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Brothers - Damian Agius
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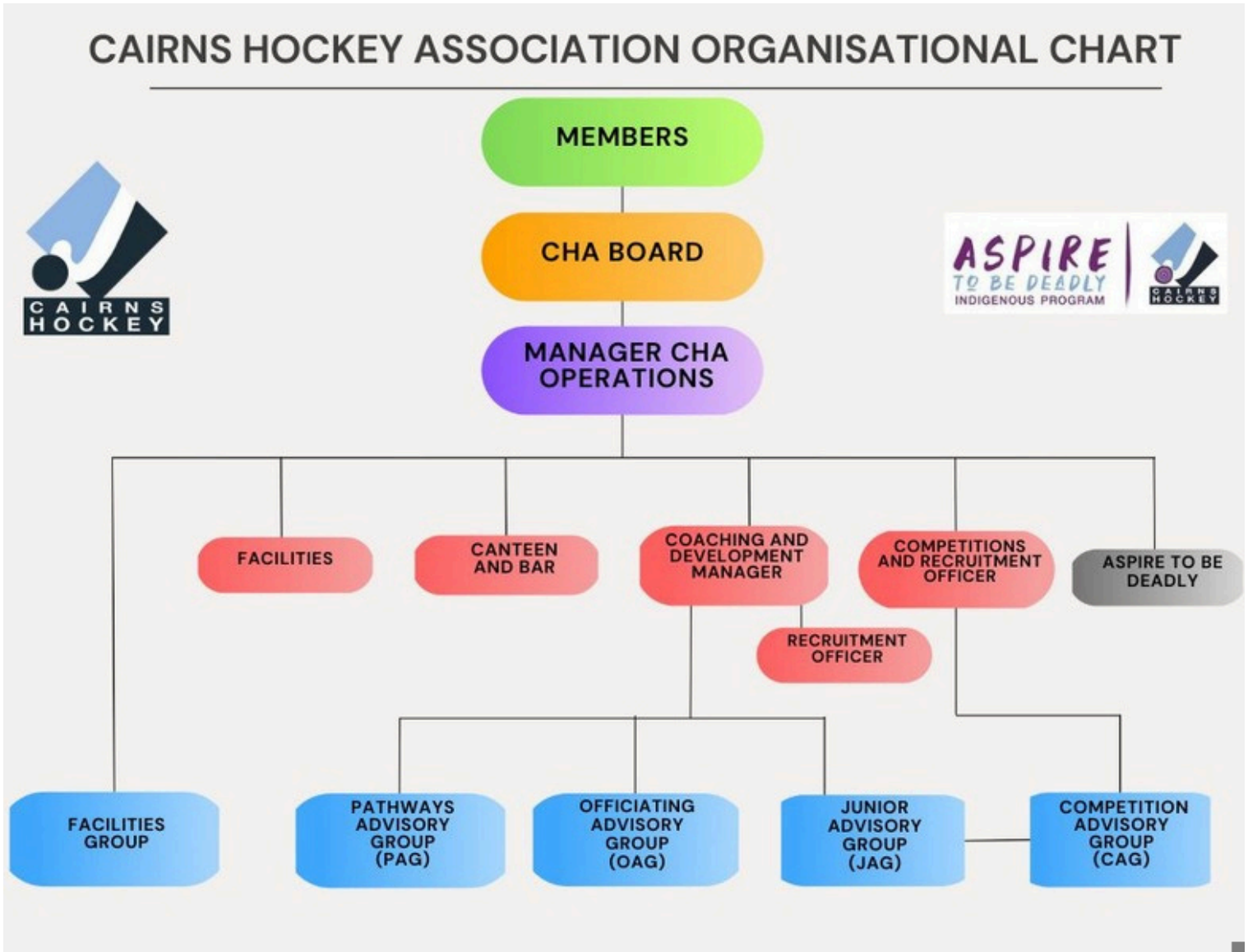
UMPIRES ADVISORY GROUP

Brothers - Nigel Giacomi
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Brothers - Nicolette Apps
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Souths - Thea Lazarus-Kelly
Trinity Stingers - Cassie Goodhew

OPERATIONS CHART 2025



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is with a touch of reflection that I present this, my second and final President's Report for the Cairns Hockey Association. Reflecting on the past year, I am deeply appreciative of our hockey community's achievements and in particular our people that have delivered another successful year.

This year has seen significant achievements both with our club competitions and on the representative scene. Of particular note our association had the honour of hosting the prestigious Trans Tasman Masters Tournament with the weeklong event bringing together players, officials, supporters, and volunteers from across Australia and New Zealand. The tournament was a resounding success, showcasing the very best of international masters hockey and reinforcing our association's reputation to deliver as a premier international hockey destination.

We were also privileged to host the State Masters Ladies and Under 18 Men's Tournaments. The U18s highlighted the depth of emerging talent within Queensland and provided a local platform for our young men to compete at the highest state level. The professionalism and dedication shown by our players, coaches, and officials was outstanding, and the tournament ran seamlessly thanks to the collective efforts of all involved.

The State Ladies Masters Tournament was another highlight for our association. The tournament not only celebrated the skill and commitment of our female masters, who were drawn from throughout QLD, but also delivered a very spirited and enjoyable tournament for all. CHA had four teams compete in this tournament and outstanding results were achieved with 3 divisional winners in Division 2 (team 1), Division 5 (team 2), and Division 6 (team 4). The event was a fantastic showcase of the passion of our masters ladies and our facilities.

Our club competition had some challenges this season in some of our divisions with a shrinking pool of players, and the recruitment and retention of players will be a focus of the association in the immediate future. Nonetheless it was another enjoyable club season with all clubs achieving Grand Final success. The quality, enthusiasm and sportsmanship of our players continue to be the cornerstone of our weekly competitions.

Our own representative teams had some notable results with our U16 Girls No. 1 team triumphing in their state championship, a remarkable achievement that speaks to their skill, perseverance, and teamwork. In addition, our U16 No. 2 team reached the final of their division and, whilst losing in a heart breaking shoot out, demonstrated the depth of talent and promise within our junior ladies ranks.

Our U16 boys were also triumphant in their Indoor state championships division going through the tournament undefeated.

Our juniors continue to deliver on the representative scene with over 30 players selected for state teams and squads.

None of these achievements would have been possible without the support of our generous sponsors. Your investment in our association has enabled us to deliver top-tier events and nurture the next generation of hockey players. Thank you for believing in our vision and helping us grow the game in Far North Queensland.

