

# 2018 CHAIRMAN report – Rodney Johnstone

## On Field

- Our number of senior teams were steady at: 7 women's and 8 men's teams.
- 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.
- Masters progressed steadily, and we have again had players make representative teams in Australian Masters, which is fantastic. Congratulations to those selected players (refer to 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.
- Australian national team - **Lily Brazel** has retained her position in the Hockeyroos, a fantastic achievement. **Olivia Colasurdo, Sarah Breen, Carly James and Isabella Colasurdo** have variously made National development squads, State and AHL teams. Well done to all these ladies.
- Footscray has retained Premier League men's and women's teams into 2019 and each team made finals again this year (top 8) as well as the Women's PLR too.
- 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.

## Off Field

- 2018 has been a positive year in dealing with Council (thanks to Brendan Sheehan) as we have had funding approval to the sum of around \$1.25m for the full renovation. We expect work to commence on 15 January 2019. We anticipate work going on to at least July / August 2019.
- We are seeking funding for the early replacement of F2 and hope to hear if we are successful in the first quarter of 2019. (refer to Planning & Performance report)
- 2019 will see us use temporary changerooms, showers and toilets as well as a temporary canteen. It will be up to everyone to assist keeping our welcoming reputation during these construction interruptions. It does mean that we will miss out on Tournaments that raise funds for the Club.
- 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 all of the Board members for their hard work during the year.
- Barry Allen is stepping down as Men's Director and I particularly thank him for his efforts over the past 12 months.

## Looking ahead

- We are always seeking to find new sponsors and member input as to who we can approach to grow our circle of sponsors is vital to diversifying our income sources.
- The Club is discussing with Council what temporary facilities we will have during the construction phase.
- We have committed to adding even more resources into the Junior section with the new position of Coaching co-ordinator to support coaches and develop skills programs.

I thank all the Board members for their input and action during 2018 and look forward to an exciting year in 2019.

# 2018 SPONSORSHIP report – Rodney Johnstone

2018 has been a busy year but not as successful as previous years. Time to approach potential and past sponsors was limited for me over the past year and I therefore did not get in front of as many businesses as I would have hoped to do.

Our Platinum sponsor for the Club was **Dennis Family Homes**. Yarraville Club was not a sponsor in 2018 but we have initiated discussions about their involvement in 2019.

Again, **Just Hockey** have sponsored the Club at Gold level. The business that installed the new scoreboard, sponsored FHC this year. **Bendigo Bank (Seddon)** are discussing involvement in 2019 as they have restructured their sponsorship packages.

PL Player sponsors - 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.

**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 thank them for their support. It is the best reward they can ask for.**

In 2018, we raised around \$8,500 via Club sponsorships, and Premier League player sponsorships raised \$7,000 that they put back into the Club, and a further \$17,503 that funded some of the PL specific activities which is a great contribution by the PL & PLR players.
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Finally, thanks to Karen and Cindy for their support all year and to Giulia Wiseman for her work on Sponsors day, thanks to Gary James as well as all others who have supported me during the year.

In 2019, 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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## ANNUAL REPORT 2018: DIRECTOR – PLANNING & PERFORMANCE

### FIVE KEY PROJECTS

PROJECT	TARGET	COMPLETION DATE	OUTCOME (as at 12/11/2018)
<b>1.FHC's 2018 STRATEGIC (ACTION) PLAN</b>	Plan to be submitted to HV as part of our LEC req'ments.	30/09/2018	Submitted to and accepted by HV. Signed-off by HV on 15/10/2018.
<b>2.LEAD FHC'S REPRESENTATION ON M'NONG COUNCIL'S FHC PAVILION RE-DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMM.</b>	Seek 2 key outcomes in '18: <b>a)</b> Change ground-floor plan to incorp a womens toilet on the F2 side	Pre appointment of builder.	Women's toilet added in place of the physio / first-aid room. Drawings amended in mid-year.
	Seek 2 key outcomes in '18: <b>b)</b> Seek acknowledgement of the ugliness of the southern approach to our clubhouse, and find an answer to same.	'Acknowledgement' by mid-year, and resolution to the problem before the project is complete.	Council is committed to the importance of this additional element (thanks Ed Negus for the graphics), and has it on the 'shortlist' for consideration when builder's bids are known.
<b>3. CO-ORDINATE AND LEAD THE SAFE AND PROFESSIONAL PACKAGING AND REMOVAL OF THE CLUB'S HISTORICAL TREASURES.</b>	All of our cabinet contents and mounted flags / pennants to be removed, cleaned and packaged for temp relocation elsewhere.	By the end of October, 2018.	All items are cleaned and packaged and re-located to safe locations off-site.
<b>4. DEVELOP A HIGH-QUALITY DISPLAY FEATURING THE AUSTRALIAN UNIFORMS OF BEN ACTON AND LILY BRAZEL.</b>	Re-arrange the cabinet housing Ben Acton's memorabilia to incorporate Lily Brazel's new Aussie strip.	Interim display to be on-show for the second half of '18.	Interim display in place by mid season. Much improved display to be a highlight of the Club's memorabilia when the revitalised building re-opens in late 2019.
<b>5. FIND A \$10K GRANT &amp; \$5K SPONSOR TO COVER THE FUNDING OF THE NEW FENCE.</b>	\$28K fencing upgrade is \$18K more than expected. \$\$\$ needing to be found!!	Completed by mid-season.	Grant found and sponsor found (granted s'ship coverage of our junior section) and long-term r'ship with sponsor established.

