# SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS WATER POLO



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

# 1. Introduction

Welcome to the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Report of Southern Highlands Water Polo. This report covers many aspects of the season, however, there is a wealth of information on our website and I encourage you to visit regularly.

2018-19 marked the beginning of an enhanced partnership with Water Polo NSW through the introduction of an Intern Program. The sport is growing nationally, and our State body is increasing support for the game around NSW Regions.

Our representative effort in Juniors is also enjoying a recovery with many of our younger players enjoying the fruits of regular training/coaching and various representative opportunities.

The SHWP Board has considered options to revitalise and reshape our Competitions over the next few years with a view to growing and diversifying both Junior and Senior Competitions. Please look out for News on this and contribute as you see appropriate – first step will be a Survey!! Please get involved, we can only grow with the support of all players, parents and the local community.

We enjoyed a return to our 'Home' pool at Mittagong this year after a long break due to storm damage and renovations. We look forward to working with Council to resurrect the vandalised Club House and replacing equipment lost in 'the fire'.

Please read on.....



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#### 2. Highlights

#### Our Juniors go International!

A group of enthusiastic Junior U14's who had played and trained together over the last season travelled to Auckland for the Pan Pacific Games in July 2018. See further details in 'Representation' below. Thanks to all the parents, managers and coaches who made this possible – the boys did the Club proud!

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#### New blood in the Board Room!

We were fortunate to have some of our more 'mature' players step up to run the Club over the last year, the current Board consists of Life Members and Patrons with many years of service to the Club who enjoyed support from a new Secretary and Treasurer. We also welcomed the enthusiastic involvement of new Junior parents and are indebted to them for ensuring the Junior Competition ran smoothly and was enjoyed by everyone – thank you to all involved!

#### Water Polo NSW Intern Program support

This new program was rolled out just prior to the season with Stephanie Evans taking on the official role, ably supported by Lochie Feary bringing her up to speed and contributing to the running both competitions.

Stephanie, with the help of WPNSW Development Manager, Danielle Smith, has put together a comprehensive Operations Manual which will be available on the website for those interested once endorsed by the new Board.

This Manual builds on significant work of previous Board/Committee Members and will be a very useful tool for all those involved in management of our sport moving forward. Danielle also put together a package for our next round of support through a Competition Co-ordinator this will be widely advertised once approved by the new Board.

#### Think – Act – Play

We concentrated on using the Think-Act-Play (TAP) <u>Policy</u> over all the competitions and will continue with this in seasons to come. The TAP embodies the core values of sport and our game, respecting the components will ensure that our competitions are played in the best of spirit, fairly and for the benefit of all. Remember, *"For when the 'one great scorer'\* comes to write against you name,* 



*he/she writes not that you won or lost, but how you played the game....*" (\*your own interpretation of the one great can be used here!).

#### No talk back Policy

Aligned to TAP, the Club adopted the 'no talk back' policy with referees and play this season. This involved players and officials not talking back to referees during play and for 30 minutes after the game. Official complaints can still be lodged through team captains with the Competition Manager at the desk and all disputes can be resolved away from the playing field and the 'heat' of competition.

Despite a few minor hiccups, this move has positively influenced the standard of refereeing and play throughout our competitions.

We will publish a clear Policy on the website for players and officials to use as a guide in the very near future.

# Training/Coaching

Over the season and throughout Winter, we have enjoyed a range of training/coaching and simulated competition mostly at Frensham Pool. Thanks to all involved, especially Jenny, Lauren and Elise Balla. There are details of how you can get involved on the <u>website</u> and continue to look out for News of developments.

Effective training and coaching relies not only on qualified coaches but also managers and team captains to follow through. Should you wish to learn more, please email us at <u>SWHP@outlook.com</u>, speak to Jenny or contact a <u>Board Member</u>.



# Finances

We thank our Treasurer, Greg Puchert, for taking over the finance reins from long serving Treasurer Ian Feary. Greg has done a great job tracking our finances and keeping expenditure and income under control – thanks Greg!

The Club is in a healthy financial position showing a surplus of \$7,399 for the 2018-19 year which is a very positive result. We are showing a retained surplus of \$40,924 to carry forward. Please note that we have unexpended funds relating to the Clubhouse and replacement of equipment – all will be explained by our Treasurer at the AGM.

