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Hockey Geelong Mission Statement

**“To be a successful,
respected and
leading Association
in the sport of
hockey”**

HOCKEY VICTORIA CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

8 January 2014

Every person in Victoria has the right to participate in community sport which is safe, welcoming and inclusive. Equally everyone plays a part in ensuring their actions and behaviours are supportive of these values.

Australians and particularly Victorian's, love their sport, however, this can at times create unpleasant situations. Over-zealous parents, boisterous spectators, opinionated players and quick-tempered coaches may need to be reminded of appropriate behaviour when involved with sport.

The Australian Sports Commission (**ASC**) has developed the *Junior Sport Codes of Behaviour* to remind and encourage all Australians involved in sport, whether they are a player, parent, coach, administrator, official, or spectator to support and nurture all our young players. Hockey Victoria (**HV**) strongly endorses the ASC's *Junior Sport Codes of Behaviour* and has adapted these Codes to be applicable to all Hockey Victoria Competitions, Events and Programs including:

- HV State Representative Teams
- HV Junior, Senior and Masters Competitions
- HV Junior State Championships
- HV Zone Challenge
- HV State Development Program – Tier 6
- HV State Development Program – Tier 5
- HV Summer Competition
- HV Indoor Competition
- HV Development Programs

HV would like to encourage all affiliated Associations who administrate their competitions to also endorse and adopt these Codes of Behaviour within their competitions, events and programs. You can modify the Codes template as required to suit your own needs and circumstances.

HV's Codes of Behaviour should also be read in conjunction with Hockey Australia's (**HA**) *Codes of Behaviour* and the Victorian Government's *Victorian Code of Conduct for Community Sport* which outlines behaviours which are expected to be followed by every person involved in community sport, as well as identifying the behaviours which must not be tolerated.

HV strongly recommends that all Clubs and Associations visit the ASC's Play by the Rules website which provides sporting clubs with useful advice and resources on how to create safe, welcoming, fair and inclusive sporting environments and how to develop a system to prevent harassment and abuse in sport and deal effectively and appropriately with it if it occurs.

www.playbytherules.net.au

As a player, parent, coach, administrator, official or spectator in any activity held by or under the auspices of HV or one of HV's Affiliated Clubs or Associations, you must meet the requirements in regard to your conduct during any such activity or event.

The investigation process and penalty guidelines are listed as part of the Codes of Behaviour.

If you have any queries in relation to Hockey Victoria Codes of Behaviour, please contact the Hockey Victoria office on (03) 8379 4288 or send an email to admin@hockeyvictoria.org.au.

Thank you for your support in creating safe, welcoming, fair and inclusive environments for all people in hockey by encouraging appropriate behaviour at all times.

Rob Dalton
Chairman

Ben Hartung
Chief Executive Officer

Office Bearers 2013-2014

Executive Committee

President:	Alan Climpson
Senior Vice president:	Terry Moore
Junior Vice president:	Ian Sayers
Secretary:	Lynette Williams
Treasurer:	Mark Ruseler
Assistant Treasurer:	Ian Sayers
Committee:	Brett Bingham Rachael Frost Joe Crosbie Peter Stuart Pam Sutton

Competition Committee/ Umpires' Co-ordinator	Pam Sutton
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Match committee	Terry Moore Claire Barnes
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Other positions	
Disputes committee	Vaughan Lamb
Grounds	Gordon Burns
Honorary Auditor	West Carr and Harvey
Public Officer	Lynette Williams
Representative Teams – Junior	Ruth McKinnon
Representative Teams – Senior	Brett Bingham
Umpires Committee	Pam Sutton, David Fitzgerald Courtney Pearson

Life Members

Recipient	Year Awarded
Jan Adams	1989
Alan Barnes (deceased)	1989
Claire Barnes	1989
Joy Bromley	1989
Ronda Collins	1989
Jean Jansen	1989
Clarrie Love (deceased)	1989
Lyn Tout	1989
Sheryl Mackie	1989
Margaret Murray (deceased)	1989
Jim Urquhart (deceased)	1989
Debbie O'Shannessy	1989
Noel Patchett	1989
Helen Sandwith	1989
Jim Kirk	1990
Ian Sayers	1990
John Stephenson (deceased)	1994
David Burns (deceased)	2007
Lynette Williams	2007
Peter Kolsch	2007
Peter O'Reilly	2007
Graeme Dent	2008
Gillian Armstead	2008
Charlie Martin	2008
Brett Bingham	2009
Peter Climpson	2009
Rick Burns	2011
Greg Stephenson	2012
David Fitzgerald	2013
Alan Climpson	2013
Terry Moore	2014

President's Report

Welcome to the 2014 Hockey Geelong annual general meeting. This year has been a very eventful year which saw the second pitch up and running which has given us a new set of challenges with regards to fixturing and general ground maintenance. Also, how to best manage the current facilities to cope with the extra demand. The main priority is there is now a second pitch and the committee of management will ensure maximising the facility.

I will take this opportunity to thank all the clubs for another year of great local hockey. Season 2014 saw Bellarine Hockey Club join the association and we all congratulate all concerned to have the club up and running for the winter season and all look forward to watching the newest club grow. Whilst on the local scene I must congratulate the Newtown Hockey Club for being recognised by the Victorian government as the "*Best Community Sporting Club*" in the state. A big thanks goes to Claire Barnes and her team at Newtown which has seen all the years of building a strong club begin to bear fruit as they also dominated the local scene on grand final day. Newtown have set the bar very high for the rest of the local clubs to match. Well done to all concerned.

The Hockey Geelong representative teams again saw continued growth in status amongst our peers in the Hockey Victoria competition. I take this opportunity to thank all Coaches, Team managers and parents who work tirelessly throughout the season to ensure the players have the best chance of putting their talents on display. On behalf of the Committee of Management I would like to thank our Junior Co-Ordinator Ruth McKinnon who worked extremely hard behind the scenes ensuring all junior coaches and managers had the support they needed to get players on the field. Ruth was also instrumental in arranging trials and tournaments for Junior Rep Players.

I cannot express in words the debt owed to Ruth for dedication to the role. But, I can say Thank you Ruth, your efforts were appreciated by all at Hockey Geelong. At Senior level a new initiative was appointing a sub committee to oversee the senior teams. I have to say that this has been a big success in maximising resources to ensure the coaches and managers could focus on the job and the players on theirs. We will next season implement a sub committee for the junior rep teams and lessen the workload for just one individual. The Junior co-ordinator role has grown too big for one person to manage. The Committee of Management, together with the Junior co-ordinator will be looking for people to sit on this sub committee. If you are interested or could even take on a small "task", please contact a member of the Committee of Management.

I must also congratulate those teams that did bring home the bacon for Hockey Geelong Firstly to over 50's Masters team who prevailed against a very strong Kew side in their final to secure the first flag for 2014 season. Well done to all concerned.

The Vic League 1 Men produced the most exciting eight minutes of finals hockey that I have personally witnessed, to come from behind to defeat Casey, in the Grand Final. Well done to Andrew (Smith) and his team who showed what can be done with a never say die attitude.

Hockey Victoria has asked Hockey Geelong to host the first regional president's forum for all clubs and association presidents to meet at the one venue on November 29th and 30th, 2014. As part of this weekend the HV CEO Andrew Skillern has invited all hockey Geelong club presidents to a meeting to give us his personal presentation on how HV view hockey in the Geelong region now and into the future. I extend an invitation to all club presidents to attend this weekend and have an opportunity for a rare Q&A session with Hockey Victoria management. This will also be a great opportunity to network with other regional clubs and associations. Hockey Geelong is seen as a strong Association and there is a need to continue to grow the profile both locally with council and also at a state level. Strategically this could have long term benefits for Hockey in the Geelong Region. (watch This space)

In finishing I would personally like to thank the committee of management who again spent many hours attending meetings to ensure the off field obligations are met and also sit on other committees. Well done team. Also, thanks must go to Gordon Burns for the work that gets done prior to each weekends competition. To Joyce Climpson, Canteen manager, thank you and your team for the work you put in to provide with the community with one of the best hockey canteen facilities in the state. Your efforts are appreciated and it does not go unnoticed the efforts you go to each week, thank you.

Regards,

Alan Climpson
President

Hockey Victoria News



Stead Park Pitch Opening - Geelong

Author: [Hockey Victoria](#)/Monday, 11 August 2014/Categories: [Hockey Vic News](#)

The rain held off enough for Hockey Geelong President Alan Climpson to announce his great pleasure that the second synthetic pitch was officially opened for use yesterday morning at Stead Park.

A large crowd from the Hockey Geelong community were in attendance to hear both **Sports Minister, The Honourable Damien Drum & Mayor of Geelong Darryn Lyons** speak with so much admiration for the sport in Victoria and across the country as well as acknowledging what a fantastic contribution the local community had made to the development of the second pitch.

The second pitch in Geelong makes Stead Park the second dual pitch facility in regional Victoria. Hockey Victoria CEO Andrew Skillern explained the second pitch will provide Hockey Geelong with some much needed relief in terms of match scheduling and the management of training schedules for the clubs of Hockey Geelong. Skillern also acknowledged that the new pitch will be an advantage for the Association in terms of hosting major events into the future and scheduling more competition in Geelong for the local community to come and access.

Hockey Victoria would like to make special mention to Alan Climpson from Hockey Geelong for all of his hard work in making the dream come true. Hockey Victoria would also like to thank the Minister Damien Drum and Mayor of Geelong Darryn Lyons for their generous time they provided the community after the opening. Especially Darryn Lyons who whilst not dying his hair in Hockey Geelong colours made sure that the hockey players, umpires and community was recognised on this special day.

The opening of the second pitch

The Official opening of the second pitch was held on Sunday 10th August 2014 with a number of State and local Government representatives, together with members of the Hockey Geelong community attending.

Construction Company: STI Polytan

Construction commenced on: 28 March 2014

Construction completed on: 11 July 2014

City of Greater Geelong Projects Officer: Colin Hatton

Consultant architects: PJ O'Reilly & Associates Pty Ltd (Peter and Scott)

Financial Contribution:

State Government: \$625,000

City of Greater Geelong: \$1,100,000

Hockey Geelong (Geelong Hockey Association Inc): \$200,000



Official Opening



Left to right- Andrew Skillern (CEO Hockey Victoria) The Honourable Damien Drum (Minister for Sport and Recreation, Victoria), Alan Climpson (President Hockey Geelong)



Left to Right
The Honorable
Damien Drum,
Minister for Sport and
Recreation, Victoria

Darryn Lyons, Mayor
City of Greater
Geelong
Alan Climpson,
President Hockey
Geelong

Newtown City Hockey Club - Community Sporting Club of the Year

Author: [Hockey Victoria](#)/Thursday, 2 October 2014/Categories: [Hockey Vic News](#)

Newtown City Hockey Club were awarded the Community Sporting Club of the Year last night as part of the Victorian Government's 2014 Community Sport & Recreation Awards. Newtown City who are based in Geelong have 292 playing members which makes them the biggest regional hockey club in Victoria. As a club they have worked hard at providing the local community with access to hockey via their junior development programs and teams participating in the Hockey Geelong league. What makes Newtown City's offerings so unique is their continued work with the local community conducting Saturday morning competition on grass for the young participants, reducing travel and ensuring the game remains attractive and affordable to the local community. Furthermore the club have developed Saturday Social which is for anyone interested in coming down to the club, picking up a stick and participating in a match on grass on a Saturday afternoon.

