

**Henley Sharks Water Polo**

**Annual Report 2020/2021**

**AGM Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021**



## President's Report

I sound like a broken record when mentioning this but I would again like to acknowledge the efforts and contributions that have been made by committee members, team managers and coaches, who offer so much to aid in running, growing and developing the Henley Sharks Water Polo Club. Without the ongoing support from these individuals the club would have not been able to make it through another interesting and challenging year with repercussions of entering a season during the COVID-19 pandemic. Without the dedication shown from these people, this club wouldn't be able to function.

I would like to begin with putting out a call to members, family and supporters that, now more than ever, we need volunteers to assist the club. A key focus is to grow our membership base, and this cannot fall on the same people year after year. If you want to see change or growth, please be a part of this journey. We have relied on the support of the same people for many years, and my worry is fatigue in these volunteers if we do not have new people, fresh ideas, and the people power to implement initiatives. With more assistance from members to take up roles, it will assist in developing a sustainable club that will continue to grow. This does not mean that you need to become a committee member (even though that would be great), you may have skills in other areas (e.g. marketing, support with sponsorships, finding grant opportunities, etc). All support would be greatly appreciated.

Again, this year saw our female teams perform well and achieve positive results for the club. Our A-Grade women's team, under the guidance of captain Jess Martin, once again took out the premiership title for the eighth year in a row. I am sure Jess thought that this coming season would have been a retirement for her but I am glad the hope of another premiership win kept her in the water for another season. Our B Grade women also made it to the Grand Final for the first time in a LONG time, after many years sitting at the bottom of the ladder. We're excited to see the B Women take the next step in 2021/22! I would like to congratulate Jess Martin for her amazing leadership of the Senior Women's teams for a number of years now and the advice and guidance she has offered players, through games and at training.

Our B-Grade men the season with a strong core group. The B-Grade men developed together under the guidance of senior players and club coach Jess Martin. Unfortunately, with the many interruptions to the season, we had many members drop out due to work commitments and injuries, causing the second half of our season to play many games with bare minimum numbers. Though we didn't finish the season as strong as we started, we gained valuable experience, which we have brought into the new 2021/22 season, and We have started off this season in an Open Men's competition determined and hopeful, with returning members and a strong foundation to build on. I am hopeful of the numbers we have coming out to games that this season will be a great season of development for our senior men.



This year saw a change in the junior age divisions for the inclusion of a 16U and 18U team for both boys and girls. Our Henley 18U and 16U girls created a joint team with Vikings, and they were a very dynamic and powerful team, resulting in top position for both these divisions. Unfortunately, our junior boys teams were very low on numbers this season, which made it difficult for our teams to perform to their full potential, however showed a number of opportunities for growth as a team.

I would like to thank Charlotte Dirk for her commitment in developing our junior members. She has dedicated a lot of her time to coaching juniors at our training, as well as coaching a number of our junior teams on game days. It has been a huge commitment but she took it all on with great enthusiasm and positivity. Massive bow to Charlotte for her commitment to serving our club, and in particular our junior members who are the future of our club.

Again, due to low junior numbers amongst all clubs, there was no 12U competition run in the 2020/21 season. This continues to be a fundamental challenge for our sport, as this will impact numbers in older age groups in the future. Water Polo SA showed great initiatives in running multiple eight-week 'flippa ball' programs during the Sunday afternoon junior games at St Peter's. This was great to see the number of participants involved in this program and I would like to thank Anna Porcaro for her dedication in getting this up and running.



Henley had a number of State representatives in different age groups. I would like to congratulate each of these players for their commitment and performance. These players are all recognised later in this Annual Report.

I would like to thank all members, again in particular the Henley Committee for their effort and support this year - Phil Dawkins, Sarah Bradley, Jet Van Duijn and Garth Bonney. I would also like to thank our coaches who are at the senior and junior training sessions who are always looking at ways to improve our players, so a big thanks to Jess Martin, Charlotte Dirk and more recently Monique Beckwith. Charlotte, in particular, has been an amazing asset to the club with the role she plays in developing our juniors at training as previously mentioned.

