



Southern United Hockey Club President's 2022 Report

This year brought back the return of the uninterrupted hockey season.

Consistent with many other community sports, we initially struggled to field teams. However, with a lot of effort from our volunteers and coaches to encourage players to return, we were able to field 35 teams, with many making it to finals. This is an achievement worth celebrating.

The Club's efforts to secure a second hockey pitch at Farm Road continued to progress in 2022. The Council proposed concept plan to the community which included repurposing the cricket field to a new synthetic hockey pitch and opened a survey to hear community feedback. Over 400 survey responses were submitted, the majority from hockey and baseball players.

Following the results of the survey, Council has now decided it will construct a second hockey facility. However, there is a shortfall in funding which is still being reviewed by Council and will likely require advocacy from other levels of government, the club and/or Hockey Victoria. Thank you everyone who submitted a response to the survey, and encouraged their friends and family to also submit responses.

In late 2022, our club was fortunate to be the recipient of a \$75,000 grant for a new video scoreboard from the Victorian State Government through its Suburban Rail Loop Community Projects Fund. Thank you to Lindsay Smith and Steve Hoult for their efforts to secure this significant grant and their continued project management of the scoreboard installation process.

The SUHC community raised almost \$9,000 for the Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation in 2022. This adds to the over \$80,000 in support we have raised for the Foundation in previous years. Thank you to our Life Member, Julian Pratt, for leading this fund-raising effort on behalf of the club.

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 is unwavering and it is a privilege to have their commitment.

Thank you to the 2022 Committee of Management: Helen Ward, Deb Ghuliani, Anna Jennings, Mark Storton, Steven Duffield, Suzie Styles and Ben Grant. This club is lucky to have such a committed group of people volunteering their time for the benefit of our community. A special thank you to outgoing Women's Section Head, Mark Storton. Mark joined the committee in June 2020 and since then led the women's section through COVID and the section's return to play. I have particularly valued Mark's support over this time and his ability to challenge the status-quo.

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 anticipate 2023 will prove to be another successful year for the club on and off the field. I know we will work hard to continue to offer an inclusive community for all of our members

Caitlin Campbell
President
Southern United Hockey Club



Southern United Hockey Club – Treasurer’s Report – 31 Dec 2022

Today I table to members the Special Purpose Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2022. The report has been independently reviewed and was approved and adopted by the CoM.

Summary of Financial Results

I am pleased to report that following a full uninterrupted season, 2022 was financially very successful. With the P&L statement shows a surplus of \$53,595.

As I have mentioned in previous years, our on-field activities give rise to an operating loss on an annual basis and our financial success and stability is only possible due to the success of our retail operations – the canteen and the shop, general fundraising 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.

Our Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) shows an increase in assets of \$93,358 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 4 years.

Peter Mac

Our Club members continue to raise 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 2022, we raised nearly \$9,000.

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.

I propose that the 2022 Special Purpose Financial Report to Members be noted and received by members.

Deborah Ghuliani – Treasurer



Southern United Hockey Club Junior Section 2022 Report

For the first time in 2 years we were able to get in a full season in 2022, which feels like quite the achievement, and our summer indoor season has been rolled out smoothly.

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

Most importantly, we provide our programme in line with Victoria's child safe standards and Hockey Australia's Safe Hockey programme.

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;
- 5 girls teams in the winter competitions; and
- 1 mixed under 18 team;

We have again 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 and Stick2Hockey programme.

As always, our junior programme only runs because of the hard work of our coaches, age group coordinators, team managers, umpires and umpire coordinators – I thank them for all their hard work off the field.

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 Tina Papadopoulos as Junior Vice President, Jill Arnold as Junior Treasurer and Allison Williams as junior goalkeeper coordinator and umpire coordinator – thank you all for your hard work.

Many 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.

I look forward to seeing everyone around the pitch again in 2023,

Ben Grant

Junior Section President
Southern United Hockey Club



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Men, Women, Masters and Junior Hockey

Men's section 2022 report.

Thank you to all our players, coaches and families for a tough 2 covid years, thank you for sticking through and coming back for a very enjoyable full year of hockey.

Where some clubs struggled with returning players we were able to maintain each of our grades without dropping a side, and even fielding 2 Monday night teams. That is a credit to our wonderful club members and administrators who made the year what it was.

