



## ANNUAL REPORT 2024 – WEB VERSION

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# Annual General Meeting - Draft Minutes

Meeting conducted at ACT Hockey

2 December 2023

## 1. Welcome and Introduction

The Meeting opened at 2:00p.m. and the Annual Report and Financial statements were made available for all attendees. The President thanked everyone for their attendance.

### **Present**

Michael Plenty, Leanne Monfries, Trad Wallace, Darren Williams, Sonia Williams, Lachlan Woods, Brett Bettiol, Anika Bettiol, Zanthé Sheargold, Gerard Evans, Tamara Seaman, Kathy Mumberson, Jai Hill, Sally Hill, Michelle Murphy, Claire Warner, Josh Warner, Wayne Beresford, Sarah Janek, Nicole Bettiol, Jess Whitlock, Nick Streeton, Craig Johnston,

### **Proxies**

Steve Costello (Trad), Gavin Hillier (Trad), Mick Mason (Trad), Jonathan Wilson (Trad), Ben Abbott (Trad), Simon Taply (Trad), Angus Esslemont (Trad), Lisa Plenty (Mick P), Ethan Plenty (Mick P), Ryan Hodson (Mick P)

### **Apologies**

Caroline O'Driscoll, Ryan Hodson, Nicole Evans, Sam Rowsell

## 2. Acceptance of minutes of previous annual general meeting

**Proposed resolution:** That the minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting be accepted.

Minutes were accepted with the following amendments:

- That the overall club surplus/deficit be amended to show a deficit of \$4034.82 for the financial year to 30 September 2022.
- That acceptance of the Annual Report be amended to highlight the contributions of the Coordinators and other contributors

Moved: Leanne Monfries, Seconded: Michelle Murphy -- Passed

## 3. President's Address

Following an acknowledgement of country, the president, Leanne Monfries, welcomed all to the meeting and thanked the 2023 committee for their work. Particular mention was made of the treasurer, Trad Wallace, and the outgoing secretary Michael Plenty, outgoing Mens' Coordinator Ryan Hodson and Womens' Coordinators Michelle Murphy and Tamara Seaman. Mens' and Women's Vice-Presidents Gerard Evans and Tim Cullen. The Club having now reached over 450 members, the hard work required of various roles within the club is appreciated by all.

The Development Committee, now in their second year, have continued putting together programs and strategies and we look forward to working with you over the course of the next

year. The Junior competitions committee was also thanked; Jai Hill, Claire Warner, Sarah Janek, and Inge Ballingall. It is noted that Inge will also be stepping down this year and she was thanked for all her hard work which has contributed to us being awarded Boys Club of the Year.

HookIn2Hockey coordinators Brett Bettiol and Jess Whitlock are thanked along with their team of assistants. The club's representation at carnivals this year were a credit to you and the club community.

Outgoing CL1 Women's coach Paul Sureda, and CL2 Women's Coach Tony Mumberson. CL2 Women's Manager Denise Lemon was also thanked and the CL2 women's premiership for three years in a row noted. Darren "Toge" Williams was thanked for his ongoing contribution to the CL1 Mens' squad.

Finally congratulations were given to all representative teams across Juniors, Seniors, Masters and Canberra Chill squads.

#### 4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Trad Wallace, outlined the year noting an overall surplus of \$5657.47 but qualified this by pointing out that:

- Our BAS debt for Q1 owed to the ATO is \$2795
- Various transactions normally expensed before September did not occur, totalling around \$3000.
- Juniors did not hold a Presentation Night/Event in 2022, so we did not incur associated costs in 2022.
- The grateful acceptance of two, one-off, donations from valued members totalling \$10,000 at the end of 2022.

Without the additional sponsorship we would have run at a loss or deficit this financial year, so we do need to obtain some additional income in the form of sponsorships else we will be forced to raise fees again.

#### 5. Acceptance of Financial Statements

**Proposed resolution:** That the financial statements tabled at the annual general meeting be accepted.

Moved: Claire Warner Seconded: Wayne Beresford -- Passed

#### 6. Acceptance of the Annual Report

*The nature of the Annual Report was discussed. In particular the contributions of members other than the executive committee was raised. All contributors were recognised in these minutes.*

Proposed resolution: That the annual report tabled at the annual general meeting be accepted.

