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WA Uwh Newsletter



SAVE THE DATES

Reminders

- **Margaret River Rumble** : 6th June All ages, 7th June Junior development event
- **Bunbury Brawl**: Dates TBC
- **Australian Teams for Age Group Worlds – Selections and Training Camps** (U19O, U19W, U24O and U24W).
- **2026 CMAS World Championship Underwater Hockey Age Groups** 16-25 July 2026 in Türkiye
- **WA Mens Development Day**- More info coming soon

Grant's

- **The Local Sporting Champions program** provides financial assistance for athletes aged 12-18 participating in state, national or international championships. Round 4 is open now up until 30th April 2026 and the Australian Underwater Hockey National Championships is an eligible event. <https://sportaus.smartygrants.com.au/lsc2526-r1>
- **The WA Regional Athlete Support Program** opens 1 December 2025. This program has changed but regional athletes aged 12-18 can apply for assistance with travel and accommodation to eligible events, focussed on the costs of travelling to Perth. Applications must be submitted using the online application form available via the CITS website <https://www.cits.wa.gov.au/funding/sport-and-recreation-funding/regional-athlete-travel-subsidy-scheme>



A huge thank you to our Volunteers

Shout out to some people who have been doing an epic amount of work to create opportunities for WA UWH athletes:

- Alicia Clarke – Junior Team Manager
- Zoe Canavan – Senior Team Manager
- All our epic state team coaches and selectors!
- Junior team chaperones: Nikola Paget, Brenda Digney, Joey Tognela, Lara Johnson
 - Gavan Wise – junior room supervisor
 - Sarah McNeill – nationals photographer
- Josh Mackenzie – event organiser for the WA Invitational
 - Samantha Blackham – comms for WA UWH
- Craig Mackenzie – State team selection manager
- Ray Horn – Coach Coordinator

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TEAM SELECTION

Thanks to everyone who took part in selections, including the selectors and coaches who give up their time to help us run a fair selection process for each state team!

Junior team chaperones: Nikola Paget, Brenda Digney, Josephine Tognela & Lara Johnson

Junior Room supervisor: Gav Wise

WA ELITE WOMEN



TEAM SELECTION

- 1 SAMANTHA BLACKHAM (C)
- 2 JASMINE MANN
- 3 MEG BARLING
- 4 EMMA ROWAN
- 5 KASEY HOSKINS
- 6 KYA DIGNEY
- 7 AMBER PRAME
- 8 ZOE CANAVAN
- 9 NELLIE LEE
- 10 ASHLEIGH MACKENZIE
- 11 JORJA HORSFALL
- 12 JANE GILLIGAN

COACH

TODD CANAVAN



WA ELITE MEN



TEAM SELECTION

- 1 SCOTT MACKENZIE
- 2 JOSH MACKENZIE
- 3 HUNTER JONES
- 4 ALEX WEEDON
- 5 AMAR SARMIENTO
- 6 RHYNS MILBURN
- 7 TODD CANAVAN
- 8 GAV WISE
- 9 BEN RUPNIK
- 10 ROI WALSH
- 11 JAMES IREDALE
- 12 MASON GILLESPIE (C)

COACH

MIKE GILLESPIE



WA MASTERS WOMEN



TEAM SELECTION

- 1 NAT WICHAM
- 6 BRONWYN MACKENZIE
- 7 ALISON MCKENZIE
- 8 CLARE GLEESON
- 9 CARRIE MCDONNELL
- 10 HAYLEY DIGNEY (C)
- 11 JV LIM
- 13 JANE GILLIGAN
- CLARE FORWARD

COACH

HAYLEY DIGNEY



WA MASTERS OPEN



TEAM SELECTION

- 1 SCOTT MACKENZIE
- 2 GREG STINSON
- 3 MICHAEL PENDRED
- 4 MIKE DU TOIT
- 5 DAVID SUTCLIFFE
- 6 BRONWYN MACKENZIE
- 7 SHANE BLACKHAM
- 8 SCOTT MCNEIL
- 9 DEREK DUFALL
- 10 GARATH MANN
- 11 MATT HINCHCLIFFE (C)
- 12 STEFFEN SCHULTZ

