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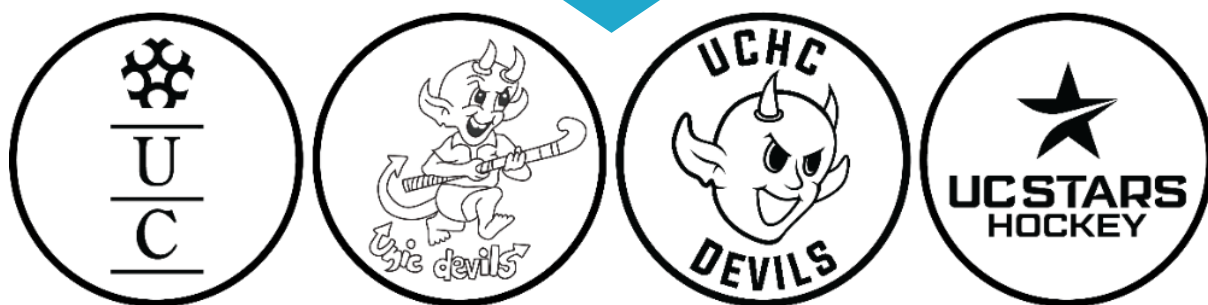
ANNUAL REPORT 2026



The University of Canberra Hockey Club acknowledges the traditional owners of the land on which we play our great game.

We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and region.

We pay our respects to Elders, past, present and emerging, and extend our respects to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people within our community.



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BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

President	Suzi Foley
Vice President	Elizabeth Salter
Treasurer	Amanda Faulds
Secretary	Meredith Bone
Teams and Coaching Director	Taylor McNiven (Men's) & Jo Cornish (Women's)
Events and Communication Director	Megan Kilby
Sponsorship and Fundraising Director	Vacant
Diversity and Inclusion Director	Bianca Letki

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Junior Representative	Anika Oswald
Indoor Hockey Coordinator	Tess Morrow
Summer Hockey Coordinator	Taylor McNiven
Equipment Officer	Brianna O'Keeffe
Umpiring Coordinator	Jarrod Brooks
Records Officer	Ian Morrow
Finance Coordinator	Sean Willis
Social Coordinator	Millie Schilg
Masters Coordinator	Steven Gee
UC Coordinator	Vacant
Uni Junior Liaison	Trish Oswald & Robbie Ewens

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This has been an interesting year—or perhaps more accurately, an interesting half-year—for the club. As a Board, we find ourselves reporting on only part of a season, with so much still to happen before the year is complete. Despite that, I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved so far and the positive direction in which the club is heading.

Our journey as a Board began in October with an entirely new group of people stepping into governance roles. As with any new team, there were some inevitable teething problems as we learned, adapted, and found our feet. I would like to sincerely thank our members for their patience, understanding, and goodwill during this transition period. The support shown by the club community has been greatly appreciated and has allowed us to focus on building a strong foundation for the future.

One of our key priorities has been strengthening our relationship with Uni Juniors and continuing to provide a clear pathway for junior players into senior hockey at UCHC. As more young players become involved with our club, we have been working to ensure that our governance structures and policies evolve alongside this growth.

Over the past year, considerable work has been undertaken to develop a Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy that aligns with the requirements of both Hockey ACT and Hockey Australia. While UCHC has traditionally been a senior club, we now have several members under the age of 18 participating within our environment. It is essential that we provide a safe, inclusive, and supportive experience for all members, regardless of age.

This work has also led to some changes in the structure of the Board. The First Year Member position has been replaced with a Junior Representative position, which must be filled by a Uni Juniors player aged between 15 and 18 years. This position provides a direct connection between our junior and senior clubs while ensuring that younger members have a genuine voice at the decision-making table.

In addition, we have created a Diversity and Inclusion Director to help ensure that our values, policies, and practices remain aligned with Hockey ACT and Hockey Australia. This role will assist the club in continuing to celebrate rounds of significance, promote inclusion, and ensure that safeguarding and member wellbeing remain at the forefront of everything we do.

The off-season also required some difficult but necessary decisions regarding team structures. After careful consideration, the Board made the decision to withdraw the CL2 Men's team and the second SL1 Women's team. While these decisions were not made lightly, they have ultimately delivered positive outcomes both on and off the field. They have allowed us to better support our remaining teams, improve player depth, and create a more sustainable competition structure.

The results speak for themselves. At the time of writing, 11 of our 12 teams are sitting within the top four of their respective competitions, which is an outstanding achievement and a testament to the hard work of our players, coaches, managers, and support staff. Across the club, there is a strong sense of competitiveness, connection, and pride in the UCHC jersey.

