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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

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 Victorians, 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 levels of Hockey in Victoria, not just junior Hockey, and we would encourage all affiliated clubs and associations to also endorse and adopt these Codes of Behaviour within their club environment. 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.

An excellent resource available to assist all participants in sport is the **Play by the Rules** website(www.playbytherules.net.au).

Bad sporting behaviour is unacceptable, and it can be unlawful. The Play by the Rules website provides information and online training on equal opportunity and other relevant legislation to address inappropriate behaviour in sport.

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.

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

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

Ben Hartung

Chief Executive Officer
Hockey Victoria **2012**



HOCKEY GEELONG SPONSORSHIP 2013

Just Hockey

- Range of hockey equipment

West Carr and Harvey

- Accountants and Business Consultants

Peter O'Reilly and Associates

- Architects

Insight Nutrition

***Tuckers Funeral and
Bereavement services***

Coulter Roache

– Lawyers

OFFICE BEARERS 2012-2013

Management Committee

President:	Alan Climpson
Senior Vice president:	Gwyn Hatton (res. August)
Junior Vice president:	Ian Sayers
Secretary:	Lynette Williams
Treasurer:	Jason Popelier
Committee:	Leanne Basham Brett Bingham Rachael Frost Mandy Moore Pam Sutton Jane Tierney (res. July)

Match Committee Convenor:	Terry Moore
Committee:	Claire Barnes Sarah Kelsall Gillian Armstead John Alonso Steph Climpson

Other positions

Disputes Committee Convenor:	Vaughan Lamb
Grounds:	Gordon Burns
Honorary Auditor:	West Carr and Harvey
Public Officer:	Lynette Williams
Representative Teams – Junior:	Ruth McKinnon & Chris Little
Representative Teams – Senior:	Brett Bingham
Umpires Committee:	David Fitzgerald & Pam Sutton

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
Greg Stephenson	2010
Rick Burns	2011
David Fitzgerald	2013
Alan Climpson	2013

President's Report

On behalf of Hockey Geelong I welcome you to the 2013 Annual General Meeting. I will start this report with an update on the second pitch. Although not much physical work can be seen at Stead Park, I assure you we are very busy behind the scenes, ensuring all requirements are documented. The updated design stage is now completed and the project has progressed to the tender process. This has taken a bit longer than anticipated, as we doing our due diligence within the hockey community to make sure we get it right. No firm date has been set for construction to begin. I will keep the Hockey community informed on progress as it happens - we just have to be patient. Watch this space.

The winter season posed some challenges this year due to an increase in participating teams. Hockey Geelong had to utilise two extra fields this season, and our thanks to Geelong Grammar School and Geelong College for the use of their facilities. Pleasingly, this season has seen the entry of another new club to the competition, Golden Plains - who fielded teams in the senior Men's, Women's and Junior competitions. Congratulations go to the Golden Plains Executive and players on a great job for your first year in the Association. We look forward to your continued growth and development.

Our Representative teams continue to enhance their reputations as tough competitive teams at both Junior and Senior levels. My personal thanks to the Representative team co-ordinators who work behind the scenes to ensure teams are on the pitch every week. Thank you to Brett Bingham, Ruth McKinnon and Chris Little for your efforts this year. Also to all coaches and team managers who work very hard to ensure teams play at their peak each week. Congratulations on a job well done; your efforts are appreciated.

Whilst on the subject of coaches I will take this opportunity to welcome Andrew Smith to the Hockey Geelong family. I am sure we all agree that Andrew has brought with him a fresh approach to hockey and a raised profile that we have not had in Geelong previously. Hockey Geelong hopes to see Andrew around for a few more years to come.

This year we have also established a Hockey Geelong Academy that will identify talented juniors for further elite level training that will assist in the quest to have senior men's and women's Teams competing in Premier League within the next 5 years. On behalf of the Executive and Hockey Geelong community thanks must go to Andrew Smith and Grant Downie who approached the Executive committee with the plan for this program.

On the administration side we have again had a very busy year, with the Queens Birthday Country Women's Championships in June and the Masters Games at the end of the season. These events have seen Hockey Geelong recognised as an Association that runs very good tournaments. My thanks go to all those who volunteered their time; to Joyce and her canteen team and Gordon who always deliver top quality service.

As the Geelong hockey community expands and with the second pitch, hosting these types of events will become a regular feature. Geelong is increasingly being recognised as venue of choice by others, so to all please keep up the good work.