# Sponsorship and Support

The Club is relatively independent financially and relies on subscriptions to maintain a budget surplus. We regularly reach out through fundraising to bolster funds and support projects.

I would like to acknowledge the ongoing support of Mittagong RSL, BDCU, and this year, Kennards Hire and JCA Engineering who contributed during our return to Mittagong Pool.

#### 3. Pools

As noted above, we returned to Mittagong Pool after Christmas with our U12-14 competitions. Despite our facilities/equipment at Mittagong being destroyed by vandals in a fire in January 2017, the Junior support crew managed to pull off a very successful end to the season at Mittagong.

We are working with Council and various funding bodies to have our Clubhouse (and more) reinstated. Should you wish to get involved or offer your services/expertise, please contact us – we need lots of help, and funds, for this Project!

Frensham Pool has proved to be a real boon to our Club with Senior comps being run there since Mittagong Pool closed. We also tried out this facility for the running of our U16 comp this season which went very well.

The new Board will be discussing competition structure and putting some options to our membership in the near future. Options will involve a range of comps with location at both Mittagong and Frensham Pools – watch this space!

Thanks to management of both Pools over the season for their support and flexibility. We also welcome club player/coach/stalwart Jason Nicholas as the new manager of the Frensham facility and look forward to working with Jason and his staff on training/coaching/playing options.

# 4. Membership

We have enjoyed a healthy Membership year with a total of 331 Members. To assist with management of our support network and 'Working with Children' requirements, we initiated a new membership class of 'Supporter' for 2018-19. This move resulted in 40 of our local community signing up and provides the opportunity for these members to participate/stay in touch. An added benefit is that our insurance and protection for members also covers the Supporter classification.

# Our Membership is currently as follows:

Member Type	Numbers
Juniors	234
Seniors	49
Supporters	40
Total Membership	331



# Our Members make up teams as follows:

Age/Comp	Teams
U12 – Junior	9
U14 – Junior	5
U16 – Junior	5
B-Grade – Senior	6
A-Grade – Senior	4
TOTAL	29

# We have the following Patrons and Life Members:

Year	Status	Name
1990	Life Member	Tony Springett
1990	Life Member	Gary Grant
2000	Life Member	Lyn Douglass
2004	Life Member	Miles Lochhead
2008	Life Member	Dave Chandler
2008	Life Member	Robert Greenwood
2010	Life Member	Ray Smee
2015	Life Member	Andrew Basaglia
2001-2018	Patron	Ray Smee
20012018	Patron	Tony Springett
20142018	Patron	Carl Phillips

Many younger players compete in the Senior comp in both A and B Grade according to age limitations, these players benefit from competition at a higher level, and boost numbers in these competitions – some players manage 3 games a week through this flexibility and their dedication to multiple competitions is much appreciated!

# 5. Competitions:

In all, 233 matches were played over the season with 1,568 goals scored – that's an average of ~8 per game, a monumental effort! There were also 360 Major Fouls committed over all competitions, that is an average of 1.5 per game.

Below is a summary of Competition for 2018-19, full details can be found under <u>Fixtures and Results</u> on the Website. Our <u>Revolutionise</u> website system provides an excellent summary of competition and uses a 'Win-Ratio' formula to best analyse results. Win-Ratio calculates the number of points received, out of the number of points possible, and is the basis for ranking the point scores. It is a fair measure, especially if teams do not play an equal number of games.





#### Juniors

U12 – Played 12 rounds in total with no finals – there are no points awarded in the U12 competition, as the aim is to develop their skills and game awareness ready for moving to the U14 competition and beyond.



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U14 – Played 7 rounds before Christmas, 5 rounds after Christmas, with semi-finals on 19 March and a Grand Final on 26 March. The Oxley Destroyers prevailed over Oxley Missiles in the Grand final with a winning margin of 10-5.



Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	Forfeits	BYEs	Diff.	Points	WR <sup>1</sup>
Oxley Destroyers	4	4	0	0	0	2	38	16	100%
Oxley Missiles	5	4	0	1	0	1	16	17	85%
SHWP Club Orcas	5	2	0	3	0	1	-12	11	55%
Oxley Cruisers	5	1	1	3	0	1	-10	9	<b>45</b> %
Oxley Torpedoes	5	0	1	4	0	1	-32	6	30%

# **U14 Point Score** (NB: this table only shows second half of Competition)

U16 – Played 12 rounds in total with semi-finals on 19 March and a Grand Final on 26 March. The Oxley White team won a hard fought Grand Final against Waterburras with a score of 7-4.

