



2025

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Committee For Season 2025

PRESIDENT	Michelle Lawson
VICE PRESIDENT	Ben Richards
SECRETARY	Nick Barlow
TREASURER	Aaron Hussain
MEMBERS	Rob O'Donnell Cassidy Richards Louise Hennesey Trinity Meacham Glenn Anderson Alastair Gloutnay

Life Members

Cliff Jacobs*	pre 1952
George Smith*	pre 1952
J.E. (Earl) Worrall*	1954
Hilary Glennon*	
Robert Jackson	1988
Eric Nicholls*	1995
Doug Fox	1982
Norrie Smith*	
Alan Olsson*	
Morrie Aitken*	1994
Graeme Ross	1998
Joe Downie	1998
Janet Jackson	2007
Matthew Foster	2012
Ross Melville	2017
Bruce Churchward	2021
Clinton Lander	2021
Jennie Easson	2024

**Deceased*

President's Report 2025

The 2025 season is one we can all be immensely proud of. As a Committee, our goals were to:

1. Strengthen our inclusive, family-friendly club culture.
2. Achieve strong growth in our Under 12 age groups to secure future club continuity.
3. Field as many competitive teams as possible each week and build overall player depth.
4. Secure grants and sponsorships to provide a solid financial foundation for club activities.
5. Host engaging social events to build club spirit and strengthen member connections.
6. Improve our online communications - website, newsletter, social media, and automated payments process.
7. Continue to enhance the canteen as the social hub of our club.

Club Culture and Community

This year we further strengthened our club culture, which shone through in the extraordinary support from players, parents, and volunteers across every roster and event.

What stood out most was the number of young players stepping up as junior coaches, the teamwork in our canteen rosters, and the spirit our teams displayed both in victory and defeat.

That ethos — respect, humility, and support - is shared by every member. A heartfelt thanks goes to our Committee, who worked tirelessly and often invisibly behind the scenes. Special mention to the leaders of our coaching groups, Clinton Lander and Meredith Carre for setting the standard on and off the field.

It's no surprise that other clubs have noticed our culture - I had many approach me throughout the season to say, *"You're doing something special."* We're proud to be building something meaningful, and we're well-positioned for an even stronger 2026.

Junior Development – Building the Future

Post-COVID, our junior numbers were low, as they were for many clubs across Victoria. But thanks to a highly focused Junior Attraction Strategy - including the Glen Iris Schools Lacrosse Day, in-school clinics, "come and try" sessions, indoor coaching, parent meet-and-greets, and a gear sponsorship program - we turned that around.

The result: in 2025 we proudly fielded four boys' and one girls' Under 12 teams - an incredible foundation for our future.

This effort was driven by Tony Hollenkamp, Doug Fox, Nik Hadaway, Cass Richards, Nick Barlow, and myself and co-ordinated a volunteer group of over 50 club members

A special thank you to the Supporters Club, who funded 50% of the new equipment for new players. This contribution alongside contributions from our sponsors, removed that a key financial barrier to participation for new players and families

Team Strength and Participation

2025 saw the welcome return of three senior men's teams and the continuation of two senior women's teams - a testament to our depth, commitment, and adaptability.

Players showed remarkable flexibility, stepping in to cover injuries, holidays, and competition clashes, ensuring Camberwell fielded strong sides every week.

To every player, coach, manager, umpire, scorer, and volunteer - from those marking lines to managing gear bags - your efforts make this club thrive.

It truly takes an army of passionate people, and I thank every one of you.

Grants and Sponsorship

This year we focused on strengthening our financial base through grants and sponsorships to ensure we can support growth initiatives into 2026. Special thanks to Nick Barlow for leading this work and securing important partnerships that keep our club thriving. From our sponsors we received:

\$3000 from the Bendigo Community Bank

\$1000 from Jefferson Insurance

\$500 from ASV Wadeson

From grants we received:

\$2200 Boroondara Council

\$2500 Victorian Department of Industry, Science and Resources

\$1000 Sports and Recreation Victoria

Social Events and Community Spirit

Our social calendar continued to bring people together, strengthening the heart of our club.

Highlights included the Trivia Night, a new Paint and Sip event, Kids Fun Nights, and a fundraiser supporting Ben Rogan's travel to represent Australia at the U20 World Championships.

These events captured what makes our club special - laughter, connection, and shared pride.

Thank you to our Social Committee - Cass, Trinity and Linus - for the creativity, time, and energy you poured into each event.

Communications and Online Growth

At the end of 2024, we recognised that our digital presence needed attention. In 2025, we delivered. A brand-new website launched - modern, functional, and designed to connect members and manage payments efficiently. A huge thank you to Paul Wilson for leading this project.

Our social media presence also took a major leap forward thanks to Cass Richards and Eva Peraic, while our weekly newsletter, led by Linda Floyd, has become an essential and engaging part of our communication.

