



# The Bulldog Banter



## Welcome to another year of hockey at Footscray!

2017 will be another progressive year for the Club and provide us with loads of challenges both off field and on field. It is up to each of us to grab these opportunities to assist and improve things around the Club and this definitely starts with volunteering some time to make this place better by allowing many hands to share the workload.

We wish our players a great 2017 and if you are able to excel into representative teams that is fantastic, but even if this is your first year and you are simply happy to make it through each game we wish you every enjoyment in your chosen sport. We aim to have a great social atmosphere around the place so if you think we need to do something extra or you can help organise an event I would be happy to hear from you.

Remember that in 2017 registration and fees will need to be paid up by round 1 so that we can manage the cash flow for the balance of the year. No registration or fees paid no play. Thanking you in advance on this point.

Congratulations to Daryl Janke on being rewarded with a Life membership of the Club. His work with the Club over many years has been formally recognised and acknowledged by the Club....please congratulate Daryl next time you see him around the Club.

On a similar note the Club has also taken a significant decision to name the F2 ground after Brendan Sheehan for the magnificent contribution to the Club he has provided over his many years at the Club. F1 is named after Club legend and life member Alby Speed and we now have F2 named after Brendan as he has been heavily involved (along with fellow Life member Neil Coster) in the numerous deals with Council to create and upgrade the Club facilities at the current location (where we have been since 1994). His knowledge and application has assisted in attracting many grants from local, state and federal governments over the years, to make this place one of the best Club centres in Victoria and probably Australia. We are certainly fortunate to have Brendan working for us, in successive Boards over the years. This is a lasting legacy from his work past and present and the naming of F2 in his honor will be a permanent reminder of this special contribution. Well done Brendan and we will be getting him to cut the ribbon before the first round 1 game on F2.

This recognition of course does not take away from the hard work of other Board members in getting these facilities for our Club members and can be viewed as complimenting those efforts too. Brendan has a long history in assisting (with JA) the junior ranks of our Club and they both still contribute time and effort to building Footscray into a better Club each and every year.

So, onwards and upwards for 2017 and I wish all our members all the very best for a happy, healthy and enjoyable season, with loads of fun with your team mates (as few injuries as possible) and many successes along the journey. Pride and Loyalty.

Regards

Rodney Johnstone (RJ)

President - FHC



## 83rd FHC Annual General Meeting

Following the Annual General Meeting held at the Footscray Hockey Club on Sunday 4th December, the following members were elected to the Board for the 2017 season.

**Sponsorship & Fundraising** - Rodney Johnstone (**Chairman**)

**Womens Section Director** - Nicole Virtuoso (**Vice-Chair**)

**Mens Section Director** - Darryl Jahnke

**Masters Section Director** - Damien Toussaint

**Junior Section Director** - David Braiden

**Treasurer** - Cindy Poole

**General Secretary** - *Vacant\**

**Retail & Operations** - Karen Johnstone

**Grounds & Pavilion** - Colin Braithwaite

**Planning & Performance** - Brendan Sheehan, Asst - Barry Allan

For contact details of all Board Members please [click here](#).

**VACANCY**

FHC are looking for a volunteer to take on the role of **General Secretary** for the 2017 season. The role is a valuable one within the club, ensuring that all communications are distributed and the club well represented to members and the community.

The key responsibilities of this role include:

- Circulating info to various groups, including Board, Players, Umpires, Coaches, etc.
- Social media updates – Facebook, Website, Local Newspapers
- Prepare the Bulldog Banter with input from Board members
- Attending and taking minutes of monthly Board meetings
- Coordination of the registration systems
- Assist in preparation for HV events – Junior State Champs, Senior Country Champs.

The majority of the role is completed via email and using various programs for website updates, registration processes and social media. All systems used are fairly simple and there are several people involved within the club that can assist at any time.

The Board encourages roles to be shared and duties delegated to other volunteers, as they say 'many hands make light work' so it is not expected that the person does all of the above tasks but simply ensures they get done.

If you are interested in hearing more about the role, please contact Lauren Dick on [general.secretary@footscrayhockey.com.au](mailto:general.secretary@footscrayhockey.com.au) via 0434 574727 or have a chat to any Board Member.

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## Registrations are now open!

