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## Annual General Meeting

15 Nov 2022

*Connecting our Jewish community  
through sport and wellbeing*

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### **Maccabi NSW Office Staff**

Ori Danieli – General Manager  
Mick Vasin – Football Administrator  
Nikki Lloyd – Sports Officer  
Taryn Levin – Youth and Community Manager  
Shelley Diamond – All Abilities Coordinator  
TBA - Marketing and Events Manager

### **Maccabi NSW Life Members**

Leo Kellerman (dec'd)  
Lou Rose MBE (dec'd)  
Mick Brandon (dec'd)  
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Tom Goldman OAM  
Louis Platus OAM  
Caroline Stern (dec'd)  
Jeff Houseman  
Ruth Nissim  
Tom York OAM  
Elaine Smaller  
Danny Hochberg

## Agenda

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Minute silence to honour members of the Maccabi family who passed away over the last year
3. Adopt minutes of preceding AGM
4. President's report – Rodney Rosmarin
5. Treasurer's report & financial statements – Josh Itzkowic
6. MAI President's report – Jeff Sher
7. Appointment of Honorary Auditor and Honorary Solicitor
8. Election of Committee
9. General Business

## Welcome to Country

*We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Traditional Owners of the land, the Gadigal people on which we meet, connect, play sport and call home.*

*Maccabi embraces and encourages diversity and respects the protocols, heritages and cultures of all First Nations peoples. We pay respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders and peoples both past and present who have inspired us and acknowledge the significant contribution that they have made to sport in the Australian community.*



**Maccabi NSW members;** (including Maccabi LIFE and Camp participants)

<b>Clubs</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>NSW Maccabi Basketball Club</b>	300	420
<b>Maccabi NSW Rugby Club</b>	40	40
<b>Social Football (North Shore off-season)</b>	50	40
<b>Maccabi NSW Futsal Club</b>	110	75
<b>Maccabi Hakoah Feds FC</b>	226	226
<b>Maccabi NSW Triathlon Club</b>	50	50
<b>Maccabi Amateur Swimming Club</b>	120	35
<b>Maccabi NSW Volleyball Club</b>	5	5
<b>Maccabi NSW Lawn Bowls Guild</b>	135	146
<b>NSW Maccabi Netball Club</b>	260	250
<b>Social Mixed Netball</b>	136	143
<b>Maccabi Hakoah Junior FC (Jnr Soccer)</b>	410	430
<b>Maccabi Hakoah FC (Senior Soccer)</b>	120	90
<b>Maccabi Tenpin SuperLeague</b>	16	21
<b>Sydney Maccabi Tennis Club</b>	250	300
<b>Maccabi Touch Football Club</b>	75	0
<b>NSW Maccabi Tenpin Bowling Club</b>	40	36
<b>NSW Maccabi Golf</b>	175	190
<b>Maccabi Table Tennis NSW</b>	0	21
<b>School Holiday Camps</b>	200	350
<b>Maccabi Life events</b>	100	350
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,818</b>	<b>3,218</b>



## **Maccabi NSW President's Report**

### **Rodney Rosmarin, President Maccabi NSW**

It gives me great pleasure to deliver my first report as President of Maccabi NSW.

I would like you all to close your eyes and picture the following:



It's April in Sydney, there is finally a break from the rain for the first time in weeks. Over the weekend, there are 1,000's of Jewish athletes and their families spread across Sydney at basketball, netball, football and Rugby. At the same time tennis is taking place at White City, The Bowlers are down in Double Bay, a triathlon is taking place at Heffron and there are over 70 people joining in a fun run down in Rose Bay. There is a Group of volunteers down at Bondi supporting the All Abilities program as they watch and join in with those with special needs as they learn to Surf. Along the cliffs of Vaucluse, a group of middle aged females going for a walk, followed by a stimulating and educational talk nearby a local cafe.

During that week, there are kids getting up at 5am to do swimming lessons, a social Netball comp, competitive tenpin bowling at Manhattan Bowl, table tennis and football for Kids at Masada, 100's of kids and adults training for their upcoming games on the weekend.

The following week it is the school holidays and we have over 150 kids attending a camp for 3 days, playing sport, meeting new friends and giving their parents a little respite for a few hours.

OK, you can open your eyes.

That was just a little insight into the amazing work that takes place each week in our community thanks to our clubs, volunteers and staff at Maccabi NSW. Each one of these activities, be it training, competing or social get together takes enormous co-ordination, effort and planning.

