

# **Henley Sharks Water Polo**

## **Annual Report 2019/20**

**AGM Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020**



## VALE Lynn Martin

In May of this year, Henley Sharks lost one of its most outstanding members.

It is important that at this Annual General Meeting, we pause for a moment to reflect on the passing of Lynn Martin, and officially record our great thanks to Lynn for his enormous contributions to this club, to water polo in SA and to the sport generally.

Lynn was well known and respected within our community. He was a man of great integrity who made an enormous contribution to Water Polo in SA over almost 50 years as an elite player (including as captain of the SA Men's state team) and as a key administrator (including as Water Polo SA President for 10 years) as well as many other roles in our sport, too numerous to list.

Without delving into too much detail, it began for Lynn back in the early 70's at the old Henley pool as an eager 16 year old.



During his first period at Henley, Lynn played for the best part of 10 years – progressing through the junior ranks, to eventually playing A grade. His most notable achievements during his first stint at Henley was being a member of the A grade team that won 3 A grade premierships in a row. During this time he was twice awarded the A grade men's most valuable player.

During this time he also played state water polo, captaining the side on many occasions. When Henley could no longer form an A grade side, he had a few stints at other clubs being awarded the A grade association best and fairest medal in 84-85 whilst playing for Prospect before settling at Adelaide Vikings where in later years he was also awarded the B grade association best & fairest medal 2 seasons.

In 1999 it looked as though Henley would not be able to field an A grade team, and it looked like being only a 2 team A grade comprising of Vikings and Tritons. So Lynn decided he would transfer back from Vikings to his original home at Henley, and brought his 4 sons (all of whom played water polo) with him. This move was significant and enabled Henley to maintain an A grade side.



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From then, Lynn would be a Henley member for the rest of his life, and volunteered countless hours of his time to coaching and managing both club & state sides, serving for many years on both the Henley and SA Water Polo boards, and most notably he served as SA Water Polo president for 10 years.

Whilst Association President, Lynn was instrumental in securing water polo to be a part of SASI, he helped keep the Adelaide Jets men's team from folding when it was at a low ebb, and was the main catalyst for getting the inaugural Adelaide Jets women's team off the ground. He was also the President at the time it was decided to make the sport in SA more professional in its approach, and appointed the first ever paid CEO of SA water polo.

Lynn was honoured with Life membership at Adelaide Vikings water polo club, and life membership of SA Water Polo for his tremendous contribution to those organisations. And of course, in 2015 he was appointed a life member of Henley Sharks for his enormous contributions to this club.

Through his time in water polo, Lynn was the epitome of someone who wouldn't just take from the sport that allowed him so many wonderful opportunities, but would tirelessly give back to his sport.

The Henley Water Polo Club has benefitted enormously from Lynn's efforts over nearly 50 years as a player, coach, manager, committee member, and SA Water Polo president.

Lynn was known and respected by everyone in the sport, both here in South Australia, and across the nation.

We will all miss a great leader, a great player, a great club man, and most importantly, a great person.

Vale Lynn Martin.

## **President's Report**

I would once again like to acknowledge the efforts and contributions that have been made by committee members, team managers and coaches, and all volunteers who offer so much to aid in running, growing and developing the Henley Sharks Water Polo Club and water polo within our state. Without the ongoing support from these individuals the club would have not been able to make it through one of the more interesting and challenging years we have had to endure facing the COVID-19 pandemic. Without the dedication shown from these people, water polo would have been crippled within our state due to the impact of COVID.

I would also like to invite senior members and parents of our juniors to take up the opportunity to become more involved with the club. There are many aspects to running our club, from governance and committee duties, to fundraising and sponsorship, or even promotion of the sport to increase our membership numbers. With declining numbers, there has been less people to pull from to help club development and sustainability. We need all members now to take on the responsibility to be involved in some way, more than attending trainings and games. Many hands make light work! Increasing our membership numbers will grow our community, the profile of the club and our sport, and will help to reduce membership costs.

This year saw our girl's teams perform well and achieve positive results for the club. Our A-Grade women's team once again took out the premiership title for seventh years in a row. I would like to congratulate Jess Martin in her amazing leadership of this team for a number of years now and the advice and support she has offered our younger players moving up from the junior competitions. This year saw the second year that teams were entered into a 14U girls' competition in a combined team with Vikings, performing with outstanding results week after week. The continual growth in numbers in the girl's competition within that age group has allowed for Water Polo South Australia (WPSA) to develop a 16U and 18U girls competition. This will be great for the club and the sport if these girls can continue to develop, to encourage new members to join the sport and lead into our future senior teams, and continue our winning streak.