We had a great year result wise on the pitch with 7 out of 9 teams entering finals campaigns. It appears we were victims of our own success as fielding full teams with minimal doubles ups was a tough task. It was great to see so many new faces with many junior players hitting the field for their first seasons in the Men's competition.

A big congratulations to all the Victorian and Australian representatives this year, from Vic Juniors, Vic and Aus. U21, Victorian and Australian Masters, HC Melbourne and the Kookaburras.

I would like to call out the great contributions of our coaches and leaders, umpires, team managers and support crews, the Men's committee and the SUHC COM all had on our sections.

Looking forward to an exciting 2023!

Steve Duffield

Men's Section President
Southern United Hockey Club



Masters Section 2022 Report

The Southern United Masters section entered two teams in the HV Monday night Masters competition in the 45 and over age group (C & D Grade), and also two teams in the HV Wednesday night Masters competitions (Women's 35B and Mens 50B).

After 2020 & 2021 interrupted seasons it was wonderful to once again get out onto the pitch to play a full season of competitive games.

All teams were playing some great hockey, everyone was enjoying being back on the pitch with friends, and we always enjoy a bevie or two after the games with the usual banter and good natured sledging.

Our 45C Mens and 35B Ladies teams were both minor premiers, but unfortunately both were unable to bring home the bacon in the grand finals.

Thank you to all the team managers, I appreciate all your support in organising the teams each week.

A big thank you to our regular umpires Hayden Jones, Mitch Hamilton, Millie Green, Mark Peterson. You all did an awesome job and although we don't always show it during the games, we all do really appreciate the efforts you make to be out there to officiate and allow us to play the game we all love.

For season 2023 the big challenge will be ensuring all teams have sufficient players taking the field, with injuries and other job and family priorities having taken its toll on people committing to play.

As a club we need to be working hard to make 2023 a year that builds a positive culture and encourages all people to come along to play some hockey in a team that they feel comfortable in. It is important that everyone feels welcome, that we show respect to all players & officials and most important of all, that we strive to have fun each game, win, lose or draw.

Suzie Styles,

Master's Section President
Southern United Hockey Club



Women's Section 2022 Report

I'd like to begin by thanking the members of the women's committee, Suzie Styles, Kate Sleeth, Ella Copley and Georgia Elston for their guidance, support and assistance in running a successful 2022 season. Their help has been exceptional and they went above and beyond. I'd also like to thank the SUHC Committee of Management for their assistance and clarifying questions in a prompt and professional manner.

Our five teams all managed to compete in the finals series in 2022 and, while we may not have been able to celebrate any Grand Final victories, the ladies all acquitted themselves exceptionally well. Special mention to the women in the Pennant A squad who managed to play finals in their first season after promotion from Pennant B

Matt L'Huillier has been re-contracted to coach the WPL for the 2023 season and will work closely with a leadership team of Emily Hamilton-Smith, Laura Johnson, Laura Cox and Josie Lawton as selected by their peers. The captaincy will be rotated through Emily Hamilton-Smith and Laura Johnson with Laura Cox and Josie Lawton providing leadership support and possible captaincy depending on the demands and availability of our two captains.

Tamsin Nelson has again accepted the role of playing coach for the WPLR and her phenomenal depth of hockey knowledge will be a huge bonus for the WPLR team and our exciting junior prospects progressing through the divisions.

We welcome Peter Silveira as our new coach in Pennant A and welcome back Warren Davey who will take on the Pennant C coaching. We have also implemented a program to have all our women train on the same night at Farm Road with the aim of familiarising our players with each other and forging new relationships in the group. Peter and Warren will also work with Matt L'Huillier to provide ability appropriate training sessions and drills across the whole section with the goal of providing a consistency of coaching methods and tactics.

SUHC's core of elite women players continues to impress and excel at the highest level with Amy Lawton heading towards veteran status in the Hockeyroos team as well as Commonwealth Games and World Championships representation. We have continued to have representation in the Jillaroos, Hockey One, VIS, State U21's and State U18 squads. All of 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 2023 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 remains to be tough and competitive across all teams with a mindset to want to win, but also to ensure our players enjoy their season, improve their skills, engage in the wittiest banter and have a laugh on the way.

Thank you all

Mark Storton,
Women's Section President
Southern United Hockey Club