



ICE HOCKEY NSW
2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
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3.30pm Registration.
AGM 4.00pm to 5.30pm including awards

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Confirmation of Minutes of 2013 AGM held 24th November 2013
4. Matters Arising from the Minutes
5. Correspondence
6. President's Report
7. Financial Report
8. Tabling of Appointed Officers Reports
9. Acceptance of Reports
10. Election of Vice President
11. Election of Secretary
12. Election of Ordinary Members
13. Presentation of Awards

All nominations must be signed by the Nominee, the Proposer and the Seconder, all of whom must be current members of Ice Hockey NSW

Proxy forms are to be received post, email or fax by the NSWIHA Inc. Secretary (IHNSW office) by 5.00pm Thursday, **27th November 2014**

Nominations for vacant positions must be received by post, email or fax by the NSWIHA Inc. Secretary (IHNSW office) by 5.00pm Friday, **21st November 2014**



MINUTES

2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Sunday November 24th 2013 SPORTS HOUSE

1. President opened the meeting at 4:06pm.
2. Official Apologies:
Dawn Watt, Mark Stephenson
3. Minutes from AGM held 25th November 2012
Moved Craig Air, seconded by Kenny Schaffer that Minutes from the 2012 AGM be accepted. Carried.
4. Matters Arising:
No matters arising from the Minutes from the 2012 AGM.
5. Correspondence:
No correspondence received.
6. President's Report:
The President, Steve Ransome, read his report for the year. The report was made available for members.

Welcome to the 2013 Annual General Meeting of the NSW Ice Hockey Association Inc.

While there were some significant challenges in 2013, we remain in a strong financial position and our headline performance at National Championships and representation in National teams is excellent.

Our competition this year was effected by the temporary closure of the Canterbury Ice rink, resulting in a very challenging game schedule for all teams and severely limited training time for Canterbury based teams. Despite this, the competition was completed on time and the final series were hard fought between teams representing all of our clubs.

In 2013 the number of Junior players decreased and as a result some clubs were unable to field teams. In some cases the decreased player numbers significantly weakened teams and compromised the development objectives of our competition. Decreasing junior player numbers is a continuing trend and while some clubs are working hard to bring new players to the sport, many clubs have insufficient player numbers at Bantam and Midget ages. Increasing junior player numbers and developing the skills of new and existing players will need to be a key focus of 2014. A combination of new approaches to junior hockey and renewed effort will be required to arrest this decline in number and to improve the standard of our competition.

NSW were strongly represented in National championships with our 3 junior teams competing in the gold medal games. The Ginsberg team led by Dawn Watt and the Tange team led by Jason Kvisle played some great hockey to bring home the gold medals and our De Fris team coached by Andrew Reynolds won the silver medal. Congratulations to Jason Kvisle for being awarded Ice Hockey Australia coach of the year.

Our Junior development initiatives in 2013 included sending two teams to Canada to take part in the International Friendship games in Vancouver and the Quebec international Pee wee Tournament. Both teams performed outstandingly well on and off the ice and were great ambassadors of Australian Ice Hockey. A huge thanks needs to go to the coaches, managers, players and parents for supporting these key initiatives with time and money. A team will be travelling to Quebec again in 2014 and the International Friendship games will be coming to Newcastle in 2015. Please support these events as they are important parts of our Junior development program.

Our senior competition continues to grow and a change in format to 4 divisions helped ensure a closely fought final series in all grades. The ECSL competition is healthy and remains a key platform for developing elite level players. The Women's competition saw a similar number of players to recent years, which meant some clubs could not field a team. Development programs and initiatives to promote growth in Women's Ice Hockey took place in 2013 and we hope that will lead to increased player numbers and a more competitive competition in 2014.

This year saw the inaugural Australian National Junior League competition, with two teams from NSW and two teams from Victoria competing. The Sydney Maple Leafs team coached by Scott Stephenson and Steven Adams won the Grand Final series in March 2013. All those involved agree that our participation in this league was a huge positive for player development. This year the competition expanded to include WA and it is expected that SA will join next year.

One of our measures of the success of our association is the level of representation in National teams. For the Australian teams travelling to the IIHF World Championships in early 2014 over 40% of the players come from NSW. Maintaining our coach and player development programs as well as improving the standard of our competitions are key to maintaining the success of NSW teams at National Championships and high levels of representation in National teams.

At last year's AGM I spoke about volunteers and how important they are too out sport. I want to thank my fellow board members, IHNSW office holders and all the club committees, coaches and managers for their for their efforts over this challenging year. I know it's challenging when the drive and enthusiasm of some individuals collide with what we are trying to achieve at a team, club or association level, and I'm pleased you all persevere.

Last year I said I would miss working with Warwick Griffiths on the board. I didn't even contemplate losing him from the sport entirely till his sad passing in April this year. Warwick's commitment to our sport over a long period of time made a real difference and we continue to miss his experience and cool head. IHNSW would like to recognise Warwick's contribution to the sport with the awarding of Life Membership.

7. Secretaries Report:

The Secretary Norm Walsh read out a speech to the attendees.

8. Financial Statements:

A financial statement was provided with the AGM report, which was distributed to all members.

9. Tabling of Appointed Officers Reports:

Appointed Officers reports were made available for members.

10. Acceptance of Reports:

Moved – Sharon Kelly

Seconded – Ken Lambert

11. / 12. / 13. Election of President / Treasurer / Ordinary Members:

IHNSW Vice President Jimmy Dufour asked President, Treasurer and 4 Elected Ordinary members to stand down.

President position:

President	Nominated	Seconded	Date received
Steve Ransome	Keven Ross	Miranda Ransome	13/11/2013

As there was only one nomination received, Steve Ransome was appointed as President.

