



The Bulldog Banter



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Congratulations to those Footscray teams and players for a great year, and to those who managed to reach finals, preliminary finals and grand finals. We wish you all well in getting the best results possible.

Men's Metro 2 North play 2.00pm @ MHS Sat 20th in the Grand Final

Men's Pennant B play 12.00pm @ MHS Sat 20th in the Grand Final

A big thank you for the many volunteers from junior parents who have filled many places in our finals canteen rosters. It is very heart warming to have so many people willing to help out making each shift light work for all.

Unfortunately Men's Premier League coach Travis Brooks is moving on. The Men's PL and Reserves team's have been very fortunate to have a coach of the caliber of Travis Brooks for the past 3 years. While we wish he could have stayed on, we wish him all the very best in whatever he takes on in his future and thank him and his family. He will be credited with development of a group of young people into a viable PL team. The search is now on for a suitable replacement.

We have some great events coming up including the Mega Draw this Saturday 20th September 7pm at the club and Senior Presentation Night at our Platinum sponsor Yarraville Club on October 25. It was pleasing to see the Junior Presentations well attended and congratulations to all the juniors who received awards.

Summer hockey teams are being formed so please contact your director if you would like to participate in Summer. We are holding a Come 'n Try for adults who may be interested in taking up the sport, in particular junior parents to learn the game too on Wednesday 15th October. Exciting stuff and something for everyone. See u at the finals...RJ.

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MEN'S SECTION REPORT

Travis Brooks not returning to the Kennel in 2015

Over the past 3 years our Club has been in the very fortunate position to have Travis Brooks at the coaching helm. Over those 3 years our top squads have been exposed to the highest level of coaching available not only in this State but around the country.

After our last game out at Greensborough Travis announced to both PL/PLR that he would not be returning in 2015, a decision he didn't take on lightly. Travis let the guys know his reasons and now our group is fully aware of where the next steps are for us to continue to develop as a Premier League club and to become one who will fight it out in the September action in the future.

The FHC challenge is possibly unprecedented in that regard given that although the Club recruited several outstanding player-mentors to help our coaches, the squad has basically been very young men just learning the caper. The few recruits excepted, there was virtually a total absence of any Premier League experienced within the group. Much still needs to be done in coming seasons to consolidate Travis' work, but his dedication and leadership over the past three years has been pivotal to FHC establishing itself as a worthy member of hockey's top level in Victoria.

Travis' coaching partner these past three years, Richard Nally, is not a candidate for the senior men's coaching role in 2015, but will hopefully be able to continue his significant input to our journey in some important way.

During his stay with us Travis and Sam have seen the arrival of Archer and Oliver, we wish them all the very best for the future. Special thanks to Sam for lending us Travis for the last three years!

Our challenge now is to stick together as a playing group and to find the best coach to take us forward in 2015. The playing group should be fully aware of what is required and the challenge they have individually to find that extra to go the full 9 yards.

How the Men's teams finished up in 2014

Team	W	L	D	F	A	Diff	Pts	Position
PL	8	10	4	46	54	-8	28	8th
PLR	4	15	3	37	69	-32	15	12th
PB	12	4	2	65	25	40	38	1st
PC	5	11	2	35	52	-17	17	7th
M1	0	11	7	31	55	-24	7	10th
M2N	15	0	1	70	25	45	46	1st
M2W	5	10	3	24	38	-14	18	7th
M3R	10	8	0	56	41	15	30	4th
M3B	3	15	0	27	59	-32	9	10th

Finals Time!

Semi Final weekend was a ripper for us with all 3 teams progressing. Pennant B & Metro 2 North continuing on the merry way after cementing promotion to go straight through to the grand final. Fantastic effort!

Metro 3 Red bowed out of the Preliminary Final vs Altona 3-4.

Let make sure we get out, support the boys in action and have plenty of red, white and blue on.

Big Thanks to All

I would like to thank everyone involved this year. Coaches, managers, selectors, players, umpires, Thursday night cooks, camera men all your help makes the year such a special one once again! Cheers & thanks to all.

