



KBH Brumbies

Australia's Premier Hockey Club since 1905

2021 Annual Report

The last 2 years hockey activities and operations have been severely affected by COVID-19 but despite that the Brumbies remain in strong positions as a club. Club management focussed on ensuring the financial health of the club remained in tact, while at the same time ensuring members were provided the opportunity to take a membership fee refund, donate or roll into 2021 and then 2022.

Membership numbers were slightly down in senior grades, and more significantly across juniors, which we are led to believe is a common occurrence across all sporting codes.

Once again the 2021 winter season was interrupted, but at the time the season was called off our Mens and Womens Premier League teams were mid table and developing nicely in the competition.

Post season activities for 2021 have now commenced, and this has seen over 100 players in the Thursday evening Hockey-6's competition, from all age groups around the club, Junior Hockey-6's have been running Thursday afternoons (10's and 12's) and Monday masters has resumed for 5 teams competing for the Ken Brick Cup.

The club has also undertaken a strategic planning process with the aim of developing a 5 year strategic plan to ensure our ongoing focus and development of the club continues. More to follow on this.

On Field

Team numbers were down on 2019 with 32 teams playing in the winter season across Seniors (Mens and womens), Masters and Juniors.

In addition, the highly successful Mini-Brumbies continued to run on Sunday mornings, as well as Keeper training sessions.

School recruiting programmes were enhanced by the excellent work of Kirsty Welsman and her team of coaches, who organised and ran sessions at local schools to promote the sport of hockey and also the Brumbies. This is already continuing into 2022 with planning well under way. These sessions, along with club based “Come and try” afternoons and the “Hooked in to Hockey” programme all provide valuable pathways for kids to come to hockey and importantly the Brumbies.

Volunteers

Like any not for profit sports club, we rely on a small army of volunteers to run, operate and put our teams on the field every week.

Our Committee transitioned to a new team at the 2019 AGM and this group has successfully navigated the challenges of COVID-19 over the past 2 seasons. A big thankyou to all committee members;

Jim Allen - Secretary

Alice Rush – Treasurer

Bill Allen - Mens VP

Issy Hassall – Womens VP

Lisa Stewart – Registrar

Steve Wilson - Masters VP

Campbell Olorenshaw – Masters VP

Thili Chengodou – Juniors VP

In addition there are quite a few people who work tirelessly to make the Brumbies a better club;

Dem Petersen – Umpire Coordinator

Narelle Kay – Junior Umpire Coordinator

Dee Gill – Canteen

Anne Seckold – Uniforms

Chris Harper – Chair of Eprha (amongst other roles around the club!)

Bill West – member of Eprha but doing a lot of important roles around the club to better administration and organisation.

To all our junior coordinators, coaches, team managers, event and canteen helpers, match officials and so many more, your efforts have taken the club to new heights.

2019 Volunteering Awards

In recognising our above and beyond volunteers, the club presents several awards each year to members and this year it is my pleasure to announce:

Best Club Person (Gen Forbes award)– This year the committee nominated any person who stood out around the club as someone who tirelessly worked to make the Brumbies better. The vote was unanimous, and I have great pleasure in recognising Bill West as the recipient of the Gen Forbes Best Club Person award for 2021.

Bill has tirelessly worked behind the scenes to make the operations and development of the Brumbies better, and also plays a key role in the organisation and management of the Masters section, assisting Campbell, coordinate the Vic Masters programme and importantly identified Clubmap as a group to assist in developing the strategic planning process for the Brumbies. He constantly strives for improvement and change to make everything we do at the Brumbies from a club administration and operations perspective, better.

Most recently Bill has been admitted as a life member of Hockey Victoria, which is a great honour in itself.

Please congratulate Bill when you see him around the club.

Presidents Award - This year I recognised Lisa Stewart and Alice Rush.

It's been a tough 2 years with COVID-19 issues for community sport and clubs in general. During this time both Lisa and Alice have worked across the financial management of the club ensuring options for membership refunds to assist people in these difficult times, are not only developed but managed.

Without both their valuable contributions, the financial health of the Brumbies would not be what it is today following 2 turbulent years.

