



# 2023

# Annual REPORT



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# THANKS TO OUR 2023 SPONSORS



# CHA BOARD, COMMITTEES & ADVISORY GROUPS

## CHA BOARD

*John Watts (President)*  
*Michele Annison (Secretary)*  
*Cheryl Overlack (Finance Director)*  
*Garry Smith*  
*Cassy Baker*

## PATHWAYS A/GROUP

*Carmel Bakurski*  
*David Donnelly*  
*Dean Butler*  
*Mel Craig*  
*Patrice Butler*

## CLUB PRESIDENTS

*Denis Lynam*  
*John Winkel*  
*Tanya Lesina*  
*Vicki Sparkes*

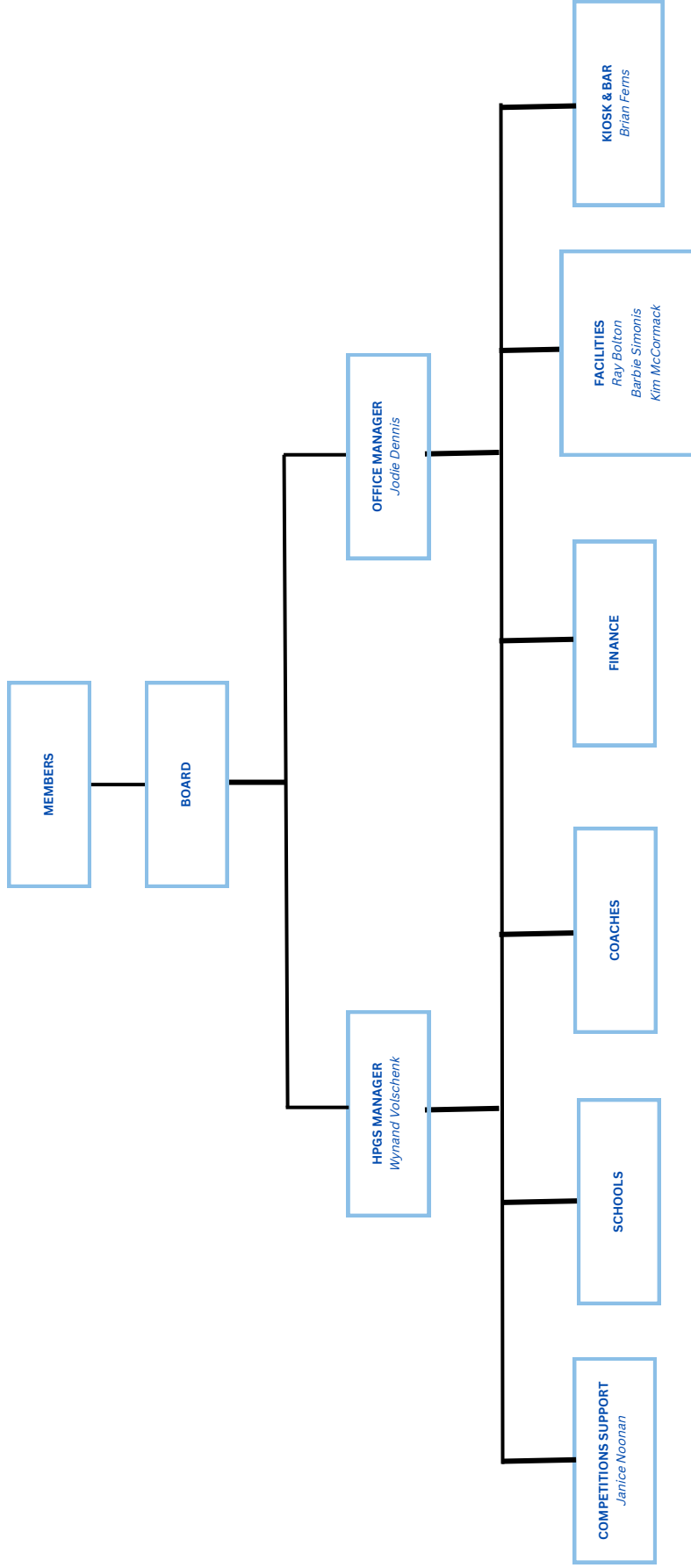
## JUNIOR A/GROUP

*Amanda O'Connor*  
*Kellie Thompson*  
*Thea Lazarus-Kelly*  
*Mikala Duda*

## INFRASTRUCTURE A/GROUP

*Nick Hardy (Chair)*  
*Greg Gilboy*  
*Ken Norman*  
*Mark Fry*  
*Phil Druery*

# OPERATIONS CHART 2023



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As we approach the 2023 Annual General Meeting, I hope this message finds you well.

After careful consideration, I have decided not to seek re-election as the President of Cairns Hockey Association Inc. It has been a privilege to serve in this role and witness the growth and vibrancy of our hockey community over the years.

