



MELBOURNE SURGE

WATER POLO

ANNUAL REPORT

2020/21

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

AUGUST 2021



After the tough year that was 2020, 2021 has been... tough.

We did manage to get through an entire social competition earlier in the year as well as send some players to compete with our sister clubs in the Brisbane Grudge Matches.

In contrast to those competitions though, we have had some major disruptions to our rookies program and Victoria's State League Winter Season and many of the other events that piece together to make our exciting annual calendar.

The effects of this global pandemic also caused the cancellation of the International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics Competition (IGLA) held in Salt Lake City. While we have not been able to play as much water polo as we may have liked there have still been plenty of notable ways the club has continued to develop and score goals!

THIS YEAR SAW THE FIRST EVER INSTANCES OF MIX-GENDERED COMPETITION IN THE VICTORIAN STATE LEAGUE, WHICH HAS GIVEN OUR COMMUNITY MORE CHOICE ABOUT THE WAY THEY COMPETE. MY FAVOURITE EVER GAMES HAVE BEEN MIXED COMPETITIONS AND I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HOW THIS PROGRESSES.

The club has continued to successfully fundraise through community BBQs and grants to help keep costs low and mitigate some of the financial risks that have been present throughout lock-downs.

I've been encouraged by all the support I have seen for the club and all the support that we have been able to provide to each other throughout this past year.

We have all had to be extra versatile and make the most of new venues, times and the social outlets that have been available to us. Surge has truly been embodying the ideals of accepting change as the tides roll in and out.

While it is easy for us to identify the ways in which things have been challenging recently, it takes a considerable commendable will to remain positive and active in the face of current events.

A big thanks to all those who have: volunteered their time, flipped sausages, hosted zoom trivia, done table duties, helped coach and much more.

TO THE BROADER CLUB, YOUR FLEXIBILITY AND UNDERSTANDING HAS BEEN A HUGE HELP SO BIG THANKS TO YOU ALSO. IT IS THE SPIRIT OF THE CLUB THAT KEEPS THIS WHOLE THING MOVING AND KEEPS ME INSPIRED.

To the 20-21 Committee I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude for all your ongoing thoughtfulness and dedication to the club since the last AGM and throughout the COVID pandemic. Working alongside you has made sure that I always feel supported and encouraged; it has been a joy.

I have full confidence in the committee that will form after this AGM and that it will continue the club's legacy of fun and success.

I hope that over the year ahead we keep leaning on each other here in Surge in what I think is the largest network of thoughtful, driven, fun, kind people in the state if not the country!

Jesse Godfrey

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**MELBOURNE SURGE
WATER POLO CLUB PRESIDENT**



SURGE HIGHLIGHTS

2019/2020 FINANCIAL YEAR



SUMMER SOCIAL SEASON

JANUARY 2021

It was great to see Surge back in the pool with the Pink and Black mixed social teams. Well done to team Black, who took the win in the season final.



RAINBOW GRUDGE MATCH - BRISBANE

MAY 2021

Brisbane Tritons hosted the first Grudge Match since Melbourne2020 IGLA Games. Surge joined forces with Sydney Stingers to create a fierce and fabulous mixed-gender team.



STATE LEAGUE - MIXED TEAMS

MAY 2021

Surge was incredible excited that mixed-gender teams could now compete in the Victorian State League! It is a very welcome change that allows Surge as a club to be more inclusive to all its members. Surge entered 5 teams into the State League which 4 of the teams were mixed-gender.



SURGE IS SIZZLING

MAY & JUNE 2021

Surge sizzled and giggled at the Bunnings BBQ twice this year raising additional funds for the club and enjoyed being out in the community. Also a pleasure to be part of Bunnings first ever Pride Month.



ROUGH WATERS FOR ROOKIES

MAY 2021 2019

Surge managed to start the 2021 Rookies Season with a great eager and excited group, but unfortunately due to restrictions the season didn't manage to get into full swing. We hope to start up the season as soon as we can. Thanks to all that volunteered.

THANK YOU

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