To our dedicated staff and in particular our Manager Jodie Dennis, your hard work behind the scenes has ensured the smooth running of every aspect of our association. Their efforts, sometimes in the most demanding and challenging of circumstances, cannot be overstated and CHA is very fortunate to have such capable and committed people running what is a diverse and busy association. This year also saw the departure of two valued staff members, both Jasper and Jake's contributions over this last year has been instrumental in our successes. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours and thank them sincerely for their commitment to Cairns Hockey.

A heartfelt thank you to our incredible volunteers. Whether assisting with logistics, officiating, coaching, managing, preparing facilities, or supporting our teams, you are the backbone of Cairns Hockey. Your tireless commitment and community spirit make all our successes possible.

After much reflection, I have decided that this will be my final report as President of Cairns Hockey Association. It has been a privilege to serve in this role and to work with so many passionate and dedicated individuals. I am confident that the association is in a strong position and will continue to thrive under new leadership. It is time for a fresh perspective and renewed energy to carry us into the future.

Thank you for the trust, support, and friendship you have extended to me during my tenure. I look forward to watching our association continue to flourish and to supporting the association in new ways as a member of our hockey community.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Stevenson

President, Cairns Hockey Association



RICHARD STEVENSON
CHA President

FINANCE REPORT

The highlight of our 2025 financial year certainly must be the \$670K replacement of the Reef turf carpet and shock pad. The resurfacing was only made possible due to \$600K funding from the Qld State Government and Community Gambling funds, a Cairns City Council Go Club grant and the amazing generosity of current and former players and their families. Whilst the December 2024 cyclone and rain event caused much damage and heartbreak in our region and to many in our hockey community, the subsequent disaster recovery assistance enabled us to recover and return to playing hockey much sooner. The original turf was almost 15 years old, and was testament to the dedication of our maintenance and facilities teams over the years who have maintained it as an excellent playing surface, well beyond its expected useful life of 5 to 10 years. The significant replacement costs underly the reasons for our strict turf usage rules and our ongoing “vigorous enforcement”. As administrators and fellow players we appreciate everyone’s assistance in maintaining and respecting all our assets, and especially our million-dollar turf fields.

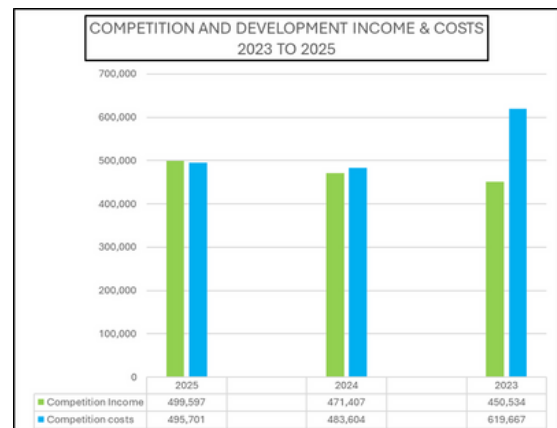
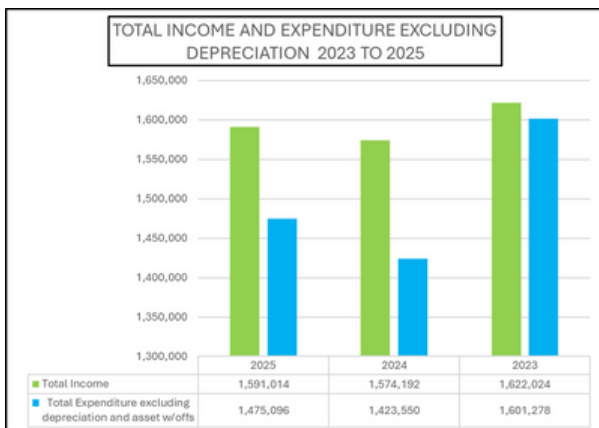
With the installation of our Paris GT surface, together with its FIH accreditation, our future focus will include attracting training teams to Cairns in the lead up to the 2032 Olympics and other national and international tournaments. It has been some time since we welcomed the International teams and know how much our players and the wider communities and businesses benefit from them.

As an example of the financial and social benefits of visiting teams, Hockey Aust hired our facility to host the Trans Tasman tournament which together with the Masters Women was a welcome boost to our revenue and bar takings. These events added approximately \$30K additional profit to our association. With most of the players and supporters spending additional time holidaying in Cairns and the surrounding areas, the hosting of these events, whilst additional work for Jodie, our staff and the team of volunteers, more than justifies the commitment and exposure. These events confirm the significant contribution Cairns Hockey makes to sports tourism within our region.

In addition to the turf replacement sponsors, we are heavily reliant on our ongoing sponsors. In 2025 Jodie and Richard spent many hours knocking on doors and selling the CHA brand. In difficult economic environments sponsorship is particularly difficult to maintain, let alone attract new sponsors. In 2025 we welcomed Zarraffas as a new major sponsor. We also thank our many ongoing sponsors, including those who offer in-kind assistance, and encourage all our members to support our sponsors, in appreciation of the significant financial assistance they provide to CHA.

Like most small businesses in Cairns, CHA’s financial results for the 2025 year reflect the struggle to maintain income in the face of rising operating costs and competing areas of interest and priorities for our players and parents.

The net operating loss for the 2025 was \$121K, compared to \$76k in the prior year.



This result excludes the turf sponsorship and grant monies, the costs of replacing the carpet and shock pad and the accounting loss on the scrapping of the original carpet and shock pad.

Although overall income has increased \$15K, it has not kept pace with increases in the expenses. For example the insurance (increased \$12K) and electricity (increased \$20K).

Our cash flow remains strong, as we maintain a tight rein on the cash expenditure throughout the year. The interest earning savings account which is utilised to store the cash reserves during the season, although depleted during the offseason, has generated \$8K since implemented in 2024.

Our levels of outside debt are reducing each year, and are currently below \$20K. It is expected that the Bendigo Bank loan will be paid out in in this current 2026 financial year, leaving just the smaller mower loan remaining. In the current climate the debt is manageable.

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Financially the focus for 2026 continues to align with the competition and membership goals of increased participation and membership.

The pressure on the finance director is always to reduce membership fees in an effort to attract more players. Ironically the most sustainable way to reduce fees is to attract more players!