COACH'S

SCOTT MACKENZIE & MIKE DU TOIT



WA U19 WOMEN



TEAM SELECTION

- 1 KAYLA MARTIN
- 2 MADISON TURNER
- 3 EMMA ROWAN
- 4 LILI PALMER
- 5 AMELIE BAILEY
- 7 JASMINE PIKE
- 8 NELLIE LEE
- 9 MAGGIE DOBBIE
- 10 MATILDA RONEY
- 11 AMELIE HARMSEN
- 12 KAZ DIGNEY

COACH

BRONWYN MACKENZIE



WA U19 OPEN



TEAM SELECTION

- 1 ROBBIE ROSE
- 2 KYA DIGNEY
- 3 BENJI TOGNELLA
- 4 TY SLOANE
- 5 JESSE LEE
- 6 AMELIE BAILEY
- 8 NELLIE LEE
- 9 JESS BABICH
- 10 OSCAR BAILEY
- 11 ROI WALSH
- 12 JORJA HORSFALL
- 13 FINN MCDONNELL

COACH

CLARE FORWARD



WA U15 OPEN



TEAM SELECTION

- 1 LACHLAN STIFFLE
- 2 MADISON DALLYWATER
- 3 LYNLEE STIFFLE
- 4 CAOIMHE BAILEY
- 5 BLAKE DIGNEY
- 6 GRACE MELVILLE
- 7 BODHI WISE
- 8 HUNTER MANN
- 9 SHANE DIGNEY
- 10 AVA FOURNIER
- 11 MAX PALMER (C)
- 13 MARLEY MCDONNELL

COACH

JESS BABICH



U15 DEVELOPMENT



TEAM SELECTION

COMBINED WA & QLD

- WA DAISY ROSE
- WA ADDISON PROCTOR
- WA BANJO BRADLEY
- WA JAKE CRIMBLE-HALL
- WA SEBASTIAN KOZYRSKI
- WA AURORA JOHNSON
- QLD JOSH SLYKERMAN
- QLD LIAM POPE
- QLD JIMMY DELDOT
- QLD EAMON SHANAHAN
- QLD ALFRED MARIO JOY
- QLD NATE BOWEN

COACH

SCOTT DIGNEY



2026 Australian National Championships

Well done WA!!!

Congratulations to every athlete involved for playing our great style of WA hockey, giving your best and supporting your team.

We are very proud of you all. Beautiful work team WA!

It was great to have 8 WA teams competing at Nationals in the Gold Coast in January. WA finished on the podium in every Division!!!

Thanks to everyone who took part in selections as well as the competition itself. Our coaches and selectors give up their time, energy and perhaps a bit of their sanity to help us run a fair selection process for each state team and guide the teams through training and through the competition itself.

Our team managers, chaperones and other officials provide amazing support behind the scenes before, during and after the tournament.

We had many of our very own WA players that also won MVP in their finals!
Congratulations to Amelie Bailey (U19 W), Bronwyn Mackenzie (Masters Women) and Samantha Blackham (Elite Women).

RESULTS!

- WA & Qld U15 Mix team** - Place 6th !
- WA U15 Open**- Take Home the Silver!
- WA U19 Women**- Take home the Silver!
- WA U19 Open**- Take home the Silver!
- WA Masters Men**- Take home the Bronze!
- WA Masters Women**- Take home the Gold!
- WA Elite Men Open**- Take home the Silver
- WA Elite Women**- Take home the gold!



Additional Photos below. To see more, head to The Australian Underwater Hockey National championships facebook page.
<https://www.facebook.com/uwhnationalsau/>

[HTTPS://WWW.WAUNDERWATERHOCKEY.COM/](https://www.waunderwaterhockey.com/)

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ADDITIONAL PHOTOS





SHANE DIGNEY MEMORIAL COLLIE CUP 2026



The Collie Underwater Hockey Club hosted the annual Shane Digney Memorial Collie Cup competition on Feb 14th and 15th at the Collie Mineworkers Memorial Pool.