'Initiatives like Saturday Social are the future for our game in terms of attracting new participants into our sport. I credit Newtown City for all their hard work and encourage more clubs to look at innovative ways of engaging the wider community into the sport' Andrew Skillern, CEO explained.

Newtown City who had huge success on the field as well in season 2014 look forward to continuing their work in growing their localised participation programs and Hockey Victoria look forward to continuing their support for Newtown City and other clubs who think outside the square and put the sport of hockey out there for the broader community to participate and enjoy.

Well done to Newtown City Hockey Club.

Secretary's Report

2014 what an amazing year so far for those involved in all things Hockey Geelong. The completion of the new pitch, the "weather Gods" certainly shone to get this ready pretty close to on time and available for competition. There was so much work involved in this project over a period of in excess of 8 years. The people involved certainly should feel very proud of their achievements. To me it still seems quite surreal to stand in the grass area between the pitches and look around and talk to myself saying "this is ours".

People need to be constantly reminded that so much of this work is done by volunteers and those hours that are given to these projects are never hours anybody gets back. The pleasure and feeling so proud of the facility as it is now and will be further developed, is all that is required in most volunteers minds.

The addition of new management committee members has been very important and these people have all taken on roles that have increased the efficiency with which Hockey Geelong operates.

The website is a useful tool and will be used more extensively for communication and information.

Grounds and facilities- certainly nothing I need to worry about as Gordon Burns takes care of it like it is his own home. My personal thanks to Gordon Burns for doing all those things that I pretty much "throw at him" followed by a "will you take care of that Gordy?" comment as I go by.. Gordon puts up signs, cleans areas, ensures the grounds are prepared, recycling etc etc.

Thanks Gordon for your efforts.

Joyce Climpson in the canteen, good work Joyce and your band of helpers.

Hockey Victoria is a source of information for the hockey community and it is important that clubs keep up to date using the website.

Congratulations to Newtown on their success in local finals and also being awarded the Community Sporting Club of the Year.

I would also like to thank everybody that prepared documents to be included in the 2014 annual report.

Nette Williams

Secretary

Treasurer's Report

We have pleasure in submitting the 2013-14 financial report. This year the Treasurer Mark Ruseler implement new and improved accounting procedures for Hockey Geelong. Mark was assisted by Ian Sayers , who was invaluable in helping Mark with all matters of financial information.

Mark Ruseler and Ian Sayers

Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer

Financial summary commencing on page 67

Junior Recruiting/Development

The year started out with the best of intentions. A couple of documents were produced specifically relating to Junior recruiting through Hockey Geelong. The principle in these documents was generally well received having been reviewed by the Junior Development Officer.

Deliberately, no regard was given to development of players through the Representative teams as this is seen by me, and supported by the Committee of Management, as a separate exercise. The prime focus for Hockey in Geelong should be the recruitment and retention of players in the local competition. Without a strong local competition the Representative sides cannot exist.

Early in the year Hockey Victoria programmed /conducted road shows around schools in the Geelong, Bellarine and Torquay areas. The Hockey Victoria staff could not reach the number of schools planned so the Hockey Geelong development officer did a number of schools on the Bellarine and through to Torquay. The Hockey Victoria staff did schools around the Newtown area.

Hockey Victoria claims an average 6 – 10% conversion rate to Clubs. Unfortunately this does not seem to have been the case in Geelong and surrounding areas

At about this same time I was making enquiries into finances/budget for Hockey Geelong to run our won program in this area. It soon became clear to me that budgets had not been formally set and it was difficult to know how much money had already been spent. On this basis, and respecting the financial position of the organisation, I took the view that no further monies should be committed until; a budget was made available. This will have to be a high priority issue leading into 2015.

We are all aware that we are asked to contribute toward junior development by way of a payer levy paid to Hockey Victoria. I am hoping that this will be discussed at the Presidents meeting on 29th November as I understand junior recruiting/development is an agenda item. I would like to see a situation where monies are able to be used at the local level (point of collection). A component may still need to go to Hockey Victoria for their operations. However if we can organise and run a successful campaign in this area I do not see why the money collected should not be put to that purpose. We shall have to await the outcome of the Presidents meeting.

I also intend to run a Junior Recruiting (Development) forum in the next few months where all local people can bring their ideas and share them amongst themselves. I am looking for at least one representative of every Club. I am looking for a more cohesive structured approach amongst the Clubs to see all prosper for the good of our sport.

Peter Stuart

Junior Development Co-ordinator.

Risk Management Report

As part of Hockey Geelong's duties there are risk surveys conducted of the facility to ensure that all users can reasonably assume that they are entering a safe environment.

This year we it was identified that all electrical equipment needs to be tested and tagged to be electrically safe. The committee of management have undertaken to have this task carried out during the summer off season.

As the second pitch is now online, there will need to be a review of the risk assessment scope to include the new pitch and all the associated equipment for that pitch. This will also happen during the summer off season and be embedded into our future risk assessments.

Also from time to time there is a need to barricade off certain areas to carry out some maintenance of the buildings or other assets. If this is the occurs, the committee of management ask all members to respect these barriers as they are put there for your safety.

If you need to cross these barriers for whatever reason , please ask someone on the committee or the grounds person Gordon Burns and get permission before entering the barrier.

In closing this report the committee of management ask all members to report anything that is unsafe or not in good working order,

If you cannot find anyone to report it to in the complex, do so at the canteen. The canteen staff can put a note in the register so that it can be repaired or replaced.

Your assistance will ensure the area is as safe as it can be whilst everybody enjoys the sport of hockey.

Alan Climpson

Canteen Operations

This year was my third year as canteen manager, and the support of the canteen services provided, continues to grow and improve. One of the key reasons I believe, is some flexibility in the menu, to be able to meet some individual needs and basically they can get what they want when they ask.

I have introduced some new innovations at the canteen which have been well supported particularly when we have both the local comp and Representative teams playing at the same time. Also, now with the new pitch coming online, there is more consistent demand for services at the canteen. I can see this becoming the norm in the future, which will mean there may need to be a review how the canteen structure and service may work.

As the demand grows for use of the facility and potentially hosting, more tournaments, I believe that Hockey Geelong will need to review the set up of the canteen. I understand the committee of management is already looking at what can be done to improve the canteen area. This will ensure better delivery of goods and services in the future. I also envisage the canteen becoming busier.

I believe we had a very good year and have delivered a profit to the association. To all the volunteers that helped in the canteen this year. I thank you very much and I certainly would not be able to run the canteen without your continued support.

To Stephanie, Belinda and Rachael your assistance especially on the Representative teams home game weekends and the tournaments. Your help was amazing and much appreciated and even during those really busy times we always managed to have a laugh, which helped the day go much quicker.

Also, a big thanks is saved for Alan, who is always willing to help, whether it be helping me buy the stock or fill up fridges when required, or just on call for what ever is needed. I don't know how you fit it in all these requests, you are truly an amazing man and I appreciated your efforts and help.

In closing I hope next season Geelong can secure some major events that will bring in much needed revenue for the association. This will help do all the things around the facility required and work towards making Stead Park hockey complex the best association in Victoria.

Yours Sincerely,

Joyce Climpson
Canteen Manager

Website

The Hockey Geelong web site is an integral part of connecting the Association with the club membership, our sponsors and the hockey community. Credit and thanks to Leanne Basham and Mandy Moore for their hard work in developing the new site in conjunction with the web host company, GOOP.

The site has attracted solid support during the winter season with most visitors staying connected for an average time of 2 minutes. Over 50% of visitors to the site visitors directly to the Fixtures and Results page, closely followed by the News & Events page.

It is time to take the site to the next level and to make stronger connections with the Association's club membership and the wider hockey community. Jess Fletcher and Melinda Hylands have kindly offered to take on the task of site management and they will be the link for up-dating the site with match reports, news from the clubs, GHA information bulletins, photos and general information.

All fixture information and competition match results on the site are updated live via Hockey Victoria's *Hockey Net* system. Team Managers are responsible for entering all match results on the HV system by Monday night after weekend rounds have been completed. This link has made the web site simple to manage and provides a valuable information resource for the membership.

Joe Crosbie

Sponsorship

The Association is in the process of reviewing the sponsorship guidelines so they are more amenable to the club members. The process of attracting sponsors has been confusing and inconsistent. The new 2015 Committee will need to make a decision on allocating pitch signage space at Stead Park for the club's and Hockey Geelong's representative team sponsors. Current signage on Pitch 1 is from sponsors supporting the representative teams.

A Sponsorship subcommittee is urgently needed to develop links with the wider business community in Geelong. Securing a major sponsor with naming rights for the new pitch is the challenge for the future. This type of sponsorship is strictly governed by the City of Geelong rules for sporting grounds and funds from such a sponsorship must be used to maintain or improve facilities.

If the Association is successful in securing a major sponsor, then this will release some much needed funds for other important programs, like junior development.

With the new No 2 pitch, built to international standards, and hockey as an expanding sport of choice for school age children, the year ahead should be one of opportunity to attract several major sponsors to support the sport of hockey in the Geelong region.

The 2015 Committee invites anyone who has the expertise or business contacts to join the subcommittee to develop a strong sponsorship program to underpin the future growth of hockey in our community.