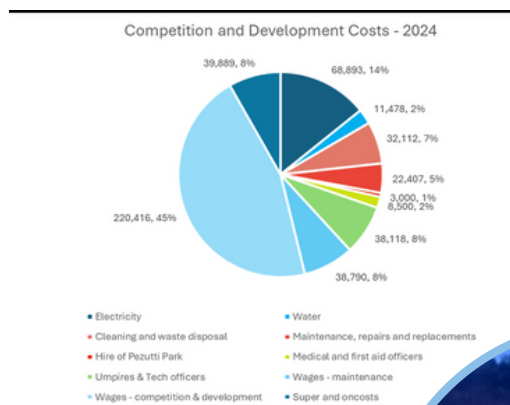
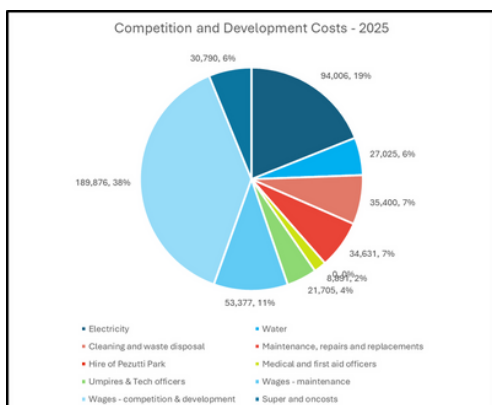
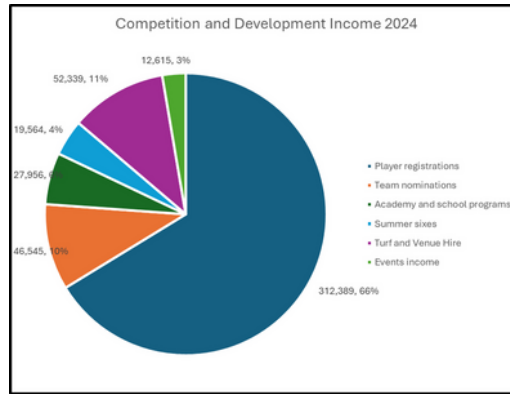
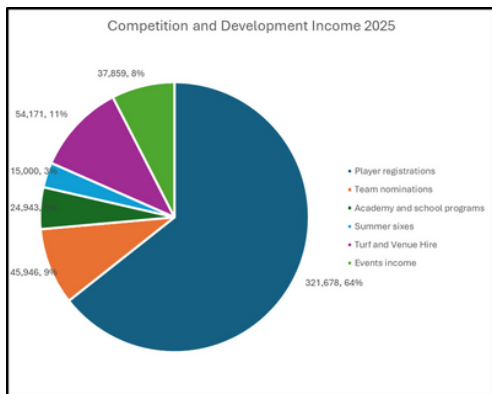
In 2026, we will continue to offer the new member incentive, being the discount offered to an existing member who introduces a new member. Unfortunately, feedback from some club members indicated they were not aware or did not advertise the incentive. We intend to promote this more heavily in the upcoming season.

Growth in hockey and our player base demands that we expand beyond the city limits. Currently our limited manpower and resources, are hindering our efforts in this area. We have had some preliminary discussions with ACCL, who are currently positioned in the Southern corridor, in an effort to co-ordinate with them where possible.

We trust the appointment of our new RCD, together with the School Ambassador program will assist all clubs with recruitment in the new year.

I take this opportunity to thank all the unpaid volunteers, including the many club representatives on our numerous committees, representative team coaches, managers and selectors, the facility group, and finally the board members, for the priceless thousands of hours of unpaid labour and dedication.

And finally, I thank the CHA staff, who throughout this very challenging year, have once a again stepped up to cover staff shortages and fill gaps, where ever they appeared and every time.



JENNIFER HARDY
Director of Finance



OPERATIONS REPORT

The beginning of 2025 saw myself transition into the role of Manager CHA Operations, as we farewelled Janice into retirement and welcomed our new staff member, Jake Johnson, who took on the coordination of the Winter Season Competition. With competition structures, fees, and major events all finalised and locked in, we entered the year organised and prepared for a busy 12 months ahead.

Priority 1 – Build Hockey

The Reef Turf Replacement Project was completed in January, and with a snazzy new FIH certified surface, we were ready for a year of extensive use and major events. A special acknowledgement to Mark Fry, Richard Stevenson, Nick Hardy, Jennifer Hardy and Liam Kenny for their valuable contributions to the delivery of the Reef Turf Replacement Project.

Our facility also continues to be maintained to the highest standards thanks to our staff - Ray and Barbie. Their commitment and constant attention ensure the grounds remain in excellent condition year-round. I also extend heartfelt thanks to Mark Fry, Christopher George, and the NQEA boys for their ongoing support with all facility-related matters. Their work—often long after the grounds have emptied—remains essential to maintaining the high standard of our venue and their value often goes unnoticed by many.

We look forward to releasing the renewed Infrastructure Plan in 2026. We extend sincere thanks to the Cairns Hockey Facility Advisory Group, whose continual behind-the-scenes work enables us to proudly claim one of the best hockey facilities in the country.

Priority 2 – Play Hockey

The Cairns Hockey operations team continues a strong focus on grassroots participation and retention. In 2026, we look forward to welcoming a new RCD, with recruitment and retention—across both junior and senior competitions—forming the core of his role.

Our Hockey Heroes Program continues to grow, with numbers increasing in 2025. However, sustained growth across all junior divisions, is essential to ensuring a stable and competitive pathway in the years ahead. The success of the Hockey Hero program is a direct reflection of the dedication of the clubs and their volunteers. Their countless hours and unwavering commitment remains one of our most valuable resources in building and maintaining a thriving hockey community.

As a community, it is important to pause and reflect on the value our membership and what the focus of playing hockey are. The member survey at the beginning of 2025, clearly indicated that social connection and a sense of belonging were priorities for our players. It is no secret, Cairns Hockey has long fostered lifelong friendships, community spirit, belonging and enjoyment. These are the qualities that must be continued to be highlighted, nurtured and celebrated to support the retention of players. While recruitment remains a high priority, strong good culture is paramount to sustaining participation. Player retention is equally crucial in maintaining a healthy, stable and growing membership base, and the emphasis on community and positive experience needs to be central to our growth.

Priority 3 – Lead Hockey

Working with club leaders to identify new initiatives and fresh approaches has been an important part of our post-season reflection. Recognising the need for change—and managing the flow-on effects of those changes—continues to be a challenge. The needs of each club within the association vary significantly, and supporting these diverse requirements while maintaining fairness and consistency is an ongoing and complex task.

The continuation of the various advisory groups in 2025 has ensured that all four clubs have had meaningful opportunities to contribute, with decisions made collectively and supported by both the clubs and Cairns Hockey. I would like to thank all those who generously gave their time and effort to be involved in these groups, and I look forward to their continued involvement in 2026.

