. There will be a wonderful viewing platform which will wrap around the western side of the building. In addition to the new building there will be extensive landscaping to ensure the surrounds match the new building.

The Club very sincerely thanks Boroondara Council for the new clubhouse as it does not come at a small cost! The Club is also contributing to the cost of the building as we have asked for a gymnasium, recovery room and office.

The New Club House as a Community Facility

It will not just be the hockey club who will be using this facility. Plans are well advanced for the Canterbury Neighbourhood Centre to use the facility on weekdays during the morning and afternoon. The Club is very excited that the facility will become an important part of the Boroondara community.

Koonung

Discussions are well underway to make significant improvements to the pitch and surrounds at Koonung. Pitch improvements will be a much denser shock pad installed and a new carpet. Off the pitch the change rooms and social areas will be significantly improved. This work is due to begin at the end of 2018 and will be funded by Koonung High School, Camberwell Grammar School and the Camberwell Hockey Club.

Pitch Lights

After a very extensive process the pitch lights were replaced before the start of the season. Engineering consultants advised that we could keep our current light towers and power lines and just replace the

The Camberwell Hockey Club would like to thank the staff at Boroondara Council for their great support not only over the last 12 months but of course for many years. Council staff headed by Sam Taylor have been very helpful in so many areas especially with discussions in respect to the new club house. The Club appreciates their desire to see as many members of the Boroondara community as possible be involved in some form of community activity. The Club is indebted to Michael Barden for his work on behalf of the Club in respect to the new club house and the pitch light replacement. Michael has been involved in both these major projects from the start and has ensured the very best of outcomes for the Club. Michael's attention to detail, his ability to negotiate good outcomes for all concerned and his calm approach is appreciated by everyone he comes in contact with. Thank you Michael.

actual lighting gear at the top of the poles. Although this was still an expensive exercise it was nowhere near what we thought it could have been had we needed to replace the entire system.

The new lights are a great addition to the ground. We are particularly pleased that they now focus light purely on the pitch and not the surrounding areas.

Vacuum Machine

In February the Club purchased an RCM Slalom Battery Powered Sweeper with thanks to Sweepers Australia who provided a fantastic proposal including a trade-in of our old equipment.

This self-propelled ride-on machine both sweeps and vacuums our playing surface, removing large and fine debris that would otherwise wear the carpet fibres.

Allowing optimum preparation and presentation of the playing surface; the equipment also saves over an hour each week in ground cleaning and is expected to extend the useful life of the surface by one or two seasons, offering substantial savings in our management of this critical asset.

Dugout Extension

To garage the sweeper equipment and to accommodate the maintenance equipment and tools displaced from the demolished facilities store, the dugout structure was extended approximately 2.4 metres to the north to create an additional store.

Ground Repairs

The playing surface is wearing very well and the shock-pad underneath is reported to be in great condition. Over the year we undertook three separate maintenance tasks.

Prior to the season we undertook some warranty repairs to tighten up some of the seams which were opening up due to a problem with the underlying tape. At the same time we addressed some wear issues at the top of each circle and penalty spot, patching in some new carpet. This spare carpet material had been thoughtfully laid on the path since installation so as to fade in colour at the same rate as the playing surface, meaning the patches blend in well.

In March we suffered some vandalism with a flare being thrown onto the ground which caused a metre long burn through the carpet and shockpad. This unfortunately required the relocation of some pre-season practice games and the Masters' Summer Grand Final. Thankfully though we were able to complete repairs prior to the first winter round.

Following completion of the season we undertook repairs to the north west section of the ground which had become uneven due to tree roots penetrating the root barrier and pushing the substrate up. These quite extensive repairs were funded by council and involved removing the carpet and shock-pad, digging out the tree roots, installing a new barrier and making good.

Canteen

Canteen operations during the year were severely impacted by the clubhouse development works and our lack of permanent power to operate fridges and freezers. We reverted operations to a limited service during Premier League home games and with reduced staff costs did well to complete the year at a very small operating loss.



COMMUNICATIONS

2017 has seen the continuation of communications for the Club through the use of various platforms.

The Mailchimp Newsletter program is our main communication channel for the club. Following on from last year, a weekly whole of club email continues to be sent out on a Tuesday showcasing club wide achievements both on and off the field, as well as weekly results for all 48 teams that played each week in the Winter season. Men and Women sections also send out weekly emails, usually comprising match reports, team lists and section specific information. All emails continue to showcase our Club Platinum Sponsors. Over the period 1 November 16 to 16 October 17 a total of 143,337 emails were sent with an average open rate of 44.64%.

