



DONCASTER HOCKEY CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT 2022



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



CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Paul Sampson



<i>DHC CLUB AWARDS 2022</i>	
The <i>Bob Esselmont</i> Chairpersons Award	Robbie Cavill
Dedicated Coach Award	Meridie Jackson
Official of the Year	Robyn Pascoe
<i>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</i>	
Chair (acting)	Paul Sampson (6 yrs)
Chair (retired)	Sue Sturrock (2 yrs)
Secretary	Michelle Riley (2 yrs)
Treasurer	Stephanie Bury (2 yrs)
Board member	Kiran Singh (2 yrs)
Board member	Luke Evered (2 yr)
Board member	Matt Mitchell (1 yr)
Assistant Treasurer	Max vom Kolke (1 yr)
Board Member (retired)	Meridie Jackson (6 yrs)

<i>NON-EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</i>	
Minutes	Lauren Pennefather (2 yrs)
<i>SECTION HEADS</i>	
Men	Jye Cuff (2 yrs)
Women	Laura Button (3 yrs)
Junior	Narissa Boundy (1 yr)
Mid-week	Mike Trenerly (1 yr)
<i>CLUB APPOINTMENTS</i>	
Operations Manager	Jacqui Allen
Coach Director	Dean Todero
Junior Development	Maria Romagosa
Junior Participation	Tom Pasquali
Registrations & Membership	Lisa Moule
Ground Managers, ProShop & Canteen	Kym & Kev Saunders, John & Ann Henry

For the third year in a row Hockey life has been affected by COVID. Training, games, and events began in earnest as restrictions gradually eased but the constant changes and some uncertainty challenged us on different fronts. With the worst of Melbourne restrictions lasting on and off for two years - March 2020 to April 2022 – then the removal of most restrictions early in the season, COVID spread through the community including our players and families. Whilst not wanting to dwell on the past, we recognise this impacted nearly all of us, and this was echoed across our sections and teams. Thank you all for your patience and support as we navigated our way forward for season 2022.

As we reflect on the 2022 season, we extend our thanks to everyone in our club family, making it a **great place to play** and be whether you were a player, coach, official, in operations, volunteer, sponsor, supporter, board and/or committee member. Thanks all, you are what makes Doncaster Hockey Club such a vibrant place to be.

Let's talk about some highlights across the year:

Whole club launch, **ANZAC day game**, seeing our men, women, mid-week, boys, and girls back at Donny on the pitch, and the social buzz in our club rooms. Fantastic!



Support on and off the pitch; section heads and volunteers covering last minute game changes, coaches, captains, and team managers leading the game buzz. Cheering our teammates during the normal season, and some into finals campaigns.

Official opening of our **new facilities** including change rooms, Pro Shop, digital scoreboard and player dugouts, and new branding revealed. Each program a major piece of work embracing hours of volunteer effort, over multiple years from idea and scope, funding, and planning, to delivery and execution. Thank you to our sponsors, including Bendigo Bank, Manningham Council, and especially individuals, families and committee members who made this happen. To our volunteer army supporting these initiatives, and many more, you are amazing!

On **volunteers** a special thanks to Kym and Kevin Saunders, and John and Ann Henry for helping us keep Donny safe, tidy and welcoming. Bob Esselmont as Grounds Booking Manager and Pavilion Operations committee coordinator. Justin Hansen, Tristan Hansen and Wayne Sturrock running our mid-week bar each Monday and Wednesday night, even during the depths of our Melbourne winter nights. Lisa Moule for her role as Registration and Membership Manager. Graeme Down and talented photographers like Andrew Pywell, brought us pictures, match reports, articles, website updates and social media posts – thank you.

Our **club officials, umpires and technical bench helpers** represented us with distinction away and at home. Special thanks to Robbie Cavill, Robyn Pascoe and Mike Trener for their continued support and drive in this area.