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Before I get into some of the highlights for the year, I would like to take the opportunity to thank a number of people:

First and foremost, I would like to thank Lauren Ehrlich for all her incredible support, time and energy as the immediate Past President and always being there to support me. Although Lauren will be stepping down from the Board, I know she has Maccabi running through her veins and will always be around and we are fortunate that we will continue to work closely with Lauren in her role as Chair of Maccabi Life.

Speaking of the Board, I cannot thank enough the Maccabi NSW Board members for all the hours they have put in to help oversee and grow the organisation and make sure that we are staying relevant. My sincere thanks to the Executive comprising of Mandy Penkin (VP) and Josh Itzkowitz (Treasurer) who I speak with regularly on some of the operational issues and are willing to take my calls at any time.

A huge thank you to the rest of the Board, Nicole Katz, who continues to drive the Maccabi Life Program with Mandy, Michelle Stockley who works tirelessly on the Marketing portfolio both locally and nationally. We were very lucky to have 3 new Board members this year and are already making a difference. Matt Leibowitz has been a great sounding board and really helped challenge us on the strategy, Jodi Velik who is driving our Leadership portfolio and Jess Kanevsky who has provided valuable input into Grant applications and reviewing how we can improve engagement with our clubs.

We were also fortunate to have Simon Grunstein as a Board Observer. Rather than just being an observer Simon played a key role in reviewing our strategy.

To our amazing staff – Thank you!

It is hard to believe that it is only one year since Ori Danieli joined that team. Ori has shown incredible drive, passion and commitment to the organisation. He lives and breathes Maccabi and is thinking about new opportunities 24x7. I should also thank Dana (his wife), as I am sure she is

sick of hearing Ori and I chatting at all hours of the day about Maccabi. A big thank you to Mick Vasin and Nikki Lloyd who continue to provide fantastic support to our clubs, and nothing is ever too much for either of them. We welcomed Taryn Levin as our Youth and Community Engagement manager and she has already made a great impact since starting.

Unfortunately, we say farewell to Shelley Diamond who ran our All Abilities Program, Ethan Rosmarin our Youth Manager and Leanne Shelton who looks after marketing. They have all made a significant contribution to our organisation and I have no doubt they will stay connected with Maccabi. Thank you to the Maccabi Australia Board and in particular Jeff Sher. Without Jeff's energy, passion and vision Maccabi Australia would not be in the position it is today.

This year we took the opportunity to revisit our strategy. importantly, the Board is of the view that our vision of Connecting and Engaging with the Jewish community through sport and wellbeing was still current and worthwhile. Maccabi NSW board understands that as the communities needs change we need to make sure that everything we do is relevant and meaningful to the community.

On reflection it has been a fantastic year and below are some of the key highlights:

**Maccabi Life:**

Maccabi Life has gained great momentum and traction with the community. Engagement through Maccabi Life has grown substantially, doubling the interactions by targeting new programs and events as well as including additional demographic groups. This year alone we had over 15 events attracting over 350 participants and we now have over 1,000 people engaged through social media. Some of the key events this year included the Walkie Talkies, our inaugural hike on the north, Yoga and Pilates in the Park, Israeli Dancing, Social Tennis and a couple of fun runs to name a few.

For the first time this year we put together a team for City 2 Surf, jointly with the JCA. The team attracted 85 runners and walkers on the C2S day and between 15-50 members of our community for weekly training sessions in the East and on the North Shore. We hope to make this an annual event. We are also very excited to have recently launched a new Maccabi Life website and platform and will shortly be introducing a new rewards program for our members.

With a new community manager on board and soon to join an events manager, we anticipate Maccabi Life activity will grow, reaching more members of our community.

### **Clubs:**

Despite some of the challenges early on in the year, owing to COVID, as well as many weekends that were rained out and the disruption of Maccabiah, our clubs continue to provide our community with fantastic opportunities to play competitive and social sport every week. This year we saw a net growth in our clubs with now over 3,000 community members engaging in sport and well-being activities.

We also started to re-engage with the North Shore community, with participation and involvement at the highest it has been in many years. This included the formation of a table tennis and junior football program as well as an All Abilities wheelchair program at Masada and 5 Maccabi teams at an off season competition in St Ives. This is very much in line with our mission of connecting all parts of our community regardless to their geographic location. It is also testimony to the north shore's community commitment, in particular Masada College to strengthen its affiliation with the wider Jewish community.

I do want to recognise and thank all the President's, their Boards and teams for all their commitment. It never ceases to amaze me the incredible work you do.

### **Programs and Events:**

#### Maccabiah

One of the key highlights for the year was the Maccabiah games in Israel. This year I had the privilege of attending the games with my wife and two daughters who all competed. They were far more successful than I was with two gold medals and a silver. It was one of the most successful games for the Australians with a delegation of over 550 delegates and punching well above our weight, finishing 4th overall on the medal tally.