Cairns Hockey is more than just a sports association; it is a diverse and close-knit family brought together by a shared passion for the sport of hockey. Our collective commitment to sportsmanship, club loyalties, and mutual support during challenging times has truly defined us.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all those who have played a part in shaping Cairns Hockey into what it is today. From our dedicated volunteer Board members and hardworking staff to the tireless efforts of our committee members and club enthusiasts – your contributions have been invaluable. Together, we have built not just a sports organization but a thriving community space where inclusivity and camaraderie flourish.

I wish also to single out our Facilities team, they are an invaluable asset to CHA, and the work done behind the scenes with no fanfare is to be congratulated

The journey of hockey, both for myself and my family, has been nothing short of amazing. Our kids have grown in an environment that embodies an 'old-fashioned atmosphere,' fostering a unique sense of community where parents look out for each other's children, and young players learn life lessons on the playing field. This is one of the most unique things I feel we have in favour of a lot of sports! We often see kids at hockey for most of the day at times with no concern whatsoever.

As Cairns Hockey approaches its centennial milestone, I am confident that the association will continue to evolve and meet future challenges head-on. The Brisbane 32 initiative presents an exciting opportunity for Cairns Hockey to engage directly with the broader sporting community, navigating future changes together to ensure our sport remains accessible, relevant, and affordable.

To the incoming President and the Cairns Hockey Association Board, I wish you the very best. While I may be stepping down from the presidency, my commitment to hockey remains steadfast, with a Masters Premiership title to defend in the years to come.

In closing, I want to express my deepest gratitude to everyone who has contributed to the success of our hockey community. I am confident in the resilience and spirit of our community to overcome challenges and continue to thrive. I eagerly anticipate witnessing the continued growth and success of Cairns Hockey in the capable hands of its future leaders.

Thank you once again for all your support and guidance.



**JOHN WATTS**  
**CHA President**

# FINANCE REPORT

I am pleased to present the 2023 financial report on behalf of Cairns Hockey Association. This is my fifth year as Director of Finance, and will be my last. It has certainly been five years filled with change. I have worked with three different General Managers, as well as many different staff members and Board members. We have tried a few different things with fees – with varying levels of success – but I know that all these decisions were made with the best interests of our association and our members in mind.

Through it all, we have managed to maintain a sound financial position. Our profit (before depreciation) for the year ended 30 September 2023 was a little over \$20,000 essentially leaving us at breakeven point. Declining player numbers over the last few years has resulted in lower fees collected, but also lower bar and canteen takings. The maintenance of our facility along with water and electricity costs makes our facility expensive to run, and fees have been kept to a minimum while still trying to cover our running costs. Keeping fees as low as possible is always a priority, however it does mean that there are no excess funds to build a sinking fund. When I took over as Director of Finance, we were in the final stages of completing the link building redevelopment, which was a major undertaking for our association, and our sinking fund was depleted. Our next major project is the replacement of the reef turf pitch. With no sinking fund in place, we will need to source the full amount for the replacement from grant monies, bank loans and donations.

I'd like to thank my fellow Board members for their support this year. I'd also like to thank Jodie Dennis who oversees the finance function at Cairns Hockey. Best wishes to the incoming Board members.

Wishing all our members a joyous festive period.

Cheryl Overlack  
Director of Finance



**CHERYL OVERLACK**  
**Director of Finance**

# OPERATIONS REPORT

2023 proved to be a year of difference at Cairns Hockey, but despite some challenges, the delivery of many successful programs, events, and competitions was managed thanks to the hard-working efforts by clubs, volunteers, and staff. We are extremely lucky to have so many valuable members working together for the benefit of hockey here in Cairns.

Earlier in the season, a Saturday afternoon C Grade Men's game, saw the life of member Darran Shannon and his family change forever. Darran, his wife Jen, and his four daughters are always in the thoughts of our members, and the community has shown emotional support, financial aid, practical help and assisted in anyway during this tough time. While Darran continues his determination to recover, we ask everyone to continue their ongoing support in any way possible for the Shannon family.

Upon review of our Cairns Hockey Strategic Plan, we address the below:

## **Priority 1- Build Hockey**

The Cairns Hockey Infrastructure plan continues to be the cornerstone of planning in the facility space. The key priorities have been reinforced with the Cairns Cairns Regional Council, State government, and Federal Government and the advocacy will continue to help address these priorities.

The following projects were either completed or identified:

- Replacement of the large ride-on mower
- Resurfacing and levelling of field 1
- Levelling of Field 7
- Introductory phase commencement of the Minor Infrastructure Reef Turf Replacement Project

## **Priority 2- Play Hockey**

The Cairns Hockey operations team continued with the implementation of the PlayHockey Plan to drive successful outcomes and achieve the strategic objectives. Cairns Hockey delivered over 26 school-based programs throughout the year, reintroduced the School Holiday Clinics and once again successfully delivered the BDO Primary and Secondary School Carnivals.