Moved: Michelle Murphy, Seconded: Wayne Beresford -- Passed

## 7. Election of Office Bearers

### **Executive:**

President: Leanne Monfries

Nominated: Michelle Murphy, Seconded: Craig Johnstone -- Elected

Secretary: Kath Mumberson

Nominated: Leanne Monfries, Seconded: Gerard Evans -- Elected

Treasurer: Trad Wallace

Nominated: Gerard Evans, Seconded: Leanne Monfries -- Elected

### **Club Patrons**

Following discussion as to the role of a club patron, this decision was held over until the new year.

### **Other Committee Members**

Assistant Secretary: Nicole Bettiol

Nominated: Michael Plenty, Seconded: Leanne Monfries -- Elected

Assistant Treasurer: Zanthé Sheargold

Nominated: Trad Wallace, Seconded: Jess Whitlock -- Elected

Vice President (Women): Michelle Murphy

Nominated: Leanne Monfries, Seconded: Tamara Seaman -- Elected

Vice President (Men): Gerard Evans

Nominated: Michael Plenty, Seconded: Brett Bettiol -- Elected

Women's Coordinator(s): Tamara Seaman

Nominated: Michelle Murphy, Seconded: Leanne Monfries -- Elected

Men's Coordinator: Nick Streeton

Nominated: Michael Plenty, Seconded: Gerard Evans -- Elected

Indoor Coordinator: Rebecca Platten

Nominated: Leanne Monfries, Seconded: Wayne Bersford -- Elected

Social Coordinator(s):

- Michael Plenty
- Jess Whitlock

- Zanthe Sheargold
- Tamara Seaman
- Michelle Murphy
- Lachlan Woods

Sponsorship and Fundraising Coordinator(s): *Vacant*

### **Junior Competition Committee**

Junior Registrar: Claire Warner

Nominated: Trad Wallace, Seconded Josh Warner -- Elected

Coordinator(s) - Boys: Duncan McPhee

Nominated: Gerard Evans, Seconded: Michael Plenty-- Elected

Coordinator(s) - Girls: Sarah Janek

Nominated: Trad Wallace, Seconded: Leanne Monfries -- Elected

Anika Bettiol

Nominated: Kath Mumberson, Seconded: Jess Whitlock

### **Development Committee**

Chair: Kathy Mumberson

Currently comprising: Brett Bettiol, Kathy Mumberson, Craig Dalzell and Jai Hill. CL coaches are also considered members of this group. Other members may be drawn into this committee over the course of the year.

#### **8. Motions of which due notice has been received**

No motions were received which required notice under the Rules of the Club

#### **9. General Business**

Claire Warner and Michelle Murphy brought the topic of a “club app” such as Teamer, TeamApp or Heja which could be used across the club.

#### **10. Meeting close**

The meeting was closed at 3:10 pm

*Minutes prepared by Michael Plenty*

*5 December 2023*

## President's Report

To Life Members, Members, Players, Families, and Supporters - welcome to St Patrick's Hockey Club's Annual General Meeting for 2024. It is my pleasure, as Club President, to welcome you all here today.

I would like to begin by acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather today, and pay my respects to their Elders past, present, and emerging. I extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people present here today.

First, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our committee: Trad Wallace, Zanthé Sheargold, Kathy Mumberson, Gerard Evans, and Michelle Murphy. A special thanks to our fantastic Men's and Women's Coordinators: Nick Streeton, Tamara Seaman, and Michelle Murphy. Your dedication and hard work have been invaluable, and I cannot thank you enough for all that you've done this year.

To our incredible Junior Committee—Sarah Janeck, Claire Warner, and Duncan McPhee—your efforts do not go unnoticed. Your commitment to the development of our young players is truly appreciated.

A big thank you also to Brett Bettiol and Jess Whitlock for your tireless efforts with the Hook into Hockey program. Your dedication to the players and their families is remarkable, and we are so fortunate to have you on board.

