



Annual Report

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UTS HOCKEY CLUB

Comprising over 250 senior and junior members, we are the largest actively competing club at the University of Technology, Sydney, and one of the largest Hockey clubs in Sydney, experiencing phenomenal growth over the past 30 years and have won the UTS Union "Club of the Year" trophy five times (1996, 1998, 2000, 2002 and 2008).

Our men compete in Premier League of Sydney Hockey Association. This is the top level of grade hockey in NSW. Five lower grades compete in Sydney Leagues 1 and 3-6. Our four top women's grades compete in the Sydney Womens Hockey League Divisions 2, 3, 5, and 6, and our women's masters team in Division 3. Our Women's first grade competed in Metro Division Two, one grade below the top grade for women in NSW and will be promoted in 2014 to Metro Division One. We also have 4 teams competing in the Sunday competition run by Sydney North Hockey Association.

Current UTS students have the opportunity to compete at Eastern University Games and Australian University Games, against University teams from around the country. Having 15 teams allows us to cater for all standards of player, from beginner to International.

UTS Hockey Club is affiliated with the UTS Union and enjoys substantial financial and administrative support. The funding we receive is used to subsidise playing fees, uniforms, training facilities, and allows us to employ top coaches for all teams.

Club Executive

Elected Officers

President:	Paul Economides
Vice President:	Jenna Seymour
Secretary:	Cameron Ward
Treasurer:	Anita Cambridge
Club Caption (Mens):	James Maltman
Club Caption (Womens):	Yolanda Thomas

Non- Elected Positions:

Registrar:	Dr. Philip Taylor
Assistant Registrar:	Jane Hamill
Juniors Convenor:	Fiona Telfer
Assistant Treasurer:	Roshan Khaira
Assistant Women's Club Captain:	vacant
Social Officers:	Beth Andean and Sarah Piovesan
Communications Officer:	Holly Gursanscky
Equipment Officer:	Kate King and Skye McFadyen
Club House Manager:	Kate King and Skye McFadyen
Umpires Convenor:	Matt Kay and Bridget Dean



PRESIDENTS REPORT

Season Overview

Four Grand Finalists, TWO PREMIERSHIPS WON!! Congratulations to Women's 1st grade, on winning their Grand Final in Metro League 2 to complete the Minor and Major Premiership double and secure passage back to Metro League 1 next season. Men's 2nd grade also completed the Major/Minor Premiership double and finished the season as undefeated champions in Sydney League 1. Runners-up honours went to Women's 4th grade and Men's Masters, who both lost in very closely fought Grand Finals. Congratulations to all players and coaches for reaching the final game of the season.

Congratulations also to our other finalists: Women's 7s and Masters, and Men's 4s. Having 7 teams reach the finals out of a total of 16 teams is a noteworthy achievement. Our Uni Games teams also performed well with men's and women's teams competing at the Eastern Uni Games in Wollongong in July and the Australian Uni Games on the Gold Coast during the first week of October. Women's Club Captain Yolanda Thomas earned selection on the Green and Gold team!! Well done Yo!!

A massive thank you to the Club Executive – it has been a pleasure and delight to have such hardworking people willing to do the work that is required to run such a large and diverse Hockey Club. Special congratulations to Vice President Jenna Seymour and Men's Club Captain James Maltman, who were married on September 28. We welcomed some new faces to our Executive this year, and I felt we made some important changes in our structure and efficiency. The new database and email system has been fully implemented and from 2014 all hockey associations in NSW will move to direct player registration through the HNSW systems – a challenge that I predict will take some getting used to but will assist the Club with more accurate planning for team numbers.

Thanks as always to coaches and managers; your commitment is greatly appreciated in a vitally important role. A notable addition this year was Club Coach Aaron McCarthy, who cast his eye across all teams to monitor player development and assisted individual coaches in developing their own coaching skills. We achieved notable improved performances across most teams this season and it is clear that the dedication of our coaches assists in the development of new player skills and teamwork. All players thank you for what is a time intensive and committed responsibility.

Our Junior hockey programme continued this year with 4 junior teams entered in the Warringah Hockey Association weekly grass competition on Saturday mornings. Once again, well done to Fi Telfer for organising these teams and to the coaches, managers and parents for supporting this important initiative for our Club. We also ran 6 week Hook in2 Hockey programmes at the start of Term 3 on Pitch 2, Sydney Olympic Park where over 15 new players were introduced to hockey. We are always on the lookout for more helpers and coaches so please email juniors@utshockey.org if you are keen to assist!



Our Club House next to Pitch 2 at Sydney Olympic Park again proved a great success this year. Having equipment and uniforms stored at the ground was hugely beneficial to the club volunteers and all players enjoyed the ability to relax and mingle with club mates before and after games and training in our new facility. We developed a productive relationship with the new catering concession holders, SPARK catering, allowing us to sell drinks and run BBQs, which was a great social and financial success.