Our B-Grade men continued to establish a core group with new recruits coming in throughout the season and continually having a full team list week after week. The B-Grade men developed together under the guidance of senior players and club coach Jess Martin that gave direction for improvement from week to week. Unfortunately, after an amazing season and winning through the semi-finals, COVID-19 caused all finals to be cancelled besides the A-Grade women which had already been played. This affected three of our club teams' opportunity of playing in a grand final. I hope that this hiccup on our successful season encourages all members to come out and pursue the same comradery to lead us to another grand final in the 2020-21 season.



Unfortunately, our junior teams were very low on numbers this season, which made it difficult for our teams to perform to their potential. It is important that we continue to build our junior development, as these players are the future of the club, and without them it is difficult to run a competition, or even a club. It is also vitally important that these junior players and families are committed to the club and ensure that if they make a commitment to a team, they ensure they're at games prepared to plan, or inform their coach / team managers prior to the games.

Due to low junior numbers amongst all clubs, there was no 12U competition run in the 2019-20 season. This is a fundamental challenge for our sport, as this will impact numbers in older age groups in the future. From having a 14U boys and 14U girls team in 2019-20 season, WPSA have reverted back to a mixed 14U competition due to insufficient numbers to field teams. We need proactive members to help promote junior development and a volunteer to act as Junior Development Officer to organise clinics and promotional work for the club.

Henley had a number of State representatives in different age groups. I would like to congratulate each of these players for their commitment and performance. These players are all recognised later in this Annual Report.

Due to COVID-19, WPSA could not host a Presentation night, however a number of Henley members were recognised for their fantastic performances throughout the 2019/20 season. These players are identified later in this Annual Report.

One of the shining moments of 2019/20 was our annual summer Junior Clinic held in January 2020 at Immanuel College. This is always a fantastic event, and a great way to introduce new players to the club. COVID-19 affected the club's ability to host a junior development clinic in October, however, we are planning to hold our annual January clinic in 2021, and would love assistance from members to support these initiatives.



I would like to thank all members, again in particular the Henley Committee for their effort and support this year - Phil Dawkins, Sarah Bradley, Jet Van Duijn, Maddie Lambert and Alyssa West. I would also like to thank our coaches who are at the senior and junior training sessions who are always looking at ways to improve our players, so a big thanks to Jess Martin, Charlotte Dirk and Maddie Lambert. Charlotte, in particular, has been an amazing asset to the club with the role she plays in developing our juniors at trainings, coaching on the pool sideline on Sunday afternoon junior games, and communicating with many of our junior players' families. Charlotte have gone above and beyond to help support and promote the growth of our club.

This club would not have been at all successful throughout a very tough year without the dynamic duo that has been a big support to me! Jess Martin and Nigel Connolly are always only a message away to help clarify, organise, plan, instigate and run our club. These two have been the backbone of the club for a few years now with Jess being a very visible benefit to the club with her coaching and knowledge of the game and future planning for the club, and Nigel working behind the scenes to make sure our club is functioning and sustainable. In particular, Nigel has lead our response to and responsibilities surrounding COVID-19, and without him, we would not be in a position to be back in the water.



Again, I would like to make it very clear the call for volunteers to help promote our club in any way possible. Assist with securing potential sponsorship, fundraising and grant opportunities, promoting and assisting junior development and increasing membership numbers, organising social events to promote club unity, and most importantly committee members to assist with strategic planning for longevity of the club. This is the only way our club will continue to remain viable into the future. The club had relied on the same few people for quite a while now and we would appreciate more people to take active roles in our club. There are many people who are willing to offer recommendations and comments on the way the club and association operates, but unless you engage and take an active part in changing that operation, making meaningful change is difficult without additional support. WPSA are also looking for volunteers to participate in online training for officials training, such as table officials and referee courses. To quote Mahatma Gandhi, 'Be the change you want to see in the world'. Together let's build a bigger and better club for our 2020-21 season!

