



Footscray Hockey Club Inc.  
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# Directors Reports 2017



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## PRESIDENT – Rodney Johnstone

### On Field

- Our number of senior teams has declined from 8 to 7 women's and from 9 to 8 men's teams which has impacted on our anticipated income over the year (refer to financials).
- However, the junior section continues to grow with over 20 teams in action over the winter weekends and a big team of volunteers, and our own in-house FHC Under 10 competition. Our minkey hockey and under 8s is also growing strongly which bodes well for the Clubs future – many thanks to JA for her minkey work.
- Masters progressed steadily, and we have again had players make representative teams in Australian Masters, which is fantastic. Congratulations to those selected players (refer Damien's Masters report).
- Many juniors have also made regional and state representative teams, which reflects on the great development work from past years. I always enjoy seeing Footscray players in the Wildcats and Victorian teams.
- In great news, we also have our first female in the Australian national team - Hockeyroos with big congratulations, to **Lily Brazel** on a fantastic achievement. We are all very proud of you. With **Olivia Colasurdo** in National development squads and several other players (male and female) in State & AHL teams we may possibly see more FHC's players make the Kookaburra's or Hockeyroos in the next few years.
- The Premier League men's and women's has been retained into 2018 and each team made finals this year (top 8) which is a sign of things to come. Additional Clubs have joined the PL ranks making the competition bigger and more challenging for us in the next few years. The HV "league entry criteria" (LEC) will mean continuous further work for our Club in order to maintain our PL status over the next few years – it should also make the Club more professional in its dealings with members and other clubs, on and off the field. We continue to push for growth of local talent and enhancement of skills in our players at PL level and down the grades, so we can build on our depth as well as improve our position in Premier League.
- Again, the costs of this PL effort are significant, but we anticipate future expenditure will start to reduce as our depth improves. As our pool of Premier League talent keeps growing and starts to flow down the ranks (as well as boosting junior coaching) it should further improve skills development within our junior ranks.
- The broad goal is still on being a family-based Club where everyone has an opportunity to participate at any level, either playing or assisting with running teams.

### Off Field

- 2017 has been a positive year in dealing with Council (thanks to Brendan & Michael Clarke) as we have had funding approval to the sum of around \$1.25m for the full renovation. We are now moving to details design and then tender stages. We anticipate work commencing the Monday after grand finals in 2018.
- Our next two big tasks are to repair F2 (for which a report has been prepared by Tiger Turf) and to progress with the lease negotiations. Brendan is persisting with discussions with Council on both matters. (refer to Planning & Performance report)
- In 2018, we will see the return of the Mens Country Week Championships after 2 years away from FHC (held over Queens birthday long weekend). And we will again host other major tournaments during the year as well as increased schools usage of our facilities mid-week, all this boosting our finances throughout the year with our strong volunteer support.
- Volunteers have again been the backbone to club operations and this must continue and grow next year and into the future
- I wish to thank outgoing Board members, David Braiden and Darryl Jahnke for their tireless efforts in the Junior and Men's portfolios. These are significant tasks and we congratulate them on their successes and efforts over the years that they have put into the Club at Board level.
- We are seeking a new canteen manager for 2018 (with thanks to Howard Nicklas for his work in 2017) and if interested please contact Karen Johnstone for a job description and other details.

## Looking ahead

- We are always seeking to find new sponsors and member input as to who we can approach to build our circle of sponsors is vital to diversifying our income sources.
- The Club is refining with Council what we want to see within the pavilion during the upgrade. As well as what access and temporary facilities we will have during the construction phase.
- We will push forward with repairs to F2 as a priority and also to improve the surroundings of the Club to make it a nicer environment (less weeds, fix fencing, repair seats, etc)
- We are committed to pushing even more resources into the Junior section to build a strong coaching programs and skills development programs for the kids coming through.
- HV live streaming of PL games will continue in 2018. Great for fans and members alike to see how FHC plays by watching via the web – if they cannot get to the game.
- We will be working on a local business supporters card to allow our members to gain advantages for shopping with our supporting business partners – stay tuned for more on this in March / April.
- We will also be hosting some special club activities during the Commonwealth Games in April as well as some special plans for an ANZAC DAY community event at the Club.