#### Carnival

Unfortunately, notwithstanding months of planning we were unable to go ahead with Carnival 2022 in Melbourne for the second year in a row, owing to COVID. We decided to move to Carni@Home and had over 150 kids



registered, but at the last minute we had to cancel the event due to the significant rise in COVID cases at the time.

Carnival 2023 is planned to take place in Melbourne in January and we would like all of you to support the event and make sure you encourage your kids, grandkids, nephews and nieces to attend with the risk of a Covid related cancellation, unlikely.

#### Mega Camps:

In April and September we successfully ran two of our largest Mega Camps ever, with over 160 kids registered at each camp. This was an increase of around three times more kids compared to previous years! It was fantastic to see the outreach of the camps with representation from 12 schools and ~50% participation from the North Shore at the April camp.

#### All Abilities:

The All Abilities program continues to be exceptionally successful, directly reaching a record 250 people, as well as hundreds more indirectly including the many family members and the broader community. There were many highlights from the year including the Surf's Up program, Wheelchair basketball at the schools, Tap Dancing and we even had our first special needs participant Jarred Morris participate at the Maccabiah Games.

Special thanks to the JCA – Choice Foundation for its continued support.

#### Hakoah:

We are incredibly excited that demolition of the White City site has finally commenced. As many of you would know Hakoah at White City has been a journey that started over a decade ago. A big thanks to the Sports Centre Board whose vision of finding a home for Maccabi NSW is finally coming to fruition.

We were fortunate to have Steven Lowy and Phil Green present at our President's forum earlier this year and have been working very closely with Andy Hedges and the Hakoah team to identify opportunities for Maccabi to leverage the state-of-the-art facilities planned. The new site will be a fantastic place for the community to come together, participate and watch sport and attend events. I encourage all of you and your respective club members to become Hakoah Members, if you haven't done so already!

I would like to acknowledge the thousands of volunteers that make Maccabi what it is. Without YOU, there simply would be NO Maccabi!

I would like to thank our valued stakeholders, donors, sponsors and advocates who continue to be our principal supporters:

JCA, the Choice Foundation, Millie Phillips Jewish Education Fund, SMLXL, Hakoah at White City, Sandra and Barry Smorgon, Tom Goldman OAM, Goldman Travel, Elaine and Peter Smaller OAM, Southern First Steel, Adina Hotels, Alceon, Prosperity, Wolper Jewish Hospital, and Westfield Bondi Junction.

And for the recognition, support, and partnership with the following organisations:

Jewish Board of Deputies, Jewish Care, BJE, B'nai B'rith, CHS, Magen David Adom, State Zionist Council, Gabrielle Upton MP, Dr Marjorie O'Neill MP, Wolper Hospital Foundation, Montefiore Shalom College, Moriah College, Masada College, Emanuel College, Mt Sinai, Kesser Torah, Rose Bay College, One&All and the NSW Government.

Thank you and look forward to a year filled with sport, health and wellbeing.  
**Rodney Rosmarin President, Maccabi NSW.**



## **Maccabi Australia President's Report**

### **Jeff Sher, President MAI**



The key message this year is we are back! Maccabi Australia has all but returned to normal and the last 12 months have been a very busy yet a rewarding time for the organisation.

- A team of 560 represented Team Australia at the Maccabiah in July 2022
- All our programs are operating at almost full strength in particular Maccabi Life has continued to grow notably
- Importantly we have been successful in restoring our balance sheet after the impact of COVID.

All the above due to the amazing resolve, resilience and determination of the hundreds of volunteers who make Maccabi Proud. We could not be more grateful for their tireless efforts (under challenging circumstances) to get us moving again.

This report will provide a summary of the significant gains made during the year on each of our strategic objectives. As per our previous reports we restate our Vision, Mission and strategic imperatives noting that these are reviewed at every Annual General meeting.

### **OUR VISION**

To be the organisation of first choice for the Australian Jewish Community to participate in Sport and Wellbeing activities.

### **OUR MISSION**

To engage and strengthen the Australian Jewish community by: -

- Developing and promoting the opportunity for all members to share and embrace their Jewish identity through sport & wellbeing activities
- Encouraging participation in sport through annual carnivals and competitive sporting events at the state, national and international level.
- Engaging a wider demographic in activities centered on Health and Wellbeing with the purpose of increasing participation, growing membership, and improving the health outcomes for the community.
- Working actively to support programs that embody the Maccabi ideals of Jewish continuity, support for the state of Israel and excellence in sport.

- Creating a sustainable and prosperous financial position for Maccabi across Australia that enables the organization to support the objectives and ambitions of the state bodies and clubs.
- To be forward focused and embracing of opportunities which ensure the longevity of Maccabi across the country.