To all our coaches and managers, from juniors through to seniors, I commend you for your tireless work both on and off the field. The support you provide to our junior players as they progress through the grades is commendable, and I thank you for your contributions.

I would also like to congratulate all the St Pats players who were selected for representative duties this year. The talent of our younger players coming through is fantastic, and to all our St Pats players selected for Masters—you are all a credit to our club. Best of luck to Noami & Mikayla Evans and Aleisha Price for your first game with the Canberra Chill, and to Kaidey O'Connor and Ash Sievers on your selection in the Chill Development Squad.

A huge thank you to the 70th Anniversary Committee, particularly Nicole Evans. You made our 70th year truly special. What an amazing job you did, and how great did we all look in our supporters' gear! A special thanks to Nicole Bettiol for your exceptional work—our Club Day was fabulous, and having our Life Members join us made it even more memorable. Bin Forner's hit-off for the CL1 men's game will be a moment I hold dear.

I would also like to extend my congratulations to Craig Johnstone on receiving Life Membership with Hockey ACT—what a fantastic achievement! Congratulations as well to Nicole Bettiol for receiving the Hockey ACT Reconciliation Award for her incredible work on the Indigenous shirts for the Indigenous Round—so well deserved!

A special congratulations to Shay Leonard for his contributions to the Hockey ACT U18 Men's team and for being named the 2024 Junior Male Umpire of the Year—an amazing accomplishment!

Lastly, I would like to announce that I will not be standing again as Club President. After eight wonderful years, I want to thank everyone for the support you've shown me throughout my presidency. I've been incredibly lucky to make so many lifelong friends, and leading this amazing club will always hold a special place in my heart.

I wish all our members, and the new committee, the very best for the 2025 season. I'd like to finish with an Irish blessing I found fitting: *for each petal on the shamrock, this brings a wish your way—Good health, good luck, and happiness, for today and every day.*

Thank you.

*Leanne Monfries*  
President

## Women's Competition Report

St Pats women had 10 teams entered into the 2024 competition.

Our teams had some fantastic results with five teams reaching semi-finals and three teams going into grand finals.

There was much growth over the season from all teams, with many teams finishing higher on the ladder than in previous years. This year we also saw lots of talented juniors playing across several divisions, thus highlighting how strong our junior development programs are.

From the women's Vice President and Women's Coordinator, we would like to thank all the players, supporters, parents and partners for making it a great year. It was wonderful to see so many teams supporting each other on and off the field.

### **CL1 Women**

Coached by Chris Moylan and managed by Sonia Williams, the CL1 Women had 14 wins 3 draws and 4 losses. They scored 85 goals for and had 30 against, and finished 4<sup>th</sup> on the ladder (with only 2 points separating 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>). St Pats versed UCHC in the minor semi-final and unfortunately went down 1-3.

### **CL2 Women**

Coached by Ross Markin and managed by Denise Lemon, the CL2 women had 9 wins, 4 draws and 7 losses. The team scored 37 goals for and had 22 against, and finished 6<sup>th</sup> on the ladder. It was a close competition with only 8 points separating 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately a number of close results saw them just miss out on making the finals.

### **SL1 White Women**

Coached by Jaimilee Baxter and managed by Sonia Williams. SL1 White had 14 wins, 5 draws and 1 loss. They scored 55 goals for and had 20 against finishing with the best goal difference for the season and 2<sup>nd</sup> on the ladder only 1 point behind the minor premiers.

St Pats versed UCHC in the major semi-final defeating them 1-0 putting the team straight through to the grand final. Unfortunately, it was déjà vu going down 2-3 to UCHC in a shootout for the second year in a row, after a 1-all result at full time, finishing runners up for 2024.

### **SL1 Green Women**

Whilst SL1 G, didn't achieve the results they had set out at the beginning of the seasons, the team continued to support each other, giving their best each week. It was great to welcome some juniors into the team, watch them grow and gain more confidence throughout the season. We had experienced players learning new skills, demonstrating our commitment and passion for hockey. We will dust ourselves off and come back for an awesome season in 2025.

