



Junior Director Report 2018.



A big thank you to all the coaches, team managers, GK coaches, parents and other volunteers who helped throughout the season. This is truly a collective effort by the entire Footscray family.

At the beginning of the season we identified three objectives for the junior section:

- Improve skills
- Make it fun
- Create a community culture (inclusive and supportive)

A large and invigorated junior committee meant that we were able to tackle these goals with enthusiasm.

Our initiatives this year (with a reflection on their effectiveness) included:

- Pre-season skill training with PL squads. This was terrific and worked very well. We would like to run this again next year, to allow kids to get back into the swing of things, earlier in the season.
- Girls and boys only teams, and no playing up age groups (exception under 18 and under 16 district). As expected, this highlighted a talent gap in some teams, but at some point we had to 'rip off the band aid' and do this to allow more boys to be exposed to higher level of competition.
- Early selection of coaches (for the most part). This worked much better, and we hope to have this almost locked in before the end of 2018 if possible.
- Play the Whistle. Our junior teams were great ambassadors for our club and by the end of the season all teams were embracing the idea of play the whistle.
- #Be More Bulldog - for the best team player every 4 rounds. This seemed to be well received.
- West Welcome Wagon food drive. Slightly disappointing response, but this probably reflects the timing as much as anything. Next season we will probably have the players pick the charity and start earlier in the season.
- Selection run as open format - much better. Will need tweaking for next year.
- Newsletter and Team App - made for better communication.
- Sponsorship of Level 1 coaching course from HV (again the good coaches were keen to do this).

How did we do?

The survey results suggest that we did a great job in creating a junior section where kids felt welcomed and in creating a real community vibe particularly in the under 10 age group. Studies have shown that making kids feel valued (and not focusing on winning or performance) is the best way to keep them engaged in sport, something which is reflected in the survey results.

We need to make sure we continue to value all our kids (not just shield/rep players) by putting in place good coaches for the lower level teams, providing rewards for good sportsmanship and displaying good club values and ensure they feel valued and supported by the club.

- We had record numbers of kids attending our Come 'N Try nights, and the schools roadshow was also very successful. We will continue to run our own roadshows and hook into hockey evenings in 2019.
- Our under 6 training nights (under direction of J-A Sheehan, and with assistance of Ania Kosowski) on Wednesday, and our super 8 team nights, also on Wednesday (under direction of Brendan Sheehan) were hugely popular and successful at engaging the next group of young players into the Club.
- Under 10 Super League with Brunswick teams (2). This was not that effective, as the teams from Brunswick were not competitive, and they pulled out of the second half of the season at the last minute as they wanted

all games at their home ground. The second half with a half-field competition round robin system with a ladder worked very well. Next year we will discuss with local clubs the possibility of gala days (every 4 weeks) rather than merging competitions and continue expanding to half-field and full-field matches during the season.

- Our two under 10 HV girls teams were highly competitive, and although there is no official finals or a flag, they finished 1st and 2nd.
- Likewise, our two under 10 HV Boys finished 1st and 3rd.
- Under 12 Boys Pennant: 4th
- Under 12 Boys Shield B: 2nd end of regular season.
- Under 12 Girls District half-field: finished 2nd Term 1 and 3rd Term 2.
- Under 12 Girls Shield: 6th
- Under 14 Boys District: 8th
- Under 14 Boys Shield: 8th
- Under 14 Girls Pennant: 7th
- Under 14 Girls Shield: 2nd ladder, winners of GF!
- Under 16 Mixed District: 4th, lost in GF
- Under 16 Mixed Shield: 8th
- Under 16 Girls Shield: 5th
- Under 18 Mixed District: 3rd

Some teams have not performed on the ladder, but the coaching and camaraderie developed amongst the team and players has been fantastic (for example 14 mixed district, U14 girls pennant) so that these kids are likely to stay in the club. Overall, there is still a skill deficit to overcome at the higher levels in older age groups. The results in the half-field comps have been encouraging, but the skill and transition to full-field from under 10 to under 12 remains a focus for our club.