## **OUR VALUES**

Maccabi honors the following values:

-Respect -Teamwork -Community -Volunteerism

## **OUR POSITIONING**

“Connecting the Jewish Community through Sport and Wellbeing”

## **2022 OBJECTIVES AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

Our goals and objectives for the year gone by are noted below. In the main they have been centred on being a more efficient and effective organisation whilst focusing on rebuilding post COVID.

**Organisation Sustainability** – Our most important objective over the past year was to restore our balance sheet and in so doing ensure that there was clear alignment between the organisation needs and the new National Foundation objectives. Having set up the Board portfolio programs for the year ahead – our financial needs were clearly articulated and prioritised. The Foundation under Dale Smorgon’s leadership has restructured their method of operating to ensure that the resources are garnished. The recent Charidy campaign was a great example of how the organisation can work together to generate a great result that has benefit for Maccabi across Australia – the leadership of the foundation was instrumental in delivering an outstanding campaign.

**Brand Development** – The National marketing committee has been operating effectively and has found many ways to leverage on the capability around the country. There has been a marked reduction in duplication of effort. Proudly we have built a new website from scratch which delivers on the needs for all parts of the organisation. The formal launch will occur in November and once all the previous club sites have been resolved and the content transferred. This will allow for a better brand focus and ensure there is consistency in our messaging and reach. Our marketing presence has been the beneficiary of the Covid period, our webinar series, online and social media campaigns have been instrumental

- in driving the Brand to new heights – a reach of 2 million views and facebook growth from 1400 to 4600 in 2 years

**Sports development-** our focus has been the 21st Maccabiah – a normal planning cycle for any Maccabiah is about 2 years, however, given the cancellation of the Maccabiah in 2021 – our dedicated team were in a go/no go position for nearly 3 years. The Games eventually got underway in July 2022 and ‘were the largest games ever’ with over 10,000 athletes participating. The Australian contingent was the fourth largest at the Games – including 430 athletes, around 80 coaches and managers as well as 55 Masters Supporters and VIP Mission participants. In addition, there were approximately another 400 supporters who travelled independently to be at the games – in total nearly 1% of the total Australian Jewish population were in attendance in one way or another. Our team performed fantastically on and off the field and came away with 104 medals. An amazing effort by the operations team led by Sam Gamsu, Giselle Berlinksi and Barry Smorgon OAM as the Head of Delegation. Plans are already underway for the 22nd games in 2025

In addition, our Junior carnival will be held in Melbourne in January 2023, - we look forward to rebuilding carnival after 3 years of Covid absence.

**Health & Wellness** – Maccabi life has continued to grow from strength-to-strength expanding rapidly in NSW and WA. A new National Committee has established their strategic plans and indeed operational goals which are actively being rolled out. To date there have been some notable achievements including but not limited to the development of 8000 Maccabi life members, the delivery of multiple on trend webinars with an audience reach of over 5000 people. In recent weeks we upgraded and launched the new Health and Wellbeing Platform and APP – it is unique, community centric and will have benefit for all members.

**Member Protection and health of the organisation** - A new Board member was appointed to lead this objective and a new policy setting and training program has been released. Our dedicated team of volunteers who sit on the various sub committees and tribunals continue to ensure that the organisation is focused on providing a safe environment for all members.

### **Leadership**

There are 2 significant programs that will lead the way in the future including the Youth Development program that underpins the Carnival and

the Future Leadership Forum which is linked to the Maccabiah and indeed the Maccabi World Union leadership program. Early exploration has taken place for the development of E Games and a new youth committee has brought a new energy to this portfolio. A group of 3 outstanding leaders joined the Maccabiah operations team as part of their development and will continue to work in various roles on their return from the games. We are grateful to Jodi Velik who attended the MWU Congress and made connections with the FLF forum in Israel and look forward to more developments on this front over the next 12 months.

### **Alignment**

An important aspect of the MAI Board objectives is to move to a more aligned position. We have explored how the various State Bodies around the county can leverage and learn from each other. In this regard a Presidents Forum was developed and through this we have improved the level of communication and sharing of information. Whilst getting to absolute alignment is still an aspiration, the State Presidents and executive teams have engaged in this process as we build a unified Maccabi across Australia.

I would like to thank Rod for his leadership and being an active member of the MAI Board. Under his and Ori's stewardship there has been a stronger alignment between NSW and MAI across many areas including Marketing, Maccabi Life, MPP and Leadership to name a few. I am also very grateful to Nicole Katz, Amanda Penkin and Michelle Stockley who have played a significant role in progressing the national agenda through their contributions on the various sub committees.