Our backbone is our **strong volunteer workforce of 100+ people**, too many to mention here. Thank you to everyone who has played a role from section heads, coaches, team management, cleaning, working on the BBQ or behind the bar, helping with social and key events, committee roles like branding and sponsorship. The list is huge, and we say again thank you for your support of Donny.

At our core, we are here to play hockey and grow the game across all grades and age groups. We're a diverse club covering juniors through mid-week, men, and women in club grades to our Premier League high performers lead by section coaches Mark Taylor and Maria Romagosa. These teams represent all of us and set a very high bar in 2022 making it through to finals campaigns. We have exceptional people across our sections that work hard to support all of our members to help them have a great hockey experience and I'm sorry for not mentioning you all here. Each coach, official, team manager, teammate has a significant impact on the growth of our players, and we thank you. To our **section heads** – Narissa Boundy, Laura Button, Jye Cuff, and Mike Trener – awesome work.

Also, a special mention to **Josh Simmonds** who made us proud again representing Australia (and Donny) in green and gold!

In closing our club Executive, Operations Manager (Jacqui Allen) and section heads, have had several busy years helping guide our club in strategic, financial and operation issues. Whether it was meeting at the club face-to-face or via Teams each month across the year, we're grateful for your service and support to Donny. 2022 was not without challenges, and as a community not for profit sporting club we face the ever-present reality of limitations on resources - including



finances and time – yet our club member’s energy, investment, commitment, leadership, and talent supporting our people and club is without bounds - thank you.

For many, community, and sporting organisations in 2022 brought us back together after some difficult years. We’re fortunate in many regards given some community organisations did not survive and/or will be impacted for years to come. So, whilst the 2022 winter season has officially closed, indoor and summer hockey is still in progress, and work on and off the pitch is well underway taking Donny into the 2023 season, and thereafter to our 50th year in 2024.

Together we are Doncaster Hockey Club, and together we’ll grow further and stronger.

Thank you

Paul Sampson



Come and Try Day Sept 2022

Club Awards 2022	
Chairpersons Award	Robbie Cavill
Dedicated Coach Award	Meridie Jackson
Official of the Year Award	Robyn Pascoe



TREASURERS REPORT

Steph Rimington

The treasurer’s report is a brief summary of the pre-audited financial statements (available at AGM) and provides an overview of the financial performance of the club for the year ended 30th September 2022



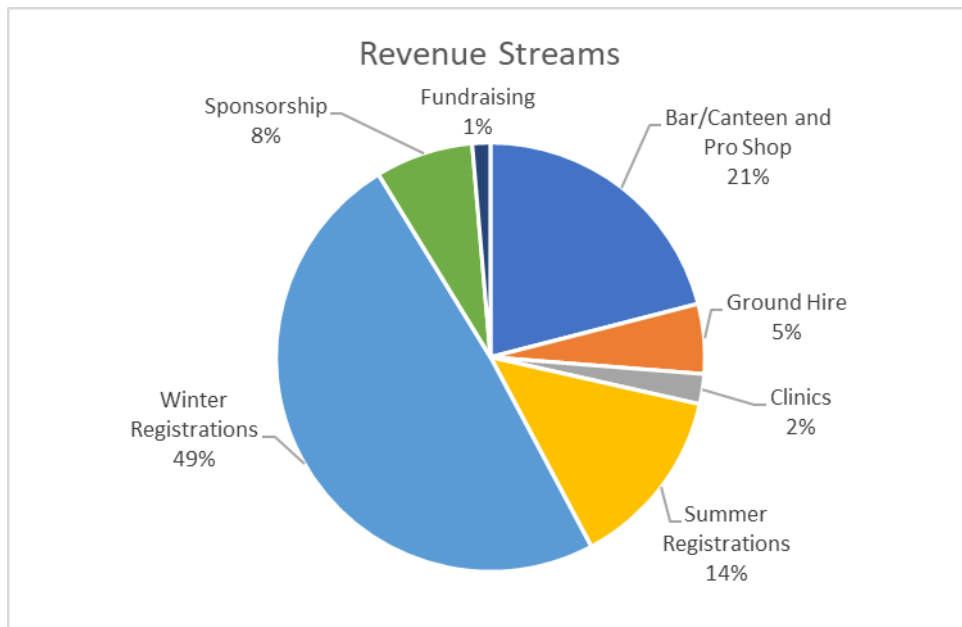
Financial Performance

The 2022 year has seen the club recording a (pre audit) **net loss of \$22k** compared to a profit of \$70k last year mainly due to the following factors: -