Our Sponsors

To our sponsors thank you on behalf of all the club members. Your support has played a significant part in enabling us to achieve all our successes.



Maggie and the team at Bendigo Bank Surrey Hills in supporting all our projects, and have now entered into a 3 year agreement as major sponsor for the Brumbies.



Peter and the team at Just Hockey for all our equipment needs



Supplying bread for the BBQ and canteen



Provider of all medical supplies for our first aid kits



Danny Lee Designs for all your jewellery needs



Brett Philipp and Harcourts Surrey Hills, our estate agent of choice



Pub of choice for the Brumbies

LTC Plumbing - Tav Cook

To our members please support our sponsors as we need their ongoing support and services.

Focus for 2022

2022 will see the implementation of the strategic planning work commenced late 2021. This is likely to entail a revision of the KBH Management committee and operational structure of the club, new fund raising ideas and projects and longer terms plans for new capital investment projects, like an electronic score board, and game recording systems.

We plan to invest further in hockey programmes, including player and officiating development, junior recruitment and professionalising some roles at the club to improve the provision of services to all members. This is exciting and I am encouraged for the future of the Brumbies, by the work done to date.

As always, volunteers will be needed, but more to come on that.

Thanks everyone who has been involved in the last 2 difficult years and we will see you in 2022.

Go Brumbies

Stuart Richardson

President

2021 KBH Women's Section Report

This year was another challenging season for us all in the world of hockey but with a wonderful team working to get teams onto the park each week, we managed to still get some great results across the Women's Section.

Our Premier League squad faced a tough draw to kick off the season, but led by coaches Sean Walsh (PL) and Daniel Chang (PLR) and assistant coaches Steve White and Steve Thresher, they were able to show a lot of improvement across the weeks and snagged some crucial (and exciting) wins in front of home crowds at Elgar. This young group, captained by Jess Williams (PL), is showing very promising signs for years to come. The PL Women's Best and Fairest for 2021 was Millar Kay-Kneebone.

Pennant A was led by Joe Hassall and captained by Alicia Pridgeon, and was on track to contend for finals in a very competitive league prior to the shut down.

Pennant C, led and managed by Leah Allen and Claire Sime, were leading the comp and playing excellent hockey across the short season.

Pennant E, led and managed by Dem Peterson with support from Felicity Parkinson and coached by Em Pause, were enjoying a few great wins prior to the shutdown.

It is of course disappointing to have put in so much hard work on and off the field and not get to complete the season, but I'd like to say a huge thank you to all coaches, players, managers and supporters of the KBH Women's section. I look forward to an exciting (and uninterrupted) season in 2022.

Issy Hassall
KBH Women's VP

2021 KBH Men's Section Report

The 2021 men's section were heading towards a very successful season when COVID shut us down for the second year in a row. Of the 8 teams we had entered, 5 were in the four when the season concluded, and three were in the top 2. We were on track for final actions, and likely premierships! Such a shame for all those who had put in work leading into the season and in the season itself.

- The Premier League group was being skillfully coached by Marty Deman and Luke Mooney, and well supported by Chris Harper and Rob Millard. Through the two PL grades we had a great mix of youth and experience. The Premier League team in particular had a very youthful profile which bodes well for the future.
- Pennant B was coached/lead by Pete Bunting, management support from Morgan Cassar (player as well).
- Pennant C was coached/lead by Tristan Harris, management support from Carol Sheldon.
- Pennant E was coached/lead by Matt Kong, management support from Vanessa Steele.
- Pennant F was coached/lead by Ben Hartung, management support from Noel Kelly.
- Metro A was coached/lead by Simon Barr, management support from Naval Sathianandan (player as well).
- Metro B was coached lead by Marc Fisher/Bill Allen and managed by Rosie Carolane.
- I want to make special note of Jack Kelly for his work in posting teams on a weekly basis (PL and PLR was done by Harps). Jack was also great support for Matt Kong with the young Pen E team. Also a big thanks to Brian Williams for assisting with general communications and season preparation.

Thanks to all the players, coaches, parents for their contribution to the success of the KBH men's section in 2021.

The PL Men's Best and Fairest for 2021 was Ben White.