I thank all the Board members for their input and action during 2017 and look forward to a progressive year in 2018.

## SPONSORSHIP – Rodney Johnstone

2017 has been a busy and I think a successful year.

Again our Platinum sponsors for the Club were the **Yarraville Club (YC)** and **Dennis Family Homes**. Our last few presentation nights have been held at YC and they have been very good events well catered and enjoyed by all. It is important for all members to support our key sponsors. Teams and supporters are more than welcome to arrange a gathering at YC throughout the year.

Again, **Just Hockey** have sponsored the Club at Gold level, along with **Bendigo Bank (Seddon)**, Our Silver Sponsors were **BRISecurity**; **UltraTune** West Footscray; **Quest Apartments** Flemington.

Our product sponsors were strongly represented through the likes of **Ryise** Web Consulting, **Top-Line Embroidery**, and **Barec electrical**, and **Statewide Bearings** all providing valuable contributions. Many other people and many other businesses were involved during the year and they have been well publicised in the Premier League web pages and in our sponsors business card boards on the walls.

A special welcome to new sponsor **UltraTune** West Footscray, who will offer special car service rates to FHC members – if they mention Footscray Hockey Club when booking a service. The more FHC cars serviced via **UltraTune** the more they are prepared to tip into the Club !!! Why not give them a go – I do.....

**Please note: With any of our sponsors, if you have the opportunity to provide business to one of our many sponsors make sure you let them know you are from the Footscray Hockey Club and that you thank them for their support. It is the best reward they can ask for.**

In 2017, we raised almost \$14,000 via Club sponsorships, and Premier League player sponsorships raised \$7,000 that they put back into the Club, and a further \$23,868 that funded some of the PL specific activities which is a great contribution by the PL & PLR players.
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We aim to improve the Club sponsorship figures by introducing a local business benefits card for Club members, family and friends to buy and use during 2018. We are also looking to run 3 major social events during the year and dates for those will be released early in 2018 so you can put them in your diary / schedule.

Finally, thanks to Karen and Cindy for their support all year and to Giulia Wiseman for her work on Sponsors day, thanks to Dale Passmore as well as all others who have supported me during the year.

In 2018, I aim to involve several other members in the Sponsorship team and we will see if we can make the PL Sponsors benefits larger!! As always, we will seek to attract additional sponsors and renew all the existing Club sponsors. If you have a name or a business, or can suggest someone to talk to about becoming a sponsor please let me know. If you want to join the Sponsorship please let me know.

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# PLANNING & PERFORMANCE ANNUAL REPORT: 2017

BRENDAN SHEEHAN

## TOP 20 PRIORITY PROJECTS

	ASSESSMENT
<b>BOARD OF MANAGEMENT</b>	
- Improve our mens PL/PLR squad sustainability	Much improved. Work still to do.
<b>GENERAL SECRETARY</b>	
- 'Member Skills Audit' needs analysis	John appointed mid-season. Analysis to take place over summer?
- Use Survey Monkey for all-club f.back to the Board	See above.
<b>PLANNING &amp; PERFORMANCE</b>	
- Finalise the Pavilion Re-Design + Funding Package	Design / cost about 95% finalised.
- Renew the Club's Lease	Council delays. 2018!
- Develop a new 5 yr Strategic Plan	Delayed until 2018.
- Contract the Board / PL-PLR Squad project reqmts	Successfully planned / completed.
<b>GROUNDS &amp; PAVILION</b>	
- Estab a Gr & Pav working sub-comm (min 10)	Not done.
- Investigate the state of F2	Investigated. Cost? \$70-\$100,000
<b>U/AGE SECTION ADMINISTRATOR</b>	
- Produce the Jun Sec Strategic Plan	Not done.
- Signif incr the size of the Jun Sec Sub-Comm	Not done.
- Find more 'Shield' standard coaches	Improved on 2016.
- Report to the Board on the performance to date of the Jun Sec Coaching Coordinator	Program delayed. Preliminary report delivered.
<b>MENS SECTION ADMINISTRATOR</b>	
- Find strategies to help incr the depth of the mens PL/PLR squad	Much improved. Work still to do.
- Estab a Mens Section Sub-Comm and delegate tasks	Partly done. Work still to do.
<b>WOMENS SECTION ADMINISTRATOR</b>	
- Build & activate our new website	Completed. New site launched.
- Create an all-club organisational chart	Completed. On the website.
- Create a League Entry Criteria checklist	Completed. On the website.
<b>COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS</b>	
- Maximise our volunteer rosters	Satisfactory input by most members.
<b>FINANCE</b>	
- Maximise the Club's fee income in the first month of the season	Good result. Aiming for more in 2018.
<b>Other significant events:</b>	
- Our first Australian rep in 60 years! First female!	
- Our first ever PL finals appearances!	
- 3 winter flags: Vets 45, U16 'A' Girls & U10 'A' Girls.	
- World Masters T/ment selections (Spain 2018) involves 5 players, 1 umpire & 1 physio from FHC.	
- 6 Emerging Vikings & Vipers announced.	
- Inclusion/Diversity and Outreach progs expanded.	