- Notable drop in paid members since last full season in 2018 (down to below 400- compared to 520 in 2018)
- Full 2022 Season of expenditure with inflation – only some minor costs reduced due to lower member numbers –and minimal covid support received.
- Increased depreciation costs due to capital improvements and purchases which is a positive for 2022 Season (Digital Scoreboard/Tech benches)
- Top Squad finals performance also brought with it additional costs (SHC training/coach bonuses) however overall is also a positive for the club.

Revenue

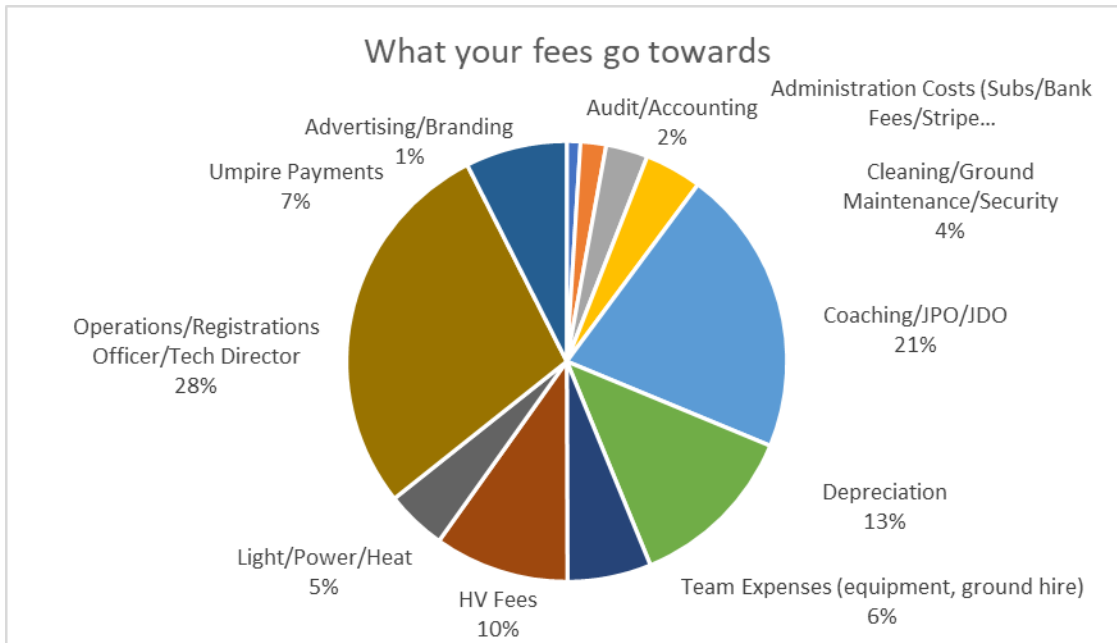
Total revenue increased by 31% compared to the previous year mainly due to receipt of sponsorship (limited during covid), Summer registrations as last year was cancelled and increased bar and canteen takings – also due to the higher levels of activity around the club in the 2022 season. **Revenue for the season ended at approx \$322k** – which whilst is higher than the last two years – is down on pre 2019 seasons.





Expenditure

The breakdown of the club expenses is shown as follows;



Expenses were up 36% from last year – due to the comments earlier – with legislative increased in wages, additional costs for finals and higher depreciation.

Financial Position

The cash position of the club didn't not change too significantly over the last year. Funds reserved in the Grants and Projects fund were utilised for the additional plant and equipment. The change in net assets were just representative of the loss for the 2023 season.

