

# B W H A

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## REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETINGS HELD 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2023

- 1. BWHA OFFICE BEARERS & OFFICIALS FOR 2024:** To date we only have nominations from 9 clubs for the Judiciary Committee; you are reminded that **all Senior clubs** must nominate a person for this committee. Thank you to Ascot Arana, Bulimba, Easts, Pine Hills, QUT, SBE, SWU, UQ and Valley for submitting their nominee, would all other clubs please submit a name before the AGM on 28 November 2023.

We are still looking for nominations for the following positions/committees which have been re-opened:

- Appeals Committee – 1 Deputy
  - Archives Committee – unlimited
  - Constitution Committee – unlimited
  - Facilities Committee – unlimited
  - Judiciary Committee – 8 clubs
  - Umpire & Technical Committee – unlimited
- Please submit nominations via clubs.***

### **2. COMPETITION AGE GROUPS IN 2024:**

- Hockey Queensland and Hockey Australia are changing their Representative age groups in 2024. BWHA has therefore decided to move our junior competition age groups to the following.
  - Rookie Grass Hockey: U9 - half field and U7- quarter field (unchanged)
  - U10 – Full field grass (aimed at players 8 to 10 who are ready for full field hockey)
  - U12 – Full field grass (Turf competition only if turf is available). Noting the U11 Southern Cross Tournament on grass will change to U12 on grass.
  - U14 – Full field grass and turf competitions (for player 13 to 14 years)
  - J (U18) Full field grass and turf competitions (for players 15 to 18 years).

### **3. 2024 COMPETITIONS**

The fixture calendar will be distributed in the coming weeks, with the PL1 Gala Day set to commence on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2024. Clubs need to be planning their club sign-on, trials and grading to ensure they have their teams ready for affiliations.

### **4. BEHAVIOUR**

In 2023 we had a number of issues with the behaviour of team officials and spectators, we ask all clubs to ensure they have Codes of Conduct and processes for dealing with poor behaviour in their club rules. We want everyone to enjoy hockey, and clubs are responsible for the behaviour of their officials, members, and supporters. Let's make 2024 the year of great behaviour!

- 5. HQ ANNUAL AWARDS:** Congratulations to BWA members on their awards:
- Lynn Cowie-McAlister – Umpire Coach of the Year
  - Nikki Taylor – High Performance Coach of the Year
  - Amy Ryan – Pathway Coach of the Year
- 6. HOCKEY QUEENSLAND APPOINTMENT:**  
Amy Ryan has been appointed Coach of a joint NSW/Qld – Australian Allstars U17 Team to travel to Kuala Lumpur for the Mirnawan Cup from 18 – 26<sup>th</sup> November. 5 BWA players have been selected in the team: Tayla Bartholomeusz, Kara Bradley, Montanna Carr, Lara Pyle, Lily Richardson, plus (Tammin & Tylah Andrews from the Gold Coast). Congratulations to you all.
- 7. HOCKEY AUSTRALIA**  
Congratulations to Karin Walduck on her Australian Masters Service Award, one of four inaugural recipients.
- 8. MANAGEMENT MEETING:** the next Board Meeting is Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023.
- 9. BWA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7pm – all clubs should have at least one delegate in attendance.
- 10. CHRISTMAS OFFICE:** close noon 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2023, and re-open 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

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