Last but not least, again, an incredibly big thank you to Jess Martin and Nigel Connolly who have been instrumental in running a massive chunk of our club. They have always been only a message away to help clarify, organise, plan, instigate and run our club, and in many cases a sounding board to support each other. These two have been the backbone of the club for approximately five years now with the current president, vice-president (unofficially), treasurer positions. Jess has been a very visible and vocal benefit to the club in her coaching role, knowledge of the game and future planning for the club. Your knowledge and support has been an amazing asset to the club.

Nigel has been instrumental in working behind the scenes to make sure our club is functioning and sustainable. He has taken on the role of treasurer for the past six years but within this has also assisted with secretarial duties in assisting with pool bookings, responding to emails, applying for grants, and the list could go on. Nigel has advised that he will no longer be able to continue in the role due to a great work opportunity taking him away from the club and up to Queensland. Nigel has kindly offered to support with handover, but similarly with his work role, we will be looking at splitting his job into

specific titles as Nigel has massive shoes to fill in his role at our club. Nigel will be greatly missed and will always be welcomed back to the Sharks.

Again, I would like to make it very clear the call for volunteers to help promote our club in any way possible. Assist with securing potential sponsorship, fundraising and grant opportunities, promoting and assisting junior development and increasing membership numbers, organising social events to promote club unity, and most importantly committee members to assist with strategic planning for longevity of the club. This is the only way our club will continue to remain viable and thrive into the future.

The club would benefit greatly from someone willing to volunteer their time to support the marketing of our club and promote our club as Water Polo for Southern and Western Adelaide. Marketing is greatly needed by the club, however the current committee do not have time with all the other responsibilities to do this aspect justice. We would love for someone to be part of the committee and take on this role but would be open and willing if someone wanted to dedicate time for this and report back to the committee.

Another opportunity for development and growth would be additional support with junior development. This may be in the means of supporting junior training, however we would also be greatly appreciative of volunteers who have connections with schools to distribute promotional flyers and coordinate 'come and try' clinics. There are many people who are willing to offer recommendations and comments on the way the club and association operates, but unless you engage and take an active part in changing that operation, making meaningful change is difficult without additional support.

The 2020/21 season was another particularly challenging season, impacted by much uncertainty and COVID19 disruptions. The effects of this resulted in a drop in members at senior and junior level, a drop in revenue, limited grant opportunities, and limited opportunities to promote the club through our usual clinics and other events. However despite this, we had some really bright spots throughout the year. It points to the resilience of our club to come out the other side of a challenge like this, stronger than ever. I am looking forward to continuing with the 2021/22 season, where we have already increased our membership by 32%, created new relationships with schools, started a new training regime, and have welcomed new faces, and welcomed back old members. There is much to look forward to! But more on that in next years' Annual Report!!.....

**Nick Ryan**  
**President,**  
**Henley Sharks Water Polo Club**



## 2020/21 Committee Members

<b>President</b>	Nick Ryan
<b>Treasurer</b>	Nigel Connolly
<b>Secretary &amp; Communications</b>	Phil Dawkins
<b>Member Protection Officer</b>	Nick Ryan
<b>Equipment &amp; Uniforms</b>	Jet van Duijn
<b>Committee Members</b>	Garth Bonney
	Jess Martin
	Sarah Bradley

## Life Members

Peter Bayne  
 Lynn Martin (deceased)  
 David Forrest  
 Nick Martin  
 Paul Hadfield  
 Chris Turner  
 Gerard Ryan  
 David Martin  
 Loretta Martin



