



# Annual Report 2023



**Melbourne University Hockey Club Inc.**

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## About the Club

Melbourne University Hockey Club (MUHC) was established in 1907 and is an affiliated sporting club of the University of Melbourne. The club's membership consists of students, alumni and staff of the University, and other individuals.

MUHC is one of the largest and oldest senior hockey clubs in Victoria, and one of the largest sporting clubs at the University. The club fields men's and women's teams in both senior and masters competitions through Hockey Victoria, as well as supporting intervarsity and intercollegiate participation.

### Strategic Vision

The Vision in MUHC's Strategic Plan (2016-2020) is:

*To be the leading university hockey club in Australia for high performance and development, and recognised as one of the most participation-friendly, competitive, social, and inclusive hockey clubs in Victoria, for all levels.*

MUHC acknowledges and pays respect to the Traditional Owners of the lands upon which we play and train: the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung and Bunurong peoples.



## Office Bearers

### Executive

<b>President</b>	James Stewart
<b>Vice President</b>	Keeley O'Reilly
<b>Secretary</b>	Rosie George
<b>Treasurer</b>	Peter Bolling <sup>1</sup>

### General Committee

Alana Butler	(Women's, Officiating)
Gabrielle Cumbers	(Communications)
Zane Hutter	(Men's)
Tim Mattingsbrooke	(Member Protection)
Amanda Shellshear	(Officiating)
Lucy Wiseman	(Sponsorship)

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<sup>1</sup> Additional portfolio: Uniforms & Equipment

## President's Report

Where to start with my tenth, and *very definitely last*, President's Report?

It really has been a privilege getting to lead the club over all these years, and I can't say thank you enough to everyone I've worked with on the Committee over these years, as well as our coaches, manager, and other volunteers.

This year sadly has not quite been as successful on the field as we might've hoped, though there are still several significant positives to take away from it. Most notably, moving all teams to MSC-Parkville for training (once the pitch replacement was completed) and matches has been an unqualified success. Days with as many as eight teams playing across both pitches have been a lot of fun, and this and all training at the same place has I think helped with cohesion and bonding across the club. There are definitely areas for improvement with respect to amenities (cafeteria & bar being open, taps on benches, injury ice, etc), storage, and consistency of training bookings, but it's a good start nonetheless.

We also restructured our fees to include umpiring costs and top squad levies, introduced a differentiated fee for masters, and added instalment options (utilised by 11% of people). The elimination of the need for team managers to collect money on game day has certainly simplified things for them, and again, these changes have received plenty of positive feedback.

Hoodies also finally happened! I'm pretty sure this has been talked about since before I started as President, so it didn't take *that* long... Great to see them out and about during finals, and I look forward to their continued proliferation next year.

We also trialled an 'intro to Indoor' program at the start of Semester 2. It had a slow start, but that we've subsequently entered two women's teams in the Term 4 indoor competitions shows that there's interest here and room for growth if we can find the right model.

On field things got off to a rough start with the unexpected departure of both our PL head coaches over summer (Phil to coach the New Zealand Black Stick Women's team, and Kate returning home). This certainly put us behind the eight-ball coming into a season with the bottom four teams to be relegated, but to the credit of all involved our teams gave it a red-hot crack. A little bit of different luck and we might well have stayed up, but these things happen. Now we have to reset and rebuild in Vic League 1, but we've been through this before, and I'm confident we'll be able to return to Premier League soon if we commit to it.

It would be tempting to point to one of our promotion years out of VL1, or finals matches in PL, as the highlight of my time as President, but honestly it's hard to go past some of the packed and rambunctious social events as truly the most memorable. Either way, hopefully we can continue to see plenty of both in the coming years.

I wish the incoming President and Committee the best of luck (I'm sure you won't need it), and look forward to seeing what exciting things you do.

James Stewart  
President

## Treasurer's Report

2023 was a difficult year to predict for the club as it represented our first season in 3 years where we could anticipate a full winter season and were not carrying over large liabilities from previous cancelled seasons. In addition, it was the first season with the Melbourne Sports Centre as our home ground, which meant a fairly substantial change in fees.

As a result of these two factors, it was quite difficult to gauge the correct price point for fees, the expected number of players, and the income they would generate. Based on the financial report and losses incurred this year we will need to reevaluate winter fees in 2024.

