

# **Cronulla Sharks Hockey Club Inc**



## **ANNUAL REPORT**

**2018**

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## **ABOUT OUR CLUB**

**“The objects of the Club shall be to foster the interest and control of the game of hockey in the Sutherland Shire; and to give an opportunity to amateur junior and senior players in the abovementioned Shire to participate in the game of hockey.”**

### **WHO WE ARE:**

Sharks Hockey Club is based in the Sutherland Shire, catering for all from ages 5 and up.

Our Club’s Purpose may be best described as developing a vibrant hockey community with a sense of fun, endeavour and achievement; a community that treasures sport as a key to wellbeing and lifelong learning; a community willing to commit to excellence in coaching, officiating and sports management; and in so doing, a Club that fosters camaraderie and sustainable growth.

To this end we are focusing on 3 Critical Success Factors. These are:

- Fostering engagement & increasing participation
- Improving the quality of skills development and knowledge transfer
- Building the competencies and capacities to implement and sustain a continuous pathway from U7’s to the highest level of Club representation possible – for all of our people.

I hope that you excel in the season ahead and invite you to contact any Committee Member or Team Official should you be in a position to assist in any way, to support our Club or indeed, if you have any concerns or problems.

## **OUR SPONSORS**

Thank you to our Club Sponsors for their fantastic support in 2018!

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## **2018 CLUB COMMITTEE**

<u>President:</u>	Nicholas Street
<u>Vice President:</u>	Rodney King
<u>Secretary:</u>	Catherine Capelli
<u>Treasurer, Registrar and Public Officer:</u>	John Dalla-Bona
<u>Women's Convenor:</u>	
<u>Junior Convenor:</u>	Jane Milligan
<u>Equipment Officer:</u>	Marisa Dalla-Bona

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The 2018 was a big season for Cronulla Sharks Hockey but two significant events happened well before anyone took to the pitch. On November 29<sup>th</sup> the club became a legally incorporated entity and on December 15<sup>th</sup> we were admitted into SWHL (Sydney Women's Hockey League) the only club within the Sutherland Shire to have a women's team to play in this premier competition.

The club commenced the season with 99 members 28 seniors and 71 juniors playing over 4 competitions some travelling as far as Pennant Hills, and others no further than Marang Hockey Fields. We had 5 teams in the final series. 2 of which became Premiers.

**Nicholas Street**

President

## **JUNIORS REPORT**

2018 marked a fabulous new start for Sharks Hockey with the opening of Greenhills Hockey Complex at Marang Parklands. The excitement of being able to play on top quality turf fields delivered some fantastic results, new skills and development, along with increased numbers of Club Members this year.

This season we were able to field a large contingent of Joeys, 2 x Mini Burra U9s, 2 x U11s Kookaburras - one of which were both Minor Premiers and Premiers, 1 x U13 team in the SEHA comp and 1 team in the Open Girls.

We celebrated our Sharks Junior Teams and their efforts this year with a fantastic end of season presentation party at Gunnamatta Hall, with fun and games, prizes and of course acknowledgement of our Best and Fairest and Most Improved Junior players.

We give a huge thank you to all of our wonderful Players, Coaches and Managers, our great Referees, in addition to providing a special thank you to the Association for the running of the Junior Program.



This year we saw our juniors playing with their mothers, truly a family club. We are hoping to see more mothers playing with their children next season.

## Joeys U7s

Sharks Hockey Club fielded a great group of U7 Joey team members in 2018, most of which were new to hockey. The Great White Sharks all enjoyed meeting and playing together, along with learning new skills through supervised drills.



They also bonded with the Tartans U7s and of course all enjoyed game time the most. It was fantastic to watch them all grow and develop during the season, with everyone putting in a great effort to do well for their team and team mates.



Even during the cold months, the kids eagerly looked forward to their early Saturday morning starts. What a wonderful group of kids! With so many new starters, seeing the growth across the team during the season has been amazing. We never would have thought at the beginning of the season that putting a group of 4 – 6 year old kids together would bring out the drive to have fun,



to learn and a little competitive spirit as well, all supported wonderfully by their fun and very patient coach, Taylah! The importance of learning their skills was taken head on and while they were having fun they also learnt how to be part of a team. Well done to all our kids in the Great Whites. Near the end of the season a few of the older kids played up in the U9s teams to further their confidence and help them get to know some of the other children they may be playing with as they move up next year. A Best Team Player trophy was awarded each week which greatly helped build confidence and to act as a reminder of their achievement each weekend. We would like to thank their coach Taylah for keeping the little players in order every week, we look forward to seeing each of the U7s players back and roaring to go next year!