Perfect weather for an outdoor competition set the scene for a fun filled day.

Players from Perth, Margaret River, Bunbury and Collie hit it out in a round robin style competition. Seven teams competed throughout the day with players mixed from each club forming teams.

The Collie Cup 2026 Champions were Team Octopi and wooden spoons were the Stragglers
Highest Male Goal Scorer: Alex Weldon and **Highest Female Goal Scorer:** Lienke Heath

The beautiful weather continued on Sunday for the junior players. 3 teams of young juniors and 5 teams of older juniors played throughout the day

Congratulations to our Junior Champions: The Curse Of The Hann!

In the Sub Junior division, we had an exciting tie between Big Cat Turtles and Cool Kids, with a count-back on goals seeing **Big Cat Turtles finish on top!**

Top Goal Scorers:

Highest Male Goal Scorer (Junior): Max Palmer

Highest Male Goal Scorer (Sub Junior): Lewis Gibson

Highest Female Goal Scorer (Sub Junior): Charlie Palmer

The older juniors had an impressed of even Highest Female Goal Scorers: Sienna Tilbrook, Jasmine Pike, Kayla Martin, Amelie Bailey and Addison Proctor

The Saturday event was followed by a relaxing presentation and dinner at the beautiful Collie Golf Club and the Sunday players enjoyed a poolside sausage sizzle and sweets once the competition was over.



Australian Underwater Federation (AUF) Membership and insurance

WA UWH has taken a decision to use the insurance that can be accessed through our affiliation with the AUF. This means that all WA clubs will also be relying on insurance through affiliation with the AUF for public liability and professional indemnity.

WA players are asked to become members of the AUF <https://auf.com.au/club-membership-page/> to ensure WA UWH and their club can retain their affiliation and the insurance we need to book pools and support our activities.

AUF members also provides you with individual benefits such as :

- Sports injury insurance
- The ability to play at State, National and International competitions as an athlete or official
- If you volunteer, you are also covered by voluntary workers insurance.

Your membership fee also supports Underwater Hockey Australia, WA UWH and your club (if your club is set up this way). When you become a member of the AUF you automatically become a member of your club, the WA UWH Commission, the WA AUF and Underwater Hockey Australia.

WA Member Protection Information Officer

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Member Protection Information Officers (MPIOs) have long been a part of Australian sport, creating positive club environments and supporting inclusive, safe, and fair sport. MPIOs listen to issues that club members may be going through and refer them to the right place to find a solution.

The MPIO for the Western Australian Underwater Hockey Commission is Ray Horn.

You can talk to him directly via Mobile 0475766462 or by email: dawesville18@hotmail.com to discuss Underwater Hockey-related issues.

What is an MPIO?

MPIOs are there to listen to issues raised by members of any sport before triaging and referring them to the right place to find a resolution. The MPIO is responsible for providing information about a person's rights, responsibilities and options to an individual making a complaint or raising a concern, as well as information support during the process.

MPIOs don't handle complaints or investigate grievances, and they don't mediate between members or stakeholders. They're also separate from the relevant Integrity Manager or the person(s) in authority regarding complaints, disputes, and resolutions in our sport. MPIOs are an impartial party who are there to help guide people in the right direction.

To find out more about MPIOs you can visit the Play by the Rules website at www.playbytherules.net.au/mpio.

Current 2025-2026 Committee

Elected members:

Jane Gilligan (Chair)
Zoe Canavan (Treasurer)
Charlotte Mitchell (Secretary)
Samantha Blackham (Comms officer)
Clare Forward (State rep on UHA committee)

Club Reps:

Shane Blackham (Bunbury)
Hunter Jones (WCD)
Alex Weedon (St Hilda's)
Hayley Digney (Collie)
Clare Forward (Margaret River)