However, there were a number of financial positives from the year:

- Uniform sales were up due to a large cohort of new players and an expansion of the merchandise we offer, including MUHC hoodies.
- The summer hockey competition was once again sold out. This competition is generally designed to break even, but a lack of any extra costs or late withdrawals of players meant that it actually generated a small amount of income.
- We received funding from HV to facilitate running a six-week indoor hockey program to encourage new and existing players to trial this format.
- We trialled a new fee structure which included weekly umpiring costs in players' fees, which were then passed on to the team organiser. This trial was very successful, reducing the workload for team coaches/managers who would previously have had to chase this money from their players.

### 2023 Winter Season

The winter season ran at a pretty hefty loss, largely due to lower than anticipated numbers across the board. When setting the prices for fees we assume that on average teams will have the equivalent of 14 'full fee' (accounting for 5-game and half-season fees) players but in 2023 the average across all teams was only approximately 12 equivalent full fee players. This was an important lesson for the committee, as we probably were too slow to cancel teams while we still could have avoided paying their registrations. In future seasons we may have to look at cutting teams early and if people join late adding teams then.

### Australian Venue Co. Sponsorship

In April 2022 MUHC signed an agreement with Australian Venue Co. whereby they became an official sponsor of the club in return for promotion of their Sarah Sands Hotel venue to club members and use of the venue for club functions.

In return for this promotion and support they agreed to give all club members a 10% discount on any purchases at Sarah Sands and provide a one time payment to the club of \$1,650.

In 2023 we received our first payment of \$2,264.27 from this agreement. AVC also signed on as a sponsor us in the 2023/24 year with the same structure as above.

### Outstanding Liabilities

At the end of the club's 2021/2022 financial year we still had \$17,267 of liabilities largely due to \$12,000 of outstanding HV pitch hire invoices. These liabilities were all paid in the 2022/23 year, and

contributed significantly to the on paper loss of the season. Without this we would still have made a loss, but a much smaller one.

This year outstanding liabilities were only \$3,258.01 which reflects an improvement in bookkeeping practices and timely payment of invoices.

**Coaching costs**

Coaching costs were down significantly, due in part to the difficulty in finding a men's PL coach at the start of the season. This, combined with a shift to paying coaches only during the playing season significantly impacted the total cost of this budget item.

**Cash position**

It is also worth noting that while at end of September last year we had approximately \$16,000 extra in funds at the bank we also had anticipated ongoing coaching costs of \$3,500/month for the next 4-5 months prior to the season restarting. Because of this we can expect to be in a very similar position at the beginning of the 2024 season as we were at the beginning of the 2023 season.

Peter Bolling  
Treasurer

## Statement of Financial Performance

Melbourne University Hockey Club Inc.

For financial year: 1 October 2022 – 30 September 2023

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Winter Competition</b>	<b>\$93,210.00</b>	<b>\$65,998.60</b>
Membership Fees	\$89,930.00	\$66,629.80
Top Squad Levy (2022)	\$3,280.00	\$3,280.00
Fee Refunds	\$0	(\$631.20)
<b>Other Competitions</b>	<b>\$13,410.00</b>	<b>\$2,634.00</b>
Summer & Term 1 Fees (2022/23)	\$13,130.00	\$2,084.00
Indoor Hockey – 6 Week Program	\$280.00	\$0
Indoor Fees (2022/23)	\$0	\$550.00
<b>Grants – MU Sport</b>	<b>\$13,686.23</b>	<b>\$26,414.00</b>
High Performance	\$13,536.23	\$25,389.00
InterCollegiate Hockey	\$150.00	\$1,025.00
<b>Grants – Other</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>
Business Support Fund	\$0	\$10,000.00
<b>Events &amp; Sponsorship</b>	<b>\$17,700.00</b>	<b>\$6,197.50</b>
Presentation Night (2022)	\$6,395.00	\$3,340.00
Presentation Night (2023)	\$8,840.00	\$0
Club Social Events	\$2,115.00	\$2,210.00
HV Events	\$350.00	\$647.50
<b>Merchandise Sales</b>	<b>\$14,900.00</b>	<b>\$6,860.00</b>
Uniforms	\$14,900.00	\$6,860.00
<b>Investments</b>	<b>\$12,779.36</b>	<b>\$13,687.89</b>
Foundation Interest	\$12,779.36	\$13,687.89
<b>Donations &amp; Fundraising</b>	<b>\$12,764.27</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>
Charitable Donations	\$10,500.00	\$25,000.00
Sponsorship	\$2,264.27	\$0
Fundraising	\$0	\$0
<b>eCommerce Transaction Fees</b>	<b>(\$2,605.96)</b>	<b>(\$1,478.38)</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$175,843.90</b>	<b>\$155,313.61</b>