# GENERAL SECRETARY REPORT – John Mason

2017 has been a successful year for the Club on many fronts. The foundation of the clubs energy & sustainability comes from a willing team of volunteers - a big thank you to everyone around the club that step forward to assist with the many & varied jobs from coaches, team managers, umpires, canteen workers and the many administrative roles that are essential in ensuring our teams take the field each week.

As one of the largest clubs in Victoria we have over 600 members registered and many others as parents, friends & supporters. There is a huge range of skills & experience at hand, and in 2018 we will be reaching out to members seeking assistance in a variety of tasks that will assist in further developing the club on and off the field. Keep an eye out and if you're keen to be involved please make contact with a board member to show your interest.

Sound governance is an essential element of successful Clubs & a primary role is to ensure that we promote a safe & welcoming environment for all members. We are pleased that Rebecca Lienert has agreed to perform the role of WWCC (Working with Children Check) Coordinator. Government regulations stipulate that all people who work in roles where there are children under the age of 18 must have a WWCC – it's a very simple process & can be quickly completed on-line at no cost. Rebecca will be working with Section Directors to ensure that we are fully compliant.

The management of Player registrations is a big role in itself & I am really pleased that Lauren Dick, has agreed to manage Registrations for the Club. We greatly appreciate the time taken by each section and their helpers to follow up registrations again this year. The Registrations systems that we use with HV and separately at Club level, require ongoing attention to ensure that we are capturing the information required by Hockey Victoria whilst also keeping it as simple as possible for members to complete. We encourage all members to please take the time to ensure your registration is fully & accurately completed including payment of registration fees. There is a lot of time wasted on chasing up outstanding fees & this time can be much better spent improving other areas of the club.

Again we have had a big year with a large number of players representing the club in National, State and representative teams. We love to promote these achievements wherever possible and Nicole has done a fantastic job of keeping the facebook pages & Club website updated with the many events & achievements. Nicole also dedicated a huge amount of time this year to overall & update the club website – congratulations to Nicole on a first class outcome.

A big thank you to everyone that has assisted me in the role since taking over from Lauren during the season and particularly to Lauren & Nicole who have been very generous with their time & support. I look forward to continuing to work with fellow Board members for the betterment of this great Club.

Thanks again and good luck to all members in 2018!

## WOMEN'S REPORT - Nicole Virtuoso

### The Year That Was

In 2017, main aim was to continue to build on and improve the depth and quality from the 1sts and throughout all our grades. Every year we welcome many new members to the club and a great number of young members played their first game of senior hockey, fielding 7 teams. Most weeks were comfortable, however some weeks due to unavailability we relied on players doubling up and thank all the members who helped out.

Team	W	L	D	F	A	Diff	Pts	Position
PL	10	5	5	76	38	38	35	6 <sup>th</sup> First Final
PLR	8	6	6	47	31	16	30	7 <sup>th</sup> Second Final
PA	7	8	3	38	40	-2	24	6 <sup>th</sup>
PB	2	13	2	14	42	-29	9	10 <sup>th</sup>
PD	11	5	2	25	22	3	35	3 <sup>rd</sup> Runners Up
PE	2	13	3	8	73	-65	9	9 <sup>th</sup>
MB	2	11	3	11	60	-49	9	10 <sup>th</sup>

## **Premier League**

Lachie Anderson, in his fourth year, had a great season with some consistent and pleasing results. In particular we were the only team to take points off the two top teams this year. Finishing 6<sup>th</sup> on the ladder, the ladies made PL finals for the first time being a top 8 finals series. Unfortunately bowing out in the first final. Lily Brazel gained selection in the Australian Hockeyroos side and both she and Olivia Colasurdo gained selection in the Victorian Vipers Team who won gold. Many other FHC members gained selection in Victorian, School Girls and Academy teams. Congratulations to Lachie, Assistant Coach of the Men's Victorian Vikings, who also won gold. Lachie has 2 years left to go on his current contract.

