



# President's Pitch



## 2020 Hockey season: Covid-19 impact update.

Many thanks to many Yarra members who have [responded with fee donations](#) rather than refunds for 2020. Our club remains well positioned to hit off successfully in 2021 as opportunity allows. For their part, Hockey Victoria have indicated they will roll over as a credit to 2021 all their registered members. Except for insurance deduction. All clubs will make a modified payment to HV in 2020 to ensure they remain viable. HV are already looking at [innovative solutions](#) for hockey in 2021. Because of ongoing Covid19 contingencies an early start/ later finish in 2021 and mid year break are all part of the mix.

## Reconnecting with Hockey – SALT sessions

Thanks to Paula Butcher for organising SALT (Sports and Life Training ) sessions for Men and Women's sections last week. It was geared around how we were all feeling during this lockdown, what were the positives / negatives and our capacity to help each other through this difficult time. It highlighted that quite a few people are going through a tough time, for various reasons, and that we all need to support each other.

We found it really engaging and everyone participated in the session. A number of members then caught up afterwards via Zoom which was great.

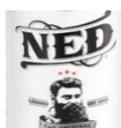
It's now got us thinking more on how we can keep players engaged and have regular catch-ups. Looking at a trivia catch up via Kahoot in the next couple of weeks.

## Social media action: Finals flash backs; Music live stream

In September we will be doing some '**Finals Flashbacks**' on social media, if anyone has any images or video please send through via Facebook or Instagram and can collate. We are looking for video stream of finals that we can share together in zoom sessions. Please let me know if you have some good footage. George we have your great video of 2019 finals. And have been enjoying various highlights on FB.

Also Alex is trying to arrange Fergus Poynter (ex Yabby), now in Tassie, a great musician to arrange a '**Friday Night Live Music Stream**' where all members can tune in listen to some music (and even crack open a Yabby Lager). More to follow shortly.

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## Strategic Plan – second pitch progress

Some great news, there has been further progress towards our second field. Our local Banyule Councillor, Craig Langdon and the Banyule Council have confirmed a further \$100K has been allocated to complete all the planning formalities to ensure our second pitch community infrastructure project is shovel ready. BCC has already spent \$30K on feasibility and preliminary costings. Post Covid19 there is likely to be a variety of stimulus funding for community sport. We want to ensure hockey does not miss out. Our end of 2021 target for second field installation remains very much in play.

## Scoreboard installation

Thanks to a generous grant from the East Ivanhoe & Heidelberg Bendigo Bank funding assistance, the scoreboard, frame/cage is completed and will be up on south/ west fence corner ready when hockey recommences. No more need to push across the field for every match.

## Fund raising

Thanks to everyone who supported our YVHC Okka Pie Drive. We raised \$450 which is assisting us maintain the club whilst we are having the winter season COVID break. We are planning another Okka Pie Drive when travel restrictions are removed.

Thanks to Alex Mason and Dave Findlay for the Yabbie Lock down [Larger & Gin Fundraiser](#). The Lager is being delivered this week. Gin collection will occur when restrictions reduce & post September 15 when it is bottled.

In September the Yabbie Logo'd covid face masks will on sale. The masks are sorted, just waiting on the printer for completion. Unfortunately still plenty of opportunity to wear these to come.

September is Facebook Finals month, so share your Yarra Finals images with us via Facebook Messenger or Email [sponsorship@yarravalleyhockey.com](mailto:sponsorship@yarravalleyhockey.com)

Stay well. Hope to see you at the Dam very soon!

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