### **MAI Board Changes**

Barry Smorgon and Tom Goldman, long term Maccabi stalwarts stepped down from the MAI board after a distinguished period of service where they have made a difference not only to the organisation but to our ability to function.

Barry stepped into the organisation at a time of need and quickly set up setting proper process, governance, and structure. Most notably he was responsible for the change to our constitution in recognition of the changing nature of our membership and took the lead on the development of MPP again in response to a difficult time in our history. His role in ensuring the financial stability of the organisation is well documented and something we are grateful for. Barry was nominated and appointed to Life Membership of Maccabi Australia.



Tom has given over 50 years of life to the organisation and has carried the brand to the international stage where he has represented Maccabi across Australia in various roles but most notably as the Senior Vice President. He is a Past President of Maccabi NSW and indeed MAI. In more recent years taken on the role of Chairing the Board of Governors. Toms' legacy will be remembered and admired.

We are also fortunate to have had 3 new people join the board. Sam Gamsu joined as the Chair of International Sport – he has been involved in the organisation for over 20 years in numerous roles in the club structure and for his efforts is a life member of both Maccabi Junior cricket Club and the North Caulfield Junior Football Club. In addition, he has been involved in many international games as a Senior manager and will head up the Maccabiah team in 2022. Giselle Berlinski has been at the centre of many senior management roles in the Maccabi organisation including Junior carnival, Maccabiah Games in 2017 and Pan AM Games in 2019. Her dedication to the organisation is unparalleled and we know if we need stuff done – Giselle is the person who can achieve it effectively and with a smile on her face. Giselle becomes an observer to the Board.

More recently we also appointed Jacquie Seemann as the Chair of our Member Protection portfolio. She has been a long-term Maccabi participant and was involved in Carnivals as a swimmer and hockey player. Her children as also proud Maccabi members. In her professional life, Jacquie is a partner at the National law firm Thomson Geer Lawyers. Her specialities are employment, industrial, discrimination and safety law. Her sports law work has included developing Member Protection Policies and advising amateur and professional clubs about player, parent, and coach misconduct; and advising clubs about employment matters. From 2014 to 2022, Jacquie was Maccabi NSW's Honorary Solicitor. We welcome Jacquie knowing that she will add enormous value to the Board

Lastly, we welcome Harry Procel as the Chair of the Board of Governors, he replaces Tom Goldman in this role and will focus on the 100th Anniversary for Maccabi Australia and the growth and development of our National Awards.

## The Year ahead

As we look ahead it is contingent on us to recognise the value that that Sport activities and our Maccabi Life programs can and will have on the Jewish community across Australia. The work that we will do is critically important. The world of sport was among those sectors most visibly affected and very early in the piece by COVID. Our response to this was dramatic and necessary, however, through the resilience of the Maccabi family we ensured a sustainable position for the organisation and helped keep the community connected

However, we must now redefine and redesign ourselves, not only to improve our resilience to future shocks, but to broaden our contribution to the Maccabi efforts in each State, Nationally and internationally. Sport has often helped to create spaces for dialogue, advance gender equality, promote social inclusion and tackle discrimination. Maccabi has played this role at all levels in our community, and we need to continue this important work.

Our Board is committed to remaining nimble whilst continuing to pursue our goal of connecting the community through sport and wellbeing – the outcome of which will be a healthier, happier and more engaged community.



## **Josh Itzkowic- Treasurer Maccabi NSW**

### **Treasurer's Report 2021 / 2022**

2022 has been a successful year for Maccabi, having emerged from Covid in a stable financial position and with the capacity to invest and grow activities in-line with our strategic priorities.

For the period to 30 June 2022, Maccabi NSW reported a profit of \$29,228 slightly below the prior year profit of \$34,941.

FY22 benefited from:

- A stable contribution from Club Membership Fees, Sponsorship and Sports Administration;
- The tail end of Govt support related to Covid (primarily state Govt subsidies); and
- An increased allocation from the JCA

Govt Subsidies of \$58,093 compare with \$159,375 in govt assistance in FY21. We have not forecasted any further Covid related financial support. The Govt assistance is reflected not just in revenue, but given its structure, in expenses. The decrease of \$64,296 in salaries and wages for FY22 reflects the completion of the JobKeeper program. During the year we increased wages for team to reflect their continued commitment.

As of 30 June 2022, Maccabi NSW had \$213,907 in cash. This cash balance excludes the most recent JCA allocation which is a receivable on our balance sheet and has been transferred to Maccabi NSW via the ASF post balance date.

Net assets are \$535,890, an increase of \$29,228 versus FY20.