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.

Stephanie Rimington

Executive Treasurer

6th December 2022





AUSTRALIAN AND STATE REPRESENTATIVES 2022

Congratulations to the below representatives.

2022	Doncaster Hockey Club Representatives
Australian Kookaburra	Josh Simmonds
Australian Hockeyroo	Meg Pearce
HC Melbourne (Senior Women)	Nicola Hammond, Madi Ratcliffe
HC Melbourne (Senior Men)	Kiran Arunasalam, Russell Ford, Jayshaan Randhawa, Josh Simmonds
HC Melbourne Dev Squad	Byron Fernandes, Scott Sturrock, Kaelan Boundy, Mitch Chaffey
HC Melbourne U16 Squad	Maya Hilford, Emily Robertson, Jade Hilford (train on), Joel Taylor, Tom Trener (train on)
U21 State Team	Kaelan Boundy, Scott Sturrock, Byron Fernandes (SA), Manisha Arunasalam
U18 State Team	Maya Hilford
U18 Development Team	Olivia Beau Cutler, Emily Robertson, Anthony Moule, Joel Taylor
U16 SSV	Emily Robertson
U15 State Team	Jade Hilford
U15 Development Team	Ben Todero, Isaac Boundy, Tyson Darmody, Jude Wong, Zara Jackson Smith, Phoebe Creek
U13 State Team	Iggy Castor, Kriish Jiwa Mohan, Kyshant Jiwa Mohan, Eliza Creek
U13 Development Team	Jaxon Nilaweera (NT), Samara Azzopardi
U12 SSV	Kriish Jiwa Mohan, Kryshant Jiwa Mohan
Victorian Masters	Lisa Blake (40s), Andrea Snow (60s), Judy Kessler (65/2), Matt Whitbread (45s), Chris Selby (50s), Warren Ashby (50s), Craig McBride (55s), Wayne da Silva (65s), John Hamilton (65+), Ron Todero (65+)
Mens / Womens Indoor State	Meagan Lendon, Amber Deo, Joel Carroll, Bevan Fernandes
U18 Indoor State	Isobel Todero (train on)
U15 Indoor State	Zara Jackson Smith
U13 Indoor State	Iggy Castor, Eliza Creek



Josh Simmonds – Commonwealth Games



Jaxon, Kryshant, Kriish, Iggy (U13 State)



JUNIOR HIGHLIGHTS 2022

Narissa Boundy



Junior Committee 2022	
Chairperson	Narissa Boundy
Secretary/Indoor coordinator	Pam Trenerly
Results Secretary	Tamara Kamphuis
Membership Officer	Lisa and Rob Moule
Junior Development Officer	Maria Romagosa
Junior Participation Officer	Tom Pasquali
Year Level Coordinators	
U8 and Minkey	Narissa Boundy
U10	Lynette Nilaweera
U12	Michelle Fletcher
U14 Girls	Caz Henry
U14 Boys	Bek Rumble
U16 Girls	Katherine Waszkinel
U16 Boys	Cordelia Clark
U18	Mary Wooldridge
WWC	Simon Lamb
Junior Umpire Coordinator	Narissa Boundy/Robbie Cavill

Junior Honours 2022	
Ann Henry Award	Tom Pasquali
Junior Chairperson Award	Pam Trenerly
John Malinder Award	Henry Family
Robyn Pascoe Most Promising Umpire	Finn Castor
Dedicated Coach (Juniors)	Chris Ashe