Cairns Hockey encourages all staff, club representatives, and volunteers to ensure the timely and accurate sharing of information. We also invite members to share their individual and team achievements so we can celebrate them together across our social media platforms.

Priority 4 – Celebrate Hockey

Cairns Hockey proudly hosted several major events in 2025, receiving excellent formal feedback on the quality of our facilities, the professionalism of staff and volunteers, and the service and options provided in the canteen and bar (thank you Sue Fowler, Kristy Tippet and Brian Ferns). Key events included:

- U18 Men's State Championships
- Trans-Tasman Challenge
- GBRMG
- Masters Women State Championships

I would like to thank every person who contributed to the delivery of these events. The Trans-Tasman Challenge, in particular, was an intensive week-long tournament supported by a small but dedicated group of helpers—Bruce, Janice, Vicki, and Ron—who volunteered tirelessly throughout with the CHA staff.

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The Masters Women State Championships welcomed 50 teams, and our four local Masters Women teams (often supported by their partners) played a crucial role in volunteering to ensure all were fed, supported, and looked after. Their efforts, beginning before sunrise and continuing long after sunset, left a lasting impression, with many noting that this was one of the best Masters Women tournaments in recent years. On top of their volunteer contributions, our teams also celebrated remarkable success on the field, winning three premierships in Divisions 2, 5, and 6!

Recently, our U16 Cairns Girls brought home the elusive Hockey Queensland State Championships Division One Premiership Shield. Years of aspirations, preparation, and hard work paid off for this team, and we could not be prouder of the players, coach Mikala Duda, manager Jen Shannon, and their supportive families.

Priority 5 – Support Hockey

I extend our gratitude to all our sponsors and partners for their continued support throughout the year: NQEA, ACCL, Zarraffa's Coffee Cairns, Cairns Regional Council, McDonald's Family Restaurant, Hockeyworld Cairns, JCU, BDO, Salthouse, StarFM 4CA Cairns, Fowlers Group, Polytan, Quicksilver Group, Reef Unlimited, Gage Roads, Piccones IGA, FNQ Podiatry, and Gilboy Hydraulics.

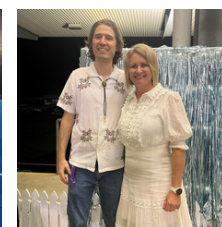
Reflecting on 2025, from an operational perspective, it is clear that continued investment in staff and resources is essential to strengthening and expanding our support capabilities. This year, we farewelled Jasper mid-year as he pursued his coaching pathway in the UK, and we also said goodbye to Jake in August due to visa circumstances. This has left program delivery and operations in the hands of one staff member and a dedicated group of volunteers. Without question, it has been the commitment of these volunteers that has held the association together throughout the second half of the year. I cannot thank them enough for their support across Outdoor and Indoor Representative Programs, Development Programs, Green, Blue and Gold Academies, Indoor Season, and Social Sixes. A special mention must go to Janice, who came out of retirement to ensure we were able to deliver the 2025 Indoor Season.

I once again acknowledge the tireless efforts of the staff, committees, coaches, managers, umpires, technical officials, stakeholders, sponsors, volunteers, and members. Thank you to the Board for your guidance and support throughout the past year, especially during the moments when the road proved a little bumpy.

Lastly, and most importantly, I would like to thank my family. Without the Dennis crew on speed dial, the association simply could not have delivered everything it has this year. There may have been a few groans and some ducking and weaving at times, but deep down, I think they loved it.

The success of Cairns Hockey is a collective achievement, and together, we strive to continue to build and be the best we can possible be..

I think we can all agree, it's time for a well-earned rest over the Christmas break and I look forward to next year.



JODIE DENNIS

Manager CHA Operations

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OUTDOOR CAIRNS REP PROGRAM

Team	Team Players	QLD selection	Div	Final Standings	Coach	Manager
U12 Gold Boys	13	N/A	N/A	N/A	John Winkel	Simon McDonald
U12 Blue Boys	12	N/A	N/A	N/A	Nathan Winkel	Denis Lynam
U12 Gold Girls	13	N/A	N/A	N/A	Chelsea Bevan	Nicolette Apps
U12 Blue Girls	13	N/A	N/A	N/A	Zara Seivers Ass: Emily Veivers	Teagan Slatcher
U14 Boys #1	16	5	1	3	Dion Woodhouse	Joanne Brierley
U14 Boys #2	16		2	8	Brendon McAlister	Jessica Carlsen
U14 Girls #1	15	2	1	8	Darryn Born	Cheryl Overlack
U14 Girls #2	14		2	7	Nathan Bolton	Lauren McKew
U16 Boys #1	14	2025- 5 2026 Squad 4	1	3	David Donnelly Ass; Dion Woodhouse	Simon Smyth
U16 Boys #2	13	2026 Squad 1	3	4	Caleb Simpson Ass: Wes Ferns	Kristy Tippet
U16 Girls #1	14	2025 - 6 2026 Squad - 8	1	1	Mikala Duda Ass: Zara Seivers	Jennifer Shannon
U16 Girls #2	14		3	2	Sean O'Connor	Michelle Hodge
U18 Men #1	16	3	1	8	Caleb Simpson	Geoff Leighton
U18 Men #2	16		2	6	Peter Ferguson	Paul Dennis
U18 Women #1	14	4	1	2	Jasper Pflaum	Deanne Drummond
U18 Women #2	13		2	7	Kaylah Thirwell	Jennifer Shannon
Masters Women #1	15	5	2	1	Jeanene Lynam	Shelley Griffiths
Masters Women #2	16	4	5	1	Raymond Bolton	Annie Hudson
Masters Women #3	14		6	5	Kirsty Anderson	Glenyce Stock
Masters Women #4	14		6	1	Jasper Pflaum	Joanne Brierley Harriet Donnelly
Masters Men 44+	11	3	44+	5		Scott McAlister
Masters Men 54+	16	3	54+	9		Michelle Sellens
Open Women	12	3	1	4	Jasper Pflaum	Tanya Findlay
Open Men	13	1	2	6	Braden Gale	Jeanene Lynam