With the loss of a dedicated Development Officer leading into 2023, the implementation of Grass Roots programs was challenging for the Operations team, however, outcomes were still a positive reflection. The end of 2023, also sees the farewell of our Performance Manager Wynand Volschenk. Wynand has been with Cairns Hockey for 2.5 years and has been an extremely valuable team member, with some of our rep results proving to be the best in many years. In his time with us, Wynand also reintroduced the Cairns Open Men and Women's State Representative Teams. We wish Wynand and his partner Erin, all the very best with their move back to Melbourne to be closer to family. 2024 will see us welcoming new staff members and the exciting ideas they bring.

A massive thank-you to all the volunteers who supported us throughout the year, in the competition space, as well as the Representative program. Our wonderful dedicated coaches, managers, umpires, tech officials and anyone who put their hand up to assist, kept our association afloat, particularly at the back end of the year. Time is precious, and so are our volunteers. We also thank all our sponsors, in particular NQEA, JCU, CaptaGroup and Hockeyworld (special mention to Terry and Jacqui for being on hand all year to service our members).

### Priority 3- Lead Hockey

As with everyone in the current financial environment, CHA was once again affected with increases in utility costs, fuel costs and general day to day outlay. It is likely there will be similar challenges in 2024, and CHA will take appropriate measures while considering the 2023/24 the budget.

CHA strives to improve the methods with which we communicate with members and stakeholders. Communication within a sporting community is not simply the role of the governing body. All staff, club representatives and volunteers have a responsibility to ensure relevant, accurate information is disseminated to the members and stakeholders in a timely manner. We also love to celebrate all members successes through our social media platforms, however we need members to assist and provide this information. We invite all to keep us updated so we can share the good news and celebrate as a hockey community.

### Priority 4- Celebrate Hockey

Cairns Hockey successfully delivered several events in 2023, receiving great feedback, with particular mention to the number of volunteers at both State Championships:

- U18 Women Queensland State Championships May
- Great Barrier Reef Masters Games May
- U13 Boys Queensland State Championships July
- Grand Finals

A huge thank you to everyone involved in these events. They are major undertakings and don't just happen. Congratulations to all.

2024 will see us host:

- Hawthorn Shield
- NQ Games
- 10 - 12 School Boys and Girls State Championships
- 10 - 12 School Boys and Girls National Championships

### Priority 5- Support Hockey

Cairns Hockey, in partnership with ACCL, continued to deliver the Aspire to be deadly program to schools from Thursday Island, in Cape York and the gulf and throughout Cairns. The Aspire to be deadly team delivered programs to promote healthy outcomes with our lead well, live well and learn well empowerment program. The collaboration of the Aspire to be deadly program with our clubs is positive and strong. The success of the program and its positive outcomes is due to the hard work of ACCL Julie McNeil, Wes Ferns and the Aspire to be deadly team. Cairns Hockey operations teams was proud to support the Aspire to be deadly team throughout 2023 and will continue in 2024.

In closing, we would like to thank the following. To the board, thank you for supporting us during 2023, particularly with many changes and challenges along the way. We wish our outgoing board members all the very best and thank them for all they have given over the last several years. We would like to thank club committees, advisory groups, coaches, managers, umpires technical officials, stakeholders, sponsors, volunteers and members. The success of Cairns Hockey cannot be achieved without the support, collaboration and hard work of each and everyone. Cairns Hockey is what we make it, so lets make it something great in 2024.

## Operations Team



# OUTDOOR STATE REP

Division	U13	U15	U18	U21	Country	Hockey One	Masters (W)	Masters (M)
<b>Players</b>	Benjamin Fry Chase Donnelly Evie Vogler Lana Bruce Matilda Malsem Marlie Paavola Samuel Smyth	Adrian Leighton Anthony Tajfalos Lachlan Fry Lacey Walters	Rhiannon Forbes Ryan Cartwright Talytha MacDonald	Jesse Folpp	Dannan Findlay Jacob Raymond	Jayden Atkinson Jesse Folpp	Barbie Simonis Jane Lloyd Madonna Barrett Mel Craig Sharon Anderson Sonja Noonan	Antony Taylor Brenden Ferns Bruce Cock Mark Fry Maurice Andrejic Michael Hattam Raymond Bolton Rodney Taylor Ronald Tippet Sean O'Connor
<b>Shadows</b>	Brody Bakurski	Lola-Raine Baker	Joseph Glover Zara Seivers	Cade Coghlan Liv McArthur				
<b>Coaches</b>		Kylie McArthur Wynand Volschenk			Wynand Volschenk		Jeanene Lynam	