<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Administration &amp; Finance</b>	<b>\$4,816.57</b>	<b>\$1,485.25</b>
Website and eCommerce	\$1,876.57	\$1,056.00
Bank charges	\$41.00	\$25.25
GST (net) [1]	\$2,899.00	\$404.00
<b>Winter Competition</b>	<b>\$146,889.03</b>	<b>\$102,947.13</b>
Coaching & Development	\$47,343.00	\$68,701.11
Scholarships	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00
High Performance Program – other	\$10,118.62	\$2,020.00
Affiliation & Winter Team Entries	\$36,571.30	\$26,178.00
Ground Hire – Matches	\$22,702.50	\$0
Ground Hire – Matches (Previous Year)	\$12,866.86	\$75.00
Officiating	\$12,541.75	\$0
Fines	\$1,600.00	\$0
Ground Hire – Training [2]	\$145.00	\$3,513.02
<b>Other Competitions</b>	<b>\$11,066.50</b>	<b>\$5,893.89</b>
Summer Team Entries	\$7,271.50	\$0
Indoor Team Entries	\$0	\$2,688.89
Summer Ground Hire	\$2,295.00	\$1,575.00
Summer Umpiring	\$1,500.00	\$1,630.00
<b>Events</b>	<b>\$19,424.66</b>	<b>\$2,346.94</b>
HV Functions & Events	\$2,025.00	\$541.63
Pride	\$594.00	\$1,058.31
Presentation night (This Year)	\$2,400.00	\$0
Presentation Night (Previous Year)	\$12,739.30	\$0
Social Events	\$1,666.36	\$747.00
<b>Merchandise &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>\$16,813.57</b>	<b>\$9,527.65</b>
Uniforms	\$15,716.25	\$9,527.65
Equipment	\$1,097.32	\$0
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$199,010.33</b>	<b>\$122,200.86</b>

[1] Total difference between the amount of GST we collected on sales and membership fees and the amount of GST we spent in purchasing and ground hire.

[2] Most training pitch hire was covered by MU Sport.

<b>NET PROFIT/(LOSS)</b>	<b>(\$23,166.43)</b>	<b>\$33,112.75</b>
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## Statement of Financial Position

Melbourne University Hockey Club Inc.

For financial year: 1 October 2022 – 30 September 2023

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Banking</b>	<b>\$67,323.71</b>	<b>\$85,012.87</b>
Bank Account	\$35,455.20	\$51,373.72
Foundation Income Cash	\$21,223.51	\$8,444.15
Donations Account	\$10,500.00	\$25,000.00
Petty Cash	\$145.00	\$195.00
<b>Current Assets</b>	<b>\$292,309.16</b>	<b>\$308,707.85</b>
Foundation Capital [1]	\$265,334.16	\$284,330.60
Uniforms	\$18,125.00	\$17,610.00
Equipment	?	?
Collected Fees [2]	\$7,350.00	\$4,194.00
MUS grants (credit)	\$0	\$562.23
Sponsorship [3]	\$1,500.00	\$2,011.02
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$359,632.87</b>	<b>\$393,720.72</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
PAYG withholdings payable	\$0	\$2,151.00
Superannuation payable	\$0	\$717.40
GST payable	(\$1,680.00)	(\$1,757.00)
Coaching [4]	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00
Umpiring [4]	\$520.00	\$0
HV invoices – pitch hire [4]	\$918.01	\$12,106.10
HV invoices – events [4]	\$1,500.00	\$1,250.00
Tech bench reimbursements	\$0	\$300
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$3,258.01</b>	<b>\$17,267.50</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$356,374.86</b>	<b>\$376,453.22</b>

[1] Capital is re-valued on 1 January each year.

[2] Fees collected directly by managers rather than through online shop which are yet to be transferred

[3] Confirmed/earned during this financial year, but not received until after 30-Sep.

[4] Expenses relating to this financial year, but for which either the invoices weren't received until after 30-Sep, or payment which would normally have occurred within the financial year was made after 30-Sep.

