

# WWCHA Annual General Meeting Agenda

## 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017



**Date:** Monday 27th November 2017  
**Time:** 7.30pm – 9.00pm  
**Location:** Jubilee Park Club Rooms  
**Chaired by:** K. Larkin

**Attending Board :** C. Bailey, K. Boyd, S. Arnold, K. Wickson, S. Smith, C. Tokley

### Apologies:

Confirmation of previous AGM meeting Minutes 28th November 2017

Moved: Seconded:

A maximum of three (3) patrons are to be elected at the annual general meeting.

Traditionally:

Mayor of Wagga Wagga  
State Member for Wagga Wagga  
Federal Member for Riverina

Councillor Greg Conkey  
Daryl Maguire, MP  
Michael McCormack, MP

### Board Reports

#### Presidents Report- Ken Larkin

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It is with great pleasure that I provide this report for the 2017 Season. This was my 2nd year as President and I am grateful for the opportunity provided to me by the WWCHA.

The 2017 season saw us move forward in terms of developing a 3-5 strategy as well as being clear on our goals and vision.

Our Part 1 of our strategy session held in February this year allowed us to make a good start and it was pleasing to see members of our hockey community contribute to the discussion as well as defining the way forward for Wagga Hockey.

Part 2 and the final session of our strategy session will be held on Saturday 17 February 2018. This will see us complete our discussions on the way forward and clearly define the final pieces of our 3-5 year strategy. The session will again be facilitated by Hockey NSW and all of the participants for Part 1 will be invited to attend Part 2 of the discussion, along with anyone who is interested in contributing on the day.

This year also saw us work closely with Griffith Association and this has seen our relationship grow not only in supporting each other but also actively working together for the benefit and growth of hockey in our towns.

We still have some way to go to achieve the same progress and relationship with Tumut Assoc, however this should be one of the priorities for WWCHA during 2018.

Our relationships with the Wagga Council continues to grow, and this year we conducted many productive meetings with Council reps, that ensured that we continued to have their support and that our working relationship was sound. One of the key aspects of our relationship with Council is our user agreement, which to date has not been on a formal basis. During the early part of 2018 Council will be looking to forge a formal user agreement. This will mean that we have to be very definitive about what we will be responsible for and what Council will be responsible for.

It is my intention to have a working party of the Club Presidents and other interested parties to work on what we consider to be a workable and constructive user agreement that will be fair to both parties.

Our media coverage for 2017 was fantastic with increased coverage across all media. A special thanks goes to Sam Arnold (Competitions Manager), who worked closely with all media contacts resulting in good coverage of the weekend matches (1st Grade) as well as the one off special stories.

Our Facebook page continued to be a good forum for sharing stories as well as keeping our members up to date with what was happening across WWCHA and Hockey NSW.

Wagga Hockey continued to work well with our RCC (Pat O'Donnell) and Pat's presence amongst our juniors is now starting to show through with better performances at the State Championships.

I would like to now take an opportunity to highlight key achievements for Wagga Hockey during 2017.

They are:

.For the first time in a number of years and with the exception of Men's Masters we have competed in every Hockey NSW Age division for the annual State Championships with our Under 15 girls winning Div. 4 of their championships here in Wagga and our Under 18 Girls making the final in their respective division.

All of our other teams represented Wagga Hockey with pride and commitment.

.Our junior playing numbers continue to grow and I would like to thank everyone who is involved with our juniors on Friday nights. Without your help we would not see the continued growth and success of our juniors.

.From a facilities perspective we have, installed safety nets at the southern ends of both fields to protect the car park, completed structural and safety repairs to the grandstands extending their life by 7 years, installed new shoe cleaners on both fields and purchased new catering equipment for the canteen as well as enhancing the safety aspects for our clubs when working in the canteen.

In the next couple of weeks, power and lighting will be installed in the storage container, along with additional security lighting.