We also maximised the Gameday platform to streamline registrations and payments - a big win for both members and administrators.

The Canteen – The Heart of the Club

Our canteen truly became the social hub this year.

Open across nearly all games, we kept our menu simple but crowd-pleasing, reducing waste while delivering quality.

Huge thanks to the Gloutnays, who were there almost every day managing stock and operations, and to the Richards family for anchoring the coffee cart. John Tran and Nik Hadaway kept the pizza oven running hot — literally!

Every volunteer who took a shift contributed to that warm, welcoming atmosphere that makes our club unique.

Looking Ahead to 2026

As we close out 2025, there's much to celebrate.

Looking forward, our focus will be to:

- Maintain junior recruitment momentum.
- Continue sharing responsibilities across members to build leadership continuity.
- Lift pre-season fitness and readiness.
- Attract returning players to the sport.
- Strengthen sponsor engagement to ensure genuine mutual benefit.

Last words

From small acorns, large oaks grow - and this year, we've seen the roots of something exceptional take hold.

Thank you to every player, volunteer, and supporter who made 2025 such a memorable and successful season.

Let's build on this momentum and make 2026 even better.

2025 was magic - here's to bigger and brighter in 2026!

Michelle Lawson

President

Treasurer's Report — Financial Year: Nov 2024 to Oct 2025

Camberwell Lacrosse Club recorded an improved financial performance for FY25 (year ended 31 October 2025). Total income increased and, with controlled expenses, the club moved from a net loss in FY24 to a net surplus in FY25.

Income

Total income: \$74,893.13 (FY25). An increase of \$2,737.99 from the previous year. Key Income streams include:

- **Fundraising: \$34,573.30 (FY25).**
This income number is made up of Canteen Sales, Fundraising events and Presentation night.
Canteen Sales increased from \$22,115.58 to \$27,908.66 – a 26% increase.
Fundraising events increased from \$3,957.65 to \$8,653.64 – a 118% increase.
- **Grants & sponsorship: \$10,350.00 (FY25).**
Income from grants and sponsorships decreased from \$10,350 to \$5,650. Nick Barlow led the Grant and Sponsorships this year, securing grants from Bendigo Bank, as well as securing ASV Wadeson Pty Ltd and Jefferson Insurance Pty Ltd as our club sponsors for the year.
- **Subscription Fees: \$34,925.28 (FY25).**
Subscription income fell by \$2,506.44. The reason for this was that a portion of the annual fees was payable directly to Lacrosse Victoria. This indicates that we had more players this year in comparison to last, and with the new registration process, we have performed better than in the previous year by having more registration money received than fees paid to Lacrosse Victoria.

Expenses

Total Expenses: \$48,160.23 (FY25). This represents a decrease of \$20,277.68 from the previous financial year. Most expense categories remained relatively stable, with one key exception — Lacrosse Victoria fees, which fell significantly due to the new player registration process introduced this year.

Another factor affecting the total is Ground Fees, which have not yet been invoiced by Boroondara City Council. This delay has temporarily lowered reported expenses. Once those fees are received and included, total expenses will adjust accordingly.

Even accounting for the expected Ground Fees, the Club is still projected to record a healthy profit for the 2025 financial year.

Net Result

- Gross Profit (FY25): 81%
- Previous Year (FY24): 91%
- Net surplus (FY25): \$12,375.20 (year ended 31 October 2025)
- Previous year (FY24) net loss of \$2,799.35
- This represents an improvement of \$15,174.55 compared with FY24.

Balance Sheet

The club's total assets increased by \$13,828.14. This is representative of a total increase in cash for the year as well as a contribution yet to come from the Supporters Club to help offset Junior recruiting, coaching and equipment expenses.

Conclusion

FY25 delivered a strong turnaround for Camberwell Lacrosse Club, with higher income, a substantial reduction in key expenses (notably Lacrosse Victoria fees), and a net surplus of \$12,375.20 as at 31 October 2025. The club's cash and overall asset position improved, though sundry receivables have risen and should be actively managed. Continued focus on membership attraction, retention and targeted sponsorship/fundraising will help sustain this positive momentum into FY26.

Aaron Husain
Treasurer

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Accrual Basis

CAMBERWELL LACROSSE CLUB
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison
 November 2024 through October 2025