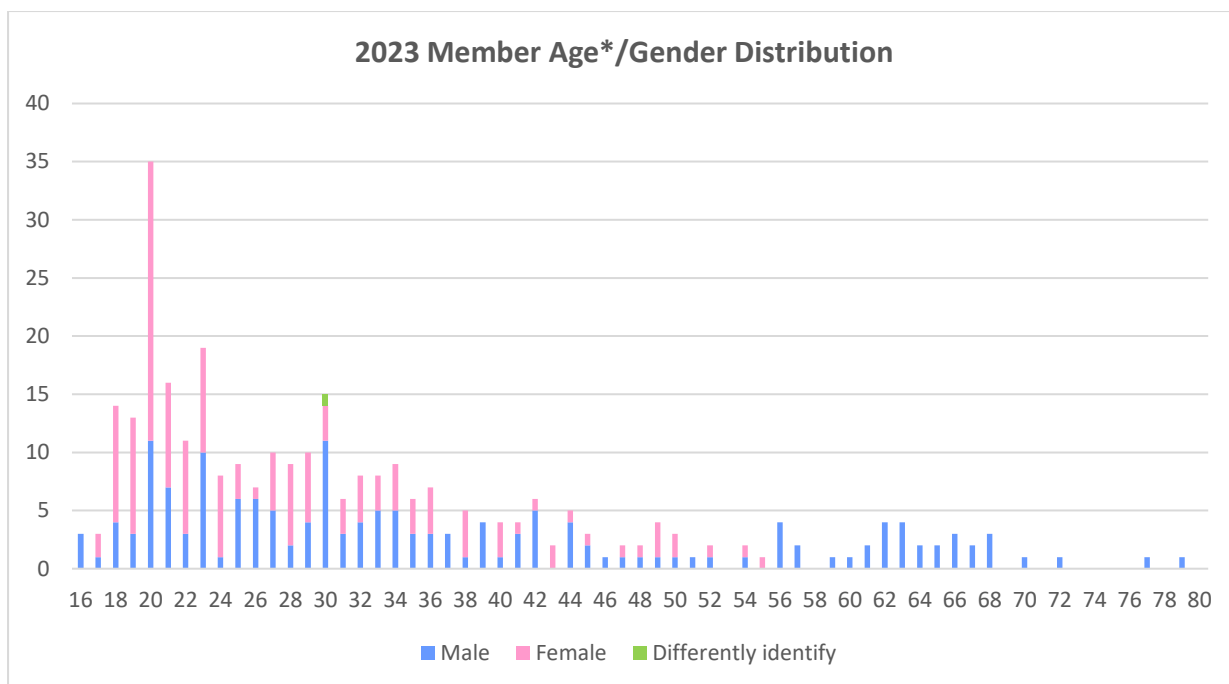
## Membership Summary

Member Category	Male	Female	Non-Binary	Differently Identify	TOTAL	
UoM Student: Undergraduate	23	44			<b>67</b>	22%
UoM Student: Graduate	10	11			<b>21</b>	7%
UoM Alumni	53	27			<b>80</b>	26%
UoM Staff	6	5			<b>11</b>	4%
Student at another university	7	17		1	<b>25</b>	8%
Alumni of another university	32	23			<b>55</b>	18%
Other	33	14			<b>47</b>	15%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>164</b> 54%	<b>141</b> 46%	<b>0</b> 0%	<b>1</b> 0.3%	<b>306</b>	

## Social Participants

These participants aren't included in the membership numbers listed above.

Member Category	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
InterCollegiate hockey	256	?	?	n/a	192	209
Summer & Indoor hockey	8	18	27	24	24	?
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>209</b>
Male	136	10	14	12	98	?
Female	128	8	13	12	118	?
Non-Binary	0	0	0			
Differently Identify	0	0	0			



\* As at 1-Jan-2023

### Historical Membership Comparison

Member Category	2023	2022	2021	2020 <sup>2</sup>	2019	2018
UoM Student: Undergraduate	67	59	50	17	65	69
UoM Student: Graduate	21	23	33	14	31	38
UoM Alumni	80	88	86	34	97	95
UoM Staff	11	9	10	5	11	12
Student at another university	25	22	20	7	30	25
Alumni of another university	55	47	57	21	60	58
Other	47	48	47	19	57	55
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>352</b>
Male	164	173	176	71	200	192
Female	141	122	125	46	151	160
Non-Binary	0	0	1			
Differently Identify	1	1	1			

<sup>2</sup> Due to the initial postponement and then subsequent cancellation of the 2020 season, plus their timing (well before any matches were played), much fewer people completed a membership registration in 2020 than would otherwise have been expected.

