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2025 President's Report

2025 was another year of development, resilience and success for the Hawthorn Hockey Club. Our players, coaches, volunteers, and supporters have once again shown what makes this club such a strong and welcoming community.

On field winter season success came from our 4 Premiership teams - Women's Pennant A, Men's Open BSE, Men's Masters 50+ HMHC (1) and Women's Masters 35 SE (Red). Congratulations also to our 7 other teams who made finals - Women's Premier League and Reserves, Men's Premier League Reserves, U18 Mixed (Red), U16 Boys Shield, U12 Mixed Pennant East and U12 Girls Pennant East. Our Women's 35+ team also became the inaugural 2025 ICC indoor 35+ premiers back in March 2025.

The club was thrilled to have 16 juniors selected for state and development teams, as well as 7 senior representatives playing Hockey One for HCM and Tassie Tigers, with a further 11 masters playing for Victoria. We also have 7 players currently in National squads. As a club, we are so proud of our elite players, but we are, at our heart, a club that offers hockey for all, at a wide variety of ability levels.

We remain committed to developing and offering high level, quality coaching to our players. As a club we are grateful to our coaching team, led by Director of Coaching Jeremy Edwards, for their commitment to player development and for fostering a positive culture across all grades. To all our coaches and international players, who provide training, skill development, game strategy and support to our 30+ teams every week from pre-season and throughout the season, a huge thank you.

Off field, we have continued to work predominantly across the following areas:

Sponsorship

Andrew Smith has worked tirelessly to find sponsors for the club. You will notice several new banners on both H-1 and H-2 - Bendigo Bank, Axton Finance, Just Hockey and Snap Fitness have all joined existing sponsors Melville Lawyers, ATF, Farm Implements, Auburn Hotel and ProVoltage. We extend our thanks to each and every one of them for their generosity and support.

We are also extremely grateful to a growing number of individual club members and supporters who have joined our Coterie Club and who provide financial support across this and previous seasons. I enjoyed meeting many of our generous donors at our 2 wine dinners this year.

Without our corporate sponsors and generous club individuals, the club could not survive. Their contributions help us keep fees affordable, maintain our facilities and equipment, and provide opportunities for all players to enjoy the game. Financially, the club remains stable with a small loss and we are well-positioned for the coming season.

Social events

From Pub Golf, Trivia Night (congrats to the winning Women's Masters (+ Rookie) table), Wine Dinners, team get togethers, pre match coffee catch ups, post match dinners, through to the official club Junior and Senior Presentation nights - there are numerous ways in which we get together throughout the year and celebrate our friendships and teammates. These

events bring everyone together and help strengthen the bonds that make our club so special.

Our club celebrations of the Hockey Victoria Special Rounds - Womens, Mens, Indigenous and Pride Rounds - are annual opportunities for us to learn more, to promote inclusivity, to celebrate different communities, and honour and raise awareness for specific causes. Our special thanks this year to Lonsdale Solutions for sponsoring our new Pride Round shirts.

I would like to thank the committee for their tireless work behind the scenes. From organising fixtures and managing finances to liaising with HV, running events, organising uniform and assisting with communications club wide, your efforts do not go unnoticed. Thanks also to our umpire manager Edwina Oostergetel, umpires, team managers, and all volunteers who contribute week in and week out.

Looking Ahead

As we look forward to 2026, our focus will be on strengthening our junior pathways, supporting our senior teams, and exploring opportunities to expand our membership base. We are also working on developing our communication in and around the club, including on social media and our website. Anyone who can provide some expertise in these areas should get in contact with me - the club cannot function and survive without volunteers, and any time and effort you can give us is greatly appreciated.

With the continued dedication of our players, coaches, and supporters, the future of Hawthorn Hockey Club looks bright.

Thank you all for another fantastic season. It's an honour to serve as your President, and I can't wait to see what we achieve together next year.

Carole Shanks

2025 Treasurer's Report

Also see FY25 Financial reports

Hawthorn Hockey Club faced some challenges and had some successes in FY25.

For many years we have benefited from the generous support of a number of benefactors who have supported our club, our coaches and a number of our key players. In FY25 that player support continued, but thanks to the enormous effort of a couple of individuals, we were also able to bring on a range of club sponsors.

What has been most exciting about bringing onboard sponsors, is not just the direct monetary contribution that was received, but the ongoing relationships that we are starting to build with them, and in the community more broadly. We are encouraging our members to interact and trade with our sponsors and have been pleased to welcome them to club events, to display their names with pride on our shirts, and on banners around the ground.