We currently have grant applications in progress which if approved will assist with:

- Cementing of the drains on the Northern and Southern ends of Paul turf
- Replacing the fences surrounding both fields
- Installation of lighting and power for the storage container.

.We have designed and implemented a new representative uniform across Wagga, Griffith and Tumut.

The uniform has an indigenous flair and has been very well received at the State Championships held this year.

In addition a range of supporters gear has also been added as well as new shirts for all of our umpires.

.Our presentation night was a step up from last year and the night was well support by our members. Of course one of the highlights of the night was our guest speaker Kate Jenner (former Hockeyroo). As well as providing some inspirational words Kate also conducted in conjunction with our RCC, a number of coaching clinics over the weekend.

Thank you Kate, you were fantastic.

Special thanks to Karen Boyd for her organisation of the Presentation Night.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank my board for 2017, because without them and their hard work, we would have not had the successful season that we have had - thank you for your dedication and hard work, I and Wagga Hockey very much appreciate it.

We have to remember the board operated with 2 vacancies and this is not easy, which meant that each board member had to pick up elements of the vacant roles.

Finally I believe that we are moving forward and building on the great work that previous boards have completed.

However in saying that we need to ensure that more people from within the association contribute to the success and development of Wagga Hockey. There is considerable experience and knowledge within our association that remains untapped, and I encourage everyone to continue to find a way

Ken Larkin  
President WWCHA

**Administration- Carla Bailey**

This season saw the introduction of a new registration database rolled out across NSW. This reduced the need for cash handling allowing our junior members to pay all of their fees upon registration. The new revolutionise database has also provided an opportunity for WWCHA to update the website and post a lot more information linking through the Wagga Hockey Facebook page.

The NSW Government Office for Sport have introduced the Active Kids rebate program which commences in January 2018. This initiative has been introduced to reduce barriers to child participation in sport. The rebate will be accessed through a voucher system for all school enrolled children. The voucher is not means tested is available every child in the family over the next four years.

WWCHA in conjunction with Hockey NSW have enrolled to participate in this very important initiative in getting kids active and assisting to reduce the number of overweight children in NSW.

Given the challenges in finding nominees for board positions in the last 2 seasons there needs to be consideration given to a change in the current nomination process to continue to sustain a hockey competition in Wagga.

Suggestions for 2019 onwards:

A change to the constitution mandating that all clubs must have a minimum of 1 representative on the board every season which would account for 6 of the board positions. This would allow for 3 positions to be taken up by other nominees.

Meeting Dates for 2018

January 22nd	April 23rd	July 23rd
February 26th	May 28th	August 27th
March 26th	June 25th	September 24th

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Lastly, I would like to thank the board members for their support throughout the season and those members that volunteer their time throughout the season assisting the board to run a successful hockey season.

### **Treasurer's Report- Karen Boyd**

Season 2017

The 2017 has been another successful year, with a successful championships, successful competition and successful fundraising and successful presentation night. Books currently at accountants being audited and financials being prepared. Profit and Loss report attached

Balances of accounts as at 31st October 2017

	\$
Cheque account	20410.48
Cash reserve account	42794.09
Term Deposit	239935.87
MasterCard account	290.11
Fundraising account	452.61
Total	303883.16

Overall profit for the year is \$23603.92. This may change slightly when books are checked.

This being \$8809 better than this time last year. Major items are as follows:

Field Income - \$62816.89. Coming from games costs, training and turf hire.

Membership - \$26908.99

Lighting costs- \$7941.45, Recovery \$2172.10. Games and training costs. Recovery from club trainings.

Canteen –Income \$33363.98, expenses \$18090.57. Main income derived from State Championships, PSSA Touch carnival and weekend takings.

Representative – All players' fees collected. More than 15 payment plans used by players this year.

Uniforms – \$18878.13. This was a large expense this year as we knew it would be. Not only were new representative uniforms purchases but also junior playing shirt and umpire shirts subsidised. With a portion being re paid from shorts, skorts and socks.