Junior awards

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| Club | Junior Male Club Champion | Lachlan D'Arcy |
| | Junior Female Club Champion | Alannah Hibbard |
| | Junior Boy Clubperson | Henri de la Mere |
| | Junior Girl Clubperson | Lily Nicholson and Ella Nicholson |
| | Most Promising Umpire | Adrian McAlinden |
| | Senior contributor to junior section | Phil McAlinden |
| Under 18 | B&F | Sam Grimes |
| | Runner up | Tate Brazil |
| | Coach | Josh Bradfield |
| Under 16 mixed shield | B&F | Lachlan D'Arcy |
| | Runner up | Josh D'Arcy |
| | Coach | Lando Brownstein |
| Under 16 girls shield | B&F | Alannah Hibbard |
| | Runner up | Josie Erbsland |
| | Coach | Olivia Marshall |
| Under 16 mixed district | B&F | Henri de la Mere |
| | Runner up | Jakob Winter |
| | Coach | Madeleine Whiteside |
| Under 14 mixed shield | B&F | Daniel Lienert |
| | Runner up | Cooper Hillyer |
| | Coach | Alfie Band |
| Under 14 girls shield | B&F | Bridgette de la Mere |
| | Runner up | Ashleigh Winter |
| | Coach | Alexandria Mozjerin |
| Under 14 mixed district | B&F | Saul Austin |
| | Runner up | Owen McHugh |
| | Coach | Hugh Balmain |
| Under 14 girls pennant | B&F | Maggie Le |
| | Runner up | Maddison Price |
| | Coach | Sara El-Khodr |
| Under 12 boys shield | B&F | David Lienert |
| | Runner up | Oskar Hayes |
| | Coach | Lucas Kohut |
| Under 12 girls shield | B&F | Isabelle Butler |
| | Runner up | Indi Kosowski |
| | Coach | Eden Passmore |
| Under 12 boys pennant | B&F | Vincent Hadrell |
| | Runner up | Kei Weldhagen |
| | Runner up | Shinji Sugimoto |
| | Coach | Ned Graham |
| Under 12 girls district | B&F | Zoe Taylor |
| | Runner up | Milly Holding |
| | Coach | Charlotte James |

50 game milestone:

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| Zoe Hibbard |
| David Lienert |

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| Elena Serovski |
| Lucy English |
| Lucas Kohut |
| Chloe D'Souza |
| Miles Hobbs |
| Georgia kikidis |
| Kei Weldhagen |
| Mackenzie Sykes |
| Kate Thomas |
| Maggie Le |
| Noah Liew |
| Cooper Hibbard |
| Chiara Virtuoso |
| Zoe Brown |
| Moses Tirfe |
| Eleni Kikidis |
| Zachary Wickson |
| Laura Milford |
| Bill Burns |

100 games milestone

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| Jaimee Colwell |
| Simon Main |
| Lochlann Clarke |
| Daniel O'BRIEN |
| Daniel Lienert |
| Olivia Marshall |

150 games milestone

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| Harry Brazil |
| Lily Nicholson |
| Ella Nicholson |
| Joshua Bradfield |
| Aidan Sinclair |
| Samuel Komp |

200 games milestone

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| Alannah Hibbard |
| Josie Erbsland |

What we will do next year?

- Family Fun Day and Gala under 10 event to be held early in the season
- Support or target coaches for next year
- Pre-season PL squad training and then earlier team selections.
- Twice weekly training for shield teams.
- Develop mouth guard awareness program

- Finalise sponsorship agreement.
- Continue to run Come And try Roadshows through the club
- Seek appointment of a junior development coordinator to help train the kids pre-season, focus skills training and aid in the training and selection of coaches.