Secretary's position:

Secretary	Nominated	Seconded	Date received
Keven Ross	Steven Ransome	Miranda Ransome	13/11/2013

As there is only one nomination received, Keven Ross was appointed as Treasurer.

Election of four Ordinary Members:

Name	Nominated	Seconded	Date received
Paul Kelly			
Tim Flynn			
Mark Stephenson	Miranda Ransome	Steve Ransome	15/11/2013
Dawn Watt	Steve Ransome	Amelia Matheson	14/11/2013

As there were only four nominations received a vote was not required. Paul Kelly, Tim Flynn, Mark Stephenson and Dawn Watt have been voted as the Executive Board Ordinary Members.

14. Appointment of Directors for 2014

The following positions are vacant and will be decided on by the Board at the next Executive meeting. Interested applicants should contact the IHNSW Executive Officer

- Social Justice Officer TBC
- Coaching Director TBC
- Referee Administrator TBC
- Development Officer TBC
- Tribunal Officer TBC
- Women's Coordinator TBC
- Tournament Director TBC
- Referee Development TBC

15. Presentation of Awards

The President gave out the following awards



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Since a peak in 2000, IHNSW has seen a gradual decline in junior player numbers with 2013 junior registrations at 319 compared to 586 in 2007. There were many reasons for this decline, two significant reasons being the loss of a popular rink at Blacktown and the collapse of the Central Coast club. With some serious focus on recruitment and some hard work at the club level, this trend was reversed in 2014 with a 23% increase. Player numbers increased in all grades and the best growth was achieved in the Atoms grade. In 2015 we intend to continue to focus on recruitment at the Atom age group and a committee has been formed to co-ordinate this important work.

Growth in participants of senior recreational hockey continues with a 15% increase to 548 players over 28 teams and ECSL participation increased 9% in 2014.

The Women's competition remains a concern with static participation numbers over the last few years. Registrations in 2014 were about half those of the peak in 2008.

In the 2014 winter competition 61 teams participated:

Atom	7 teams
Peewee	6 teams
Bantam	5 teams
Midget	5 teams
Women	4 teams
ECSL	6 teams
Senior B	28 teams

Development activities have focussed on the younger age groups in 2014. Several clubs started cross-ice Mites programs over winter and these have been continued through summer. IHNSW has established a program that brings Mites players and coaches from all clubs together on a regular basis for development of both player and coaching skills.

In 2014 IHNSW introduced an online accounting system called Xero to provide our board and members with fully transparent accounts in as close to real time as we can achieve. All directors have access to the system, including up to date views of all bank transactions and images of supporting documentation for all expenditure. The Xero accounts have been integrated into our payment system for officials and our online registration system and linked to all our bank accounts.

This year saw all of our state junior teams play in the gold medal games at the National Championships. In three close and hard fought games we came away with three silver medals which players and coaches were proud and motivated to work hard in preparation for 2015.

We are proud of those players selected in national teams, especially those from NSW and we wish all players and their teams the best of luck in the upcoming World Championships.

Discussions with AIHL representatives have identified that we have lost some of the linkages between the elite players of the AIHL and our junior players. These linkages are important to IHNSW from a

player retention perspective as well as the contribution elite players can make to developing highly skilled junior players and will assist our AIHL teams broaden their supporter base. With a shared commitment to addressing this gap we hope to see some mutual benefit in 2015.

The prevalence of small teams in the Peewee and Bantam age groups materially affected the standard of our competition in 2014. The small teams are negatively effecting the standard of games and is hampering player development but given the difficulty of rectifying the situation it's likely to continue in 2015 and for the foreseeable future. Development of goalkeepers is an issue for some junior grades.

As we are all aware many people contribute to the continued success of this sport in Australia. From our experienced and professional administrators who make it look easy at times to the volunteers with their myriad of skills, they are all essential parts of the machine. Whether you are organising international or national tournaments, co-ordinating local leagues, managing teams, keeping our players safe, developing skills, leading, making decisions, or just getting the job done, I would like to extend a huge thanks from the players and the board of IHNSW for what is sometimes a thankless job.

2014 GRADES-TEAMS

ATOM

Blacktown Flyers
Central Coast Rhinos
Canterbury Eagles
LCC Saints
Newcastle Northstars
Norwest Emperors
Sydney Bears

PEE WEE

Blacktown Flyers - GOLD
Canterbury Eagles
Norwest Emperors - SILVER
Newcastle Northstars
Sydney Bears
LCC Saints

BANTAM

Canterbury Eagles - GOLD
Norwest Emperors - SILVER
Newcastle Northstars
LCC Saints
Blacktown Flyers

MIDGET

LCC Saints - GOLD
Newcastle Northstars
Blacktown Flyers - SILVER
Canterbury Eagles
Norwest Emperors

WOMEN

Canterbury Eagles - SILVER
Newcastle Northstars - GOLD
Penrith Phantoms
Sydney Bears

EAST COAST SUPER LEAGUE

Rebels - GOLD

Sting - SILVER

Raptors

Heat

Newcastle

Bombers

SENIOR B DIVISION 1

Bears - SILVER

Emperors - GOLD

LCC Saints

Kings

Bucs

Eagles

SENIOR B DIVISION 2

Phantoms - GOLD

Chiefs - SILVER

Emperors

Falcons

Ice Cubes

Saints

Bears

Menace

SENIOR B DIVISION 3

Penguins - SILVER

LCC Gold - GOLD

Bears

Emperors

LCC Silver

Phantoms

SENIOR B DIVISION 4

Highlanders – SILVER

Kodiaks – GOLD

Phantoms

Emperors

Blackhawks

LCC Blue

Grizzlies

LCC White

2014 HONOUR ROLL

Congratulations to the following players, on their National and State Team achievements.

