

2017
AGM
3pm



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Venue: SMSF Solutions Building 1/38 High Street,
Date: Sunday 3rd December
Time: 3pm
Chaired By: **Al Warhurst**
Apologies: Marg Brown,

Committee meeting attendance

Member	Portfolio	From / to	Present	Apologies
Al Warhurst	President	Dec - Present	90%	1
Craig Mundy	Vice President	Dec - Present	55%	4
Mel Pontt	Treasurer	Dec - Present	90%	1
Glenn Delaney	Ass. Treasurer	Dec - Present	85%	2
Vanessa Flanagan	Secretary	Dec - Present	100%	0
Kyle Brereton	General	Dec - Present	75%	3
Phil McQuilton	General	Dec - Present	85%	2
Dan O'Halloran	General	Dec - Present	90%	1
Marianne O'Halloran	General	Dec - Present	75%	3
Ben Warhurst	General	Dec - Present	55%	4
Taylah Pontt	General	Resigned		
Brett Noonan	General	Resigned		
Kate Liddicoat	General	Resigned		

Life Members

Noel Mason (deceased)	1988	Marg Darmody	2001
Elaine Behrens	1994	Kay Fleming	2009
Dawn George	1996	Mat Poppins	2009
Ian & Denise Livingstone	2000	Yvonne Wolfe	2009

Marg Brown	2013
Kyle Brereton	2013
Justin Wilson	2013
Della Poppins	2015

Agenda

➤ **Minutes of Previous AGM:** 4th December 2016 –

Read by Glenn Delaney

➤ **Business Arising from 2016 Minutes**

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➤ **Treasurer's Report - M. Pontt –**

Read by Melissa Pontt

➤ **Committee Reports:**

- President – A Warhurst
- Secretary – V Flanagan
- Uniform –
- Junior Development –
- Equipment – V Flanagan
- Social Committee – V Flanagan
- Hookin2Hockey – Craig Pontt
- U10's – Glenn Delaney
- Umpire Development – V Flanagan
- Bylaws – Vanessa Flanagan (nil report)
- Website & Facebook – Vanessa Flanagan

➤ **Election of Office bearers:**

President Report

Well we have come to the end of another season.

Season 2017 has been a very strong one for the Wodonga Hockey Club, on and off the field. These achievements have only been possible due to the foundations that have been laid over the last few years and is a direct result of a lot of work and commitment by not only this year's Committee, and our volunteers, but also over the last couple years! By working together, we have been able to continue our journey in making the Wodonga Hockey Club a successful and thriving club. This, in turn will attract new players as well as sponsors that results in growing our Club and the game.

I would like to thank my fellow Committee Members, the Executive Committee i.e. Craig Mundy, Vanessa Flanagan, Melissa Pontt, Glenn Delaney, for their support and assistance during 2017. The Committee has worked extremely hard to ensure we remain a strong, viable, inclusive, community orientated, and well ran club that has the best interests of its Members at the heart of everything it does.

An enormous amount of effort goes on behind the scenes to make this Club function smoothly. Our Club has been very fortunate to have had Vanessa Flanagan fill the role of Club Secretary again this year. Vanessa's dedication and commitment to her role and the Club cannot be underestimated. There is no doubt that Vanessa's contribution to the Club as Secretary over the last 4 years has significantly contributed to the Club's success due to her efficient and smooth administration. As you may, or may not, be aware Vanessa is stepping down from her role at the end of 2017. I would like to thank Vanessa on behalf of all members for her outstanding work for the Club and for support she has provided myself as President.

To each of the other members of the Committee, all our Coaches and Managers, players, parents, and volunteers, thank you all very much for all your time and effort. The Club cannot function as well as it has, or move in a positive direction, if not for all of us working together as one. We need focus on getting more members to volunteer as all of us should have a vested

interest in seeing the Club thrive. Well done for 2017 and let's make 2018 even better.

Sponsors remain critical to Clubs ability to function and enable the Committee to formulate strategies that enables us to grow our sport. As in the previous couple of years, the Club has been very deliberate in ensuring any "partnership" we enter in to with remains mutually rewarding for both entities. This will ensure longevity in the partnership.