### **SL2 White Women**

SL2 white have been slowly working their way up the ladder for the past few seasons. The last few rounds of the 2024 season didn't go our way but we look forward to being back and building on what we have learnt to come back stronger than ever in 2025.

Being able to play in such a fun and supportive team has certainly helped shape how we all look at the game and helps us to show up for each other both on and off the field.

The SL2 white ladies always found a way to make every situation enjoyable, serious and encouraging simultaneously.

Here is to making the 2025 season ours.



### **SL2 Green Women**

SL 2 green started the year with an amazing amount of positive energy and strength. Round 1 saw us win 1-0 over the 2023 Grand Final winners. This set the team up for a great season. We embraced our training sessions with enthusiasm and fun. Throughout the year we continued to support each other and build week to week. Sitting in first place on the ladder for much of the season, with the team only losing 2 games and missing out on a place in the Grand final, going down 2-0, in the semi-final was devastating. However, we achieved our goal of finishing in the top 4 and playing in finals. We are already looking forward to 2025.

### **SL3 Green Women**

Building on the 2023 SL3G team, with some new blood in the mix, our team broke free from the underdog beginnings. Over the season we gradually improved. After making it to finals in 4th place (of 10 teams), we were delighted to progress to the Grand Final. After a 0:0 draw we sadly lost on penalty shoot outs.

We'd like to highlight and acknowledge our dedicated players who travelled from Jindabyne, Crookwell, Cooma, Hall and even the UK (although our British player lived in Canberra for a year and is sadly returning home).

The selection of Best and Fairest was tight, reflecting that everyone put in 110%. We're proud that one of our players was one of the top goal scorers across the grade and season, a fabulous effort supported by a fabulous team!

Finally, we would like to especially thank our fabulous (and new) coach, Pete, for his guidance, patience and motivation - he was a key factor in our success. We look forward to seeing how we fare in 2025!

### **SL 3 White**

SL 3 white, had a good year as a whole, team members got into the spirit of the 70th celebrations. The team looked to bolster the team numbers by drawing up some good juniors and SL4 team members.

The Club should be aware that one of their players who has played for the club for over 20 years. Further feedback has been provided to the committee for review.

### **SL4 Women**

The SL4 team started the year with a brother and sister coaching team, Grace and Hamish. The coaches did an amazing job with a team of players who have shown amazing growth and resilience during the season. Their cohesion on and off the field was amazing to see. The team finished 5<sup>th</sup> on the ladder, just missing out on a spot in a preliminary final due to other results from the last round of the season.

The team is looking forward to continued growth in 2025.

### **SL5 Women**

SL5 had a tremendous season when you look at the big picture. Over 30 different players, 3 different goalies and needing exemptions for 50% of the games we played. We had a brand new team this season with the majority of our ladies either new to hockey or stepping back up after a hiatus. Every single person gave 100% for every game which, as a coach, you can't ask for much more than that.

Rising up from 4th place the team making it to the Semi Finals was the peak of excitement for the team.

The team secured a spot in the Grand Final against an undefeated team after winning penalty shoot-outs in both the semi and prelim finals and. The ladies then took the undefeated team to a shoot-out with a last-minute goal to equalise.

Unfortunately, it wasn't our day but being runners-up was an incredible achievement and we can't wait to see what the ladies bring to the table in 2025.

*Tamara Seaman and Michelle Murphy*  
*Women's Coordinator and Vice President - Women*

## Men's Competition Report

The 2024 season brought a mixture of close calls, strong performances, and valuable lessons across all grades. Here's how each team fared from CL1 to SL5:

### **Capital League 1 (CL1) – 7th Place (out of 8)**

The CL1 team struggled to find consistent form throughout the season, finishing in 7th place. Despite some hard-fought matches, they couldn't string together enough wins to challenge for a higher spot on the ladder. There were positives to build on, but they'll be looking for improvement next year.

### **Capital League 2 (CL2) – 6th Place (29 Points)**

The CL2 team had a heartbreaking finish, just missing out on the finals. They finished 6th on 29 points, with the 3rd-placed team ending on 30 points, making for an incredibly tight competition. Results in the final week didn't fall their way, but the team showed great potential and will be eager to push into the finals next season.