2014 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SENIOR TEAM

Adam Geric
Anthony Kimlin
Cameron Todd
Michael Schlamp
Scott Stephenson
Shannon McGregor
Todd Stephenson
William Cliff

2014 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM

Cameron Todd
Casey Kubara
Charlie Frazer
Daniel Pataky
Ilman Lee
Rhett Kelly
Saxon Air
Scott Clemie
Tyler Kubara
Yucca Reinecke

2014 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL YOUTH TEAM

Casey Kubara
Daniel Pataky
Hayden Sheard
Jake Knott
Joshua Hansen
Lachlan Allport
Luke Zvonicek
Nicholas Mizen
Riley Major

2014 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL WOMENS TEAM

Remi Harvey
Sharnita Crompton

2014 IHNSW JIM BROWN MEMORIAL TEAM

Allport, Lachlan
Aubin, Antoine
Becken, Alan
Bond, Paul
Cross, Thomas
Denyer, Ben
Hobday, Mark
Hughes, Jonathan
Hutvagner, Andras

Janiszewski, Ben
Knott, Jackson
Knott, Jake
Musumeci, Matt
Spence, Kane
Tripp, Brenton
Zakos, Anthony

2014 IHNSW SYD TANGE TEAM

Allport, Lachlan
Carini, Ellesse
Dubois, Jeremie
Hansen, Joshua
Hutvagner, Andras
Knight, Jackson
Knott, Jake
Kong, Brendan
Kubara, Bayley
Kubara, Casey
Marino, James
Mendoza-Kehlet, Tyrone
Nick, Air
Pataky, Daniel
Russell, Tim
Rye, Tim
Sheard, Hayden
Shumak, Lachlan
Smith, Cameron
Teskie, Jake
Weiland, Nicholas
Zvonicek, Luke

2014 IHNSW KURT DE FRIS TEAM

Azzopardi, Brentin
Blazevic, Danny
Downie, James
Fahmy, Lachlan
Good, Harrison
Gunner, Joey
Issar, Mohak
Lavery, Dylan
Manwarring, Liam
Moore, Branson
Nicholson, Pearcen
Oultram, Bryn
Ransome, Jack
Richter, Marcus

Sillato, Aiden
Tilsted, Dale
Urweiss, James
Vasquez, Jeremy
Wallace, Reece
Wilson, Jesse

2014 IHNSW PHIL GINSBERG TEAM

Azzopardi, Lara
Berthold, Joel
Bolger, Connor
Bolger, Mackenzie
Brennan, Raymond
Brennan, Samuel
Campeau, Nicolas
Costa, Kale
Demmitt, Brad
Dimopoulos, Luka
Dowling, James
Gallagher, Mackenzie
Kwan, Calvin
Mayer, Cleo
Moncrieff, Noah
Moncrieff, Thomas
Rye, Alistair
Schultz, Connor
Wang, Arthur
Wardlaw, Callum

2014 IHNSW-SCOTT OFFICIATING AWARD

Jeffrey Scott again sponsored the IHNSW Scott Officiating Award for a novice official demonstrating dedication, effort and perseverance. It comprises a trophy and a \$1000 cheque to be used for ice hockey referee equipment and/or educational training resources. Congratulations to Matthew Kopp for his achievements this year and thanks to Jeffrey, for his continued support of our Officiating program.



Matthew is unable to attend the AGM, but has been advised that he is the 2014 recipient of the Jeff Scott Award and recently had his photo taken with Jeff.

2014 IHNSW MVP, HIGHEST POINTS SCORER & BEST GOAKKEEPER AWARDS

Grade	Most Valuable Player	Highest Point Scorer	Best Goal Keeper
Pee Wee	Raymond Brennan - Emperors	Connor Lee - Eagles	Luka Dimopoulos - Eagles
Bantam	Dylan Lavery - Canterbury Eagles	Dylan Lavery - Canterbury Eagles	Jeremie Dubois - Canterbury Eagles
Midget	Casey Kubara - LCC Saints	Ellesse Carini - LCC Saints	Tyrone Mendoza-Kehlet - LCC Saints
Women	Erin Bow - Canterbury Eagles	Sharna Godfrey - Penrith Phantoms	Camille Mitchell - Northstars
Senior Div 1	Sean Dersch - Sydney Bears	Alex D'Jamirze - Norwest Emperors	Louis Majoie - Sydney Bears
Senior Div 2	Jonathan Mitchell - Emperors	Caleb Lapointe - Canterbury Ice Cubes	Robert Rodd - Penrith Phantoms
Senior Div 3	Cesar Da Rosa - LCC Gold	David Mollerstrom - Penguins	Sam Parkinson - Sydney Bears
Senior Div 4	Benjamin Barra - Penrith Highlanders	Alexander Pimentel - Emperors	Anthony Collins - Penrith Highlanders
ECSL	Casey Kubara - Rebels	Jaroslav Murgas - Sting	Dale Burgess - Raptors
			Francisco Sevilla - Sting



REFEREE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

To say we had some very close calls this past season as far as games being able to proceed is putting it mildly. There were quite a few games that came close to being cancelled due to lack of officials.

In saying that, my thanks and appreciation to all those who have tirelessly put their names forward week after week to make sure games went ahead. There were a record number of games in the schedule and we managed to make sure they all went ahead.

For the newer officials, I hope you enjoyed the officiating and will be back next season. The juniors are where the referees of the future come from so please do upgrade courses and linesman do the referees courses. We need you all to make next season even better.

Thank you also for all the senior officials. You mentored, helped me out at the last minute and generally helped keep the officiating together. Special mention goes to Joe who I worked with throughout the season and who helped me out tirelessly when problems occurred. My apologies for many late night phone calls!

With the new rule book coming out for next season, all officials must do courses for next season, so please to all referees I need you to do the course and linesmen, consider doing referee courses and encourage others to have a go at officiating. Check the website for dates and get your names down.



