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## AGM JUNIOR REPORT 2019



### 2019 Juniors Report – Caroline Mansfield

This was another busy year for the largest section in FHC, that seemed to never have a break!

We started the year with a pre-season training and development program which was assisted by the womens and mens Premier League players. The start dates for the season were a bit tricky this year due to school holidays, so some teams were being decided at the last minute. We had massive turn-outs for our Come and Try sessions, and are the exemplar model for running our own Hockey Roadshows in the local schools.

Throughout the year, we had support for our coaches provided by Phil Frost, goal keeping training provided by Laura Anderson and extra coaching provided by Sharon Winter in the UpSkills Program. In addition, we ran an extra skills development program targeting kids that were in contention for the under 13 state trial selection, this was developed by Olivia Colasurdo and delivered by Carly James.

We had a huge raft of helpers throughout the year, which included organisation of umpires (thanks Anthony La and Sam Cutrale). The indoor season is still in train with 3 under 11 teams, 3 under 15 teams, an under 18 team and three teams competing in the club championships. Thanks to all the parents, coaches and team managers who have stepped up to help with that as well.

A big shout out to the hard-working members of the committee that made the season run so smoothly.

<b>Junior Committee 2019</b>	<b>Name</b>
Junior Director	Caroline Mansfield
Under 16 coordinator	Simon de la Mere
Under 14 coordinator	Louise Thomas
Under 12 coordinator	Eve Thomas
Under 10 coordinator	Vicky Mannix
Under 8 coordinator	Nicole Virtuoso
Under 6 coordinator	Lynette Gilchrist
Come and Try coordinator	Nicole Virtuoso
Equipment manager	Rebecca Lienert
Engagement and Social	Trudy Whiteside
Coach Development	Phil Frost
Player Development	Sharon Winter

### **Under 6 competition**

This (as always) is superbly run on a Wednesday night by J-A Sheehan and her trusty side-kick Ania Kosowski. The kids really enjoyed their season, and their skill levels improved throughout the year.

### **Under 8 competition**

This training and combined competition on Wednesday nights was run again by Brendan Sheehan with able assistance from a squad of parents, Danny Colasurdo and helpers.

### **Under 10 competition**

The Super League teams started off playing quarter field games, but by the end of the season the kids were playing a super high standard of half field games. The four teams playing in the Hockey Victoria (HV) competition played really well and were all top contenders in their division. Thanks to Simon, Alex, Rico and Damian for coaching the four teams and Karen, Jo, Adrian and Renee for being team managers. The future is looking bright for FHC with the talent we have coming through, and the challenge will be to ensure that there are good transition programs in place to nurture these young kids from half to full field as they move up into the full field competitions in under 12.

### **Hockey Victoria competitions**

There were some teams that had challenges fielding full teams every week, but the camaraderie and good will that existed in these teams was a great thing to witness. Every team, regardless of their position performed an amazing job and players had an opportunity to improve. We had three grand finalists out of our batch and one champion pennant to pop in our display hall- but it's not just about the accolades, it's about the development of friendship, skills and sportsmanship that we're all about. And FHC had that in spades in our junior teams this year.

Next year, all shield competitions will be boys or girls, with no mixed teams allowed except by special exemption. The decision by the junior committee 2 years ago to have boy/girl teams and prevent age hopping (going up an age level before ready), has put us in a good position to ensure that our future teams are strong, even though we may have to have a couple of seasons where this is not the case in some teams.

## Junior club award recipients 2019

Junior Club Champion- Female	Bridgette de la Mere
Junior Club Champion- Male	Ewan Bezzobs
Junior Club Person- Male	Adrian McAlinden
Most Promising Junior Umpire Award	Maddisun Passmore
Junior Club Person- Female	Zoe Thomas

Also listed are our state and regional representatives and our game milestone achievements.

Thanks to everybody that has helped to make this junior section a success. Good luck to the incoming Director and the new Board members.

## Western Wildcats representatives (Junior State Championships)

	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>
<b>Under 13</b>	Caleb Fowler, Ned Graham, Oskar Hayes, Cooper Hibbard, Charlie Keating, David Lienert	Zoe Brown, Isabel Butler, Albee Damincis, Hayley Jeromson, Charlotte Lees, Renae McAlinden, Hannah Thomas
<b>Under 15</b>	Cooper Hillyer, Daniel Lienert, Adrian McAlinden, Sam O'Brien	Maddie Bezzobs, Bridgette de la Mere, Charlie Hayes, Kate Lavers, Alex Mozjerin, Elena Serovski, Kate Thomas, Charlotte Whiteside, Ashleigh Winter
<b>Under 18</b>	Josh Bradfield, Harry Brazil, Chris Heslop, Sam Komp, Kean Weerasekera	Jaimee Colwell, Amelia Keane, Laura Milford, Zoe Thomas

### State Representation (Outdoor):

Under 12 SSV: Angus Le and Ruby Gorton

Under 13: David Lienert (train on)

Under 15: Bridgette de la Mere, Sam O'Brien, Cooper Hillyer, Kate Thomas

Under 18: Alannah Hibbard

### State representation (Indoor):

Under 15: Bridgette de la Mere

Under 18: Alannah Hibbard

Team name	Best and Fairest	Runner Up	Coaches Award	Coach	Ladder
U12 Boys Pennant	Hamish Smith	Marcus Antunovic-Spehar & Vincent Haddrell	Bastien Meyer	Rudy Carlesso	2nd
U12 Boys Shield B	Lachlan Toussaint	Caleb Fowler	Miles Hobbs	Nigel Toussaint	4th
U12 Girls Pennant	Makayla Stonier	Tara Madden & Charlotte Keane	Jane Zorbas	Alannah Hibbard	8th
U12 Girls Shield	Zoe Brown	Ella de Zoete	Evelyn Boyle	Phil McAlinden & David Gorton	5th
U14 Mixed District	Zachary Caldwell	Saul Austin	Kit Waddell	Jess Pratt & Chris Provis-Vincent	5th
U14 Mixed Shield B	Adrian McAlinden	David Lienert	Finn Nolan-James	Danny Colasurdo & John Shearer	1st
U14 Girls Shield	Maddie Bezzobs	Elena Serovski	Charlie Hayes & Ellawen Griffin	Geoff Peacock	5th
U14 Girls Pennant	Katie Ngan	Lulu Lamont	Albee Damincis	Nicole Virtuoso	5th
U16 Mixed Shield B	Ewan Bezzobs	Sam O'Brien	Jack McArdle & Noah Liew	Laura Anderson	6th
U16 Girls Shield	Bridgette de la Mere	Charlotte Whiteside	Alex Mozjerin	Sharon Winter & Frank Colasurdo	4th
U18 Mixed District	Breydon Mora	Jasper McMahon	Lando Brownstein	Isaac Grimes	2nd