## **Premier League Reserve**

Phil Frost in his third year had another solid year finishing 7<sup>th</sup> on the ladder, then bowed out of the Second Final. The depth of the Reserves squad continues to grow each season which is a credit to the girls in the team. Phil will continue next season.

## **Pennant A**

Hernie Isorena in his second year had a more subdued year in terms of results. The team was not quite in form and finished 6<sup>th</sup> position. A number of players were given the opportunity to play in the Reserves.

## **Pennant B**

Carrol Burt thankfully took on the role of player coach, the team had a very challenging year. Some games were extremely competitive and they were unlucky not to win others. Finishing 10<sup>th</sup> on the ladder, this team hopes to consolidate in Pennant C next year.

## **Pennant D**

RJ coached this year again, this team was the only women's team to make the finals, sneaking into the 4 in the last rounds ending up 3<sup>rd</sup> after some solid games at the end of the season. The final series was just as exciting, winning the Semi and Prelim finals in shootouts. The Grand Final was a terrific game and very unlucky to go down 1-0. Runners up a commendable effort.

## **Pennant E and Metro B**

Tahlya Sleep and Catherin Hamm looked after our Pennant E and Metro teams this year. The competition was tough and their results were 10<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> respectively. They had a couple of wins late in the season. Thank you to all the girls who doubled up. We look forward to consolidating next season and having the committed numbers to field strong teams with a bench every week.

A huge thanks to all coaches and managers for their assistance and commitment to make it the year it was. Thanks to all those who contributed to the administration support: Lynda Thomas, Georgia Hopkins, Georgia Cutrale, Angela Thompson, Mel Sanders, Jo Torr, Gary James, Carly James, Martha Lawson, Ellen Druce, Gabby Minett, Alicia Duggan, Jess Snaize and Vanessa Smith.

For those who pitched in with helping the women thank you, the Board, Colin Braithwaite, Heather Shaw, Giulia Wiseman, Howard Niklas. Particular thanks to David Braiden and the junior section for providing the ball girls. Thanks to everyone who supported social events, sponsorship programs, did their umpiring duty, canteen duty, all your efforts ensured the season was another successful and enjoyable one. Thanks to our sponsors. Finally thanks to all the players who get down to training, games and help out other teams to ensure Footscray presents itself in the best possible light it can.

## **2018 – The Year Ahead**

As we continue to plan the 2018 pre-season and finalise coaching appointments for Pennant and Metro, the club continues to support our ideal of providing the best possible coaching and resources to our players to ensure we become very competitive not only in Premier League but throughout the grades. We have the best Club facilities in Australia and are the second largest club in Melbourne. The coaches are looking at the playing group to respond, do the hard yards and reap the benefits of that work. It's time to step up to the plate and do all you can to ensure our great club has a very bright and successful 2018 & beyond.

Thanks again to everyone, have a safe and Merry Christmas.

# MEN'S REPORT – Darryl Jahnke

## The Year That Was

This would have to be one of the quickest seasons I have been involved with. Despite a long preseason we were at round 22 before we knew it. We welcomed new head coach Phil Merriman and Assistant Coach Alex Shirly to the kennel along with a number of new faces. Fielded 8 teams again and apx 140 players took to the park for the Men's side of the Club. Four teams made it into September action, resulting in one flag and a runner-up. Congratulations to all those involved in the finals action. A big thanks to everyone involved, it takes a lot of work to get our teams out each week. Off-field there are match results to enter, match day meals, Thursday schnitzels, ball boy organisation, umpiring/canteen duties, a massive thanks to everyone who chipped in and did their bit! I hope you had an enjoyable year; it was a tough one in many ways but again an enjoyable one!