REFEREE-IN-CHIEF REPORT

In 2014 we covered approx 650 games, that is 1,950 officiating assignments over approximately 26 weeks. In 2014 we had 150 active officials, that is an average 13 games per season per official, given that over 50% of those 150 active officials did less than 10 games you can imagine the workload on the remaining. To all those officials who have sacrificed personal hockey commitments, agreed to work more than one rink in an evening/morning on the same day and/or gone above and beyond IHNSW thanks you. Without our minority percentage of officials who cover the majority of assignments ice hockey would simply not be played at the level it is in NSW.

2014 has been a highly successful officiating year for IHNSW, we provided the Tange Grand Final Ref for the second year in a row, all three officials for the De Fris Grand Final and covered 6 of the 10 officiating assignments at the 2014 AIHL Finals weekend (including all 4 referees for the 3 games!). In particular I would like to congratulate Andrew Bruncker on receiving not only his first IIHF Linesman card but also his first international tournament assignment in 2015, and Nick Williams who not only debuted in AIHL this year but cemented his place as a regular AIHL official going forward.

With the introduction of a new rule book in current national league competitions and then use in winter 2015 IHNSW will be extremely challenged with ensuring the minimum number of required officials are

qualified prior to March 2015. Not to mention the challenge that most players and coaches will have adapting to a new set of rules. I urge all players and coaches to be as patient with the officials as officials are with you. The honest truth is that most of you out there have a fraction of the rule knowledge of our officials and that fraction will be decreased significantly with new rules coming in to effect. Abuse of officials is the single biggest deterrent in getting quality officials to stay in the sport and this needs to be stamped out of the sport at all levels by all IHNSW members.

I am proud to announce that IHNSW is currently in the process of a very successful trial of Horizon WebRef an online officiating allocations tool. Not only will this tool reduce the workload in communication with and allocating officials to game for the officiating assigner and executive officer, this tool will also provide some much needed functionality. In particular this tool will ensure that going forward all officiating allocations are confidential, only the three officials working each game, along with IHNSW officers, will know who is working each game. Not only will this maintain the integrity of officiating assignments to other officials, more importantly this will ensure officiating assignments are not exposed to clubs, teams or players prior to game time.

Finally, I mentioned earlier that without the minority officials IHNSW hockey would not be played at the level it is. Without the work put in of two people in particular ice hockey would not be played in NSW at all, Emily and Robyn, on behalf of all officials thank you!



WOMENS REPORT

Introduction

2014 had a rocky start for the women's winter season. Thankfully the 4 teams were able to work together and have 4 complete teams for the winter competition.

We had 4 women's teams entered in 2014 season. Canterbury Eagles, Newcastle North Stars, Penrith Phantoms, and Sydney Bears. While the Eagles dominated the season it all came down to the finals as the teams fought hard right till the end.

The finals series saw the Sydney Bears take on the first place Canterbury Eagles in the semi-finals and take the game into overtime with a 3 all tie at the end of full time. At 3 minutes into the 5 minutes overtime the Eagles rallied and scored to secure their spot in the finals. Congratulations to the Newcastle Northstars for winning the final game 4-0 over the Canterbury Eagles and taking out the top spot in the 2014 winter season.

A great success this season was the Women's BBQ held on Sunday 8 August at the Canterbury Ice Rink. For the first time in the women's history all 4 teams played at the Canterbury rink in back to back games. So we leveraged the opportunity to bring all the women together and enjoy some time socially and celebrate the season while promoting the start to the Sydney Sirens season. We had a great turnout from all teams and enjoyed having new women approach the IHNSW women's coordinator about training and playing next season.

Overall we do expect some challenges in securing 4 Sydney teams next season however we are excited to explore the opportunity of a Canberra team returning to the competition as they have been

able to build their women's club to 4 teams. From their 4 teams they will pull together a travel team that we are hoping to have compete as part of the Sydney competition. We are looking for all women to reach out and help us get the 2016 season off to a good start with as many women as possible to fill all 4 teams.

Women's Development in 2014

There were no women's specific development camps held in NSW during the winter season 2014. Players continued to train with their respective club teams.

AWIHL

This year the Sydney Sirens are looking to show the AWIHL how hard they have worked in the off-season and being very competitive this season. The Sirens will be based at Sydney Ice Arena Ice rink and play all of their home games at and will train at Canterbury Ice Rink on a Thursday night and getting put through their paces with off-ice training with the team personal training Nathan Whaley. Sirens have also worked hard to gain the support of several sponsorships from BCS, Lululemon and Sydney Ice Arena.

Girls Day 2014

Unfortunately we were unable to secure ice time for the IIHF October Girl's Day. So we have decided to run the girl's day in early 2015 with time to promote the day out to all the Clubs as they return for the 2016 season.

Hopefully we can leverage the the Sydney Sirens and some additional coaching staff to lead the on-ice activities and help support the IIHF Girls Day in Sydney.

U18 National Women's Team

The team are holding an international competition from 12 December - 19 December with games against Zealand. The girls will have 8 days of training, testing and playing hockey in order to help their development and chances of being selected for the U18 national team.

An exciting opportunity for all the young women attending this competition as it has been confirmed with IHA that athletes born between January 1, 2000 - December 31st, 2001 are eligible for potential selection to represent Australia at the 2016 Lillehammer Winter Youth Olympic Games. So during this competition time the girls will be put through rigorous training to see if anyone is eligible to attend the Games.



BLACKTOWN FLYERS ICE HOCKEY CLUB

During the off season the Flyers held our Summer Skills clinic which after the success of our first one, increased in numbers and week after week the improvement of all the players puck and skating skills were a standout. We have just commenced our third program with great participation. I would like to thank our Coaching Director Dave Costa for his dedication to this program each year and his coaching staff for their commitment and enthusiasm in helping these players develop their skills.