**Nick Ryan**  
**President,**  
**Henley Sharks Water Polo Club**



## 2019/20 Committee Members

<b>President</b>	Nick Ryan
<b>Treasurer</b>	Nigel Connolly
<b>Secretary &amp; Communications</b>	Phil Dawkins
<b>Member Protection Officer</b>	Cat Carroll (non-committee member)
<b>Equipment &amp; Uniforms</b>	Jet van Duijn
<b>Committee Members</b>	Maddie Lambert
	Alyssa West
	Jess Martin
	Sarah Bradley

## Life Members

Peter Bayne  
 Lynn Martin  
 David Forrest  
 Nick Martin  
 Paul Hadfield  
 Chris Turner  
 Gerard Ryan  
 David Martin  
 Loretta Martin



## Teams, Coaches and Managers

Team	Venue / Games	Coach	Manager
<b>14U Girls</b>	St Peter's Sun after 4 pm	Charlotte Dirk	Nick Ryan
<b>14U Boys</b>	St Peter's Sun after 4 pm	Charlotte Dirk	
<b>17U Girls</b>	St Peter's – Thurs night	Maddie Lambert	Nadine Lambert
<b>B Women</b>	AAC & SAALC – Wed night	Emy van Duijn & Jason Wedding	
<b>B Men</b>	AAC & SAALC – Wed night	Nick Ryan	
<b>A Women</b>	SAALC Marion – Tues night	Jess Martin	
<b>Junior Coach</b>	SAALC Marion Tues 5 - 6.30 pm	Charlotte Dirk. Maddie Lambert & Aylssa West	
<b>Senior Coach</b>	SAALC Marion Mon 6:30– 7.30 pm	Jess Martin	

# Presentation Night 2020

Due to COVID-19, Henley Sharks held a delayed presentation event for the 2019/20 season the Glenelg Surf Life Saving Club.

**Congratulations to the following Club award winners for 2019 – 2020**

	Best & Fairest	Coaches Award
<b>14 &amp; Under Girls</b>	Milly Bradley	Ella Broadbent
<b>14 &amp; Under Boys</b>	Drew Stevens	Darcey Hebbard Ethan Napoli
<b>17 &amp; Under Girls</b>	Holly Porter	Emma Scott
<b>B Women</b>	Emy van Duijn	Jules Downie
<b>B Men</b>	Arny Martin	Garth Bonnie
<b>A Women</b>	Holly Porter	Charlotte Dirk
<b>Shark of the Year*</b>	Nigel Connolly	

*\*Shark of the Year nominees were put forward to all members who then nominated a member and the reasoning for the nomination. We would like to thank everyone who made outstanding contributions towards the club and sport.*



## WPSA Club Competition Team Results

Unfortunately, the impact of COVID-19 meant that the 2019-20 Water Polo SA season was cancelled just before finals commenced for most age groups and divisions. Luckily for our A Grade Women, they were able to play and WIN their Grand Final the week before COVID restrictions were implemented, for their 7<sup>th</sup> premiership in a row!

Water Polo SA declared the top teams in each competition as the 'season winners'<sup>1</sup>



GRADE	SEASON WINNER
A GRADE WOMEN	Henley (Runner-Up B&F - Jess Martin)
A GRADE MEN	Vikings
B GRADE WOMEN	Vikings (Runner-up B&F Holly Porter & Zara Dirk)
B GRADE MEN	Vikings Red
18&U BOYS	Eastern Saints
17&U GIRLS	Henley / Vikings
16&U BOYS	Vikings
14&U GIRLS	Eastern Saints / Henley (B&F and Highest Goal Scorer – Milly Bradley)
14&U BOYS	Vikings

<sup>1</sup>WPSA Article - [Covid-19 Update 4th May 2020 - Water Polo SA](#)

## Water Polo South Australia Awards 2019 / 2020

### Australian Water Polo League – FYFE Adelaide Jets

#### Women's Representatives

- Maddie Lambert
  - Jess Martin (C)
  - Alyssa West
  - Alyssa Wooley
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## Australian Youth Championship Representatives – Brisbane 2020