I would like to thank all of our significant 2017 Club sponsors i.e. Linfox Australia, Blazing Stump Hotel, White box Rise, Hume Bank, Norske Skog, Quest Apartments Wodonga, Signs by Knight, and Noel Petts Plumbing. I would also like to thank all the businesses who got behind our players this season in the form of individual player sponsorships. Without our sponsors, all of what has been achieved over the last few years would not have been possible.

In 2017 the Committee has worked very hard at continuing and embedding several activities put in to place over the previous couple of years, as well rolling out further initiatives to drive the Club forward and to make this progressive sporting organization a 'Club of Choice.'

The 2017 initiatives have included;

- Continuing with the reduced junior fees at only \$75 – includes registration, insurance, affiliation, game fees, training fees and a new uniform
- Further increased our sponsorship base over the 2017 season – adding White box Rise to some our continuing sponsors.
- Re-affirmed our commitment to "Registration Under the Stars" event at the Cube in Wodonga
- Ran a widely viewed TV commercial
- Conducted our second season of pre-season fitness training
- Once again increased Club profile by advertising on a billboard in Melrose Drive

- Participated in the HV Roadshow and School Hockey program
- Undertook a very successful 2017 Hookin2 Hockey program
- Participated in the Wodonga City Councils Childrens Fair
- Grew our Facebook followers to now an unbelievable 1020 followers!

Successfully conducted our annual Trivia/Silent Night auction, Dave Chandler Cup, Junior and Senior Presentations, Junior Laser Tag, Life Member Communication session, fund raising BBQ's at Bunnings and Coles, and Club Day.

Further to the above listed items, I also wanted to specifically call out;

1. Growth of Border Indoor Hockey – this Club created competition continues to grow in playing numbers, attract new players to our game, increase skills of those participating, and importantly create an on-going revenue stream. We have seen participation grow from 80 players in 2014 to 146 this summer. We have been discussing our options with the YMCA, as we need to expand the number of courts we use, or seek another venue. I ask all members to support this competition as it's critical to our growth plans
2. Increased Playing Numbers - The Committee is proud to say that key initiatives around increased media publicity including a TV add, the Indoor competition, working closely with HV Road Show and local schools, and providing more competitive junior registration fees (only possible due to our increased sponsorship base line), has delivered for the fourth year in a row growth in our playing numbers, especially juniors – the future our Club. This season we fielded a team in all junior and senior divisions/age groups, standing independently.
3. Clubs Financials – The Committee is very proud to announce a significant profit once again for the fourth year in a row. The Club has been able to improve its overall financial position compared to last year whilst at the same time increasing our services to our

playing members, as well as decreasing playing costs for our Juniors, U9's and H2H children. This has been possible by providing disciplined financial control, increasing our sponsorship base, as well as successfully applying for several grants.

Please refer to Clubs Treasurer Report for details.

On the subject to the Wodonga Hockey Centre, the Committee continues to work with both HAW and the City Council on ensuring we have a suitable a playing surface for 2018. The Club remains committed to its Wodonga presence and this fact is recognized by both HAW and the City Council. The Committee continues to work with both HAW and the Council to ensure the best outcome for its members. Tenders closed at the end of October for the replacement of the surface at the WHC and some turf has been removed by HAW in anticipation.

I was honored to be President of the Club for the 2017 season and look forward to working with the 2018 committee in continuing the work that has been started to ensure the Club thrives and finally has a new surface and a new home to call its own.

Alan Warhurst

President | Wodonga Hockey Club

Secretary's Report

2017 has been a very busy year for the Wodonga Hockey Club committee. The committee have held 10 meetings throughout the year. Many important decisions were made by the committee during the course of the year to help all members and ensure the security and future of the club.

2017 we increased our playing numbers yet again. Our junior discount was welcomed by all members new and old. Our 4th year, we can see the results with all our junior teams being full.

I would like to thank the executive members for their support, I have enjoyed being part of the team. The experience I have gained from being on the WHC committee has been invaluable and I thank all I have worked with for this. Also thanks to all general committee & members of the club for their support during the year.

The future of our club is looking very good with the expansion of member's services, player numbers and overall direction we are heading.

Also Wodonga Hockey Club was out in the community in 2017, TV Ad, increase sponsorship, media and general public are becoming aware of hockey more.

The 2017 social year:

➤ HookIn2Hockey BBQ's

Our new Players kicked off the program with a sausage and soft drink & made some new friends along the way. Followed on by U9's

➤ Trivia Night

Trivia night was held at St Monica's school. We had record attendance and a great night was had by all raising funds for our club.

