



Footscray Hockey Club Inc.
Founded 1934

2020 JUNIOR REPORT – Mel Sanders Non-Hockey Season 2020



Overview

2020 started with amazing gusto. Our annual Come & Try's were attended by masses of kids, pulled from our School Roadshows coordinated by Nic Virtuoso and delivered by Carly James, Bec James, Will Smith and Brianna McLaughlin.

Training for HV competitions started in the last week of February with Shield trials commencing the week after in March. We managed to complete two weeks of Shield trials before Victorian Lockdown #1 was announced.

On the 8th of June we were able to resume Junior Training. We managed a month and 2 days of preparation for a modified season, when Lockdown #2 shut down the state on 10th July.

We managed to complete a 6-week summer comp starting in November for Under 6's through to Under 18's. We were also able to develop some Junior Umpires with the assistance of Steph Thompson, Bridgett de la Mere, Ewan Bezzobs, Alannah Hibbard and Helayna Braiden.

Acknowledgements

I would like to heartily thank all of the people who put their hand up or accepted a tap on the shoulder from me in 2020. In my first year as a Junior Director, it was comforting to know that so many people were helping me. I'm coming for you all in 2021!

I would also like to thank my husband, Dave and daughter, Adi for their support and patience throughout the non-hockey season.

Coaching Appointments

Team	Coach
Star 6s	JA Sheehan Ania Kosowski
Super 8's	Brendan Sheehan Chris Provis-Vincent
U10 Girls HV U10 Girls HV U10 Boys HV U10 Boys HV	Damien Toussaint Nicole Virtuoso Cindy Blay & James Gilchrist Damon Shepard
U12 Shield Girls U12 Shield Boys U12 Pennant Girls U12 Pennant Boys	David Gorton Simon Whitaker Tim Holland Helayna Braidon Rudy Carlesso
U14 Shield Girls U14 Shield Boys U14 District Mixed	Phill McAlinden John Shearer Jess Pratt
U16 Shield Girls U16 Shield Boys U16 District Mixed	Tayla Wilmot Sharon Winter Les McAlinden Simon Borger Laura Anderson
U18's Mixed	Issac Grimes Sam Grimes

Junior Committee

Junior Director	Mel Sanders
Wildcats/State Rep Coordinator	Tania Bezzobs
Indoor Coordinator	Melissa Damnic
WWCC Coordinator	Merryn Brown
Come and Try	Nicole Virtuoso
U6 Coordinator	Lynette Gilchrist
U8 Coordinator	Kylie Feely
U10 Coordinator	Vicky Mannix
U12 Girls Coordinator	Christy Jeromson

U12 Boys Coordinator	Sonny Tilders
U14 Girls Coordinator	Denis Heasly
U14 Boys Coordinator	Beck Leinheart
U16 Coordinator	Dianne Childs
U18 Coordinator	Sue Milford

Hockey Victoria State Team Members

FHC where proud to have the following athletes selected in Under 15 and Under 18 State teams for 2020:

- ★ Maddie Bezzobs
- ★ Adrian McAlinden
- ★ Maddi Passmore

- ★ Josh D’Arcy
- ★ Lach D’Arcy
- ★ Alannah Hibbard
- ★ Bridgette de la Mere
- ★ Sam O’Brien
- ★ Kean Weerasekera

Victorian Indoor Representation

Chris Provis Vincent was the Team Manager of the U13 Victorian boys who came away with silver at the U13 National Indoor Championships.

Stephanie Thompson coached the U13 girls team who finished 5th.

Bridgette de la Mere secured silver with the Victorian U15 Girls.

Alannah Hibbard was represented in the U18 Women’s Victorian team to take out bronze. Alannah also secured entry to the U18 Australian Indoor Camp.