## **Mini Burras U9s**

What an amazing group of players we have that make up our U9s teams, the Saw Sharks and the Zebra Sharks! Both teams bonded and grew during the season, both teams doing well and winning many games. As the season went on the Saw Sharks became the team to beat in the U9s comp, demonstrating brilliant team work and impressive results. The advanced skills these teams have will support the older group as they move up into the U11s, leaving the younger ones with a fantastic base for continued improvement and no doubt, lots of ongoing success!

### U9s Saw Sharks

The Saw Sharks team showed fantastic commitment to each other and their Coaches this year, in addition to forming an incredibly strong bond between themselves.



They continued to turn up for training and their matches full of enthusiasm and drive, demonstrating amazing improvement as the season went on. The amount of focus and desire to win was incredible and their friendships held them in good stead accentuating their great team work and team spirit, further instilled in the kids by their wonderful Coaches Ruby and Sahara! We look forward to seeing this great group of kids continue their junior hockey next year and continue to be formidable opponents to all the other teams in the U9s competition!

2018 Most Improved Player: Marlee Pickering 2018

Best and Fairest Player: Emily Street

### U9s Zebra Sharks

Our Zebra Sharks had a great season this year, with all players improving their skills and teamwork significantly. Everyone put in their best efforts into every game and the team work grew from strength to strength as the structure of and use of positioning developed during the season as a result of the fantastic coaching by Tanisha! It was wonderful to see each of the kids develop skills in their preferred positions, passing the ball to each other consistently and really becoming a cohesive team. A mix of fantastic stopping and running with the ball, alongside great defensive play, this team has great potential and we can't wait to see them continue to grow next year, especially as some start to move up into the older U11 grade.



2018 Most Improved Player: Charlotte Milligan 2018

Best and Fairest Player: Alice Krstanoski

### **Kookaburra U11s**

A year of great success for our U11s! This year we had two U11s teams, the Tiger Sharks and the Blacktip Sharks, both made up of engaged, motivated and enthusiastic kids who absolutely loved every minute of playing together. The quality of the Coaches this year was evident as it was obvious that both teams played in a structured, professional manner and developed understanding and requirements of specific positions and how to work together effectively. It has been wonderful to see many of these players move through the Junior ranks and be more than ready to move up into the older competitions next year. For those players who will continue in the U11s comp in 2019, we are very excited to see what you will deliver with everything that you have learnt in this and the previous years!

### U11s Tiger Sharks

This is their first season in U11's. The Tiger Sharks have worked hard this year and have been willing to learn new skills and develop their play. Each game the players improved their hits, pushes, marking and positional play, demonstrating an impressive level of consistency as the season went on. This close knit team should be extremely proud of the level of team work and sportsmanship they showed, never giving up and always trying their best. This determination and never give up attitude they learnt from their amazing coach Elly, who made such a difference to these kids and helped them so much during the season. Watch out 2019, the Tiger Sharks will be better than ever!

2018 Most Improved Player: Rose Richardson

### U11s Blacktip Sharks



What an eventful season of hockey this has been for the Blacktip Sharks! Minor Premiers at the end of the standard draw – top of the U11s table! Taking that confidence into the finals series, their incredible efforts and stamina paid off, resulting in them being named Joint Premiers, not being able to be separated from Bosco after the full time whistle and extra time! Every member of this team played the season with dedication and determination, supporting each other and acknowledging the incredible guidance of their wonderful Coach, Tilly. With a mix of experienced U11s and a number of newly upgraded U9s and U9s playing up, this mix was managed wonderfully by their Coach and each team member should be congratulated for their commitment and contribution which delivered them the ultimate prize of a Premiership! We look to 2019 with excitement to see how this team will continue to morph and develop as some players move to the higher age groups and remaining players bond with and support the new players moving in. Congratulations to each of the Blacktip Sharks, their Coach, Manager and their vocal parents and friends who showed their support during the year!



