



# **PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2021**

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## *Challenge.*

If I were to sum up the past year in a word, this would probably be it.

For me personally it was a challenging 12 months and the same can be said for us as a sporting organisation.

For families schooling children around the kitchen table, for those with loved ones in locations they simply weren't allowed to visit.

But we built resilience and we move forward.

After not seeing our beloved turf in 2020, we were able to take the field for some spirited hockey last year.

We didn't get to the end and we were interrupted along the way but it was a big step back to normal for our club and our association.

Our juniors banded together, a collaboration with Magpies saw several North-Pies outfits take the field, black shirts and blue socks, or vice-versa and we thank them for their friendship and allowing our kids to field full teams in a year when we rebuilt our juniors' passion for the sport.

We had girls fill in for boys' outfits - and hold their own - and our Under 10s section was full of reckless and unbridled energy!

Our senior outfits got in as many games as possible and our numbers remained strong. We look forward to pushing towards as many finals series as possible in the coming season.

So we look to 2022 with hope and a little candour.

We enter into a new era with a partnership with Hockey ACT and thank Hockey Victoria as we move away from that association.

We also thank our sponsors, the long-time association with the Northside Hotel as our major sponsor will continue, despite the hotel changing hands late last year.

To our other supporters, Lockys Countryside Meats, Tallangatta Bakery and Urban Graze, we also show our appreciation.

To the committee, you have helped me preside over arguably the two trickiest years in recent memory and your support, both in a hockey sense and as friends is something I truly appreciate.

As most of you know, it's time for me to step down as president, however my passion for this club won't wane.

The club has not only survived the past two seasons, but is financially in its strongest position for some time. Our fundraising efforts, including several Bunnings barbecues, have been instrumental to this.

Thank you to the volunteers who help make these events possible.

*Let's hit the 2022 season running!*