	Nov 24 - Oct 25	Nov 23 - Oct 24	\$ Change
Income			
Fundraising	34,573.30	15,073.27	19,500.03
Grants & Sponsorship	5,650.00	10,350.00	-4,700.00
Interest Received	1,575.97	922.65	653.32
Merchandise Sales	401.18	2,120.50	-1,719.32
Subscription Fees	34,925.28	37,431.72	-2,506.44
Umpire Fees	-2,669.00	865.00	-3,534.00
Uniform Sales	436.40	5,392.00	-4,955.60
Total Income	74,893.13	72,155.14	2,737.99
Cost of Goods Sold			
Cost of Goods Sold	14,357.70	6,516.58	7,841.12
Total COGS	14,357.70	6,516.58	7,841.12
Gross Profit	60,535.43	65,638.56	-5,103.13
Expense			
Bank Fees	1,443.41	1,350.12	93.29
Cleaning	1,815.00	1,631.90	183.10
Coaching Crew	4,703.64	2,678.50	2,025.14
General Expenses	1,009.63	394.00	615.63
Grounds	692.00	12,337.16	-11,645.16
Lacrosse Victoria fees	29,076.23	41,821.74	-12,745.51
Liquor Licence	333.36	324.54	8.82
Merchandise and Marketing	0.00	216.22	-216.22
Presentation Trophies	1,452.94	1,358.96	93.98
Purchase of New Equipment	3,815.53	6,039.78	-2,224.25
Uniforms	1,351.50	120.00	1,231.50
Web Page& IT Costs	2,466.99	164.99	2,302.00
Total Expense	48,160.23	68,437.91	-20,277.68
Net Income	12,375.20	-2,799.35	15,174.55

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Accrual Basis

CAMBERWELL LACROSSE CLUB**Balance Sheet**

As of October 31, 2025

	<u>Oct 31, 25</u>	<u>Oct 31, 24</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Chequing/Savings			
Bendigo Bank at Call	16,204.05	9,213.78	6,990.27
Debit Card Acct - 197	426.86	40.18	386.68
Paypal Account	112.85	112.85	0.00
Term D Morrie A - 629	7,766.83	7,258.07	508.76
Term Deposit 1 - 984	6,545.98	6,249.12	296.86
Term Deposit 2 - 545	11,311.98	10,799.79	512.19
Term Deposit 3 - 202	5,692.72	5,434.56	258.16
Total Chequing/Savings	<u>48,061.27</u>	<u>39,108.35</u>	<u>8,952.92</u>
Accounts Receivable			
Accounts Receivable	<u>3,151.00</u>	<u>2,751.00</u>	<u>400.00</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>3,151.00</u>	<u>2,751.00</u>	<u>400.00</u>
Other Current Assets			
Inventory Asset	3,505.45	3,505.45	0.00
Sundry Debtors	<u>7,515.22</u>	<u>3,040.00</u>	<u>4,475.22</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>11,020.67</u>	<u>6,545.45</u>	<u>4,475.22</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>62,232.94</u>	<u>48,404.80</u>	<u>13,828.14</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>62,232.94</u>	<u>48,404.80</u>	<u>13,828.14</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Other Current Liabilities			
CLC Foundation	691.91	691.91	0.00
Sundry Liability	<u>1,452.94</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,452.94</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>2,144.85</u>	<u>691.91</u>	<u>1,452.94</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>2,144.85</u>	<u>691.91</u>	<u>1,452.94</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>2,144.85</u>	<u>691.91</u>	<u>1,452.94</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>60,088.09</u>	<u>47,712.89</u>	<u>12,375.20</u>
EQUITY			
Retained Earnings	47,712.89	50,512.24	-2,799.35
Net Income	<u>12,375.20</u>	<u>-2,799.35</u>	<u>15,174.55</u>
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>60,088.09</u>	<u>47,712.89</u>	<u>12,375.20</u>

Honour Roll 2025

Victoria Under 18 Girls team

Georgia Floyd (Captain)

All tournament team : Georgia Floyd

Victoria Girls U18 A team

Eliza Richards

(Cullayn Swanson on permit from Malvern)

A team All tournament team : Eliza Richards

Victoria Boys U18 team

Orlando Raffaelli

Victoria Boys U18 A team

Fred Richards (Captain)

Victorian Men's Box team

Henry Farkas

Miles Cowton played in the NSW Box team

Victorian Women's Box team

Abbie Burgess-Brice

Laura Braakhuis

Victorian Women's team

Trinity Meachem

Georgia Floyd

Eleni Joseph

Victorian Men's team

Sean Aaron

Australian Men's World Lacrosse Super Sixes team

Sean Aaron

Victoria Under 15 Girls Rep teams

Fire

Mia Lander

Madeline Persinger

Ice

Lacey Wilson

Olivia Persinger

Alternate

Zara Tiepermann

Katie Hindle

Volunteers of the Month 2025

January

Paul Wilson - *Co-ordinator of our new website*

February

Doug Fox – *Driver behind our U12 Come and Try Recruitment Efforts*

March

Kye McClacharty - *School programs*

April

Nik Hadaway - *Co-ordinator U12 new Juniors Programme*

May

Mia Lander – *Pizza Helper Extraordinaire*

June

Linus Schaxmann – *Whiskey Tasting Event*

July

Meredith Carre - *Women's Programme and In School Events*

August

Eddy Mizrahi - *Trivia Night Host*

September

Sandra Tiepermann – *Super Efficient Awards and Trophy Coordinator*

October

Linda Floyd – *Amazing Newsletters every week*

Volunteer of the Year 2025

Paul Wilson

Player Numbers (Excludes permits from other clubs)