Joe Crosbie

Support the Bendigo Bank, support Geelong Hockey

Just Hockey

West Carr and Harvey - Accountants and Business Consultant

Peter O'Reilly and Associates - Architects

Coulter Roache – Lawyers

Fortune5 Accounting

Participating Clubs

Corio Hockey Club
Geelong Hockey club
Geelong Saints Hockey club
Kardinia International College
Newtown City Hockey Club
Torquay Hockey Club
Golden Plains Hockey Club
Bellarine Storm Hockey Club
Saint Ignatius College
Geelong College

President's Trophy

Bellarine Storm

Life Membership Awards 2014

Terry Moore

Hall of Fame Inductees

John McQueen

Most Improved Umpire Award

Pearce Frost

Club Reports

Kardinia International College



Kardinia expanded again this year with the inclusion of an under 11 team. It was a steep learning curve for these young players but they were ably guided by Natasha Sutton and they quickly grew to love playing hockey. We also had two minkey teams, an under 13 team, two under 15 teams and one under 17 team. Our coaches were Isobel Hyland, Ben Lowe, Andy Macdonald, Sam Climpson, Harry Dolenc and Jay Sands and they were all terrific with the students as they guided them throughout the season. Thanks to all coaches and team managers for their assistance over the course of the winter season. We were very fortunate to have 2 teams in the Grand Finals this year and both won. Congratulations to the under 17 team, coached by Jay, on their win over Newtown 6-4; and congratulations also to the under 15 Maroon team, coached by Sam, for their win over Newtown 6-3. Both games were of a very high standard and made for great viewing! Our other under 15 team, Kardinia Blue made it to the preliminary finals where they were beaten by our Maroon team. We now have teams from Minkey to under 17 playing in the summer competition, which the players really enjoy due to the relaxed atmosphere. The second pitch at Stead Park has made our training sessions much better as we can now spread the teams over two pitches and run more specialised training sessions. Thanks to all at Hockey Geelong for a successful and enjoyable season in 2014.

Yours sincerely,

Gillian Armstead

Newtown City Hockey Club



This year has been a fantastic year for the Newtown City Hockey Club, with many highlights, both in the local competition and in the contribution of its members to the activities of Hockey Geelong.

Highlights of the year include:

- 8 teams participated in Hockey Geelong Grand Finals, with a team in every division of the competition, creating a record for the Club and for Hockey Geelong.
- 5 Premierships and 3 Runners Up finishes, including wins in every senior men's and women's competition.
- Continuing growth in membership and excellent recruitment – 282 members with 87 new members this season.
- Ongoing provision of hockey for 4 to 6 year old children through the Joeys program.
- 21 members selected in Regional (Western Wildcats or South West Eagles) and State (Victorian or Tasmanian) teams. Congratulations to Matt Barnett, Will Crosbie, Josh D'Arcy, Mack Dolenc, Harry Dolenc, David Fitzgerald, Sean Fitzgerald, Adam Gieles, Emma Hatton, Luke Hatton, James Humphries, Jimmy Jirik, Jessie Johnson, Saskia Lee, Gus McKinnon, Jonah McKinnon, Craig Molyneux, Courtney Pearson, Tiahna Proebstl, Rodan Smith, Rachel Van der Ploeg. Special congratulations to Emma Hatton who was named as a shadow player for the Australian 16 & Under Schoolgirls team. Elena Hobson is acting as Team Physiotherapist for Victoria at the National Men's Masters Championships.
- 3 members named in the Hockey Victoria Junior Academy – Mack Dolenc, Emma Hatton, Gus McKinnon
- 3 members named in the Victorian Futures Squad – Harry Dolenc, Emma Hatton, Josh Horton.
- 6 members named in the Hockey Victoria Junior Academy - Lachlan

D'Arcy, Mack Dolenc, Adam Gieles, Emma Hatton, James Humphries and Gus McKinnon.

- Encouragement of a diverse hockey community through the conduct of Saturday Social and Mixed Masters programs, providing the opportunity for people of all ages and levels of experience to be active.
- 6 members involved in the administration of the Hockey Geelong local competitions (summer and winter) – Claire Barnes, Joe Crosbie, David Fitzgerald, David Hutton, Meredith Shears, Peter Stuart.
- 12 members involved in the coaching, management, and administration of Hockey Geelong representative teams – Simone Armistead, David Fitzgerald, Andie Hatton, David Jirik, Bron Kelly, Janelle and Rob Lee, Ruth McKinnon, Sharon O'Halloran, Courtney Pearson, Jane Tierney
- 7 members involved in coaching and umpire management for the Geelong U13 Carnival – Deb Barnett, Belinda D'Arcy, Leo Fitzgerald, Luke Hatton, Courtney Pearson, Louise Rau, Adam Reilley.
- 60 members participated in Hockey Geelong representative teams – both junior and senior teams
- 14 members participated in the NCAS Level 1 Coach Course.

To top it all off, the Club was thrilled and very honoured to be named **Community Sporting Club of the Year** in the Victorian Government Community Sport and Recreation Awards for 2014. This is a reflection of the hard work and dedication shown by all members of the Club.

2015 holds the promise of further achievements and advancements of which the Newtown City Hockey Club and its members can be very proud.

Claire Barnes

President, Newtown City Hockey Club

Corio Hockey Club



When you hear the word 'rebuilding', you tend to think of AFL clubs who have finished out of the 8 and need to start making some changes. 2014 continued to be a rebuilding year for Corio Hockey Club, both on and off the field.

The Corio Division 1 and 2 men saw mixed results. We were unlucky to lose some players early in the season and with our Division 1 Men's team being entered so late, we were quite often looking for players. Fortunately we had some new faces to both teams which is an encouraging sign as some people begin, or return to this great sport.

Congratulations to Reece Shand who was named in the Top 5 for the Division 1 Mens Best and Fairest.

Thank you to Greg Stephenson (Chooka) and Aaron Goldsmith who predominately looked after the Division 1 and 2 sides respectively.

This season was the first season in over 12 years where the Corio women were not to make a grand final. The year was very successful though with a number of new recruits to Corio, including some younger ladies stepping up to play their first senior matches to some ladies trying hockey for the first time. This different mix of age and experience made for an enjoyable year and like the men it is promising to see so many new faces.

Congratulations to Em Moore who was named in the Top 5 for the Division 1 Women's Best and Fairest.

Thank you to Leanne Basham for looking after the Corio Women's side and her band of helpers.

Corio Hockey Club would like to congratulate Terry Moore on receiving Hockey Geelong Life Membership. Terry is well known for helping out around the Association, regardless of which club they are from. Terry is a very deserving recipient of Life Membership.

Corio would like to thank all those people who go unrecognised behind the scenes. Corio as a club often have many members who hold positions on various committees, but are never seen as club commitments. Corio continues to strive to be a successful club both on and off the field and we are very grateful for the contributions of our members.

To Terry Moore and Claire Barnes, thank you for all you do in your roles with the Competition Committee. I do not think that people truly understand the countless hours that go in to what you do and our Club is extremely grateful.

To Alan Climpson and the Hockey Geelong Executive thank you for the countless hours of work you put in behind the scenes to ensure that our facility remains one of the best in Victoria.

Wishing everyone a very safe and happy break and looking forward to seeing you all in 2015.

Saints Hockey Club



The Saints Hockey Club in 2014 had what I describe as a steady year with some challenging times trying to be competitive and also having a considerable presence in the HG representative teams that having been said we had 5 senior teams and two junior team with all but one making the finals. so well done to all coaches managers and players we must always strive to be our best and we will be back next season.

We have come to the crossroads in our development as a club and as the second oldest club in the Geelong competition we now need to reinvest more time and effort into our junior teams and their development to ensure our future and we will be putting considerable effort to recruit new players to our club.

This year saw Saints celebrate their 40th year as club and was pleasing to see a lot of our former players join us to celebrate our past and look to our future , and one of the pleasing aspects we were able to lure a few of our senior former players to come back and compete in the newly formed mid week masters competition and all were pleased and look forward to next years comp.

It was pleasing to see the second pitch get up and running and we see an opportunity to make all of our clubs stronger by having club days and use these as specific fundraiser for our clubs and a chance to be able to support our other teams which in the past did not happen that often. We take this opportunity to congratulate HG in having the foresight to get another pitch at Stead Park it will be a great corner stone for the future development of our game in the Geelong region well done to all concerned.

In Closing Saints look forward to the 2015 season with great expectation and are ready to meet the challenges before us so well done to all the other clubs and see on the field in 2015.

Alan Climpson

President, Saints Hockey Club Inc.

Torquay Hockey Club



The Year in a snapshot

The Torquay Hockey Club continued to grow in 2014 to a total of 11 winter teams. Torquay Hockey Club is now the second largest club in the Geelong Hockey Association.

Torquay's greatest strength is in the younger grades in under 9 and under 11. The under 11 were premiers and we were very pleased to achieve this with an even balance of girls and boys. In the senior grades we added a 3rd men's team in 2014 and entered 2 women's teams for the first time. The men's teams continued to have strong performances however it was a transitional year for the women given it was the initial season in first division.

The Torquay Hockey Club would also like to congratulate Newtown Hockey Club for their success on the ground and winning the Victorian Club of the year. This award was inspirational and great for hockey.

Synthetic Hockey Ground

The Torquay Hockey Club has commenced working with the Surf Coast Shire on planning to develop a synthetic hockey ground in Torquay. This project will take a number of years to plan and deliver. A ground in Torquay is essential to decrease travel time as the majority of players have to travel an hour to every game or training session. The travel time and distance impacts on the environment, is a financial burden to families and essentially is a barrier to participation. We are also experiencing that greatest impact is on young people due to impacts on study time in VCE and the health of children that play regularly in terms of fatigue.

A ground in Torquay will also open up opportunities to grow the game in the communities of Lorne, Aireys Inlet, Angelsea and Moriac where distance is a barrier to participation.

Andrew Crowley
President

Bellarine Storm Hockey Club

Hockey Bellarine. Just Enjoy The Sport.

Hockey Bellarine acknowledges and thanks Hockey Geelong and the tireless efforts of it's volunteers. Without the support of Hockey Geelong and Saint Ignatius College, Hockey Bellarine would not be where it is today. Thank you.

Incorporated in October 2013 to give 2014 a red hot go. The 2014 year saw Hockey Bellarine host a Hookin2hockey program for 6 weeks in term 1 at Saint Ignatius College, Drysdale with 18 participants. Hockey Bellarine also delivered several Active After-school Community programs to increase awareness of the club on the Bellarine Peninsula.

The winter 2014 season saw Hockey Bellarine enter an Under 13, Under 15 and a Division 1 Women's team, as well as run an Under 10 round robin in Drysdale.

With 30 children aged 4 to 10, the Under 10's was a great success with every child enjoying success on the field. With 50% boys and 50% girls, Hockey Bellarine is looking towards the future to ensure FUN and sustainability.

27 children registered to play for Hockey Bellarine's Under 13 and Under 15 teams, with many children doubling up weekly to ensure 11 children got on the field. The Under 15's scored 11 goals for the season, with new comer Will Kilpatrick and Kai scoring 3 goals each. The Under 13's scored 23 goals for the season, with Callum Gibson enjoying 12 of them.

The exciting part of Hockey Bellarine is that so many of the children did not play hockey last year.

With this theme (returning to the sport of hockey), we carried on with a shot at the 2014 Grand Final for the Division 1 Women, where the main aim of the team was to just enjoy the sport. An average age of just over 40, saw 12 players return to hockey in 2014 having not played the year before or for some, up to 20 years before. Add in 1 more player who turned 40 and decided to pick up a hockey stick and we were set. The winner for the GF was not us, but this was never the aim (10-9 loss in penalty strokes). Winning on the score board is nice, undeniably nice, but this team was set for returning to hockey, having fun, social inclusion and some fitness.