I would also like to acknowledge our pool of smaller sponsors, Coterie members and supporters whose contribution is less obvious – the shirt sponsors without logos, the businesses that give a % of our spend back or provided products, and the members who don't seek reimbursement for the umpire fees they paid. It all helps. Thank you.

Despite the sponsorship revenue coming in, FY25 had its challenges. We faced a 50% significant increases in Umpiring costs. The rate for , and ground hire went up by 10%, but we managed our non usage better than previous years. We were forced into making some tough decisions early in the winter season and across the summer and indoor competitions. We challenged ourselves to ensure the viability of teams – We did not commit a team without strong numbers to try and ensure fees or other sources would cover costs.

Similar to FY24, we tried to keep playing fee increases as low as possible, recognising the strain on members finances – unfortunately we still do not quite have the balance right, and are reflecting a shortfall again in FY25.

Once again I would like to thank everyone who has volunteered – Our members are better understanding the need to support the club and we are getting better at directing those efforts to add value to the club.

To sum up FY25, we were able to grow our sponsor base to offset a reduction in direct club donations. Whilst an improvement on FY24, we didn't manage enough to offset increasing costs and are again looking at a shortfall, this time of 5.4%. The

committee are facing into this challenge and will continue to strive to maintain appropriate financial discipline to ensure the ongoing success of the club

2025 Women's Section Report

- fielded 6 teams, consistent with 2023 & 2024
- PL (3rd), PLR (4th), PA (1st), PB (7th), PD (6th), PE (7th)
- PL, PLR & PA into finals - PA as premiers

Things that worked well in season 2025

- Increased participation of Junior girls in seniors, seeing juniors continuing to grow through the Pennant grades.
- Coaches for each of the teams providing consistent match day support and coordination.
- Increased uptake of online voting via Slack Team App
- Impactful volunteering by those in the women's section across a range of events from Indoor prior to winter season, all the way through to summer.

Ideas or areas for improvement

- Support participation in Pennant training particularly with further focus on pre-season.
- Utilise the clubrooms more for casual social gatherings - pennant nights to line up with support for masters
- Establishing team managers earlier with an info session at the start of the year.
- Focus on all teams achieving higher results, particularly in pennant grade.

Thank-you

- To all the coaches, who dedicated countless hours each week, Mitch Hayde, Wynie Volesck, Nan Latta, Nicole Jones, Lianne Butterfield, John Condon
- All the team managers/captains, who completed team sheets, paid the umpers, provided snacks etc:
Digby Laurance, Corey Blake, Edwina Oostergetel, Ash Campbell, Jess Interman, Julia Scarff and Libby Moore.
- To Toni Fleming, our Women's Secretary (and H2H coordinator), for everything she does around the club that is both visible and more that is done behind the scenes.
- All our supporters of the Women's section, those who invested time, effort and money to facilitate all our 6 teams to play each week and to our sponsors who continue to invest in our club which support our women's section to continue to have incredible players and great participation.

Clare Travis
Women's President

2025 Juniors Report

The 2025 season has been another outstanding year for the Juniors at Hawthorn Hockey Club. This year we had 200 junior players representing the club across 11 winter teams, ranging from our Under 8s through to Under 18s.

This was the second consecutive year we entered the U18 Mixed District competition. With great momentum coming off the 2024 season, for the first time ever, we were able to enter two U18s teams. It is great to see so many of our junior athletes stepping up to also represent Hawthorn in senior grades, with the most crossover occurring in the Wwomen's section.

Our winter teams for 2025:

- U8s – Coaches: Mark Fernie & Robert Sirgiovanni
- U10 Blue – Coach: Robert Sirgiovanni
- U10 Red – Coach: Mark Fernie
- U12 Girls Pennant – Coaches: Caroline King & Amelia Comport, TM: Pia Nanut
- U12 Mixed Pennant – Coaches: Jamie Eades & Jono Grossman, TM: Nina Dubowitz
- U14 Girls Shield – Coaches: Annabelle Schneideman, Sharnae Taylor & Jess Inteman, TMs: Victoria van Bavel & Peta Pathak-Perks
- U14 Boys Pennant – Coaches: Dirk van Bavel, Jaime Taylor & Sam Lidstone, TM: Ann French
- U16 Boys Pennant – Coaches: Harriet Pittard & Josh Ollerenshaw, TM: Kerry Phillips
- U16 Boys Shield – Coaches: Steve Eager & Evan Kimber, TM: Chris Hoyling
- U18 Blue – Coaches: Jono Grossman & Lachlan Pohan, TM: Jarrod Nielsen
- U18 Red – Coach: Lachlan Pohan, TM: Rowena Syme

Finals:

Four of our teams reached finals this season:

- U12 Mixed Pennant – Grand Final Runners-Up
- U12 Girls Pennant – Semi-Finalists
- U16 Boys Shield – Semi-Finalists
- U18 Mixed District – Semi-Finalists

HookIn2Hockey:

Toni Fleming ran our HI2H program on Monday afternoons in term 1, 2, 3, & 4, assisted by Adelaide NG. Lachlan Pohan & Ella Blake supported our Roadshows.