2018 Most Improved Player: Charles Street 2018

Best and Fairest Player: Malcolm Love



## U13's Bull Sharks

This team plays in the SEHA competition and this year played in the premier A competition and they had a fantastic season finishing in the top 4. The goal for the team was to improve their skills. This is a tough competition and gives the players the opportunity to play against different people and different teams. The team made the semi-finals which was a fantastic achievement. Unfortunately it was a 1v4 play-off which made it difficult. The team comprised all girls and one boy. They often played against teams that had all boys and 1 girl. It was great to see the girls match many of these boys in skill. Big thanks to Asen who was the only boy in the team. The team was fortunate enough to secure Rick a very experienced player who gave up his time to coach the team. All the girls and Asen learnt something from him.



## Open Girls Hammerheads



This team was made of children from the U13's and some older kids. They won some, they lost some, and they drew some and made the top 4 which was a fantastic achievement.

Amazing effort by a Team that has grown so much throughout the Season. Unfortunately, injuries took a toll and due to unforeseen commitments, we missed some key players who would have loved to be there for the semis. The score didn't reflect the fight our Sharkies put up, it was a gallant effort. We had some exciting attempts at goal but some didn't go to plan at times. Our Defence was a force to be reckoned with. The support of Parents and Friends made it a very spectacular game and our girls held their heads up very high as they played with every bit of their soul to try and grab that goal that just wouldn't go in. Looking forward to next Season we'll come back stronger 2019 Season watch out Angela.

Best and Fairest – Emily Hindmarch

Most Valuable Player – Katelyn Parslow

## **Junior Sportsperson of the year 2018**

### **Sahara Waide**

A special congratulations to Sahara Waide who Played, Coached, Umpired, and contributed countless hours supporting the club to be voted our Junior Sportsperson for 2018. A great effort. Although she was injured for half the season, Sahara still turned up for her team and helped out in goal every week.

Sharks Hockey are proud to have you in our club.

## **SENIORS REPORT**

This year we had 3 senior teams each playing in different competitions.

The 2018 was a big season for Cronulla Sharks Hockey as we had 2 teams make grand finals with the SWHL team making the grand final at the first attempt and winning the competition.

The newly formed Reef sharks played in the newly formed local competition and also made the grand final but unfortunately lost.

### **Cronulla Sharks SWHL Team (Sydney Women's Hockey League)**



When the hockey season began our first foray into SWHL wasn't great - we got smashed in a trial by the Moorebank ML5 side (who went on to win their premiership), but in difficult conditions the girls showed a fighting attitude that would carry them through the rest of the year. The season proper began much better, with a four confidence boosting wins in a row, which were followed by four confidence sapping losses in a row and by the time we got into the second round the girls had settled, our results improved, and it was a 7-1 victory over the previously undefeated Glebe side that booked our spot in the finals. 12 wins, 2 draws, 4 losses, 55 goals for, 17 goals against, good for 2nd place.

The problem was that victory over Glebe was our only win against any of the other 3 finals teams in 6 games. We struggled with the physicality of Glebe and the width of Macquarie but when the pressure was on the girls really found a balance between the two styles, finding a way to use the strengths of one to beat the other. It wasn't smooth all the way, we fell apart a bit after falling behind Glebe in the Major semi, but lessons were learnt and we struck early twice against Macquarie in the final, holding on 2-1, then striking early three times in the Grand Final and holding on 3-2.



My highlight of the year was watching this group test themselves each week against new opposition. These players got to run against Macquarie University, Wentworthville, Norwest Strikers & MosHarbour etc. Previously the only way to get this experience was either through representative hockey or leaving the association and now we can play these teams every week. Then again Grand Final day was a lot of fun too!

Individually there were a lot of highlights; Darcy v Wenty (R1), Sue v Wenty (R2), Hanna v NWS, Zoe v Macquarie, Mia's GF hat-trick, Izzy's entire final series, Micayla's waist high slap goal, Jemma's diving baseline goal, Tilly's wandering elbows, every time Elly decided not to tomahawk and beating Wests so bad Kiera called the cops to Bankstown. Apologies to all those I missed, there was a lot of fun stuff this year.

Finally, a big thankyou to all the players we took the leap into SWHL with us this year. The inaugural Cronulla Sharks SWHL team were; Susan Jay (Capt.), Isabell Scottis (GK), Jemma Akkari, Hanna Barnard, Darcy, Bronte, Tilly, Phoebe & Marisa Dalla-Bona, Zoe Jay, Micayla Krauklis, Keira McCracken, Elly & Peta Offord, Mia O'Rourke, Bronte & Ashleigh Ryan, April Drury, Paris Barnard, Niamh Rosser .

