

# Hawthorn Hockey Club

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## Update from the President

The lifeblood of the club is all those who take on both official and unofficial roles to drive us forward. It is your club, the future is for you, so let's understand who we are, what do we want the club to be, what does it mean to you, what really works for you and what can we change & improve on. Let's go on the journey together to define the most effective way of getting there.

### Moving Forward

- We need a thriving social committee across all divisions which supports a sense of community and underpins a happy, successful club and provides much needed option for fundraising to ensure consistent delivery of first-rate facilities.
- Our club constitution was written for different times – roles, sub committees need to support our future – let's look at role rotation, ways of attracting new blood, younger blood, and new ideas.
- Successful and happy clubs have two and five-year plans providing a framework for decision making and we need to put this in place.
- We must actively encourage past players and friends back to the club through non-playing, retired, and social memberships.

We really need your assistance with any role great or small so please let me know what you can do to help. It was extremely helpful to have so many people respond to the online survey which is being looked at in detail by the new committee. The key issues discussed included communication, the website, social events, coaching for the lower teams and juniors and many other important suggestions were given. We have started the process of ranking desired changes, improving communication and building a new website.

Thank you for everyone who participated in the survey and the overwhelming number of people who have offered their support in 2019.

So onwards and upwards in 2019

Tony Melville – President HHC

**Retiring Committee Members**

### **Di Brown-Greaves**

When we talk about the “backbone” and “lifeblood” of the club we really can’t go past acknowledging the never-ending input and energy, the always there with a shoulder, smile and chat and the passionate support of both the Junior & Women’s Hockey sections by Di B-G over the last 20 or so years.

Some of Di’s roles:

- Junior Committee from 1999
- Junior Secretary from 2004 to 2008
- President Women from 2009 to 2018

During that time under her stewardship, the women’s division has won the following premierships:

- State League 2 - 2012
- Women’s Premier League - 2014/2016/7/8
- WPLR - 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
- WPA - 2017, 2018

There is nothing Di has not done for the club and whilst she is retiring this year from official duties, she will have mentoring roles next year.

### **Peter Lugg**

Peter has been involved in the club for about 30 years.

- Committee member of the Hawthorn Juniors pre-amalgamation
- Director of HMHC
- President of the Hawthorn Hockey Club from the amalgamation i.e. for almost 20 years
- Member of the clubhouse building committee

He was also:

- a player, albeit pretty hopeless in Metro teams and Veterans;
- a member of the Hong Kong touring teams with Wayne Thornton;
- member of the bronze medal International Masters Games team;
- a regular umpire.

His achievements are numerous but include:

- bringing together three diverse clubs by schmoozing all the parties and making them or feel wanted
- generally encouraging and being optimistic about any proposal

- overseeing the transition to working under the HMHC umbrella.
- overcoming a very financially difficult period in the club and leaving it an extremely sound financial position.

On another note Peter has recently received a humanitarian award for his orthopaedic services in Cambodia. He has also operated on many knees in the hockey club. Peter will still be around and will be co-opted by the new committee to assist us in the future.

### **Life Members**

At the AGM four new life members were conferred.

Please congratulate

- Di Brown-Greaves,
- Kate Stebbings,
- Jonathan Stebbings
- Craig Fairbrother.

Recognition of people deserving life memberships has been overlooked in recent times and this will be addressed in 2019 as we look to put in place a process to recognise other members worthy of being conferred with life membership.



## Committee for 2019

**President:** Tony Melville

**Treasurer:** Jeremy Brown-Greaves

**Secretary:** Andrew Rook

**Compliance and Technical:** Digby Laurance

**Property:** Georgie Kilroe-Smith

**Communication and website:** Warren Edney

**Coaching:** Craig Fairbrother

**Social and fundraising:** Richard Ingram

**Junior's President:** Mike Walters

**Master's President:** Carole Shanks

**Men's President:** John Robinson

**Women's President:** Sarah Gundlach. *Sarah will take on the leadership of the section and concentrate on the management, culture and communication which will involve forming a Women's committee and reporting back to the Club full committee. Digby Laurance will take on the compliance and technical management of the women's section and provide support for the coaching and selection matters.*