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2024 Annual REPORT



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THANKS TO OUR 2024 SPONSORS



CHA BOARD, COMMITTEES & ADVISORY GROUPS

CHA BOARD

Richard Stevenson (President)
Vicki Sparkes (Secretary)
Jennifer Hardy (Finance Director)
Cassy Baker
Garry Smith

CLUB PRESIDENTS

Brothers - John Winkel
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Souths - Tanya Lesina
Trinity Stingers - Kellie Thompson

COMPETITIONS ADVISORY GROUP

Brothers - Simon Smyth
Saints - Jennifer Shannon
Souths - Cheryl Overlack
Trinity Stingers - Barbie Simonis

INFRASTRUCTURE A/GROUP

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UMPIRES ADVISORY GROUP

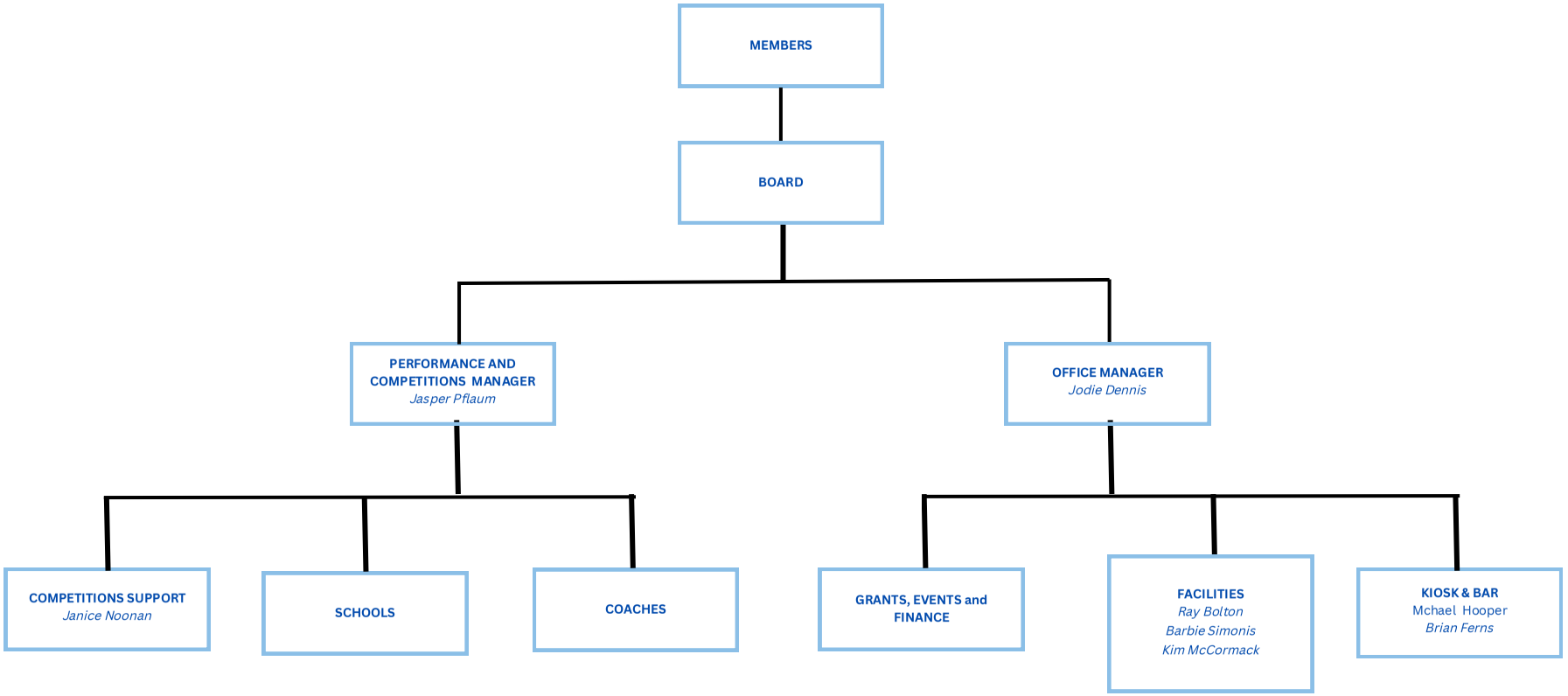
Brothers - Nigel Giacomi
Saints - Melanie Craig
Souths - Karen Fry
Trinity Stingers - Cath Reiha

JUNIOR CO-ORDINATORS

Brothers - Nicolette Apps
Saints - Mikala Duda, Dan Carlson and Kirsten Camp
Souths - Thea Lazarus-Kelly
Trinity Stingers - Cassie Goodhew



OPERATIONS CHART 2024



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members, Sponsors and Friends of Cairns Hockey Association,

As we close another successful year, it is with pride and gratitude that I present the President's Annual Report for the Cairns Hockey Association. This year has been one of considerable achievement, and resilience, reflecting the strength of our hockey community and our shared passion for the sport.

Our achievements in 2024 are the result of the combined efforts of players, coaches, volunteers, officials, and supporters. Together, we have aimed to continue to foster an environment where players of all levels can thrive, partnerships can flourish, and the game we love can grow. From grassroots development to our representative performance, the progress we have achieved is a testament to the hard work and commitment of everyone involved.

This report highlights the key milestones of the year, including the success of our competitions, the development of our facilities, our participation programs, and sound financial management that underpins our operations. It also reflects on the challenges we have faced and the solutions that have enabled us to deliver and move forward.