OUTDOOR STATE REP

Division	U14	U16	U18	U21 A of O	Country A of O	Hockey One A of O	Masters (W)	Masters (M)
Players	<p>Benjamin Fry Harper Twomey Hayden Donnelly Hugh Ferguson Imogen Overlack Jacob Berry-Porter Samuel Comer</p>	<p>Chase Donnelly Franky Baker (Aust Futures) Lachlan Fry Lana Bruce Lara Richardson Matilda Seivers Ruby Thompson</p> <p>2026 Squad Benjamin Fry Brody Bakurski Chase Donnelly Evie Vogler Grace Brimstone Hayden Donnelly Laen Squire Lana Bruce Lulu Drewsen Marlie Paavola Matilda Malsem Orlanda Twomey Samuel Smyth</p>	<p>Adrian Leighton Erin Arri Giaan Tippet Joshua Standage Lacey Walters Sally Blackney</p>	<p>Bree Pendrigh Jesse Folpp Quintyn Laskey- Vella</p> <p>2026 Squad Bree Pendrigh Rhiannon Forbes Ruby McMenamin Ryan Cartwright Quintyn Laskey- Vella Zara Seivers</p>		<p>Jayden Atkinson Bree Pendrigh Phoebe Nixon</p>	<p>34+ Jacinta Crowe Heather Langham Melanie Craig 39+ Hannah Sealby (Aust 2026 40+) 44+ Melody Broad (Aust 2 2026 45+) 54+ Barbie Simonis Cath Reiha 59+ Madonna Barrett (Aust 2026 60+) 64+ Sharon Anderson (Aust 2026 65+)</p>	<p>50+ Brenden Ferns Graeme King Rodney Taylor 54+ Maurice Andrejic Antony Taylor 59+ Brian Kershaw Mick Hattam 69+ Bruce Cock 75+ Raymond Bolton Ronald Tippet (Aust 2026 75+)</p>
Shadows		<p>Lucas Brierley Jack Thompson Marlie Paavola Caitlin Squire</p>	<p>Kaelen Overlack Sierra Squire</p>	<p>Ruby McMenamin Ryan Cartwright</p>	<p>Mia Richardson (Aust U21 Country) Jessica Kibble</p>		<p>Marisa Anderson</p>	





Division One Premiers U16 Girls #1



U14 Girls #2



U14 Boys #1



U18 Men #2



Masters Women #3





Division Six Premiers Masters Women #4



U16 Girls #2



U14 Girls #1



Open Women Hawthorn



U18 Women #2





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Division 5 Premiers Masters Women #2



U16 Boys #1

U14 Boys #2



U18 Women #1

U16 Boys #2



Masters Men

**Masters Women #1
Division 2 Premiers**

INDOOR CAIRNS REP

Team	Team Players	Div	Final Standings	Coach	Manager
U14 Girls	7	1	4	Hayley Williams	Cheryl Overlack
U14 Boys	9	1	3	Brendon McAlister	Sonja Noonan
U16 Boys	8	2	1	Joe Glover	Jo Brierley
U18 Women	7	1	5	Faith Tippet	Deanne Drummond



INDOOR STATE REP

Division	U14	U16	U18
Players	Benjamin Fry Imogen Overlack Indianna Camp	Caitlin Squire Franky Baker	Giaan Tippet Sierra Squire
Shadows	Chanel Phillips Jaz Williams	Lucas Brierley	

PARTICIPATION & RECRUITMENT

Cairns Hockey together with volunteers delivered the following participation and recruitment programs in 2025

Term 1

- Hookin2Hockey/Come & Try Activities
 - Mt Sheridan Plaza Event
 - Sports Spectacular
 - Cairns
 - Atherton
 - Free Fridays in Feb
 - Sign On Day
- Hookin2Hockey - HA Coach Development Program
- School 2Hockey
 - Peace Lutheran College

Term 2

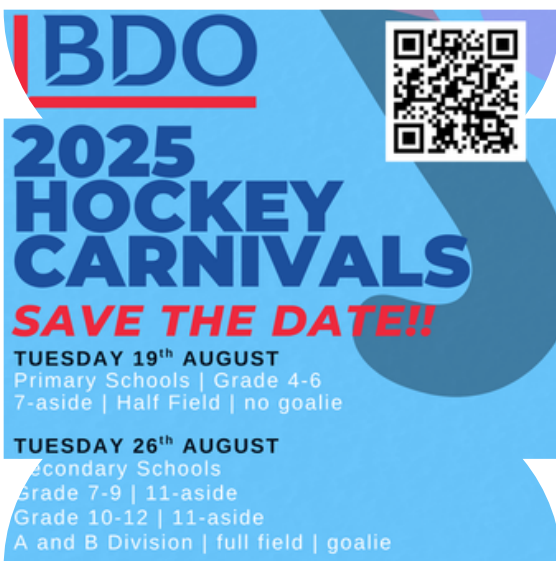
- School2Hockey
 - Yorkeys Knob State School
 - Redlynch State College
- Stick2Hockey
 - Holiday Clinics
 - Midfielder Sessions
 - Defender Sessions
 - Attacking Development Sessions
- Sporting Schools
 - Mt Molloy State School

Term 3

- Hookin2Hockey/Come & Try Activities
 - Woree Police Academy
- School2Hockey
 - Balaclava State School
 - Trinity Beach U8s Day
 - Primary School BDO Gala Day
 - Secondary School BDO Gala Day
- Sporting Schools
 - Julatten State School
 - Mourilyan State School

Term 4

- Hookin2Hockey
 - Green Academy
 - Indoor Development Program
 - Junior Social Sixes Hookin2Hockey
 - School Holiday Camp
- School2Hockey
 - MOGC OSHC
- Stick2Hockey
 - Blue Academy



BDO

2025 HOCKEY CARNIVALS

SAVE THE DATE!!

TUESDAY 19th AUGUST
 Primary Schools | Grade 4-6
 7-aside | Half Field | no goalie

TUESDAY 26th AUGUST
 Secondary Schools
 Grade 7-9 | 11-aside
 Grade 10-12 | 11-aside
 A and B Division | full field | goalie