Flyers were well represented in all 4 junior age groups again this year. Our Atoms team increased in numbers after Summer Skills and these boys and girls developed immensely during the course of the season. They competed in the Only Atoms Tournament held in Newcastle with a great weekend had by all. Peewees were our smallest team in registered numbers, however that did not stop them finishing on the top of the ladder and winning GOLD in the grand final. What an amazing effort! Flyers combined again with Sydney Bears for Bantams and this team battled hard every week. The commitment and improvement from this team was outstanding. Our midget team progressed up the ladder in the later part of the season and saw themselves in the grand final winning the silver medal. This was one step closer to the previous season, so once again a huge effort throughout the season.

Easter was a huge weekend of great hockey. Good Friday saw our Pee wee team compete in the Heaton Cup. On Easter Saturday, Flyers held a skills clinic for Mites, Atoms & Pee wees and later in the day the Flyers Bantam team hosted the Old Buccaneers for a game. On Easter Sunday the Bantam team competed for a hard fought 2nd place in the Lynch Cup held at Liverpool.

During the July school holidays, our Pee wee team was fortunate enough to be contacted by a visiting Canadian team the Ottawa Maple Maniacs. This team was in Australia on a 'playing' holiday and also visited Qld and the ACT. The game was played in great spirits and I'm sure it was an amazing experience for both of these teams.

Flyers were again well represented in NSW and Australian teams during 2014 with 14 playing for NSW and 4 playing for Australia. Congratulations to our Pee wee coaches Dave Costa and Tomas Manko who were the 2014 NSW Ginsberg coaches.

Our club would not exist without the dedication of our Coaches, Managers and very dedicated volunteers, so a very special thank you to all those who give up their precious time during the year to support the Flyers family.

Finally to the players and their families. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to your team during the 2014 season. We look forward to seeing you all again in 2015!

Kellie Pataky
President.



CANTERBURY EAGLES ICE HOCKEY CLUB

We have had another busy and successful year. Canterbury Eagles Ice Hockey Club remains the biggest ice hockey club in Australia with nearly 400 registered members. Our membership base has increased by more than 10% compared to this time last year.

Last summer we run our in-house competitions – Wurz Cup and Junior Summer League – with not only club members participating but also players joining from other clubs. These competitions provide opportunities for players of all skill levels – from complete beginners who have never played hockey before to experienced players who utilise this time to get extra ice time throughout summer.

Our annual Easter Friday tournaments, Heaton Trophy (Midgets) and Easter Challenge Cup (Peewees), proved to be very popular with not only teams from around Sydney attending but also participants from Canberra and Brisbane.

During winter season we fielded four junior teams (with one in each grade). Our Atoms and Bantams teams went through the season undefeated, Peewee team finished third and Midgets made it to the play-offs. These are great achievements and it is fantastic to see that there is a huge sense of camaraderie and friendship within all junior teams.

Our club was also represented by eight teams across all Senior B divisions with Chiefs in Division 2 and Penguins in Division 3 both winning Silver. Our women team also brought home Silver this winter and we congratulate all teams on their results.

I would also like to mention our highly popular Mites program for children as young as four with new kids regularly joining in. This successful program could not exist without Olga, Alex, Ken & Tim who made the sessions both fun and challenging. The amount of time and effort they put towards these sessions is commendable and very much appreciated. A number of the under 7s will be moving into Atoms with skills and experience to excel in the next winter season.

I would like to acknowledge and thank all Canterbury Eagles' coaches. The club and parents absolutely applaud their hard work, dedication and all the hours they put in every week to developing our members' skills, especially those of our juniors. Their dedication to the sport is exceptional and our teams, especially the junior ones would not be able to perform the way they do without them. A lot has happened over the last 12 months and none of this would have been possible without hundreds of hours committed by volunteers – coaches, team managers, non-playing officials, committee members and others who contributed to the successful year. As the 2014 Canterbury Eagles Ice Hockey Club President I would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time and hard work over the last year.

Finally, I would also like to acknowledge the generous support our club continuously receives from the Ice Skating Club of NSW Co-operative and the Canterbury Olympic Ice Rink management.

Vilem Kunzl
2014 Canterbury Eagles Ice Hockey Club President



LCC SAINTS ICE HOCKEY CLUB

LCC Saints Committee and Players would like to thank the many volunteers (Coaches, Managers, Scorers, Time Keepers, Penalty Box Officials etc...) as well parents , partners, friends and family who play chauffer, personal assistant and cheer squad to our players. Thank you for your time and dedication. We appreciate that without you all, the games will not be played and teams would not prosper as they do.

We would also like to thank the LCC SPORTS COMPLEX Staff & LCC Management & Board of Directors, who without their support we would have no home ice.

2014 was a good year for us, we had 6 out of 10 teams make the finals with 1 team finishing as Minor Premiers as usual we struggled for numbers in some teams & had excess in others. It was impossible to please all. However, despite these initial trials our teams prospered with the support of good coaches and dedicated managers who organised and encouraged our players to success. Development was another pleasing aspect with a another Senior team made up of mainly development players & a host of younger ones advancing & joining our Summer Comp & on to their first winter season next year.

Our Atoms flourished, learning and consolidating their skills and gaining experience on the ice. Although they came second in most games they always had a smile on their faces.

Our Pee Wees had a mixed season on and off the ice. With low numbers the team held it together as younger players stepped up and out of the shadows to lift and improve the team.

Our Bantams team struggled for numbers this year and were boosted by some development players from the Bears. They were boosted by some returning players from Canada half way through the year and managed to make it to the finals.

Our Midgets were full of testosterone and enjoyed full contact, hard-hitting hockey this season. They came to play and never backed down from a challenge. They were reigning champions of the Heaton Cup and again brought home the cup, Minor Premiers and Gold Medalists of 2014.

