

# YVHC AGM 2015 Reports

## Presidents Report 2015

In summary, a terrific year in terms of success on and off the field. Of course some items for both players and the club to work on. Further growth, solid financial performance, with good success and experiences onfield and off.

On field the performance was highlighted by our Women's Vic League 1 who won the premiership 5:1 after finishing the season in 2<sup>nd</sup> position. Premierships were also won by Men's Pennant F and U16Girls Pennant. Runners up were Men's VL1R, Masters 45BNW and Masters 50B. Finals were played by Women's VL1R, Under 16 Mixed District Central, Under 12 Girls A Shield, Under 16 Mixed Pennant South East, , Men's Masters 50A and Men's Masters 45D. Congratulations to all Yarra players for what I trust was an enjoyable and satisfying season. Always we have room for improvement. In 2015 we did unfortunately feature several times for poor conduct on and off field in Juniors and Seniors. We must eliminate this from our behavior and ensure we continue to enhance our Yarra brand and set example for all.

In 2015 we have made further significant progress on our YVHC strategic plan:

Vision: To be a top tier Victorian hockey club by 2017.

- Premier League seniors
- A grade all junior grades including girls

With immediate Mission:

- A sporting Club that promotes hockey within the Cities of Banyule and Darebin as a 'sport for all'
- Teams at all levels to provide hockey products to players of all ages and abilities all year.

This is firstly underpinned by growth in our club where we have been very active in the local community through provision of school clinics. Together with HV we reached just over 1,000 primary school children, and delivered an introductory club based program to just under 100 children. This attracted more than 60 participants to our H2H program in T1 and accolades to Rachel Watson for managing this terrific program. We conducted an Intraclub U8's competition for the first time and also fielded 4 U10 teams.

Both the Women's and Men's seniors teams have built great depth and are in perfect position for promotion end 2016 as foreshadowed in our strategy. Many thanks to our dedicated coaches at all levels, critical for our club's success. Our junior section continues to grow and performances are very even across all our junior teams. In 2016 we will have access to Shield competition in all junior grades.

Hockey Victoria will also invite further VL1 clubs (max 4, min 2) to join Premier league in 2017. Qualification will be based on 2016 results both on the field (max 66 points available) and off: recruitment efforts (H2H & U10 – max 10 points based on numbers and teams), Juniors (1 point/team max 12) and seniors (1 point/ team, max 5 points each gender). And equal weighting will be applied to Club Governance. Clubs scoring at least 15 points off field and with demonstrated good Club Governance will be invited to join PL in 2017. There will be no relegation from PL at end 2016. Clubs will also be given several seasons to establish themselves in PL. These changes have

been pushed by our club and others and the change is now being embraced by PL clubs with the realization that only by all clubs being rewarded for effort will the game of hockey grow and prosper. Due to lots of hard work by YVHC volunteers over these past 4 years I believe we are almost ready both on and off field and poised to join PL with a very real opportunity for success there.

Congratulations to Jacquie Down our 2015 club person of the year award In recognition of huge contribution to the junior sections over many years. And of the huge importance of the juniors within our club.

Thanks to our sponsors, in particular the shirt sponsor Jellis Craig. Do see them if you are thinking of buying or selling a property. Also appreciation to other sponsors Just Hockey, Bendigo Bank (East Ivanhoe & Heidelberg), PEP signs, Courtney & Patterson Ford, East Ivanhoe Foodworks, Edgy Lawns & Gardens & Danahers Mitre 10. We could not be where we are without you. Activity continued within our Australian Sports Foundation Project around sporting excellence. The ASF allows donations of any size to be directed to the club with the individual claiming a full tax deduction. I applaud and thank all those that did donate very generously to Yarra via the ASF as it has provided the confidence and means for Yarra to pursue its strategic goals in 2015.

In 2015 Adrian Brown assisted by David Findlay have doubled our Coterie group to more than 32 members. This has provided not just a past player and supporter network but also a valuable group to engage with Local and State politicians and Hockey Victoria which we made great use of in 2015.

Our facility redevelopment strategy is making progress. In October 2015 Banyule Council have applied for a State Government Minor grant. This locks YVHC and BCC into the turf upgrade at the end of the 2016 season. We now need to lobby State Gov to ensure they understand the importance of this turf upgrade and win this grant. You may have noticed the Heidelberg Starts Soccer Club are using our facility on Friday nights during summer for a junior's futsal program. This is all part of demonstrating the multiuse capability of this fantastic facility that is badly in need of turf replacement. I thank all who contacted their local councilor as we have establish a great profile with Council and I look forward to progressing this critical project for the club in 2016.