Men						Women					
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021		2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Senior	55	37	47	45	48		32	29	27	25	24
U18 (U17)	4	11	16	4	8		11	8	8	9	10
U16	0	3	4	15	18						
U14	1	1	5	4	5		8	8	7	4	7
U12	29	9	8	9	11		12	7	11	8	7
Total	89	61	80	77	90		63	52	57	55	55

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Total	152	113	137	132	145

Camberwell Lacrosse Club Awards 2025

State League Women's

Best and Fairest – Katie Giglio

Spirit Award – Trinity Meachem

Most Consistent – Georgia Floyd

Coaches Award – Rachael Brown

Most Improved – Alex Klepner

State League Women's Reserves

Best & Fairest – Sophia Tatlis

Team Spirit – Risa Okuno

Most Improved – Tilly Lodge

Coaches Award– Ella Jamieson

Under 17 Girls

Most Valuable Player– Samara MacAlan

Grit Award – Eliza Richards

Coaches Award – Mia Lander

Under 14 Girls

Best & Fairest – Lacey Wilson

Most Improved - Stepnieha Hindle

Utility Award – Sarah O'Neill

Coaches Award– Josephine Wong

Under 12 Girls

Best & Fairest – Amanda Hui

Coaches Award – Indi Jackson

Men's State League

Best & Fairest - Tommy Rogan

Most Valuable Player – Joel Easson

Maximus – Orlando Raffaelli

Best Defence – Ben Rogan

Men's State League Reserves

Best & Fairest – Eric Suits

Most Valuable Player – Clinton Lander

Spartacus Excellence Award – Tom Churchward

Up and Coming Player – Fred Richards

Men's Community Cup

Best & Fairest - Matt D Kerr

Welcome Back - Michael Pendry

Father Child Impact - John Tran

Up & Comer - Thomas Balzat-Fuller

Under 18 Boys

Coach's Award – Owen Orelup

Under 16 Boys

No Team Entered

Under 14 Boys

Team Spirit – Sebastian Beadle

Under 12 Boys – Camberwell Solway

Best & Fairest – Cooper Miller

Best Attack – William Drew

Under 12 Boys 2025 - Camberwell Pirates

Best & Fairest - Ben Romano

Maximus Award - Hudson Lander

Under 12 Boys 2025 - Camberwell Snipers

Best & Fairest - Felix Foran

Maximus Award - Ethan Munt

Under 12 Boys 2025 - Camberwell Rangers

Best & Fairest - Stirling Jefferson

Maximus Award - Hudson Lentowicz

First year players - Best First year Girl: Bugeja Family award

Aditi Kumar

First year players- Best First year Boy : Doug Fox award

Stirling Jefferson

First year players - Runner Up Best First year Boy

William Drew

Over 100 Goals 2025

Stirling Jefferson

Golden Whistle

Owen Orelup

Thomas Balzat-Fuller

Alexandar Hadaway

Aitken Perpetual Trophy for Outstanding Junior Boy

Orlando Raffaelli

Hay Family Trophy for Outstanding Junior Girl

Eliza Richards

SENIOR MEN AND BOYS COACHES REPORTS 2025

State League Men 2025



Absent from both photos: Miles Cowton

After losing Lee Davis as a fantastic SL coach from the Camberwell senior lacrosse program, the search to find a replacement coach proved very difficult and with the pre-season underway which was started off by the players and Nik Hadaway. The decision was made for myself to step in to fill the previous big shoes.

Coming off a strong 2024 we had lost 4 International players from the previous season and also the captain through a significant knee injury, opened up a great opportunity for a group of graduating U/18 players to step up to a full men's senior program

The club was restricted to 2 import players due to ladder position, but very lucky to recruit 2 international players Tommy Rogan (attack) from Dartmouth and Eric Suits (Goal keeper) from Lynn University. Also, through the club website we were able to recruit Tom Herold from the US who relocated to Aus with his Australian fiancé who proved to be a steady regular contributor to the attack line in State League.

With an uncertain decision if we could sustain 3 senior teams for 2025, we took the risk which proved successful, proving a great start to the season. We regularly had 30 players at training which helped develop

the club, but as the cold weather arrived, we sustained the same issues in most seasons with numbers progressively dropping off.

We started the season on fire with strong wins in the first 2 rounds against Malvern and Eltham, then a huge overtime win against last year's premiers. We then plateaued, with a few difficult losses putting us in a mid-table position, but remaining in the top 6 to play off for the State League finals.