The year began in very challenging circumstances with our facilities, and many of our members, impacted by the effects of TC Jasper and the subsequent flooding event. Whilst we have largely recovered, we still have a number of facility related issues that we continue to prioritise to address in the coming months; our staff and volunteer's efforts in getting us back into operation were outstanding. After a successful return to competition, it was great to recapture the Hawthorn Shield and set us up for a successful representative program. We again saw a number of our players selected in QLD representative teams and notably Sam Smyth and Lana Bruce named as the players of their respective QLD state titles.

Our club competition was again keenly contested with all clubs achieving premierships in various grades and age groups. Later in the season we also looked to trial some flexible rules which allowed for increased participation and I thank the club's feedback on this and how we can look to improve for season 2025. Our Aspire to be Deadly program had another successful year and we're looking to extend participation and engagement in 2025.

Aside from competitions we also completed an open tender for the operation of the hockey equipment store and welcome Terry and Jacqui Brodin, Hockeyworld Cairns' ongoing commitment to our association. We also engaged Michael Hooper to assist in the running of the canteen which has improved the quality and variety of offerings and also provided a boost to CHA's income stream.

The association's major facilities achievement this year has been the successful replacement of the Reef Turf playing surface - we now have a field that is as good as any in Australia noting the pitch will undergo FIH certification in the near future. The financial contributions from supporters and sponsors to get us 'over the line' for this $750,000 investment are appreciated enormously and ensured the project was delivered this year. My thanks go to all who contributed to this however special mention must go to Mark Fry and Nick Hardy whose tireless efforts and technical input were invaluable.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to delivering a vibrant and inclusive hockey experience for all although 2025 will also provide challenges. We are in a competitive environment for the recruitment and retention of players and the ongoing engagement of all in our hockey community will be needed to ensure our player numbers are improved. The CHA board is also keenly aware of the financial impost of fees and we will be reviewing this early in the new year to keep any increase, if required, to the minimum required. The contributions of our sponsors has continued to be a key element to enable us to operate and their ongoing support of our sport is highly appreciated.

I'd also like to thank all of the volunteers who contributed to the various committees that operated throughout the year and I look forward to how we can continue to improve and evolve their involvement in delivering our competitions and programs in the coming years.

2025 will also be a big representative season and will see us hosting the QLD Masters Ladies and U18 state titles and the Trans Tasman Masters series between Australia and New Zealand - its great to see the return of international hockey to our facilities. These will again be opportunities to show case our facilities and our association to the broader hockey community.

This year has seen a number of staffing changes and I thank the staff for their enormous efforts and flexibility for what has been a dynamic season! Our team go above and beyond and much is achieved behind the scenes to improve and benefit our association. The staffing structure is currently undergoing a minor review to ensure the association continues to be well managed whilst also ensuring our competitions our well delivered and we grasp all development and recruitment opportunities.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank outgoing board member Garry Smith for his efforts throughout his four year term.

Thank you for your continued support and for being an integral part of our association and I look forward to season 2025.



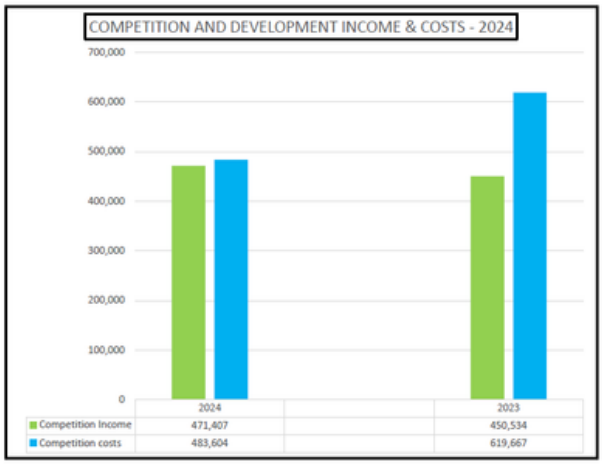
RICHARD STEVENSON

CHA President

FINANCE REPORT

A substantial focus of our 2024 financial year has obviously been the funding and replacement of the Reef turf carpet and underlay, as the project was completed after the year end, you'll see the funding, sponsorship and donations received and the first payment to date, reflected on the balance sheet.
Aside from the glamour project of turf replacement, behind the scenes, a review of our costs and generating new income streams has been our focus.
Our net profit, before depreciation for the year ended 30 September 2024 was $303K, being an improvement of approximately $140k on the 2023 results.
We welcomed a new sponsorship from the Salt House, complementing our major existing sponsors of JCU, BDO, NQEA and Hockey World and our many longstanding and much appreciated benefactors. Together with increases in bar and kiosk takings, our revenue has remained strong.
Generally, the income generated from our membership has remained stable, despite falling player numbers. This includes membership fees, team nominations, school and academy programs, turf hire, indoor and summer hockey etc.
We've continued the great work of the previous committee in targeting areas that can be restructured, in an effort to contain costs and redirect our energies to be more efficient and productive.
In particular, the restructuring of the staff has resulted in reducing wages and related costs by in excess of $100K. This has only been achieved with the assistance of our incredible workforce and in particular Jodie, Jasper, Janice, Brian, Ray and Barbie, who have stepped up to fill the gaps created by changes in personnel and reducing volunteers. The restructuring process continues, as we wish Janice a wonderful retirement and thank her for her many years as a devoted staff member. Our replacement 'Janice' will be charged with assisting Jasper, in addition to the game day management. The new position will also be tasked with Participation as one of the main targets. We appreciate the members and clubs working with us to implement the changes and welcoming our new staff.
Our 2024 staff restructure also included welcoming, Michael Hooper as dedicated kiosk manager. In addition to enhancing our menu, he has implemented changes in our systems and costings, which greatly improved our kiosk financial performance and member satisfaction. Together with Brian Ferns, the kiosk and bar takings increased $46k and our net profit increased approximately $10K.
Jodie has also been leading the charge to reduce costs, her attention to detail and "simple" targeted measures such as turning off the lights has resulted in a $10K reduction in the electricity expense. Lights and water pumps are simple energy conservation actions that we ask each member to take individual responsibility and ownership of, which has a significant effect on our bottom line.





