



# The Bulldog Banter



## Season 2016 coming to a close!

As the home & away season comes to a close and our teams head into the finals we wish all of the players well as some try for the ultimate glory in September. Best of luck!

For those who miss out please come out and support our other teams in finals with your red white and blue proudly showing.

Remember as we support our teams we must not abuse opposition players or umpires. Keep it upbeat and dont give the club a bad reputation. Go doggies!!

Regards

Rodney Johnstone (RJ)

FHC Chairman

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## Results so far...

With only a couple of rounds to go we have some teams locked in to finals with others fighting it out over the last rounds! All the best to all teams!

### Mens Section

Premier League - 11th

Premier League Reserves - 6th

Pennant A - 2nd

Pennant C - 4th

Pennant D - 4th

Pennant F - 9th

Metro A North/West - 1st

Metro B North/West - 5th

Metro B Central - 9th

### Womens Section

Premier League - 7th

Premier League Reserves - 5th

Pennant A - 5th

Pennant B - 4th

Pennant C - 10th

Pennant D - 8th

Pennant E - 9th

Metro B North/West - 10th

### Masters Section

Men's 45B Grade - 8th

Men's 50A Grade - 5th  
Men's 50B Grade - 11th

Women's 35A Grade - 3rd  
Women's 35B Grade - 9th

## Junior Section

U18 Mixed Northwest – 5th

U16 Girls A Shield – 3rd  
U16 Mixed A Shield NW – 2nd  
U16 Mixed Northwest – 3rd

U14 Girls A Shield – 3rd  
U14 Mixed A Shield NW – 2nd  
U14 Mixed Northwest – 6th

U12 Girls A Shield – 7th  
U12 Mixed A Shield – 3rd  
U12 Girls Pennant – 3rd  
U12 Mixed Pennant NW – 7th  
U12 Mixed Northwest – 7th

U10 Mixed NW – 1st



## In an Official Capacity!

Over its 82 years the Footscray Hockey Club has established a proud history of encouraging excellence in all facets of our game, be it on-field (players and coaches) or off-field (umpires and technical officials). The new 'League Entry Criteria' coming in from next season are going to make it mandatory for all Clubs to match this high level of off-field resource development.

Our production line of terrific umpires and technical officials has always been supported by a commensurate high level of respect for these off-field contributors – whether that be the FHC trained umps / officials or those from other Clubs / Associations. This is a hallmark of an elite sporting Club! Breaches of the various 'Codes of Behaviour' have always been taken very seriously at FHC, but fortunately they have been very rare events in recent years.

### OUR TECHNICAL OFFICIALS:

FHC couldn't have anyone more highly accredited than Josh Burt in the area of Technical Officialdom! Josh holds an international badge and is currently at the Rio Olympics! Josh is also the chair of the Hockey Australia Officiating Committee, and Chairman of Selectors for Umpiring

and Technical Appointments to all national championships and international test series held in Australia. Josh is ranked within the top 5 TO's in the game of hockey across our entire planet!

FHC Life Member Chris Henderson is a Level 3 'TO', and current player Liam Hoare recently attained his Level 1 TO accreditation. Liam has been a judge at all of the Premier League Men's & Women's home games this season. Well done Liam.

Taught properly, Technical Official training is easy to complete, and can get you involved in hockey at very high levels. Why not consider undertaking the Level 1 'TO' course which is going to be conducted by Josh Burt at FHC later this year on Wednesday 31st August 6.30pm – 10.00pm.

Contact Vice President ([nicolevirtuoso@gmail.com](mailto:nicolevirtuoso@gmail.com)) by August 20th to register your interest. There will be no cost associated with doing the course.



#### **OUR UMPIRES:**

FHC developed umpires are involved in various HV Academies and rosters (senior and junior levels).

The current manager of these pathways at FHC is the magnificent Sam Cutrale. At both senior and junior levels, Sam is doing a terrific job of recruiting, inducting and assisting new and established umpires with their accreditation. Sam really welcomes your calls to enquire about learning the umpiring caper and is best contacted via email at [scutrale@gmail.com](mailto:scutrale@gmail.com)

We are so proud of the following qualified umpires:

**AUSTRALIAN UMPIRE:** Glen Munday

**LEVEL 2 UMPIRES:** Peter Whight, Chris Henderson

**LEVEL 1 UMPIRES:** Sam Cutrale, Laura Anderson, Will Crosbie, Liam Hoare, Josh Burt, Kevin Protheroe, Jemma Caon, Steph Thompson, Greg Hopkins

#### **COMMUNITY LEVEL UMPIRES:**

Latham Kosowski, Rebecca Grey, Graeme Veitch, Michael Clarke, Matthew Hope, Siobhan Hannon, Lachlan Mason, Dylan Peacock, Olivia Colasurdo, Anne Robinson, Isaac Grimes, Georgia Cutrale

#### **ALSO REGULARLY UMPIRING FOR FHC JUNIOR OR SENIORS:**

Simon Main, Anthony La, Carly James, Kyle Maynard, Ania Kosowski, Josh Bradfield, Alannah Hibbard, Helayna Braiden, David Braiden, Mitchell Braiden, Jade Robertson, Tate Brazil, Jazmin Nolan-James, Murray James, Andrew Gale, Dale Passmore, Adrian McAlinden and Josie Erbsland.

Well done to all involved in umpiring!