## Life Members

- Finlay McNab (dec.)
- Andrew Tulloch
- Ian Hunt
- André Auret
- Bill Brazenor (dec.)
- Tim Mattingsbrooke
- William Guthrie
- Trina Dreher
- James Stewart
- Emily Rosse
- Paul Boltwood (new inductee)
- Andrew Paice (new inductee)



New Life Members Andrew Paice and Paul Boltwood, with President James Stewart

## Team Results, Coaches, Best & Fairests

High Performance Director: Mitch Hayde

Grade	Result	Coach/Manager	Best & Fairest
<b>Men's Seniors</b>			
1. Men's Premier League	15 <sup>th</sup>	Mitch Hayde (coach) Trudie Webber (manager)	Jacob Broderick Riley Damnics
2. Men's Premier League Reserves	12 <sup>th</sup>	Chris Knight	Paul de Frietas
3. Men's Pennant B	9 <sup>th</sup>	David Symington	Henry Bouchier
4. Men's Pennant C	10 <sup>th</sup>	David Symington	David Symington
5. Men's Pennant D North West	Premiers	Paul Boltwood Andrew Paice	Haydn Ellis
6. Men's Metro 2 Central	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Peter Bolling	Cody Siu
<b>Women's Seniors</b>			
1. Women's Premier League	14 <sup>th</sup>	Emily Rosse (coach) Malina Knowles (manager)	Jean Flanagan Rachel Knowles
2. Women's Premier League Reserves	7 <sup>th</sup>	Cooper Price	Hanneke Raaimakers
3. Women's Pennant A	5 <sup>th</sup>	Alana Butler Isaak Schenk	Anna Hayes
4. Women's Pennant B	5 <sup>th</sup>	Alana Butler Isaak Schenk	Ylva Carosone
5. Women's Pennant D North West	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Megan Castles	Lyndsay Allan
6. Women's Pennant E North West	5 <sup>th</sup>	Rudy Tielen	Dorothy Carrigg
<b>Masters</b>			
Men's Masters 45+ NW	Runners-up	Stephan Isselhard	-
Men's Masters 50+ A	9 <sup>th</sup>	Andrew Tulloch	-
Men's Masters 60+	<b>Premiers</b>	Andrew Tulloch	-
Women's Masters 35+ A	5 <sup>th</sup>	Katie Lawry	Louise Lines
<b>InterVarsity (Uni Nationals)</b>			
Women's	5 <sup>th</sup>	Carolyn Watson	Alannah Hibbard
Men's	4 <sup>th</sup>	Pim Okhuizen Ben Rogalsky	Will Thomas

**Captains**

<b>Men's 1s</b>	Joel Hamilton
<b>Women's 1s</b>	Charlotte Giesbers
<b>Women's InterVarsity</b>	Neive Campbell
<b>Men's InterVarsity</b>	Pim Okhuizen

**Club-wide Awards**

<b>President's Trophy</b>	Rosie George
<b>Team of the Year</b>	Men's Pennant D
<b>Most Improved Player (Men's)</b>	Jan van den Driesen
<b>Most Improved Player (Women's)</b>	Lily Fulford

**Blues**

	<b>Women</b>	<b>Men</b>
<b>Full Blue</b>	-	William Robbins
<b>Half Blue</b>	Neive Campbell Alannah Hibbard	Pim Okhuizen Benjamin Rogalsky

## External awards, representative honours & appointments

Clive Harrison

- Victoria (Men's); 65+ Masters Championships – 4<sup>th</sup>
- Australia (Men's) 65+ Masters Team; Oceania Trans-Tasman Masters Hockey Challenge

Alannah Hibbard

- Victoria (Women's); U21 National Championships – 5<sup>th</sup>

Sally Howie

- Victoria (Women's); U21 National Championships – 5<sup>th</sup>

Lloyd Kermonde

- Victoria (Men's); 60+ Masters Championships – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Richard Kermonde

- Victoria (Men's); 60+/2 Masters Championships – 4<sup>th</sup>

Keeley O'Reilly

- Assistant Umpires Manager; U13 National Championships

Hanneke Raaijmakers

- Victoria (Women's); 34+ Masters Championships – 5<sup>th</sup>

Davin Smith

- Victoria (Men's); 50+/2 Masters Championships – 3<sup>rd</sup>

James Stewart

- Technical Official; Hockey One
- Assistant Tournament Director; U21 National Championships

Peter Urie

- Victoria (Men's); 65+ Masters Championships – 4<sup>th</sup>
- Australia (Men's) 65+ Masters Team; Oceania Trans-Tasman Masters Hockey Challenge

Trudie Webber

- Team Manager, HC Melbourne (Women's); Hockey One – 5<sup>th</sup>





MUHC's Hockey One reps



## Year in review



Men's Pennant D North West (Premiers)



Men's 60+ (Premiers)





Men's 45+ NW (Runners-up)



Women's Round: Men's & Women's Premier League & Reserves training





Pride Round : Women's Pennant B



Theme Night





Presentation Night



HV Awards Night





Women's InterVarsity



Men's InterVarsity





Men's Premier League



Women's Pennant D





Men's Metro 2



## Supporters and Sponsors

MUHC would like to thank the following organisations for their generous support this year.

