

THE PRESIDENT'S PITCH



24 AUGUST 2016

As a club we have had a fantastic season and finals beckon. Big accolades to all coaches, team managers and of course the players. HV have been very officious on data entry fines this season, YVHC has rarely featured at all in these fines so many thanks to all team managers.

Juniors

In Juniors our U8's ran for term 2 only. Under 10 had 3 half field teams in HV comps with a final carnival happening this weekend; the ¼ field approach went really well and finished last weekend with teams in a carnival at DHC. In Under 12 the Shield girls (2nd) and our District team (4th) are in finals, and the Shield side battled hard all year with huge improvement. In Under 14 our Shield team finished 5th, with the District team in finals (4th). In Under 16 we won't feature in finals but were placed in really tough draws this season. In Under 18 both teams finished mid table. Presentation night for U18 will be held Friday September 2 @ 7 pm at club house. The presentation day for U10 - U16 is still being finalised and will be held early October.

Masters

Our 6 masters teams have performed really well on the field where 4 of 6 teams will play finals. Lets bring home some flags to fill the club room wall.

Seniors

2016 does represent the final year of our 5 year strategic plan where our Vision was to make Premier League. I am thrilled and extremely proud and excited to confirm that both the Women's and Men's teams have excelled on and off field and will be invited to join Premier League in 2017. Having both teams promoted together is an outstanding and historic result for the club. But now we must re - focus on finals success and premierships! The WVL1 (1st) are seeking back to back Premierships, the WVL1R are also top of the table and WPD are fighting for top spot in the final round and promotion. MVL1 (equal top on points) have won 8 in a row and have lost just 1 game for the season which is a fantastic effort and are refocusing now on the finals series. MPC are in finals action pushing for promotion. Our other senior teams have

also been very competitive most weeks and played some great hockey with many younger players really consolidating their hockey games.

Final Home Round and Celebration

This weekend is the final home game for MVL1 R, MVL1, WVL1, WVL1R & WPD starting Saturday from 1230 and concluding at 8 pm. We are running our now famous gourmet Argentinian BBQ for lunch and dinner at the ground so encourage all club members and supporters to drop in and watch some great hockey and help celebrate the end of a hugely successful season at many levels.

Fees

A reminder to all who have not paid their fees, we still have many \$000's (yes thousands of \$; and we are all trying to find every cent to go toward the new turf) outstanding and would very much appreciate your finalisation of your fees asap. Please contact Greg (treasurer@yarravalleyhockey.com.au) if you need to discuss. Supporters who may want to attend finals please do consider the HV supporter membership (\$20) as it covers entry to all finals and gate entry is alot higher for finals see [link](#)

Presentation Plans

The Senior & Masters Presentation night is again at the Mannigham Club on Friday October 21 from 7 pm. \$70 get you a full buffet dinner and we plan to get through presentations faster this year and have time for some music and celebration of the 2016 season. All invited including parents of the many juniors who have played in senior teams. Presentation night for U18's will be held Friday week September 2 @ 7 pm at club house. BYO food and drinks available at the club. The presentation day for U10 - U16 is still being finalised and will be held early October.

Good luck all for final round and finals. Enjoy!

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President YVHC