Facilities - \$33770.31. Major purchase this year being netting behind goals, shoe cleaners

Consideration for 2018 season

Payment plans - This is a very time consuming option. I have spent more than 20 hours this year on this alone. Chasing and checking up on payments. I suggest we look at a Bill payment option, where payments can be deducted from credit cards. Or organising payment through revolutionise. Carla is looking into this.

Uniforms – Only a small amount needs to be purchased this year. This being shorts, skorts and socks which are paid for by players.

2018 has been a tough year for myself. The treasurers roll for 2017 season took longer than previous years. Not only have I looked after financials but also ran the canteen, help organised State championships, organised presentation night, tech bench most weeks, managed 2 representative teams and sorted out new uniforms. This is all done with little thanks from members. I have been accused of getting account numbers for umpire payments illegally, yelled and abused by players doing the wrong thing. I do it all because no one else wants to. It is not always fun. But someone has to do it. So I decided not to stand for Treasurer unless a full board is to hand for the 2018 season.

## **Facilities Report- Vacant**

## **Representative- Sharon Smith**

### **2017 Representative Report**

The position of Representative Manager was not filled at the AGM in 2016. I volunteered to fill the position for the 2017 season. With the support of my panel which consisted of Pat O'Donnell, Kelsey Griffin, Kathy Lambkin, Kylie Cowell along with the assistance of Karen Boyd and Ken Larkin.

2017 saw Wagga attend the championships in the new uniform. There were lots of positive comments and great feedback from other associated throughout NSW. Griffith, Wagga and Tumut juniors have accepted the new combined representative uniform and have been wearing it with pride together.

For the first time in a lot of years Wagga has been able to send a representative team to the state championships in each age division as well as 5 teams to the Canberra carnival the long weekend in June.

<b>T e a m</b>	<b>M a n a g e r</b>	<b>C o a c h</b>	<b>2017 Ranking</b>	<b>2018 Ranking</b>
U13 Girls	Kate Wickson	Carla Bailey	2 7	3 0
U13 Boys	Anna Nightingale	Jackson White	Did not attend	3 3
U15 Girls	Kate Wickson	Carla Bailey	Did not attend	2 9
U15 Boys	Karen Boyd	Rhys McManus	Did not attend	2 5
U18 Girls	Karen Boyd	Kelsey Griffin	2 2	2 2
U18 Boys	Iain Wilford	Patrick O'Donnell	2 1	2 0
Open Women	Brittany O'Donnell & Christan Loiterton	Patrick O'Donnell	Did not attend	2 5
Open Men	Phillip Bradley	Benson Williams	2 0	2 0

#### Men's Masters

Although there were no Wagga men's teams that attended the state championships players from Wagga still attended the championships with other associations.

#### Women's Masters

Wagga Wagga had 5 teams that attended the South State Championship. These consisted of teams from Wagga x 2, Griffith x 1 and Tumut x 2. While 2017 is the final year for smaller associations such as Griffith and Tumut to be able to wear their representative uniforms, there was discussion about them still being able to wear their current uniforms in the future but this has been ruled out and in 2018 they will be required to wear the new Wagga Wagga Combined Hockey Association uniform.

#### Canberra Carnival

Wagga had 5 teams attend the Canberra Carnival. Although the teams didn't make it to any finals they all had a great time and were able to expand on their skills and make new friends play against other associations. Thank you to the coaches and managers for taking the kids to Canberra for the weekend. Coaches were Callum Clayton, Chelsea McEwan, Maree Beresford, Jackson White and Carla Bailey. Managers were Helen Clayton, Paula McEwan, Jo Jolliffe, Anna Nightingale and Kate Wickson. Special thanks to Mitchell Foster and Charlotte Wickson for umpiring for the weekend plus the parents/coach who umpired the Under 11 games.