# U16 Point Score

Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	Forfeits	BYEs	Diff.	Points	WR <sup>1</sup>
SHWP Club Waterburras	12	11	0	1	0	0	42	45	<b>94</b> %
Oxley White	12	7	1	3	1	0	31	33	<b>69</b> %
Mariners Mariners	12	5	0	7	0	0	-17	27	<b>56</b> %
Oxley Blue	12	5	0	6	1	0	-16	26	<b>54</b> %
Bottlenose Dolphins	12	4	1	6	1	0	-б	24	<b>50</b> %
Oxley Gold	12	3	0	8	1	0	-34	20	<b>42</b> %

# The Junior Committee has provided this summary of the Competition for 2018-19:

#### Grand Finals

We had great weather for the grand finals and presentation night but typically for the Southern Highlands this time of year it did get chilly once the sun went down.

The U14 grand final was played mate against mate with the Oxley Destroyers and Oxley Missiles facing off. It was a closely fought game with the Destroyers coming out on top 10 goals to 5.

The U16 grand final was also a close game between Oxley White and the Waterburra's. The first half saw only 3 goals scored between both teams and the full-time score was 7 goals to 4 in favour of Oxley White.

Many players from the other teams turned up to cheer on their favourite team and the atmosphere pool side was exciting to say the least. All players and officials should hold their heads high for their determination and enthusiasm, and for playing in the true spirit of the game. Thanks to the referees and scorers for both games.



## Presentation

There was a great turnout for the presentation. With the U12s finishing their competition two weeks prior and only four teams playing on grand final night (out of 12 registered for the U14s and U16s) we were unsure how many people would come out for a 6.30pm presentation.

We had the BBQ pumping and had to send out for more supplies! We served approximately 160 sausage sandwiches between 5.30pm – 7pm – a huge thank you goes out to our cooks and servers.

The kids were very impressed with the selection of prizes with many questions about how they could 'get' one of this or that – of course the response was they had to make it to the grand final, nothing like a bit of encouragement to do well next year. We had many enquiries regarding the purchase of a hoodie so we have decided to make these available for junior members to buy.

The U14 and U16 winners each received a SHWP hoodie and the runners up received a SHWP drink bottle. We also handed out awards for the best and fairest for each age group and a coach's award for each team for the most improved player of the season.

#### Final Juniors Notes

A big thank you goes out to the various members of the Junior Water Polo Committee. We all played different roles and had our own strengths and skills which combined together like a well-oiled machine. Also, thanks to the club members who lent a hand setting up and packing up. Lastly, thank you to all of the coaches and managers of the teams – without your involvement the competition would not be able to operate as smoothly as it has this season.





## Seniors

B-Grade – Played 21 rounds in total with semi-finals on 1 April and a Grand Final on 8 April. The Grand Final resulted in a clear win to Horton's Heroes over Dolphins B 11-3.

B-Grade	Point	Score
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Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	Forfeits	BYEs	Diff.	Points	WR <sup>1</sup>
Mariners B Seniors	19	15	0	4	0	0	52	64	84%
Hortons Heroes B Seniors	19	13	1	2	3	0	30	56	<b>74</b> %
Polar Bears B Seniors	19	10	0	9	0	0	13	49	<b>64</b> %
Dolphins B Seniors	19	10	1	5	3	0	18	47	<b>62</b> %
Oxley Gold B Seniors	18	2	1	13	2	0	-61	23	<b>32</b> %
Oxley Blue B Seniors	18	2	1	11	4	0	-52	21	<b>29</b> %
SHWP Club Social Game Team 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
SHWP Club Social Game Team 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%

A-Grade – Played also played 19 'official' rounds in total (with 2 informal rounds played over the Christmas break including Wollongong 'Invitational' players) with semi-finals on 1 April and a Grand Final on 8 April. The Minor Premiers Sharks ended up with a win over Dolphins A 9-5.

# A-Grade Point Score

Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	Forfeits	BYEs	Diff.	Points	WR <sup>1</sup>
Sharks A Seniors	19	13	1	5	0	0	56	59	<b>78</b> %
Dolphins A Seniors	19	12	1	4	2	0	35	54	<b>71</b> %
Polar Bears A Seniors	19	7	0	11	1	0	-58	39	<b>51</b> %
Mariners A Seniors	19	5	0	13	1	0	-33	33	<b>43</b> %
SHWP Club Social Game Team 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
SHWP Club Social Game Team 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%

Our trusty Media scribe Dave Chandler writes up each week's competition with the Grand Final story available <u>here</u> for those interested.