# OUTDOOR CAIRNS REP

Team	Team Players	QLD selection	Div	Final Standings	Coach	Manager
<b>U11 Boys</b>	13	N/A	N/A	N/A	Dan Carlsen	Jess Carlsen
<b>U11 Girls</b>	13	N/A	N/A	N/A	Kirsten Camp	Emma Twomey
<b>U13 Boys #1</b>	14	4	1	3	Dave Donnelly	Carmel Bakurski
<b>U13 Boys #2</b>	14		2	10	Brendon McAlister	Sonja Noonan
<b>U13 Boys #3</b>	15		2	7	Alan Taylor	Jess Carlson
<b>U13 Girls #1</b>	14	4	1	4	Dave Kingsford	Kirsten Camp
<b>U13 Girls #2</b>	15		2	6	Stephanie Shirley	Hayley Williams
<b>U13 Girls #3</b>	14		3	3	Fran MacFarlane	Barbie Simonis
<b>U15 Boys #1</b>	14	6	1	6	Wynand Volschenk / Mark Fry	Harriet Donnelly
<b>U15 Girls #1</b>	14	4	1	3	Emma Reiha / Wes Ferns	Deanne Drummond
<b>U15 Girls #2</b>	13		3	4	Mikala Duda	Jen Shannon
<b>U18 Boys #1</b>	14	2	1	7	Dean Butler	Glen Geraghty
<b>U18 Boys #2</b>	13		2	9	Adrian Cartwright	Kylie Knight
<b>U18 Girls #1</b>	15	3	1	3	Sue Whipp / Barry Coghlan	Velina Veivers
<b>U18 Girls #2</b>	14		3	1	Paul Dennis / Wynand Volschenk	Jodie Dennis
<b>U18 Girls #3</b>	14		3	6	Barbie Simonis	Kay Smith





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# INDOOR STATE REP

Division	U13	U15	U18
Players	<i>Evie Vogler Lulu Drewsen Lana Bruce Marlie Paavola</i>		<i>Had not competed at time of print</i>
Shadows	<i>Matilda Malsem</i>	<i>Lara Richardson</i>	

# INDOOR CAIRNS REP

Team	Team Players	Div	Final Standings	Coach	Manager
U13 Girls #1	8	1	3	<i>Sean O'Connor</i>	<i>Emma Twomey</i>
U13 Girls #2	8	2	5	<i>Hayley Williams</i>	<i>Kirsten Camp</i>
U13 Boys	7	2	4	<i>Brendon McAlister</i>	<i>Will Brycesom</i>
U15 Girls	9	1	7	<i>Peter Swain Mel Craig</i>	<i>Kirsten Camp</i>
U15 Boys	7	2	4	<i>Brendon McAlister</i>	<i>Jodie Dennis</i>
U18 Women	8	1	<i>had not competed</i>	<i>Glen Seivers Jeanene Lynam</i>	<i>Paul Dennis</i>

# PARTICIPATION & RECRUITMENT

Cairns Hockey together with volunteers delivered the following participation and recruitment programs in 2023:

## Term 1

- Hookin2Hockey/Come & Try Activities
  - Sign on Day
  - Mt Sheridan Plaza Event
  - Sports Spectacular
- Stick2Hockey - New player development program
- School2Hockey
  - St Joseph's Primary School
  - St Mary's Catholic College
  - Holy Cross Primary School
- Sporting Schools
  - St Gerard Majella Primary School
  - Whitfield State School

## Term 2

- School2Hockey
  - Peace Lutheran College
  - St Mary's Catholic College
  - Redlynch State School
  - Freshwater Christian College

## Term 3

- Hookin2Hockey/Come & Try Activities
  - Gordonvale U8's Day
  - Hambledon Gala Day
  - Trinity Beach State School U8's Day
  - All Abilities Day
- School2Hockey
  - Peace Lutheran College
  - St Mary's Catholic College
  - Trinity Bay State High School
- Sporting Schools
  - Machans Beach State School
  - St Micheal's School
- Primary School Gala Day
- Secondary School Gala Day

## Term 4

- Stick2Hockey - New player development program
- School2Hockey
  - Peace Lutheran College
  - St Mary's Catholic College
- Sporting Schools
  - Millaa Millaa State School







# 2023

## Winter Season

# AWARDS

<b>Club of the Year</b>	<i>Saints Hockey Club</i>
<b>Minor Premiers</b>	<i>Men - Souths   Women - Souths</i>
<b>Player of the Year Masters Men</b>	<i>Simon King</i>
<b>Player of the Year Masters Women</b>	<i>Katherine Treacy</i>
<b>Player of the Year A Grade Men</b>	<i>Cade Coghlan</i>
<b>Player of the Year A Grade Women</b>	<i>Heather Langham</i>
<b>Player of the Year B Grade Men</b>	<i>Deejay Mann</i>
<b>Player of the Year B Grade Women</b>	<i>Carliha Brown</i>
<b>Player of the Year C Grade Men</b>	<i>Aaron Pointing</i>
<b>Player of the Year C Grade Women</b>	<i>Scarlet Creek</i>
<b>Player of the Year U18 Women</b>	<i>Mia Richardson</i>
<b>Player of the Year U16 Boys</b>	<i>Patrick Stevens</i>
<b>Volunteer of the Year</b>	<i>Kirsten Camp</i>
<b>Coach of the Year</b>	<i>David Donnelly</i>
<b>Manager of the Year</b>	<i>Jess Carlsen</i>
<b>Umpire of the Year Ken Reid Memorial</b>	<i>Brendan Hoff</i>
<b>Most Promising Umpire</b>	<i>Kaelen Overlack</i>
<b>Most Improved Junior Umpire</b>	<i>Franky Baker</i>
<b>Technical Official of the Year</b>	<i>Cheryl Overlack</i>
<b>Umpiring Community Award</b>	<i>Michael Barton</i>
<b>Highest Achievement Masters</b>	<i>Ronald Tippet</i>
<b>Highest Achievement Open</b>	<i>Jacob Raymond</i>
<b>Player of the Year U12 Girls</b>	<i>Pia Bolton</i>
<b>Player of the Year U13A Boys</b>	<i>Chase Donnelly</i>
<b>Player of the Year U13B Boys</b>	<i>Logan Battle-Gould</i>
<b>Player of the Year U14 Girls</b>	<i>Lana Bruce</i>
<b>Highest Achievement U14</b>	<i>Lachlan Fry</i>