FINANCE REPORT

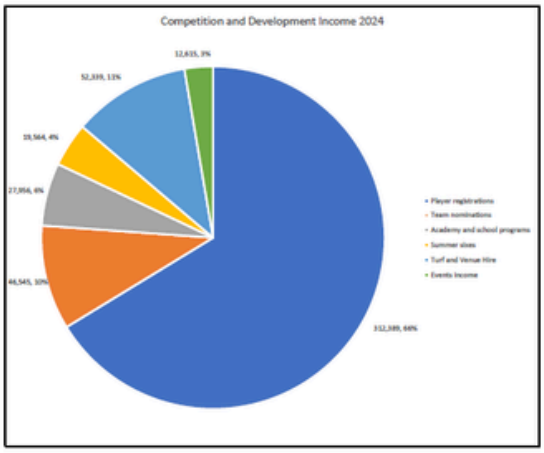
During 2024 we also investigated the cost and benefits of installing solar energy. The CHA Facility group, with the assistance of Joe Catalano (Saints/SEQUAL) and Ryan Coffey (Saints/Horan & Bird) volunteered many hours of review and advice. At this stage, given our usage is predominantly at night and battery storage technology is still developing, the solar energy project will be deferred.

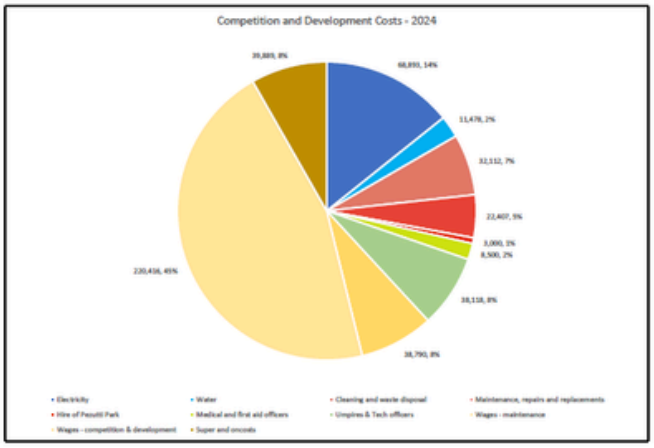
With the installation of the new turf, it is expected that our water usage and costs will significantly reduce. Our suppliers, Polytan, have indicated that water usage could reduce by as much as 1/3. However, this will require some changes to our current systems and practices and we appreciate the clubs and members assistance in spreading the message that the new turf does not need to be watered at every opportunity.

Both the power and water projects, will be regularly monitored in an effort to ensure as an association and members, that we are being environmentally responsible and sustainable.

Our Aspire to be Deadly program continues to successfully engage new and existing players. Whilst its message is more than just 'play hockey', it generates great goodwill and publicity for hockey in Cairns, the Gulf, Cape York and Torres Strait. Whilst the government funding has recently reduced, the program is becoming more self sufficient and we thank Julie McNiel and her team at ACCL for delivering this major project on our behalf.

As we commence our new year and 2025 competition, we continue to focus on increasing player numbers with our new Participation staff member and developing new membership options. Building on the new the Uni Student Pass and perhaps as recently suggested by one of our members an "Early Bird" discount.





Currently our new financial project is reinvigorating our sponsorship packages, with mutual improvements in value for both CHA and our Sponsors. Jodie together with the Facility group is already investigating our ability to improve signage across our facilities.

As always, I welcome member suggested improvements, solutions or just another perspective. I look forward to continuing the great work and hockey competition, ably led by Jodie and her team, in partnership with all the clubs and members. Finally, as an association we thrive on member support, in particular volunteers, who contribute a wealth of knowledge and hours. Thank you to all the unpaid workers, we couldn't operate without you.

JENNIFER HARDY
Director of Finance



OPERATIONS REPORT

The start of 2024 was marked by the challenges posed by Cyclone Jasper and the flooding event, but despite this rocky beginning, Cairns Hockey triumphed due to the dedication of staff, Board, clubs, and volunteers. The arrival of two new staff members, Jasper Pflaum and Jakob Stennett, played a pivotal role in the association's successful recruitment, retention, participation, and pathways efforts. With the combination of operations and volunteers, we are truly fortunate to have so many committed individuals working together for the betterment of hockey in Cairns.