Again we have a number of our juniors making the trip over to Canada, furthering their hockey skills & trying some school work as well. They were sadly missed towards the end of the season & will again leave holes in their teams next year. We wish them all the best.

At the top of our junior teams, we were pleased to see a growing number of SAINTS players selected to represent both N.S.W. and Australia in National and International competition. Cleo Mayer was selected for the Ice Crocs this year, the first girl. We had 1 player selected from our Peewees, 3 Saints players selected from our Bantams and 6 from our Midgets to play for our NSW State Team. All state teams won the Silver medal this year. Casey Kubara from the Midgets selected to compete in the U20s Australian team. Then for the AJIHL this year we have 8 players selected across the 2 teams.

Our Senior teams were not to be outshone as we fielded 6 Senior teams. Despite the mixture of ages, talent and drama they all enjoyed a lively and boisterous year of ice hockey with 4 teams making the finals. With Div3 Gold going on and winning the gold medal. Congratulations.

We had many players feature in the State's top 10 with Ellesse Carini number one in Midgets, with Casey Kubara close behind in 2nd.

We were well represented in East Coast Super League with over a dozen past & present players still proud to call SAINTS as their home Club. Tyler Kubara again featuring in important games & contributing to the Ice Dogs this year.

We were saddened to lose one of our past players in Dane McNeil. He will be sadly missed throughout the community.

As a Club, LCC Saints were successful in hosting for the second year the Mick Lynch Bantam Trophy ice hockey event this year in an attempt to both boost the profile of the sport to the community and provide extra exposure and opportunities for players throughout NSW and Australia to compete or train. I would especially like to thank the LCC Saints IHC Committee for all their efforts over the past year. With a successful committee at the helm our club will always prosper.

THANKYOU

Mick Sokolsky - President



NEWCASTLE NORTHSTARS ICE HOCKEY CLUB

The Newcastle North Stars Ice Hockey Club has had a good year and have been able to field a team in every grade of competition with Michael Sinclair and our women team taking their first ever state championship.

I have been involved in another in many sports for the past 28 years and this year i was more then happy to step up from the VP role to the President role with the sudden resignation of Sean Lynch, our president. I was very pleased to see how supportive and productive the club and the parents have been towards the coaches and committee.

The club took a step towards improvement of players by introducing a mix training session as a second development night with rotating coaches from all levels. This seem to be very popular and it was great feed back from everyone and very valuable. Our coaching director, John Kennedy had a once a month "coaches chat" with all levels of coaches in participation to just of a talk about what may or may not work with their teams and what improvements some may use and take back to their team. This was a huge success and we hope to have this continue through the years. Seeing the quality of the coaches training from not only talking with one another but internet usage seemed to advance knowledge in training sessions.

Currently North Stars Academy is running our summer in-house program which has unrolled man new and old players and is very strong with a junior program and 7 teams in a "B" division and 4 in our "A" division with around 15 players per team.

Our winter program powered by NSA was a huge success and we hope to continue into the coming winter. A huge part of this is off ice training and video training.

The Hunter Ice skating stadium has been a huge partner in our development of players with a hockey school program on Monday nights with an average of 40 players taking the ice, as well as a sunday morning mites program which we hope to flourish and currently having 12 mites aged skaters.

Michelle Cremer did a fantastic job as our treasurer this year as usual and recouping many past owing dues from players. I hope this continues and sets a standard for payment in the future.

It was very much an honour to serve on the committee and Do to the upcoming birth of my partner and I first child i chose to not continue my role on the committee but does not rule out that I won't run for a position in the future.

On closing I would like to thank the committee, all of the volunteers for their support on ice, off ice, the score box, the penalty box, team managers and last, but not least, the team coaches for without them we could not have any ice hockey.

Thank you.

Joe Theriault, Vice - President

Newcastle North Stars Ice Hockey Club



PENRITH PHANTOMS ICE HOCKEY CLUB

2014 was a very positive year for the Penrith club.

We had the Div 2 Phantoms win the Grand Final and the Minor Premiership, Div 4 Highlanders finished runner ups in the finals and won the Minor Premiership, Div 4 Phantoms made it to the semis, a good result for a first year team, the Womens team led the comp most of the year and faded towards the end due to injuries but overall had a good season.

As almost always there is some bad to go with the good, our Div 2 Menace finished in last and will be relegated next season and our Div 3 Reapers also finished last and will be relegated.

Overall it was a very successful season with 4 of 6 teams making the finals, 2 Minor Premiers, and 1 Grand final Champ.

The club held its AGM in October and the Executive Committee for 2015 as voted by the members are:

Club President	Robert Rodd
Vice President	Frank Corby
Secretary	Scotty Cosgrove
Treasurer	Mick Waddington

We as a club showed vast improvements in the 2014 season and look forward to more success in the 2015 season.

Sincerely
Robert Rodd



THE SYDNEY BEARS ICE HOCKEY CLUB INC

The 2014 season has seen the Sydney Bears Ice Hockey Club continue to grow with Seniors, Development and the very young juniors. Strong numbers in Seniors keep us competitive in the Divisions with junior numbers in the older age groups presenting a challenge not only at the Bears but across all clubs in IHNSW.

In the youngest age groups we have seen an expansion of numbers for both the Atoms team and players in Development under 10 years of age. The Pee Wee team just made the minimum numbers for a team with six experienced players and four new players plus our second year goalie.

There is a critical need to have increasing numbers of younger players as there has not been a Bantams team at the Bears in over four years and no midget team this last year. In the Bantam age group a number of players combined with the Blacktown Flyers and LCC Saints to keep kids in the game and teams in the competition.

A number of new coaches joined during the year, in particular with the Atoms, which will help lead future teams in the junior competition. A number of teams made the playoffs in 2014 with our Division 4 Kodiaks winning the premiership. Division 1 came first for the season and were just piped in the grand finale. Division 3 made it to the semi-finals.

