



KBH Brumbies

Australia's Premier Hockey Club since 1905

2019 Annual Report

Following a stellar year in 2018 with 7 premierships and 3 promotions, 2019 has been a year of consolidation of performance as our promoted teams experienced the next level of competition. It was the first year in which both our men and women competed at the highest level in the state in premier league.

Competing at the Premier League level is a challenge that many aspire to. There are personal milestones that players strive to achieve in their competitive playing career. Earlier this year Danny Brennan passed the amazing milestone of 300 games in Premier League, whilst also being selected to represent Australia in Masters.

For the third year in a row our Mini Brumbies program run by the formidable duo of Ange and Barney Allen passed the magic 100 mark. This is an essential building block for our junior pathway and beyond, but also importantly contributes valuable off field League Entry Criteria points.

It was also the year in which we finally cleared the planning and administration hurdles and deployed our new LED lights, the final stage of our current facilities program of works. The difference between the old and new lights is stunning and we made the most of them hosting two premier league rounds over the year.

On Field

From 39 teams we had 1 team promoted, 12 teams contest finals, 10 teams making Grand Finals and 4 Premierships:

- U16 Mixed Shield B
- U16 Mixed District SE
- U14 Mixed Pennant SE
- Women's Pennant D

It was pleasing to see our juniors successfully competing across multiple ages and grades.

Our men's and women's premier league sides continue to build experience, and for 2020 need to continue to build their competitiveness as it is an important pathway and retention for our talent to stay and play at the club they have grown up in.

Whilst the regular season is behind us, for many the love of the game continues into the summer. Three years ago, Steve White started Summer 6's competition with six teams and scrambling to make numbers. Roll forwards to 2019 where we have 16 teams and 160 seniors playing every Thursday evening with up to 90 juniors playing on Wednesdays.

Other notable achievements for the year include:

- 7 National representatives, Ben White, Jessie Stewart (U18 Futures), Julian Nosiara (U16 SSA), Danny Brennan, Chris Harper (T), Gary Welsman and Kieran Whelan and Matt Morrow
- Over 40 state representatives
- 7 new Community umpires, 4 new Level 1umpires
- Best Developing Umpires – Chloe Langley & Danny Cutts
- Best Junior Umpire – Sabriah Peterson
- HV's Most Promising Junior Umpire - Dex Kelly
- Our Masters section grows to 10 teams

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.

To our Committee members current and those who transitioned over the year, Nicola Johnson, Lisa Stewart, Bill Allen, Issy Hassall, Robert Turnbull, Grant Kentell, Chris Arthur, and Steve Wilson a big thank you as you are the central to building the success of the club.

To the EPRHA committee members Chris Harper, Dee Gill, Al Kemp, David Kolmorgan, Mark Williams and Richard Clancy thank you for working tirelessly to build our facilities that are the envy of the hockey community.

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, it is my pleasure to announce:

Best Club Person – From the nominations submitted and based on the committee votes the result returned a tie. I'm please to recognise two very worthy individuals in Penny Boon and Robert Turnbull as best club person(s) for 2109.

Robert has been Club Secretary for over eight years from our legacy club through to Brumbies. Robert has never played hockey and whilst his son moved interstate, Robert has continued in role and extended to take on the development of field officials.

Penny has worked tirelessly over many years in the women's section of our club. She took on the role of Women's vice president in our legacy club and continued in the role in the Brumbies. After stepping down from the committee, Penny has continued to work behind the scenes organising, coaching and mentoring junior players into seniors.

Presidents Award - This year I recognised Noel Kelly and Matthew Kong.

At any time on a weekend you can rest assured that you will see Noel at one ground or another taking photographs that are regularly published.

Matthew is an active and passionate member of the club and a highly valued member of the junior coaching team. Outside of this he actively involved in organising senior teams.

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Our club is a community in itself. Over the course of the year I have become aware of a number of cases where members or their extended family are going through tough times as a result of illness, either physical or mental.

We can all play a role in supporting members of our community through difficult times. So if you see someone not quite themselves, please take the time to check in with them as you can make a difference.

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.



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



Supplying all meat and bread for the BBQ and canteen



Provider of all medical supplies for our first aid kits



Danny Lee Designs for all your jewellery needs



Maggie and the team at Bendigo Bank Surrey Hills in supporting all our projects



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



David Kahanoff and Step into Life for all our preseason training



Pub of choice and supplier to the canteen

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

Focus for 2020

We have two key roles to fill in readiness for 2020:

- With Robert stepping down this year it is vital to fill the secretary role
- After many years of keeping our community informed through the weekly Muster, Chelsea will be taking a back step that will create a communication vacuum if not filled

Earlier this year Steve Wilson agreed to take on the Commercial VP role for 2020. The filling of this role is key achieving a material uplift in our sponsorship, as this will enable greater investment into club and player initiatives.

With the completion of our facility projects all funds from our Coterie contributions will be invested into building out our junior programs.

Registration Day has been scheduled for 15th March. Please lock it in your diary as a successful registration day will ease the administration overhead to mobilise the season.

In closing, thank you for yet another fantastic season and I look forward to the clubs continued success in 2020. Please take care over the festive season and enjoy some down time with friends and family.

Go Brumbies

Mike Hanlon

President