Priority 1 - Build Hockey

The Cairns Hockey Infrastructure Plan is slated for review and renewal in 2025. Throughout 2024, we strengthened our engagement with the Cairns Regional Council, State Government, and Federal Government to advocate key priorities. The Reef Turf Replacement Project has been a central focus, progressing from its early stages to construction, with the completion of a FIH approved pitch and an official opening expected in early 2025.
Unfortunately, the latter part of the season saw a series of break-ins at the facility, prompting an emergency security audit. Short, medium, and long-term security measures have been put in place to strengthen the safety of our facilities moving forward.
We look forward to releasing the new Infrastructure Plan in 2025 and take this time to extend an enormous thanks to the Cairns Hockey Facility Advisory Group. Their continual hard work in the background is the reason we can proudly claim to host one of the best facilities in the country. A special mention goes to Mark Fry and Nick Hardy for their valuable involvement in the delivery of the Reef Turf Replacement Project.

Priority 2 - Play Hockey

The Cairns Hockey operations team remains dedicated to executing the PlayHockey Plan, with a particular focus on grassroots programs. However, like many hockey associations, we faced ongoing challenges in participation numbers. The addition of a new Development Manager in 2024 revitalised grassroots initiatives, but more work remains as we strive to develop innovative measures to increase membership numbers.
We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and recognition to the four club committees, sub-committees, and all the club volunteers whose unwavering dedication continues to shape the success and spirit of our hockey community. Their countless hours of hard work, passion, and commitment to the sport have provided each of us with an enriching experience that goes far beyond just the game.
As a hockey community, it's important that we take a moment to reflect on the immense value these volunteers bring. From promoting physical health and mental resilience, to fostering team-building and creating lasting social friendships, their contributions provide benefits that extend beyond the Cairns Hockey space.

Priority 3 - Lead Hockey

The ongoing economic challenges, continue to impact Cairns Hockey and are expected to persist in 2025, however, we remain committed to adapting accordingly and work towards measures to reduce rising costs.
Improving communication with members and stakeholders remains a priority. Cairns Hockey encourages everyone—staff, club representatives, and volunteers—to ensure timely and accurate information is shared. We also invite members to share their successes so we can celebrate them together via our social media platforms.
2025 will also see the review and implementation of a new Strategic Plan.

Priority 4 - Celebrate Hockey

Cairns Hockey successfully hosted several major events in 2024, receiving positive feedback for the quality of our facilities. Key events included:

- Hawthorn Shield
- 10-12 State School Boys and Girls Championships
- 10-12 National School Boys and Girls Championships
- Grand Finals

Special thanks go to Michael Hooper, who joined the canteen team in 2024. His hard work and expertise, particularly during event catering, have been invaluable. Looking ahead to 2025, Cairns Hockey will host:

- U18 Men State Championships
- Hockey Australia Masters Trans-Tasman Tournament
- GBRMG
- Masters Women State Championships

We extend gratitude to all our sponsors, including NQEA, JCU, Hockeyworld Cairns, Salt House, and StarFM, for their continued support.

Priority 5 - Support Hockey

As we reflect on 2024, staff are incredibly grateful for the unwavering support of the Board. This year, the Board has not only embraced their role but has also deepened the connection with staff and members, providing steady guidance through both the highlights and the challenging moments. We extend our heartfelt thanks to outgoing board member Garry Smith for his invaluable contributions over the years.
As we approach 2025, we bid farewell to Janice, our Games Services Administrator, who is retiring to enjoy more time on the golf course with her husband. Her vast experience will continue to benefit us as she plans to continue to volunteer her time next year.
We would also like to once again recognise the tireless efforts of our committees, coaches, managers, umpires, technical officials, stakeholders, sponsors, other volunteers, and members. The success of Cairns Hockey is a collective achievement, and together, we will continue to build something great in 2025.



JODIE DENNIS

Office Manager

OUTDOOR CAIRNS REP

Team	Team Players	QLD selection	Div	Final Standings	Coach	Manager
U12 Gold Boys	15	N/A	N/A	N/A	Peter Ferguson	Jo Brierley
U12 Blue Boys	16	N/A	N/A	N/A	Jakob Stennett	Jakob Stennett
U12 Gold Girls	16	N/A	N/A	N/A	Kirsten Camp	Tanya Lesina
U12 Blue Girls	16	N/A	N/A	N/A	Sonja Noonan	Emma Twomey
U14 Boys #1	14	3	1	3	Dave Donnelly	Simon Smyth
U14 Boys #2	16		2	8	Brendon McAlister	Sonja Noonan
U14 Girls #1	15	4	1	2	Darryn Born Sean O'Connor	Cheryl Overlack
U14 Girls #2	16		2	6	David Kingsford	Jakob Stennett
U14 Girls #3	14		3	6	Nathan Bolton	Kirsten Camp
U16 Boys	16	3	1	3	Jasper Pflaum Dion Woodhouse	Paul Dennis
U16 Girls #1	14	2	1	5	Emma Reiha	Jen Shannon
U16 Girls #2	14		2	8	Mikala Duda	Sarah Kempin
U18 Men	15	1	1	8	Jakob Stennett	Vicki Sparkes
U18 Women #1	16	3	1	4	Susan Whipp Barry Coghlan	Velina Veivers
U18 Women #2	14		3	2	Jasper Pflaum	Jodie Dennis