The season was riddled with a few injuries and key personnel taking extended holidays making games in the second round of the season leaving us in 6th position by the end of the season, with 7 wins and 8 losses. Having Eric playing in reserves the first half of the season he stepped up big in the second half of the season filling in for an injured Sean, but with 2 games to go and an opportunity to qualify for reserves we were fortunate to recruit a 3rd goalkeeper Lachlan Nash (trained by Sean in the US) who will hopefully be a key part of the club in the future years

The team had 23 players rotate through during the season with a few one game wonders who helped out which the team appreciated the support. We fielded 16 in most games which was great but did not always have many other players in lower divisions pushing into the team, which is something we need to work on to strengthen the team. But we did find a core group of U/18 players across the 3 senior teams. Angus Leslie, Alexander Hadaway, Orlando Raffaelli and Ben Rogan playing all available State League games and growing in confidence as the season progressed. The club was lucky enough having Ben Rogan be selected in the U20 Australian team who won a bronze medal in South Korea. Well Done, Ben!

Our offence worked well with the inclusion of 2 new players Tom Herold and Tommy Rogan joining the steady Eddy Mizrahi scoring 95 goals and assisting 27, Tommy finishing 6th overall in State League scoring with 41 goals 19 assists and Eddy finishing 7th with 33 goals and 11 assists.

It was also great having a few older heads driving the team with Al Gloutnay in defence and Joel Easson still proving he has the ability to run the ball all day and score goals, finishing 3rd in scoring for the team.

Thanks to captains Henry Farkas & Aaron Hussain, with Al Gloutnay & Sean Aaron filling the leadership roles. Al Rubins was a great support while injured, stepping into an assistant coaching role and learning along the way how to fill a different role supporting and leading the team. He is definitely looking forward to getting back on the park next year. A special thanks to Miron Mizrahi as team manager and Lisa Lander as the team scorer.

Congratulation to all the award winners

Onward and upwards next year.....

Clinton Lander - Coach

State League Men Reserves



Great achievement for the team in 2025.

Finishing 4th place overall. Out of 15 played matches we had 8 wins and 7 losses, scoring 150 goals and only conceding 144 goals.

Our best performance for the season came in round 6 Williamstown Vs Camberwell at Williamstown.

Without our regular goalkeeper in Eric Suits who was given State league duties, we took the game up to Williamstown reserves who have not been challenged at their home ground for over 10 years. The team showed significant fight and determination to try and peg back the head start we gave them, even after losing number one goal scorer- C Lander- due to a nasty hit in the first quarter. To only lose 10 goals 6 was a tremendous effort.

It was great to also see some young blood coming up through the ranks and playing reserves on a regular basis. We also had some newcomers to the team and as usual the old hands.

Having a 3rd senior men's team in the club, whilst additional work is needed at selection, it actually provides the ability to move players up and or down, certainly assisted each round as injuries and players absence occurred regularly.

We would like to recognise Rob O'Donnell and Lisa Lander who scored and kept the time for us during the season. Appreciate your efforts.

Eric Suits - Fantastic season in the cage for us, even though you had a number of state league games. Clearly you had a stellar season as you were invited to the Lacrosse Victoria Presentation night. Well done also on being voted as best and fairest for the 2025 season.

Paul Beardsell & Glenn Anderson - Coaches

Community Cup Men



Our third seniors men's team (after a number of years of only having two senior men's team) was back with a grand final appearance. The focus was having fun, getting out and playing with your mates, playing a game you love and if you have a bit of success all the better. Our goal was to give everyone a run, expose some younger blokes to senior lacrosse and introduce a few new or returning blokes to the game. We also decided mid-season that we wanted to play in September and make the grand final and try to get within 10 goals by the final whistle, but we ended up losing by 12. So by my count we had a cracking year, but proof will be in how many of us return next year. I am tipping all of us with maybe a few additions, who want to be part of the CC fun. A huge shout out to Junior and Scobes who led every week by example and stepped up when I was not there, thanks much appreciated.

Mat I Kerr (Senior) - Coach

Under 12 Boys





Under 12 Boys Solway team



Regular Season result 12 wins, No Losses.
 Winners - East Side Lightning Carnival
 Runner up - Under 12 Lightning Carnival

Our team was 9 first-year players, all recruited from Solway Primary.

The team gelled quickly to become a strong team in the competition.

Hard work at training showed in our results on Saturday. It was pleasing to see everyone enjoy their lacrosse experience this year and take to the game. An enthusiastic group of families

supported the players, well led by our great team manager Michael. Looking forward to watching these boys develop into solid players over the next years.

Coaches : Eric Suits and Ross Melville

Team Manager : Michael Pendry

Official: Owen Orelup



Under 12 Boys Rangers team

I think my team performed exceptionally well this season. Considering most of them were new to the sport, with varying levels of drive and skill, they continued to develop and learn, always putting their best foot forward and giving their all. Every player showed remarkable progress throughout the season, both as athletes and as individuals, learning to be more patient, consistent, and coachable than they were at the start.

Nik Hadaway, perhaps even more than myself, was instrumental in our team's personal development. Receiving feedback from parents was one of the most rewarding parts of the season. Nik received comments like, "You've changed my life," and I was told, "You've always made my son excited to come to training and games. We loved having you as a coach, and so did the boys." Hearing that kind of feedback reminded us just how much impact a coach can have, not only on players but on their families as well.