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# 6. Recognition:

The season runs for over 20 weeks with players turning up each week to compete and enjoy the sport. At the end of each season, a number of awards are presented to recognize those who put in a consistent effort over the season. As water polo is a team sport, recognition is not always for those who score the most goals!

Well done to all recipients, efforts rewarded......



#### SENIORS

- o B-Grade B&F Male William Docherty (Mariners) ~ Runner-Up John Jamieson, third Hal Canute
- B-Grade B&F Female <u>Lauren Cameron</u> (Polar Bears) ~ Runner-Up Alexandra McCue, third Phillipa Kettlewell
- B-Grade Runners Up Dolphins
- B-Grade Premiers Horton's Heroes
- Senior and Junior Referees Awards went to Lochie Feary and Luc Puchert who both received accreditation over the season well done!
- A-Grade B&F Male Daniel Barnes (Dolphins) ~ Runner-Up Jason Nicholas, third Scott McClean
- A-Grade B&F Female <u>Emma Maddox</u> (Sharks) ~ Runner-Up Gabby Butcher, third Chelsea Flood
- A-Grade Runners Up Dolphins
- A-Grade Premiers Sharks
- Clubperson of the Year Juniors Alison Oates
- Clubperson of the Year Seniors Miles Lochhead
- A Special Patrons Award was presented to our long serving patron and dual Olympian Ray Smee!



# JUNIORS

# Best and Fairest Awards

Name	Points	Place
U12		
Torah Wooderson	17	1 <sup>st</sup> Backpack
Isabella Barber	16	2 <sup>nd</sup> Drawstring bag
Xanthe McDonald	13	3 <sup>rd</sup> Drink bottle
U14		
Duncan Greig	12	1 <sup>st</sup> Backpack
Joe Zervos	7	2 <sup>nd</sup> Drawstring bag
Hamish Barber	7	2 <sup>nd</sup> Drawstring bag
Tom Milner	7	2 <sup>nd</sup> Drawstring bag
U16		
Max Davis-Rice	14	1 <sup>st</sup> Backpack
John Jamieson	13	2 <sup>nd</sup> Drawstring bag
Hal Canute	13	2 <sup>nd</sup> Drawstring bag
Hamish Tregenza	13	2 <sup>nd</sup> Drawstring bag



# **Coaches Award** – Drawstring bag

Team	Player
U12	
Gib Gate Green	Sophie Alexander
Gib Gate Purple	Amelia Hartnell
Marlins	Harry Moore
Megladons	Maya Williams
Oxolotls	Joel Sheezel
Tiger Sharks	Charlie Fannin
Tudor House 1	Archie McConochie
Tudor House 2	Tim Leahy
Tudor House 3	Jack Wilson
U14	
Orcas	Gracie Hindmarsh
Oxley Cruisers	Jacob Munn
Oxley Destroyers	Maddie Bragg
Oxley Missiles	Daniel Murray
Oxley Torpedoes	Tommy Poultin
U16	
Dolphins	Nick Colgan
Mariners	Luke Boyd and William Boyd
Oxley Blue	Tom Rapp
Oxley Gold	Grace Ayling
Oxley White	Tom Jennings
Waterburras	Connor Miller and Tom Sargood



# 7. Refereeing

Thanks to Comp refs throughout the season and to WPNSW Ref mentoring at start and to Bob Smith for his service and high-quality refereeing at the Grand Finals.

We planned to have all referees go through accreditation over the season, however, this did not work entirely to plan! This upcoming season will provide opportunity for this who referee, or any budding referees to go through a training program and be mentored/accredited by both SHWP referees and WPNSW – please look out for this opportunity and participate – our competitions cannot succeed without a high standard of refereeing.

The following report comes from Revolutionise and may not be 100% accurate as data entry was not as consistent over the season as we would have liked – however, it is an indication of the extent of our referee pool and the number of games they officiated at – a BIG thank you!!