### **State League 1 (SL1) – 3rd Place (Finalists)**

SL1 had a strong season, finishing 3rd out of 9 teams and advancing to the finals. They secured a win in the first week of finals but were eliminated in the second week, going down 2-1 to the eventual champions. Despite the disappointment, the team can be proud of their efforts and will aim to go even further next year.

### **State League 2 (SL2) – 7th Place (out of 11)**

SL2 finished the season in 7th place, with six draws throughout the year ultimately costing them a shot at finals. Scoring goals was a major challenge, as the team couldn't turn those draws into wins. With some attacking improvements, they'll be hoping to make a stronger push next season.

### **State League 3 (SL3) – 4th Place (Finalists)**

SL3 finished the regular season in 4th place out of 9 teams, securing a spot in the finals. Unfortunately, their run ended in the first week, as they were defeated by Central. Reaching the finals was a positive achievement, and the team will be motivated to advance further next season.

### **State League 4 (SL4) – 4th Place (Missed Finals)**

The SL4 team ended the season in 4th place, equal on points with ANU. However, although St Pats had a superior for-and-against record, ANU had a higher number of wins which meant our side just missed out on finals and ANU taking the final spot in the top four. Despite missing out on finals, the team showed resilience and will be determined to go one step further next year.

### **State League 5 (SL5) – 5th Place (out of 6)**

SL5 faced a challenging season, finishing 5th in a six-team competition. With many new players joining the squad, this year was largely about building cohesion and gaining experience. Although the results didn't always go their way, the team now has a foundation to build on for future success.

Overall, the club experienced both highs and lows, with several teams competing for finals and others facing tough learning curves. With renewed focus and development, the club will look to achieve greater success in the coming seasons.

*Nick Streeton and Ged Evans*  
*Men's Coordinator and Vice President - Men*

## Junior Competition Report

The St Patricks Junior Club had another successful year in 2024. The season started with our 23/24 Indoor junior teams, seeing us field five girls teams and a number of boys teams. With our JSL1 - Green Girls and JSL2 Girls teams taking away the title for the season.

The 2024 Winter season saw Hockey ACT change the format of the Junior competition to match the Hockey Australia State Competition grading. Under the new format, the club was able to field teams for u10s, u12s, u14s and u18s (Capital League). This provided opportunities to assess juniors on skills and readiness to play in a competitive development environment rather than based only on age. This also allowed for new players or social players to play in JSL2 and learn the game without the additional pressure that the higher grades at times may bring.

Fielding teams was supported by merging player with the NCE junior club including, four girls teams and two boys teams. The club was able to field a total of 12 teams consisting of the following breakdown:

Boys	Girls
CL18 – St Pats	CL18 – St Pats/NCE
JSL1 – St Pats	JSL1 – St Pats
U14/2 – St Pats/NCE team (with a number of St Pats boys playing in the Hockey ACT U14/1 team)	JSL2 – St Pats/NCE
U12 – St Pats/NCE	U14/1 – St Pats
U10 – St Pats	U14/2 – St Pats/NCE
	U12 – ST Pats/NCE
	U10 Mixed – St Pats

The merge of the two Junior clubs achieved a number of goals and allowed both clubs to place players in the most appropriate grades suited to their skills, while focusing on the development of players.

All teams had a great season with most teams making the finals and both CL18 teams making the Grand Final. The CL18 Boys finished Minor Premiers but sadly didn't collect the win on the day. The CL18 Girls team took away a wonderful win against Central to become the 2024 Premieres.

As a club we had a number of Juniors selected for State teams and Regional teams throughout the season – refer the list below. We congratulate all the kids that participated in State and Regional programs and hope to see you back again next year.

I wish to give a MASSIVE thank you to Sarah, Gerard and Duncan for all their hard work this year with the Juniors, it couldn't have been done without them. I would also like to thank Brett (HI2H Coordinator) for working with the Junior Committee and assistance us throughout the year.

I would like to thank all the team Coaches and Managers – our junior program would not have functioned without you and team would not have made it on to the field each week. Thank you for giving up your time and for supporting the kids and families throughout the season, it is greatly appreciated.