Term 4 Indoor 2025:

This year we have 5 junior indoor teams:

- 2 x U12 Mixed
- , U14 Girls Division 1
- , U16 Division 1
- , & U18 Mixed.

ICC & JIC 2025:

HHC entered 2 teams in the ICC: U16 Boys & U14 Girls.

HHC entered 2 teams in the JIC: U12s & U14s

Junior State Championships – Central Metro Flames:

In 2025 This year, 37 Hawthorn players represented the Central Metro Flames across the U12, U14, U16, and U18 age groups.

The U16 Boys' team achieved an incredible result, taking home gold for the Central Metro Flames.

High-performance:

Several of our players went on to represent Victoria at state and development level:

- U16 Boys State – Finn Blake, James Chow, Rory Thorpe, Lachlan Hoyling
- U16 Boys Development – Brodie Eager, Max Burgess, Shiv Iyer
- U14 Girls State – Evie McMahon
- U14 Girls Development – Ava Marks, Kate Ross
- U14 Boys State – Giffin Bouman
- U14 Boys Development – Ezekiel Humberstone, Isaac Woodman
- U18 Boys Development – Rory Thorpe, Lachlan Hoyling
- Australian Squad – Finn Blake
- Hockey Club Melbourne Futures Academy – Finn Blake, James Chow, Rory Thorpe &, Lachie Hoyling

Summer 6's 2025:

We have 9 teams participating in the summer 6s Friday night competition:

- 2 x U10
- , 3 x U12
- , 3 x U14
- , 1 x U16.

Acknowledgements:

The success of our juniors program depends on the generous support of our volunteers. Stepping up as coaches, team managers, BBQ chefs, bartenders, uniform helpers, and committee members. Thank you for the countless hours you dedicate to creating a positive and inclusive experience for our young players.

A special thank-you also goes to Pete Major, our Juniors Secretary, for his tireless work behind the scenes and commitment to the smooth running of the section throughout the season.

Looking Ahead:

As we head into 2026, our focus will continue to be on:

- Strengthening participation at all age levels
- Supporting player development through new pathways.
- Provide more coaching and umpiring development opportunities.
- Expand our community through Summer6s, Hookin2Hockey, and local school partnerships.

- Recruiting parent advocates and committee members to help grow and shape the future of the Juniors section.

The momentum built in 2025 has set us up for the season ahead. We are excited to continue growing both the player base and the sense of community that makes Hawthorn Hockey Club such a special place.

2025 Mid week Men's & Men's Masters

2025 marked a year of two finals successes and the entry of our first over 60's team playing on Wednesday Night.

MMOB team did in fact repeat its early success in 2024 and managed to raise the bar further with a win in the Grand Final. The HHC 50-1 team managed to get a three-peat which was followed by a mad-monday curry dinner. Well done to Kam and Smithy for organising the teams during the season.

The other Men's Masters teams had a mixed year with the 50-2 team cementing their place at the bottom of the ladder and the 45B team suffering from a mis-grading of teams in the competition this year.. The inaugural MM60B team, made up of the old MM45D and a few others, had a much more enjoyable season playing against others of a similar age and finished a respectable 7th on the ladder.

The top goal scorers in 2025 were Paul Burgess of the 50-1's with 23 goals, Ethans Savige of MMO with 17 goals and Andrew Rook of the MM60's with 13 goals..

MVP awards

- MMO Ethan Savige
- MM45B Alex Lai
- MM50-1 David Emerson
- MM50-2 Rachel Thomas
- MM60B Tim Samuel

2025 Women's Masters Report

Our section's highlights in 2025 were undoubtedly our 2 Pennants.

- Our Women's Masters Indoor team were crowned the inaugural ICC WM35+ Premiers after an unbeaten weekend of indoor hockey in March
- Our 35+ Red team became the WM35-SE 2025 premiers after an unbeaten winter season.

Our summer season in 2024 (Term 4) saw us field 2 outdoor teams in the 35s and 45s age groups. We also fielded 2 indoor teams, who finished 2nd and 5th respectively, and had a number of players trying out indoor for the first time.