Strategically, the Board has spent considerable time reviewing and updating many of the club's key governance documents. Existing policies have been refreshed to reflect our transition from the Devils to the Stars and to ensure our terminology and processes remain current and relevant.

Several significant pieces of work are nearing completion, including a new Awards Policy, an updated Fees Policy, and a Strategic Plan that will help guide the club's future direction. These documents will be shared with members for information in the near future, and we look forward to receiving feedback from the wider club community.

The Board also undertook a comprehensive self-assessment of the club's governance, integrity, and operational practices through the Australian Sports Commission's Game Plan platform. This process enabled us to identify areas in which the club is performing strongly, as well as areas requiring further development. Importantly, it also provided practical resources and guidance to support future improvements. Given that this is a relatively new Board and that safeguarding obligations are a newer area of focus for our club, the exercise proved to be extremely valuable.

As I conclude my report, there are several people and groups I would like to acknowledge.

Firstly, I would like to once again congratulate Megan Mackay and Ian Morrow, who were both inducted as Club Legends at last year's Presentation Night. This honour recognises outstanding service and contribution to UCHC over many years, and both recipients are richly deserving of this recognition.

I would also like to thank the many volunteers who make our club possible. From Board members and committee members to coaches, managers, umpires, steering committee members, fundraising volunteers, there are countless people who contribute their time and energy behind the scenes. Without these volunteers, UCHC simply could not function.

However, the Board is increasingly aware of a trend that is emerging across many community sporting organisations. Too often, the same small group of people continue to carry the majority of the workload. While we understand that many members simply want to turn up, play, and enjoy their hockey, the long-term success of the club depends on broader participation in volunteering. We need more people contributing in both small and large ways to ensure the workload is shared and sustainable. This is an area the incoming Board will need to continue exploring, particularly as the club experiences further growth and change.

Looking Ahead

Our immediate focus is on finishing the 2026 season as strongly as possible. There is still plenty to look forward to, both on and off the field. We have a number of exciting club events coming up and expect to once again have strong representation across the finals series.

One of the things that makes UCHC special is the way our teams support one another. Whether it's cheering from the sidelines, helping at events, or celebrating each other's successes, our club culture is something of which we can all be proud. That support is particularly evident during finals, and I look forward to seeing our members rally behind our teams once again.

The club has also been proud to participate in several important community initiatives led by Hockey ACT, including Reconciliation Round. We now look forward to supporting upcoming initiatives such as Pride Round, Livin' for Hockey Mental Health Round, and the Chris Mackinnon Breast Cancer Awareness Weekend. These events provide opportunities to celebrate inclusion, raise awareness, and reinforce the values that make hockey such a strong and welcoming community.

Fundraising and sponsorship remain critical to the ongoing success of the club. We can no longer rely on significant financial support from the University, with available funding now primarily directed towards current UC students. As a result, the club must continue to diversify its revenue streams and seek new opportunities for support.

Following the 2025 AGM, the position of Fundraising and Sponsorship Coordinator remained vacant. As a Board, we have worked strategically to manage this area despite limited resources. Unfortunately, due to circumstances outside our control, we were unable to continue our sponsorship with the Hellenic Club. While this was disappointing, we were fortunate to retain all of our other valued sponsors and secure support for specific initiatives such as trivia night and finals packs.

As we move forward, attracting new sponsors and strengthening existing partnerships will remain a key priority. Sponsorship not only supports the financial sustainability of the club but also allows us to continue delivering opportunities, events, and experiences that benefit all members.

Finally, I would like to thank every player, volunteer, coach, manager, official, sponsor, supporter, and member of the UCHC community. Your passion, commitment, and contribution are what make this club such a special place. While there is still much of the season to be played, I am excited about what lies ahead and confident that UCHC is well positioned for a strong future.

Go Stars.

Suzi Foley

President

FINANCE REPORT

The financial statements for the University of Canberra Hockey Club (UCHC) cover the 12-month period from 1 February 2025 to 31 January 2026. The financial statements have been independently reviewed in accordance with the *Associations Incorporation Act 1991*.

For the 2025–26 financial year, UCHC recorded a surplus of \$3,389 and closed the year with a bank balance of \$10,498. This surplus is primarily due to indoor hockey fees from the 2024–25 season, which were invoiced and received during the 2025–26 financial year.

Despite an increase in Hockey ACT competition fees for the 2025 season, the Board elected to absorb the additional cost and maintain playing fees at 2024 levels. This decision recognised the additional financial commitment required of members to purchase the club's new UC Stars playing uniform. The cost of the standard playing uniform was significantly subsidised through the generous support from the club's sponsors.