For the current year Maccabi NSW is budgeting for a small deficit, with some reserves being used to invest in future growth, including with Ori Danieli joining as GM last year as well as Taryn in Youth Leadership this year.

Notwithstanding Maccabi's cash position, Maccabi NSW has applied for an increase in funding from the JCA over the next several years, noting that Maccabi NSW receives the smallest allocation of any JCA member organisations. The higher allocation will go towards additional resources to further Maccabi's impact on the community.

From a governance perspective, Maccabi NSW has completed its FY22 audit through Ricardo Apter from Prosperity (the third year of their engagement) and the financial statements and management representation letters have been signed by myself and Rodney.

On a personal note, I will be travelling with my family to Israel for 2023 and am leaving in just a few weeks on 30 November and returning early 2024. I've discussed with Rod and Ori that I will continue to assist Maccabi NSW whilst I am travelling.

I look forward to Ori and his team continuing to grow the organisation and hope we will be close to moving to White city on my return.

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## **Amanda Penkin (VP Maccabi NSW), Nicole Katz, Jessica Kanevsky – Grants and Maccabi Life**

### **Grant applications**

During the year Maccabi has applied for various grants to help offset the running costs of Maccabi events and to grow the quantity and quality of services offered. Maccabi is supported by the JCA, including the Millie Phillips fund and The Wolper hospital foundation. We have also made applications or supported applications to various council and state based programs to support both the Maccabi clubs and the Hakoah White City development.

### **Update of the Maccabi Life Program**

In the last 12 months Maccabi Life has been very active in various outdoor and face to face events. The program has expanded from the initial walkie talkie events to include: running, tennis and hiking events as well as a seniors program.

The program has enabled Maccabi NSW, in conjunction with the Wolper hospital foundation to expand our reach across demographics and outside of the eastern suburbs where traditionally a large concentration of supporters reside.

#### Walkie Talkies:

- Ginni Masberg on Menopause
- Renee Mill on Changing Partner relationships
- Jewish Care on Aging parents

#### Maccabi Life on Park

- Zumba
- Pilates in the park
- Israeli dancing
- Fitness session

#### Senior Walkie Talkies

- Moran
- Monte

## Hikes

- Taronga zoo

## Run

- Save a child's heart run

## Fun run

- Maccabiah colour run
- Park run

## Tennis & Swim

- Annual Swimathon
- 2 \* social tennis events

## Social sports – targeted mostly at young adults

- Social Mixed Netball
- Social Basketball
- Social Tennis

In addition to the face to face and online events, we have active Whatsapp, Instagram and Facebook communities sharing information and providing a space to interact and engage.

Our social media reaches the following groups:

1. Maccabi Life NSW = 860+ members via Facebook (increased by 21% in the last 6 months)
2. Maccabi Life NSW = 824 followers on Instagram (increased by 14% in the last 6 months)

We continue to plan regular face to face and online events and have a full program planned to the end of the year 2022 and into the first quarter of 2023.

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## **Jodi Velik - Leadership**

Despite facing challenges throughout the past year, the Leadership portfolio worked hard to build on last year's successes.

With the pandemic still rampant in January, the heavy decision was made to cancel Carnival@Home. While the event of the season was not to go ahead, we were still able to assemble a strong and enthusiastic team of youth leaders that facilitated our MegaCamp to a record number of kids throughout the year! These camps were a huge success and engaged our leadership team in the lead up to 2023 Carnival in Melbourne.

Emerging out of the pandemic and the lifting of lockdown restrictions gave way to the opportunity to resume our social sport competitions. With the Social Mixed Netball competition running as strong as ever with 16 teams (~150 young adults), the energy of our youth had returned. This year also saw our inaugural Social Basketball competition run by our dedicated basketball leader, Matthew Bozic. Another enjoyable and smooth season that has paved the way for many more social basketball competitions in the future!

I was also incredibly fortunate to attend the Maccabi World Union Future Leaders Forum which coincided with the Maccabi World Union Congress in Israel. Being able to connect with over 50 young leaders from 15 countries was both a surreal and unforgettable experience. It was a privilege to hear of the inspiring work of my fellow leaders and I am grateful to be able to bring these insights back to Maccabi NSW.

As we look forward to 2023, we hope to reignite the momentum of the Maccabi National Titles, which were not able to launch due to Covid. In a similar vein, the leadership team is looking to engage our young adult audience through organised sport and Maccabi Life initiatives throughout the year.

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### **Michelle Stockley - Marketing**

It was a great relief to emerge from the disruption and uncertainty of the of the pandemic years and launch head-on into a very busy 2022.