Junior committee members 2018

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| Junior Director | Caroline Mansfield |
| Community Engagement | Trudy Whiteside |
| Social & Fundraising Coordinator | Beth Curry |
| U 16 Coordinator | Simon De La Mere |
| U 14 Coordinator | Leonard Robbins |
| U 12 Coordinator | Peter Sykes |
| U 10 Coordinator | Vicki Mannix |
| U 8 Coordinator / Intra Club | Nicole Virtuoso |
| U 6 Coordinator / Intra Club | Lynette Gilchrist |
| Come n Try / Roadshows Coord | Nicole Virtuoso |
| First aid officer | Kate de la Mere |
| PL ball boy and girl coordinator | Rebecca Lienert |
| Umpire coordinator | Dale Passmore |

MASTERS REPORT 2018 – Damien Toussaint

We had 5 teams on the park this year. Hopefully one more next year...but I seem to be saying that every year with the hope that we'll get a 35s Men's team up and running again (we have the depth in the club but perhaps just not the commitment to FHC Masters). Thanks to all the team managers and captains – Tony Grey & Raj Patel, Peter Sheehan & Kevin Protheroe, Guilia Wiseman, Heather Shaw and Pixie Fuhrmeister.

Big thanks to Nicole for her continued support throughout the season and the other Board members for their work this year – they are an amazingly committed, hard-working and generous group; thanks to Sam Cutrale for coordinating Masters games umpiring on Monday and Wednesday nights at FHC – we appreciate all of the work Sam does behind the scenes to ensure that we have good umps on the pitch, especially during the cold, wet months.

It is with sadness and joy that we remember Graham Whinney and his contribution to the game of hockey, to FHC and particularly his love of the game, his love of Masters' hockey at FHC and at a State level and his love and support for his team-mates.

Graham played over 800 games for the red, white and blue and has been on the Board and various committees throughout his service to the club.

I will always remember Graham's friendly face, his sense of humour, his warm and caring personality. He would regularly give me a call with players who might be interested in playing Masters hockey or to let me know he was coming down for a run.

COMMITTEE PERSON: 1966-68

MENS SEC: 1969-77, 80-81

PROP STEWARD: 1975

U/AGE SEC: 1998

FIRST XI P/SHIP: 1977

VIC VETS (o/45): 1998

Graham will be remembered as a true gentleman and a wonderful friend who will be sadly missed by our hockey community.

AUSTRALIAN SELECTION

Congratulations to the following FHC players who played in the Australian Masters Teams in Spain in 2018 at the Masters World Cup.

- Nigel Toussaint (captain); Stu McLean and Greg Robertson (shadow); Sam Cutrale (umpire); Phil Frost; Geoff Lewis, Maz Stonehouse.
- Congratulations to all the Victorian players who ventured to Lismore and Ballina in NWS for the National Masters Championships. The Women were at Bunbury in W.A.
- Umpires: S0m Cutrale, Swampy Marsh

Women

40's Teri Burke SILVER

Men

35s Alex Grosz, Mark Wiseman BRONZE

35's Thom Griffin 6th (Played for Barbarians)

40's Greg Robertson, Nigel Toussaint GOLD

45's Brian Aldcroft, Geoff Peacock BRONZE

50's Craig McBride BRONZE Heather Shaw Manager

55's Phil Frost (Captain) 5th

60's Geoff Lewis, Manager Karen Veitch 4th

60's 2 Manager Graeme Veitch BRONZE

65's John Traill, Neville Hopkins BRONZE

65's 2 Geoff Pilley 6th

70's Neil Coster SILVER

75's Henrie Barry BRONZE (played for QLD)

Congratulations to the following who gained selection into the Australian Masters Teams:

40's Nigel Toussaint, Greg Robinson

55's Phil Frost (Captain)

60's Geoff Lewis

70's Neil Coster

Well done to all of those players – it certainly should make us proud that we have such amazing representation at a state and national level at our club.

Issues going forward into 2019

- Lack of depth and players in our 50s teams; the need for continuing recruitment at this age group (thanks to Kevin Protheroe for his active recruiting this year)
- No representation by FHC 35+ players in the Masters O35 age-group (despite excellent representation at a State level).

