



Southern United Hockey Club

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Southern United Hockey Club President's 2021 Report

Southern United Hockey Club (SUHC) demonstrated its resilience and community spirit in 2021 as it encountered another season disrupted by COVID-19.

The 2021 season began with encouraging numbers and enthusiasm for the return to play but was unfortunately cut too short. Nevertheless, SUHC delivered strong on-field performances and celebrated off-field with large turn outs to the 2021 Season Kick-off and Trivia Night.

The club continues to advocate for a second pitch at Kingston Heath Reserve. The Kingston City Council has determined there is a need for a second hockey pitch in its council area and following a site selection analysis determined the preferred site was Kingston Heath Reserve. Consequently, consultation with stakeholders has commenced and broader community consultation will begin in the near-term.

SUHC experienced great loss in 2021. I would like to acknowledge the passing of club stalwart, Ron Noe. Ron was ground manager at Farm Road for over 30 years and had an enormously positive impact on the club. Ron was a vibrant member of our community and is dearly missed.

A special thank you to our club and major sponsors: McKenzie's and Buxton Real Estate in Brighton. We are ever grateful for your significant financial contribution and continued support of SUHC. Their support was unwavering in 2021 and it is a privilege to have their commitment.

Finally thank you to all of SUHC's many volunteers: the coaches, the managers, the coordinators, the committee members, and the players. There is a lot of a tireless work that goes on behind the scenes and I am fortunate to witness it. Going forward, I hope more SUHC members continue to volunteer and ensure our club continues to enjoy the success it does, on and off the field.

I am looking forward to the 2022 Winter Competition and enjoying all aspects of SUHC.

Caitlin Campbell

President

Southern United Hockey Club



Southern United Hockey Club – Treasurer’s Report – 31 Dec 2021

Today I table to members the Special Purpose Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2021. The report has been independently reviewed and was approved and adopted by the CoM.

Summary of Financial Results

I am pleased to report that notwithstanding a second interrupted season in which we offered players a partial refund of fees, 2021 was financially very successful.

The P&L statement shows a surplus of \$76,491 which was possible due to the generosity of members who choose not to receive a partial refund of fees and the continued financial support of the Club’s many sponsors. In particular we would like to thank the Club’s sponsor McKenzies, to whom we are extremely grateful. Helen, not only are we grateful for the financial support from McKenzies but also for everything else you do for the Club. We would also like to acknowledge the

continued support of our major sponsor, Buxtons Real Estate in Brighton - in particular, thank you to Ross Walker. The Club’s sponsorship team of Ash Jones and Sue Styles did a fantastic job of obtaining a significant number of new sponsors to the club in 2021.

Our Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) shows an increase in assets of \$108,427 mainly in the growth of our term deposits and current year earnings.

It is anticipated that our pitch will need to be re-surfaced in the next year or two which will significantly reduce our cash reserves but we are pleased to be in a position to have the reserves available to improve and hopefully expand our facilities for the benefit of our members.

Our liabilities are not material other than the Farm Rd Ground Replacement Fund which increases each year as a result of contractual arrangements between the Club and the Council. Our contribution to the Ground Replacement Fund is partially funded by 50% of the income the Council receives from Vodaphone phone tower. We have been advised by Council that Vodaphone have committed to a 9 year lease of the phone tower in 2018 which gives us some financial security for the next 5 years.

Peter Mac

Notwithstanding our incomplete season in 2021 our Club members still raised much needed funds for Peter Mac which also resulted in raising valuable funds for the Club. Over the years we have raised over \$100,000 for Peter Mac and in the year ended 31 December 2021, we raised over \$8,000.

Conclusion

Overall the Club is in a healthy financial position. However, we are reliant upon two major sponsors, our off-field retail operations and general fundraising activities to remain in this position. The CoM and a fundraising sub-committee is working on continuing to attract and maintain additional sponsors and encourage all members to bring any potential sponsorship opportunities to the attention of the CoM.

Thank you.



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I propose that the 2021 Special Purpose Financial Report to Members be noted and received by members.

Deborah Ghuliani - Treasurer



Southern United Hockey Club Women's Section 2021 Report

2020/21 were my first years in this new role, only to be greeted by a pandemic and no hockey. This was such a shame for our players and community however we were then only able to complete a half season in 2021. With that in mind we are very excited to be looking at a full season for 2022.