The 2014 season will bring new challenges. Women's 1st grade are back in Metro League 1, and Men's 1st grade will need to build on their great results from the final third of this season. Other teams that just missed out on finals will understand what extra work is required throughout the season to be part of the Top 4. All of us need to increase our commitment to our team, Club and the sport, to avoid instances of large numbers of players absent each week.

For a number of reasons, we were about 1.5 players per team short of the ideal number for a full squad, which created weekly selection challenges for most of the season. With the new HNSW rego system to operate from 2014, we will finalise teams based on a larger number of registered squad members and hopefully reduce the weekly workload on team management.

I look forward to seeing you all again when pre-season fitness training kicks-off again in January 2014. We plan on starting Monday sessions at Manly Beach early in the New Year, with the Thursday sessions being held at Pitch 2, incorporating sprint work with hockey skills. It important that we see solid attendance at these sessions to ensure we start the season in April in fully match fit condition.

Uni Games

Men and women's teams competed at the Eastern University Games in Wollongong with the men finishing 5th out of 9 teams and women finishing 7th of 11 teams. At the Australian University Games on the Gold Coast, our women's team finished 7th in division 2, whilst our men finished 8th in division 2 despite finishing equal 2nd after the pool games but relegated to 6th on for and against, eliminating them from the medal rounds. Thanks to Managers Anna Dobrijevic, Andrew Kelly and Simon Greenwood for their great effort and organisation of the teams in conjunction with the UTS Sports Office.

Other comps

Indoor Hockey numbers are steady for the 2013 spring competitions. We have entered one team in men's Premier League (Wednesday nights at Hurstville Leisure Centre), women's B Grade and C Grade teams (Wednesday nights at Ryde Aquatic Centre), and 2 mixed teams on Thursday/Friday nights, at the Marie Bashir Gymnasium in Mosman. Finals are due to be played in December.

One women's summer comp team was entered into the Ryde competition on Sundays. We are also running our own Mixed 7s comp at Homebush on Tuesday nights, with 4 teams competing.

Umpiring

A number of Club members were appointed each week to Sydney Hockey Association competition games in 2013. We expect to continue this process next season and assist more players to become accredited. Many thanks to Jenna



Seymour for managing our women's weekly umpire appointments. Further development of club umpires is required in future years.

Northern Inland Academy of Sport (NIAS) Scholarships

Of our 2011 scholarship winners, Nicole Tobin and Luke Kliendienst, only Luke move to Sydney in 2013 to take up the remaining 2 years of his NIAS club scholarship. We are expecting the 2012 winners, Alex McKenzie and Claire Eichorn, to move to Sydney in 2014 and play for our Club. We recently awarded three scholarships for 2014 at the annual NIAS Dinner in Tamworth on Saturday November 9. The recipients were Josh Worpel, Isaac Farmillo, and Katrina Rekunow. Each of these athletes is a current member of the NSW u18 squad. On 9/10 March, we took men's and women's teams to Tamworth to play against the Tamworth Rep and NIAS squads, followed by a clinic and lunch on the Sunday. This was a great way to strengthen our relationship with this region.

Administration Overview

Congratulations to the 2013 committee. Overall, the season ran very smoothly, with only a few issues being encountered which were resolved quickly, or noted for improvement in 2014. Some new initiatives and concepts were debated and tested and we fully implemented our on-line database and email system. This is now used to track member type, and record receipt of membership and playing fees.

Thank you to all coaches and team managers for organising your teams throughout the season. **I call on all players across the grades to ensure that they communicate their availability for games AND training as early as possible to your team leaders. We unfortunately experienced too many instances of players dropping-out of games at the last minute or not turning-up at all, which makes it difficult to field full teams and affects results. You let your team mates down in these circumstances.**

A big thank you to Just Hockey for their continuing support. This was our 10th year of sponsorship from which all club members benefit. The sponsorship of \$1,000 of equipment and \$500 of merchandise for Trivia Night assists us greatly, together with the club discounts and provision of junior development kits at greatly reduced prices.

Sponsorship was also offered by Charter Group Finance with the promise to provide greater financial incentives for business that is generated through the hockey club.

Thanks also to our parent body, UTS Union Ltd, for their continued financial support. The funding we receive enables us to continue to provide an excellent sporting service at an affordable price to our student members.



Cameron Ward
Secretary
2008 - Current

SECRETARY'S REPORT

General Administration

In general this year the club was effectively managed, however there were a reduction in the number of formal executive meetings held due to the use of executive emails. Leading us to a more efficient administration process within the club.

The administration of the club has improved over the last year, a major help has been the introduction of the online club database that has allowed for easier access to information.