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PA	6	9	3	34	49	-15	21	7 <sup>th</sup>
PC	8	9	1	53	36	17	25	5 <sup>th</sup>
PD	7	9	2	32	49	-17	23	8 <sup>th</sup>
PF	2	14	2	33	92	-59	8	9 <sup>th</sup>
MA	15	1	1	77	19	58	46	1 <sup>st</sup> - Premiers
MBR	16	1	1	78	18	60	49	1 <sup>st</sup> – Runners Up

Phil Merriman and Assistant Coaches Alex Shirly and Tom Edgar coached the top team boys, what a fantastic impact they have made on the group so far. They set about continuing our development into a competitive Premier League Club. Preseason again provided a great base for us to ensure we could run it out with the best, a job well done by Phil with his sports fitness and physio background. Without a hitch the group responded and took further steps forward. The squad finished in the top 8, however went down in the first final to Power House. Thanks to all involved and for all the hard work you put into to represent our Club in the best light in Premier League. Thank you to the following coaches for all your efforts this season, Reserves Joel Baker, Nigel Toussaint Pennant A, Damien Christensen Pennant C, Rico Virtuoso Pennant D, Simon Hoare Pennant E, Wayne D'Souza Metro A and Rodney Johnstone Metro B.

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## 2018 – The Year Ahead

Phil Merriman will be into his second year at the Club and I can see massive steps being taken forward at all levels, so look forward to an exciting and very competitive 2018. We still have a number of roles to fill and hope to announce those shortly. We are working hard in finalising our other coaching roles and will announce once in place.

I thank the Club and Board for continuing to support our ideal of providing the best possible coaching and resources to our players to ensure we become very competitive not only in Premier League but throughout the grades. Please remember pre-season fitness is open to everyone, no matter what grade you play, so take up the chance to be trained by one of the best.

Even though we had another good year we have so many areas to improve on. I strongly believe that we can improve our preseason attendances deeper down the grades and this will greatly improve the starts to our season. Early points are gold and the more we are prepared, the more we can gather earlier on. Once into the season we need to ensure we maximise attendance to training. Let's get Tuesday's & Thursday humming and the more we get to training the more will come to training. These are just a couple of areas for improvement there are many more that we will bring to light as the season gets closer. I would just like to finish in thanking everyone for being a part of our great Club, unfortunately, I won't be standing again and I wish the new Men's Administrator all the best.

# **JUNIOR DIVISION REPORT – David Braiden**

Another huge year for new and young players in the U6 to U10 age bracket. Again, FHC's recruiting and retention was second to none in the state. The crowd on a Wednesday night would consistently rival a Premier League home game. FHC ran a huge Super 8's (U8) intra-club competition in 2017, with 11 quarter field teams training and playing on a Wednesday night under the direction of master coach Brendan Sheehan. FHC's U10 Super-League competition, this year saw 4 FHC teams playing and we welcomed 2 teams from Caroline Springs HC into the completion on a Saturday morning. The future is looking bright with a huge amount of talented kids running around in these young age-groups!

FHC fielded U10 teams in the HV Northwest Girls and Mixed half-field competitions, with our girls bringing home the flag with 14 wins from 14 games for the season and the mixed (boys) team finishing a strong second.

In 2017, FHC fielded four U12 teams (one girls and 3 x mixed). The U12 Mixed Shield team had competitive season finishing mid-table. The U12 Mixed Pennant team battled hard all season against a lot of travel and many another clubs first U12 teams. A young U12 Girls Pennant team improved steadily during the season to end up missing out on finals by less than 2 points. U12 Mixed District NW team tried hard, had fun and improved during the season.

The U14 Girls Shield team again had a new look and brought together a mix of new and experienced players that improved week after week and only narrowly missed playing finals. The U14 Mixed Shield team was very young this season, one week having five players on the field that still qualified for U12s and had a very competitive season finishing mid-table. U14 District Northwest team became a well-oiled machine that had a great season and made it all the way to the semi-final.