I commend to you the Financial report from Greg Watson which sees the club finish 2015 in a solid situation. This was critical to BCC applying for the SRV grant. And also critical to demonstrate good Governance expected of a PL club. In 2016 the big challenge will be to gain further sponsorship, grants and really get behind fundraising activities to ensure we can finance our share of the ground without going into debt and then be in a position to look for further development of our facilities once the BCC's sporting precinct study is completed at the end of 2016.

Huge accolades to all the YVHC General Committee members. And particular thanks to retiring members Rob Johnston who has been Men's Director these past 4 years and to Vickie Lindores, Club Secretary. Both have made huge contributions to our club. Without significantly more volunteers we cannot expect to be a PL club, so I look forward to working with many more of you in 2016.

Craig Lovel

President 2015

## **FINANCIAL REPORT OF YARRA VALLEY HOCKEY CLUB INC** **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015**

The financial position of the Club is reasonable with cash on hand of nearly \$39K as at the end of the year..

As mentioned in last year's Report we have paid out the loan from the Commonwealth Bank and we are now saving furiously to build up reserves as the Banyule Council want us to contribute 100K to the resurfacing of the current ground. We hope this will happen after the 2016 winter season.

We are also pushing to get a second ground in the near future .We believe the Club will be required to contribute towards this as well.

Consequently we have to remain vigilant on our expenses and continue to look for ways to increase our income.

Your Board tries to keep expenses to a minimum so we can keep the fees to a minimum however we are conscious of the requirement to maintain the Clubs assets at a good standard and develop the skills of our members at all levels to gain promotion to the highest grades we can.

Thanks to the efforts of David Finlay and Adrian Brown the Coterie group continued to grow and hopefully will attract even more members next year. This is vital in providing funds to improve the skills of our up and coming players.

Donations to the Australian Sports Foundation Fund (ASF) which allows members or supporters to make a tax deductible donation to the ASF and designate that the funds are to be directed to the Yarra Valley Excellence program were down this year. This money is used to support the development of our players so we will be pushing hard to get supporters to make tax deductible donations next season.

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Income decreased by 6K this year due mainly to subscriptions being reduced because players had to pay \$45 for seniors and \$35 for juniors directly to Hockey Victoria when registering this year. Fundraising events were very successful this year and I want to make a special thank all those members who organized these events and also thanks to those members and friends who supported these events. As mentioned previously Coterie receipts increased considerably as did sponsorships. We are continually trying to increase Sponsorship monies and now have Jellis Craig (Clifton Hill), Just Hockey, East Ivanhoe Grocers, Bendigo Bank, Courtney & Patterson Motors, Danihars Hardware and Edgy Lawns and Gardens supporting the club.. As well as providing much needed funds to the Club some of the sponsors also offer members discounts if they say they are from YVHC. The Board sincerely hope you can support these sponsors and ensure they know you are from YVHC.

Expenses generally remained tightly controlled.

Coaching costs were up this year as we had more coaches involved and fewer donations through the ASF.

Uniform purchases were higher this year as we had to restock a number of lines and minimum order quantities apply. Hopefully this will reduce in 2016 as we run stocks down again.

Overall the Club made a surplus this year of \$21K which is acceptable but we will need to increase this substantially next year to meet our commitments for the new surface. I would also like to thank Neil Watson and his helpers for managing the Canteen and running a number of fundraising events.

As at the end of the year we still had a number of fees outstanding and I am still chasing. I would also like to thank the Section representatives and the team managers, both Senior and Junior, for their support in this area. It is a thankless task as nobody likes being asked for money but without their efforts the outstanding fees would have been significantly more.

As Treasurer I certainly try to keep fees as low as possible but we have to cover our expenses so I would like to ask all members to pay their fees as early as possible next year so the chasing is minimal.

**Greg Watson**  
Treasurer

**NB: P&L and Balance sheet was provided to all members in attendance and is available to all members on request to the Treasurer.**

# Masters Report 2015

One of our best masters years ever!

We fielded four Men's masters teams in the 2014 summer competitions at Doncaster and Greensborough and a Women's 35B team. Yarra 35+ A and 50+ A won the premierships at Doncaster and Greensborough, respectively.