During the financial year, after 5-years' exemplary service to the club Tracey Duren stood down as UCHC Treasurer. An election was held at the club's annual general meeting, and I was elected to assume responsibility for the club's finances as part of the club's Constitutional governance arrangements.

On behalf of the Board, I extend thanks and appreciation to Tracey for her careful carriage of the club's financial responsibilities, and on a personal note I extend my enduring gratitude to Tracey for her advice and guidance as I've settled into the role.

The UCHC Board remains committed to maintaining a break-even position. Given that fees are our primary source of income, over the 2025–26 summer break the Board considered the cadence of invoicing for playing fees. The Board adopted the outgoing Treasurer's recommendation that the due date for fees be brought forward. This change will enable the club to meet its financial obligations within trading terms.

Looking ahead, the club's financial outlook remains sound, however, the Board will continue to monitor rising costs and review the club's fee structure and funding strategy where necessary to ensure long-term sustainability.

In my tenure I intend to focus on a range of strategic uplift opportunities. I will be vigilant for governance enhancements, streamlining opportunities, and privacy improvements. The first of these improvements is the introduction of a Treasurer-only email address. Members are encouraged to use and share this email address for any finance-related questions.

In the coming financial year, I will lead the Board's review and update of the fee policy, including the introduction of a provision for casual players.

I look forward to meeting everyone and becoming a part of the wonderful UC Stars Hockey Club community.

Amanda Faulds

Treasurer

To: The members of UC Stars Hockey Club

I have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of UC Stars Hockey Club and the bank statements for the year ended 31 January 2026 (Balance Sheet, Income statement and Cashflow Statement).

In my opinion the accounts present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Club as at 31 January 2026 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended.

This is a limited scope review due to the nature of cash donations and fundraising as it is impractical to establish control over the collection of cash donations prior to entry into financial records. As such, the review conducted is restricted to transactions recorded through the bank statements and financial records.

Best wishes for a successful hockey season.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sharyn Brooks', with a stylized, cursive script.

Sharyn Brooks

21 Westringia Avenue Mount Annan NSW 2567

13 June 2026



Balance Sheet
as at 31 January 2026

ASSETS	2025-26	2024-25
Cash at bank	10,298.46	16,928.05
Cash on hand	200.00	1,890.10
Fees receivable	-	1,091.60
Total assets	10,498.46	19,909.75
LIABILITIES		
Activity and UCX uniform subsidy	-	10,000.00
Umpiring credits payable	-	2,800.00
Total Liabilities	-	12,800.00
Net assets	10,498.46	7,109.75
EQUITY		
Retained Surplus	7,109.75	7,109.75
2025-26 surplus / (deficit)	3,388.71	-
Total equity	10,498.46	7,109.75



Income Statement

for the period ending 31 January 2026

REVENUE

Competition fees	98,877.00
Indoor fees	12,081.68
Sponsorship	8,500.00
Functions and fundraising	6,425.15
Presentation night	12,081.54
Uniforms and merchandise	35,138.61
Total revenue	173,103.98

EXPENSES

Competition fees	75,600.00
Indoor fees	9,108.00
Training fees	22,080.00
Uniforms and merchandise	34,465.79
Umpiring	11,750.00
Functions and fundraising	1,445.80
Presentation night	12,718.59
Equipment	1,779.44
Website fees and other	767.65
Total expenses	169,715.27

Surplus / (deficit)	3,388.71
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Statement of Cash Flows
for the period ending 31 January 2026

	\$	\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from members - competition fees	100,374.00		
Receipts from members - indoor fees	12,081.68		
Function revenue	15,523.00		
Merchandise revenue	25,138.61	153,117.29	
Payment of competition expenses	(113,909.00)		
Payment of indoor fees	(9,108.00)		
Function expenses	(12,974.59)		
Merchandise expenses	(34,465.79)		
Other supplier expenses	(2,463.29)	(172,920.67)	
Net cash from operating activities			(19,803.38)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Nil			
Net cash from investing activities			-
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from fundraising	2,983.69		
Proceeds from sponsorship	8,500.00	11,483.69	
Payment of fundraising expenses	0.00	0.00	
Net cash from financing activities			11,483.69
Net increase / (decrease) in cash			(8,319.69)
Cash balance as at start of year			18,818.15
Cash balance as at end of year			10,498.46

EVENTS & COMMUNICATION REPORT

As the (self-proclaimed) most social Hockey club in Canberra, events play a big part in our community. The turn-out for events continues to be a source of pride for the club and it is a genuine pleasure to plan them.