The U16 Mixed Shield team once again was very competitive in the premier junior completion for most of the season, finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> and bowing-out in the elimination-final. The U16 Northwest team struggled with numbers for much of the season, but that didn't stop them finishing 4<sup>th</sup> and to the elimination final. The U16 Girls Shield team had another dominant season, sitting in top spot most of the season, finishing 1<sup>st</sup> and winning the flag. That was 4 consecutive grand finals for many in the group.

Another entertaining season for the mixed U18s, a mixed bag of results and just finishing out of the finals by the narrowest of margins.

Thank you to all the coaches that dedicate their time, being out there front and center, to teach and inspire these young kids to be their best. Behind the scenes there is also a huge amount of effort by age-group coordinators and team managers – thank you for all your efforts during the season. Thanks also to all the parents that have generally helped out around the club and with the canteen, getting kids to games on time and showing great support.

I would like to thank the FHC board for their support over the last five years along with the key people that formed the junior committee during that time (coordinators), it could not all happen without all your hard work.

## **MASTERS REPORT – Damien Toussaint**

We had 5 teams on the park this year. Hopefully one more next year. Thanks to all the team managers and captains – Mike Bond & Raj Patel, Peter Sheehan, Guilia Wiseman, Heather Shaw and Anna Thompson. A big thanks to Nicole for her 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 David Saleeba and Kevin Protheroe for coordinating umpiring on Monday and Wed nights at FHC and for everyone who stepped up to umpire games on cold wet Monday or Wednesday nights.

It is with sadness and joy that we remember Alan Kalwig (aka Al, Baz or Bazza) who passed away at the start of this year. Alan joined FHC in the 70's, and is remembered as a goal keeper - he played over 280 games and in recent years was an avid Masters player. Al was also the first to put his hand up to step in to umpire when we needed someone at the last minute.

Alan will be sadly missed by our hockey community.

## Issues going forward into 2018

- Lack of depth and players in our 50s teams; the need for recruitment at this age group
- No representation by FHC 35+ players in the Masters O35 age-group (despite excellent representation at a State level)

## Congratulations

Congrats the following FHC players who have been selected to play in the Australian Masters Teams in Spain in 2018 at the Masters World Cup.

- Aus 40s – Nigel Toussaint (captain); Stu McLean and Greg Robertson (shadow); Sam Cutrale (umpire)
- Aus 55s – Phil Frost
- Aus 60s – Geoff Lewis, Simone Muscat (physio)

## Victorian Representatives

We had plenty of FHC Masters players representing Victoria this year.

- Congrats to Therese Burke to win a Gold Medal representing the Vic Women's 45s at the recent Australian Women's Masters Championships.
- Well done to Elena Hobson and Maz Stonehouse who picked up silver as players in the Victorian 35s.
- Congrats to Neil Coster who won a gold medal as keeper for the Vic 70s side.
- Silver medal to Phil Frost and Heather Shaw who won silver medals as part of the Vic 50s side.
- Bronze medals for Geoff Peacock, Brian Aldcroft in the Vic 45s Div 2
- Bronze for Norm Hibberd, Graeme Veitch in the Vic 60s Div 2 team
- Well done to Sam Cutrale who umpired 2 gold medal matches
- Congrats to Nigel Toussaint, Stu McLean, Tung Le, Greg Robertson and Physio Simone Muscat who won Gold in the Vic 40s
- Congrats to Pete Griffin, Tommy Griffin, Mark Wiseman and Alex Grosz who played in the Vic 35s men's side
- Tim Pugh was keeper in the Vic 50s Div 2
- Geoff Lewis, Geoff Pilley, Karen Veitch (Manager) in the Vic 60s Div 2 side
- John Traill, Nev Hopkins in the Vic 65s

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.

## Men's 50A

6 wins, 8 losses and 2 draws. Finished 5<sup>th</sup>.

An improved season saw them just miss finals and didn't give any walkovers. More depth helped but inconsistent performance cost us in the end – more youth required. Many thanks to the 50S B side for the support they gave to the As during the season.

#	Team	P	W	L	D	SF	SA	SD	PTS
1	Southern A[1]	16	15	1	0	37	8	29	45
2	Camberwell	16	12	2	2	48	12	36	38
3	Yarra Valley	16	10	5	1	31	13	18	31
4	MUHC	16	8	6	2	26	19	7	26
5	Footscray	16	6	8	2	22	25	-3	20

Big thanks to Peter Sheehan for all of his efforts throughout the year as Team Captain/Manager.

