

Chairman's Report

It gives me great pleasure to deliver the Annual Report for Waikato Hockey Association for the financial year ending 30 November 2016.

The Board is very pleased to report that Waikato Hockey continues to strive towards the strategic goals it set for itself back in 2009, which were later revised in 2014. The journey towards becoming New Zealand's leading hockey association continues. To get even closer to our objectives, we must continue to keep that focus firmly in our sights and in our daily endeavours.

Our Strategic Plan is due for another revision in 2017. The challenge for us all is not to be complacent. We must be prepared to look beyond what we have achieved so far. We need to work towards setting new and higher goals for our Association and its hockey community.

The 2016 year has provided another momentous season for WHA and our hockey community. We enjoyed successes both on and off the turf and made significant progress in the administration and development of hockey in the Waikato region.

Our Waikato representatives' age group teams have, collectively based on their final placings at their respective national competitions, achieved the best possible placings in our long history. This success was further bolstered by the successes of our players in the national secondary school teams, the regional Midlands teams and National teams where many of our Waikato players are represented.

The 2016 year also allowed us to look at how the administration and delivery of hockey programmes can be better delivered. Following the departure of long term contributors of hockey in our region, namely Denise Hill, Jack Clayton and Hymie Gill, we created new roles to ensure our hockey community can served in a more effective way. While the Board is sad to see the departure of Denise, Jack and Hymie, the Board is pleased to welcome on board Sam Brown, Stuart Pitu, Brett Sanders and Kelc MacKenzie. We thank each of them for their contributions to date and we have every confidence that

As we reflect on the significant progress we have made towards our strategic goals, I would like us to pause and thank the vision of our past Presidents Peter Cawkwell and Seddon Polglase, both of whom who had driven the change that led to progress we have made to this day, as well as Owen Embling, our past Chairperson and the many Board members who had served or continues to serve till today.

The focus is now on the future. We need to extend ourselves and become even better.

Truman Wee
Chairman and President

they will continue to contribute in a positive way to our hockey community. The Board is pleased to report that WHA's financial position remains strong and the Association's Balance Sheet continues to strengthen. From a loss in the last financial year, Waikato Hockey has pleasingly returned to a surplus this year. While this is a positive, we must remain vigilant about our finances in a competitive market with ever reducing community funds available for sport generally. To this end, the Association has appointed Kris Anderson as a part time Sponsorship and Fundraising Manager, to help pursue and source funding opportunities.

The Board would like to thank our Chief Executive Officer, Declan Wyndham-Smith for his work, energy and leadership and the many hours he and his team, including the Finance Officer, Kirsten Brinkworth, have put in to keep the organisation running as smoothly as it possibly can. Declan's CEO Report provides an excellent summary of Waikato Hockey's accomplishments and challenges that are in front of us.

There are a number of people who have made significant contributions to Waikato Hockey in 2016 which have helped the Association to continue to grow and prosper. These groups include the volunteers on Senior Division Committee, Umpires Committee and Junior Division Committee, our umpires and representative coaches and assistant coaches and the managers and support people. Your work means a lot to the Association and I thank each of you for your time, effort and sacrifice.

I also want to thank all Club and School volunteers. A huge amount of volunteer hours goes into running your Clubs and your School teams and we are mindful that without the sum total of what you do, and often selflessly, Waikato Hockey cannot operate its programmes and competitions in a meaningful way.

I also take this opportunity to thank each of the Board members for their contributions in 2016. In 2016, we welcome the return of Suresh Chimanlal, to our Board. We also appointed Jenny Barkle, who is a chartered accountant, to the Board.