Finally, a thank you to the St Patricks Hockey Club Committee for their continued support to the Juniors, especially to Leanne for all her hard work as President over the years. You have brought a sense of family to the club, which I know the kids love you for. Thank you for all your time and effort over the past 8 years.

We're looking forward to the 2025 season.

Junior Committee

Junior Coordinator Claire Warner

Girls Coordinator Sarah Janek

Boys Coordinators Gerard Evans and Duncan McPhee

*Claire Warner*

*Junior Coordinator*

## Hook in 2 Hockey (HI2H) Report

The 2024 St Pat's HookIn2Hockey (HI2H) Program was based in Gungahlin at the artificial turf fields at Nicholls, Gold Creek Primary School. Ages ranged from 4 to 9 years and the program was centred on fun and involvement whilst learning basic hockey skills, including; trapping, push passing, hitting, slapping, various tackling techniques, dribbling and passing on the run and ball control. For an hour session each week, the first 30-40 minutes was generally dedicated to skills/technique development, and the final 20-30 minutes is team gameplay and building positive sportsmanship.

The number of HI2H participants for the club this year decreased to 37 (down from 51 in 2023). A breakout of the St Pat's 2024 HI2H program as follows:

- 14 participants from 2023 moved up to the new U/10s age group for the 2024 Junior season.
- 16 participants from 2023 did not register for the 2024 season (for either HI2H or U/10s).
- 17 participants from 2023 returned for the 2024 season (a few also filled in for U/10s).
- 20 new participants registered for the 2024 season.

Two HI2H Carnivals were held over the year, Northside Carnival held 15 th June and Southside Carnival held 17th August (where the club also ran the BBQ for the day). All ACT clubs fielded teams, and St Pat's was able to field two U/9 teams and two U/7 teams for both Carnivals – a really encouraging turnout. The kids had a great time playing against other clubs in a round robin format and building competitive friendships that will no doubt grow in years to come, and though no scores were officially kept, there's a fair degree of certainty that the kids kept score in their heads (which the coaches quietly encouraged)!!!

The St Pat's HI2H Coordinators also had the help of assistant coaches, including; Grace and Hamish Dwyer, Triana Smith, Kaleigh Tuckwood, Courtney Booth, Alicia Von Renouard and Layla Bettiol. A big thank you to all the assistants who helped coach, mentor and build the fun and passion with the kids over the season.

Approximately 18 HI2H participants from this year will age qualify for U/10s next year, and approximately 4 younger participants (turning 7 and 8 in 2024) have the skill level to potentially move up to U/10s if numbers are needed or as fill-ins. Notwithstanding, we look forward to seeing all HI2H participants continue to develop their game and passion for hockey and to move through the junior grades in coming years.

We thank the St Patricks Hockey Club Committee for their continued support to the HI2H program, and the Junior Committee for the close engagement and assistance to us over the course of the program.

We're looking forward to building on this past year's successes into the 2025 season.

Hook In 2 Hockey Program (HI2H) Coordinators

Brett Bettiol

Jess Whitlock

*Brett Bettiol and Jess Whitlock*

*HI2H Coordinators*



## 70th Anniversary Report

The 70th Anniversary celebrations comprised of three main events and the provision of 70th anniversary merchandise. These included a Trivia Night on 5th July, Club Day celebrations over the weekend of 9th and 10th August and Presentation Night on 5th October.

### Logo

Rechelle Turner (profile below) very thoughtfully designed logos for our 70th anniversary. The main logo is described as: each circle represents a decade (7 decades) and each dot/line represents our people/players etc, with our club being the circle in the middle. The logos were used throughout the year in our 70th anniversary branding and on our merchandise.

Thankyou Rechelle.



### Merchandise

Members enthusiastically ordered the 70th Anniversary merchandise and the small quantity of additional items ordered by the club were all sold early on the club weekend. In addition to a rerun of t-shirts that the club has had before, the range included a jersey and a polo shirt as per below.



Thank you to Emma Taylor and Nicole Bettiol who designed and coordinated the order and distribution of the merchandise.