### Men's 50B

1 win, 16 losses and 1 draw, finished 12<sup>th</sup>.

The 50Bs had a tough year not helped by injuries and the fact that they supported the 50As when they were short. Thanks to Heather for managing the tensions during the season and team morale.

11	MCC Hockey	18	3	13	2	12	48	-36	11
12	Footscray	18	1	16	1	4	52	-48	4

### Men's 45B

Great bunch of guys and backed up last year's great performance with a Premiership.

The 45Bs had a dream season with 13 wins, 2 losses and a draw. It was also great to see a few new faces in this team. They lost their first final but triumphed against Camberwell in the big dance. Big thanks to Mike Bond for managing the team and stepping into goals for the whole season. Thanks also to Raj for his leadership on the field and special mention to Geoff Peacock for his freaky goals when they counted the most.

#	Team	P	W	L	D	SF	SA	SD	EQP	PTS
1	Footscray	16	13	2	1	46	12	34	52.50	40
2	Camberwell Tangerine[1]	17	10	2	5	33	10	23	43.24	35

### Women's 35A

These ladies have been our best performing Masters team for the last 2 years in a row and they had a pretty solid season in what's a tough competition.

Finished 5<sup>th</sup> – 6 wins, 7 losses and 5 draws. Narrowly missed playing finals.

Thanks to Guilia and Nicole for managing and looking after the side.

1	Mentone	18	17	1	0	69	11	58	51
2	Essendon Hockey	18	14	3	1	43	13	30	43
3	Powerhouse/StKilda	18	12	3	3	40	13	27	39
4	Swinburne MUD	18	8	7	3	25	30	-5	27
5	Footscray	18	6	7	5	17	31	-14	23

### Women's 35B

Another tough season for our Women's 35Bs. Finished 10<sup>th</sup> with 4 wins, 12 losses and 2 draws...which is bizarrely is exactly the same results as 2016.

9	Essendon Ladies Reu[2]	18	4	11	3	14	37	-23	10
10	Footscray	18	4	12	2	16	38	-22	14

## GROUNDS & PAVILION REPORT – Colin Braithwaite

Firstly I would like to thank all those that have assisted in keeping the clubrooms and surrounds in tip top condition. This year we hosted a number of large events, such as the Victorian Police Games, and School Sport Victoria Hockey Finals. Bookings for this financial year appear to be on a par with last year. Tiger turf are in the process of preparing a report on the possible actions to remediate the issues on Brendan Sheehan Field.

Hockey Victoria continues to use FHC for State training, Development days and Academies. This year we will host the Men's Senior Country Championship's. Access to the ground is via the lockboxes that are located on the gates. (Please contact a board member if you need the code.) The new LED Scoreboard has been installed on Alby Speed Field and the old one will be relocated to Brendan Sheehan field during this year.

We will endeavour to purchase a new set of goals for Brendan Sheehan Field of the same quality of the ones on Alby Speed Field. You may have noticed that the clubrooms have been externally painted and I have been advised that the council is in the process of replacing the gutters. It is your club so if you see something that needs doing do not hesitate to volunteer, but do some time a look at the Organisational Chart and see if there are any roles, no matter how small, that you may be able to assist in. The ground booking system is available to each of the section leaders and allows the Treasurer to invoice users on a monthly basis.

## **RETAIL OPERATIONS DIRECTOR –Karen Johnstone**

Firstly, on behalf of the board I would like to thank Howard Nicklas for taking on the canteen role this year and Darlene Sargent for the cleaning.

As members, we all benefit from the canteen's success, so I would like to thank all members who volunteered to do their rostered canteen duty throughout the year. We couldn't do it without you.

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, Helayna Braiden & Gwendolyn Lynch for the extra help you all provided this year, it is greatly appreciated.

This year we brought back the Rugby top and we are currently in the process of getting designs for a new tracksuit top for next year. If you have any ideas of what you would like to see in HQ, please let me know.

The **Canteen** raised a net \$41,500 which is down from 2016's stellar \$50,600 mainly due to less games being fixture at FHC this year. **Hockey HQ** raised \$8,300 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 2018!**  
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