### 14 & Under Boys

- Drew Stevens

### 14 & Under Girls

- Chloe Wright
- Ella Broadbent
- Milly Bradley

### 16 & Under Boys (Stealth)

- William Read

### 16 & Under Girls

- Zara Dirk
- Tayla Dawkins
- Holly Porter

### 18 & Under Boys

- Jett Stevenson
- Finlay Suttie

### 18 & Under Girls

- Charlotte Dirk
- Makayla Roberts
- Sophie Lambert
- Alyssa Wooley

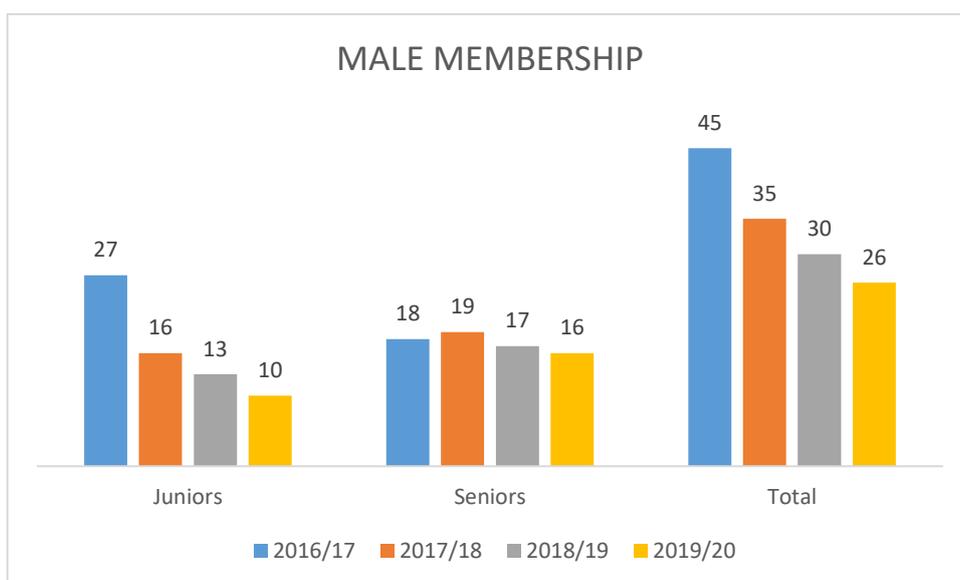
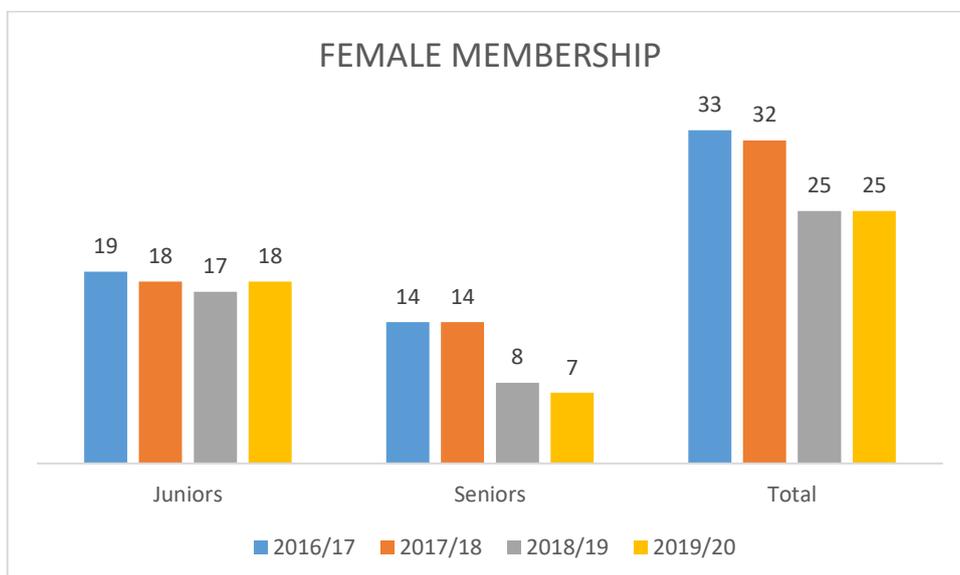
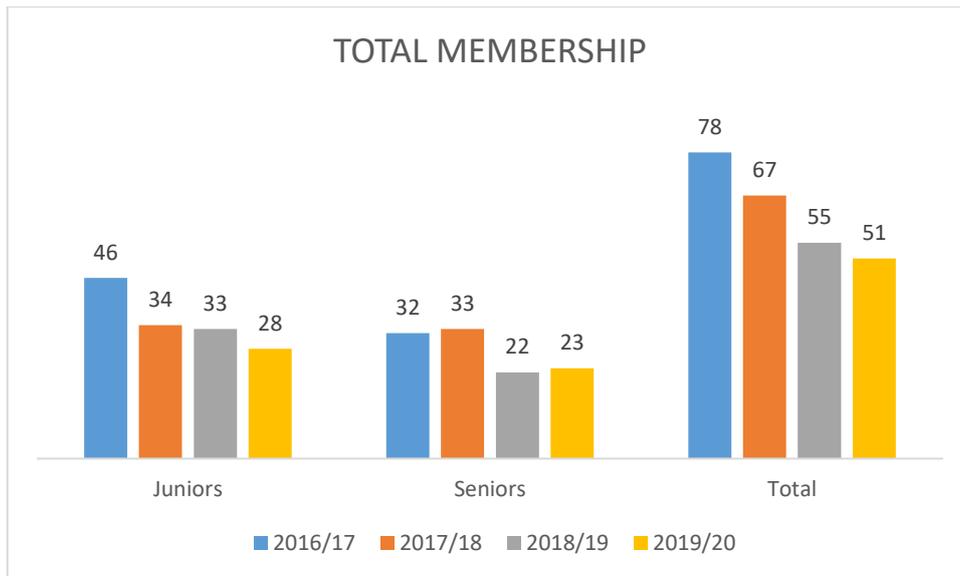
## Australian Squad Representatives