# 2023 Grand Final RESULTS

Division	Teams	Player of the Final	Score	Winner/Premiers	Umpires	Tech
<b>A Men</b>	Souths Saints	Liam Whipp	3 - 3 (3 - 2)	Souths	Nigel Giacomi, Brendan Hoff, Mel Craig	Kylie Fullerton Vicki Sparkes
<b>A Women</b>	Souths Brothers	Thea Lazarus-Kelly	4 - 0	Souths	Emma Reiha, Mel Craig, Nigel Giacomi	Tanya Findlay Cheryl Overlack
<b>B Men</b>	Souths Brothers	Guy Phongsunthorn	2 - 0	Souths	Michael Barton, Rodney Taylor, Brendan Hoff	Kylie Fullerton Janice Noonan
<b>B Women</b>	Saints Souths	Lillee Cummings	1 - 0	Saints	Mel Craig, Alyssa Fisher, Bruce Hockey	Kylie McAlister Alison Frazer
<b>C Men</b>	Brothers Maroon Saints	Barry Coghlan Henry Alexander	1 - 2	Saints	Bruce Hockey, Malik Smith, Rodney Taylor	Jeanene Lynam
<b>C Women</b>	Souths Black Brothers	Amanda Wollin	0 - 0 (4 - 3)	Souths	Sierra Squire, Cath Reiha, Michael Barton	Daisy Smith
<b>Masters Men</b>	Brothers Jade Brothers Maroon	Graham Houldsworth	5 - 2	Brothers Jade	Ray Bolton, Maurice Andrejic, Nathan Winkel	Kylie McAlister Kathy King
<b>Masters Women</b>	Trinity Stingers Souths Red	Nicole Iodice	1 - 1 (3 - 5)	Souths Red	Nathan Winkel, Antony Taylor, Emma Reiha	Janice Noonan Vicki Sparkes
<b>U18 Women</b>	Saints Blue Brothers Maroon	Zara Seivers	3 - 1	Saints Blue	Malik Smith, Sonja Noonan, Jessica Clarke	Kylie Fullerton
<b>U16 Boys</b>	Souths Saints	Franky Baker	4 - 0	Souths	Jessica Clarke, Brendan Hoff, Gordon Lavaring	Karen Fry
<b>U14 Girls</b>	Brothers Saints Red	Evie Vogler	6 - 0	Brothers	Kaelen Overlack, Kaitlin Dennis, Madison Camp	Cheryl Overlack
<b>U13A Boys</b>	Souths Brothers TAS	Chase Donnelly	9 - 2	Souths	Caitlin Squire, Beau Frazer, Lucas Brierley	Dale Donnelly
<b>U13B Boys</b>	Souths Saints	Nathan Brierley	0 - 2	Saints	Jack Thompson, Daniel Harris, Charlie Thompson	Kellie Thompson
<b>U12 Girls</b>	Saints Blue Saints Red	Siany Squire	3 - 1	Saints Blue	Franky Baker, Daisy Smith, Abby O'Connor	Fran McFarlane





# INDOOR HOCKEY

Division	Winners	Runners Up	Player of the final	Score	Umpires
A Men	White Vipers	Black Vipers	Caleb Simpson	4 - 3	Nigel Giacomi / Mel Craig
A Women	Green Vipers	Joey's	Zara Seivers	5 - 5 (2 - 1)	Caitlin Squire / Sierra Squire
B Men	Gunners	Mixers	Franky Baker	4 - 3	Gary Tippet / Alan Atkinson
B Women	Sassy Sisters	Peanuts	Lacey Walters	4 - 4 (2 - 0)	Sonja Noonan / Madison Camp
U14A Mixed	Mighty Ducks	Funky Monkeys	Lana Bruce	4 - 3	Kaitlin Dennis / Beau Frazer
U14B Mixed	Skate Invaders	The Cookies	Nahla Hillman	2 - 0	Caitlin Squire / Madison Camp
U11 Mixed	Minions	Green Vipers	Harper Twomey	1 - 1	Lucas Brierley / Kai McAlister

# ALLSTARS



Thank you to our members and volunteers for supporting our 2023 All Stars pre season competition. We certainly could not have done it without you. All Stars competition is the perfect way to dust off the cobwebs and play in a non club environment, experiencing different coaches, managers and teammates. Its a great way to form new friendships and learn new skills to take into the season proper.