Junior Results 2022

TEAM	FINAL PLACE	MOST VALUABLE PLAYER	COACHES AWARD	COACH
Under 18 Mixed District SE	9th	Leo Mulder	Maddie Hagger	Warren Ashby
U16 Boys Shield A	Runners Up	Joel Taylor	Noah Pearsall	Tom Pasquali/Bevan Fernandes
U16 Girls Shield A	4 th	Maya Hilford	Maddie Allen	Sam Snow
U16 Boys Pennant	5th	Oliver Pecher	Oliver Pataki	Mark Telfer
U16 Girls Pennant	Runners Up	Jana Pool	Mila Jongebreur	Maggie Pywell
U14 Boys Shield A	4th	Austin Allen	Riley Whelan	Ryan Currie
U14 Girls Shield A	8th	Lily Doherty	Samara Azzopardi	Amy Dickson
U14 Boys Pennant	7th	Matthew Lang	Andrew Thomson	Jai McKenzie
U12 Boys Shield A	Premiers	Kryshant Jiwa Mohan	Kriish Jiwa Mohan	Chris Ashe
U12 Girls Shield A	9th	Rebecca Fletcher	Metisse Deitz	Emma Robertson
U12 Boys District	3rd	Maxwell Plant	Xavier Lim	Tyson Darmody
U10 HV Boys	4th			Aaron Wright
U10 Green				Tom Pasquali
U10 Gold				Tom Pasquali
U8/Minkey				Tom Pasquali



2022 HV Awards

Millie Castor – Jim Mc Dowell Medal – Most Promising Junior Umpire – Girls

Junior Highlights 2022

- Full, uninterrupted season!!!!
- 4 Indoor Club Championship teams, 1 Junior Indoor Challenge Team (Summer 2021/2022)
 - U14 girls – 1st
 - U14 boys – 2nd
 - U16 girls – 3rd
 - U16 boys – 6th
- 14 Junior teams in winter season
 - 1 Premiership – U12 boys Shield A
 - 2 Runners up – U16 Boys Shield A, U16 Girls Pennant
- U8 carnival days (themed) with other clubs
- Tom Pasquali appointed to role of Junior Participation Officer following Bevan Fernandes resignation.
- Specialised, weekly, goalkeeper training with WPL goalkeeper, Tess Jackson.
- Free Rachel Lynch GK training session
- Wellbeing nights for U16 and U18 run by SALT (Sport and life training)
- Junior Girls Premier League debut – Maddie Allen, Lillian Unterberger, Saskia Jackson-Smith, Amy Woodward, Emily Robertson
- Junior Boys Premier League debut – Joel Taylor, Tom Trenerly, Anthony Moule
- Care packages sent to our Yr 12 students prior to their end of year exams
- 2022 Indoor season - 7 junior teams entered plus 15 juniors playing in senior indoor teams..



Red Devils

Huge number of JSC officials, coaches and participants from Doncaster
Zone Coordinators –Narissa Boundy and Rob Moule
Tournament Director (Boys) – Mike Trenerly
Technical Official –Robyn Pascoe
Umpire Manager – Millie Castor
Umpires - Finn Castor and Tyson Darmody

Donny reps at Junior State Champs 2022

U15 Boys:
 Austin Allen
 Ben Todero
 Jude Wong
 Iggy Castor
 Isaac Boundy
 Ish Sokhi
 Max Mailey
 Nick Telfer
 Tyson Darmody

Coach: Kaelan Boundy

Red Devils final placing: 5th

RED DEVILS AGE GROUP	NO OF DONNY PLAYERS	DONNY COACH	DONNY TEAM MANAGER
U13 Boys	6		
U13 Girls	5		
U15 Boys	9	Kaelan Boundy	
U15 Girls	6	Emma Robertson	
U18 Boys	6	Tom Pasquali and Ryan Currie	Dean Boyd Clarke
U18 Girls	10	Cam Janky and Millie Castor	Steve O'Brien



WOMENS HIGHLIGHTS 2022

Laura Button



After spending 2020 trying to train without tackling, then cancelling half way through in 2021, it was hard to know what to expect for season 2022.