Our masters had a successful 2015 winter season. All four Men's teams played finals. The 45B and 50B teams were minor premiers but lost their grand finals. Highlight of the year was the improvement of the 50B team from 6<sup>th</sup> last year to minor premiers this year. Thanks Geoff Phipps. We fielded two teams on Monday night and three on Wednesday night competitions, as follows:

Men's Masters 45+ BNW	– finished 1st – lost the Grand Final 1:4 to La Trobe
Men's Masters 45+ D	– finished 2nd – lost the preliminary final 0:1 to Doncaster
Men's Masters 50+ A	– finished 3rd – lost the elimination final 1:2 to Footscray
Men's Masters 50+ B	– finished 1st – lost the Grand Final 2:5 to Geelong
Women's Masters 35+ BNW	– finished 9th

## Congratulations to all our Best and Fairest winners

Team/Award	Best team person	B&F Runner up	B&F Winner
M45+BNW			Steven Down
M45+D		Colin Carty	Kath Handasyde
M50+A			Greg Hooper
M50+B	Kath Handasyde	Cyril Blythe	Alex Barclay
W35+BNW			Wendy Porteous
Denis Hatton Memorial Shield	Masters person of the year	Gary McCloud	

## Competition structure for winter 2016

Masters Competitions will be the same as this year, with the following age groups:

Men's Monday nights	– 35+, 45+
Men's Wednesday nights	– 50+
Women's Wednesday nights	– 35+

On present information we may field two men's teams in the 45+ comps and two or three in the 50+ comps and a women's 35+B team.

## Challenges

1. Winning the big games. Four winter Grand Finals in the past two years, four lost.

2. Fielding a men's 35 team to provide a pathway for senior players to move to masters and recruiting players to maintain team numbers. Without a men's 35 team players have stopping playing or moved to other clubs. Other

issues are recruiting additional players for the women's 35 team, improvement of all players and developing a Yarra game style of play.

3. Careful consideration needs to be given to HV draft gradings of masters teams for winter 2016. Some teams may struggle to be competitive in the suggested competitions.

My sincere thanks to all team managers, captains, coaches, players and the board for your contributions to a successful year. With your continued support we look forward to another great winter season and hopefully an elusive winter premiership.

N Campbell

## 2015 Seniors Awards

TEAM/AWARD	COACH AWARD	B&F RUNNER UP	B&F WINNER	PLAYER OF THE FINALS	CUP/AWARD/TROPHY
Women 35B			Wendy Porteous		
50+A			Greg Hooper		
50+B		Alex Barclay	Cyril Blyth &		
			Kath Handasyse		
45+B			Stephen Down		
45+D			Kath Handasyse		
<b>Denis Hatton Memorial Shield</b>			Gary McCloud		
<b>Women</b>					
Metro 1 NE	Stephanie Sutcliff	Lucy Ruffinato	Lily O'Neil		
Metro Pen D	Elizabeth MacFarlane	Jeanna Briers	Emily McColl		
<b>Men</b>					
Met A E/NE	Lyall Haynes	James Schwarz	Kane Golder		
Met B NE	Darcy Brown	Tom Dyll	Keith Chatterton		

Pen F	Dimitrios Gavnoudias	Graham Midgley	Toby Johnston	Graham Midgley	
Pen C	Thomas Brightling	Alex Hopper	Patrick Smith		
<b>TEAM/AWARD</b>	<b>COACH AWARD</b>	<b>B&amp;F RUNNER UP</b>	<b>B&amp;F WINNER</b>	<b>PLAYER OF THE FINALS</b>	<b>AWARD/CUP/Shields</b>
<b>Men</b>					
Richard Arthur Men's Goal Keeping Award					James Cooper
CUDDLES Cup					Toby Johnston
<b>Women</b>					
Andrea Crawford Cup					Elizabeth McFarlane
Lesley Longmuir Shield					Pilly and Steph
Never Give Up Cups				Met 1 NE	Heather Porteous
				Pen D	Selina Gauder
				VL1 Res	Jamie McKenzie
				VL1	Shelly Brown
Richard Arthur Women's Goal Keeping Award					Emily McColl
Ken Jones Cup – leading Women's Goal Scorer					Sally Park
<b>VIC LEAGUE MEN</b>					
VL1 Reserves	Mitch Whinnen	Mike Symons	Lachie Watson	Sam Burnett	
VL1	Sam Cosgrave	Brenton Watson	Owen Pitt		
<b>VIC LEAGUE Women</b>					
VL1 Reserves	Marycarol Holda	Alanah Berns	Emily Bannan		
VL1	Maddie Carmen	Ashley Carr	Maria del Pilar Caivano	Ashley Carr	
<b>John Collett Memorial Shield – Best Club person</b>					Jacque Down