In winter 2025 we again fielded 3 teams - 2 teams in the newly combined WM35-SE competition and one team in the WM45+ competition. As always, we benefitted from some new players joining us this season, and we were thrilled to see the return of several players from injury and pregnancy.

Our 45+ team unfortunately fell short in the final few games of the season and missed out on finals on goal difference. One unexpected loss early in the season and a few draws towards the end proved to be the team's downfall, but we enjoyed integrating several new players and we're all raring to go again next season!

Our 35 Blue team had a very tough season in the new combination 35+ league made up of teams from last year's A grade as well as the existing B grade teams. We have asked HV to separate WM35 into graded comps for 2026. Again, a few new (young) players joined our core group of players, strengthening the team across all lines. Everyone competed hard each week and several games were decided by a single goal, so there is plenty to build on for next season.

Our 35 Red team had an outstanding season in 2025. Boosted by the arrival of several new young masters, the team had a successful and high scoring season, finishing top of the ladder and reaching the Grand Final against Southern United, ending as well deserved premiers following a 4-1 victory. Across the season the 35 Reds scored 79 goals for and only conceded 12 - the team was dominant from season start to finish.

Hawthorn supplied 9 of our intrepid women to the various Victorian State masters teams this year - congrats to all of them. Further congratulations to Kate Stebbings and Nan Latta for their selection in the Australia 50+ team and Vicki Thomson in the Australia (2) 45+ team for next year's World Cup in Europe.

Overall, the Women's Masters year has been fun and very successful. It was great to have so many younger masters playing and to welcome lots of new players across a wide age range. We are always happy to welcome new players (regardless of age and ability!).

Over summer 2025 (Term 4) we are fielding 1 outdoor 45+ team and 1 indoor team, and we're all looking forward to next winter season.

Best and Fairest results for 2025:

- WM35 Red Kate Stebbings
- WM35 Blue Nicola Marshall
- WM45+ Winnie Ho

2025 Uniforms Report

This year, we have assisted members with over 600 uniform items.

We also had a successful launch of our Pride Round game day tops, created with support from Pride Cup charity.

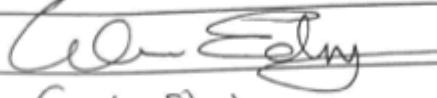


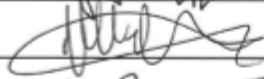




I would like to extend a sincere thank you to all our sponsors, whose support made the Premier League training tops and Pride Round game day tops possible.

Membership and Teams

Membership	2025	2024	change
Registered	467	504	-37
Players	443	476	-33
Supporters	24	28	-4
Junior (U10-U18)	200	217	-17
Friday	113	118	-5
Saturday AM	75	85	-10
Senior & Masters ≥14	339	378	-39
Men ≥14	189	204	-15
Women ≥14	150	174	-24
Men MM45-AP +	71	75	-4
Women WM35-AP +	79	93	-14
Teams	2025	2024	change
Junior (U12 - U18)	8	9	-1
Friday	6	6	0
Saturday AM U12	2	3	-1
Sat AM U8-U10	3	2	1
Seniors (Weekend)	11	11	0
Men's	5	5	0
Women's	6	6	0
Midweek	7	7	0
Monday Open Men's	1	1	0
Men MM45-AP +	1	1	0
Men MM50-AP +	2	2	0
Men MM60-AP +	1	0	1
Women WM35-AP +	2	2	0
Women WM35-AP +	1	1	0

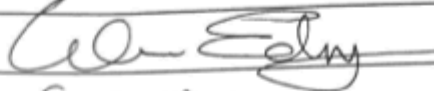



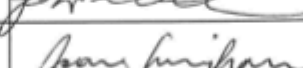

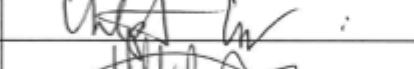

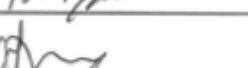




AGM Attendance Record

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CAROLE SHAWICS	Carole Shaw
ROSS BLAIR-HOLT	
CRAIG THORNTON	
Claire Travis	Claire:
Rachel Thomas	
JOHN CONDON	
JOAN CUNNINGHAM	Joan Cunningham
Nichola Harris	Nichola
¹⁰ Jeremy Harris	
Pat Moore	
CHRIS LEEGE	Chris Leege
WOMAN WELKIN	
Marco Bonna	
PETER MAJOR	
Wing Major	
DIANE LAURANCE	
Andrew Hodder	
Antonia Fleming	
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Rachel Thomas	
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Pat Moore	
CHRIS UEDGE	Chris Uedge
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