The following is a list of just some of the highlights from the 2022 season:

- Full 2022 season completed
- Over **130 players** across the season, including over 30 juniors.
- Maintained all 6 teams, **no forfeits**.
- **Premier League and Pennant C made it to the finals**, and we were just outside for Premier League Reserves, Pennant A, and Metro.
- Pennant C has been rewarded with **promotion** to Pennant B in 2023.
- Huge number of **representative players**
- Introduced DHC to the Womens seniors **indoor hockey** in 2021, participated in the 2022 championships, and doubled our teams with an A and a B team in term 4, 2023.
- Runners up at the **Diwali cup**.
- Represented DHC at the womens exhibition match in the **Melbourne Hockey Cup**.



Womens Pen C

In addition to our winter seniors games, Angela Edwards has kept our **midweek ladies** strong with a wonderful and inclusive Wednesday morning social hockey and morning tea.

Thank you to all of our coaches, team managers and players for your commitment to keeping women and girls in sport.

I'd particularly like to thank Maria who's guidance has set a strong future for many of the players in our section and to welcome Cam Janky into the PL coaching role for 2023

Womens Honours 2022	
Women Section Award	Kari Steer
Rising Star	Zara Jackson Smith
Filly Award	Maya Hilford

Womens Results 2022

TEAM	FINAL PLACE	BEST & FAIREST	COACHES AWARD	COACH	TEAM MANGER
Premier League	Prelim Finals	Sam Snow	Aimee Dickson	Maria Romagosa	Kaye Sampson
Prem League Reserves	9 th	Izzy Todero	Katy Everett	Meridie Jackson	Steve O'Brien
Pennant A	5 th	Alisha Burjorjee	Phoebe Creek	Taylor Roberts & Bec Turner	Becky Brown
Pennant C	Prelim Final	Jacqui Allen	Jessica Jones	Robbie Cavill & Bec Turner	
Pennant D	7 th	Jana Pool	Charlotte Ashby	Dean Boyd-Clark	
Metro 1	5 th	Mel Pecher	Averlie Pecher	Sue Sturrock (retired), Warren Ashby	



MENS HIGHLIGHTS 2022

Jye Cuff



- Full winter season uninterrupted
- 6 men's teams entered in HV competition
- **3/6 teams made finals.** Premier League (prelim), Men's Premier League Reserves (week 1), Metro 2 East (runner up)
- Mark Taylor appointed Men's Premier League coach for 2022 season. Signed on for 2023 season
- **Josh Simmonds** - Commonwealth Games gold medallist
- Josh Simmonds - Max Campbell Award, Viking of the Year
- **Hockey Club Melbourne** Squad Members – Kiran Arunasalam, Russell Ford, Jayshaan Randhawa, Josh Simmonds, Frazer Gerrard (extended squad)
- **Australia Indoor Squad** - Bevan Fernandes and Zach Meaden
- **Premier League debutants** – Anthony Moule, Joel Taylor, Tom Trenery, Tom Pasquali,
- Under 21 Nationals - Kaelan Boundy, Scott Sturrock (Victorian squad), Byron Fernandes (South Australia)
- Under 18 Development Squad– Anthony Moule, Joel Taylor
- Under 15 Development Squad – Ben Todero, Jude Wong, Tyson Darmony

Mens Honours 2022	
Men's Section Award	Paul Nourish
Rising Star	Joel Taylor
Colt Award	Kaelan Boundy

Mens Results 2022

TEAM	FINAL PLACE	BEST & FAIREST	COACHES AWARD	COACH / CAPTAIN	TEAM MANGER
Premier League	Prelim Finals	Frazer Gerrard	Russell Ford	Mark Taylor	Sandra Ambrose
Premier League Reserves	Week 1 finals	Hayden Currie	Charlie Todero	Tim Snow & Lachlan McGowan	Charlie Todero
Pennant A	6 th	Ryan Jones & Jarryd Sime	Jackson Boundy	Matt Whitbread & Paul Nourish	
Pennant B	9 th	Jason Reid	Ben Todero	Robert Pywell	
Pennant E	7 th	Jack Priestly	Leigh Furness	Andrew Norman	
Metro 2	Silver medal	Max Malley	Noah Pearall	Ian Di Iorio	



Anzac Day Game vs Essendon at DHC



MIDWEEK HIGHLIGHTS

Mike Trenerly

Fantastic to finally have a full season including six teams representing the club in the Midweek and Master's competitions, including our first and incredibly successful women's team.