Special mention goes to the following Bears players who made it the various state teams:

- 1) James Dowling and Arthur Wang made the State Team competing at the Ginsberg Tournament in Adelaide in August, and Charlie Barrett-Lennard made the Reserves, with William Zhang, Charlie Barrett-Lennard, James Dowling and Max Miller chosen to compete in the Friendship Games in March 2015 in Newcastle.
- 2) Remi Harvey has been a member of the Sydney Sirens for a number of years and continues to represent Australia in the Women's competition.

Moving into 2015 the Sydney Bears will focus on a number of areas:

- 1) The potential for the rink to be upgraded and improved to allow IHNSW games and more training.
- 2) Player development/retention of juniors.
- 3) Continued coaching recruitment and development.

I would like to thank the current committee & volunteers for their efforts in 2014, without all the coaches, managers, scorekeepers and all other volunteers for their support and guidance throughout the season, much of what we achieve would not be possible.

Finally, I would like to thank Ice Hockey New South Wales for their continued support and guidance over the season. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday, with the Sydney Bears looking forward to the 2015 season.

James Savage
President



THE NORWEST EMPERORS ICE HOCKEY CLUB

Special thanks goes out to the committee and all those club members who volunteer their time and hard work to ensure the season runs smoothly and making everyone feel welcome to our sport. We also owe a huge thanks to our outstanding team of coaches who enthusiastically and with great commitment took on the challenge of coaching. Finally, I'd like to thank the players and parents, recognizing the time and effort they put into the sport and the passion that maintains the Norwest Emperors Ice Hockey Club.

The 2014 Emperors club was successful in fielding 8 teams this past year – Atoms / Peewee / Bantam / Midget / Senior 1, 2, 3, and 4. From those 8 teams, 6 made it into the play-offs, resulting in an impressive, 2 Silver Medals and 1 Gold Medal finish. Overall, a very successful season, given the growth and increasing level of skills demonstrated across the league at both the junior and seniors levels.

Fielding a very new and young Emperors Atoms team, the team performed very well, winning some games, and learning about the sports from the grass roots level. It's always a pleasure to see new players take up the sport and see the vast improvement in skills over the year at training and games. The social aspect was also very welcoming for all the parents and players making new friends and enjoying each other's company both on off the ice. Congratulations to all those involved.

The Emperors Pee Wee team were Silver Medalists this 2014 season. The team came third in the season points tally, but overcame the Eagles with a 5-2 win in the semi-final match. They met the Flyers in the grand final who had come first in the regular season and lost 4-2 in a very close match. The grand final was a very exciting game for both players and spectators. While unable to match their prior year Grand final win the team once again demonstrated their skills and winning spirit in a closely held match. A terrific season overall.

2014 Bantams proved to be a very competitive division and the Emperors Bantam team showed a vast improvement in skills and outcomes. The team was the Silver Medalist in the division, losing only in the Grand Final to an undefeated Canterbury team. The hard work and skills training really paid off for the team and we're thankful to all the players, coaches, and parents for supporting the team and look forward to even better outcomes in 2015.

The Emperors Midget team faced some competitive challenges throughout the year. It was still great to see the dedication and continued skills development over the year. While the team was unable to chalk up a win during the season, they did face some very narrow losses. I'm sure the 2015 season will result in some wins with continued practice and dedication. We again thank the players, coaches and all those involved for supporting the Bantam team.

The stand out senior team was Div. 1 Emperors who were able to successfully defend its 2013 Grand Final title and win the Gold Medal again in 2014. The team won the best of 3 series – 4-0 and 2-1 in closely fought matches. 10 members of the team posted over 10 points in the season and boasted the highest points league leader Alex D'Jamirze. It was a truly team led season and grand final.

Congratulations to all the players, coaches, and support, for another fantastic season.

Div 2 improved on its prior years results finishing third in regular season and heading into the playoff season. Unfortunately, the puck did not bounce their way in their quarter final match prematurely ending their season. Overall, it was a massive improvement in regular season play and hopes are high again for the 2015 season.

It was a tough season for seniors Div 3 with a variety of injuries and absences throughout the season. Thankfully, many of the Div 4 team stepped up and assisted the team to a 4th place regular season finish. Into the playoffs, the Div 3 team tied its initial best of 3 match 2-2 with the top placed Penguins and unfortunately lost the 2nd match 5-3 including an open-net-goal putting them out of the playoffs. A great effort by everyone on the team to finish the season strongly.

Our Div 4 team did not disappoint in its first season together. Each team member made huge strides in skills and ability over the year to finish 4th with 13 wins and 7 losses in the regular season. The team made it past the quarter-finals, but fell marginally short in the semi-finals. Overall an impressive first season to build upon going into the 2015 season. A fantastic season considering the team had not played together prior and were able to overcome some initial challenges. Well done.

Congratulations to the Emperors who were selected to representative teams. It's a terrific achievement to see the number of players of the Emperors that played representative hockey and something that each young player should try to aspire to achieve. The Representative players for 2014 included:
Peewees

- Ray Brennan
- Joel Berthold
- Brad Demmitt
- Ray Brennan
- Reserve – James Douchkov

Bantams

- James Downie
- Dale Tilsted
- Jack Ransome

Friendship Team

- James Douchkov
- Joel Berthold
- Bryan Chang

Emperors continue to show a strong representation at the Goalie level in the State teams – All our Junior goalies were selected to representative teams this year.

To all senior players and coaches and those who assisted with Referee and Lining duties, we acknowledge and appreciate your efforts throughout the season.

We look forward to 2015 season and our 9th year of competition, when we will continue to see the results of the hard work by the players and their coaches. I'm sure we will see more great performances on the ice and more Emperors earning places on representative teams.