Please ensure you have registered early to assist Section Administrators in preparing for the season ahead.

[Click here](#) or the logo above to go to the FHC website for further information on how to register.

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## Pre-Season underway...

For all the information on the 2017 season and when you can get started, please contact your relevant Section Coordinator or keep an eye out on the clubs website for further details.

[Click here](#) for contact information.

## [The 'Brendan Sheehan Field' unveiled](#)

The elevation of Brendan Sheehan to field-name status at FHC celebrates a contribution of just over 40 years to the Footscray Hockey Club. Brendan was a talented junior cricketer but not playing winter sport back in the early 1970's when he came along to watch his younger brother Peter who had started playing U10 hockey at FHC. Within weeks of the seasons start a chap called Alby Speed convinced spectator Brendan to come along and give the senior game a try – and the rest is history!

Whilst these listings below fail to capture so much of an individual's contribution to their Club, the formal listing of Brendan's FHC appointments are as per:

PRESIDENT: 1999, 2012-13

VICE PRESIDENT: 1977

U/AGE SEC: 1978-79, 1981, 1986,-89, 2003-10  
MENS SEC: 1982-85, 1990-93, 1999-00  
PLANNING & PERFORMANCE: 1995, 2011-current  
472 SENIOR GAMES MENS COACH: 1977-79, 81, 83  
FIRST XI P/SHIP: (PLAYER/COACH): 1977  
U/AGE COACH: 35+ YEARS

[Read more.](#)



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## [Life Membership Honour for Darryl Jahnke](#)

At the 83rd Annual General Meeting of the Footscray Hockey Club, current Mens Section Administrator and Club legend Darryl Jahnke was awarded with Life Membership of the club following his efforts on and off the field over many years.

Highlights of Darryl's achievements and roles within the club are below.

GAMES: 500+  
MENS DIRECTOR: 2012 – Present  
ASST MENS DIRECTOR: 2005 – 2007  
MENS 1XI TEAM MANAGER – 2012 – Present  
MENS & WOMENS 1XI COACH – 1 year each

Congratulations Yank (pictured right above)!

[Read more.](#)



## [FREE J-Ball Team Registration – and FREE first week in Yarraville...](#)

Never played hockey before, but always wanted to have a go at the game your child plays? Why not give J-Ball a go!

J-Ball was created for people with minimal exposure to hockey, and focuses on safety and social aspects

of a team-based mixed gender game. The rules are easy, the equipment is modified, and the court

is a quarter of a size of the hockey pitch. Best of all, free equipment is provided at the venue, so all you need is some comfortable clothes and runners. The teams consist of six players of mixed genders, with the game running for three periods of 12 minutes.