Division	Winners
Open Men	Cyclones
Open Women	Storm
U16	Cyclones
U14	Lightning



# OFFICIATING

Tournaments	Umpires	Technical Official
<b>U11 Mackay Carnival</b>	<i>Matilda Malsem</i>	
<b>U13 QLD</b>	<i>Beau Frazer Blake Watson Caitlin Squire Franky Baker Kaelen Overlack Madison Camp Michael Barton Sienna MacFarlane</i>	<i>Alison Frazer Cheryl Overlack Daisy Smith Fran MacFarlane Izabelle Binnington Janice Noonan Jeanene Lynam Kathryn King Maureen Buckley Payton Findlay Sharon Binnington Tanya Findlay Vicki Sparkes</i>
<b>U15 QLD</b>	<i>Gordon Laving</i>	<i>Cheryl Overlack Fran MacFarlane Llana Hills</i>
<b>U18 QLD</b>	<i>Brendan Hoff Emma Reiha Gordon Laving Jessica Clarke Kaelen Overlack Karen Fry Malik Smith Michael Barton Ray Bolton</i>	<i>Cheryl Overlack Daisy Smith Fran MacFarlane Harriet Reeves Janice Noonan Kathryn King Kylie Fullerton Kylie McAlister Maureen Buckley Tanya Findlay</i>
<b>Masters Women QLD Champs</b>	<i>Brendan Hoff Katrina Noonan</i>	<i>Izabelle Binnington Janice Noonan Sharon Binnington</i>
<b>National Tournaments</b>	<i>Brendan Hoff</i>	<i>Janice Noonan Kylie Fullerton Tanya Findlay</i>



## Workshops

Saturday morning workshops were held for junior umpires and Cairns Hockey has identified that sessions need to be scheduled on a regular basis at various time slots for 2024. Thanks to Brendon McAlister for running these short workshops and we look forward to the junior umpires developing their skills next year. We also thank Lynn Cowie-McAlister for providing Cairns Hockey with an essential on-line session leading into the Finals.

## Radio Mics

Radio Mics have been purchased to assist not only with communication between umpires for A grade and U18 games but also to assist with coaching and preparation of umpires attending state and national events. It is hoped that the purchase of this resource will be implemented for the 2024 season.

## Go Pros

With thanks to some funding from a HQ grant we were also able to purchase 2 GoPros for the filming of senior games for player behaviour review purposes, and assist with umpire development. We look forward to utilising this further in 2024.



# ASPIRE TO BE DEADLY ASPIRE

TO BE DEADLY  
INDIGENOUS PROGRAM



## 2023 Program Report Summary and Highlights

- Over 3000 participants across the Aspire Schools Program in 2023 and on average there was an 93% attendance at school during Aspire School Programs.
- Almost 10% of all Aspire School Participants complete the pathway programs and are eligible to attend 4 Deadly 5's events celebrating elevated levels of school attendance, showing strong respect, responsibility and leadership choices and commitment to Live Well Learn Well Lead Well outcomes.
- Strong numbers in sport leader training and increase in collaborative organizations looking for 2024 engagement and delivery.
- Over 30 young people in mentoring programs to support career pathway, employment, continuing education and completion of school programs.
- Dawn Baira from Badu Island Torres Strait Islands Aspire Program local volunteer coach has received an Australian Olympic Committee Indigenous Coaching Scholarship thanks to the support from Hockey Australia,
- Successful delivery of 2023 Partners Workshop to support 2024 and 2025 planning and evaluation outcomes.
- 83% positive partner evaluations across communication, equity, inclusion, planning, aligning values.
- Increases in family engagement, sport leader program being delivered across the local, regional volunteers to better support program participants.
- MOU signed with Hockey Australia and involved in Hockeyroo Leadership Programs, Hockey Australia Reflect RAP, and other inclusion program opportunities.
- MOU with Select Sport to collaborate in an emerging social enterprise providing original hand painted hockey balls that will be used in sport trophies.
- MOU with BDO Nth Qld to support employment pathways.
- MOU with Astute Financial to support access to transport to those suffering financial disadvantage and support school attendance, supporting leadership programs and mentoring families towards financial independence.
- MOU with Oceania Hockey to provide education, training and mentoring to Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu and Soloman Island Hookin4Health Development Officers supported through Team Up and DEFAT.
- New partnership agreement with Bentley Park College to support P-12 Programs for young first nation women and girls specifically and ongoing support through higher education and/or employment.
- Advancing First Nations Sports Programs across the Tablelands thanks to Queensland Government recognition of the work we are doing.
- Strengthening NAIDOC AND Reconciliation Week Programs – Rene Archer Indigenous Round increased to a 3 game round with special celebrations through-out the community.
- Completion of 2024 and 2025 Development Plans.