Events

In the second half of 2025, we hosted a fantastic trivia night, raising over \$3100 for the club. Thank you so much to Tuddy and Meg who hosted, and Clare who organised all the prizes. You all did a spectacular job.

The club also hosted a Hollywood Red Carpet themed presentation night which was also well attended. The Hellenic club was a fantastic venue and we hope to return there again in the future. Presentation night is always a little bittersweet when it comes to the Board changeover and this year was no different with almost the entire Board changing over at the event.

This year, we have hosted our annual Season Launch at Capital Brewing and Co and our Bar Rally in the city. Bar Rally this year was a less attended than previous years but still lots of fun. As one of the more low-effort events to plan, it is still great to see over \$400 gained in ticket sales which contributes to our fundraising. We are excited for the current group of 17-year-olds to turn 18 this year and join us for the next one!

We are excited to host the upcoming bingo nights and trivia nights on 19 June and 7 August respectively. We already have some great prizes donated by local businesses so it is sure to be a great evening. A huge thank you to the Canberra Labor Club in Belconnen which has kindly donated the room hire for both events which will allow us to maximise profits resulting in even more successful fundraisers for the club. We are also in the process of preparing for our Fire and Ice Presentation Night – more information on this will come as plans progress.

Thank you to all our committed, engaged and fun members who rock up to all the events!

Social Media

As always, a huge thank you to Jo Cornish for her fantastic action photos that make our socials look so good!

The social media accounts this year have had a new look, fully leaning into the UC Stars branding with the black background and blue swoop. We continue to post about upcoming games, results, statistics, events and other club announcements.

This year we are doing milestones a little differently, posting them all as a story so they can be easily viewed as a highlight. We are publishing our Stars of the Week the same way which is a new addition to our socials this year.

The engagement on our social media remains high and it is fantastic to see how supportive our members are of each other.

The Facebook page continues to be a thorn in our side, being locked out of it for a couple years now. We are working on getting back in and exploring other solutions, hoping to have it resolved by the end of the year.

Newsletter

We are in the progress of transitioning the newsletter to be sent via RevSport. For players, this shouldn't make a difference in the way you receive it, however the RevSport platform has better functionality and is already used for registration, which makes it a more streamlined distribution process.

Most notably, RevSport already collects player email addresses during registration, so using the newsletter function eliminates the need to export them to a different platform which results in greater privacy for our members.

Megan Kilby

Events & Communication Director

SPONSORSHIP & FUNDRAISING REPORT

The sponsorship and fundraising efforts in 2025 were exceptional, with us entering into a one year sponsorship with the Hellenic club for players player vouchers and events. This continued throughout the second half of the 2025 season and concluded with our presentation night held at Hellenic Club in Woden. With the City location closing down in 2026, this sponsorship wasn't renewed for the year.

UHC once again looked like a force to be reckoned with at finals last year thanks to Fitness Enhancement Personal Training for sponsoring our finals packs. Thanks to their generous donation we kept the sea of yellow shirts going for another year, partnering them with a stubby holder with the club's historical logos.

With Clare resigning from the role at the end of last season, and no new nominees to take the mantle, sponsorship and fundraising has been a collaborative effort from the current Board.

This year, we have held two Bunnings BBQ's, and a bingo night, with trivia night coming up in August. This year, we are also trying out Cadbury chocolate box fundraisers.

Our existing sponsors Aclivity, Average Jo Photography and O'Neills continue to support the club, and we are extremely grateful for their support. We also thank the staff at UC Life who have supported us throughout the year, and the Hellenic Club for their sponsorship last year.

Finally, thank you to National Mailing and Marketing and Classic Framing and Trophy Link for their services contributing towards last year's presentation night.

We also thank all the local business who donated to our trivia nights and bingo night. Your support is extremely generous and greatly appreciated.



TEAMS & COACHING REPORT

Finals in 2025 were a mixed bag for the club. We had several teams finish in the top 4, including CL2 and SL5 women who were minor premiers. Only one team progressed to the grand final with SL5 winning 1-0 in a historic finish – their third time in a row taking out the premiership. We would also like to acknowledge the women's side of the club who also took out the Central Trophy (for the third year in a row) for most successful women's hockey club in the ACT Competition.

The start of the 2026 hockey season has seen a number of new faces join the UC Stars, alongside many returning players. Many of our existing coaches chose to continue their roles with the club, while we also welcomed a few new coaches.

We are truly grateful for the time, effort, and dedication our coaches invest in ensuring every player has a fantastic hockey experience.