#### Reflecting on 2017

- Having various fees for each team is difficult.
- U13, U15 & U18 teams all need to travel on a bus, not by private transport.
- Have all information including accommodation details, fees, and travel arrangements to all players sooner.
- Trial day for representative teams worked well.
- Information packs to coaches and managers was helpful.
- Registering teams and players on revolution was easy

#### Recommendations for 2018

- ★ Consistent Fees for all teams.

- ★ Have a trial day for representative teams with date to be set once coaches and managers have been finalised.
- ★ All under aged teams to travel by bus to all championships.
- ★ Do the information packs again.

Thank you to my panel members for your help and support; to the coaches and managers for your time in training and organising the teams and most off all the players for your enthusiasm, great sportsmanship and commitment to attend the championships; and to the parents of the underage teams thank you for encouraging and supporting your children through the representative processes to allow them to attend the state championships.

### **Competitions- Sam Arnold**

No report

### **Events- Vacant**

### **Officiating- Cameron Tokley**

Wow, what a year it has been for the officials of Wagga Hockey.

Coming in after the start of the season it was always going to be tough for me to work my way into the role of Umpire Manager. But I thank everyone on the Board for giving me the chance and for helping me to provide the support and help to succeed in the role. I also want to thank every club for helping along the way with umpire appointments. I know that not everyone loves to umpire, but every week we manage to get umpires for every game. We are very lucky here in Wagga to have a good core group of umpires that are willing to work together to further improve the standard of hockey here locally.

The year itself has been a big year for Wagga Hockey officials. We have seen a rise in number of umpires stepping up and umpiring on a regular basis. Also a good number of young up and coming umpires heading away representing wagga well at State Champs and other various tournaments.

Charlotte Wickson 13 girls  
Ben Burdett 15 girls and 18 girls & Open Women  
Jackson White 15 boys

Charmaine Gay  
HNSW – Umpire Manager – Open Women's - Moorebank  
HNSW – Deputy Umpire Manager – U15's Girls – Wagga Wagga  
HNSW – Deputy Umpire Manager – U13's Girls- Tamworth  
Hockey Australia - Umpire Coach – Tran Tasman Master event in New Zealand  
Hockey Australia – Umpire Manager – Country – Townsville  
Hockey Australia – Umpire Manager – U13's Girls – Perth

Also a member of the Australian Female Officiation Panel

Former Wagga Umpire Brydie Wellham

Umpired at U18 women's and Open women's state championships. National Country tournament (August) and Masters Women's (September October). At country rewarded with gold medal match and selection to tour with open Australian Country team in April 2018.

Umpire coached U18 women's, U15 boys, U13 boys and CHS girl's carnival. Umpire managed at U13 girls.

Junior Umpire of the Year – Mitch Foster

Wow, what a season for this young guy. Mitch has come along in leaps and bounds this year in all aspects of Umpiring. He is fully committed to improving his umpiring and progressing further in his career. Some of Mitch's achievements this year include.

Wagga Umpire – Under 15 girls State Champs

- Under 13 Boys State Champs
- Under 13 boys Canberra carnival
- Under 13 boy's steakhouse cup
- Combined independent schools umpire at NSW PSSA boys & girls state champs
- Appointed final at NSW PSSA girls state champs
- Semi Final at the boys PSSA State Champs
- Selected as NSW Primary schools Umpire at Pacific School games in Adelaide in December which is an international event.

### **Development- Kate Wickson**

Annual General Meeting Junior Development Report November 2017 - Kate Wickson

The 2017 Season has had many accomplishments and all those who have been involved in the Junior Competition should be extremely proud of the great results.

Our aim is to provide junior players within the Wagga community to have access to a sport that is exciting, engaging, educational, friendly, inclusive and cost effective for parents. I believe we meet and exceed this aim and this is evident in our positive parent feedback and increase in player numbers.