In 2015 and beyond, Hockey Bellarine will be looking again for sustainability and fun as its main aims.

#grateful

Golden Plains Hockey Club



It was the second year for the Golden Plains Navigators with 5 teams playing this season. Minkeys had their first season in hockey in 2014. Mostly players that have never played hockey before. It was a most encouraging year with skill levels improving throughout the year and the team very enthusiastic, so puts us in good stead for junior development within the club.

The Navigators under 11 team went from strength to strength under coach Narelle Dickson this season. The improvement in teamwork and skills was remarkable with the team experiencing on field success. Award winners for 2014 were Neave Dickson and Vincent Weatherly.

The team is looking to continue their development in the game with an even more successful 2015.

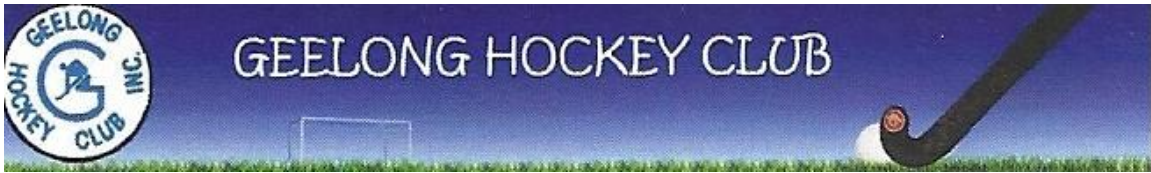
The U13 Golden Plains Navigators Hockey Team had a great season 2014 winter season. In only their second year of being a team in the Geelong Hockey competition, they reached the finals for the second time and made it into the grand finals, finishing runners up. In 15 games, they won 9 matches, drew 1 and lost 5 very close games against. They developed their skills, tactics and team work under the guidance of coach, Harry Sim and had the best of fun on the field much to the enjoyment and admiration of the spectators. Looking forward to the 2015 winter hockey season when the team will enter the U15 competition. Best and Fairest: Lily Billman, Coach's Award: Fletcher Adams.

The 2014 Winter Hockey Season has seen the Lady Navigators work hard to consolidate and build on the efforts of their first season last year. Coached by Luke John's, his attention to detail and his rigorous training sessions at the Team's new home in Teesdale, have contributed to the Lady Navigators success this season, with the Team finishing 3rd in their Division – 1 better than last year. Key goal scorers for the Team were Ailish Seaton (11), Isy Currenti (7) and Marita Seaton (6), while Narelle Dickson and Elizabeth Beck played a crucial role in defence, making Goal Keeper, Bronwyn Burrell's job less stressful. Best and Fairest went to Marita Seaton. The most dedicated player was Elizabeth Beck, who played in every single game of the 2014 season.

The Mens division 2 team had a larger core of regular players and although we had 26 players on our team sheet, we could consistently get an average of 13 players per game. The results have spoken for themselves, this year we won 4 games compared to last years one game.

Our team consists of players not only from the Golden Plains Shire, many come from Geelong and even Melbourne. The players range in age from 14 to late 40's and it is nice to see the more experienced team members mentoring the juniors. Thanks goes to Luke Johns and James Mc Eachern for coaching and mentoring our juniors.

Steve Dickson



Geelong Hockey Club saw some fantastic results on the field in Season 2014, with two of the three senior teams making the finals. In particular, our Division 2 Men were particularly dedicated this season and this showed with their results.

Our small committee this season struggled to get support from members, however the success we were able to achieve on the field was only possible from all the hard work behind the scenes from the dedicated few.

We already had to start the season a step behind as we had to rebuild our junior division as we lost most of our junior players to the new club of Hockey Bellarine which was formed over the summer of 2013/2014. The junior subcommittee did a fantastic job in recruiting the bare minimum and we were able to field an under 13 team (in partnership with Saints Hockey Club) and a Minkey team.

As Saints Hockey Club were not able to fully field an U13 team either, there was a handful of players that still wished to play in their age group and not be put up to the Saints U15 team. These additional players, and the players that Geelong Hockey Club maintained and recruited, meant that we were able to field an U13 team. All parents involved accepted this well and knew that it was HOCKEY that was the winner in this partnership as well as the kids as they were playing in their correct age group. This team played brilliantly all season and unfortunately just missed out on a place in the finals, ending up 5th - an awesome effort given the circumstances around this team and the fact that the kids had not played together before. Once again, thanks Saints Hockey Club for sharing players!

A highlight for the club this season was the selection of U13 player Gabrielle Sutton into the Victorian State U13 first team. This was a tremendous effort for Gabrielle on the back of a stellar season. She was also selected to participate in the inaugural Hockey Victoria Junior Academy - an elite training programme for players aged 12-17.

With the Minkey (U9) team, we started with 7 players – all new to hockey – and finished with 12 (and a train-on.) The kids involved were very keen every Saturday morning and hopefully we can continue building our Club from this level.

The GHC conducted “Come 'n Try” sessions in Term 1 and Term 4 and also ran trainings sessions for ALL new & existing juniors on a Wednesday after school. Due to time restraints on those that were willing to help the juniors, we were only able to get into a couple of schools to do some hockey “showcasing” to Grades 2-3 later in the season. Hockey Victoria had conducted a “Roadshow” for us in March (pre-season) but unfortunately this raised no interest.

Season 2014 saw only a few people volunteer for positions on the committee which left us without a secretary. This made communication difficult at times which is so vital to

running a club. It also put us in the position where the same people had to help out with everything.

Each season through natural attrition and newcomers to the area, our numbers fluctuate considerably. However, we finished the season with the same number of members (82) as last year - consisting of 72 full members and 10 casual players. We were fortunate enough to attract many new seniors (some returning players, and some new-comers). On paper, this enabled the two women's teams enough players – and a bench! As the season progressed and injuries occurred, numbers dwindled. However, all in all, the success of both teams was encouraging. Division 2 just missed out on a finals berth (coming 5th), and Division 1 ended up 3rd on the end-of-season ladder and then lost 2-3 to Corio in the 1st Semi Final.

The Division 1 Men's team had a “good” problem. Too many players for 1 team and not enough to submit two teams. This team finished 3rd to make the finals but unfortunately lost in the 1st Semi Final 1-4 to Torquay.

Heading into our 102nd year in 2015, we hope to have a “new look” Club and even more success on the field. We've attracted a few younger players onto the committee which should see some new and innovative ideas with an enthusiastic approach.

Alison O'Reilly and Pam Sutton

John Stephenson Memorial Trophy

The **John Stephenson** Memorial Trophy is presented on an annual basis to a Junior member from the Hockey Geelong. The Award has been created to perpetuate the memory of John Stephenson and his love of hockey, along with his unselfish commitment to the interest and benefit of Geelong hockey.

Details of the Award are:

The trophy is awarded to one junior member from any age group who demonstrates a variety of qualities and achievements, including dedication, consistent effort and achievement and sportsmanship on and off the field.

Award recipients

2014	Liam Kerr-Nelson
2013	Luke Hatton
2012	Leo Fitzgerald
2011	Harry Dolenc
2010	Josh Climpson
2009	Liam Williamson
2008	Jackson Moore
2007	Tegan Purser
2006	Max Treloar
2005	Scott O'Reilly
2004	Emmaline Moore
2003	Leigh Niblock
2002	Andrew Taylor
2001	Daniel Taylor
2000	Jay Burns
1999	Lisa Taylor
1998	Jay Burns
1997	Tyson Priddle

The 2014 recipient is Liam Kerr-Nelson

John Stephenson Memorial Trophy

As a player, Liam has shown diversity by his willingness to participate in Hockey on many levels this season.

He is currently playing or has played in many teams this season:

Under 16 mixed "A" Ric Purser shield team representing Hockey Geelong.

Under 17 Saints, Corio senior men, Hockey Geelong senior men's metro

Under 17 Wildcats representation, Hockey Geelong senior men – Long weekend in June

Liam made it to the last trial in both the Under 16 and Under 18 state team selection but unfortunately he was not successful in his bid to be named in the state teams.

Umpiring:

Liam has also shown his enthusiasm in other aspect of hockey by continuing to further his knowledge of the game through regular umpiring commitments every weekend in both the junior and senior competitions.

Liam actively sought out the help and advice of Courtney Pearson on several occasions with the aim of improving his umpiring and received a glowing report from both Charlie Martin and Courtney Pearson following his involvement in umpiring at the U/13 carnival conducted by Hockey Geelong.

Coaching:

Not to shy away from a challenge, Liam became involved with the new Bellarine club Under 15 team by agreeing to coach them in inaugural season. This new role has helped him gain further knowledge and insight into the game.

Liam's involvement in a number of clubs shows he has a true passion for the game and a worthy recipient of the 2014 John Stephenson award.



Left to Right

Greg Stephenson

Liam Kerr-Nelson

Craig Stephenson

Victorian League 1 Best and Fairest

Murray medal and Kirk medal

In 2001 two Perpetual trophies were created by Hockey Geelong's executive committee to be presented to the players voted Best & Fairest from the women's (Murray medal) and men's (Kirk medal) State League teams.

The perpetual trophies were named the Murray Medal and the Kirk Medal. Naming of these two prestigious trophies is dedicated to two Hockey Geelong life members, Margaret Murray and Jim Kirk, who have both made immense contributions to hockey in Geelong and the wider hockey community.

The recipients receive an engraved medal and the shields are on display in the club the clubrooms.

Hockey Victoria in 2013 winter season restructured the competition and renamed the grades.

2014 recipients

Murray Medal

Women's Vic League 1

Emma Hatton

Kirk Medal

Men's Vic League 1

William Jackson

Past recipients

Murray Medal

2013	Emma Hatton (WVL1)
2012	Alison Kooloos (SL3)
2011	Alison Kooloos (SL3)
2010	Madison Storr (SL3)
2009	Alison O'Reilly (SL3)
2008	Jay Burns (SL3)
2007	Jay Burns (SL3)
2006	Susan Medley (SL2)
2005	Jay Burns (SL2)
2004	Alison O'Reilly (SL2)
2003	Tracey Brooks (SL2)
2002	Jay Burns (SL2)
2001	Susan Howe (SL3)

Kirk Medal

2013	Matthew Shuttleworth (UK player)
2012	Andrew Taylor & Mark Hanley
2011	Greg Hutchison & Mark Jackson(SL2)
2010	Greg Hutchison (SL2)
2009	Greg Hutchison (SL3)
2008	Mark Jackson (SL3)
2007	Greg Hutchison (SL2)
2006	Greg Hutchison (SL2)
2005	Simon Babb (SL2)
2004	Darren Dalton (SL3)
2003	Grant Downie (SL2)
2002	Darren Dalton (SL2)
2001	Shane Walters (SL3)

State Team Representatives

Season 2014 saw a large number of players – juniors, seniors and masters- from Geelong participated in State, School representative teams, Masters, Country X1, Australian Country and Masters teams, zone championships and indoor teams.

