



Suburbs-Piako Hockey Club - Chairman's Report

Tuesday 3rd of May 2022

To the club members and committee members with interests in the Suburbs-Piako Hockey Club. Please accept this chairman's report for the financial year 2021-2022. To be tabled at the next Annual General Meeting, on the 4th of May 2022.

For the 2021 season, the club ended the year with eight teams, which consisted of six men's teams and two women's teams.

2022 sees a completely different situation. Where we have grown a third women's team. And now operate with three women's and six men's teams, and now a total of nine teams.

This equates to approximately 144 players, and we have now surpassed any previous record numbers. We have intensively grown hockey members on a Sunday, and also have many casual players, who also play when others cannot. More work needs to be done to make premier hockey teams in the club strong for the 2022 and 2023 seasons.

2021 was interrupted by more pandemic issues. We had to overcome the odd snap lockdown, which we were well and truly ready for. This again proved to be more disruption to hockey and our people. Our club being more proactive in 2020 planned very well for 2021 and results on the field were very positive. Where we won a lot of games across all teams on a Sunday. Thank you to Toby Platt for his two-year coaching service to the Premier men, he now works in Taranaki in his area of specialty, sports conditioning.

It is important to honor the efforts of our committee. Without the support of the people in the committee, and those who do coaching, management, fundraising, communications, and planning, we would not have the strong club we have without these people.

2021 saw the committee undertake some planning that resulted in our first strategic plan. A special mention to Poppy Fitzwalter for helping us get this across the line. It hasn't been easy with disruptions, and we managed to get there. As a result of this work, we understand a new pathway is ahead, which we will work on from 2022 onwards.

Another mention is to Allyson Gofton our secretary, who has gone above and beyond in terms of administration. Allyson was nominated by Aaron and Poppy for a Hockey NZ administrator of the year award, of which she became a finalist. We are hugely proud of your achievement and hope this brings an award that profiles you and our club further.

As we look to the future, I hope to see more growth at the club, through hard work at both the committee and the membership level, We are very proactive and very busy. At times we have some issues and have worked through stress, and sickness. As a result, more positions through the committee will be revealed to share more workloads, which includes the formalization of Club Captains, and many other positions.



The recent death of Brendan Bird shall be acknowledged. Brendan was responsible for the incorporation of Suburbs United and the name change to Suburbs-Piako HC inc. Brendan was dad to Hadlee, and Ronnie, who have long participated in the club. His funeral service I Friday 6th May at 11 am at St John's Anglican Church, Te Awamutu. Brendan Bird shall be recognized as a life member through the Suburbs constitution.

Finally, the position for 2022 - 2025 looks to be an exciting couple of years, where we will look to introduce:

- Our academy
- Our coaching program
- Membership opportunities include:
 - Training tweaks
 - Social non-hockey events (fitness)
 - Profiling of teams/players (social media, internet)
- Fundraising and Old Boy/Old Girl opportunities.

Ngaa mihi naa,

Aaron Barnsdall

President

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