



President's Report 2021

The 2021 AGM has been delayed 4 months, a decision made by the Committee as we focused on getting the players back on the court after the many interruptions to the competition brought about by the pandemic.

Once again, during the 2021 interruption to basketball seasons, the Club stayed focused on providing updates, honoring member's pre-paid fees as well as preparing for a re start to basketball. Getting teams back on the court (playing and training) with so much uncertainty has been a massive undertaking. Sharks' spirit continues to be shown by our group of dedicated committee members and volunteers who have stayed committed to the Club during this difficult time. Our treasurer, Kathy Pratt, deserves a massive thank you for the huge amount of work she has performed behind the scenes. Our new Administration Manager Wendy Henderson has been a godsend slotting perfectly into the role and taking on a lot of the day to day organizing and communications that are essential to keeping the club ticking over.

The Club has been also been working on a few things in the background including organizing a new storage facility for club uniforms as well as developing an online uniform store (watch this space). We were fortunate to recruit a new group of volunteers during 2021 as Age Group Coordinators for the U18 Boys (Jenny), U9 boys (Emily), U12 boys (Brad) and U16 girls (Sally). Thanks everyone for taking on these roles. New volunteers are essential to keep the club ticking over and we still need more people with younger players willing to take on volunteer roles to ensure the Club's viability over the coming years.

From an Association perspective, it is great to see the progress on the 4 new courts every time I drive up Reserve Road. These courts are much needed and we look forward to enjoying them and seeing our Club expand. After being approached by the Association during the year, the Club has committed to contributing \$30,000 toward the new courts out of its cash reserves. As a Committee we assessed this a valuable use of reserves, whilst maintaining the financial health of the Club.

We kept our mantle as the largest domestic club during 2021 with up to 110 teams registered each season. This is a testament to all of the volunteers who have kept our Club going strong and the enthusiasm and commitment of new and existing players.

This is my final report as President of the Sharks (and my shortest!). It has been a whirlwind and rollercoaster ride all rolled into one and although at times difficult, I have found the role immensely rewarding. Highlights for me will always be grand final weekends and that

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feeling around the courts, including getting up early on the Saturday to decorate the courts and score finals games. I especially love watching the little ones take the court for the first time in their baggy Sharks shorts and watching them grow into players that get real enjoyment from playing this awesome game with their friends. We have a great community club!

Thank you

A special 'thank you' must also go to the following people:

Lynelle Yegles, who during 2021 officially resigned as our Administration Manager. She did a wonderful job assisting our players and their families during her 8 years in the role. Thanks Lynelle, I enjoyed working with you and wish you the best.

Our Treasurer Kathy Pratt, for her constant presence and hard work during this difficult year and for being a great sounding board and support with plenty of ideas that have kept our Club growing and changing for the better. Without her, the Club would not have got through this difficult pandemic period so smoothly.

Wendy Henderson for coming on board and taking a lot of the administration burden and stress off me. I'm forever grateful. Thanks for showing initiative and also for your calm and considered manner.

Also of course thanks to Malcolm Pulling, Dallas Mactier, Fiona Love and Richard Hordejuk for your commitment to the club and can-do attitude.

Thanks also to our age group coordinators Emily, Fiona, Sandy, Michelle, Brad, Sally, Simone, Dallas, Lorna and Kathy for being flexible, staying committed, being there and doing what needed to be done when it mattered during the year.

Our uniform coordinator Sandy Pulling for her continued tireless efforts kitting everyone out at the start of each season as well as managing stock levels and allowing a large percentage of the Sharks community into her kitchen! 😊

The Pulling's (Sandy and Malcolm) deserve special mention for their continued and valuable commitment to the Club over many, many years. Thank you 😊

A big thank you also to all of the coaches, team managers and team volunteers. The club couldn't run without you!

I look forward to a continued association with the Club, watching it continue to thrive.

GO SHARKS!

Angela Gilchrist

31 March 2022

Our committee functions with these objects in mind at all times...

The objectives of the Club shall be to:

- (a) represent the interests of basketball and all involved in basketball within the Club;
 - (b) provide individuals with opportunities to maximise their potential by competing in the highest level of basketball possible, given their own ability; and
 - (c) promote, develop and encourage participation in the sport of basketball.
- (2) In pursuit of these objectives, the Club will seek to:
- (a) provide support and assistance for teams in all areas of their operations;
 - (b) encourage and support teams and foster their growth and development;
 - (c) choose and manage teams to represent the Club;
 - (d) enter teams in the competitions conducted by the Southern Basketball Association and any other Association considered beneficial;
 - (e) seek sponsorship for various programs and events and endorse products that will be consistent with projecting the best image of the sport; and
 - (f) deal with any other matters that the Club may deem to be in the interest of the sport of basketball.