The list is extensive and all concerned should be congratulated for their efforts and in the case of juniors the contributions made by parents.

Congratulations to all Hockey Geelong players who represented Victoria and Australia in 2014.

Competition and Match Committee

Convenor's Report

This year saw quite a few changes to the structure and the way we ran our competition. We were required by Hockey Victoria to utilise a new electronic system for fixturing and registration which caused quite a few headaches for those club administrators and myself. Once we became used to the new system it worked quite well and as we all get better acquainted with it, it will make things much better for all.

Again this season saw a new club emerge in Hockey Bellarine who fielded some junior teams and a Div 1 womens team. Torquay entered a Div 1 womens team and a second Div 2 mens team so for the first time in a long time Div 1 women became a 6 team competition which is very exciting and saw Newtown take out their first Div 1 womens premiership after defeating the newly formed Bellarine side.

Newtown also won their second consecutive Div 1 mens premiership and completed a clean sweep of all senior competitions winning the Div 2 men and women respectively. We commenced our senior season 3 weeks earlier to prevent fixture clashes with Hockey Victoria come finals time. Our local finals were completed before HV finals commenced and in my opinion this worked very well and should be continued. It makes fixturing easier and enables us to put out the full season fixture earlier.

Of great delight to all was the opening of our long awaited and much anticipated second pitch. The 2nd pitch has now brought games back to Stead Park that had been played at Grammar and College and has been beneficial to the competition in the short time it has been used. It will only serve to strengthen local hockey as we move forward. It is also pleasing to see local hockey being played alongside our Representative teams.

I will once again take this opportunity to thank Claire Barnes for her tireless and outstanding work on getting the fixtures prepared, ironing out a lot of the bugs in the new system and for all the small hidden things that many of you are not even aware of. Claire is an absolute treasure and I cannot speak highly enough of her and the work she does. Also thanks to David Fitzgerald and Pam Sutton for their efforts with the umpires and the also to Joyce Climpson for having simply the best canteen in Hockey and to Gordon Burns for his work as groundsman.

Thanks to all the players, coaches and administrators for a fantastic season 2014 and look forward to bigger and better next year.

Terry Moore

Match Committee Convenor

Winter Competition - Junior

The 2014 season saw continued growth in the Hockey Geelong Junior Competition. The addition of 3 new clubs since 2010 has spearheaded this growth, and with the entry of Hockey Bellarine this season, we can be very hopeful of continued growth in future. This shows the benefits of promoting hockey in areas which were previously not well serviced by hockey clubs.

It was especially pleasing to see 3 extra teams in the Under 8 (Minkey) program, with Golden Plains and Geelong both entering teams and Kardinia adding to their numbers. Good numbers of players at this entry level is likely to flow on to increasing numbers in older age groups in future.

The number of teams for this season represents a 58% increase in the number of junior teams since 2010. The availability of the second pitch at Stead Park is pleasing, and if growth continues at its current rate, it won't be long before further playing facilities are required. Lloyd Reserve continues to be used as Hockey Geelong's second major hockey centre, with 18 of the 38 teams playing their matches there.

	2012	2013	2014
Under 6 (Joeys)	1	1	1
Under 8 (Minkey)	7	7	10
Under 11	7	6	7
Under 13	6	8	9
Under 15	6	7	6
Under 17	4	6	5
Total	31	35	38

Junior teams came from 8 of the 9 clubs affiliated with Hockey Geelong.

	2012	2013	2014
Bellarine			2
Geelong	3	1	2
Geelong College	4	4	4
Golden Plains	0	2	3
Kardinia	5	8	7
Newtown	14	12	12
Saints	2	2	2
Torquay	3	6	6

The introductory program for children aged 4 to 6 which is offered by Newtown Hockey Club has proved valuable, and is a great precursor to organised competition in the following year. With minimal cost and a major focus on having fun, it is an easy program to organise.

Increased team numbers in the Under 8 (Minkey) program provided a great variety of games and opponents. The Lightning Carnival was again enjoyed by all the players. Most of the teams playing at this level come from areas relatively close to Lloyd Reserve, and the availability of a competition in the local area is very important in encouraging new players and their families to participate. With the busy lifestyle of most young families today and the variety of sports which different family members may play, having to travel significant distances and times to a new sport can be a disincentive which would reduce participation in our sport.

Minimal equipment requirements, low entry fee costs and the small number of personnel required to organise a team of 7 players is another advantage of recruiting players at this level, and building teams from this base. The major focus as always is on enjoyment and participation, so Under 8 games can accommodate players of varying levels of skill.

It was also pleasing to see an increase in the number of Under 13 teams, and it is hoped that all levels will continue to grow with the growth of the new clubs and the work they do in their local areas.

There were some great matches and close tussles across all the competitions, and all teams are to be congratulated on their efforts. Congratulations to the 2014 Premiers and Runners Up

	Premiers	Runners Up
Under 11	Torquay Tornadoes	Geelong College
Under 13	Newtown Maroon	Golden Plains
Under 15	Kardinia Maroon	Newtown White
Under 17	Kardinia	Newtown Maroon

If clubs continue to recruit players at younger ages e.g. 5 or 6, it may be appropriate to consider splitting the Under 8 and Under 11 competitions into 3 levels – Under 7 (1/4 field), Under 9 (1/2 field) and Under 11. This would avoid the situation of having a 5 year old player playing against a player who may be 9, playing in their first year under the Hockey Geelong rule which allows new players to begin at a lower age group.

If we are to continue the focus on providing entry level opportunities for participation in the local area, it may also be appropriate to organise Under 8 programs in two areas if team entries make it worthwhile – one at Lloyd Reserve and one at Stead Park.

The use of the OneSport system for player registrations and match results created some problems in its first year of use for us. Thanks to all the clubs for the work they did in this area and the attention to doing what was required. All teams will be expected to be even more rigorous in 2015 in ensuring that all results are entered correctly and all players are registered correctly.

Thanks to all the clubs, team co-ordinators, coaches and umpires for their contributions. We look forward to continuing growth and improvements in hockey in Geelong, and the provision of an enjoyable environment for all our junior players, which will in turn encourage more players to join and play our great sport.

Claire Barnes
Junior Convenor

Junior Competition

Under 11

Premiers
Runner-up

Torquay Tornadoes
Geelong College

Under 13

Premiers
Runner Up

Newtown Maroon
Golden Plains
Score: 4-1

Under 15

Premiers
Runner Up

Kardinia Maroon
Newtown White
Score: 6-3

Under 17 “Barnes Shield”

Premiers
Runner Up

Kardinia
Newtown Maroon
Score: 6-4

Winter Competition - Senior

Division 2 Women

Premiers	Newtown Gold
Runner Up	Newtown Maroon
	Score 1-0

Best and Fairest	Katie Smoker
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Player of the Grand Final	Katie Smoker
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Division 1 Women

Premiers	Newtown Falcons
Runner Up	Bellarine Storm
	Score 10-9

Best and Fairest	Deb Barnett (Newtown)
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Player of the Grand Final	Joanne Pepyat (Bellarine Storm)
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Winter Competition - Senior

Division 1 Men

Premiers	Newtown Falcons
Runner Up	Torquay
	Score 7-0

Best and Fairest	Harry Dolenc (Newtown)
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Player of the Grand Final	Will Crosbie (Newtown)
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Division 2 Men

Premiers	Newtown White
Runner Up	Saints
	Score 8-1

Best and Fairest	Rodan Smith (Newtown)
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Player of the Grand Final	Rodan Smith (Newtown)
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Umpire's Report and Development

2014 was an excellent year in regards to umpiring. We saw a substantial increase in the number of people donning the fluoro top. It was pleasing to see several experienced umpires return to the field as well as lots of new juniors taking up the whistle.

An Umpiring Panel was set up - with David Fitzgerald controlling the Senior Roster and HV appointments; Courtney Pearson assisting the development of our junior umpires; and Pam Sutton working solidly behind the scenes organising seminars, liaising with and encouraging people to start - or return to umpiring.

Umpires participated in development sessions proffered by Hockey Victoria, as well as theory and practical sessions put on by Hockey Geelong.

Hockey Geelong offered umpire development through practical development experience at the U13 carnival where junior umpires Elizabeth Beck, Tahlia Caldow, Lachie D'Arcy, Zane Davies, Molly Duncan, Pearce Frost, Emma Hatton, Jimmy Jirik, Gus McKinnon, , Liam Kerr-Nelson and Chris Warner received tuition from Courtney Pearson as Umpire Manager, and Leo Fitzgerald and Luke Hatton as Umpire Coaches.

Geelong umpires also took up the opportunity from Hockey Victoria through umpiring at the Zone Challenge; Sean and Leo Fitzgerald, Will Crosbie, Tane Apanui, Mackenzie Bowe and Tom Pearson participated at the various venues across Victoria over two weekends.

To assist in the development of our Junior umpires, Courtney is working with our first group of Umpire Mentor/Coaches who are working towards their Level 2 Umpire and their Umpire Coach Level 1 accreditation.

Several of our umpires have progressed to the next level and took the opportunity to umpire at State or National level. Leo umpired and was coached at a Vic League 1 umpire development day, and Courtney Pearson undertook Premier League umpire development.

Newtown club again provided the largest pool of 17 umpires for the Hockey Geelong senior competition umpires roster which was coordinated by David Fitzgerald.

2014 highlights include:

- The production of the **Umpire Handbook**. This booklet was a significant undertaking and will assist umpires in their development by helping them reach their goals and keep track of the umpiring commitments.
- **Play the Whistle** - a Hockey Australia initiative - was introduced to the Hockey Geelong junior competition from U13-U17 grades. Though the introduction of such a scheme was negatively received by a few clubs, however most clubs supported it. Getting umpires to fill out the sheet correctly however proved a more difficult task than first imagined . . . communication from club umpire convenors was hit and miss.

It was anticipated that awards would be given to each team which amassed the most points in each age group, but it was decided to be held over till next season

so more promotion of the scheme can be done to ensure ALL umpires are aware of their duty.

- **Most Improved Umpire**

Congratulations to this year's recipient - Pearce Frost. Pearce has improved significantly during the past year, gaining heaps of confidence. His hard-work and dedication to improving his umpiring has been noticed by many in the hockey community and his willingness to seek advice has been noticed and taken on board. Pearce has been a fantastic role model for beginner umpires and has started to take a senior role in umpiring partnerships for junior matches. By the end of the season Pearce was regularly umpiring Senior games.