The national marketing committee continued to meet and is achieving its goal of aligning the states on strategy, branding and messaging. Jeff Sher as chair along with the other committee members undertook several large projects including the redevelopment of the Maccabi Australia and states web sites, organisation of communications before and during Maccabiah and the Charidy campaign all while maintaining business as usual.

Unfortunately Marketing Manager Leanne Shelton has resigned and the search is on to find her replacement. I thank her and all staff for their efforts throughout the year. My thanks also to my fellow board members, committee members and Ori Danieli for another great year.



## **Club reports**

### **Maccabi NSW Basketball Club**

President: Brad Rosen

the Basketball Club has closed out another great year with membership growing at a fantastic rate. The club is pleased to report that as of today we have over 400 members, across 32 junior and 5 senior teams – this is a big increase from the 300 members from last year and 150 in 2019.

The increase in numbers is testament to, not only the great coaches we've managed to recruit and develop, but the volunteers that have put their hands up to help drive this club forward. This includes our committee members and team managers. Our volunteers are key to helping us deliver a great service for all our members and I'd like to thank them for that.

Financially, the club is in a stable position with 5 sponsors secured and more steady income with more members.

The club would like to thank our sponsors:

- Haben Property Funds
- Moore Park Supa Centre
- Century 21 Feller and Taylor
- Learn and laugh, and,
- Chargrill Charlies
- We also acknowledge the support of the Throwback store and Shoes and Sox to enable club family members discount opportunities to help our community. Thank you.

I would like to personally thank our engaged committee made up of a mix of both experienced and new committee members, who are all major contributors to our club. It is because of all their hard work & commitment that the club is heading in the right direction and we are starting to recognise our huge potential.

Another huge thank you goes out to all our team managers. The club would not be where it is today without the tireless effort from these team managers.

In closing, we would like to thank everyone involved in the club and we are extremely excited to move forward in what we hope will be the continued growth of the club and ultimately kids playing the great game of basketball.

**Maccabi NSW Netball Club** -Presidents: Vanessa Abrahams & Elliot Rusanow

My third year as Co-President was thrilling and exciting for our netball club as we had the year of the Maccabiah games and finally after 2 years of COVID we had a full season!

Our Winter season started on 21st March through to 17th September with 250 Members. 18 teams, 15 coaches, 9 assistant coaches with a shared pool of umpire's with Double Bay Diamond. We had a massive NetSetGo intake of 55 players.

We had 8 of our 10 teams make finals with the return of our Seniors 2 team after 3 years. Our Seniors 2 team making us all very proud by winning their Grand final. Amazing results!

And lastly our 4 Australian netball teams taking 3 gold and 1 silver at the Maccabiah games in Israel. This certainly caused great enthusiasm and a buzz around the netball courts from our parents and players.

Behind the scenes and ensuring the smooth operation of our club is our wonderful committee. Once again this year we have been fortunate to have long standing committee members that are highly proficient and show unswerving loyalty to our club. We are looking for new committee members for our 2023 season!

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**Maccabi Hakoah JuniorFC (Junior Football)**

President: Daniel Zaidel

We continue to try new things with 2022 seeing our first ever attempt at reaching out to the 3-5 year old age group which we did with some success having started with around 40 kids and finishing with about 20-25. We also had many teams win their Division Minor Premiership in the U 13 and above ages. 6 of 10 Teams in those divisions won their Competition table going on to play finals.

Initiated by Maccabi NSW, we have started a club in the North Shore (Masada) for years k-2 as well as 6 football teams playing in the off-season comp at St Ives.

## **Maccabi Hakoah FC (Senior Soccer)**

Administrator: Mick Vasin

Maccabi Hakoah SeniorFC was set for a good season with four out of six adult teams set for finals, which eventually did not happen due to COVID. The club fielded six mens' sides in the ESFA competition, with approximately 130 members in 2021 - down on 2020 by 30.

The financial situation at the club is good and the new season is set to begin in mid February for pre-season training. 2022 will be a challenging year as all Maccabiah years are.

Our girls' teams have collapsed. Where once Maccabi had loads of junior girls coming through to the senior club, this is not the case anymore. Girls' football has evolved and players leave the junior club in droves after U12s - either seeking representative teams or just not playing anymore.

We are hoping to rebuild a women's team again over the coming years.

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## **Maccabi NSW Swimming Club**

President: Elan Miller

Maccabi Swimming commenced with a strong membership.

The year commenced with a successful annual Nelson Bay training camp.

This was followed by swimmers attending Age State and Open State championships with 2 swimmers qualifying to Nationals. The club hosted several meets including the 71st Jewish Champs which saw several records broken. Maccabi Swimming NSW members made up the majority of the swimming team at Maccabiah in July and they all competed successfully. Unfortunately, the membership of Maccabi Swimming has significantly reduced due to a number of factors. Moriah's pool is the home of Maccabi Swimming and entry restrictions inhibited students from outside the school community.

