

KHO KHO AUSTRALIA



2025/26

ANNUAL REPORT



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

Over the last year, we have made meaningful progress in promoting the sport, building participation, and representing Kho Kho on larger platforms. These achievements are the result of the dedication and teamwork of our players, volunteers, officials, coaches, and supporters.

To name key achievements - Australia proudly participated in the Kho Kho World Cup, representing our nation at the international level. We also successfully hosted our National Championship, which brought together teams from across the country and strengthened our national competition pathway.

Another important milestone was establishing dedicated Kho Kho grounds – in Sydney and in Melbourne, creating a foundation for structured training and development.

We continued expanding the reach of the sport by introducing Kho Kho with modified rules at the Masters Games, allowing more communities to experience and participate in the game. In addition, Kho Kho was included in the Sikh Games Championships in NZ and in Melbourne, where we saw strong participation in the tournament.

Looking ahead, we continue our main focus on a strategic goal - registration with the Australian Sports Commission (ASC). This milestone will open opportunities for government grants, funding support, and nationwide long-term development programs for our sport.

Our focus for the Next Year:

1. Membership Growth

Restructure the membership fee model to make participation more accessible and encourage more individuals and clubs to become part of the association.

2. Training Infrastructure Development Work towards establishing Kho Kho grounds in different regions to support regular training, grassroots development, and competitions.

3. Regional Club Development Introduce structured policies and an affiliation program for regional clubs to support formation of new clubs, strengthen governance, and promote the sport across Australia.

4. Coach and Umpire Accreditation Develop and implement a KKA Accreditation Program for coaches and umpires to improve standards, consistency, and professionalism within the sport.

5. National and Regional Competitions Conduct National and Regional tournaments to expand playing opportunities and strengthen the competitive pathway for players.

6. International Participation Continue representing Australia in international tournaments, including the Commonwealth Games, New Zealand Games, and the World Cup to provide exposure and experience to our athletes.

I would like to sincerely thank again all members and their family & friends for their commitment and contributions throughout the year. Your continued support is vital to the growth and success of Kho Kho in Australia.

Together, we will continue building a stronger and more sustainable future for our sport.

President
Raj Sura



TREASURY REPORT

Kho Kho Australia's 2024–25 financial year and 2025–26 year-to-date period reflected a period of steady growth and responsible financial management.

Over the reporting period, the organisation generated total income of \$46,699.69 and incurred total expenses of \$39,136.49, resulting in a net surplus of \$7,563.20. This positive result demonstrates the organisation's ability to operate sustainably while continuing to invest in key initiatives that support the development of Kho Kho in Australia.

Income was primarily driven by sponsorships, membership fees, and community contributions, with sponsorships representing the largest share of revenue. This highlights the growing support from external partners, alongside a strong and expanding membership base.

Expenditure throughout the period was focused on delivering the organisation's core activities. Key areas of investment included player development, travel support, event delivery, and operational costs such as insurance and ground hire. Notably, significant resources were allocated towards player gear and participation in major events, reflecting a commitment to enhancing both grassroots engagement and competitive opportunities.

All major events conducted during this period were financially self-sustaining, supported by effective budgeting and strong backing from sponsors and the community. Event-related spending, including national competitions, international representation, and the Liverpool ground inauguration, was aligned with the organisation's broader strategic objectives and long-term growth.

Looking ahead, key financial priorities include expanding membership from 157 to 500 active members and strengthening sponsorship and fundraising efforts to support participation in upcoming major events such as the Commonwealth Games and National Championships. These initiatives will be critical in maintaining financial stability while supporting continued growth.

Kho Kho Australia closes the reporting period in a stable financial position, with a bank balance of \$7,563.20, providing a solid foundation for future development.

Treasurer

Varsha Tembe

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Kho Kho Australia aims to establish and grow Kho Kho as a recognised sport across Australia while building strong participation, governance, and development pathways.

A key long-term objective is to achieve official recognition from the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) and State Sporting Authorities by meeting national sport organisational criterias over the coming years.

To achieve our vision, Kho Kho Australia focuses on expanding participation and building a strong national presence. This includes increasing the number of active members, establishing training facilities across multiple states and developing partnerships with schools, community organisations and sporting bodies. By strengthening grassroots programs and coaching pathways, Kho Kho Australia aims to create sustainable opportunities for players, volunteers and officials to participate in the sport.