OUTDOOR STATE REP

Division	U14	U16	U18	U21	Country	Hockey One	Masters (W)	Masters (M)
Players	Benjamin Fry Chase Donnelly Evie Vogler Grace Brimstone Lana Bruce Marlie Paavola Samuel Smyth	Adrian Leighton Franky Baker Lacey Walters Lachlan Fry Lara Richardson	Giaan Tippet Rhiannon Forbes Ryan Cartwright Zara Seivers	Cade Coghlan Jesse Folpp Ryan Cartwright Rhiannon Forbes Talytha McDonald Brayden Naess	Megan Boston Jacob Raymond Haydn Steele	Jayden Atkinson	Madonna Barret (60+) Mel Craig (34+) Serena Keating (55+) Sharon Anderson (65+)	Brendan Ferns (50+) Bruce Cock (65+) Glenn Jones (40+) Graham King (50+) Maurice Andrejic (50+) Raymond Bolton (75+) Ronald Tippet (70+) Wade Overlack (50+)
Shadows	Orlanda Twomey	Anthony Taifalos	Erin Arri	Ruby McMenamin				
Coaches					Jasper Pflaum			


U14 Girls #1
MAZON
LULU
70
JCU


U14 Girls #3




U14 Boys #2


U14 Boys #1


U14 Girls #2


Masters Men
NQEA
ENGINEERS
CAIRNS


Open Men


Masters Men


U16 Boys




U16 Girls #1


NQEA




U16 Girls #2


KUKRI






U18 Women #1
NQEA
ENGINEERS
CAIRNS








U18 Women #2


U18 Men








Jacob Raymond




Evie Vogler


Franky Baker




Chase Donnelly


Lana Bruce


Giaan Tippet


Cade Coghlan


Lachlan Fry


Jayden Atkinson

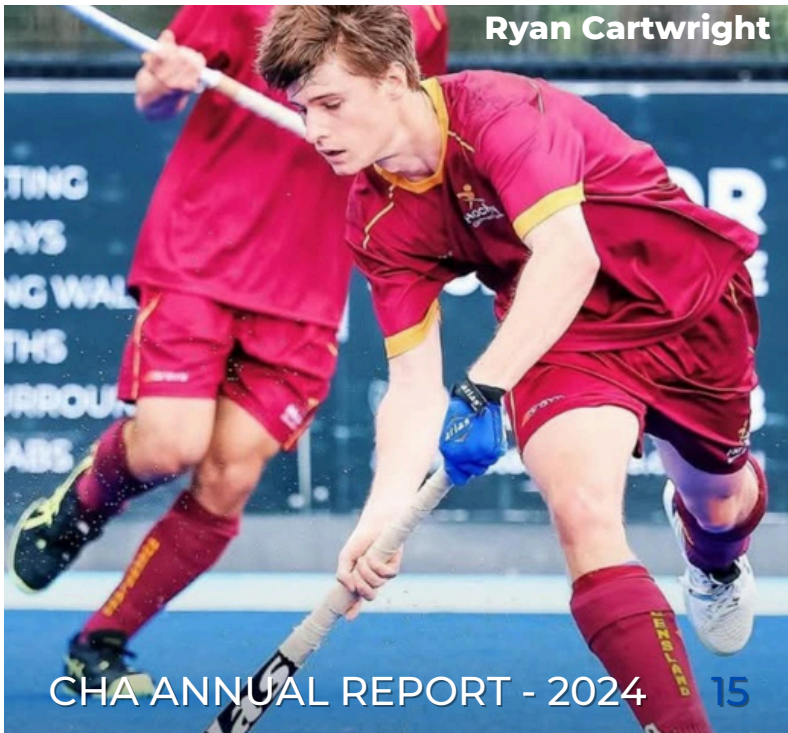



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WORLD CUP
AUCKLAND
7 NOV - 16 NOV


Grace Brimstone


Jesse Folpp
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Zara Seivers


Ryan Cartwright


Lacey Walters




Megan Boston


Adrian Leighton




Marlie Paavola


Benjamin Fry


Lara Richardson


Samuel Smyth


Rhiannon Forbes

INDOOR CAIRNS REP

Team	Team Players	Div	Final Standings	Coach	Manager
U14 Girls #1	8	1	6	Hayley Williams	Kirsten Camp
U14 Girls #2	8	2	5	Darryn Born	Emma Twomey
U14 Boys	9	2	1	Brendon McAlister	Sonja Noonan
U16 Girls	8	1	7	MIkala Duda	Kirsten Camp
U16 Boys	7	1	7	Calob Simpson	Velina Veivers
U18 Women	6	1	6	Jasper Pflaum	Deanne Drummond













INDOOR STATE REP

Division	U14	U16	U18
Players	Lulu Drewsen Marlie Paavola	Lacey Walters Lara Richardson	Giaan Tippet Zara Seivers
Shadows	Matilda Malsem Samuel Comer	Caitlin Squire Franky Baker Lachlan Fry Lucas Breirley	

PARTICIPATION & RECRUITMENT

Cairns Hockey together with volunteers delivered the following participation and recruitment and participation programs in 2024:

Term 1

- Hookin2Hockey/Come & Try Activities
  - Family Fun Day
  - Mt Sheridan Plaza Event
  - Sports Spectacular
    - Cairns
    - Atherton
  - Good Start Early Learning Pilot Program
- Hookin2Hockey - New player Development Program
- School2Hockey
  - St Joseph's Primary School
  - Yorkeys Knob

Term 2

- Stick2Hockey
  - Gordonvale PCYC
- School 2Hockey
  - Home School
  - Redlynch State College
  - Under 8s Day
    - Whitfield State School
    - Freshwater State School
- Holiday Clinics
  - Midfielder Sessions
  - Defender Sessions
  - Attacking Development Sessions
- Private Lessons