- Alyssa West (Australian Women's 20&Under Squad)
- Tayla Dawkins (Australian Youth 16&Under squad)



*Alyssa West in action for WPSA*

# Membership Statistics



# Financial Statement

## Profit and Loss

### Henley Water Polo Club Incorporated 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020

	30 Jun 20	30 Jun 19
<b>Income</b>		
Apparel Income	\$0.00	\$2,250.00
Clinic Income (1)	\$1,125.00	\$2,485.00
Club fee	\$7,000.00	\$7,980.00
Grant (2)	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Interest Income	\$3.84	\$6.25
Other Revenue	\$0.00	\$70.00
PFTerm1 (3)	\$1,260.00	\$900.00
PFTerm2	\$311.00	\$480.00
PFTerm3	\$1,391.00	\$1,222.00
PFTerm4	\$1,640.00	\$812.43
Sales	\$0.00	\$84.00
Sponsorship (4)	\$0.00	\$450.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$12,730.95</b>	<b>\$21,739.68</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$12,730.95</b>	<b>\$21,739.68</b>
<b>Less Operating Expenses</b>		
AGM	\$0.00	\$113.90
Apparel Cost	\$0.00	\$2,400.90
Clinic Cost (1)	\$2,936.00	\$1,820.80
Xero Accounting Program	\$500.00	\$600.00
Equipment (5)	\$825.00	\$0.00
General Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pool Fees	\$4,975.00	\$4,995.00
Presentation	-\$52.40	\$252.00
Stripe/TeamApp Fees	\$147.46	\$228.85
Summer Competition (6)	\$3896.08	\$6,410.00
Website	\$84.50	\$246.62
Social / Winter Competition (7)	\$399.64	\$0.00
WPSA Affiliation Fees (8)	\$325.00	\$75.00
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$14,166.28</b>	<b>\$17,143.07</b>
<b>Net Profit **</b>	<b>-\$1,453.33</b>	<b>\$4,596.61 (9)</b>

**\*\* While Henley made a loss of -\$1,453.33, it is noted that we spent 18/19FY grant money in 19/20FY (refer to note 9 below). If we take this into consideration and remove these expenses, Henley would have made a profit of \$1,726.67 in 19/20FY.**

## Notes to the Financial Statements

- (1) Henley decided to reduce clinic entry costs to general members/public to increase participation numbers, but Henley also had Grant money remaining from the 2018/2019 FY that was allocated to the Clinic costs.
- (2) Grant funding has been tougher to secure with a lot more clubs applying due to high costs pressure. Traditionally there are 2 rounds of Grants each year, but due to COVID, only one grant was made available, for which Henley was not successful.
- (3) Henley introduced a new SAALC entry system which saw members purchasing Henley Water Polo Club-specific Membership Card to enter SAALC. Only way to top up cards was to ensure members paid their pool entry fees. This saw a \$1,000 improvement towards pool entry income compared to previous year.
- (4) No sponsorship invoices generated due to COVID hardship.
- (5) Equipment purchased was from 2018/2019 FY Grant money.
- (6) Summer Competition fees are almost 50% less than previous FY. This was because WPSA found themselves in a much better financial situation than estimated and due to COVID and financial stress that all clubs were under, WPSA decided to not charge clubs all competition fees.
- (7) WPSA introduced a social / winter comp. Previous year there was no winter comp due to the high fees WPSA proposed.
- (8) Noticeable difference between the two years as WPSA made an error on FY 2018/2019 affiliation fee and did not charge enough and decided to 'cop this on the chin' when questioning the error.
- (9) While it appears Henley made a profit of \$4,569.61, we need to take into consideration of the \$5,000 ORS Grant Money and we have only spent \$1,820 (clinic) and still yet to spend the remaining \$3,180. This will be allocated towards Clinic and sporting equipment in the 19/20FY. If we take the grant money out, this leaves a yearly profit of \$1,416.

## Sponsors

A big thank you to our current sponsors who believe in and support Henley Sharks Water Polo Club. We are extremely appreciative of your support and hope to continue our growing partnership for many years to come.