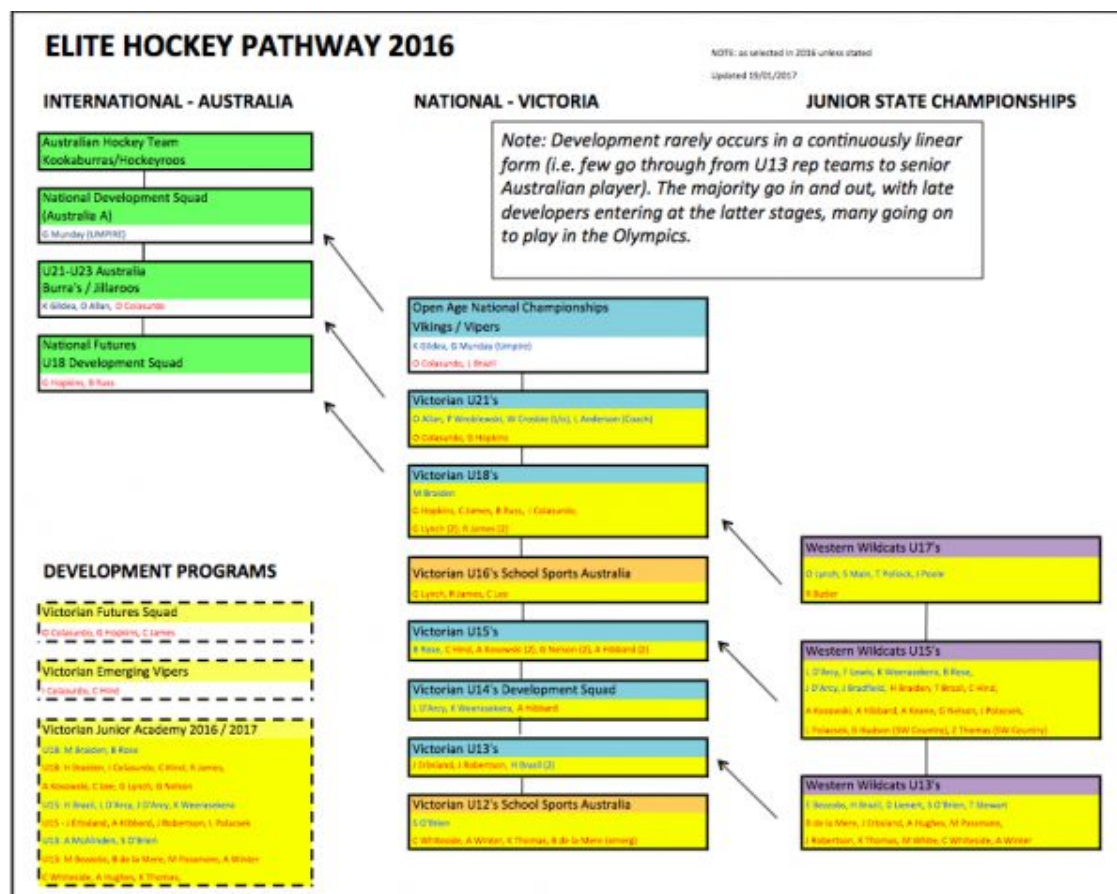
We look forward to seeing you on the J-Ball court!

[Read more.](#)

## HOCKEY ED courses for 2017!

If you're interested in progressing your skills and training in the areas of umpiring, coaching or becoming a Technical official, check out the schedule below for a full list of the courses on offer in 2017.

Date	Time	Course	HV Fee	Other fees	Venue	Room
Saturday, 11 February 2017	6pm to 10pm	L1 Coach	\$65	plus \$50 HA fee	Club	Southern HC
Saturday, 18 February 2017	9am to 1pm	L1 Coach	\$65	plus \$50 HA fee	SNHC	Multipurpose Room
Saturday, 18 March 2017	9am to 1pm	L1 Coach	\$65	plus \$50 HA fee	Club	Footscray HC
Sunday, 26 March 2017	10am to 2pm	L1 Coach - Womens	\$65	plus \$50 HA fee	SNHC	Multipurpose Room
Monday, 1 May 2017	6pm to 10pm	L1 Coach	\$65	plus \$50 HA fee	Club	Doncaster HC
Sat 25 & Sun 26 Feb 2017	12pm to 6pm	L2 Coach	\$140	plus \$50 HA fee	SNHC	Multipurpose Room
Sat 11 & Sun 12 Nov 2017	12pm to 6pm	L2 Coach	\$140	plus \$50 HA fee	SNHC	Multipurpose Room
Saturday, 11 March 2017	9am to 1pm	L1 TO	\$45	plus \$50 HA fee	SNHC	Multipurpose Room
Wednesday, 11 October 2017	6.30 to 10pm	L1 TO	\$45	plus \$50 HA fee	SNHC	Multipurpose Room
Wednesday, 15 March 2017	6.30pm to 10pm	L2 TO	\$60	plus \$50 HA fee	SNHC	Multipurpose Room
Sunday, 19 February 2017	10am to 1pm	L1 Umpire	\$55	plus \$50 HA fee	SNHC	Multipurpose Room
Sunday, 19 March 2017	10am to 1pm	L1 Umpire	\$55	plus \$50 HA fee	Club	Footscray HC
Monday, 8 May 2017	6.30pm to 9.30pm	L1 Umpire	\$55	plus \$50 HA fee	Club	Doncaster HC
Monday, 22 May 2017	6.30pm to 9.30pm	L1 Umpire- Womens	\$55	plus \$50 HA fee	SNHC	Multipurpose Room
Sat 18 & Sun 19 March 2017	9am to 5pm	L2 Umpire	\$140	plus \$50 HA fee	SNHC	Multipurpose Room





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