- **Hockey Victoria Officials Club**

Hockey Victoria requires clubs/associations participating in the HV competitions to have a minimum number of umpires join the Officials club each season. This is based proportionately on the number of teams competing; Hockey Geelong is required to have about 8 umpires registered as Officials - as a minimum.

Only HV Official umpires get rostered onto HV competition games. A draft roster is issued weekly and umpires either accept or reject the appointments; then the final roster is issued, prior to the weekend's games.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Next season clubs appoint an Umpire Convenor or Co-ordinator as a point of call between Hockey Geelong and the clubs. This will ensure information sent out by Hockey Geelong and the Umpiring Panel reaches the necessary people.
- All clubs need to have at least 1 person willing to mentor beginning umpires. It would be ideal if this person was working towards their Umpire Coach accreditation.
- All umpires will be required to attend a pre-season Umpires Briefing which is a requirement for Hockey Victoria Officials registration. By attending a briefing the registration cost to join the Officials' group is waived.
- More umpires need to put themselves forward to umpire HV competition games.

I wish to thank Charlie Martin and Mark Frost for their commitment and enthusiasm and for continuing to assist Hockey Geelong in helping run Umpire Development sessions. Congratulations to all of our umpires for a productive year with an impressive long list of umpires who have undertaken umpire development this year. We thank them for their commitment and dedication to developing their umpiring.

Pam Sutton

Hockey Victoria Competition

Men's Vic League 1

After the success of season 2013 and gaining promotion from Vic League 2 up to Vic League 1, there was a large element of the unknown as to how the group would fair in the new competition. With this promotion also came an increased enthusiasm and excitement at what lay ahead.

Unfortunately, this enthusiasm and excitement did not transfer into results in the early stage of the season. With the challenge of not being able to select a preferred line-up until round 6, the first four rounds saw us score only 4 goals and concede 18 in four straight losses. This inability to select a preferred line-up came about due to a variety of reasons. Ryan Parry and Mack Dolenc were away representing Victoria at the Under 18 National Championships, Grant Downie was suffering from chronic fatigue syndrome and so was unable to play, while there were other team members that were unavailable due to weddings and holidays. Losing the first four games found us sitting last on the ladder and a number of other teams assuming that we would end up being relegated straight back down to Vic League 2.

Round 5, however, was the start of an amazing turn around that saw the group win 14 of the remaining 16 rounds in the regular season. With our first win on the board through a 3-0 win over Greater Dandenong Warriors, the confidence in the group slowly grew as each game progressed. Highlights of the regular season were definitely the two outstanding performances against Kew and the second round win against ladder leader Casey. The group had gone from a state of questioning their skills and abilities, to having the confidence and knowledge that they can match it with the best teams and individuals in Vic League 1.

Prior to the start of the season I thought that it would be a successful year if we finished a position or two out of the final four. While after sitting on the bottom of the ladder and on zero points after round four, I thought that just to keep our position in Vic League 1 would be the new target. Little did I know that we would in fact have our first ever Vic League 1 finals berth locked in even before the final round of the regular season had began.

And so it was, through finishing 3rd at the end of the regular season we would play Yarra Valley in the knockout final to see who would progress and whose season would end there. In a tight tussle where neither team made the most of their chances, the mighty Sharks would progress through to the preliminary final thanks, in no small part, to the outstanding efforts of Ben Champion. A 1-0 score line lead to us preparing for a game against Kew the following weekend in the Preliminary Final. After having beaten Kew twice during the season, the group was confident that they could repeat the performance

under the pressure of finals. Not only did they repeat the performance, they in fact bettered it to the tune of a 6-2 smashing! After sitting on the bottom of the ladder on zero points at the start of round 5, the group was now set to play in a consecutive Grand Final.

The season had already been a success coming into the Grand Final, so anything else was really just icing on the cake. Casey had been the most consistent team all year in only losing two games, and has secured their promotion to Premier League. The last time Geelong played Casey saw the Sharks take a win through a cracker of a 3rd goal to Will Jackson, so the group had the belief that they were in with a good chance of taking another win. A cracking start saw the Geelong boys move to a score line of being 2-1 up against a shell shocked Casey. The game then swayed in Casey's favour as they moved to a convincing 4-2 lead and just 10 minutes away from a grand final win. The next 10 minutes produced some of the most exciting hockey that I have ever seen as the Geelong boys scored 3 goals, with the winner coming from some excellent rebound hockey where Andrew Taylor cleared the ball out of defence and found Grant Downie. Grant then carried the ball strongly and eliminated a couple of Casey defenders before knocking the ball across the face of goal to Will Jackson. A diving Jackson then knocked the winning goal into the net with just 14 seconds left on the clock. From 2-4 down with 10min to play, the sharks had done the unthinkable and come back and won the Vic League 1 Premiership with a final score of 5-4!

In closing I would like to thank the efforts of a few people. Bron Kelly as team manager did a fantastic job of keeping the group organised and always ready and prepared for trainings and games. She was always super organised with spare socks, lollies, drinks and regular email reminders of game and training times. Ferg Dawson was excellent in his first year as captain and lead the team extremely well both on and off the field. Andy Byers was a great help to me as an extra set of eyes at games, and through taking the boys in training sessions when I was unable to attend.

Finally, Grant Downie as assistant coach and player was a great support, sounding board and encourager. 2014 was a successful year and I am looking forward to what lies ahead in season 2015.

Go Sharks!

Andrew Smith
Head Coach

Men's Vic League 1 Reserves

Primary aims for the season:

1. Introduce a “house” playing style that emulates that being played by the VL1 team – including rotations
2. Increase the visibility of the Reserves coach at the Metro games
3. “Blood” as many talented juniors into the senior ranks as possible
4. Try to close the talent gap that exists between the 1's and 2's

Metrics against aims:

1. House style:
 - a. House structure was introduced to both Metro and Reserves at the start of these season and this was implemented in all games played
 - b. Rotation pattern was played in all games where sufficient players were available to play. For reserves this occurred in all but 1 game during the season
 - c. Whilst none of the specialist plays that are run by the 1's was implemented in the Reserves a similar playing style of - tight defense – mobile linking mid-field – strikers using depth and width of the field was taught and played throughout the season
2. Coach visibility:
 - a. Attended all home games and Werribee away match.
 - b. Gave email feedback to playing group on all games that were watched
 - c. Gave feedback to players as they moved between the 2nds and 3rds
3. New Players:
 - a. A total of 35 players were used in the Reserves this year
 - b. 9 of these had not played in the Geelong Mens Reserves previously
 - c. 6 of these were under 16 players
 - d. A total of 34 players were used in Metro
 - e. 13 of these were U16 players
 - f. 4 of these were U14 players
4. Closing the gap:
 - a. Whilst we managed to introduce many new players into the fold this is a key area that needs to be addressed. We have some younger players that

will be able to step up in 2-3 years but the gap in skill and intensity required at 1s level is beyond all but 2 or 3 players!!

Feedback from players:

Player development:

- Learning new formation and playing style was great – however individual skills not focused on enough during season.
- More direct feedback required on how to improve individual skills

Consistency of message:

- Same message all year, able to build on where it worked and what we needed to do to improve our implementation and results
- Easier to move between teams (metro/reserves) as the same things were being said/emphasized

Playing style:

- Loved it
- Much easier to understand and a much more constructive way to play

Rotations:

- Worked great
-

Running of 2 squads:

- Communication was good and training excellent for Metro guys.

Miscellaneous:

- There is a perceived disconnect between the 1sts and the other teams. Many players suggested that training be combined for ½ an hour a week or some selected 1sts players have some input into training of 2nds/3rds at different times.
- More feedback needs to be given to players that get moved between the 2 squads – what to improve on and what work needs to be done.

Summary:

Overall whilst it was disappointing not to make the finals this season I still feel that we achieved enough to consider it a success.

The team had a significantly different make-up from last year with a number of senior players missing – Jason Bingham, Jackson Moore, James McDonnell as well as some of the stronger younger players – Jack Chadwick, Jordan Hagebols. This gave the chance for a number of younger players to play at this level – many of whom stepped up to the plate and showed significant improvement throughout the year.

The bleeding of these playing into the team and the large number of changes that occurred in the line-up from week to week had a major impact on our season. However I think that the sacrifice of results this season will pay off in the future and will be worth it in the long-run. For me the big improvement this year was in the organization of the team (rotations etc) as well as the playing style and structure that they played. Both teams played and were taught the same structure as the 1s play – so we now have a house structure and style for the first time. For me this means that in coming seasons as younger player's progress through or we are forced to make changes to personnel that the interruption these cause will be less significant than in previous seasons.

The decision that we needed to field a Metro team was in the end justified. Whilst we played some games with less than the ideal 15 players we were always able to field a team. I think that this team is essential for the development of our junior players. It provides a stepping stone that eases the transition from junior to senior hockey. The improvement of some of the players that played games in this team was huge this year. A real effort to recruit for this team next year needs to be made as we start to prepared during the pre-season.

Of course there are issues that I think we need to address next year. Of most importance to me are:

- Players getting to practice. This was an issue all year with numbers fluctuating from 14 – 30 making it difficult to plan practices and to work on game plans etc.
- The workload of juniors is in some instances just too high. There were players involved in up to 4 games per weekend. Again we need to increase communication around this issue to make sure we look after player's welfare.
- It is essential that a strong Reserves coach is found next year who can continue to work with this group. We are lucky that John Alonso has again put his hand up to coach the Metro team and can continue to work with this group.

Andie Byers
Vic League 1 Reserves

Metro 1 North West Men

Coach's Report

This year was challenging, considering at the start of the season, before any game was played there was talk about pulling the side out of the competition, thank goodness that didn't happen.

The Metro side was supplemented with a mix of juniors and seniors, and we were very competitive, missing finals by one game.

Everyone who played in the side throughout the year should be proud of that achievement, finishing 5th was a great outcome, During the season here was the opportunity to blood a few very talented juniors, testament to this is the recipient of the Shane Walters Trophy (best and fairest), who was Adam Giles. Adam also received the coaches award, every junior deserves to be included in that. Most Valuable Player was the ever reliable Calumn who also was the highest goal scorer.

All juniors received voted in one game or another and the whole team should be proud of the year, despite missing finals. Hopefully 2015 should be a better year seeing we know what to expect in this standard of competition.

As coach, a big thank you to everyone who rolled through the side and gave me a hand, it made my job easier, and it was a pleasure to coach you all.

John Alonso

Vic League 1 Reserves

Hockey Victoria Competition

Women's Vic League 1

To be brave and push ourselves to our limits and see what we have or to play it safe and wonder what could have been.

We pushed , we tried and we left ourselves not wondering about anything. We knew season 2014 was going to be one of opportunities, wins , draws , losses, discoveries , highs , lows and above all enjoyment. We have a great team with some very talented players and we also discovered some new talent. Our aim was finals and we did miss out by a whisker. One game away from finals competition and the ultimate big stage of Hockey, finals day at SNHC.

