



Appointments to the UWA Hockey Club and Board

Dear Members,

With the 2023 season fast approaching, it's worthwhile providing an update on a number of recent changes at the Club.

Our Club President Jeremy Walsh advised the Board recently that he would be stepping down from his position. In addition, Board member Kirsten van der Walt resigned.

We would like to thank both Jeremy and Kirsten for their respective contributions over the last few years and express our appreciation for the positive impact they have made during their time on the Board. In particular, Jeremy put in significant work as President and has been instrumental in growing the Club's sponsorship base and implementing some of the key structural changes that the Club has undergone in recent years.

Life Member and former Club President David Miller continues to demonstrate his long-standing commitment to the Club by taking on the role of Interim Club President.

David will perform this role until the 2023 End of Season General Meeting, at which point we will be seeking to elect a Club President to the position on a two-year term.

As we previously announced, our General Manager Tristram Woodhouse has resigned and his last day with the club was Wednesday 15th February.

Life Member and former Club President David (Pex) Albrecht has kindly offered to step into the General Manager role in an interim capacity to ensure a smooth transition into the 2023 season. We are extremely grateful for Pex's assistance and have great confidence in his ability to oversee the Club's administrative and operational needs this season.

We recently called for expressions of interest to the Board and thank those of you who formally expressed your interest in helping to shape the future direction of the Club.

Following this process, several Board appointments have been made with consideration given to skillsets and experience, as well as diversity and inclusion.

- Bruce Jones – Board Member and Treasurer: Bruce (Saus) is a long-standing playing member of the Club and has previously served on the Board both as Treasurer and President. Saus runs his own accountancy firm and will be appointed as the Board's treasurer.
- Kerry Gallagher – Board Member: Kerry has been heavily involved in the operations of the Club for a long time, in various capacities, including Junior President, player, parent, manager of the First Grade Women's team, and Uniform Officer. Kerry is also a Life Member of the Club.
- Claire Rushe – Board Member: Claire is a Soaks player, has represented WA at Masters Hockey and her children play at the Club. She established and runs the Australian branch of Chematek and brings business acumen and a wealth of corporate experience.
- Gabby Howard – Board Member: Gabby has played for the Club for a number of years, most recently in the 3s, and is a senior account director at The Brand Agency with an important marketing skillset.

The 2023 UWA Hockey Club Board

Name	Position	Term Expires
David Miller	Interim Club President	September 2023
Chris Webster	Board Member	September 2023
Claire Rushe	Board Member	September 2023
Gabby Howard	Board Member	September 2023
Kerry Gallagher	Board Member	September 2023





Kristen Turnbull	Board Member	September 2024
John Finlay-Jones	Board Member	September 2024
Bruce Jones	Treasurer	September 2024
Michael Boyce	Board Secretary	September 2024

With Summer Hockey in full-swing and pre-season training soon to commence, we look forward to an exciting year ahead.

The UWAHC Board