Referee	Number of Games				
Ford, Craig	2				
Ta-mé, Alexander	3				
Canute, Hal	9				
Dunn, Stephen	9				
Chandler, David	10				
Lochhead, Miles	10				
Antoniak, Christian	11				
Barnes, Daniel	13				
Balla, Alan	15				
Will Jamieson	15				
Nicholas, Jason	18				
Cruz, Sebastian	19				
Puchert, Luc	20				
Ford, Noah	22				
Basaglia, Andrew	23				
Jamieson, John	23				
Doyle, Lawrence	28				
Feary, Lachlan	29				
Maddox, Emma	29				
Feary, Ian	30				
Elise Balla	35				

# Referees 2018-19

# 8. Coaching

Coaching/training has been on offer consistently over many years at SHWP. Since the opening of Frensham Pool, we have had the opportunity to train all year round in a controlled environment conducive to participation i.e. warm and inviting! Over the last Season, we have had Winter training and coaching provided by Jenny Balla at Frensham Pool with 36 Junior and Senior Players taking



part. This program kicks off again on 31 July and we encourage players to take up this opportunity to get fit and learn skills.

Jenny and the Junior Committee have put together a Junior Program as below, to participate in representative teams, it is essential to train!

#### 9. Representation

The representative year kicked off with some international competition!

The Honey Badgers Under 14 boys' water polo team are the first Southern Highlands team to contest

an overseas tournament, the Pan Pacific tournament in Auckland, New Zealand. There was a big commitment from Coach, Brad Gipson, Manager Alison Oates and Jonathan Hatcher, who as junior competition organiser drove the idea. The dedication of the parent group was brilliant, including raising a lot of cash to fund this project. Along with the Club, here were many local businesses who sponsored the boys, another BIG thank you to these generous supporters!

The boys met some very strong opposition against the Qld Maroons (who finished second in the tournament). They also played the Sea Wolves, a very strong Auckland team that finished high up in the competition, and also the NSW State third team. The Honey Badgers frustrated the top teams, who perhaps underestimated the drive of the Highlands boys.

In their last and most exciting game, the Honey Badgers defeated Waikato, from Hamilton, NZ, 7-6, in sudden death. The teams were locked together, 6-6, at full time. This led to a potential 9 mins of sudden death play. The Honey Badgers had a strategy to go all out at the start of play, to send the ball up to the front and get a shot away. The strategy worked beautifully, and they scored quickly after receiving a penalty in front of the goal.

The boys celebrated like they had won the grand final.

# The Honey Badgers Team and Officials





# These players were involved:.

SHWP U14 Honey Badgers Team
1 – Luc Puchert
2 – Hamish Barber
3 – Hal Canute (did not go to NZ)
4 – Seb Cruz
5 – Noah Ford
6 – Sam Gipson
7 – Jack Hatcher
8 – Sam McKay
9 – Ben Regan (did not go to NZ)
10 – Tom Sargood
11 – Hamish Tregenza
12 – Dom Uliana
13 – Christian Gallina
14 – Larry Doyle
15 – Rohan Buckley



At the end of the season, U12 and U14 players capitalised on the year's competition and training taking part in two competitions:

- 9-11 March with the NSW Junior Country Clubs at Newcastle; and
- 23-24 March, the NWPNSW inaugural U12 Festival at Orange

On the weekend of 23 and 24 March, athletes representing Southern Highlands Water Polo (SHWP) experienced their first taste of the game at representative level. The contingent – comprised of two girls and two boys' teams – travelled to Orange for the inaugural NSWWP Under 12 Festival.

In preparation for the carnival, athletes attended a program of training facilitated by Jenny Balla. This program targeted core skills, basic formations, and game sense.

The girls Purple and Blue teams surpassed all expectations – winning gold and bronze respectively – following a tightly fought battle against themselves!

Despite the quality training afforded to them, the boys teams came face-to-face with competition of new intensity, including four of Sydney's top teams. Score lines were not indicative of the battle waged and both teams earned the respect of their hardened city counterparts. The boys should hold their heads high for their determination, and for playing in the true spirit of the game.

A highlight included the final game of the tournament featuring Highlands Blue and Purple that had supporters for both teams on their feet. Highlands Purple were victorious and it's safe to say competitive spirit is alive and well in the Southern Highlands.

Importantly, all four teams demonstrated monumental improvement across the two days. Coaches of rival clubs noting they were pleased they didn't meet the Highlands boys deeper in the competition citing grit, step change in skill and cohesion.