One of our key objectives is to increase awareness and visibility of Kho Kho throughout Australia. Currently, this is planned through demonstration matches, national tournaments, social media engagement, public events, and participation in international competitions. These initiatives aim to introduce new communities to the sport and build a strong national profile for Kho Kho.

Kho Kho Australia is also committed to developing the infrastructure and governance needed to support long-term growth. This includes establishing dedicated Kho Kho playing facilities, implementing strong governance and integrity policies and building a national organisational structure capable of supporting clubs and programs across multiple states. This strategy aims to create a sustainable and recognised sporting pathway for Kho Kho in Australia.

KKK COMMITTEE OVERVIEW

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS



RAJ SURA

PRESIDENT

Raj is a lifelong Kho Kho stalwart whose journey reflects dedication, excellence, and leadership. National-level representative for Maharashtra and Pune University, proud recipient of the Veer Abhimanyu Award and a member of Team Australia for the 2025 World Cup.



LEE MOSKWA

VICE PRESIDENT

Lee is a policy and compliance expert and has been involved in community development projects since he was 14-years-old. He believes that Kho Kho is an amazing example of how people love to compete and have fun together. He is proud to work with volunteers across the country.



VARSHA TEMBE

TREASURER

Varsha brings more than a decade of high-level Kho Kho experience from India, competing at state, national, and university levels. She is an accomplished medical researcher and works as a counsellor. Varsha's passion for Kho Kho led her to contribute to Kho Kho Australia, supporting the growth and development of the sport at grass root level.



OJAS KULKARNI

NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER

Ojas is a dedicated Kho Kho athlete and leader with over 15 years of playing experience. He is a Kho Kho World Cup participant and Men's Captain, bringing strong leadership and discipline to the game. Alongside his professional background as a software engineer, Ojas is committed to mentoring players and strengthening the Kho Kho community in Australia through teamwork and excellence.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS



HARNEET KAUR

NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER

Harneet is a healthcare professional and passionate sportsperson. She has competed in Kabaddi and Kho Kho at state and district levels, respectively. Harneet actively promotes Kho Kho in Australia, through her professional experience, sporting background, and dedication to teamwork, health, and community wellbeing.



SUBODH BAPAT

NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER

Subodh is a Human Resources professional and a passionate sports enthusiast. He played Kho Kho competitively in India and was a member of the Australian squad for the Kho Kho World Cup. Subodh has been actively involved with Kho Kho Australia and contributes to the promotion and development of the sport across Australia.



MANISHA GAZULA

NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER

Manisha is the principal of Marsden Road Public School which is proud to be the first home ground for Kho Kho Australia. A champion of public education, Manisha is also a sport enthusiast. In India, she represented Maharashtra at state level championships in hockey. She is eager to work in making Kho Kho more popular as a mainstream sport.



AMOL CHANDEKAR

NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER

Amol combines his professional experience in IT and finance with a genuine passion for community building. An enthusiastic supporter of Indian traditional sports, Amol is committed on helping Kho Kho flourish in Australia and is proud to contribute to the sport's growth and success nationwide.

MEDIA REPORT

Over the past year, Kho Kho Australia continued to strengthen its media and communications outreach, enhancing the visibility of the sport and promoting its development across Australia.

Through a combination of social media engagement, media coverage, and community-focused campaigns, the organisation successfully increased public awareness and participation in Kho Kho.

KEY AREAS OF GROWTH

NATIONAL VISIBILITY

Strengthened media and communications outreach through various news articles, radio interviews, and digital media engagement, increasing awareness and participation in Kho Kho across Australia.

NATIONAL DIGITAL CAMPAIGN

Successfully delivered the “Be the Face of Kho Kho in Australia” social media campaign, showcasing grassroots engagement and emerging talent nationwide

LIVE BROADCAST INITIATIVE

Delivered the first live stream of the National Championship on YouTube, attracting over **3,000 viewers** and expanding the sport’s digital reach.

DIGITAL GROWTH

Achieved more than:

- **90,000 views** on Facebook and;
- Over **200,000 views** on Instagram

within a 90-day period, reflecting growing public interest.

NATIONAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

National Media Engagement: Secured engagement and coverage with leading national media organisations, including ABC News and SBS News, strengthening Kho Kho’s presence within Australia’s broader sporting landscape.