I would like to, once again this year, thank Philip Taylor for volunteering his time in the Registrar role for the club. His knowledge of the inner workings of the Hockey NSW registration system and his ability to keep his head above water allows the club to effectively register everyone in the club each year.

I would finally like to thank everyone who helped out with website updating/ facebook management and all other forms of club communication this year. I know without your help it would have a much larger job to undertake every year.

Online Club Management

UTS Hockey Club has transitioned to an online membership database at the start of 2014. The new system allows anyone of the executive to send out a club/team/member email from any place that has internet access. This is a major improvement over our previous system of group emails using Outlook.

The executive is looking to continue to improve the system and broaden the use on the new database to include member information tracking and membership records with the goal for the database to be a one stop shop for club management in the future.

Social Networks

UTS Hockey Club now has presence on the major Social Networks:

- Facebook: (<http://www.facebook.com/UTSHockey>),
- Twitter: @utshockey
- Instagram: @utshockey

Sarah Piovesan has taken over managing club updates in 2013 and it has been a big success. I would like to thank her for her efforts this year. The goal is to continue club awareness through these platforms in 2014.

Injuries

It is a good year to report that there were no major injuries during this year's winter season. 5 insurance claims were submitted this year for minor injuries requiring minor treatment or physiotherapy.

A copy of the 2013 AGM Minutes can be found in Appendix A



FINANCE REPORT

Full Accounts for 2013, including Profit and Loss Statement, Bank Reconciliation, and proposed 2014 Budget, were prepared under UTS Union reporting requirements and can be found in Appendix B



REGISTRAR'S REPORT

UTS Hockey Club had 217 senior members in 2013. The following statistics have been gained through analysis of our member demographics.

Member Status

Gender	Female	Male	Total	
UTS Student	25	14	39	18%
UTS Alumni	19	16	35	17%
School	13	0	13	6%
Other	64	65	129	59%
Total	121	96	216	

A listing of current club members is provided in Appendix C.

Philip Taylor
Registrar
2008 - Current



MEN'S REPORT
as Tabled Separately

James Maltman
Mens Club Caption
2012 - Current



Yolanda Thomas
Womens Club
Caption
2013

WOMEN'S REPORT

2013 was another very good season for UTS women, building on the successes of the previous season. Women's first grade defeated Macarthur 1-0 in the last moments of the Grand Final to claim the premiership, with Women's fourth grade narrowly bowing out 2-0 against Guildford Leagues to claim 2nd place. Getting teams together across all grades every weekend proved to be the biggest challenge of the year, however the under 18s team shows signs of increasing in numbers next year which should ease the burden of finding numbers in the Sydney North competition.

Year in review

Women's first grade dominated the competition this year, winning both the minor and major premiership and securing promotion back into the top league. Problems with goal scoring in previous seasons seems to have been overcome this year, with the team boasting the highest goal scorer in the competition in Danielle Hemingway, as well as having a very strong goal difference at the end of the season. With only two losses through the season, UTS were the favourites in the finals series and didn't disappoint, progressing straight through to the Grand Final after defeating Sydney Uni 1-0 in the semi, before scoring in the last minute of the Grand Final to claim the premiership for the second consecutive year.

Second Grade slipped in their placing this year to 8th in a very tight competition. The team was one of the best defensive sides in the competition, conceding only 15 goals over the year equalling that of the premiership side, yet unable to capitalise on this strength in the form of a position in the finals. This team should be able to rebuild next year to become one of the dominant forces in the ML3 competition.

Third grade narrowly missed out on a spot in the finals, with the efforts of Shannon Kinman as coach reflected in the great outcomes for this side. The opportunity for many of the players to attend two training sessions a week for the bulk of the season also saw improved results for the team. The effect on the club of having Aaron as a club coach is most clearly seen within this team and the introduction of some new players helped the team to refocus on a commitment to trainings and the team.

UTS 4s had a very successful season and an excellent finals campaign that saw them narrowly missing out on the gold medal. Coached by Jason Selby, the team saw excellent development which should see our lower grade teams getting promoted through the SWHL grades. Again improvements in the attack of this team could result in top of table positioning, with very few wins separating the 4s from the top two sides in the comp.

UTS entered an extra team into the Sydney North Women's Hockey Competition this year, with the "Under 18s" team aiming to help with the growth and development of the club. Unfortunately, late drop outs and injury plagued sides meant that all teams across the Sydney North comp struggled for numbers each week. In spite of this we saw some strong results in the competition, with the 7th grade side making the finals series to end up in 4th place. The strength of the



under 18s side was not reflected in their results, and consolidating this team in future seasons should see greater success in the Sydney north competition.

Opportunities for improvement

- Recruitment
- Commitment
- Versatility

Recruiting high level players will be essential for the 2014 season with the loss of several first grade players coupled with the promotion to ML1. A potential avenue to look at in helping to recruit these players is to shift the clubs northern suburbs focus to look at where we get our high level players from, this could mean shifting some pre-season fitness and training sessions to a more central location for the whole team such as Moorebank. As well as this the club needs to be continually looking at picking up high quality players earlier on in the Northern Suburbs before they become committed to other clubs in the area.

