

# THE PRESIDENT'S PITCH



## **JULY 2016**

### **Pitch**

We are certainly starting the run home now with term 3 upon and the weather closing in and plenty of rain. We will have all the lights working on the pitch in the next week. We did have 100% for a brief period until another ballast failed last Thursday taking them all out. Fortunately Banuyle CC responded fantastically and they were up again the next evening. Scope works is starting at Council for the synthetic surface replacement at season end.

### **Seniors**

In the seniors we see our Women's VL1 teams both on top, but plenty of exciting hockey to come as the completion in VL1 is very tight. In MVL1 we are sitting second with a buffer building in the top 4 now, however with 7 games to go we must remain focused and cohesive as we have been all season. The VL1R boys have started their run for the 4 also.

Andrew Skillen (HV CEO) will meet with our General Committee next week and Premier League Entry criteria is on the agenda. Likely top 2 VL1 teams (could be top 4 but maybe too hard to swallow in one season) in VL1 will be offered a place in 2017.

### **Junior State Champs**

Well done to all Yarra representatives in the Junior State Championships held during school holidays. I understand the Tigers did well in most age groups and Yarra was very well represented.

### **Trivia Auction night**

Junior parents / all seniors, do book your team or supporter tables for the Trivia / Auction night happening Saturday July 23 at the club rooms from 7 pm. Please contact Kin at [mensrep@yarravalleyhockey.com.au](mailto:mensrep@yarravalleyhockey.com.au) if you want a seat / table or can help with auction item donation or even with organizing the silent auction.

**Hockey Victoria news:**

Following the merger of FOX SPORTS PULSE and IMG Sports Technology Group in late 2015 resulting in Sports Technology Group, the merger has been rebranded as SportsTG. Lets hope the functionality and capability of the system will also be improved as part of the bigger organization (We did get used to Sporting Pulse several years ago, so now merged).

Best regards

Craig Lovel  
President YVHC