Term 3

- Hookin2Hockey/Come & Try Activities
  - Good Start Early Learning
  - All Abilities Day
  - National Hookin2Hockey Day
- School2Hockey
  - Peace Lutheran College
  - Balaclava State School
  - Bentley Park Deadly Fives
- Sporting Schools
  - Kuranda Steiner School
- Striker Development Sessions

Term 4

- Hookin2Hockey Invitational - New player development program
- School2Hockey
  - St Josephs
  - Peace Lutheran College
- Primary School BDO Day
- Secondary School BDO Day
- Blue Academy





2024 Winter Season AWARDS

CAIRNS HOCKEY

Club of the Year	*Saints Hockey Club*
Minor Premiers	*Men Souths | Women Saints*
Player of the Year Masters Men	*Peter Rowe*
Player of the Year Masters Women	*Diana Hepworth*
Player of the Year A Grade Men	*Dion Woodhouse*
Player of the Year A Grade Women	*Hannah Sealby*
Player of the Year B Grade Men	*Caleb Simpson*
Player of the Year B Grade Women	*Lana Bruce*
Player of the Year C Grade Men	*Glen Seivers*
Player of the Year C Grade Women	*Nicole Starr*
Player of the Year U18A Women	*Lulu Drewsen*
Player of the Year U18B Women	*Evie Vogler*
Player of the Year U16 Boys	*Samuel Smyth*
Volunteer of the Year	*Cassie Goodhew*
Coach of the Year	*Darryn Born*
Manager of the Year	*Kirsten Camp*
Umpire of the Year Ken Reid Memorial	*Malik Smith*
Most Promising Umpire	*Madison Camp*
Most Improved Junior Umpire	*Beau Frazer*
Technical Official of the Year	*Kylie McAlister*
Umpiring Community Award	*Karen Fry*
Highest Achievement Masters	*Barbie Simonis*
Highest Achievement Open	*Jacob Raymond*
Player of the Year U12 Girls	*Ava Goodhew | Mia Spencer*
Player of the Year U13A Boys	*Luke Critchley*
Player of the Year U13B Boys	*Jai Lay*
Player of the Year U14 Girls	*Sasha Mooka*
Highest Achievement U14	*Lana Bruce*

Grand Final RESULTS

Division	Teams	Player of the Final	Score	Winner/Premiers	Umpires	Tech
A Men	Souths Saints	Adrian Leighton	1 - 2	Saints	N Giacomi, B Hoff, E Reiha	K Fullerton S Binnington
A Women	Saints Brothers	Shaylee Atkinson	2 - 1	Saints	E Reiha, K Fry, C Reiha	T Findlay C Overlack
B Men	Souths Brothers	Patrick Stevens	1 - 2	Brothers	P Rowe, T Brodin, R Taylor	K Fullerton A Frazer
B Women	Saints Brothers	Mia Richardson	0 -1	Brothers	M Smith, C Reiha, M Barton	V Sparkes A Condon
C Men	Brothers Jade Souths	Brendan SeeKee	3 - 2	Brothers Jade	L Andrejic, R Taylor, N Blandford	D Smith
C Women	Saints T/Stingers Orange	Matilda Malsem	3 - 1	Saints	M Barton, K Dennis, M Smith	K Pittendreigh
Masters Men	Saints T/Stingers Orange	Rohan Sparkes	7 - 5	Saints	N Giacomi, B Hockey	J Pflaum
Masters Women	Trinity Stingers Souths Red	Diana Hepworth	2 -1	Trinity Stingers	A Taylor, C Bevan, M O'Donnell	J Noonan
U18A Women	Saints Blue Brothers Maroon	Zara Seivers	2 -1	Saints Blue	C Bevan, M Smith, A Hatchman	K Fullerton
U18B Women	Brothers Jade Trinity Stingers	Mia Agius	0 - 1	Trinity Stingers	A Hatchman, M Barton, B Hoff	D Smith
U16 Boys	Souths Saints	Max Gould	2 - 3	Saints	B Hoff, M Craig, M Barton	V Sparkes
U14 Girls	Saints Blue Brothers Maroon	Lana Bruce	7 - 0	Saints Blue	V Namai, D Smith, M Camp	A O'Connor
U13A Boys	Souths Saints	Benjamin Fry	4 - 1	Souths	B Frazer, F Baker, L Brierley	C Goodhew
U13B Boys	Souths Brothers TAS	Tristan Bartholomew	5 - 0	Souths	Mc Camp, L Brierley, J Phillips	C Goodhew
U12 Girls	Saints Red Brothers Maroon	McKenzie Camp	6 - 1	Saints Red	C Thompson, S Myngha-Thompson, K McAlister	N Apps

2024 HOCKEY HIGHLIGHTS


















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SUMMER SIXES


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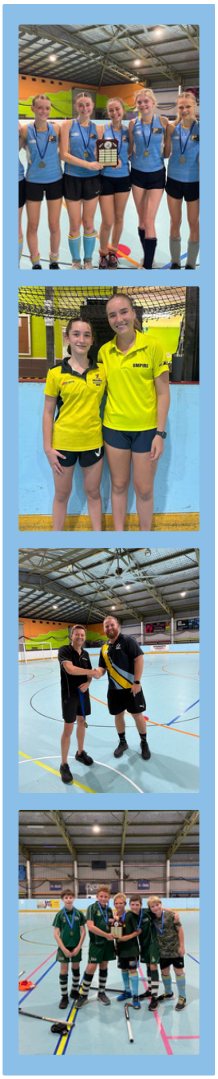