Men's 50A

| # | Team | P | W | L | D | SF | SA | SD | PTS. ↓ |
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| 1 | Southern A [1] | 18 | 15 | 3 | 0 | 41 | 17 | 24 | 45 |
| 2 | Camberwell | 18 | 13 | 3 | 2 | 40 | 10 | 30 | 41 |
| 3 | Yarra Valley | 18 | 10 | 5 | 3 | 35 | 16 | 19 | 33 |
| 4 | Footscray | 18 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 34 | 28 | 6 | 29 |

9 wins, 7 losses, 2 draws – made the finals and finished 4th.

A much improved season saw this team play finals but more youth is required. Well done to Kevin and the crew for some pre-season recruiting which helped add depth to the team.

Men's 50B

2 wins, 14 losses and 1 draw, finished 10th.

The 50Bs had a tough year but it was an improvement on last year! Steve Ferry was a powerhouse this year and a great find for our club and this team. Thanks to Heather for her management and never ending support of this team.

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| 10 | Footscray | 16 | 2 | 13 | 1 | 9 | 56 | -47 | 9.19 | 7 |
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BOOKINGS/GROUNDS REPORT – Neil Coster

The first thing I must do in this report is to thank all people that helped during the year,

Colin while I was overseas with the bookings, Scott and his band of helpers that emptied the bins, the people that dried the seats after watering and Phil Mc for his help with the score board and tables and any others I have missed a huge thank you.

We had a bad start to the year with the closing of F2 as it became too dangerous to play on, this had a huge effect on the club as we had to move a lot of our games to other grounds which also effected canteen revenue. Luckily the Council covered the costs of repairs and have now agreed to set aside money in next years budget for investigation of possible replacement in 2020.

Council have also agreed to run power from the cricket club shed to the north fence on F2 to enable us to use the old F1 score board on the fence on the north/east side of the goals.

It has taken 12 months but Council have agreed to put the club on its refuse collection system on a weekly basis. This means no more unsightly waste bins in the front of the pavilion and the need to empty the rubbish bins all the time so one less job that we need to do.

Work will be carried out on the hit-up area during the club room refurbishment to sew up the area where the seams are splitting.

The club is looking at what we could do on the west side of F1 as far as seating, dug out set up etc so if you have any idea's let one of the committee members know.

I retired from the club committee around 5 years ago so younger people could come on board and I am still not sure why I took this position on again last year. For some reason I do not seem to be getting any younger, but I am still the Victorian State Masters Delegate who is responsible for getting 13 Masters teams to the State Championships each year. In my spare time I am on the Australian Masters Hockey committee where my job is to organize and run the National Championships for Hockey Australia. In early December I most likely will be appointed onto a Hockey Australia committee to aid in the amalgamation of the Men's and Women's Master's Hockey committees into one body.

So if anybody else wants to stand for this committee position I will support them completely

And give as much help as possible.

A club is only as good as its Members and with the help I received this year we are a great club to belong to.

Neil Coster

Bookings/Grounds

RETAIL OPERATIONS DIRECTOR – Karen Johnstone

Firstly, on behalf of the board I would like to thank Christy Jeromson for taking on the canteen & cleaning roles this year.

This year Hockey HQ again ran completely on volunteers, thank you to those that put their hand up to be rostered on a regular basis which enabled the shop to be open.

Thanks to Jenny Hilton, Anthony La, Wayne D'Souza & Janet Cheong for the extra help you all provided this year, it is greatly appreciated.

We are currently in the process of getting designs for beanies and jackets for 2019. If you have any other ideas of what you would like to see in HQ, please let me know.

As members we all benefit from the canteen's success, so I would like to thank all members who volunteer and do their rostered canteen duty throughout the year. Running the canteen wouldn't be possible without you.

The canteen raised \$34k which is down from last year mainly due to less games being fixture & cancellation of tournaments due to the repairs on F2.

With the renovation happening next year we will have limited facilities therefore less tournaments and opportunities to make our usual funds through the canteen.

Hockey HQ raised \$8k which was a slight increase from last year.

All funds raised by the Retail section go to covering the costs of running our club / teams which therefore helps keep the cost of our fees down.

TREASURER REPORT – Cindy Poole

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Good Luck in Season 2019!
2018 Board of Directors