WOMEN'S SECTION REPORT

Lachie Anderson at the helm in 2015

After a successful 2014 year, Premier League coach Lachie Anderson will continue in 2015 in his 2nd year of a 3 year agreement with the club. Lachie accepted the challenge at the beginning of this season to work with a relatively young group of players together with a couple of outstanding player-mentors. Finishing 9th in the absence of 2 of the key players from last year is a sound result the group together with Lachie's leadership is looking forward to taking it to the next level next season. Best wishes in October as Lachie and Claire become parents for the first time.

The Women's section will undergo a season review process over the coming weeks and launch into securing coaches and players for season 2015. We are always looking for new recruits to the club for every team and will be holding a "Senior Come n Try" session.

How the Women's teams finished up in 2014

Team	W	L	D	F	A	Diff	Pts	Position
PL	7	12	2	37	62	-25	23	9th
PLR	8	13	1	34	44	-10	25	7th
PA	8	6	4	29	28	1	28	4th
PB	9	4	5	45	27	18	32	3rd
PC	4	10	4	16	29	-13	16	7th
M1N	7	7	4	31	21	10	25	5th
M1S	2	14	2	12	64	-52	8	9th
M2N	6	8	4	24	39	-15	22	5th
M3N	3	12	2	10	56	-46	11	7th

Finals Time!

Semi Final weekend was fantastic for us with both teams Pennant A and Pennant B progressing to the Preliminary Final. Unfortunately both bowing out vs Mentone to deny any grand final spots for Women's teams this year. A first for a while, however when looking at the history of club's who charge to the top and are represented in every grade - there is often a year of consolidation or two! Especially after a promotion such as Pennant C - where the team held their grade.

The Men's M2N and PB team are in the Grand Final - please get out to support them if you can and then join the entire club celebrate the end of the season at the Mega Draw on Sat 20th September at the club rooms.

Huge Thanks to All

I would like to thank everyone involved this year. Coaches, managers, selectors, players, players reps, umpires, Women's Team, canteen duty goers, Thursday night cooks, camera operators, putting up scaffold - all your help is so appreciated. See you over the summer!





MEGA DRAW

Saturday 20th September 7pm (Grand Final evening)

**Ticket holders receive complimentary
beer, wine, soft drink and BBQ**

Tickets \$100, over \$5000 in prizes

Contact Heather Shaw 0409173334

heather_shaw21@hotmail.com

to secure your ticket and number!

MEGA DRAW

Only 2 days to go....Only 200 tickets available

After last year's success, the Mega draw is back but Time is running out to grab yourself a ticket for a chance to win **\$5,000!** That's right **\$5,000** and that's only for first place, top 10 places receive a prize (refer below for full details) and every 20th ticket drawn wins \$100. That's a **1-10 chance of winning** at least your money back.

Your ticket also entitles you to free drink (beer, wine, soft drink) and bbq* The draw also coincides with Grand Final weekend, what a great way to end the year as a club, whilst hopefully we will be celebrating a few grand final wins one lucky person is going to walk away with \$5K in sky rocket!!!

WHEN: Saturday the 20th September

TIME: First Ticket Drawn at 7:00pm

COST: \$100 a Ticket (can be split. eg. 4 x \$25 each)

Prizes:

1st = \$5000

2nd = \$2000

3rd = \$1000

4th = \$600

5th = \$500

6th = \$400

7th = \$300

8th = \$200

9th = \$200

10th = \$200

Plus 10 x \$100 prizes (every 20th ticket drawn wins \$100)

Please contact Heather Shaw or Tom Griffin to book your ticket heather_shaw21@hotmail.com 0409 173 334 or tom@griffinbdd.com.au 0424 617 363. All tickets must be paid for prior to the event.

WILDCAT'S SELECTORS REQUIRED FOR ZONE

FHC requires representation at each age group for 2014 Wildcat Zone Challenge Selection held on Sunday 12th of October, venue to be confirmed (most likely FHC), from 8am –2pm. With 1 volunteer confirmed - it is vital that we have 5 more to fill the remaining gaps in U12 girls & boys, U14 girls & boys & U16 boys. The Sun 12th October session will run as a trial/training session with AIO's and/or Hockey Victoria reps available to assist with final teams and to ensure all runs fairly. Please contact Marj Aked if you can assist 0411 460 465 wildcatszc@gmail.com

FOOTSCRAY HOCKEY CLUB

"Senior Come n Try"

Perfect for

- * Men or Women interested in playing hockey
- * Beginners or those returning to the game
- * Parents - come on you need to see what it is all about!
- * Played hockey in high school and wish to return

When: Wednesday 15th October
Time: 7.00pm - 8.30pm (be there 6.45pm)
What to wear: Comfortable shorts/tracksuit pants, t-shirt/long sleeve and normal runners. A mouth guard if you have one.
Equipment: We can lend you a hockey stick and shin guards!
Cost: NONE!