GRADE	WOMEN	MEN
CL1	Andrew Bewick	-
CL2	Dean Stewart	-
SL1	Taylor McNiven	Quinn Reid
SL2	Will Rose	Sheridan Hall
SL3	Brianna O'Keeffe	Chantelle Blackwell
SL4	Josh Creech	Bob Coughlan
SL5	Kenny Duren	Lincoln Green

Pre-season certainly presented some challenges as we lost both our second SL1 women's team and our CL2 men's teams. After careful assessment of the CL2 men's and secondary SL1 women's teams, the coaching coordinators made the decision to dissolve the teams. This decision was made with consideration given to player numbers, skill depth and overall resources in supporting these teams. With this, we aim to build towards the future of the club, enhancing developmental programs for juniors and new members to foster long-term depth and skill. We want to work within with the club to attract players who align with our culture and values, ensuring a sustainable pipeline.

As we move into the second half of the season, all our teams are performing strongly and are well placed, with 11 out of 12 teams in the top 4 of their respective competitions at the time of writing.

It has been fantastic to see our players and coaches rise to the challenge this season, setting the stage for what promises to be another outstanding season.

Taylor McNiven & Jo Cornish

Teams and Coaching Director

REPRESENTATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS

The following individuals are recognised for the achievements at representative level both at National Level competition and International Level competition.

Name	Achievement	Date
Jade Bartholomeusz	U21s National Championships 2026	April 2026
Taylah Bartholomeusz	U21s National Championships 2026	April 2026
Ellie Baldwin	Canberra Chill 2025 U21s National Championships 2026 U21s Indoor National Championship 2026	Oct 2025 April 2026 Jan 2026
Hunter Baldwin	Canberra Chill 2025 U21s National Championships 2026 U21s Indoor National Championship 2026	Oct 2025 April 2026 Jan 2026
Simone Bettany	Canberra Chill 2025 – Media Officer	Oct 2025
Andrew Bewick	Indoor World Cup 2026 – Australia 55s – Captain Masters National Championship 2025 – Coach O55s ACT Masters National Championship 2025 Player O55s VIC	March 2026 Oct 2025 Oct 2025
Edwina Bone	Canberra Chill 2025 – Assistant Coach	Oct 2025
Samantha Collins	U16s HACT Regional Representative Program	March-July 2026
Matt Cook	U18s ACT National Championships 2025 – Assistant Coach Canberra Chill (Team Leader)	July 2025 Oct 2025
Kaityn Derham	U18s ACT National Championships 2025	July 2025
Jen Feltham	Indoor World Cup 2026 – Australia 55s School Sport 16 years and under National Championships 2025 – Umpire Manager	March 2026 Aug 2025

Suzi Foley	School Sport 16 years and under National Championships 2025 – Tournament Director U21s Indoor National Championship – Manager Masters National Championship 2025 – Manager (O60s)	Aug 2025 Jan 2026 Oct 2025
Steven Gee	Masters National Championship 2025 – ACT O45s	Oct 2025
Arabella Gabriel	Under 14s National Championship 2025 U14s Indoor National Championship 2026 U16s HACT Regional Representative Program	Oct 2025 Jan 2026 March-July 2026
Sarah Haines	Masters National Championship 2025 – ACT Physiotherapist	Oct 2025
Toni Hennessy	School Sport 16 years and under National Championships 2025 – Manager ACT Girls Masters National Championship 2025 – ACT O40s	Aug 2025 Oct 2025
Jemah Mann	U18s National Championships 2026	July 2025
Olivia Martin	Canberra Chill 2025	Oct 2026
Taylor McNiven	U16s National Championships 2026	April 2025
Gabrielle Millan	Canberra Chill 2025 Opens Indoor National Championship 2026	Oct 2025 Jan 2026
Jolly Moore	Canberra Chill 2025 – Team Leader	Oct 2025
Elizabeth Mutton	School Sport 16 years and under National Championships 2025 – Tournament Director Masters National Championship 2025 - VIC	Aug 2025 Oct 2025
Anika Oswald	School Sport 16 years and under National Championships 2025 – Captain U18s National Championships 2026	Aug 2025 July 2025
Edith Reid	Under 14s National Championship 2025 U14s Indoor National Championship 2026 U16s HACT Regional Representative Program	Oct 2025 Jan 2026 March-July 2026
Elizabeth Salter	U21s National Championships 2026 U21s Indoor National Championship	April 2026 Jan 2026
Ella Wooley	School Sport 16 years and under National Championships 2025 U18s National Championships 2026	Aug 2025 July 2025



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