Matt Rowling Cronulla

SWHL Coach

## 2018 Reef Sharks Report.

As this was the first year on the new local Turf's it was great not to travel all over the country side to play hockey. We found we were happy settling into a strong fun competition.

The Reef Sharks team had a remarkable season making it into the grand final and putting up a good fight (while still having fun) to be placed a respectable 2nd. Not bad for a social team who managed players travel, work and injuries in the season and was still able to field a team each week.





We went from playing short and calling upon some of our talented juniors initially fill in, to a couple of them earning a regular spot and becoming a core part of the Reef sharks team (Em and Chels). It was awesome to have such a wonderful age mix of girls in our team and I love the friendships that were formed (we certainly did prove that age is no barrier to friendship).

There were so many spectacular goals, saves and tackles, some that stick in my mind were a few cracker goals from Hanna, Tanisha, Taylah and Em and the solid defence tackles from Katja.

Special thank you to Bronte and Chloe for playing at short notice, Ang for doing canteen duty and Wendy for playing the role of team taxi and support.

Thanks for a great season; we look forward to you all returning next year for more fun and friendship.

Kirsty

## **2nd Grade Women's**

The 2nd Grade Women's Team had a tough season we lost our goalie before the season started and despite having a large squad it proved to be a challenge getting a full team each week. The two highlights were securing a great coach in Rick who is a very experienced player and watching many of our young players step up and play with us. The team developed through the season and we look forward to next season.



## **2018 Representative - Honours**

### **NSW Representatives U13**

Massive, huge congratulations to Lahni W for making the U13s state team. This is a fantastic achievement. And we are all so very proud of you here at Sharks HQ. Also huge Sharks shout out to Christine F who plays goalie for the SEHA Bull Sharks who will be joining her teammate Lahni at the Nationals.

Both girls went on to win Gold for their NSW team this is awesome!



### **NSW Representatives U15**

Massive congratulations to this little lady Zoe J for being selected into the U15s state Squad. This is a fantastic achievement and we are all so very proud of you



## Sydney East PSSA Team

Representing Sydney East PSSA Team at State Championship today at Moorebank our Shark's players Eliza Parslow, Lahni Woodger and Chloe Burne.



## NSWCHSSA

Congratulations to the Sydney East Combined High School team that gave us a nail biting final after 3 lovely days in the pouring rain! Darcy Dalla-Bona, April Druery, Annika Agerakis, Zoe Jay and Katja Lee. The title was snatch away in the dying seconds 3-2. You all played do well. Special mention to our 5 Sharkies below (that's nearly half the team! ) who play for SEHA 1 and 2, Reef Sharks (SSHA) and our SWHL Teams. We are so proud of you all. Great job girls



## SSHA Representatives

Congratulations to all the Sharkies whom represented Sydney South Hockey Association in the field and Indoor State Championships



## SSHA Field Teams

**U13/1** - Brydie Fairfax, Emily Hindmarch, Lahni Woodger, Coach – Kirsty Fraser

**U13/2** - Chloe Burne, Eliza Parslow

**U15 Girls Div2 State Champions** - Darcy Dalla-Bona, April Druery, Kiera Greening, Zoe Jay, Tanisha Mavji, Katelyn Parslow, Manager – Susan Jay

**U18/2 Girls** - Darcy Dalla-Bona, Zoe Jay, Tanisha Mavji, Elly Offord, Isabel Scortis

## SSHA Indoor

**U15 Girls** - State Champions Div. 2, Champions for the 2nd Year running - Darcy Dalla-Bona





**U18 Girls** - Darcy Dalla-Bona, Katja Lee



The Sharks made up half the U15s team that won the state champs. This is an amazing achievement for this bunch of dedicated girls. They have worked hard to get to this level of hockey through commitment to the sport and the help of great coaches, and being part of the Sharks hockey family. Oh and the parents who drive the children to these games, this is the furthest we have been Grafton, but with a win definitely worth it!

Playing reps is a great way to meet new friends and travel NSW, we urge all our players young and old to give it a go in 2019

# **Thankyou!**

To all the coaches, managers, umpires, officials,  
parents and supporters who volunteered their  
time and made 2018 a season to remember for  
all our hockey players