The Donny Midweek annual season started with our now regular and highly enjoyable summer "intraclub" competition with Yarra invitees. We played over 12 rounds of competitive, social and inclusive hockey followed by supporting the club in the bar.

In the main winter competition on the field, we had an above par performance with **half our teams making the finals**. These included:

- Our **45 C Grade** had a solid season unfortunately dipping towards the end to finish one place outside the finals.
- Our **45 D Grade** had a challenging year with player consistency finishing in the top ten.
- Our most senior team, the 50s B grade, played in a competition with a big discrepancy between the top and bottom teams finishing 8th.
- Our **40+ Men's** team, started the season in the 45+ A but were merged with the Open age group A Grade by midseason to balance competition numbers. Despite the challenge on now competing against many teams with younger players, this group made the first round of finals.
- Our inaugural **Women's team** bit a brilliant effort this year meeting the challenge of getting eleven players each. Setting up a solid core of players, we made the preliminary finals but unfortunately lost in a tight struggle
- Our **Open age B** team we solid performers all year finishing a clear two games on top of the ladder. We breezed through the semi-finals into the Grand Final which we won with a challenging 2-1 result

Midweek Results 2022

TEAM	FINAL PLACE	BEST & FAIREST	CAPTAINS AWARD	COACH / CAPTAIN	TEAM MANAGER
Open Mens B	Premiers	Andrew Bullock	Jacinta Tasker	Ryan Dunn	Dave Mander
Mens 40/A	Semi Finals	Jason Henry	Scott Assender	Richie Wright	Richie Wright
Mens 45C	5 th	Ken Scott	Richard Rowland	Mike Trenerly	Richard Rowland
Mens 45D	10 th	Tony Date	Andrew Pywell	Matt Mitchell	Andy Pywell
Mens 50B	8 th	Robbie Cavill	Roger Fernando	Mike Trenerly	Roger Fernando
Womens 35B	Prelim Finals	Jacqui Allen	Katherine Waszkinel	Kari Steer	Jacqui Allen



At the next level up, we were well represented with ten players selected in the State squads that played at the **Australian Nationals** in Queensland in October:

Women's Victorian Masters 40+: Lisa Blake
Women's Victorian Masters 60+: Andrea Snow
Women's Victorian Masters 65+: Judy Kessler
Men's Victorian Masters 45+: Matt Whitbread
Men's Victorian Masters 50+: Chris Selby, Warren Ashby
Men's Victorian Masters 55+: Craig McBride
Men's Victorian Masters 65+: Wayne da Silva
Men's Victorian Masters 65+: John Hamilton, Ron Todero

My big thanks goes to all those who supported me this year including Jacqui, the Team Captains, Team Managers, Al for his weekly summary and to Robbie and his merry band for his umpiring support.



Premiers – Mens Open B



*Andrea, Lisa, and Judy
(Vic Masters)*



OPERATIONS MANAGER REPORT

Jacqui Allen - Operations Manager



2022 has been a fantastic year for the club, especially given we were able to play a full season of hockey for the first time since 2019.

Events

It was wonderful to be able to run some **events** at the club once again. Some of the events held this year included:

- Season Launch & Official opening of new facilities
- Anzac Day at DHC
- Junior Umpires Info night
- "Clubs with Heart" SALT webinar series for DHC leadership
- Womens Round including Womens Breakfast
- Survivor Day
- Launch of the new DHC Brand
- Level 2 Coaching Course @ DHC
- SALT workshops on Mental Health for U16/18s
- Official opening of the new scoreboard
- Thankyou Volunteers Dinner
- Junior Presentation Nights & U16 Dinner
- Senior Presentation Night



Our first event of the year was our **Season Launch**, in combination with the **Official opening of the new facilities**. This was attended by Mayor Michelle Kleinert and Councilor Anna Chen, with Bendigo Bank reps and Josh Simmonds also involved in the ribbon cutting.