The use of social media is also an important channel for Camberwell Hockey Club to reach out not only to our own members, but members of the hockey community as well.

Facebook has been used to not only showcase our achievements in a timely fashion, but to also to deliver messages and promote events not only for us but for Hockey Victoria and the wider hockey community as well. Once again many thanks to Britt Simmons for her efforts updating our Camberwell Hockey Club Facebook page (www.facebook.com/ CamberwellHC). We have 979 likes – up from last year's 891.

Twitter continued to be used steadily throughout 2017, especially for the PL & PLR teams and around finals times, and to retweet achievements. We have 546 followers on Twitter. Moving ahead we should look at using Twitter to broadcast all our results and help promote hockey in Victoria. Our Instagram account (camberwellhockeyclub) has a great range of photos and videos on it and continues to be updated regularly. Many thanks to Britt Simmons for running this account and to Hamish Prior who took it over for the finals series. Our followers are up from last year, to 1,135.

We are currently in the process of redesigning our website (www. camberwellhockeyclub.com.au), and should be ready to launch for the 2018 season. It currently continues to be used to showcase club achievements, provide section information, allow external parties to book ground hire, provide an events calendar and allow members to register for events, and to showcase sponsors, to name just a few uses. Moving ahead our new website will be used predominantly as a marketing tool and a source of information for new and existing members. Visitor numbers are similar to last year – over 12,200 unique visitors to the site.

There has been some great articles in The Progress Leader again this year, and once again thanks to Jess Durst for organizing these.

Looking ahead, we will continue to use Mailchimp as our main communication tool for all sections and whole of the club to reach our members. The new website will also be a valuable tool to reach not only our members but the wider community as well. The use of social media will also continue to be used to develop and grow relationships with both our members and the wider community.

FINANCE

The 2017 financial year has seen the Club continue to build upon its already sound financial base. The key highlights being; A solid increase in Underlying Income of \$37,148 (9.0%), which was in the main a result of an increase in sponsorship income of \$28,360 and an increase in membership fees of \$13,187 which is a result of increased member numbers.

We also recognised \$86,870 of Capital Income in 2017 as a result of the lighting upgrade project at Matlock Reserve. This money is initially received from the Australian Sports Foundation and held in a Reserve until qualifying expenditure is incurred. As at 30th September 2017 we have \$30,579 in a Reserve and this will be recognised in 2018 when expenditure in incurred in respect of the clubhouse redevelopment.

Expenditure year on year increased by \$28,250 (8.8%). Of the total increase \$7,593 relates to increased Depreciation and is a result of the capital expenditure we undertook in 2017. We also incurred \$8,090 of costs in respect of the clubhouse redevelopment. Increases in areas such as ground fees, physiotherapy and team registration fees which total \$22,565, are a product of having more teams and more players.

With regard to the Balance Sheet, the Club has increased its cash reserves by \$113,469 in 2017. This is considered a very positive outcome in light of Net Cash Outflow from Investing activities of \$55,314. Each section holds cash to meet its own monthly operating needs and any surplus funds are periodically consolidated into a Whole of Club Term Deposit.

It should be noted that \$715,000 is currently held on Term Deposit. From this amount, \$420,000 is set aside for the ground resurfacing and the remaining \$295,000 is for the clubhouse redevelopment currently underway and other capital projects as and when required. The Club continues to plan for its financial commitments in respect of the new clubhouse and this will be a two stage process. We signed a Funding Deed with the council in late 2016 and we have committed to pay \$193,000 for the non standard building works that we have requested in the new clubhouse design. To date we have paid \$52,667, which leaves a remaining balance to be paid in 2018 of \$140,333. In addition to the base build contribution, the Club has the responsibility of furnishing the new clubhouse and internal facilities. We expect this cost to be in the region of \$140,000.

So in summary, we need to plan for capital expenditure of approximately \$300,000 in the next 12 months.

SOCIAL

Like so much at the Club our social activities were affected by the clubhouse redevelopment process. That however did not deter our Social Committee of Sara Conyers, Kate Fothergill, James Vanden Driesen and Hamish Jones from running two very successful formal functions. The Committee was led by Board member Richard Harris. The first of these functions was a Trivia Night that raised over \$10,000 and the second the Seniors Presentation Night at Kooyong. Both events were very well planned and much credit needs to be given to the four members mentioned below.