➤ Club Day

Club weekend was an important event this year for all players and sponsors, showing all what they are part of.

➤ Presentation Night

The night was held at Huon Hill Wodonga. Ticket sales rocketed at the last minute and the venue was packed to the rafters with record numbers of 142 people

Indoor Hockey:

Indoor Hockey has grown to record numbers of 149 for the 2017 season. Players are enjoying the summer competition and providing WHC with some new players and welcomed income to keep allowing the committee to reduce the juniors playing fees. 2018 the club will need to look at a different venue or two nights as the growth has outgrown the courts and availability at YMCA.

Bring on 2018.

I can only hope that Wodonga Hockey Club keeps growing on and off the field. (Let's hope with a new field at Wodonga in 2018)

Website | Facebook:

Our website will keep evolving and changing with the clubs growing needs and as we move to more online payments, purchases and much more. Facebook is a fast and easy communication tool that has seen our group grow to 927 – amazing for our club of 230 members.

I feel that we need to update the website to a more modern version and easier format. 2018 would be a good year for this to happen in.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as Secretary in 2017.

Vanessa Flanagan

Wodonga Hockey Club | Secretary

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Treasurer's Report

I present to all members the financial report of the Wodonga Hockey Club for the 12 months ended 31 October 2017. Over the past 12 months the club has been able to achieve a surplus in order of \$35,000 – an increase of \$2750 from 2016

Income

At the start of the year the club made the decision not to increase subscriptions for juniors new/ or current as 2016 – as our major focus is on juniors and keeping the price very affordable certainly is appealing and is working as we seen our junior numbers increase this year - not only due to the price but advertising through workshops and this year we had our TV ad, which was a real success (a huge thank you to Vanessa – driving force behind this)

In regards to senior fees, this year we did place an increase on fees, the major factor being Hockey Victoria Insurance increased significantly across all age groups and HAW increase costs;

However, we were still able to package the fees including playing uniform with minimal cost to the members

HV INSURANCE	2016	2017	2018
Under 18	\$41	\$50	\$70
Over 18	\$51	\$65	\$90
Under 10 (new fee)	-	\$37.50	\$55

“No Cash” structure – Member Payment plan option – 22 weeks and monthly umpire payments; very successful again, nothing but positive feedback from

members and managers – again anything we can do to make work easier for those volunteering their time, the better

Subscriptions have all been paid this year, except for a balance of \$110 – This amount owing was from a new member to WHC; we have since put in place some guidelines regarding required payments for new members, which we hope will alleviate this happening again.

Grants are down from 2016 (not from lack of trying) but Sponsorship has increased for 2017; 2 new sponsorships this year, White Box Rise and Supaturf – great work Vanessa on all your hard work throughout the year. We have continued to see strong support from the business community in the way of sponsorship, particularly for the teams competing in the Grand finals and small donations from members.

Canteen

This year we took over the canteen – all run by volunteers - raising a total of \$3600, a great effort considering we didn't have a lot of games in Wodonga but with the new field going in and hopefully more games it should be even better next year – thank you to everyone who volunteered their time in the canteen, we hope to have some more helpers next year with increased hours of operation

Expenses

2017 saw no major expenses to the club - with expenses of just over \$4000 compared to 2016

Some of these factors where the HV Insurance, Coaching, Advertising, Senior Presentation & HAW

Fundraising

Fundraising is a pivotal part of the long term financial success of our club, whilst sponsors may come and go; the continual fundraising efforts allow us to keep the sport affordable for a lot of the hockey community.

Some of our major fundraisers this year were:

Trivia	Night	-	\$5900	
Stump	Meat	Raffle	-	\$5600

Aldi & Bunnings BBQ - \$3500

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers, members and committee who take considerable time away from your personal lives to assist the club; we truly value your support

Thank You

I must formally thank the following sponsors include Blazing Stumps Hotel, Linfox, Hume Bank, White Box Rise and Supaturf. We look forward to their continuing support in 2018.

I do wish to acknowledge the efforts of all coaches and managers for the 2017 season. Your time and dedication to Wodonga Hockey is much appreciated.

Thank you again to Liz Stronge from Audit Super for her prompt service at a very busy time of year.