## The Approach

- Aspire to be Deadly is a community sport for good program creating safe and innovative learning spaces



- and through the under- utilised lessons we share from active participation and leadership in the sporting landscape, we build confidence, belief and self -worth which is used to support the choices to attend and remain at school, respecting yourself as an individual and others, and finally belief in what can be achieved with support and enterprise.
- Communication, engagement and connection are prioritised through the Aspire Mentor Program. Safe Hub spaces are created to share the challenges faced by young first nations women and girls and through a combination of active participation strategies, culturally supported empowerment programs and celebration and recognition of success in its many forms, the mentor program has provided a strong point of difference and one that is proving sustainable through time.
- Aspire to be Deadly Mentors are past participants who have completed the program and are continuing the next stage of their journey. These young women return to the program to share their stories, connect with new participants and engage in real life experiences to reinforce the importance of actively participating in the decisions that influence your own story.
- We also are fortunate to have strong and committed friends of the Aspire Program with international athletes being available to engage with our students and participants.



# BROTHERS HOCKEY CLUB

Another successful year for Brothers Hockey Club with the introduction of Individual Team Sponsors to cover the new Cairns Hockey team registration. We would like to extend thanks to all the new sponsors who came on board to assist with keeping members fees down.

Brothers Hockey Club re-introduced training for Juniors at Calanna Park this year and we will continue to strengthen hockey in the Southern corridor in 2024.

Brothers had a good showing in the Grand Finals this year, with one outstanding division being our U14 girls. We look forward to these members progressing through the club over the next several years.

Our annual fundraiser “Troppo’s Fishing Competition” was successful with fantastic prizes from the local community and continues to grow each year. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, with proceeds directly going to help keep kids in sport.



Our club had many of our members being selected for Cairns Representative duties, Queensland selections, plus outstanding achievements for players Jayden Atkinson - playing with the Australian Kookaburra's, and Rhiannon Forbes - playing in the U17 Australian Stars team in a recent tour to Malaysia.

Brothers would also like to thank all our members who volunteered to officiate through out the year.

We are looking forward to 2023 with promise and working with the new board members and employees at Cairns Hockey. We take this time to thank the outgoing board members for their dedicated work for the hockey community.

Kind Regards

John Winkel

President

# SAINTS HOCKEY CLUB

I begin my report by acknowledging the traditional custodians of the land where we are gathering for the celebration on the gim-oi-wal-u-burra people. I pay my respects to elders past, present and emerging. I extend this respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait people present here today.



I acknowledge the support of Counsellor Zeigler our patron, life members and our current sponsors:

EAuto (Everything Automotive), The Bungalow Hotel, All Signs Print and Design, Piccones, CWW, Cairns Hardware, Reaston Drummond Law, Cairns Dental Boutique, BCCS Pty Ltd, Macca's Earthmoving, Northern Connections, GATA Plastering, NQ Forklifts and Mechanical and Tableland Self Storage.



Presentation night was held at Pezzutti Park, where we celebrated our clubs achievements and acknowledging the efforts of our athletes, coaches, managers and contribution of loyal club members that freely give their time to make Saints such a successful club.

Was a great year on the field without the distractions of Covid and heat waves. Saints had 9 teams contending in finals, resulting in 4 flags. What a result, ending with Club of the Year.

Massive thank you to all coaches and managers who selflessly give their time over a long season to make it happen. I have great appreciation of effort involved. Thanks to all the mums and dads, grandparents and carers that spend countless hours running kids to hockey and providing support at games.

Thanks to my committee for all your hard work in what has been a difficult year, seemingly taking on more responsibility from the association and having to rally together to cover club committee positions which were left vacant. Special thanks to Jen Shannon for her behind scenes advice and support. I believe a number of positions will be up for grabs in 2024, with our club AGM on Sunday 10th December. A big thankyou to Deanne Drummond for all her efforts in obtaining a number of grants, as well as Mikala Duda and crew for helping out on Friday nights to make Southside Junior Hockey Heroes such an enjoyable experience. Thanks to our volunteers in the officiating space (tech bench people and umpires) who support the officiating of our game. A behind the scenes big thank you to Terry for your help in presenting the Pezzutti Park fields in great order, Swainy for line marking and being a sounding board and the band of helpers that always turn up for club working bees

Thank you to the loyal supporters of the Bungalow raffles - Cam,

Brad, Nick, Mitch, Borny, Peta, Dudes, John Roberts, Swainy and Christ, along with the BLAIR boys, particular Janet.

On a finishing note, I could not be more proud of our club and the way the club rallied together and continues to help Daz, Jen and their girls.

Also, the manner the club presented on Grand Final day, we certainly were deserved recipients of the Club of the Year Award. Community spirit is well and alive in our club and it is certainly reflected in the kids. I have witnessed throughout the season and the last few days, the kids pitching in a helping around the club and attending training.

Keep it up parents - hard work gets results and receives the alcaldes!.

Saints Hockey Club is now looking forward to a bigger and better 2024.

