



To lead the sustainable growth of polocrosse in Australia

POLOCROSSE AUSTRALIA

2024 ANNUAL DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors present their report together with the financial report of Polocrosse Australia Limited for period from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024 and the auditor's report thereon.

Principal activities

Polocrosse Australia is recognised by the sport's international body, International Polocrosse Council (IPC), and is delegated to govern the sport of Polocrosse in Australia. To carry out the company's strategies and to achieve its short-term and long-term objectives, the company's principal activities during the year were the promotion and administration of polocrosse in Australia across all disciplines from grassroots through to the operation of the Australian Polocrosse team.

Short term objectives and strategies

The growth of polocrosse is a shared responsibility of many stakeholders. 2024 marked the second year of Polocrosse Australia's strategy and our short-term priority was to continue to strengthen our foundation and highlighting our sport by:

- Unifying the sport and strengthening our relationship with states and territories;
- Achieving re-recognition and funding support with Australian Sport Commission;
- Diversifying revenue streams to create a more sustainable financial position;
- Refreshing organisational governance practices to optimise capabilities;
- Showcasing elite pathways with successful Nationals Championships and World Cup campaigns

Long term objectives and strategies

Polocrosse Australia's aspiration is to be the global leader in polocrosse – respected for our positive impact on and off the polocrosse field. To achieve this our strategy focuses on three key pillars:

Governance: develop and deliver effective governance, management and leadership strategies to create and maintain an inclusive, vibrant and sustainable national sporting organisation.

Participation and growth: actively support the growth and development of all categories of membership to promote participation from social involvement through to the elite levels of polocrosse.

Business development: create a strong financial base to ensure the ongoing financial viability of the organisation and to support participation and growth of the sport at a national level.

Directors

The names and details of the directors in office at any time during or since the end of the year, including their special responsibilities, are outlined as follows:

Brian Johnson

Elected Director 20 April 2023

Responsibilities - Polocrosse Association of Western Australia liaison, National umpiring committee liaison

Callum Hughes

Appointed Treasurer 1 January 2020, appointed vacant elected director position 22 March 2024

Responsibilities - Company financial management, Northern Territory Polocrosse Association liaison.

Catriona Nicholls

Appointed Director 19 May 2023

Responsibilities - Queensland Polocrosse Association liaison, strategic direction and communication development

Charles Brook

Elected Director 18 April 2020

Responsibilities - Polocrosse Association of South Australia liaison, Polocrosse Victoria liaison

Michael Templeton

Appointed Director 8 November 2022, retired 20 April 2023 and became an elected Director (Chair) 20 April 2023

Responsibilities - Board of Directors chairperson, Polocrosse Association of New South Wales liaison, Tasmanian Polocrosse Association liaison.

Sandra Weston

Elected Director 18 April 2020, retired from the Board on the 23 March 2024

Responsibilities - Northern Territory Polocrosse Association liaison, Tasmanian Polocrosse Association liaison, National Coaching committee liaison, High Performance coordinator

Susan Rose

Elected Director 25 May 2019, resigned from the Board on the 12 March 2024

Responsibilities – Company secretary, Queensland Polocrosse Association liaison, Disciplinary committee chairperson

Meetings of directors

Number of meetings of the board of directors held during the year and directors' attendance at the meetings:

Director	Number attended	Number eligibly to attend
Brian Johnson	18	18
Callum Hughes	17	18
Catriona Nicholls	18	18
Charles Brook	17	18
Michael Templeton	18	18
Sandra Weston	3	4
Susan Rose	1	4

Member guarantee

Polocrosse Australia is a company limited by guarantee and is formed on the principle that the liability of members is limited to the amount they agree to contribute if the company is wound up. In the event of, and for the purpose of winding up of the Company, the amount is set out in PAL's constitution, at section 26.1. It states that only Voting Members (the members states) must contribute in such an event, and that the amount to be contributed in aggregate (counting all Voting Members) shall not exceed \$1.00.

By order of the Board:



Mick Templeton
Chair
Polocrosse Australia
27 February 2025