SAINTS


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INDOOR HOCKEY

Division	Winners	Runners Up	Player of the final	Score	Umpires
A Men	Green Vipers	Vipers White	Caleb Simpson	5 - 3	Gary Tippet / Nigel Giacomi
A Women	Blue Team	Green Machine	Emily Veivers	5 - 3	Damian Agius / Sierra Squire
B Men	Sapphires	K & F	Paul Dennis	Draw	Karen Fry / Nigel Giacomi
B Women	Sassy Sisters	Peanuts	Mia Richardson	5 - 2	Chelsea Bevan / Karen Fry
U14A Mixed	Funky Monkeys	The Sigmas	Grace Brimstone	1 - 0	Lucas Brierley / Beau Frazer
U14B Mixed	Minions	Vipers Maroon	Harper Twomey	2 - 0	Indianna Camp / Caitlin Squire
U11 Mixed	Green Vipers	Skittles	Nathan Brierley	5 - 2	Evie Duda / Ruby Thompson





ALLSTARS



We extend a heartfelt thank you to all our members and volunteers for supporting the 2024 All Stars pre-season competition.
The All Stars competition is a fantastic opportunity to shake off the rust in a fun, non-club environment. It allows participants to experience working with different coaches, managers, and teammates, creating an enjoyable space for personal growth. Not only is it a great way to form new friendships, but it also provides the chance to learn new skills that will benefit everyone as we head into the official season.
We appreciate your commitment and dedication to making this a memorable and successful event.

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





OFFICIATING

Tournaments	Umpires	Technical Official
U14 QLD	*Beau Frazer* *Blake Watson* *Karen Fry (Indoor)* *Madison Camp* *Madison Camp (Indoor)*	*Carly Piccolo (Indoor)* *Janice Noonan* *Janice Noonan (Indoor)* *Kylie McAlister* *Michelle Stevenson* *Amanda O'Connor* *Amanda Squire (Indoor)*
U16 QLD	*Sierra Squire (Awarded HQ Most Promising Junior Umpire)* *Brendan Hoff*	*Geoff Leighton* *Jodie Dennis (Indoor)* *Katrina Seivers* *Pauline Bruce (Indoor)* *Stacey Lomax*
U18 QLD	*Gordon Lavaring* *Jess Clarke*	*Cheryl Overlack* *Faith Tippet (Indoor)* *Kristy Tippet* *Roger Blackney*
Masters Women QLD Champs	*Brendan Hoff* *Ray Bolton*	*Janice Noonan*
National Tournaments	*Brendan Hoff*	*Kylie Fullerton*
International Tournaments	*Bruce Hockey*	









Junior Umpire Workshops

Junior umpire workshops were held on Friday afternoons during Hockey Heroes, organized and run by volunteers from the four local clubs. These sessions were designed to be inclusive, providing opportunities for all interested participants to learn and develop their umpiring skills. The clubs took the lead in planning and implementing these workshops, ensuring they were accessible and beneficial for everyone involved.

Umpire Committee

In 2024, Cairns Hockey introduced its first volunteer umpiring committee with the goal of strengthening umpiring at the club level and identifying areas for improvement in the development of local officials. The four clubs played an integral role in providing umpires and assisting with their allocation for local fixtures. Over the course of the season, the committee was able to pinpoint key areas where further training and support were needed.

The committee has remained active post-season, working on plans and initiatives for the upcoming year. The groundwork laid in 2024 is shaping up to create a dynamic and exciting development space for umpiring in 2025. We would like to extend our thanks to those volunteers who stepped forward to take on this crucial responsibility on behalf of their clubs, as umpiring can be a challenging but rewarding task.

ASPIRE TO BE DEADLY

Cairns Hockey Association Inc. Aspire to be Deadly

Cairns Hockey partnered with Aspire Community to drive and advance the Aspire to be Deadly outcomes strengthening a 20 plus year commitment to advancing inclusive programs and showing how hockey can and does break barriers.

We take this opportunity to thank the team at Aspire Community (ACCL), the workforce and volunteer club officials, parents and supporters (special mention to Trinity Stinger Hockey Club) who work with us to create opportunities across the Cairns sporting landscape.

Working together the Aspire School to Club Program was advanced, there has always been an offering of cross cultural awareness training, mentoring support and pathways assistance. Participants in 2024 helped to support an additional 3 plus teams in the winter competition. 8 participants were involved in representative pathways programs

Highlights

Ø 32 Aspire schools across the FNQ, Cape York, Gulf Savannah and Torres Strait Islands engaged in modified programs and 3 regional events were delivered
Ø Min 92% average attendance is maintained across all regions by the participants and in addition over 200 sessions of supported physical activity, leadership, wellbeing and nutrition activities were delivered.
Ø Aspire Hub – a safe place, a cultural celebration is available to the Aspire students to support reconciliation and reinforce invitation to engage and connect.
Ø Rene Archer Round, Reconciliation Round and NAIDOC celebrations are now permanent fixtures within the Cairns Hockey annual calendar.
Ø Regional programs are modified to meet local needs and supporting pathway delivered.
Ø 8 participants were selected in Cairns representative pathway programs and team and 1 participant was selected in Hockey Qld talent pathway program.
Ø Young leaders are taking on coaching and officiating roles within the clubs and supporting the association.
Ø Through the collaboration with Aspire Community, more partners are being identified to advance and grow the support and the participation opportunities both in Cairns and in remote communities.
Ø Commitment to support mentoring and leadership programs using hockey as the platform from which sport can drive positive social change broadening hockey's outreach into the community
Ø Looking forward to a greater role for cross cultural awareness training and conversation moving forward.