In addition, pool facilities at Moriah were renovated (late 2021) and the resulting instability caused many members to join other swim clubs. The club needs to rebuild.

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## **NSW Maccabi Golf**

President: David Felthun

The golf club has had a tough couple of years with firstly Covid and then, incessant rain causing the NSW Championships and interstate men's and women's events to be cancelled twice. We finally have some good news to report. Earlier this year, NSW men managed to beat Victoria in the President's cup played in Victoria. We completed the 2021 Men's matchplay

Finally, we have just held the NSW Maccabi golf championships at Monash. This is the 44th time the Championships have been played and it attracted a field of 120 golfers in beautiful conditions at Monash. The Champion NSW golfer this year is Jason Rubenstein. Other winners on the day were Jason Odze who won A Grade Stableford, Graham Shulman who won B Grade, Gary Kim who won C Grade and Terry Katz who won the Women's stableford. Special mention should be made of NSW Maccabi Golf life member, Gary Levien, who has just been made a life member of the prestigious NSW Golf club in recognition of the outstanding contribution he has made to that club.

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### **Maccabi Social Mixed Netball**

Presidents: Taryn Levin & Shayna Slotar

Social mixed netball comp ran from February -June. It was incredibly successful with 143 members.

#### Events

- Grand Final night with DJ, coffee cart and One&All Charity fundraiser
- Social Mixed Netball Night:
- One off night with 5 games (2x10min halves) - sausage sizzle and drinks provided - 6 teams of 7/8 players + \$420 raised for Maccabi All Abilities Challenges included; - wet weather - we missed approx. 5 games - umpire shortage - it was very difficult to outsource umpires each week as they were quite unreliable

Opportunities; - recurring Social Mixed Netball Nights every quarter - shorter regular season - indoor courts potentially.

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### **NSW Maccabi Tenpin Bowling Club**

President: Howard Silver

Busy year with lots of social and competitive tournaments:

Baron Gold Knockout Tournament

Mothers' Day Tournament

Fathers' Day Tournament

President's Cup NSW Jewish Open & Handicap Tournament

Greg Small Memorial Tournament

RAMS vs Maccabi Tournament.

## **Maccabi Tenpin SuperLeague**

President: Sue Sznajer

We are a small tenpin bowling club that bowls on a Wednesday night at Manhattan Superbowl, Mascot. We have three seasons which allows new teams to come in at the beginning of each season. We have three in-house tournaments during the year. At the end of each season we present trophies to the top three teams plus dinner at different venue. So please come along and join our league.

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## **Maccabi Lawn Bowls Guild**

President: Jacques Hasson

Our main activity for 2022 was organising a 5 day Maccabi Lawn Bowls Carnival in August at Mermaid Beach B.C. at Gold Coast. Maccabi Teams from NSW, Vic. W.A. competed in a very successful bowling and social event. We also held our club Pairs and Triples events during the year, as well as a challenge tournament against St Ives B.C. at St. Ives. Two social film evenings were held for members and friends. Our other main event for this year will be a 3 day Twilight Bowls event on 27th,28th and 29th of December (4pm-7pm ,then dinner each evening).

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## **Maccabi Hakoah Futsal**

President: Daniel Sharp

After 2 seasons of no Futsal due to Covid we have resurrected both the Club and the Rose Bay Competition however only to find out we have lost Rose Bay College Gym from 2023 so the future of the Club is unsure at the moment. We are working on alternative venues now.

## **Sydney Maccabi Tennis Club**

President: Jeremy Fisher

Commenced redevelopment of White City in July. Demolition underway with construction expected to commence in the next 1-2 months. Completion expected early 2024. Club and business still operating at 100% capacity during construction (on reduced 6 courts). Relationship with Hakoah going well and working together to achieve an amazing, once in a lifetime centre for the entire community to benefit from for generations to come.

We are excited to announce that we have been shortlisted in the 2022 NSW Tennis Australia Tennis Awards in 2 categories. • Coaching Excellence • Outstanding League The awards take place on Sun 30 October. Having been winners and finalists in several categories over recent years it is clear that we continue to set the benchmark for tennis coaching/centres in NSW and even Australia. Re-introduced Junior membership (needs to be a child/grandchild of a senior member). Currently over 50 junior members in a short period of time which is a great outcome. Looking to grow this membership base and also focus on increasing our young adults and female members.

**No reports forthcoming from: Maccabi Volleyball, Triathlon and Rugby**



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