Overall, our season was filled with growth and exceeded everyone's expectations. Despite having a mix of personalities and skill levels, the team came together beautifully. One of my biggest highlights was how much I genuinely enjoyed coaching them, they made me appreciate my time on the field and allowed me to see the difference I could make in each player's development.

Our main goals for the season were improvement and performance, and I believe we achieved both, finishing strongly in the final lightning carnival. A special milestone was helping Stirling reach his 100-goal mark, something I was incredibly proud to be part of.

One player who stood out to me in particular was Stirling. Throughout the season, I took a focused approach to helping him reach his full potential, and it clearly paid off. His efforts were recognised when he was awarded Best Under 12 Boy in the club, an achievement that truly reflected his dedication and talent.



Heading into next season, I'd love to continue coaching Stirling in the Under 14s and help him push toward becoming a future face of the Camberwell State League. I truly believe he has the drive and skill to achieve that.

Nik was very patient with Spencer. At the beginning of the season, Spencer was challenged. However, thanks to Nik's incredible patience and influence, Spencer transformed into a player our whole team could rally around. He learned that being a leader isn't about being selfish but about being selfless and supportive.

The greatest improvement we made as a team was our teamwork. Over time, the boys learned to play as one cohesive unit rather than as individuals. Every player had their standout moments: Tom, who couldn't throw a ball at the start of the season; Ollie, who grew in confidence; Archer, who learned to use his body and strength effectively; Spencer, who became a supportive teammate; and Hudson, who quickly began exceeding his own expectations, possibly on track to be the next Sean Aaron.

But most of all, I was proud of Stirling's incredible growth and leadership. At the beginning, he told me he'd never won an award or been the best at anything. By the end of the season, he had become our strongest asset, a leader, a role model, and proof that belief and hard work can change everything.

Without consistent training and dedication, our season would have looked very different. Through their commitment, the boys developed from complete beginners into confident, capable players each contributing to a strong and united team.

Coaches: Orlando Raffaelli and Nik Hadaway
Official : Alexander Hadaway

Under 12 Boys Pirates team

Teams, Players & Coaching

This season, our U12 boys' lacrosse team showed tremendous growth both individually and collectively. Competing in a strong division, the team faced tough competition but responded with determination and consistent improvement throughout the year.

One of our biggest successes was how the players developed their teamwork and communication — early in the season, we struggled with field spacing and transitions, but by midseason, the boys were executing set plays confidently and supporting each other on both ends of the field.

Standout efforts came from Huddy, who emerged as a strong leader on defence; Teddy, who made major strides in face-offs and ground balls; and Ben, who led by example with excellent sportsmanship and work ethic.

Season Overview

Overall, this was a highly positive and developmental season. The team's record doesn't tell the whole story — the boys improved in every game, showing resilience and growing confidence.

The team achieved some important milestones: improved clearing efficiency, stronger defensive communication, and higher shot accuracy.

Challenges included managing player availability and balancing skill levels within the roster, but every player contributed meaningfully, and the group's unity helped overcome these hurdles.

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The team's greatest improvements came in defensive coordination and transition play, areas that had been early weaknesses. Players became more confident making quick decisions under pressure and supporting teammates through smart passing and communication.

All players — notably Kurt and Huddy — showed exceptional growth in confidence, skill level, and leadership, setting a great example for their teammates.

With all the work that the boys put into training hard and playing even harder this year, they have set themselves up for a successful season next year. Although I won't have Tommy next year to coach alongside, I'm still very excited to coach this group again, and who knows, maybe see some new faces around as well.

Coaches : Ben Rogan and Tommy Rogan

Official : Clinton Lander

Under 12 Boys Snipers team

I coached the Snipers team this year. The team was made up entirely of first year players so there were several challenges in teaching the players the basics of the game. This was compounded by the fact that I coached this team solo and have never coached before. As a result I had to learn the art of coaching as well as trying to teach the players the game. The team had a difficult start to the season with many winnable losses. My players ranged from highly coachable to quite difficult, with some issues throughout the season owing to lack of team unity and some personality clashes. Despite these setbacks



the Snipers team managed to have a very successful season with many big wins and exiting moments. I truly believe that each one of my players has a very bright future in the sport of lacrosse. As the season progressed I have had a few helpers which made my coaching a lot easier. Alexander Hadaway helped me on training nights and this was a massive help. In addition, I received advice from other coaches, especially Ross and Nik, which was very helpful.

In the next season I am looking to raise the skill level of my players in particular areas, with players like Ethan I would like to work on his shooting and confidence when carrying the ball. Ethan has the best stick skills in the team but doesn't always go for goal as much as the other players. Harvey and Jagger are two strong offensive players but whilst their drive for goal is fantastic, players in this age group need some work on their catching and throwing. In fact, that said, this is a weakness of the team as a whole. So I will be implementing more catching and throwing drills into training next season.