A highlight of the year was the launch of our **new brand** where we were able to unveil the new DHC logo. This was the result of 18 months of meetings, consulting, and hard work by a DHC Branding subcommittee, along with logo creators Chris Ashe and Tom Habal from Cordial Creative. The result was well received by the majority of the club members. Posters around the club clearly explain all the elements of the new logo and the meaning behind them. Next step is new uniforms, which will hopefully be ready for season 2023.

Survivor Day was back for the first time since 2019, and we managed to sell out all of the tickets early in the day. Thankyou to the mens section for the organization of this event, and helping to raise over \$3000 for the club.

We were finally able to spend some money we had received in 2020 from the City of Manningham for our Wellness Strategy, and hosted two **SALT workshops on Mental Health** for the U16s and U18s. This was a powerful night, with positive feedback received from all who attended.

Grants & Projects

This season all teams appreciated being able to use the **new changerooms** for the first time. Both genders are able to make use of the new changerooms, with our old ones being allocated for the away teams. Some tables and extra chairs have been added to the larger of the new changerooms so it can also double as a meeting



room. A relocation of the old meeting room TV enables teams to have video analysis meetings as well. It's great to see our new facilities being used and appreciated.

The new **proshop** has also been a welcome addition. The larger space has been handy, and it's location makes it easy for players and families to see when the shop is open. Thankyou to Kym and Kev for all their hard work in setting up the new shop.

As part of the renovations, the old BBQ shed was demolished. While still considering a long term solution, a **new 6 burner BBQ** was purchased with money received from a Manningham Council grant. Thankyou to Phil Evered for donating money to purchase a **shade marquee** to cover the bbq, ensuring the helpers are protected from the elements.

Just in time for Round 1, our brand new **Dugouts and Tech Bench** was installed on the north side of the pitch. The funding for these dugouts came from a Federal grant, contribution from Manningham Council, as well as a generous donation from Robyn Pascoe. The completion of these dugouts have assisted getting our club back to having the best facilities in Victoria, as well as bringing us in line with Hockey Victoria's League Entry Criteria facility requirements. Later in the year the Council built a **protective fence** in front of the dugouts, with a new water tap to come. More modifications will take place over summer to further protect players from the weather, and also to build a video recording platform above the tech bench.



To make room for the dugouts, we needed to sell 2 of our spare goals (these went to Goulburn Valley HC). Thankyou to Kevin Saunders for making 4 full width (short height) **portable goals** for our U10 / U12 half field games. They have also been great to use for trainings, Mid week ladies, etc.



After many years of planning, meetings, and fundraising, we finally purchased and installed our **new digital scoreboard**. Thankyou Rob Henry for all your efforts with this project. The scoreboard is possible thanks to a generous contribution from Bendigo Bank, as well as donations from our amazing club members. It's been great to see every team from every grade using the scoreboard, which clearly displays both home and away club logos, the score, and the game time remaining. Everyone loves the "GOAL" animation video after each score. We are able to show sponsors logos, and for finals we put extra effort in to also show player lists while the teams were warming up. Thankyou also to Robbie Cavill for all your help in ensuring smooth operation of the scoreboard for all teams. The potential use for the scoreboard is infinite, and we are excited to explore many more ways to use it in 2024.

The club funded a new **canteen roller door**, which eliminates the need for staff to climb up on the canteen bench to unlock the old one. The new one is electronic, so can easily be put up and down with the push of a button – much safer for our ground staff! With the old canteen gates being subsequently removed, some space was created for the old clubroom TV to be relocated and repurposed as a **digital notice board**. This will be an added resource for announcements, photos, advertise sponsors, etc.

Thankyou so much to the Executive Board, Section Heads, and all the volunteers for all your assistance this year!

Jacqui Allen



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