Drew Fowler - President
Norwest Emperors Ice Hockey Club



2014 made way for the re emergence of an ice hockey club on the Central Coast after a number of years on the sidelines. The club fielded an Atoms team in this year's competition with all 16 in the team being first year players.

With many well established teams that we were to compete against the year was going to be tough for these young kids. The highlights for the year were seeing the enormous improvement in how all of them competed from game one to the final round, this was even noticed by there opponents and the officials of those teams. Every goal that was scored was celebrated as if it was a game win, of which didn't happen in 2014.

A huge eye opener for this new club was the fantastic sportsmanship that was shown to us on and off the ice from all the teams players and officials in our first year, so thank you all.

The Atoms team also competed at the Atoms Only tournament up at Newcastle with lots of fun and great hockey had by all.

This year would not have happened without the drive and commitment of the following people; Team Manager Edwina Arps, The club committee, Coaches Bryce Conrad & Nick Fill and Erina Ice Arena for donating our 2014 ice time.

In 2015 there will be an emphasis on growth in the club with more teams looking to be fielded in the coming years.

I would like to thank IHNSW for their support and guidance throughout the season of 2014. With a huge learning curve behind us in 2014 the club and the Atoms team are looking forward to 2015.

Jarrold Arps – interim President
Rhinos Junior Ice Hockey Club



EAST COAST SUPER LEAGUE

2014 was another good year for ECSL.

Firstly, congratulations to the Rebels for taking out the 2014 ECSL Grand Final and the Warwick Griffith Memorial Trophy. Rebels defeated Sting in a hard fought finals series that saw the grand final go to 3 games. Well done.

Pre-season tryouts were well-attended this year. The vast majority of players who were of ECSL standard were drafted in to teams. With only a finite number of positions available there was a small number of players that could not be accommodated. This is testament to the depth of player skills in this age bracket in NSW. The ECSL Committee continue to look for opportunities to expand the number of positions available in the league, and that work will continue on in to season 2015.

The league comprised 6 teams– Bombers, Heat, Northstars, Raptors, Rebels, and Sting. The Bombers were welcomed in to the league this year as a new Sydney team, taking up the slot vacated by the Central Coast.

Across the 5 Sydney teams this year ECSL accommodated 11 Midget-aged players in permanent roster positions, plus an additional 2-3 Midget-aged players who took up casual play-up invitations when the opportunity arose. This represents approximately 13% of the ECSL roster and shows the league's commitment to NSW's young elite players.

The Northstars team did not have any Midget-aged play-ups this year due to an already overcrowded roster. The ECSL Committee is in discussion with the Northstars about ways to alleviate the overcrowding and provide opportunities for some of their younger players to stretch their skills. ECSL held a very successful fundraiser charity game this year. With help from a number of corporate sponsors plus the broader hockey community over \$7,000 was raised for the National Breast Cancer Foundation. A big thank-you to everyone who supported this cause. ECSL very-much hopes this will become an annual event on our hockey calendar.

Finally, a big thank-you to the entire East Coast Super League Committee, the league's volunteers and helpers, and to all the players for making this a great league. I hope to see everyone back next year.

Les Adams
Club President
for East Coast Super League Ice Hockey

Profit & Loss

Ice Hockey New South Wales Inc For the 12 months ended 31 October 2014

	Oct-14	Oct-13
Income		
Affiliation	700	-
Coaching Courses	2,541	-
Fines	451	-
Grants	20,000	-
Interest Income	2,224	-
Junior Player Rego	200	-
Officials Courses	1,973	-
Registrations	261,997	-
scorepads, books etc	14	-
Summer League Registrations	17,999	-
Team fees	51,026	-
Total Income	359,125	-
Gross Profit	359,125	-
Less Operating Expenses		
Bank Fees	1,094	-
Canterbury Summer comp officials	7,125	-
Canterbury Summer comp scoring	3,060	-
Consulting & Accounting	2,950	-
Donations	6,818	-
ECSL Officials	8,539	-
Freight & Courier	130	-
General Expenses	2,309	-
IHA capitations	143,255	-
Insurance	1,183	-
Junior Officials	18,963	-
Medals and Trophies	8,746	-
Meeting Costs	529	-
Merchant Fees	2,826	-
Office Expenses	1,279	-
Printing & Stationery	1,612	-
Referee Allocations	4,718	-
Senior B Officials	23,691	-
Senior B Scorekeepers	5,336	-
Sports House Charges	2,358	-
State Team Selectors	1,091	-
Subscriptions	1,374	-
Superannuation	11,125	-
Telephone & Internet	274	-
Travel - National	1,033	-
Wages and Salaries	84,844	-
Willis Cup	3,090	-
	Oct-14	Oct-13
Total Operating Expenses	349,352	-
Net Profit	9,772	-

Notes

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statements

Balance Sheet

Ice Hockey New South Wales Inc As at 31 October 2014

	31 Oct 2014	31 Oct 2013
Assets		
Bank		
General	6,229	25,940
Referee	2,383	173
Saving	77,806	67,582
Total Bank	86,418	93,695
Current Assets		
Accounts Receivable	330	-
Total Current Assets	330	-
Total Assets	86,748	93,695
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	(750)	-
AIJHL Suspense	(116)	-
Brown Suspense	880	-
Friendship 2015	1,280	-
GST	(908)	7,724
Historical Adjustment	-	-
Officials Goods Supply	47	-
Online registration payments	-	-
PAYG Withholdings Payable	1,472	5,903
Steve Ransome Expenses	45	-
Superannuation Payable	583	-
Suspense	(1,225)	4,400
Total Current Liabilities	1,308	18,027
Total Liabilities	1,308	18,027
Net Assets	85,440	75,668
Equity		
Current Year Earnings	5,105	-
Retained Earnings	80,335	75,668
Total Equity	85,440	75,668