## GENERAL SECRETARY REPORT – John Mason

2018 has been a successful year for the Club. 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 2019 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.

The management of Player registrations is a big role & I we are lucky to have had Lauren Dick manage this important job for the Club for the past two seasons. Lauren has advised that due to other commitments she will not be able to continue with this work next year & we have passed on our thanks & best wishes. 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 special mentions to Nicole, Andrew Wiseman & Carly & Gary James who have done a fantastic job in keeping our social media & Club website up-to-date, informative & interesting.

Quite a lot of time this year was taken up as a member of the Pavilion re-development sub-committee & secondly in liaison with the West Gate Tunnel Project Team as this huge Project ramps up – its work has direct impact on our Club & we have been keeping a close eye on developments to ensure that our Club is not negatively impacted.

A big thank you to everyone that has assisted me in the role and particularly to Nicole who has been very generous with her 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 2019!

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## WOMEN'S REPORT - Nicole Virtuoso

### 2018 Summary

In 2018, main aim was to continue to build on and improve the depth and quality from the 1sts and 2nds and extending 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	13	6	1	67	28	39	40	4 <sup>th</sup> Third Final
PLR	14	3	3	64	17	47	45	2 <sup>nd</sup> Third Final
PA	4	9	5	28	48	-20	17	7 <sup>th</sup>
PC	13	4	1	46	17	29	40	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prelim Final
PD	6	10	2	22	42	-20	20	6 <sup>th</sup>
PE	3	14	1	10	60	-50	10	8 <sup>th</sup>
MB	0	13	2	6	50	-44	2	5 <sup>th</sup> (out of 5)

### Premier League

Lachie Anderson, in his fifth year, had a great season with some dominating and consistent results throughout the first 2/3 of the season. The last 1/3 the 1sts hit a low patch, but a strong last game of the season leading in to finals. Finishing 4<sup>th</sup> and securing a double chance in the 4 round finals series. The first final was against undefeated Hawthorn, the girls played a spectacular game and won 1-0. Unfortunately bowing out in the third final against Mentone. Lily Brazel was absent in Perth this season. Olivia Colasurdo and Carly James gained selection in the Australian U23's, joined by Sarah Breen for the Vipers Squad. Carly James played for N.T. Isabella Colasurdo was named as an Australian Futuroo. Many other FHC members gained selection in Victorian, School Girls and Academy teams. Congratulations to Lachie, Assistant Coach of the Men's Victorian Vikings. Lachie will continue his last year of his current contract in 2019.

### Premier League Reserve

Phil Frost in his fourth year had a very solid year finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> on the ladder - they lost Final 1, won Final 2, but bowed out in Final 3 to Essendon. The reserves saw several solid players return to the squad, which increased the depth of the group. They continue to develop younger players in the team. Phil will continue next season.

### Pennant A

Rico Virtuoso took up the role of coach for this group and the team continued to develop a number of younger

players with a senior mix. The team had some very competitive games, sometimes the scoreboard not reflecting the performance. They finished in 7<sup>th</sup> position and are keen to improve their results as a group next season.

### **Pennant C**

Tahlya Sheep coached this team and they were strong contenders in their grade all season, finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>. The group showed great comradery and the winning results certainly helped after a difficult season last year. They won the first final in shoot outs but unfortunately bowed out in the Preliminary Final. They will stay in PC next season.

### **Pennant D**

RJ coached this year again, they had a competitive season with some solid results. Finishing 6<sup>th</sup>, the team continue to blood some younger players in their first season of seniors. They have a tight group of players who continue to enjoy PD level hockey.

### **Pennant E and Metro B**

Swampy Marsh and Heather Shaw looked after our Pennant E and Metro teams this year. The competition was tough and their results were 8<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> (out of 5) respectively. 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 and social events: Georgia Hopkins, Georgia Cutrale, Angela Thompson, Sue Milford, Kate de la Mere, Gary James, Carly James & Hayley McAlinden. In particular I'd like to thank Lynda Thomas and Greg Hopkins for their many years of contribution and support towards their respective duties as Chairperson of Selectors and PL Team Manager. Both hanging up their boots to continue their support from the sideline, we thank you for everything you have done.

For those who pitched in with helping the women thank you. To the Board Members for all your support. Thanks to Heather Shaw, Giulia Wiseman, Karen Johnstone, Harry Zac, Chrissy Jeromeson, Julie Anne Sheehan. Particular thanks to Caroline Mansfield, Beck Leinhart 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.

### **2019 – The Year Ahead**

As we continue to plan the 2019 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. Although we have the best Club facilities in Australia, the challenges of our 2019 pavilion redevelopment mean we will have temporary access to portable facilities. We look to our members to make 2019 the best season possible with the knowledge that the 2020 season with the \$1.6m redevelopment will launch us to even better facilities than previously. 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 2019 & beyond.