Social Summer Competitions commence the week of 20th October if you are interested in continuing

NO NEED TO REGISTER - JUST TURN UP!
For further information contact Nicole Virtuoso
nicolevirtuoso@gmail.com 0424132715



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PHYSICAL ACTIVITY



PRESENTATION NIGHT TICKETS

Have you booked your presentation night tickets?

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and book now!

FHC
SENIOR
PRESENTATION
NIGHT 2014

SATURDAY
25TH
OCTOBER 2014

3 COURSE DINNER
DRINKS
& ENTERTAINMENT

WHEN & WHERE: 7PM
PEKISH @ YARRAVILLE CLUB
135 STEPHEN ST YARRAVILLE

TICKETS



MEN'S MASTERS 50'S "THE COSI AWARD"

The Men's Masters 50's A grade Best and Fairest award will be now known as "The Cosi Award", named in honour of life member and highest game record holder Neil Coster (front and center). Neil was renown for his

handle bar mustache and the team signified the night by donning a mustache themselves! Congratulations to Greg Hopkins, who is winner of "The Cosi Award" this season.



Junior Cricketers Wanted



The Yarraville Club Cricket Club is one of the most successful club in the western suburbs. The club is looking to expand its junior program.

Junior Program

We are currently seeking children to fill all grades (Under 11, 13, 15 & 17's)

Under 11 & 13's play on a Friday Night, Under 15's on Saturday Morning, and this year our under 17's will be playing on either a Saturday (Hard Wicket) or Sunday on turf).

All training is held at our home ground, Hoppers Beach, Roberts Street, West Footscray.

All training is held at our home ground - Hansen Reserve, Roberts Street, West Footscray. Our first training session will start on [Wednesday 17th September 2014 @ 5pm](#). Everyone is welcome.

[For further details, please contact Marc Hussey on 0421 867 401.](#)

Milo In2 Cricket & Milo T20 Blast Programs

The Yarraville Club Cricket club is introducing Milo In2 Cricket & T20 Blast. It's a great way to get your child/ren involved in the cricket community. The Milo Cricket programs are similar to Auskick, with the program set about teaching skills and getting the kids outside and having fun, while introducing them to cricket and matches.

Milo In2 Cricket caters for ages 5 to 10 years old, and is a great introduction into cricket, whereas the T20 blast is for children aged 8-12 years and is more focused on improving skills and developing players to move into club junior cricket.

Both programs run for approx. 10-12 weeks, all children receive a starter pack. Cost of the Milo program is \$65.00 and the T20 Blast is \$99.00

All families are invited to our

Come and Try day on Saturday 18th October at 11am @

Hansen Reserve West Footscray

This session will run for approx. 1.5 hrs.

If you are interested, please call [Tim Edgar on 0439 075 207](#) or [Jan Schwartz 0459 060 448](#) or email the club at yarraclub@gmail.com.



FROM CEO ANDREW SKILLERN

Dear Affiliates,

Over the past 48 hours Hockey Victoria has received a number of official reports of poor spectator behaviour throughout the Preliminary Finals weekend. Some of the matters are of a serious nature and will be fully investigated over the coming weeks, with penalties to apply to any members or clubs found guilty of breaking Hockey Victoria's Codes of Behaviour while spectating our finals.

I encourage all members to enjoy the Grand Finals on this coming weekend however I remind all spectators that any vilification, harassment towards players, coaches or support staff of the teams competing in the Grand Finals is not acceptable.

Any reported incident to Hockey Victoria will be investigated. Any breaches of Hockey Victoria's Codes of Behaviour by a spectator or member at the State Netball Hockey Centre will also result in automatic removal from the facility this weekend.

Finally we thank you for your understanding and best of luck supporting your club this coming weekend.

Kind Regards,

Andrew Skillern
Chief Executive Officer
Hockey Victoria

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