## PAVILION RE-DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

It is great to be able to announce that your voting via the 'Oursay' website (the mechanism via which the Federal Government distributes their 'Strengthening Local Communities' development grants) has been successful, and another \$20,000 is on its way to our building project account. Thank-you to all who got on-line earlier this year and utilised their 7 personal votes to help get us over the line.

This \$20K takes the project funding pool to: Council funds \$740,000, State Government \$100,000 and FHC funds approximately \$90,000 - total funds available: \$930,000. FHC's expenditure will cover kitchen / canteen fit-out approx \$30,000, re Fridgeration improvements approx \$15,000, external improvements (fencing, lighting - approx \$10,000), ice-bath \$1,500, miscellaneous costs approx \$34,500).

After extensive negotiation by our project delegates, an exciting design has emerged which gives FHC a fantastic new centralised canteen and specialist kitchen set-up, a 33% bigger gym, separate meeting and Board rooms, all new showers and associated amenities, increased storage inside and out, and improved player amenities (incl. a specialist physio / first aid room, new ice-bath alcove, etc). The facility will also feature state-of-the-art facilities for people with disabilities (better access ramps, wider staircase, and a new lift).

Originally due to see works commencing at this season's end, time and cost over-runs have caused significant delays. Council are saying that they would now like to conduct the building works starting in March next year (which would require FHC to operate out of a few portable huts and containers for the entire 2017 season). That would be a very significant disruption to our Club's operations, so we'll be negotiating this issue with Council over coming weeks.

Cr Michael Clarke has been a significant player in this project liaising with senior managers at Council, and helping ensure that large Council \$\$\$\$ allocation, whilst Brendan Sheehan has had to deal with the bureaucrats for eighteen months to get the design outcomes that we need. A big

FHC thank-you to both gents. All comments / queries re the project to Brendan at [sheehans@bigpond.net.au](mailto:sheehans@bigpond.net.au)

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## **OUR CURRENT RAFFLE**

The improvements that will come FHC's way via the pavilion re-development will be tremendous, but the fine details will very much depend on our ability to fund the building's 'fit-out'. FHC are responsible for \$50,000 worth of fit-out costs for the new canteen and kitchen zones, but are currently about \$5,000 short in meeting our savings level. Hence the raffle tickets that have come your way!

Each member has been asked to buy / sell two sheets worth of \$2.00 tickets (24 tickets per member), meaning that each member will help raise \$48 towards our project costs. The raffle features a fantastic array of great prizes, making each \$2 sale a piece of cake! With just two weeks to go before the round 18 raffle draw, it's time to pull your weight for the Club and get those ticket sales completed. Please don't leave this effort to others at your Club!



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## **RACHEL LYNCH - YOU BEAUTY!**

Those who are watching the Hockeyroo's and Kookaburras as they strive for good touch over at the Rio Olympics may have noticed the outstanding work of the Hockeyroo goal-keeper Rachel Lynch (Rachel personally guided us into the quarter-finals by saving a penalty stroke in our 1-0 win over the mighty Argentinean women's team). Prior to locating to the Australian Institute of Sport's Hockey program in Perth, Rachel spent many years as FHC's junior section goal-keeping development coach.

Rachel will have to play a pearler against world no. 1 (the Dutch) if our Aussie women are going to get to the medal rounds. Go Rachel!



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## Code of Conduct

Footscray Hockey club endorses the Hockey Victoria Codes of Behaviour.

Every person in the Victorian Hockey Community has the right to participate in an environment which is safe, welcoming and inclusive.

Equally every player, coach, official, spectator and administrator plays a part in ensuring their actions and behaviours are supportive of these values.

Please ensure when out playing, coaching, supporting a team you represent the Club with pride and most of all have fun!

## Please Remember

1. **THESE ARE KIDS**
2. **THIS IS A GAME**
3. **THE COACHES ARE VOLUNTEERS**
4. **THE UMPIRES ARE HUMAN**
5. **WE ARE NOT PLAYING FOR SHEEP STATIONS**



For more information head to [www.hockeyvictoria.org.au](http://www.hockeyvictoria.org.au)

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## Fair Go Sport Round

FHC celebrated Fair Go Sport Round on Saturday 6th August this year.

Thank you to all of those that helped to support this round with lots of rainbows to be found!



## 2016 Senior Presentation Night

This year the function will be held on **Friday 28th October** at The Yarraville Club. Please note the date has been changed due to many tournaments in late September.

Further information regarding tickets will come out later in the year but please save the date!

## **DIS-USED CHILDREN'S STICKS NEEDED!**

The Club is starting to prepare for our next round of school recruiting clinics and 'Come and Try' sessions by trying to gather together a large collection of sticks that would be used during these clinics, and also right through the following season for children that can't afford to buy their own stick.

Do you have a spare children's size stick that you can donate to the Club? If so, please mark it as a donation to the Club (tape a little paper sign on the stick with that message) and place it in the collection box just outside HOCKEY HQ. If the HOCKEY HQ volunteers are free, hand it to them directly. It is these annual donations that allow us to cater for terrific clinic numbers, and ensure that each child wanting to tryout our sport has a nice stick in his / her hand!

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## **U8 SUPER-SKILLS PROGRAM COMING UP**

To capitalise on our bumper U8 intra-club competition (currently down to its last few weeks), planning is well under-way for a fantastic number of development programs over the summer period.

Could all U8 parents keep your ear to the ground over the next few weeks as these program dates are announced.