The fact SHWP registered four teams in the carnival – more than any club at the festival – is testament to the commitment of SHWP to grow the game in our region, and to the best of breed coaching available to our children. The foray into representative level provided invaluable exposure to the ferocity of competition beyond our backyard and instilled our children with a sense of what they should aspire to achieve. Our athletes also connected with new friends from further afield and were fine ambassadors for our region, an equally important aspect of the carnival and game.

The carnival was a fabulous opportunity for our athletes, made possible thanks to the support of SHWP, and to the unwavering passion and commitment of Jenny Balla and Alison Oates. Special thanks also to Lauren and Elise Balla in their coaching and refereeing capacities.

At Newcastle, SHWP did not enter a team, however, players represented in the 'Draft' and gained a wealth of experience!

Name	Gender	Age Group
Charlie Fanin	М	U12
Harry Moore	м	U12
Tempe Arnott	F	U12
Torah Wooderson	F	U12
Dante Maynard	м	U12
Hugh White	м	U12
Bella Barber	F	U12
Arabella Whitehead	F	U12
Isabella Carpenter	F	U12
Jason Campese	м	U12
Oliver Linde	м	U12
Llana Sheezel	F	U14
Max Manka	м	U14
Salvatore Perrotta	м	U14
Matteo Perrotta	м	U14
Rocco Perrotta	м	U14
Joe Zervos	М	U14
Noah Ford	М	U14/U16
Sam Mackay	М	U14/U16
Hamish Barber	М	U14/U16
Christian Gallina	М	U14/U16
Tom Sargood	М	U14/U16
Sienna Campese	F	U16

# U12/14/16 Representative Players 2019

Highlands Blue U12 Team – Orange 2019



# **10. Water Polo NSW**

As noted above, Water Polo NSW have been active in support of our Club over the Season, principally through the Inter Program. WPNSW also supported the Club with referee development.



We would like to formally thank Stephanie Evans as our inaugural Intern for her work over the season and, the willing and competent assistance from Lochie Feary. Stephanie and Lochie were backed up from Head Office support through Danielle Smith – thanks Danielle!

There are plans to enhance the referee and coaching development aspect of WPNSW support in 2019/20 through their Regional Academy Program. More information on this Program and WPNSW support will be available in the very near future.

We thank WPNSW for their support and look forward to moving on from the Intern Program to an enhanced model of competition co-ordination. With concurrence form the new Board, this Program will be rolled out form August onwards.

# 11. Website/Media

We had support for media through the local <u>Southern Highlands News</u> in the form of regular reports provided by media scribe Dave Chandler. Hamish Ta-mé also assisted with Newsletters and photography. Intern Stephanie Evans has assisted with Facebook (thanks Steph!), however, as Stephanie is moving on, we are looking out for 'social media champions' – if you have a knack for successful social media promotion via Facebook, Twitter and/or Instagram (or other platforms) please get in touch!

With our 40<sup>th</sup> year on the horizon, there will be a lot of activity in this area very soon....

#### **12.** 40 years of Water Polo in the Highlands

Last but not least, everyone has heard (unless you have been living under a rock) about the fact that Southern Highland Water Polo (formerly Bowral Water Polo) is 40 years old in 2020.

The following Draft Program (and more) will be considered by the incoming Board and widely promoted as events arise – please look out for these promotions so we can celebrate this landmark for the local water polo community in style!

Event Description	Date
2019-20 Season kick off	14 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
Pre-Christmas social mixed games and celebration	8 or 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
National League Warm-up games – Mittagong or Frensham??	January/February TBC
Gala Celebration Dinner (Mittagong RSL?)	March TBC

# Memorabilia promotions and sales

Throughout the season, a range of memorabilia will be procured and sold, these may consist of:

- Hoodies
- T-shirts
- Caps
- Drink coolers
- Other?

#### Fundraising / Budget for 40<sup>th</sup> Celebrations

Along with fundraising for new Clubhouse facilities, we will be out there promoting the 40<sup>th</sup> year and welcome any ideas/support to fund successful celebrations.



# **13. FINALLY**

Avoiding clichés and singling out individuals, the conduct of Southern Highlands Water Polo would not happen without a massive effort by a large team of admin and support persons. Thank you to all involved for a tremendously successful season – we look forward with positivity to the upcoming year of water polo, and celebrating reaching our 40<sup>th</sup> milestone.

From the Deep End

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Miles Lochhead President 2018-19



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