## Teams, Coaches and Managers

Team	Venue / Games	Coach	Manager
<b>14U Mixed</b>	St Peter's Sun after 4 pm	Charlotte Dirk	Nick Ryan
<b>16U Girls</b>	St Peter's Sun after 4 pm	Charlotte Dirk	Sarah Bradley
<b>18U Girls</b>	St Peter's – Thurs night	Charlotte Dirk	Michelle Barnes
<b>B Women</b>	AAC & SAALC – Wed night	Emy van Duijn	Jess Martin
<b>B Men</b>	AAC & SAALC – Wed night	Nick Ryan	Nick Ryan
<b>A Women</b>	SAALC Marion – Tues night	Jess Martin	Jess Martin
<b>Junior Coach</b>	SAALC Marion Tues 6pm – 7pm	Charlotte Dirk, Monique Beckwith & Alyssa West	
<b>Senior Coach</b>	SAALC Marion Mon 7:pm – 8pm	Jess Martin	

# Presentation Night 2021

Due to COVID-19 and State restrictions, Henley Sharks has not yet held the club's presentation. This is planned on the same night as the AGM. The below details will be updated.

## Congratulations to the following Club award winners for 2020 – 2021

	Best & Fairest	Coaches Award
<b>14 &amp; Under Girls</b>	TBA after the AGM	TBA after the AGM
<b>14 &amp; Under Boys</b>	TBA after the AGM	TBA after the AGM
<b>17 &amp; Under Girls</b>	TBA after the AGM	TBA after the AGM
<b>B Women</b>	TBA after the AGM	TBA after the AGM
<b>B Men</b>	TBA after the AGM	TBA after the AGM
<b>A Women</b>	TBA after the AGM	TBA after the AGM
<b>Shark of the Year</b>	TBA after the AGM	

## WPSA Club Competition Team Results & Awards

Water Polo SA have not yet held their Annual General Meeting to announce the results of the 2020/21 season. These results have been collated and distributed to club representatives.

Henley Sharks female teams had great success with their competitions as well as WPSA awards. Well done girls! Hopefully keeping up the great work for another successful season ahead.



GRADE	SEASON WINNER
<b>A GRADE WOMEN</b>	Henley Sharks - Alyssa West - B&F
<b>A GRADE MEN</b>	N/A
<b>B GRADE WOMEN</b>	Vikings (Henley Runner-up) - Katherine Grellman - Runner-up B&F - Katherine Grellman - Highest Goal-scorer (56)
<b>B GRADE MEN</b>	Vikings Black
<b>18&amp;U BOYS</b>	Vikings
<b>18&amp;U GIRLS</b>	Henley / Vikings - Milly Bradley - B&F - Milly Bradley - Highest Goal-scorer (27)
<b>16&amp;U BOYS</b>	Vikings Black
<b>16&amp;U GIRLS</b>	Henley Sharks - Tayla Dawkins - B&F - Tayla Dawkins - Highest Goal-scorer (61) - Milly Bradley - Runner-up Highest Goal-scorer (53)
<b>14&amp;U Mixed</b>	Vikings Black