I certainly hope that this team strives for finals glory in 2015 as we know we are more than capable and certainly can compete with the best.

I need to thank the people who commit themselves to the team and who do not play. It can be a thank less job sometimes but one very important to the smooth running of the team. My thanks to Andie Hatton for her help and support this year as team manager. Well done Andie and thank you. Thanks also to Rachel Frost who helped each week with finding players and help get two teams on the pitch.

To the leadership team this year of Jay, Kate, Helen and Emma thanks to you also. In the absence of our captain through injury you were asked to step up and support and lead the team and you all did exactly that. Well done ladies and I hope you can deliver the same commitment, support and leadership that we all need from time to time next year as well. We need to continue to be brave.

To the other people who helped out in some way , shape or form thank you. To the dinner ladies of Trish, Andie, Sharon and Bron. Thanks for the dinners and to Sharon thank you for your extra player support with injury management and physio work. The players and I are very grateful for your expertise and support.

Season 2014 was a great season of achievements and successes. We don't always need to be in finals to measure success. Commitment and passion to the team are vital to success and I think we had plenty of this on game day, at training and off the pitch. We are a young group that can and does play some truly great hockey and we need to continue this. Greatness really isn't that far away. But greatness comes at a cost. Commitment to push ourselves every week is the cost. We can do this.

To the players who represented Geelong at State level, congratulations. Kate Ryan, Sarah Kelsall , Jessica Johnson, Courtney Pearson, Emma Hatton and Elley Chaplin. Also special mention to Kate Ryan who will lead the Australian Country Under 21 Women's team, recognition well deserved and earned.

Hockey Geelong women is a group on the cusp of greatness but as always we need to continue to evolve, grow, recruit, improve, challenge and consolidate.

Season 2015 will be entirely what we want to make of it. We know what we do well and we also know what we need to get better at. The challenge to be the best is all about pushing ourselves and getting better every week. We also need to get more players

involved. It would be great to see the teams next year, with an abundance of local talent and numbers plentiful.

To the partners, husbands, boyfriends, kids, parents, grandparents and umpires.

Thank you for allowing us all to pursue our passion that is Hockey. Thank you also to my children who allow me to pursue my passion of coaching, Jett and Lotti you put up with a lot and I thank you.

Weekends over winter are gone once you take up hockey and lots of sacrifices made so we can be there for our team mates.

Congratulations and well done on a great season and I hope you all return next year with some new faces as well and we look to go one better, finals.

All the best and thank you for season 2014.

Stuart Hyslop

Women's Vic League 1 Coach

Women's Vic League 1 Reserves

There was plenty of skill and perseverance shown by everyone involved. Having a coach stick around for the whole season helped a bit too. The girls put in a great pre season starting in January through to the beginning of the season. This showed early on as fitness levels were higher than many of the opposition squads.

Once the real competition got under way the Geelong girls showed some great team cohesion. The ball movement was great and the goals were flowing. A few structural changes occurred every week with various injuries or general team selection changes being made however the squad as a whole managed to pull together and fight for every result.

There was never a lack of excitement during the season with some absolute goal fests with 4 or more goals scored in 8 of our wins and some great close contests with Geelong emerging victorious a total 15 times during the home and away season helping us finish in 3rd place.

It was great to see some of the younger girls really start to take the game on and gain confidence as the season progressed. The more experienced members of the team showed their knowledge for the game and were a great asset in high-pressure encounters. There was some real emotion shown on the field when we registered our first ever win against the Southern United team after a tough loss earlier in the year.

Qualifying for Finals was a well-deserved reward after a very productive season.

The first round of finals saw the girls face off against Brunswick. It was a high-pressure game with neither team wanting to give an inch. The game finished deep in extra time with a golden goal for the Geelong girls.

Confidence was up going into the second round of finals. Everything seemed against us on the day as we went down to Southern United. It was still a great effort by everyone and the experience did that much more to make the squad hungrier for next season.

The experience showed by the older team members has gone a long way to developing the next generation. With a lot of youngsters on the team sheet the future of women's hockey in Geelong looks bright.

Thank you to all the supporters and parents that helped out during the season as well as all the behind the scenes work done by the committee. The players themselves can't receive enough thanks for all the hard work they put in at training and in games but the results definitely showed how good we can be in years to come.

Josh Bartlett

Women's Vic League 1 reserves coach

Hockey Victoria Competition – Senior

Coaches and managers

Men

Vic League 1

Coach Andrew Smith
Assistant Grant Downie
Manager Bron Kelly

Vic League 1 Reserves

Coach Andie Byers
Manager Simone Armistead

Metro 1 North West

Coach John Alonso
Manager Brett and Tina Bingham

Women

Vic League 1

Coach Stuart Hyslop
Manager Andie Hatton

Vic League 1 Reserves

Coach Josh Bartlett
Manager Sharon O'Halloran

Senior Representative Teams Awards

Women's Vic League 1

"Murray Medal" Best and Fairest
Most Valuable Player
Coaches Award

Emma Hatton
Gemma Vincent
Kate Ryan

Women's Vic League 1 Reserves

Best & Fairest
Most Valuable Player
Coaches Award

Alison Kooloos
Kelli Caldow
Kelly O'Halloran

Men's Vic League 1

"Kirk Medal" Best and Fairest
Most Valuable Player

Coaches Award

William Jackson
Fergus Dawson &
Benjamin Champion
Luke Kelly

Men's Vic League 2 Reserves

Best & Fairest
Most Valuable Player
Coaches Award

Matt Cherry
James Thompson
Matthew Chaplin

Men's Metro 1 North West

Best & Fairest
Most Valuable Player
Coaches Award

Adam Gieles
Callum Lewis
Adam Gieles

Hockey Victoria Winter Competition Results

Women's Vic League 1

22 rounds played

Final Ladder placing 5th

Women's Vic League 1 Reserves

Final Ladder Position 4th

Men's Vic League 1

22 rounds played

Final Ladder placing 3rd

Premiers Men's Vic League 1 defeating Casey 5-4 in Grand Final

Men's Vic League 1 Reserves

Final ladder Position 8th

Men's Metro 1 North West

Final Ladder Position 8th

Mens 45+ B North West

Final ladder Position 1st

Men's 50+ B

Final ladder Position 2nd

Premiers Mens 50+B defeating Kew in Grand Final 1-0

Hockey Victoria Competition

Masters Report

Hockey Geelong entered 2 teams. It was unfortunate that due to lack of numbers the 35s had to forfeit its entry just prior to the season starting.

David Fitzgerald managed the 45s B North/West and finished undefeated in 1st position after all home and away games. We lost both finals and looked on as Latrobe Uni beat Yarra in the Grand Final. Based on our overall performance we are accepting the challenge before us of playing A grade in 2015.

Peter Gill managed the 50sB team and after finishing 2nd the team with the help of a double chance was able to beat Kew 1 -0 in the Grand Final.

Many thanks to all players umpires and spectators involved.

A very enjoyable year for all concerned. Plenty of finals action played in good spirits.

We are always keen on hearing from prospective Masters players.
At least 4 players doubled into the 50s each week so we do need more players.

Contact David Fitzgerald on 0411 109395 or email fitzgeraldj@bigpond.com

David Fitzgerald
Co-ordinator

2014 Junior Representative Teams Report

Interesting season as always!

Thanks so much to support from Nette, Rachael Frost and Wally. Lovely people and amazing support.

Not an easy role for one person. Ideally would be carved up into several task based roles. 5 teams – U16A Mixed, U16 Mixed PNW, U16 Girls PNW, U14 Girls Pennant, U14 Mixed PNW

Great to have the additional Mixed U16 team but numbers were a problem for both U16 Mixed teams, with Shield team down to 14 players after a player decided to move to PNW team. Allowed the development of players that would otherwise have missed out playing Rep this year at U16 age group.

14 players insufficient for team playing at Shield level in terms of expectation of injury, illness, and unavailability due to State and other commitments. Also doesn't allow for high rotation throughout games.

Still some issues with players committing to Rep expectations – attendance at training, behavior, team expectations including position they'll play in and some off field behavior have all been raised at different times.

Time consuming problems resulting from expectations from Hockey Victoria .

-Grading Carnival – poor communication re cancellation of U14G grading, changes of venue, times/fixtures and impact on grading. Really the only grade it was really working for was the Shield grade

-fixturing/scheduling – failure to address issues that I raised re times/travel expectation/locations as well as number of home games which impact on cost and support at HG.

-delayed communication re some events and variable institution of penalties system for results lodging

-issues with computer systems for results lodging, player registration (though this was better than last year!)

Young coaches are vulnerable to criticism from 'seasoned' hockey parents – in evaluation, more supported needed at training and match times with younger coaches to support, but not dominate. Not always easy to find the right person to fill this role.

This year the addition of Shane Walters as Head Coach has been really helpful.

- Support and following up problems experienced by younger less experienced coaches
- Supporting coaches to becoming accredited – both local and rep coaches
- He's been actively engaging the Senior players with Juniors and working on progression of juniors to playing seniors.
- Use of Senior games observation with the collaboration of the Senior coaches has allowed the junior players to observe and understand the roles of different positions at higher levels

- HG need to consider benefit of encouraging girls to participate in Girls' teams rather than playing in Mixed teams

Overall a very successful year with many players included in Zoned events, State teams and the inaugural HV junior academy.

JCC – U13 x1 and U15 x2 mixed teams entered this year. Not worth trying to field an U17 team given senior, school and work commitments.

THINGS TO CONSIDER FOR 2015

Team Management

Recommendations include:

Meeting with coach/s and team manager at commencement to help with role definition within the team

Consider option of co-team manager to have fill in person who would take more notice of required roles knowing they may have to step up.

Meeting with parents early in season to outline Code of Conduct and identify any parental concerns

Consistent approach for appointing Captain and Vice Captain

- may be wise to have time within the team to identify players' strengths/issues first

-may be beneficial to have coach/tm discussion around this first of all

-it has been suggested to include talk from Senior Captain to the groups to help players understand role of Captain better

Increased awareness of pool of reserve players – have registered and ready to play

-communicated/agreed hierarchy for where players to be drawn from if 'pool' not available

Options re additional GK – would be great to see GHA working out a way of supporting GK development pathway as for umpires and coaches.

Sufficient sized team/squad selected to allow for fast and fit interchange as well as injury and illness

Consistent and transparent voting for best and fairest across all teams.

Preseason and Pre trial training

Recommendations include:

Awareness of cost of pitch time – make sure coaches are aware of impact on budget and use judiciously

Early commencement of Pre trial sessions

-consider including pre trial session before the end of year, whilst nominations are still coming in or to coincide with Open/Registration day planned for Seniors

Continue fitness component going whilst team training underway to avoid drop in fitness before start of season.