## Trivia Night



The trivia night, held at the Ainslie Football Club was a fun night enjoyed by 160 attendees. Thanks to Katie Langridge who developed the questions and special rounds, Jan Royal and Elton Ivers for being the judges on the night and Josh Warner our quiz master.



Much fun was had on the night with a paper plane competition, coin tossing and one round of the 1% club – which determined Garrit Ivers-Royle to be the smartest person in the room.



## Club Day

The sun shone at Lyneham for our Club Day weekend. It was great to see so many of our life members, ex-players and supports out to cheer on our teams.

Members spent time reminiscing over the memorabilia boards, old uniforms and while catching up with old friends. Life member Bill Powell and his granddaughter Caitlin Somlyay cut the 70th anniversary cake which was creatively decorated by Nicole Bettiol.







A highlight of the day was Life member Bin Forner's debut on the turf – hitting off the CL1 men's match v Central, cheered on by all spectators, regardless of club affiliation.

St Pats player Lachlan Woods, dedicated much time to interviewing life members, ex-players and current members on the day. There are over 110 minutes of footage collected from the day in raw form. Thankyou Lachlan for your dedication to this.



## Presentation Night

Despite Presentation Night being held on the October long weekend, those in attendance had a great night out, acknowledging the efforts of members on and off the field. 'Code Red' provided live entertainment which was enjoyed until close.

70th memorabilia were displayed and videos created by Lachlan Woods from content collected on the Club Day weekend were played.

Life member attendance at Presentation Night was terrific – great to see so many able to join in the final celebration of our 70th celebrations.

Thank you to Garrit Ivers Royal and Jess Whitlock for hosting the evening and entertaining the crowd.

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What a great opportunity the 70th anniversary celebrations were to connect and re connect with other members of our club. We have a rich history to be remembered and treasured.

Thanks to all those that assisted in the events and making our 70th so great, in particular Nicole Bettiol, Emma Taylor, Katie Langridge, Jessica Whitlock and Lachlan Woods.

*Nic Evans*

*70th Anniversary Coordinator and Committee Chair*



**About the Artist...**

# Rechelle Turner

I am a proud Wiradyuri woman, mother, teacher and emerging artist living on Ngunnawal/Ngambri Country. I have been fortunate enough to live, learn and play on this beautiful Country.

I have always been creative and have been surrounded by creative people in my family. I was blessed to grow up making and creating. I never really considered myself an artist. It has always been a hobby, a way to express myself. Over the last couple of years, I have been experimenting with my art and my connection to Country and Culture. Growing up Indigenous and not knowing your culture leaves a hole in your identity. Since the birth of my son, I have been 'pushed' by the old people to reconnect with my Culture.

In 2020 I began a Graduate Certificate in Wiradjuri Language Culture and History. This has been an incredible and life-changing journey. I feel immense privilege being the first in my family to learn about our language and culture, but also a sense of guilt that my mother hadn't learnt it before me. As tradition tells us, it should have been passed down from generation to generation. Unfortunately, colonisation has disrupted this cultural practice; in participating in this course it has become my responsibility to help to strengthen Wiradyuri language in our people and to ensure the continual passing on of cultural knowledge. I have found that my art has been a way to do this.

I am in no way a trained artist and I have not been taught the traditional Wiradyuri way. My art is influenced by my knowledge and understanding of Wiradjuri Language and Culture. My art practice in recent years has given me an innate sense of fulfilment and emotional strength and has helped me to reconnect to my culture.

mandaang guwu  
Rechelle Turner

## 2024 Representative Players

Congratulations to the following St Pat's players selected to represent ACT, NSW and Australia in 2024.