In addition to these events were a number of relaxed after match events - Men's Health Awareness Day, Fair Go Sports Day and Women in Sport Day. These events are a very important part of the club's role in ensuring that diversity is part of the Club. Added to these events were the post Grand Final celebrations at the Hawthorn and Auburn Hotels celebrating a successful season.

Sponsorship is integral to the success of sporting clubs and the Club is no exception. We now have seven Platinum sponsors plus a number of others who provide us with great support. Whilst sponsorship can primarily come in financial form it can also come in many other ways such as assistance with special machinery or provision of clothing printing at little or no charge.

The last twelve months has seen the arrival of one new Platinum sponsor -we welcomed PE Capital. Not only are they a Platinum sponsor they are also the Women's and Men's Premier League shirt sponsors. PE Capital were previously a team sponsor in our Summer Masters Competition and we gratefully acknowledge their move up the sponsorship ladder. For the 2016/17 year our list of sponsors was quite exhaustive and we thank them all most sincerely.

Platinum Sponsor and Premier League Shirt Sponsor PE Capital

Platinum Sponsors A&A Tax Legal and Consulting 40 Forty Finance Laser Electrical - Camberwell Volvo Cars Bilia Jellis Craig Tandem Building Group

Sporting Equipment Sponsor Just Hockey

Ground Maintenance Sponsor Total Facilities Maintenance Sweepers Australia

Clothing Sponsor Fashion Clubwear Team Sponsors for the Summer Masters Competition Acorn Window Cleaners Behmer Wright Camberwell Road Medical Centre Charter Keck Cramer Evans & Partners Sinclair Dermatology Clinic Slattery & Acquroff Surrey Dental Care Trentham Estate Winery Visions Eye Clinic Visions Gym Watson Young Architects Winter and Stewart









































TEAM RESULTS 2017

TEAM	FINAL POSITION
Men's Premier League	Premiers
Women's Premier League	5th
Men's Premier League Reserve	Premiers
Women's Premier League Reserve	7th
Men's Pennant A	Premiers
Women's Pennant A	4th
Men's Pennant B	4th
Women's Pennant B	4th
Men's Pennant C	Runners-up
Men's Pennant D	4th
Men's Pennant E	4th
Men's Pennant F	5th
Women's Pennant F	3rd
Men's Metro A N/W	8th
Women's Metro A C/N/W	Premiers
Men's Metro B - East	4th
Men's Masters 35+A	9th
Women's Masters 35+A	6th
Women's Masters 35+B	6th
Men's Masters 45+A	Runners-Up
Men's Masters 45+B NW	3rd
Men's Masters 45+B SE	5th
Men's Masters 45+C SE White	9th
Men's Masters 45+C SE Blue	4th
Men's Masters 45+C CN	Runners-Up
Men's Masters 45+D Tang	3rd
Men's Masters 45+D Blue	10th
Men's Masters 50+A	3rd
Mens Masters 50+B	6th
U16 Mixed Ric Purser Shield	5th
U16 Girls Ron Penpraze Shield	4th
U16 Mixed Pennant - Tangerine	5th
U16 Mix Pennant - Camberwell	Premiers
U16 Girls Pennant	8th
U16 Mixed District Blue	8th
U14 Mixed George Stapleton Shield	Premiers
U14 Girls Marg Tomlinson Shield	4th
U14 Mixed Pennant NW	Premiers
U14 Girls Pennant	3rd
U14 Mixed District NE	Premiers
U12 Mixed Ron Ford Shield	Premiers
U12 Girls Ken Parkin Shield	4th
U12 Mixed Pennant	Premiers
U12 Girls Pennant Blue	11th
U12 Girls Pennant White	3rd
U12 Mixed District Blue	3rd
U12 Mixed District Tangerine	4th
U10 Mixed Half Field	5th

PLATINUM SPONSOR AND PREMIER LEAGUE SHIRT SPONSOR



PLATINUM SPONSORS













SPORTING EQUIPMENT SPONSOR

Just Hockey

GROUND MAINTENANCE SPONSORS

Total Facilities Maintenance Sweepers Australia

CLOTHING SPONSOR

Fashion Clubwear

TEAM SPONSORS SUMMER MASTERS COMPETITION

Acorn Window Cleaners Charter Keck Cramer Slattery Acquroff Camberwell Road Medical Centre Watson Young Architects Trentham Estate Winery Winter & Stewart Sinclair Dermatology Visions Gym Surrey Dental Care Evans & Partners Vision Eye Clinic Behmer Wright



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