I'd like to begin by thanking the members of the women's committee for their guidance and support in assisting me to navigate the curious pathways hockey seems to send you down. Their help has been exceptional and they went above and beyond. I'd also like to thank the SUHC Committee of Management for welcoming me on board and clarifying questions in a prompt and professional manner. Further thanks Alissa Simmons and Traleen Cummins, who have held this role before me and for all the work they have done.

We have had a large movement of players in our WPL team as some of them find homes at other clubs, some are rehabbing from serious injury and some have decided that their time with hockey is finished. The community's response to the last two years of COVID means we are finding it a continuous logistical exercise to ensure we have full teams available and to provide a bench to assist our teams. We are spending some time trying to entice players back to SUHC and we look like we will definitely have four teams with a hope for five.

Although COVID restrictions are still fluid, there is no way to be able to guarantee flights and accommodation for international imports so we have taken the decision to look to the further development of our WPL/R players and provide them the opportunity to excel at the highest level. We are still in the market for an import player which is a work in progress. We believe a lot of other clubs will be in the same boat.

Matt L'Huillier has been contracted to coach the WPL for the 2022 season and will work closely with a leadership team of Emily Hamilton-Smith, Georgia Elston and possibly one other. To reflect our support of young women in leadership roles, the WPL captaincy for the 2022 season will be rotated through the leadership group as they learn and refine their skills. We appreciate this is a departure from convention but are excited to see where this leads us and we will review this structure as the season unfolds.

Tamsin Nelson has accepted the role of playing coach for the WPLR and her phenomenal depth of hockey and club knowledge will be a huge bonus for SUHC. We look forward to our depth of WPLR players building a strong team and our exciting junior prospects flourishing under her guidance.

SUHC's core of elite players continues to impress and excel at the highest level with Amy Lawton cementing her place in the Hockeyroos squad and completing her first Olympic Games in Tokyo. We have also had representation in the Jillaroos, Hockey One, VIS, State U21's and State U18 squads. All these players are excellent role models for the young women and girls playing at SUHC and we look forward to their continued success.

I would like to wish all our women and girls the best of luck for the 2022 season. SUHC is a very strong club with a positive environment and I hope this brings out the best in all our players. Our goal is to be tough and competitive across all teams as it is an important mindset to want to win,



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but also to ensure our players really enjoy their season, improve their skills and have a laugh on the way.

Thank you all

Mark Storton,

Chair of the Women's Section



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Southern United Hockey Club Junior Section 2021 Report

We did not get a full season completed in 2021, but we are very proud that we managed to get through half the season. That we managed this many games is a testament to the flexibility, resilience, and persistence of our junior section community in difficult circumstances throughout the season.

The Southern United Hockey Club endeavours to provide an outstanding junior hockey programme and experience that caters to all skill levels, from beginners through to our numerous representative squad participants.

In addition to fielding teams in outdoor and indoor competitions over the recent summer last year we fielded:

- Multiple teams in our very own under 10 competition;
- 6 boys teams in the winter competitions;
- 6 girls teams in the winter competitions; and
- 2 mixed under 18 teams;

We have had a number players make representative teams and training squads but just as importantly we have provided all of our junior players with a safe and happy environment in which to enjoy and further their hockey development.

We have taken the game of hockey and the SUHC name to schools and students through our Hockey Roadshow visits with a resulting in-flow of new talent to our Hookin2Hockey programme.

I would like to take the chance to thank our coaches, age group coordinators, team managers, umpires and umpire coordinators for all their hard work off the field to enable us to get some hockey played this past year. This is a club run by volunteers and without their hard work we would not be able to put teams on the pitch every week.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the junior committee for all their assistance over the past year. In particular, it is important to note the fine contributions over several years of Petra Okhuizen as Junior Secretary and Shaun Desmond as Junior President – thank you both for your hard work.

Thanks are also owed to the many parents who step in to manage, help, volunteer and also take their children to the games.

To the players – we hope that we have created an environment in which you enjoy the game and continue to play it in the senior club.

Ben Grant

Chair of the Junior Section

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