In summary, it has been a very positive year from a financial sense. If the club can continue to build both on and off field, we can only look forward to more success.

2017 we say good bye to some of our executive members, Craig and Vanessa.

Craig has been in the role of Vice President, thank you all your work - all the best for your next adventure
Vanessa –well what can we say - we are all going to missed her terribly, her dedication, efficiency and hours she has given to WHC, I don't think can ever be thanked enough – she has truly put in her heart and soul - Thank you again

Lastly but by no means least I would like to thank this year's committee with special mention to Glenn, for all their assistance throughout the year.

I look forward to 2018!! Go Doggies

Mel Pontt

Wodonga Hockey Club / Treasurer

H2H Report

About 30 plus young budding hockey players attended this year's H2H program, ages varied from 5 to 11 years old.

Approx. two thirds of participants were girls.

Many of these were first timers with approx. one quarter repeat training from previous years.

Enthusiasm was of plenty yet controllable.

I was able to organize small groups into their age brackets too maintain order, skill level and attention span.

Each small group was given a learning skill or game to participate in, this was alternated after a period of time so that everyone tried a new exercise.

Exercises increased with complexity over the 5 weeks with visual and vocal feedback to reinforce learning and improvement.

The highlight for many children was the icy pole or super-duper at the end of each session, I highly recommend this again.

To maintain a high level of enthusiasm and reduce boredom within each small group, I strongly recommend 3-4 helpers with conjunction of the main coach, this guarantees each child gets good coaching and assistance.

I would like to mention and thank Melissa Pontt, Taylah Pontt, Rylee Pontt, Dan Noble, Tom Docherty and Vanessa for all her admin work, if I have missed anyone for helping out over the course of the program, this certainly made my job easier.

To aid in next running this program I would like the committee to purchase the following items

- Large Whiteboard on stand

- Pool noodles (6-8)
- Rebound Boards or timber boards
- Wheelie bin to carry sticks
- Cart or Trolley to carry balls and boards

I would have no hesitation in running this program in 2018.

Cheers Pontty

(Craig Pontt)

U10's Report

This year we had 18 children register for the under 10 program (in the past U9).

The Children's Fair, followed by the Hockey Victoria Roadshow run in the local primary schools and advertising taken by the club, contributed to our numbers. We also had several children who joined us in 2016 come back.

Several children went on to play in the Junior Competitions (U12's) when those teams needed extra players.

The competition was operated on Saturday mornings, we generally had 10-12 players each Saturday morning. The players were aged from 5 to 10 years of age but we had a large number of younger children who I hope will continue to play in U10's next year.

It is anticipated that, as was the case this year, several of our U10's will move on to U12's in 2018.

Thank you to all those that helped this year as we had strong support from parents and club members, a big thank you to Josh Mason, Sarah and Tom Docherty who assisted most weeks.

Most Saturday's U10's was held at Albury Hockey Centre. We also had U10s held in Wodonga, Beechworth and Corowa. The scheduling was communicated late at the start of the season but improved by the end of the season.

A number of changes/improvements have been suggested for next season these include;

- A girl only U10 program
- Separate into playing quarters instead of halves

We again thank Wodonga Quest for sponsoring our HookIn2Hockey and U9's shirts.

Glenn Delaney

Election of Office Bearers

All positions declared open

- President
- Vice president
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Assistant Treasurer
- General committee members

Nominations Received:

Alan Warhurst	- President
NIL	- Vic President
Mel Pontt	- Treasurer
NIL	- Ass. Treasurer
NIL	- Secretary
Kyle Brereton	- General Committee Member
Glenn Delaney	- General Committee Member
Summer Furzer	- General Committee Member
Phil McQuilton	- General Committee Member
Marianne O'Halloran	- General Committee Member
Dan O'Halloran	- General Committee Member
Ben Warhurst	- General Committee Member
Casey Franckiewicz	- General Committee Member

General Business:

Next General Meeting: TBA January 2018

AGM meeting Closed: pm 3 / 12 / 17

2017:

We urge you all to think of the club as one team, we all have critically important roles within that team in order for the club to be successful.

Collectively, we should play to our strengths and support each other in areas of weakness.

Our values and behaviors are documented within our strategic plan. Please read them and try to live by them - when we do, it makes life challenging and fun