# **Water Polo South Australia Recognition**

## **Australian Water Polo League – FYFE Adelaide Jets**

### **Women's Representatives**

- Tayla Dawkins
- Alyssa West
- Alyssa Woolley

## **Australian Youth Championship Representatives – 2020 / 21 State teams**

### **14 & Under Girls**

- Chelsea Frost
- Annabel McNally

### **16 & Under Girls**

- Tayla Dawkins
- Milly Bradley
- Zara Dirk
- Ella Broadbent

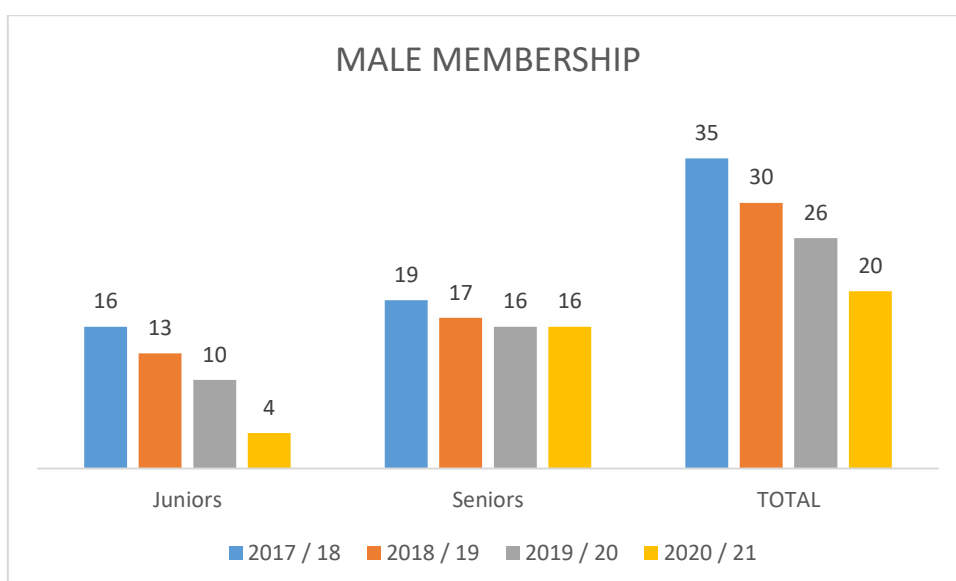
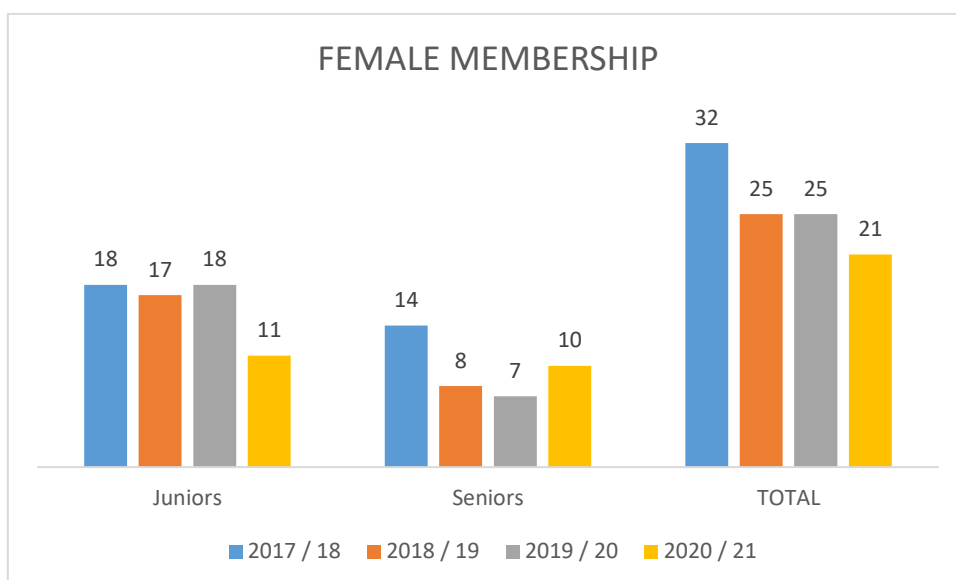
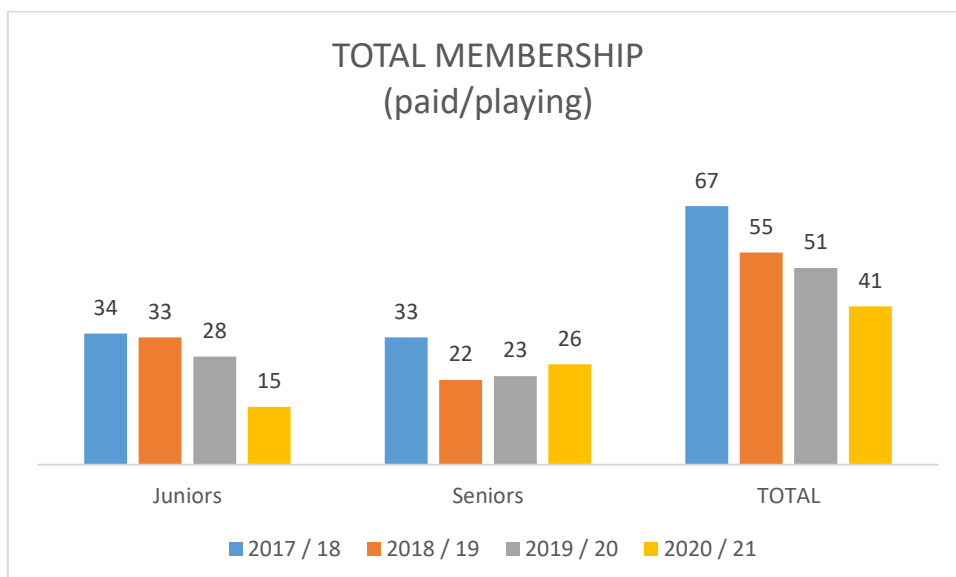
### **18 & Under Girls**