Scheduling/Fixtures

Recommendations include:

Hockey Victoria reminded at start of season, the issues that are important for Geelong ;

-more than 1 home game each week at SP

-earlier games for younger age groups

-use of both pitches

-fair travelling ie not travelling to other Clubs home grounds, when they won't travel to us

-fair number of home games at HOME

Invoicing and Fees

Recommendations include:

Clarity re cost of fees and invoices to be distributed to players and parents

Ruth McKinnon

Junior Coordinator

2014 Geelong Junior Representative Squads

Coaches and managers

Under 16 Mixed “A Shield” Ric Purser Shield

Coach: Nathan Forester

Manager: Dianne Jakobi

Under 16 Mixed Pennant North West

Coach: Paul Benham and Stephen Canton

Manager: Paul Benham

Under 16 Girls Pennant North West

Coach: Greg Walton and John Alonso

Manager: Jane Tierney

Under 14 Pennant North West

Coach: Callum Lewis and Aaron Sutton

Manager: David Jirik

Under 14 Girls Pennant

Coach: Courtney Pearson and Kelli Caldow

Manager: Janelle Lee

Head Junior Coach

Shane Walters

Umpire Co-ordinator

Pam Sutton

Junior Representative Teams

Awards

Under 16 Mixed “A Shield” Ric Purser Shield

Best and Fairest	Sean Fitzgerald
Most valuable player	Emma Hatton

Under 16 Mixed Pennant North West

Best and Fairest	Lachlan Baensch
Most valuable player	Mitchell Sutton

Under 16 Girls Pennant North West

Best and Fairest	Riley Breen
Most valuable player	Hiske Klaassen

Under 14 Mixed Pennant North West

Best and Fairest	James Jirik
Most valuable player	Gabrielle Sutton

Under 14 Girls Pennant

Best and Fairest	Eibhlis Moore
Most valuable player	Molly Duncan

Representative Team Results

Hockey Victoria final ladder positions

Juniors

Under 16A Ric Purser

Final ladder position 5th

Under 16 Mixed Pennant North West

Final ladder position 7th

Under 16 Girls Pennant North West

Final ladder position 1st

Runner up in grand Final

Under 14 Pennant North West

Final ladder position 5th

Under 14 Girls Pennant

Final ladder position 5th

Events

Women's Country Weekend Report

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

To my Umpire Manager, Courtney Pearson, the Host Association, Hockey Geelong I would like to pass on my sincere thanks, for without their efforts this event would not be staged in such a professional manner. Please accept my thanks and appreciation for all the hard work in ensuring this tournament has been staged in such a friendly and supportive manner for players, officials and more importantly the volunteers that dedicated numerous hours in the canteen, buildings and general support roles. To Alan Climpson as a friend thanks for your efforts.

A tireless effort from Courtney Pearson and one that she should be very proud of very well done. The opportunity to be able to showcase young female officials in such high profile roles helps serve the promotion of Women in Sport and show the pathways possible. Courtney undertook the role with great passion and dedication and in my opinion has a great future in this area of sports administration. The opportunity to assist in this type of development has been discussed with Elise Mace from Hockey Victoria previously and one that I will fully support going forward.

To my Assistant Tournament Director Laura Bennetts thanks for the huge effort you put in over the weekend, Laura worked tirelessly each day, this made my role a breeze and thanks to this, I was able to leave running of the tournament in her capable hands, this I see as a great chance for development of both individuals but also the hockey community. To all the volunteers for Hockey Geelong that manned the Canteen and ensured the facility was cleaned during the day please accept my thanks.

Our First Aid Officer. Jo Bennetts for the tireless work and efforts over the weekend thank you.

This year we had 20 teams compete over the weekend in 5 divisions and we look forward to more teams in the future

The support from all competitors was great and this allowed me to have very easy championships and to them I say thank you. To all the teams that travelled many kilometres I acknowledge this as a huge effort and anything I was able to do to accommodate I was more than happy to do.

I would also like to thank the individual team coordinators for their efforts as this allowed me to have a very easy run as Tournament Director, the conduct of all teams was exemplary and the opportunity to have regional development hours put into local umpires from across the state is fantastic.

Over the tournament the opportunity to conduct two umpire programs was undertaken.

An Umpire Coach course was conducted on Saturday night and this was attended by 11 people and two observers that will look at this option in the future.

Courtney Pearson and I conducted the session and this was another opportunity for Courtney to be promoted as a role model.

A level 1 Umpire Theory course was conducted on Sunday morning and 10 people attended. Sue Chapman from Sunraysia will be able to assess these umpires within her home association as she has now completed her UC1 course but will still need assistance for Level1 signoffs.

These programs being run during such country championships allows people that would otherwise be unable to attend due to travel distance and time to achieve the accreditations they require to assist in grassroots hockey.

To all the attendees over the weekend I say thanks and welcome you into the support roles for the future.

I would also like to thank Mark Frost, Neil Hall and Stephen Heselwood for their assistance to Courtney over the tournament. Your support and dedication is greatly appreciated

Overall my team was able to complete assessments for 18 umpires and another four in progress, these people should complete their development and assessments over the coming months. Over the tournament we had sixteen female umpires used and two, Sharyn Stevenson from Warrnambool and Stef Coote from EGHA umpires the final. Great to see two young ladies umpire finals dressed in Skirts and long black socks.

Eleven Umpire coaches have completed accreditations over the weekend and these people will be returning into their home associations with the ability signoff umpires and assist in the development of future umpires.

To Andrew Skillern, my appreciation to you and the staff at Hockey Victoria for all their efforts and time in assisting me in my role. In addition to you being able to spend the afternoon with us and being part of the official presentations

On Saturday night Hockey Geelong staged a tournament function which was attended by one hundred and fifty people to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the staging of Women's Country Championships. Thanks to Chris Chittick for providing a summary of the history of Women's Country week to all in attendance.

I thank Chris for all her support in the lead up and during the tournament. I greatly appreciate your support and friendship you extend to me

Charlie Martin

Tournament Director

Events

Under 13 Carnival

The annual Hockey Geelong hosted Under 13 carnival was once again well attend and more teams requesting to play than could be accommodated on one pitch. With the completion of the second pitch it is under consideration if the tournament could be extended to more clubs/Associations in 2015. Potentially an under 15 age group played in the same format may be included.

The current format of short games with minimal time between works well.

The tournament is a great forum for umpire development and evaluation by Charlie Martin and Courtney Pearson. 2014 received good feedback from the junior coaches who officiated at the tournament.

Ruth McKinnon

Financial Report

REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

Women's Representative team

	Credit	Debit
Opening balance Feb 2014	2,796.90	
Payment outstanding for 2013 season		
Not invoiced before end of financial year		\$769.00
2014 Season		
Hockey Victoria Affiliation 2 teams		\$1,100.00
Hockey Victoria Team entry fee x 2		\$2,140.91
Insurance personal accident/public liability		\$525.45
Hockey Victoria Player registration 10 @ \$15		\$150.00
Hockey Geelong membership (don't play local)		\$80.00
GST		277.55
Coach and manager payment		\$2,550.00
Training pitch hire		\$3,135.00
Home games Pitch hire		\$2,102.00
Umpires		\$1,540.00
Fees	8,800.00	
Hockey Geelong membership 8		\$80.00
Trophies		\$137.90
Fundraising	9,420.009	\$3,442.53
	21,016.99	\$18,030.34
PROFIT	\$2,986.65	

2013/2014 Income Statement

Junior Representative Teams

	Notes	Expenditure \$	Income \$
Income			
Fees	1		16,126
Donation			150
Expenses			
Hockey Victoria - Team Entries x 5		2,500	
Hockey Victoria - Personal Injury Insurance x 5		410	
Coach Payments x 5		3,250	
Team Manager Payments x 5		750	
Junior Co-ordinator		500	
Unpire Co-ordinator		100	
Unpire Payments		1,690	
Grading Carnival x 5		375	
Pre-season Carnival x 5		625	
Junior Country Carnival x 3		870	1,280
Fine		50	
<i>Pitch Hire</i>			
Hockey Victoria		1,472	
Training		1,001	
Matches		1,840	
Trophies		791	
Presentation Night		869	530
Team Photographs		378	
Equipment - Balls, Masks, bibs etc		433	
Hockey Geelong Membership Fees x 8		80	
Hockey Victoria Membership Fees x 8		80	
		18,064	18,086
Surplus/(Deficit)			22

Notes:

1. Fee income excludes and amount of \$264, which remains unpaid as at 30/9/2014

REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

Men's Representative team

Item	Credit	Debit
Hockey Victoria		
Affiliation Fees (3 teams)		\$1,650.00
Team entry fees (3 teams)		\$3,185.00
Public Liability (3 teams)		\$75.00
Insurance Personal (3 teams)		\$792.00
HV membership 2014 (x15)		\$225.00
Hockey Geelong membership (Not playing local hockey)		\$180.00
Training pitch hire		\$6,534.00
Home games pitch hire (3 teams)		\$3,013.00
Finals pitch hire		\$240.00
Umpires- 3 teams and finals		\$2,215.00
Fees and match payments	\$16,605.00	
Trophies		\$184.20
Face mask replacement		\$40.00
Fundraising	\$4,484.25	\$549.25
Coaching Payments	\$2500.00	\$9,500.00
Manager payments		\$600.00
	\$23,589.25	\$28,982.45

OFFICE BEARERS 2013-2010

Office	2013	2012	2011	2010
President	A. Climpson	A. Climpson	A. Climpson	A. Climpson
Senior Vice President	G. Hatton	G. Hatton	G. Hatton	B. Bingham
Junior Vice president	I. Sayers	I. Sayers	B. Bingham	J. Kirk
Secretary	L. Williams	L. Williams	L. Williams	L. Williams
Treasurer	J. Popelier	J. Popelier	I. Sayers	I. Sayers
Competition Convenor	T.Moore	T. Moore	T. Moore	T. Moore
Summer Competition Convenor	C. Barnes M. Shears & D. Hutton	C. Barnes M. Shears & D. Hutton	C. Barnes M. Shears & D. Hutton	L. Basham C. Barnes M. Shears & D. Hutton
Players Registrar-Juniors	C. Barnes	C. Barnes	C. Barnes	C. Barnes
Umpires Convenor	D Fitzgerald/P Sutton	D. Fitzgerald	Vacant	Vacant
Disputes Convenor	V.Lamb	V. Lamb	V. Lamb	V. Lamb
Honorary Auditor	West Carr & Harvey	West Carr & Harvey	West Carr & Harvey	West Carr & Harvey
Groundsman	G. Burns	G. Burns	G. Burns	G. Burns
Public Officer	L. Williams	L. Williams	I. Sayers	I. Sayers
Canteen Operations	J. Climpson	J. Climpson	W. Climpson	W. Climpson

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