Denis Lynam  
Saints President

# SOUTHS HOCKEY CLUB

Wow what a fantastic 2023 we have had! Souths no longer holds the title of the smallest club in Cairns, this year our membership increased, which can only mean big things for the future! Souths has had a fantastic impact in this year's competition; we have had quite a few teams that took out Minor Premierships this year: A Grade Men and Ladies, B Grade Men, C Grade Ladies – Black, U16 Men, U13A & U13B Boys. Along with Master Ladies Red and B Grade Ladies winning their semi-finals, Souths had 9 teams in Grand Final matches out of 14 competitions and Souths took out 7 of those comps; no easy feat by any means and it is a testament to everyone's hard work and dedication this year.

I would like to extend mine and the Committees thanks to the many Coaches, Managers, Tech Officials and Umpires from our club. Without you the games would not go ahead and the time you put in is greatly appreciated by all players, parents, and club members.

I could not have done this job with the wonderful committee, and I have to say we have done a great job for a group of (mostly) first timers: -

- For the first time this year, Dale kept the finances in check as Treasurer. She was dogged in her quest for fees and ensured that everyone was financial and fully paid up come finals (and you heard about it if you didn't!), as well as making sure that all invoices for Team Nomination fees, Turf trainings, uniforms, etc were paid in full. I'm pretty sure this may be the first year ever that everyone's fees were paid before the end of the season - so excellent work.

- Another first timer to the Souths Committee, Elena Bolton, you have done an amazing job of keeping everyone up to date on the goings on within the Club and CHA and organising a multitude of things - you have made my job a lot easier by helping.

- Sonja, thanks for coming at the last minute (however begrudgingly) to step into the VP role, your advice that has helped us newbies navigate the "cans" and "can not's" in the world of hockey committees and being a calming influence on me when its needed.

Lastly to Jodie (Registrar/Social Media Guru), Thea (Junior Coordinator) and Karen (Umpire Coordinator)



- you all did amazing jobs, and to Cheryl - we could not have functioned as a Club without your efforts and wisdom to help us through the season.

Our Krispy Kreme fundraiser and second Annual 100 Club afternoon was once again a raging success. The "Who Can Hit the Crossbar" challenge was another fun end to our 100 Club afternoon, and it is just getting bigger and better each year, so keep an eye out for next year's date and get your number early to avoid disappointment. This is one of the biggest fundraisers of the year for the Club so thank you to everyone who bought a ticket.

So once again, THANK YOU EVERYONE for a great year, but for the Club to keep moving forward and getting stronger, we need volunteers to step up into various roles on the Committee, as well as Coaches to help guide our players to their greatest potential, Managers to keep the Coaches on track, Umpires and Tech Official to control the game. As the saying goes "It's a big job but many hands make light work" so contact the Committee if you are free to help in 2024.

Cheers  
Tanya.



# TRINITY STINGERS HOCKEY CLUB



As I reflect on this year, I think of youth. It is pleasing to see our young Stingers stepping up. Our junior players continue to grow in numbers, with our teams of beginner improving across the season. Our 2 “Coach of the Year” awards were given to young coaches – Reese as Junior COTY and Emma as Senior COTY. Our young guys stood up across many senior teams. They did us proud as they were competitive in most games. We represented at State championships with players, coaches, managers and officials.

In 2024 we need to continue to support our juniors and revive our Senior/Junior Training, continue to recruit and develop young players. Our Masters teams have been a strength of our club by supporting and mentoring juniors. Our masters dropped into teams to assist when teams are short. Thank you Masters for your valuable contributions to our club. I would especially wish to acknowledge 2 of our Masters players Stefan Michalov and Kate Reiha who were both awarded Life Membership of our club after many years of service.



This season we welcomed a new sponsor- Edge Hill Memorial Bowls Club. As well as sponsoring our Masters Orange Men’s team, EHMBC subsidised our new bucket hats and became “The Home of Trinity Stingers”. We hosted a Sign on Bowls Day to start our season; raffle meat trays on the first Thursday of the month as well as monthly meetings and our Presentation Evening for Seniors. Thank you, Edge Hill Memorial Bowls Club.

Trinity Stingers Hockey Club has many great sponsors. iLEC have sponsored our Men’s and Women’s A grade teams again this year; Sheridan Meats and InFocus sponsor B grade teams; Hydrualink, Edge Hill Bowls, Simonis Fencing sponsor Masters teams; Fullerton’s Plumbing Manufacture sponsor C Men; DWS Garden and Mowing with A1 Bond Beams sponsor U18 and U16 teams; GGI sponsor our 3 Under 8 teams and u10 team. These sponsors contribute to uniform costs, trophy costs, team registration. As you can see we do have a few teams without sponsors so if you know of a sponsor, please contact the committee. Without our fantastic sponsors our player fees would increase, so please support them as much as they support us.



Thank you to our coaches and managers who planned and implemented training for our teams; Thank you to our scorers, technical officials and umpires who ensured our games ran smoothly; Thank-you to our rafflers and barbequers who raised funds to cover team fees and team equipment. Thank you to Cairns Hockey Association for their support across the season. CHA has had a very challenging year. Mostly I wish to thank our committee who has worked throughout the year to guarantee we have a great club. 2023 was a full year, let’s make 2024 even better.