Coach : Kye McClacharty (with help from Alexander Hadaway and Miles Cowton)

Official : Thomas Balzat-Fuller

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State League Women



2025 began with a renewed commitment to raising standards at training and in terms of the expectations we had of each other. Trinity Meachem, Izzy Hodder and Cass Richards led some pre-season conversations as a senior cohort to this effect, and new practices were introduced in terms of communication and personal responsibility as members of the State League team in particular.

Pre-season began in February with a few potential new senior recruits, with one of them following through to play SLR (Sienna). Rhyannon Bergin was a very unfortunate loss to the club this season, having continued to have significant injury issues that prevented her from playing at all in 2025. In addition our SL goalie from 2024 Georgia Wiles was reluctantly forced into an early retirement after her third concussion at the end of 2024. This left us in a difficult position with our 2024 SLR goalie Rachael Brown needing to step into the breach for us which she did courageously, as did our 2024 U17 goalie Ella Jamieson who took on the SLR goalie role. Ella too had been seriously concussed at the end of the 2024 season with symptoms continuing for months. Concussion and the rules surrounding shots to the head are an area that needs to be brought up for review as we move forward. In addition the lack of goal keeping coaching support for the women's program was a challenge, and a clear area for growth if we are to protect our goalies as well as see improvement.

On a positive note the work that was done in the offseason in 2024 in overseas recruiting paid off with the addition of Katie Giglio to our roster. Katie is a graduate of Mercer University and joined us in March of this year, billeted jointly by the Meachem and Bugeja families. Katie's contributions this season were outstanding both as a player but more importantly as a teammate, and we are very grateful to the billeting families and to Katie, who seamlessly and with great positivity joined the Camberwell clan and added great value both as a player and as the u17 co-coach.

In addition Eleni Magoran joined us in 2025 hot off the Australian Women's Box World Cup and added great value, despite needing to miss a large chunk of the season for family reasons.

On the field Camberwell continued to have competitive matches in phases and in an improvement from 2024 finished the season with one win in a nailbiter against Malvern. All three of our matches with Malvern

were competitive, and our final game against Footscray (2025 SL Premiers) while a loss, saw us right in the match at halftime down 7-5.

Significant improvements from a number of players and a stellar rookie captaincy by Trinity Meachem, who led with grit and courage in every match, saw us still positive and building despite continued losses. It is a huge credit to this group that they continue to put their heart and body on the line week in and week out and remain so positive and focused on improvement.

Huge thanks to our captain Trinity Meachem and vice-captains Izzy Hodder and Bridget Hogan who did a fantastic job in keeping morale and standards high despite the challenges of each week. In addition a big thank you to Anne Hodder who umpired the bulk of our games – we are so fortunate to have an umpire of this quality as a part of our team.

We acknowledge and are so grateful for the unwavering support of the Camberwell community, from Helen and Mike in the canteen, to Peter who with so little fuss made sure our grounds were marked when we needed them, to Cocky and the men's teams who pretty much gave us whatever training space we wanted, right through to Michelle and the committee who went in to bat for us with LV when needed and even jumped in the canteen or behind the coffee cart. We are so lucky to be a part of such a supportive community and appreciate all that you do.

Meredith Carre - SL Coach 2025

State League Women Reserves



Our State League Reserves team faced a challenging season on the scoreboard, but it was a significant year for growth and development – especially among our newer and younger players.

We began the season without five of our most experienced players from 2024: three key seniors were sidelined by injury before Round 1, and two others moved up to State League. While this posed a challenge, it also created opportunities for developing players to step into new roles and take on greater responsibility.

Sophia continued her improvement from last year, showing leadership and determination in the midfield and attack and leading the team in goals and assists. Her efforts were rewarded with the Best and Fairest award – her first – highlighting her impact on the field. Captains Bernie and Lyndal held down the fort in defence, leading by example and mentoring our newer players to improve their skills and lacrosse knowledge over the season.

We welcomed two brand new players, Juliet and Sienna, who brought fantastic attitudes and gave 100% every week. We also welcomed Risa, who previously played high school lacrosse in Japan, and who added much-needed endurance and hustle through the midfield and finished as our second-highest goal scorer.

Despite the team's hard work, we recorded just one win for the season in round 11. As far as wins go though it was as exciting as a grand final; beating Malvern by 1 goal with just seconds on the clock. This was the culmination of everything we'd worked on as a team throughout the year and showed the potential in this team for 2026. A special shout-out to Mia Lander in her first year playing seniors, who scored an incredible five goals in this match.

Our squad numbers were strong, consistently fielding 13–16 players each week. On weekends when the Under 14s had a bye, we were able to bring up some of our young guns for a run. It was exciting to see them slot into the team so seamlessly and enjoy the experience, and we're grateful to our senior players for embracing them and helping them feel welcome.