HOCKEY HEROES





2025 Winter Season AWARDS

Club of the Year	<i>Saints Hockey Club</i>
Minor Premiers	<i>Men Souths Women Saints</i>
Player of the Year Masters Men	<i>Rohan Sparkes</i>
Player of the Year Masters Women	<i>Susan Whipp</i>
Player of the Year A Grade Men	<i>Joshua Standage</i>
Player of the Year A Grade Women	<i>Heather Langham</i>
Player of the Year B Grade Men	<i>Franky Baker</i>
Player of the Year B Grade Women	<i>Evie Vogler</i>
Player of the Year C Grade Men	<i>Alan Atkinson</i>
Player of the Year C Grade Women	<i>Fiona Gallacher</i>
Player of the Year U18A Women	<i>Sally Blackney</i>
Player of the Year U18B Women	<i>Orlanda Twomey</i>
Player of the Year U16 Boys	<i>Patrick Dennis</i>
Volunteer of the Year	<i>Janice Noonan</i>
Coach of the Year	<i>Dion Woodhouse</i>
Manager of the Year	<i>Paul Dennis</i>
Umpire of the Year Ken Reid Memorial	<i>Cath Reiha</i>
Most Promising Umpire	<i>Sierra Squire</i>
Most Improved Junior Umpire	<i>Jack Thompson</i>
Technical Official of the Year	<i>Tanya Findlay</i>
Highest Achievement Masters	<i>Raymond Bolton</i>
Highest Achievement Open	<i>Mia Richardson</i>
Player of the Year U12 Girls	<i>Summer Adams</i>
Player of the Year 12 Boys	<i>Nathan Brierley</i>
Player of the Year U14 Girls	<i>Chanel Phillips Emma Stevenson Imogen Overlack</i>
Player of the Year U14 Boys	<i>Charles Thompson</i>
Highest Achievement U14	<i>Benjamin Fry</i>

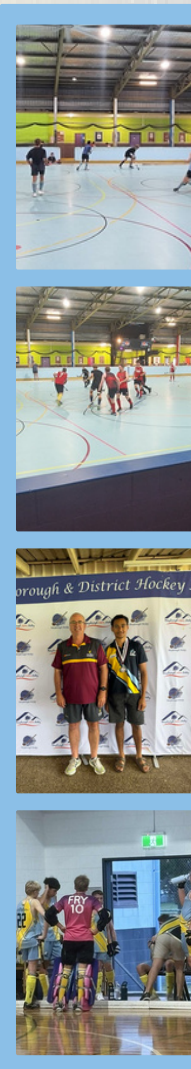


2025 Grand Final RESULTS

Division	Teams	Player of the Final	Score	Winner/Premiers	Umpires	Tech
A Men	Souths Saints	Liam Whipp	2 - 1	Souths	P Wallison, E Reiha, M Craig	T Findlay
A Women	Saints Souths	Hannah Sealby	4 - 0	Saints	M Craig, C Reiha, M Barton	K McAlister
B Men	Souths Saints	Franky Baker	3 - 0	Souths	N Giacomi, C Reiha, M Barton	J Noonan
B Women	Saints T/Stingers	Lacey Walters	3 - 0	Saints	M Smith, T Brodin, M Richardson	K Thompson
C Men	Saints Souths	Benjamin Fry	1 - 2	Souths	H Reiha, B Hockey, R Taylor	K McAlister
C Women	Saints Souths	Sue Fowler	2 - 4	Souths	C Squire, A Hatchman	M Hodge
Masters Men	T/Stingers Orange Saints	Dan Bakurski	1-4	Saints	N Giacomi, H Reiha, B Hockey	J Johnson
Masters Women	T/Stingers Souths Red	Diana Hepworth	3-2	Trinity Stingers	M Barton, B Hockey, R Botlon	J Johnson
U18A Women	Brothers Saints Red	Lara Richardson	2-1	Brothers	K Overlack, A Hatchman, M Craig	C Overlack
U18B Women	T/Stingers Saints Blue	Crystal Mann		T/Stingers	K Dennis, T Brodin, K Fry	V Sparkes
U16 Boys	Souths Saints	Franky Baker	2-2 (4-1)	Souths	M Smith, N Giacomi, M Barton	K McAlister
U14 Girls	Saints Blue Saints Red	Nina Piccolo		Saints Red	L Bruce, L Walters, A O'Connor	C Goodhew
U14 Boys	Souths Saints	Hayden Donnelly	2-0	Souths	L Andrejic, F Baker, J Phillips	J Noonan
U12 Boys	Saints Brothers	Lachlan Reeks	10 - 1	Saints	J Thompson, S Comer, C Thompson	J Brierley
U12 Girls	Souths Brothers	Maiama Levi	5-1	Souths	G Brimstone, E Duda, E Vogler	N Apps

INDOOR HOCKEY

Division	Minor Premiers		Player of the final	Score	Umpires
Senior Men	<i>Gunners</i>	<i>TBA</i>			
A Women	<i>Red Angels</i>	<i>Blue Angels</i>			
B Women	<i>Benders</i>	<i>I Don't Mind</i>			
U14A Mixed	<i>Boot Camp</i>	<i>Scare Crew</i>			
U14B Mixed	<i>Pink Power</i>	<i>Deflectors</i>			
U11 Mixed	<i>Chimpanzini</i> <i>Bananini Goal</i> <i>Machiney</i>	<i>Minions</i>			



PRE SEASON COMPETITION

ALLSTARS



The All Stars competition provides a fantastic opportunity to shake off the rust before the winter season in a fun, non-club environment. It allows players to participate with different coaches, managers, and teammates, creating an enjoyable space for both socialising and playing hockey. Not only is it a great way to build new friendships, but it also offers the chance to sharpen and learn skills that will benefit as we head into the official season.

We sincerely appreciate the commitment and dedication from both players and volunteers who make this a memorable yearly event successful.

Division	Winners
Open Men	<i>Lightning</i>
Open Women	<i>Flames</i>
U16	<i>Flames</i>
U14	<i>Lightning</i>



OFFICIATING

Tournaments	Umpires	Technical Official
U14 QLD	Jack Thompson Jesse Phillips Kaelen Overlack	Carly Piccolo (Indoor) Janice Noonan Will Bryceson (Indoor)
U16 QLD	Ayden Hatchman Malik Smith Peta Wallison (HQ)	Amanda O'Connor Jodie Dennis (Indoor) Kellie Thompson
U18 QLD	Ayden Hatchman Bruce Hockey Malik Smith Mel Craig (HQ Umpire Manager, HQ Indoor) Michael Barton	Cheryl Overlack Izabelle Binnington Kellie Thompson Kylie Fullerton Kylie McAlister Michelle Hodge
Masters Women QLD Champs	Antony Taylor Ayden Hatchman Bruce Hockey Emma Reiha Franky Baker Kaelen Overlack Kaitlin Dennis Katrina Noonan Michael Barton Peta Wallison	Cheryl Overlack Daisy Smith Janice Noonan (HQ) Kylie Fullerton (HQ) Kylie McAlister Payton Findlay Sharon Binnington Tanya Findlay Vicki Sparkes
National Tournaments	Ayden Hatchman Mel Craig Peta Wallison Bruce Hockey	Kylie Fullerton Tanya Findlay Kylie McAlister
International Tournaments	Bruce Hockey	



Umpire Advisory Group

In 2024, Cairns Hockey introduced its first volunteer umpiring advisory group with the goal to strengthen umpiring at the club level and identifying areas for improvement in the development of local officials. The four club representatives continued this integral role in 2025, providing and allocating umpires weekly within the local competition. Throughout the season, the committee was able to pinpoint key areas where increased training and support would be beneficial.