The 2017 season saw many changes to our Junior Competition. All age groups were moved to Friday nights with Under 9 / 11 commencing at 5:30, Under 13 at 6:30 and Under 16's at 7:30pm.

Under 9's had 4 teams, Under 11 6 teams, Under 13 4 teams, Under 16 4 teams.

New playing shirts were introduced for Under 11/13/16 grades and were a huge hit. The shirts have been purchased by Wagga Hockey and after each season will be collected ready for the next season.

New Joey Balls were purchased for use in the Under 9/11 age groups and provided this younger group with a safer alternative for beginner hockey players.

Under 11's continued with the half field format which has continued to assist in the teaching of positions and rules for new players.

We again gained the assistance of a fantastic group of coaches who assisted each team every week extending their expertise and time. Many of these coaches were junior players themselves and it has been fantastic to see their development as coaches over the last year.

Our thanks must also go to our wonderful umpires, junior and senior, who have been invaluable to our Junior Competition. It was wonderful to see Senior Clubs also assisting in providing umpires each week. I hope they can see the benefit of providing junior players with good quality experienced umpires.

Aims for 2018:

1. Continue to increase player numbers



2. Develop junior umpires by providing quality coaching and mentoring from senior umpires
3. Increased involved by senior clubs in the organisation and running of the junior competition
4. Develop a pathway for older juniors to move into the Senior Competition
5. Improve publicity and exposure of the Junior Competition and player opportunities within the wider Wagga Community.
6. Assist talented juniors to further develop their skills and knowledge of the game and ensure the longevity of their involvement with the game
7. Provide opportunities for juniors to become involved in Gala Days as a way of promoting Hockey

Thank you to all the Wagga Hockey Board Members who have provided significant support and guidance throughout the Junior Season.

## **Election of Committee for 2018**

### **Election of committee members**

*(1) Nominations of candidates for election as committee members of the association:*

*(a) must be made in writing, nominating the committee position they wish to stand for. and*

*(b) must be delivered to the secretary of the association at least 7 days before the date fixed for the holding of the annual general meeting at which the election is to take place.*

*(2) If insufficient nominations are received to fill a position on the committee, The chairperson may seek nominations from the floor for the position.*

*(3) If insufficient nominations are received, any vacant positions remaining on the committee are taken to be casual vacancies.*

*(4) If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated are taken to be elected.*

*(5) If the number of nominations received exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot is to be held.*

*(6) The ballot for the election of committee members of the committee is to be conducted at the annual general meeting in such usual and proper manner as the committee may direct.*

*(7) A person nominated as a candidate for election as a committee member of the association must be a member of the association.*

As per WWCHA constitution *clause 4* only one nomination has been received for each of the positions (President, Secretary, Treasurer, Competitions Manager, Officiating Manager and Development Manager) those people who nominated for these positions are taken to be elected.

<b>Position</b>	<b>2017 Member</b>	<b>Nomination 1</b>	<b>Nomination 2</b>	<b>Nomination 3</b>	<b>2018 Member</b>
<b>President</b>	Ken Larkin	Ken Larkin			Ken Larkin
<b>Secretary</b>	Carla Bailey	Carla Bailey			Carla Bailey
<b>Treasurer</b>	Karen Boyd	Karen Boyd			Karen Boyd
<b>Facilities Manager</b>	Vacant	Phil Stone			Phil Stone
<b>Competitions Manager</b>	Sam Arnold	Sam Arnold			Sam Arnold
<b>Officiating Manager</b>	Cameron Tokley	Cameron Tokley			Cameron Tokley

<b>Representative Manager</b>	Sharon Smith	Sharon Smith			Sharon Smith
<b>Development Manager</b>	Kate Wickson	Kate Wickson			Kate Wickson
<b>Events Manager</b>	Vacant	Brittany O'Donnell			Brittany O'Donnell

**Meeting Closed:**

**Next AGM: 26 November 2018**