Nick Bugeja generously stepped up to coach both our senior women's teams on Tuesday nights. His guidance was instrumental in building our skills throughout the season and cementing our game knowledge. We thank Nick for his time – and patience! Rhi led our Thursday night sessions while Izzy trained with her SL team. Attendance was strong compared to previous years, and the players who committed to training clearly showed improvement across the season. We thank all our players for their hard work this season, for listening and acting on feedback, for excellent attendance at training, and for staying positive in challenging situations.

While this season was challenging, there were many positives to take away. Camberwell's women's program is exciting – it's growing each year, with a positive, inclusive culture and a very strong junior cohort. We highly encourage any juniors to take the opportunities to play a few games in State League Reserves to experience the next level of lacrosse. This will help build our strength and competitiveness for years to come. See you in 2026!

Izzy Hodder & Rhi Birch – Coaches

Under 17 Girls



The Camberwell U17 team had an exciting and inspiring season! We started off in a tough spot, playing our first few games two players down due to low roster numbers. Despite this setback, the Camberwell girls pulled out multiple wins before our roster returned to full strength.

Several U14 superstars stepped up as well, often playing two full back-to-back games each Sunday so that we could field a team. The girls demonstrated incredible resilience, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the season—we couldn't be prouder.

We finished the season with a winning record and came *so close* to making the finals. Each week showed clear progress, with noticeable improvements in stick skills, on-field communication, and overall team cohesion on both offense and defence.

Samara Macalan led the charge on offense, while Zara Tiepermann anchored our defence as a powerhouse in goal. A huge shoutout to both Eliza Richards and Skye Macalan for stepping into the goalie position when needed as well. Maddie and Olivia Persinger also made the trip down from New South Wales several times during the season, delivering standout performances each time.

Overall, the U17s impressed us week after week with their determination and growth. We can't wait to see this momentum carry into the 2026 season!

Katie Giglio and Trinity Meachem – Coaches

Under 14 Girls



The year kicked off with a determined Sixes tournament. For many of the girls, this was their first time playing in the Olympic Sixes format, and several were also new to lacrosse altogether. The tournament provided a fantastic opportunity for everyone to gain valuable experience, develop their skills, and build team chemistry.

Our team roster remained largely consistent from the previous year, with a few talented additions from U12s and three brand-new players from Chadstone Lacrosse. This blend of returning and new athletes gave the team a stronger sense of connection and a noticeable size advantage heading into the field season. Throughout the season, the team showed grit and determination, competing against some tough opponents and demonstrating great resilience—especially in challenging weather conditions. Finishing the season in 5th place once again, the team celebrated some impressive wins over Williamstown Blue, Footscray White, and Eltham. Many of the remaining matches were closely contested, often coming down to just a few key moments.

Captain Lacey Wilson led by example, finishing as the team's top goal scorer with 46 goals across six games. She was followed by co-captain Zara Teiperman, who contributed 10 goals and strong leadership on and off the field. Perhaps the most rewarding aspect of the season was the team's growth. From the opening rounds to the final whistle, the girls displayed marked improvement—developing more confident defensive structures and beginning to understand coordinated team movements in both attack and defence. This is a fantastic group of young athletes, and their progress this year is a credit to their hard work and enthusiasm. We're excited to see their continued development in the seasons ahead. Well done to everyone on a great year!

Coaches: Cassidy and Fred Richards

Under 12 Girls



The U12 girls team started this year with an almost entirely new team, with a wide range of ages from 6-12. The girls faced a tough challenge this year, competing against significantly more experienced teams. We managed to achieve a close 9-8 win against Newport Black in round 4, and some close losses in rounds 3 and 5. While the girls were a new team, they showed determination, willingness and strength in putting in their best efforts and playing together throughout the season.

Our overall season was full of encouragement and improvement, with all the girls developing

a solid foundation of stick skills and budding confidence. All the girls showed an eagerness to learn and grow their skills across the season with immense growth seen from all players.

We witnessed many highlights, from many girls' first goals to Lexie Tran breaking the record for the shortest goalkeeper. Our team MVP and leading goal scorer, Amanda Hui, showed tenacity across all games while building her confidence as a leader on and off the field.

The parental encouragement in this group was truly outstanding, with parents cheering for all of the girls from the sidelines and providing the support and encouragement the girls needed. Our strong support from the sideline brought a tremendous amount of confidence on and off the field for the girls, bringing out their determination and resilience.

We also received immense support from the club, including volunteers, our team manager John Tran and other junior coordinators. So much time, effort and commitment from the club helped our team throughout the year and this team would not have been possible without the recruitment efforts of the club.

Overall, all of the girls showed great improvement and a commendable willingness to learn, which made them a very entertaining and coachable team to lead. We had an amazing season and cannot wait to see the players these girls will grow up to be.

Coaches : Emma Hew and Eva Peraic