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

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## **MEN'S REPORT – Barry Allan**

### **The Year That Was**

The Main aims of this year were to build on the gains we had made over the last couple of years.

To this end we were targeting a finals position in PL and our first finals win.

Whilst we ultimately fell short on the second part of this we did however stabilise our position as a serious challenger in the Premier league.

Our reserves continued to develop a strong batch of young players and we look forward to seeing many of these players featuring in the PL team in 2019.

PA and C were tasked with holding their grades while we were still developing the depth to compete for finals

in these grades.

PD had a large number of young players and they were well guided by Rico, Danny and Damien T.

Whilst we were short on goalkeepers in the lower grades the spots were regularly covered by Chris PV, Daniel P and Shane R. Thanks guys.

We fielded 8 Men's teams which in hindsight with our numbers was probably 1 team too many. This will need to be reviewed for next year.

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.

<b>Team</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Diff</b>	<b>Pts</b>	<b>Position</b>
<b>PL</b>	11	5	4	62	39	23	37	7 <sup>th</sup> First Final
<b>PLR</b>	8	12	0	42	48	-6	24	11 <sup>th</sup>
<b>PA</b>	5	10	3	34	37	-3	18	8 <sup>th</sup>
<b>PC</b>	6	11	1	39	66	-27	19	8 <sup>th</sup>
<b>PD</b>	8	9	1	51	43	8	25	5 <sup>th</sup>
<b>PG</b>	8	9	1	26	44	-18	25	4 <sup>th</sup>
<b>MA</b>	16	0	2	110	21	89	50	1 <sup>st</sup> - Premiers
<b>MB</b>	5	13	0	32	66	-34	15	5 <sup>th</sup>

Phil Merriman and Assistant Coach Alex Shirley coached the top team boys, what a fantastic impact they have made on the group. 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 in a dramatic shoot out to Waverley. 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 Andy Haining, Dan Shaw. Mark Wiseman Pennant A, Damien Christensen Pennant C, Damien Toussaint Pennant D, Rodney Johnstone Pennant G, Wayne D'Souza Metro A and Scott Porth Metro B.

Huge thanks to all coaches and managers for their assistance and commitment to make it the year it was. Thanks to everyone who was involved umpiring, canteen duties, Thursday night meals and ball boying, all your efforts ensured the season was another successful and enjoyable one. 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 way it can.

## **2019 – The Year Ahead**

Phil Merriman and Alex Shirley have announced that they are unable to continue in 2019. They will be greatly missed. They have succeeded in moulding the PL group into a cohesive and strong team.

We are well into the search for a new PL coach and we should be making an announcement soon!

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.

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 so important and the more we are prepared, the better our performance will be throughout the year. 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.

In closing I would like to thank all those who helped out during this season.

Due to work commitments I am not able to continue in the role so I will not be restanding for 2019.

I would like to wish the incoming Men's Director all the best and will be available to help out in finding your feet.

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## 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 sessions with Ken Parkin. This was a low risk and low outlay proposition; however, the uptake wasn't great and feedback from kids was mixed. It also pushed back our pre-season selection, which on reflection means we won't run this again next year.
- 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. There was mixed take up from TMs for this, and unfortunately the teams that probably needed it the most had the least take-up. However, our junior teams were great ambassadors for our club and by the end of the season all teams were embracing the idea.
- #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 but standing or finals, they finished 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Likewise, our two under 10 HV Boys finished 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Under 12 Boys Pennant: 4<sup>th</sup>
- Under 12 Boys Shield B: 2<sup>nd</sup> end of regular season.
- Under 12 Girls District half-field: finished 2<sup>nd</sup> Term 1 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Term 2.
- Under 12 Girls Shield: 6<sup>th</sup>
- Under 14 Boys District: 8<sup>th</sup>
- Under 14 Boys Shield: 8<sup>th</sup>
- Under 14 Girls Pennant: 7<sup>th</sup>
- Under 14 Girls Shield: 2<sup>nd</sup> ladder, winners of GF!
- Under 16 Mixed District: 4<sup>th</sup>, lost in GF
- Under 16 Mixed Shield: 8<sup>th</sup>
- Under 16 Girls Shield: 5<sup>th</sup>
- Under 18 Mixed District: 3<sup>rd</sup>

**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, 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

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:

Zoe Hibbard
David Lienert

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

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

### 150 games milestone

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

### 200 games milestone

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

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

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## 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 6<sup>th</sup> (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) 5<sup>th</sup>

60's Geoff Lewis, Manager Karen Veitch 4<sup>th</sup>

60's 2 Manager Graeme Veitch BRONZE

65's John Traill, Neville Hopkins BRONZE

65's 2 Geoff Pilley 6<sup>th</sup>

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. ↓
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 4<sup>th</sup>.

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 10<sup>th</sup>.

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 ideas 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.

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## **TREASURER REPORT – Cindy Poole**

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**Good Luck in Season 2019!**  
**2018 Board of Directors**