Another potential avenue for recruitment is for further expansion of the junior program, looking at getting players to the club at the start of high school and perhaps working with high schools towards better basics coaching in player development.

Getting definite numbers locked in earlier in the pre-season is also essential to the smooth functioning of the club, while many of the players who dropped out part way through the season were caused by injury, we do need to look at ways of ensuring player commitment right through the season, continuing building the social aspects of the club could be useful to this effort.

The struggle for numbers across the grades this season saw many more players playing up or down a grade each week to make up numbers, or moving between grades during the season. This has highlighted some of the difficulties associated with this such as the very different styles of play between the teams. As a result of this we need to be coaching players from all grades to be more versatile players, and view versatility as a stronger benefit in the selection process. Continuing to focus on improving the basic skills of players across the grades should improve their ability to adapt to different positions and styles of play between the grades. This will also help with the mobility of players between grades, as getting limited to one style of play has the potential to hamper a player's prospects of being promoted to the higher grades.

The main goals for the women's club in the 2014 season should be to:

- Place strongly in the ML1 competition
- Seek to earn promotion across all other metro grades, particularly 2nd grade
- Further develop players in the Sydney North teams to prepare them for Metro League



Team Results

Grade	Competition	Results				
		Season	Finals	Wins	Losses	Draws
1 st Grade	SWHL Metro 2	1 st	1 st	15	2	1
2 nd Grade	SWHL Metro 3	8 th		5	8	4
3 rd Grade	SWHL Metro 5	5 th		6	7	5
4 th Grade	SWHL Metro 6	3 rd	2 nd	9	2	7
5 th Grade	SNWHA Div A	5 th				
6 th Grade	SNWHA Div B	10 th				
U 18s	SNWHA Div C					
7 th Grade	SNWHA Div D	4 th	4 th			
Masters	Division 4	3 rd	4 th	6	5	4



Fiona Telfer
Juniors Convenor
2010 - Current

JUNIORS' REPORT

Winter Comp

In 2013, UTS Hockey Club fielded 4 junior teams (33 players) in the Warringah Hockey Association grass competition at Curl Curl. All 4 teams were coached by club members on Saturday - Dave Gilbert, Fiona Telfer, Jenna Seymour and Vanessa Browne with Skye McFadyen filling in for Jenna occasionally. Tuesday afternoon was a bit more difficult to cover with Fiona Telfer coaching the two seven's teams for the majority of the year. Dave Gilbert coached his Seven's team for the last 6 weeks of the season. The minkey's were partially coached by 2 mums with Pieter-bas coaching for 4 weeks and Trudie Vestey for the last 4 weeks. Vanessa's team trained on Friday mornings at Terrey Hills. Ideally, UTS students that have an afternoon available would be the best option for coaching our juniors. There was a change to the umpiring system at WHA in 2013 which meant all clubs were required to provide Warringah badged umpires for their own games. After some hiccups in the assessing process there were 3 of our club members that were badged, Skye McFadyen, Sarah Penn and Jane Hamill. Not only did they umpire UTS games but they also covered games for other clubs when needed. Warringah acknowledged and thanked them for their contribution at the WHA AGM. UTS contributed to the running of the Association by field marking every couple of weeks. Thank you to our professional line markers Barry and Joel Telfer. They put their bodies on the line in the quest for having all the fields marked, whilst games were being played.

From all reports the kids enjoyed themselves and a number of them are continuing next year. We also have 4 players from grass keen to play turf next year and are anticipating that the club will field an U/9's and U/11s team in the North Area Junior Hockey Association Turf competition.

On a representative level, one of our young players, Joel Telfer, was selected in the U/11's Sydney 3 team that played in carnivals at Canberra, Sutherland and Tamworth.

Hook in 2 Hockey

This year the Hook in 2 Hockey program was run at Homebush in Term 3. There were 14 mostly very young and enthusiastic participants who were kept occupied and engaged by the wonderful coaching of Jenny Dobrijevic, Anna Dobrijevic, John Hosie and Aaron McCarthy. The kids enjoyed learning some basic skills of hockey and also played a few new games involving gross motor skills. The joy of scoring a goal for the first time (and second time and third time) in the eyes of a 5 year old is priceless. Thank you to the aforementioned coaches plus David Gilbert, Paul Kelly, James Maltman and Adele Kelly that helped out with coaching whenever possible. Once again, thank you to our sponsors Just Hockey for supplying all the junior gear for our program.



INVENTORY

as Tabled Separately



APPENDIX A

2013 AGM Minutes



APPENDIX B

Financials



APPENDIX C

Members Listing