Working with the Performance Manager the committees goals to develop plans and initiatives to strengthening the umpire foundations within the association, starting with workshops at the beginning of the season.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the volunteers who stepped forward to take on this crucial responsibility on behalf of their clubs. Umpiring can be both challenging and rewarding, and your commitment is greatly appreciated.

Umpire Development

The 2025 umpire development program included:

- 6 weeks coaching and feedback
- Mentors for weekend session
- Education sessions for clubs and members



BROTHERS HOCKEY CLUB

Brother's hockey had a difficult year in 2025. Although we had development in our ladies program with the re-introduction of a barbarian Vets team and a strengthening of the C Grade ladies, our men's program has fallen away dramatically to the point where we actually forfeited A grade this year.

We have had to call on our Vets men's teams, which are the backbone of our club, to cover C Grade ,B grade and A grade men games, which is burning out these gentlemen.

At Brothers, we have come up with a proposal to transition A grade to a favourable time slot to draw back to the club and the association the 19 to 33-year demographic but believe this will stall.

Our Junior program is strong in the girls and in the boys at a 12 to 14 level, but at the under 6 to 10, we have numbers that will fail to sustain teams into the future.

We are looking forward to the New RCD joining our association next year and hopefully can work with him to work through these problems we are facing in 2026.

Finally, on behalf of my committee and player members, I would personally like to thank outgoing president Richard Stevenson for all his hard work over his tenure at CHA. Without his tireless effort, the new turf upgrade on Reef would not have been possible.

John Winkel
Brothers President



SAINTS HOCKEY CLUB

2025 was a great year on the field for Saints Hockey Club. In total, Saints fielded 23 teams, comprising 17 competitive teams (U12 to Masters) and 6 Hockey Heroes teams (3 x U10 and 3 x U8), with a total of 224 players - 164 junior players and 60 senior players.

Saints had an outstanding finals campaign, with 14 teams reaching grand finals and 5 teams taking home premiership wins.

A huge congratulations to the following teams and players for their achievements throughout the 2025 season:

·2025 Saints Premiers: Masters Men, U12 Boys, U14 Blue Girls, B Grade Women and A Grade Women

·2025 Player of the Final Awards: Daniel Barkurski, Lachlan Reeks, Nina Piccolo, Lacey Walters and Hannah Sealby

A big congratulations also goes to all Saints players who represented Cairns during State Championship tournaments this year. A special mention to the Cairns U16 #1 Girls who were crowned State Champions after a terrific tournament. Saints were proud to have 12 girls selected in this team, supported by Saints volunteers in the Coach, Assistant Coach and Manager positions. We were proud to see several Saints players selected for Queensland representative teams as well.

We extend a massive thank you to all coaches, managers and umpires who selflessly gave their time throughout the long season to make it all happen. We also greatly appreciate the efforts of all parents, grandparents and carers who spent countless hours transporting players to games and providing ongoing support.

Thank you to our committee for their dedication and hard work in a successful year of growth and learning. As a relatively new committee, we are very proud of the efforts of all involved and look forward to continued success in the years ahead. A special thank you to Jen Shannon for her behind-the-scenes advice and support - we truly couldn't have done it without her. Further acknowledgement goes to our Club Person of the Year, Jess Carlsen, who has been an absolute blessing to the committee and our 'socials'. We are incredibly grateful for her creativity and the positive energy she brings to the club.

While Hockey Heroes looked a little different this year being held entirely at Cairns Hockey, we were pleased to see Saints welcome plenty of new and enthusiastic young players. All up, 50 children were registered through Saints for Hockey Heroes. A big thank you and shout out to our incredible Hockey Heroes Coordinator, Teagan Slatcher, for her outstanding efforts in coordinating the program as well as our recent "Come and Try" nights.

One of the highlights of the year was hosting a junior round at Pezzutti Park on a Saturday morning while Cairns Hockey hosted the Queensland State Championships for Masters Women. The feedback from the morning was extremely positive from all clubs, and it was fantastic to see the fields in full swing. The committee is eager to host more events like this in 2026 and welcomes further discussions. The opportunity to utilise our wonderful facilities, provide fundraising opportunities (not just for Saints), and further develop junior hockey in the region would be of great benefit to all clubs and Cairns Hockey alike.

Thank you to the loyal supporters of the Bungalow raffles. We also sincerely thank our valued sponsors, whose generous support makes everything we do possible. In addition, a heartfelt thank you goes to our life members, who have helped shape the success, spirit and



culture of Saints Hockey Club over many years. Saints Hockey Club would also like to acknowledge the recent passing of Ihor Duda, former Vice President of Saints in the early 1990s. His volunteer spirit lives on through his children: Darryl (current Saints Treasurer and former President) and Wayne (former President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary), both Saints Life Members. Ihor was a valued and loyal supporter of Saints, with his children and grandchildren playing for the club. On many occasions, you could find Ihor and Evelyn on the sidelines on a Saturday morning, proudly supporting both the club and their grandchildren.

Finally, we are incredibly proud to have been named Club of the Year for 2025 by Cairns Hockey. This achievement is a true reflection of the hard work, dedication and commitment of our members, players and supporters. We thank each and every one of you for your contribution throughout the season.

We now look forward to an equally – if not more – successful 2026 for Saints Hockey Club.

Regards,
Saints Committee 2025





SOUTHS HOCKEY CLUB

This year has been one of continued growth, community spirit, and sporting success. We've seen strong development across all our teams – juniors, seniors, and masters – and the club continues to build on the proud legacy we've established over the years.

Club Performance & Achievements

2025 saw Souths field teams across all grades, with strong representation in juniors, women's, and men's competitions. Out of 15 Divisions, we had 5 teams taking out the Minor Premiership - A Grade Men, B Grade Men, U16 Boys, U14 Boys & U12 Girls, with 9 teams participating in games on grand final day and 7 of those teams taking out the Premiership – a fantastic achievement and a testament to the commitment of players and coaches - no small feat for Cairns smallest club!

Our junior Hockey Heroes program remains a cornerstone of the club's future, and we were proud to see an increase in junior registrations this year. Special thanks to our junior development coordinator Thea Lazarus-Kelly and all the volunteer coaches who dedicate so much time nurturing young talent.