- Zara Dirk

## **Australian Squad Representatives**

- Alyssa West (Australian Women's 20&Under Squad - Paris & Beyond Squad)
- Tayla Dawkins (Australian Youth 16&Under Squad - Paris and Beyond Squad)

# Membership Statistics





# Financial Statement

## Profit and Loss Henley Water Polo Club Incorporated 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021

	30 Jun 21	30 Jun 20
<b>Income</b>		
Apparel Income	\$620.00	\$0.00
Clinic Income <sup>(1)</sup>	\$110.00	\$1,125.00
Interest Income	\$0.15	\$3.95
PFTerm1	\$630.00	\$1,260.00
PFTerm2	\$900.00	\$300.00
PFTerm3	\$827.71	\$1,391.00
PFTerm4	\$1,560.00	\$1,640.00
Registration Club Fee <sup>(2)</sup>	\$5,430.00	\$7,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$10,077.86</b>	<b>\$12,719.95</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$10,077.86</b>	<b>\$12,719.95</b>
<b>Less Operating Expenses</b>		
Apparel Cost	\$440.00	\$0.00
Clinic Cost	\$115.51	\$2,936.00
Equipment	\$0.00	\$825.00
Gifts	\$69.00	\$130.00
Pool Fees <sup>(3)</sup>	\$2,585.46	\$4,975.00
Presentation <sup>(4)</sup>	\$852.00	\$52.40
Stripe/TeamApp Fees	\$101.80	\$147.46
Website	\$0.00	\$84.50
WPSA Affiliation Fees	\$325.00	\$325.00
WPSA Team Fees <sup>(5)</sup>	\$6,537.06	\$4,295.72
Xero Subscription <sup>(6)</sup>	\$598.32	\$500.00
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$11,624.15</b>	<b>\$14,271.08</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>-\$1,546.29</b>	<b>-\$1,551.13</b>

## Notes to the Financial Statements

- (1) Henley ended up cancelling the planned Come 'n' Try Clinic due to low registered numbers. This was just after COVID Lockdown had lifted and we believe community members were still unsure and scared a lot of families wanting to participate.
- (2) Henley saw a noticeable reduction in paid memberships which reflected in Club Revenue and saw a decrease compared to previous season. This could be due to State COVID restrictions as members were unsure and hesitated to play.
- (3) Pool expenses (and revenue) decreased due to COVID restrictions which saw the club not training.
- (4) The club bulked purchased some items for the 2018/2019 presentation, which saw Henley use remaining items in 2020/2021 presentation hence why the noticeable difference between the 2 years.
- (5) WPSA Competition fees reflect what Henley teams played in the competition. NB: Previous year is \$2,241 less as WPSA found themselves in a much better financial situation in 2019/2020 than

estimated and due to COVID and financial stress that all clubs were under, WPSA decided to not charge clubs all competition fees.

(6) Xero subscription fee increase.

Summary: Henley managed to pull itself through a tough year which saw itself decrease in paid memberships, while our competition fees increased noticeably. Less memberships means less mainstream income. Due to COVID restrictions, we weren't able to host any Come 'n' Try Clinics which saw the club's junior membership decrease by 46%.

## Sponsors

A big thank you to our current sponsors who believe in and support Henley Sharks Water Polo Club. We are extremely appreciative of your support and hope to continue our growing partnership for many years to come.