BROTHERS HOCKEY CLUB

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SAINTS HOCKEY CLUB



2024 was a great year on the field for the club. In 2024 Saints had 28 teams in total comprising 19 competitive teams (u12 to Masters) and 9 Hockey Hero Teams (5 xU10) and (1xU8). So in total 223 total players comprising of 156 junior players and 67 Senior players. Saints had 10 Teams in grand finals and won 8 Grand Finals including the prestigious double of A Grade Women and A Grade Men.

2024 saw the return of both Masters Women and Masters Men's Teams after a hiatus of a number of years

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 for the 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 2025, to be held on 15 December 2024.. A big thankyou to Deanne Drummond for all her efforts in obtaining a number of grants, as well the 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 the crew that help in presenting the Pezzutti Park fields in great order, and the band of helpers that always turn up for club working bees.





Thank you to the loyal supporters of the Bungalow raffles. I also wish to acknowledge our sponsors, whose generous support makes everything we do possible and to our life members who have laid the foundation for the success and spirit and culture of this club

Saints Hockey Club would also like to take a moment to pay tribute to Vick Bergman , who recently passed away at the age of 100, a founding member of Saints Hockey Club, whose contributions continue to shape our club today

It was an honour to be named Club of the Year Award a reflection of the dedication and hard work of our members

Saints Hockey Club is now looking forward to a bigger and better 2025

Denis Lynam,

Saints President













SOUTHS HOCKEY CLUB

Firstly, I could not have done this job without our wonderful committee. We have taken onboard our trials from last year, modified how we do the business side of hockey and this has seen us all more relaxed in our roles. Sonja, Dale, Elena, Jodie, Thea, Karen & Cheryl, we could not have functioned as a Club without all your efforts to help us through the season so thank you all so much.

We are back at being the smallest club by members in Cairns but, we do have the biggest heart and determination to be the best club in the region. With close semi-final heartbreak from the U12 Girls, U18A, C Black, B & A Grade Ladies games, we had five teams that took out Minor Premierships this year: A Grade Men, B Grade Men, U16 Men, U13A & U13B Boys, with the Red Masters Women & C Grade Men joining them in Grand Final games. Unfortunately, only we won 2 out of the 7 finals we were in, but every team should be proud of the effort put in - I know I am because all of those games were so so close. I am so proud of each and every one of our teams this year - some years are building years and I believe next couple may be years that we need to learn humility; we may not be as successful in achieving the success in as we have in previous years but if we keep the faith and build ranks then we will get back to the glory years.

I would like to extend the Committees thanks to the many Souths 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. This year we supported local business Jackley's Bakehouse as our Junior Fundraiser for the year with great success as well as our third Annual 100 Club afternoon for our Senior Fundraiser. 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 everyone to step up into various roles within the club: 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

Trinity Stingers Hockey Club would like to extend our gratitude to the members, coaches, managers, and supporters who contribute tirelessly to our club. Your dedication and hours of voluntary work ensures that Trinity Stingers Hockey Club continues to thrive. We acknowledge and thank CHA for all of the seen and unseen work, on and off the field that enables us to be part of this great sport.

Across all divisions, our teams have continued to show outstanding commitment and sportsmanship.

Highlights of the season include:

Senior Teams: Our Masters and C Grade Men and Women teams making it into the final rounds; Masters Men and Women, and C Grade Orange playing in the Grand Final and a huge congratulations to our Master Women for being Minor and Major Premiers this year.

Junior Teams: Our junior teams were comprised of a real mix of returning players, new to hockey players, players playing above their age division or returning to hockey after time away players. We would like to make a special mention of the coaches of our junior teams who had the challenge of developing new talent as well as extending our returning players and blending these together to play as a team. Our U18 girls have been a wonderful example of what is possible when you work hard and play as a team – with an inspirational win in their Grand Final game.













Hockey Heroes: Our Hockey Heroes saw a significant growth in registrations this year which bodes well for a bright future for our club. This growth in players is a result of strong partnerships being developed over the past few years with the Aspire team and some of our local schools, and due to many of our existing players and families bringing along new friends to join in on the fun. Special thanks to the Aspire team and our Junior Co-ordinator Cassie Goodhew, whose efforts in our junior space have been instrumental to our success in growing our junior numbers this year, and to ensuring our junior players had a smooth season.

Whilst this year has been positive, we have, despite our club growth, continued to face the challenge of fielding teams with sufficient players in a number of grades. As a club we would like to acknowledge the positive relationships that have developed and exist within and across clubs to ensure that all young players who want to play hockey, have a place within their chosen club to play.

Representative Action:Our club has continued to represent at all levels and across age divisions. We have had players selected to represent Cairns, Peninsula, Queensland and beyond this year. A testament to what is possible when you play with Trinity Stingers.

We would like to acknowledge and thank our many sponsors for their ongoing support as we would not be able to accomplish what we have, without local support!









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