### ***Selected for ACT School Sports Outdoor: Girls and Boys***

- U15 girls: Olivia Beresford, Lani Hill , Naomi Evans (Coach)
- U15 boys: Hamish Warhurst, Jonte Platten

### ***Selected for Hockey Australia National Championships: Outdoor***

#### *ACT Girls*

- U14: Addison Tetley, Caitlin Somlyay, Lani Hill, Olivia Beresford + Train-On players: Amber Byrne, Cara Janek
- U16: Olivia Beresford + Train-On player Hayley Francis
- U18: Jess Lemon, Kaidey O'Connor, Sophie Bolton
- U21s: Ashleigh Seivers

#### *ACT Boys*

- U14s: Cooper Evans 9Shadow)
- U16: Jonte Platten, Nate Kemp, William Heffernan, George Skelly, Cameron Schultz, Eamon Sheil, Hamish Warhurt, Tyler Smith + Shadow: Shay Leonard
- U18: Jake McCarthy, Harry Skelly
- U21: Jake McCarthy

#### *NSW Boys*

- U16: Sam Ottoway, Lachie Chyb

### ***Selected for Hockey Australia National Championships – ACT Indoor***

- Addison Tetley, Caitlin Somlyay, Lani Hill, Olivia Beresford, Cara Janek, Sophie Bolton, Courtney Booth, Aliesha Price, Emma Taylor + Shadow Alannah Jansen
- Jonte Platten, Tyler Smith, Shay Leonard, William Heffernan, Zac McGregor, Sam McGregor (leading Goal Scorer and Player of the Tournament)

### ***Selected for Hockey One in the Canberra Chill***

- Naomi Evans
- Mikayla Evans
- Aleisha Price

#### *Canberra Chill (Development Squad)*

- Kaidey O'Connor
- Ashleigh Seivers
- Leanne Monfries (Manager)

### ***Selected for Hockey Australia Masters Championships***

- Darren William, Chris McCarthy, Gerard Evans, Matt Hope, Michael Rowsell
- Wendy Moylan, Emma Taylor, Clare Watson, Rebecca Platten-Reynolds, Katie Laing, Mandy Lee, Fiona Long, Natalie Lazzari

### ***Selected for National Squads***

- Olivia Beresford – School Girls All Australian Squad: U15s
- Rebecca Platten-Reynolds, Darren Williams, Chris McCarthy – Australian teams for international tournaments



*(The above list is based on the information available to the Committee at the time of publication – we apologise (and would like to know) if any names have been omitted in error).*

## Treasurer's Report

I would like to acknowledge and thank all committee members and the many people who volunteer their time to mentor, coach, umpire and administer various aspects of our club. The 70th Committee should be singled out for congratulations as the events they organized were very successful.

Your committee continues to set our fees (by far our main income source) at levels as low as possible to balance fulfilling our statutory requirements, paying creditors and giving value for money to our members.

The audited Profit and Loss and accompany this report. While the report indicates a small profit of \$2,091.93 it is incumbent on us to qualify this result with some accruals and transactions that are not recorded in the current financial year or would impact the result of the 2024/2025 financial year:

- Most of the income for the Senior Presentation Night was paid prior to 30th September 2024, however, payment for the event occurred in the financial year 2024/2025.
- HACT invoiced September Field Hire late after the end of the month so \$2520.00 belongs in 2023/24.
- Our BAS debt to ATO for the July/September quarter is \$2150.00
- We have \$1312.50 worth of merchandise on hand (water bottles and 70th baseball caps).

The club's committee continues to encourage members who are in financial difficulty or want to supplement the cost of sport to seek personal sponsorship and/or begin a payment plan that suits their individual budgets. We have members paying off their fees over the summer period ready for the Winter Competition.

As this will be my last report as Treasurer, I would like to wholeheartedly thank Zanthé Sheargold for putting her hand up to take over the role. Not only is Zanthé a great "hockey asset" for our club, her accounting skills and ideas can only be seen as a positive for the whole club going forward. I hope a suitable additional Assistant Treasurer comes forward to further bolster our team to benefit the whole club.

Lastly, I want to pay tribute to my long suffering better half Glennie. While I have been "swanning around" on the committee for a dozen years or more, Glenda back in the 90's worked with Kaz Ely to re-establish St Pats Junior Boys and reinvigorate the Junior Girls holding down the Junior Treasurer role for a total 14 years!

*Hoop Ray Hoop Ray Hoop!*

Finance team

Treasurer Trad Wallace

Assistant Treasurer Zanthé Sheargold

*Trad Wallace and Zanthé Sheargold*

*Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer*