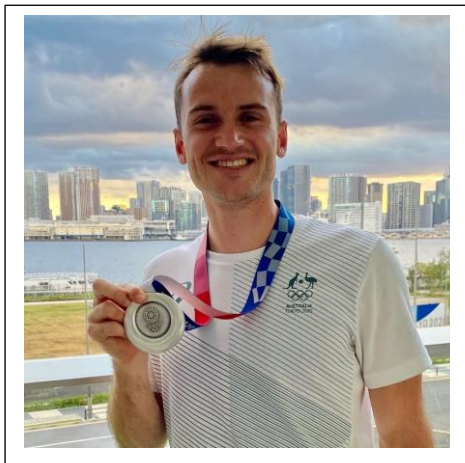




**DONCASTER** HOCKEY CLUB

# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2021



*Doncaster Hockey Club is welcoming and inclusive, delivering opportunity for both participation and excellence for our diverse community.*



## CHAIRPERSON REPORT

### Sue Sturrock



*'When things happen out of our control we can choose to hunker down and hope for the best or accept the challenge and view it as an opportunity.'* Bernard Salt

Doncaster Hockey Club chose the latter in 2021 and persistently ploughed forward with productivity, adaptability and agility in the face of recurring stop's and go's associated with Covid-19 lockdowns. Well-prepared by the knowledgeable and experienced previous Executive Board members and operational group, the club continued to demonstrate excellent building, financial, hockey and communication outcomes.

With the Strategic Plan 2021-2024 accepted as guide, the new Executive Board met only once face-on during the year for their monthly meetings. All other meetings took place on-line enabling time-saving and avoiding cold clubrooms during facility renovations mid-Winter. Primary goals were to maintain connectedness, improve facilities and progress operational excellence. New projects commenced including:

- Club Branding facilitated by Cordial Creative to design a new logo and website
- ProShop contract modified releasing the requirement to purchase and hold stock on site combined with the temporary location in the fishbowl meeting room increased visibility and sales
- Council-run build of new changerooms and kitchen commenced in April and completed in October
- Deep dive into club finances for understanding and to create operational budgets
- Social Membership project to connect non-playing supporters to the club
- Grants received for Dugouts, BBQ and Covid support
- Appointment of MPL coach **Mark Taylor** and Technical Director **Dean Todero**

My sincere thanks to the Executive team for the many unseen hours and tasks performed over the course of the year. A very big Thank You to **Mohan Arunasalam** as he steps down as Executive Treasurer for the financial, accounting and sponsorship assistance he has provided. We look forward to maintaining a continued association with his company Arun Accounting.

I would also like to thank **Lauren Pennefather** for attending Board meetings and recording minutes and a summary for every meeting this year. Pam Trenerly has provided wonderful assistance in summarising the HV Hock-e-Comms each week drawing our attention to the things that matter.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2021

Position	Name	Years on Board
Chair	Sue Sturrock	4
Secretary	Michelle Riley	1
Treasurer	Mohan Arunasalam	4
Assist Treasurer	Steph Rimmington	1
Director	Paul Sampson	5
Director	Meridie Jackson	5
Director	Luke Evered	1
Director	Kiran Singh	1
Director	Dean Todero	1
Section Heads		
Men Chair	Jye Cuff	1
Womens Chair	Laura Button	2
Junior Chair	Dean Boyd-Clark	2
Masters Chair	Matt Mitchell	8



Personally, being back at the club and seeing people in the flesh again was a highlight and a relief. Other highlights included:

- 'Welcome Back Together' at Welcome to Thornbury in February. A wonderful reconnection organised by Kiran Arunasalam bringing together many for a very relaxed, enjoyable and only social function for the year.
- Anzac Day at Essendon in the sunshine was a reminder of how lucky we are and to be grateful for what we have.
- Sharing a can at a safe distance with my Metro players and **Robbie Cavill**, our travelling umpire coordinator extraordinaire.
- JSC juniors and parents travelling to country Vic enjoying a wonderful hockey experience despite the freezing conditions.
- Masters Women's team playing for the first time in the Winter competition
- The inaugural Michelle Flouch Cup presentation joining MCC and Doncaster with her family members to finally celebrate her life after many cancellations.
- Images of the young and not-so young interacting with our cardboard replica of Olympian Josh Simmonds at the ground and on social media making me laugh and giving me joy. It was such obvious fun and represented much work from a dedicated group of parents during lockdown.

Those who have kept the club running during this difficult year include our wonderful Operations Manager, Jacqui Allen whose grant writing, persistence and negotiation skills, in between home-schooling and Strava runs, have been magnificent.

Our ground managers **Kym Saunders and Ann Henry** ably supported by **Kevin and John**. Kym and Kevin re-located the ProShop, not once but three times this year, as well as managing canteen stock expiration and re-modelling of sheds and storage to contain our equipment during renovations. Ann and John have continued to support the club with ground security and maintenance. John has been very active in keeping an eye on our buildings during the facilities upgrade and Ann assisting with Sunday games and canteen. Take a look at the hockey nets next time you play. John spends hours fixing them each year. All unseen work.



We are indebted to our liaison officers **Bob Esselmont** to Pavilion Operations with the Bowls club and to **Rob Henry** who continues negotiations with Manningham Council for our large facilities projects.

I would like to give a big recognition call-out and Thank You to **Lisa Moule** who has managed the Hookin2Hockey for many years and is now passing that baton onto the next generation of junior supporters. Many of you have met Lisa at the gate as she ticked off a list, invited you to QR code or connected you with someone else in the club. Lisa will continue liaising with HV for Roadshow bookings and in the very difficult and time-consuming role of Registration Officer. Lisa also runs the TeamApp platform ably assisted by Rob, IT guru. Thanks Lisa and Rob.

**Graeme Down** is our communication officer managing news on the website and reporting on PL matches and other events. Graeme has played a special role this year connecting and reporting on **Josh Simmonds** Olympic selection and experience. Checkout the website for detailed reports of the Club activities. Thanks for your expertise Graeme.



Our umpire and officials group showed continued development under the watchful eye of **Robyn Pascoe and Tia Horton**. A major factor in our qualification for PL competitions is continued improvement and expansion in these groups. There's no game without the umpires! Robbie Cavill took on the Umpire Coordinator role this year and together with Narissa Boundy, for juniors, got umpires to all games. It is with sadness, but good wishes, we farewell Tia Horton who will be re-locating to Perth in early 2022. Thanks for all you have done for the club, Tia!



I wish to personally thank **Wayne McIndoe** for his long term commitment to Doncaster as Men's Premier League coach. The team has had much success under his guidance and after six years he is stepping down. We hope to see him at the Club in 2022 quietly watching and chatting about tactics and distance running. **Maria Romagosa** is currently on maternity leave following the birth of her son, Max. Maria will be back in February to continue coaching Women's Premier League after a very good year with a young team in 2021. Thanks Maria!

Thanks also to **Barry Sherwing** who is moving on to Knox Hockey Club after a year as assistant coach for WPL.

We remain indebted to our sponsors Bendigo Bank and to those who continue to contribute generously to our project accounts.

While we remain a financially strong and viable club, we have taken a hit to the bottom line covered mostly by government grants. Strategically, we have achievable goals, but have suffered a loss of members and volunteers that are required to support club activities. Two years of the U10 player cohort have been lost. This represents a whole age group of future PL and club grade players and their supporting networks who sustain the club in many associated activities.

Re-invigorating connections will be a major challenge for the Club over the next few years. I hope you can volunteer in any capacity large or small to keep our club strong.

*Sue Sturrock*



*Hook in2 Hockey February 2021*



## TREASURERS REPORT

### Mohan Arunasalam

*The treasurer's report is a brief summary of the audited financial statements (available at AGM) and provides an overview of the financial performance of the club for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021*



#### Financial Performance

The 2021 year has seen the club recording a (pre audit finalised) net profit of \$80,453 compared to a loss of -11,938 last year mainly due to the following factors: -

1. Winter Season normal registration fees received compared to none in 2020
2. Significant increase in Covid-19 grants and subsidies
3. Significant increase in other grants and subsidies

#### Revenue

Total revenue increased by 29% compared to the previous year mainly due to increase in winter registrations (no registration fees for 2020 Season), increase in the Covid-19 subsidies and grants, and the government grants and subsidies.

#### Expenditure

The major expenditure for the club was wages, Hockey Victoria affiliation fees and depreciation. In addition there was a one-off adjustment of \$40,194 for Pro shop stock returned.

#### Financial Position

The cash position of the club increased significantly from 2020 (35%) mainly due to the grants and donations which are to be used solely for their intended purposes in 2021 for Digital Scoreboard and Tech Bench improvements. However these improvements will bring great value to the club in 2022 and will most likely lead to increased sponsorship and member numbers moving forward leading to the desired growth in the club.

Thank you to the assistance of Michelle Huntley whose work and financial support with accounts, reports, booking keeping and invoicing is greatly appreciated.

The team are working through the last of the audit queries and the finalised financials will be made available to members very shortly.

*Mohan Arunasalam*

Executive Treasurer

13<sup>th</sup> December 2021







## AUSTRALIAN AND STATE REPRESENTATIVES 2021

Due to the corona virus, opportunities for selection in state and national squads were again impacted, Congratulations to the below representatives.

2021	Doncaster Hockey Club Representatives
	<i>*due to corona virus- limited selection opportunities were available</i>
Australian Kookaburra	Josh Simmonds (Olympian Tokyo 2021)
Australian Hockeyroo	Meg Pearce
HC Melbourne (Senior Women)	Samantha Snow, Nicola Hammond, Madi Ratcliffe
HC Melbourne (Senior Men)	Kiran Arunasalam, Russell Ford, Jayshaan Randhawa, Josh Simmonds, Zach Meaden
HC Melbourne Development Squad	Byron Fernandes, Scott Sturrock
HA Futures squad	Scott Sturrock
Under 21 State team	Bevan Fernandes, Tessa Jackson. <i>Train On</i> Scott Sturrock
Under 18 State Team	Byron Fernandes, Scott Sturrock, Coach-Craig McBride
Under 18 Development Squad	Kaelan Boundy, Alex Lange
Under 15 State team	Joel Taylor, Maya Hilford, Emily Robertson. <i>Train On</i> Ben Todero, Zara Jackson-Smith
Under 15 Development Squad	Olivia-Beau Cutler
Under 13 State Team	<i>*no teams selected</i>
Under 13 HV Academy	Austin Allen, Isaac Boundy, Jack Brennan, Jasmine Fasciani, Stella Chavez, Jade Hilford
Under 12 SSV	Jack Brennan, Iggy Castor
Victorian Masters	Lisa Blake, Andrea Snow, Jade Hooper, Daniel Brennan, Matt Whitbread, Craig McBride
WA Charlesworth Medal	Hayley Padget and Madi Ratcliffe



*Josh Simmonds at Tokyo Olympics*



*Meg Pearce debut for Hockeyroos*



*Scott Sturrock and Byron Fernandes* Victorian Under 18



## JUNIOR HIGHLIGHTS 2021

Indoor Club Championship teams Summer 2021

U13 boys – 2<sup>nd</sup>

U15 boys – 4<sup>th</sup>

U15 girls – 3<sup>rd</sup>

U18 boys – 6<sup>th</sup>

**Back to Hockey Extravaganza**, organised by 3 of our juniors following their completion of a HV Junior Leadership Course. Thanks to Tom Pasquali, Hannah Dexter and Kaelan Boundy.



### Junior Committee 2021

<i>Chairperson</i>	Dean Boyd-Clark
<i>HV Liaison &amp; Results</i>	Narissa Boundy
<i>Secretary</i>	Pam Trenerly
<i>Membership Officer</i>	Lisa & Rob Moule
<i>H2H Coord</i>	Lisa Moule
<i>Development Officer</i>	Maria Romagosa
<i>Participation Officer</i>	Bevan Fernandes
<i>Year Level Coordinators</i>	David Apsey(18), Katherine Waszkinel (16G), Cordelia Clark(16B), Kristen Gammon (14G), Katrina Carr (14B), Lynette Nilawha (12), Michelle Fletcher (10), Claire Whitbread (8 & 6)

### Winter season

- 18 Junior teams entered in HV competition
- 8 rounds of winter hockey played between COVID-19 shutdowns.
- Bevan Fernandes appointed to role of Junior Participation Officer following James Legg resignation.
- Junior Girls Premier League debut – Maya Hilford, Megan O'Brien, Olivia-Beau Cutler
- Junior Boys Premier League debut – Kaelan Boundy, Scott Sturrock, Byron Fernandes, Charlie Todero
- Care packages sent to our Yr 12 students
- Josh Simmonds coaching clinics
- Many new Junior Umpires with mentoring by our accomplished umpire coaches – Thanks Robyn Pascoe and Tia Horton

### Junior State Championships

- Record number of JSC coaches and participants from Doncaster

**Zone Coordinators** – Rob Moule and Narissa Boundy

**Technical Officials** – Robyn Pascoe and Mike Trenerly

**Umpire Coach** – Millie Castor

**Umpires** - Milli Castor and Finn Castor

**U13 Boys** Coaches – Dan Brennan and Dave Boundy, 6 x Doncaster players

**U13 Girls** Coaches – Emma Robertson and Meridie Jackson, 6 x Doncaster players

**U15 Boys** Coaches – Millie Castor and Tom Pasquali, 7 x Doncaster players

**U15 Girls** Coaches – Dean Boyd-Clarke, 8 x Doncaster players

**U18 Boys** Coaches – Tom Pasquali and David Boundy, Team Manager – Olivia Curtis, 6 x players

**U18 Girls** Coaches – Emma Sampson and Emma Robertson, Team Manager – Darren Woodward  
9 x Doncaster players





## COMPETITION RESULTS

The below winter competition results are a summary of the last standings prior to lockdown.

**JSC FINAL RESULTS**



**U13 BOYS - 1ST**  
**U15 BOYS - 6TH**  
**U18 BOYS - 5TH**


**U13 GIRLS - 5TH**  
**U15 GIRLS - 5TH**  
**U18 GIRLS - 9TH**

Congratulations to the players who were part of the North East Red Devil teams that competed at the 2021 Junior State Championships!

**ROUND 8 RESULTS**

**JUNIORS**

Grade	Result	Ladder Pos	Grade	Result	Ladder
U18 Mixed	W 3-2 Bayside	4th	U12 B Sh:	W 5-0 Wav	5th
U16 Boys Sh:	BYE	4th	U12 B Pen:	W 2-0 Morn	5th
U16 Boys Pen:	L 1-4 C'burn	3rd	U12 G Sh:	W 1-0 Cam	6th
U16 Boys Dist:	W 1-0 Waverley	3rd	U10 Dist:	L 2-7 KBH	8th
U16 Girls Sh:	W 3-0 Cam	1st			
U16 Girls Pen:	L 0-4 Cam	9th			
U14 Boys Sh A:	D 2-2 MCC	2nd			
U14 Boys Sh B:	L 0-6 PEGS	8th			
U14 Boys Dist:	L 1-4 LaTrobe	5th			
U14 Girls Sh:	D 4-4 TEM	6th			
U14 Girls Pen:	L 0-3 PEGS	6th			

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**ROUND 10 RESULTS**

**MENS**

Grade	Result	Ladder
PL:	L 2-3 MCC	13th
PLR:	W 3-2 MCC	2nd
PA:	W 6-3 Mentone	6th
PB:	W 4-1 KBH	3rd
PD:	L 1-4 Monash	10th
MA:	D 3-3 PEGS	2nd
MBE:	D 2-2 Yarra	4th
MBSE:	W 8-0 Melb Uni	1st

**WOMENS**


Grade	Result	Ladder
PL:	D 4-4 MCC	5th
PLR:	D 1-1 MCC	7th
PA:	L 3-4 5th	10th
PC:	W 2-1 Altona	4th
PD:	L 0-4 Cam	5th
MB:	W 2-0 O Xav	1st

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**ROUND 10 RESULTS**

**MIDWEEK**

Grade	Result	Ladder Pos
Open A/B:	L 1-3 PHSTK	10th
Mens 45A:	BYE	1st
Mens 45C:	W 1-0 GCWHC	5th
Mens 45D:	W 1-0 Cambwell B	9th
Mens 50B:	W 5-0 Elwood	5th
Womens 35B:	D 1-1 Monash 1	2nd

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*Under 13 boys Indoor  
Silver medalists*



*Under 13 boys Red Devils  
JSC champions*





## SENIOR HIGHLIGHTS 2021

Laura Button and Jye Cuff



- Finally getting out on the field after such a long COVID break
- 10 rounds of winter hockey played between COVID-19 shutdowns
- 6 Women and 8 mens teams entered in HV competition
- 6 Midweek Teams
- Many teams on track for finals including WPL, WPLR, MPLR
- Maria Romagosa and Wayne McIndoe re-appointed as Premier League coaches
- Premier League Assistant coaches- Matt Whitbread (men), Barry Sherwing and Cam Janky (women)
- Reserves Coaches- Daniel Brennan(Men), James Legg & David Basa(Women)
- 9 new coaches / assistant coaches appointed across the 6 womens senior teams
- Introduced our first winter women's masters team, and summer open women's indoor team
- Josh Simmonds silver medalist at Tokyo Olympic
- Meg Pearce debuted for Hockeyroos
- Inaugral Michelle Fouch Cup
- Millie Castor debut umpire for Premier League
- Successful post lockdown mixed hockey competition with over 100 players participating
- 10 Indoor Hockey teams (8 Junior, 1 Womens, 1 Masters)



*Lisa Blake, presents the Michelle Fouch Cup*



*John Henry presents the Ric Purser Cup to winning Altona*



*Millie Castor debut Premier League Umpire*



## OPERATIONS MANAGER REPORT

### Jacqui Allen – Operations Manager



It's been a tricky time to begin my new role as operations manager. I would like to thank many people who have supported me in my first year and helped me navigate learning all about my new position, in particular Andrea Snow and Sue Sturrock.

### Events

Unfortunately for the second year in a row, most of our events were cancelled or never given the opportunity to go ahead. Once again, we missed whole club days like Survivor Day, Family Fun Day, Thankyou Dinner, Junior and Senior Presentation Nights etc. We also were disappointed not be able to run any of our SALT workshops or junior social nights.

However, with the short season we had, we did manage to hold a **Back to Hockey Extravaganza**, our **PL livestream** day, travel to Essendon for the **Anzac Day Cup**, and we just snuck in the inaugural **Michelle Flouch Cup**.

During the Summer, we were excited to return to hockey. We had a record number of Doncaster **Indoor Hockey** Teams (10) compete at the new Indoor facility at Parkville. At Donny we hosted a successful **Monday night masters** competition with around 50 participants, while the Wednesday night brought out around 100 players of all ages and abilities in our **Summer Mixed Comp**.

We were fortunate that our club was accepted to participate in a series of 8 webinars (over 6 months) run by SALT (Sport and Life Training). The series is called "**Clubs with Heart**", with the aim of increasing club culture. From DHC, we have around 6 people of influence who are giving up their time to attend these webinars.

While most of our Olympic events were cancelled from lockdowns, we were still able to support **Josh Simmonds** playing with the Kookaburras, via video support messages, social media posts with a life-size cut-out of Josh, and the huge new banner on the DHC ground outside fence. When hockey was able to return, we were thrilled that Josh agreed to provide some high level coaching to the juniors through Development Squads and skills sessions, and the juniors loved being able to view Josh's silver medal from Tokyo.

### Grants & Projects

Our major grant we received this year was a Federal grant to assist in the building of new **dugouts and tech bench** (thankyou **Paul Sampson** and **Colleen Robertson** for your assistance in the application). We were successful in receiving approx. \$20K which, along with a generous donation from Robyn Pascoe, will see the installation of these new benches early next year (in time for the 2022 winter season). The completion of these dugouts will assist our club to be back to having the best hockey club facilities in Victoria, as well as bring us in line with Hockey Victoria's League Entry Criteria facility requirements.

The **digital scoreboard project** isn't too far behind, and we are hoping this will also be installed in 2022. This project has been delayed many times due to Covid, but looks to be back on track. We would not be able to go ahead with scoreboard without the generous contributions from our sponsor Bendigo Bank, as well as donations from our amazing club members.



We also received a grant for 2K to cover new **penalty corner facemasks** for the junior teams, allowing enough masks so players do not need to share (covid policy), and \$1500 grant from Manningham council to assist with a new **BBQ set up**.

The most obvious upgrade that occurred this year was of course the completion of the **facility upgrade** of the pavilion kitchen, and the addition of two new changerooms, new proshop, umpires changeroom, and disabled toilet. While construction was occurring, we managed with use of only half our clubrooms, the proshop squeezed into the small meeting room, and we worked around other areas which were sectioned off. However the result was well worth it. This has also been many years in the making, and I would like to acknowledge all the hours of work put in by past committees, who can now see the fruits of their labour.

*Jacqui Allen*





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*Thank you to our valued sponsors*