Community & Culture

At Souths, we pride ourselves on being more than just a hockey club – we are a community. This year, we hosted several club events including our season launch, Junior Senior Training Night, the Annual 100 Day, and of course, our end-of-season Junior & Senior presentation night. These events are essential for building relationships within the club and creating a supportive, inclusive environment. Our volunteer base has once again gone above and beyond, from setting up fields, managing teams, manning the BBQ, to helping out at events – the club cannot function without you. Thank you for your time, energy, and dedication.

Sponsorship & Support

I would like to sincerely thank our 2025 sponsors for their continued support. Your contributions enable us to keep registration fees manageable, support junior development, and improve our equipment. I encourage all members to please support those who support us: NQEA, Froggy's Dry Hire, Kewarra Beach Family Store, Richardsons Electrical, Dawsons Engineering, Goodstart Early Learning, Hockeyworld Cairns & Intersport Cairns. If you or your business is interested in sponsoring the club in 2026 and beyond, please reach out – we'd love to have you on board.

Looking Ahead to 2026

Planning is already underway for the 2026 season, with a focus on:

- Increasing junior participation and retention by holding earlier
- Come & Try & Bring a Friend Days before the season commences
- Developing a formal coaching pathway within the club
- Strengthening our senior teams with targeted recruitment and development
- Continuing to grow our community presence in Cairns

Finally, I would like to thank the 2025 Committee for their tireless work behind the scenes. Your time and efforts are what keep the club running and thriving. To all our players – thank you for your commitment, your sportsmanship, and your passion for hockey. Let's take this momentum into 2026 and continue to build something special at Souths.

Cheers,
Tanya



TRINITY STINGERS HOCKEY CLUB



We would like to begin by expressing sincere appreciation to our committee, coaches, managers, and volunteers. Your ongoing commitment and countless hours of service are the foundation of our club's success. We also extend our gratitude to our valued sponsors—your support plays a vital role in the strong position our club holds today.

Throughout the season, our teams across every division have demonstrated exceptional dedication and sportsmanship.

Season Highlights

Senior Teams:

Our Masters and B Grade Women's sides progressed deep into finals rounds, with Masters Men Orange, Masters Women, and B Grade Women reaching their respective Grand Finals. A very special congratulations to our Masters Women who, once again, claimed both Minor and Major Premiership titles this year.

Junior Teams:

Our U18 girls showcased what determination and teamwork can achieve, finishing their season with an inspiring Grand Final victory after also taking out the minor premiership. Despite this positive outcome, we have continued to experience challenges in maintaining adequate player numbers and competitiveness in our junior divisions. We are not alone in this, and we would like to acknowledge the supportive relationships we share with other clubs, working together with them, and CHA, to ensure every young person who wants to play hockey can safely do so.



Hockey Heroes:

This year saw a continued increase in registrations for our Hockey Heroes program—a promising sign for the future of our club. This growth reflects the partnerships built with the Aspire team and local schools, as well as the enthusiasm of our current families who have welcomed and encouraged new players to join. A heartfelt thank-you goes to our Junior Coordinator whose outstanding work plays a key role in this growth and in supporting our junior players, their families, and the coaches and managers throughout the season.

Representative Honours:

Trinity Stingers athletes have again been selected to represent Cairns, Peninsula, Queensland, and higher levels throughout this year. Their achievements highlight what can be accomplished as part of our club.

Umpiring and Technical Officials:

A focus for us as a club this year was to actively support and develop our junior umpires. Through the use of a regular mentor umpire, we saw an increase in juniors willing to take the field as an umpire, and to umpire regularly. This was a great initiative, and we hope to see this continue into next season.

Off the field we have been busy fundraising and purchasing sporting and training equipment with our grant funds.

Through our monthly raffles supported by Edge Hill Bowls Club, volunteers have helped raise over \$3,000. We are very grateful to Edge Hill Bowls Club for supporting us in this way. This money was put towards our junior and senior presentations.

Using some of the grant money, we have purchased some specialist training equipment including a ball machine that has been put to good use training our junior goalies. Other equipment purchased will give us added options for skill and fitness trainings, starting with our Fun and Fitness in February. An initiative of our juniors and seniors starting the pre-season together and we hope to see it continue at the start of next year's season.

Looking Ahead:

Our priorities for the coming year include:

1. 25th Anniversary celebrations
2. Growing our hockey community – on and off the field
3. Increase umpiring, coaching and tech officials

We would like to once again recognise the tremendous contributions of the many people who give their time, knowledge, and passion to Trinity Stingers. Thank you to our supporters who continue to stay connected and share their expertise. Congratulations to all players and coaches for their effort, development, and resilience across the season.

Regards

Kellie Thompson



ASPIRE TO BE DEADLY JAN - DEC 2025 IMPACT STATEMENT

Positive Youth Development through supported Cairns hockey programs



Message from ACCL CEO- Julie McNeil

ACCL, a registered charity, is driving Positive Youth Development through Sport. In partnership with Cairns Hockey, we've strengthened Aspire to be Deadly since the global pandemic—delivering real impact, sustainable programs, and life-changing opportunities. In September 2025, Cairns Hockey celebrated 10 years of Aspire to be Deadly—a decade of commitment and community transformation. Now, with funding secured through December 2027, the journey continues. Together, we're building brighter futures for young people across our region.



Getting Kids Places

Accessible Participation
ACCL reporting 2025

Growth Chart

Pathways 22%

Club Participati 78%

New Aspire students with mentors

Key Focus

- 1 Expanded the School to Club Program in 2025 with almost 30% increase in participants
- 2 More Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people are transitioning into club membership than ever before. Aspire to be Deadly partners are stronger than ever
- 3 Pathways into representative programs, umpiring, coaching and volunteering and mentoring are strengthening
- 4 Supporting SAFE HOCKEY spaces and places and designing upskilling for clubs to support volunteers across

Aspire Leaders are making a difference with expanded Aspire Mentor Program smashing outcomes

2025 Events and Programs

- 23 weeks of School to Club Delivery
- 160 sessions of School to Club engagement
- expanded Aspire Hookin2Hockey Programs
- 55 transitions into club membership
- New Malanda Tablelands Regional Program
- Torres Strait Island Programs
- expanded Cape York Program
- sustaining Gulf Savannah Program
- mentoring and support providing strong school attendance and engagement

Partners in 2025

- ACCL provided \$40K sponsorship to Cairns Hockey directly supporting Aspire to be Deadly. Programs.
- Cairns Safer Streets Programs
- Without Astute - Getting Kids Places Program support, transport barriers would reduce participation 60%
- Hockey Australia Collaborations 2025 providing Leadership opportunities

2025 HOCKEY HIGHLIGHTS