In finishing I cannot thank enough the people who work behind the scenes to continue to let us all enjoy our sport. To Claire Barnes who runs our fixtures and local junior co-ordinator; Terry Moore and the Match Committee; Pam Sutton and Dave Fitzgerald for developing and Co-ordinating our umpires; Leanne Basham as Grounds Manager; Nette Williams who is tireless in managing the administration of all things hockey - my personal thanks to these people who make my job so much easier.

Lastly, the management committee members who spend thankless hours ensuring we do meet obligations to all we represent. I appreciate your time, honesty and input throughout this year.

I am always deeply indebted to you for your efforts; many thanks for a job well done.

Regards,

Alan Climpson
President

Pitch perfect – Hockey in Geelong scores \$625,000

Sunday, 24 February 2013

More people in Geelong will be getting more active, more often, following today's announcement of \$625,000 in funding to install a second synthetic hockey pitch at Stead Park, reinforcing the venue as a regional hockey centre in Geelong.

Minister for Sport and Recreation Hugh Delahunty, joined by Andrew Katos, Member for South Barwon, today visited the centre to announce the funding from the Victorian Government's *Community Facility Funding Program- Major Facilities category*.

"One of the Victorian Government's key objectives is to build healthy and active communities," Mr Delahunty said.

"To achieve this goal, we need quality community facilities that encourage local people to play the sports they love for many years to come.

"Hockey Geelong is one of Hockey Victoria's strongest affiliates catering for players ranging from 5 to over 60 years of age.

"The extra pitch will allow associations such as Hockey Geelong and its affiliate clubs to develop local talent and competitions, and provide a wider range of opportunities for the more than 1000 members keen to play.

"I'm confident we'll soon see some state and national championships secured for Geelong's passionate hockey community thanks to this project," Mr Delahunty said.

Mr Delahunty said the funding for the project would go towards establishing the extra pitch as well as fencing, drainage and floodlighting, which would enable clubs to train and play well into the night.

"Our investment in this project is part of our plan to build more sustainable venues that make a difference to people," Mr Delahunty said.

"Sporting facilities are important community assets and provide a social hub, particularly in regional areas.

"As well as the health benefits, we are also helping to stimulate the local economy and create jobs throughout the construction phase."

Mr Delahunty said the Government was focussed on building better sporting facilities for local people across the State, while also delivering important outcomes for the Victorian community.

“This is just one way we are delivering on the Victorian Government’s strategy to grow the economy, build infrastructure and contribute to the health and wellbeing of the State,” Mr Delahunty said.

Mr Delahunty thanked funding partners City of Greater Geelong, for its contribution of more than \$1 million to the project, and Geelong Hockey Association for providing \$250,000.



Left to right- Hugh Delahunty (Minister for Sport and Recreation), John Irvine (Austin Ward-COGG), Andrew Katos (Member for South Barwon), Ben Hartung (CEO Hockey Victoria), Kylie Fisher (Corio Ward – COGG)





Left to right - Ben Hartung (CEO Hockey Victoria), Andrew Katos (Member for South Barwon), John Irvine (Austin Ward - COGG), Alan Climpson (President Hockey Geelong), Hugh Delahunty (Minister for Sport and Recreation), Kylie Fisher (Corio Ward - COGG), Keith Fagg (Mayor, COGG) , Phillip Frost (Australian Masters player)

Secretary's Report

Another very successful year for those involved with Hockey Geelong.

- The announcement of funding for the new pitch. A huge achievement by many people working over many years "behind the scenes" with local and State Government bodies.
- Masters Games hockey- hosted by Hockey Geelong
- Women's Country Weekend
- The ever-expanding Under 13 Carnival- with the additional pitch this could easily become an Under 13 and Under 15 event conducted on the same day utilising both pitches.
- Another new club entering the competition in Golden Plains, with teams in both seniors and juniors.
- The "revamped" Hockey Victoria competition for seniors, masters and juniors. New grade names and the process of promotion and relegation.
- Promoting hockey in the local area.
- Geelong Hockey Club celebration of 100 years

I expect a lot of people underestimate the work and people involved in getting all these things done . . . fortunately the members of the Executive have taken on various responsibilities that help to achieve a very positive outcome for the whole Geelong hockey community. These achievements also have Geelong "on the map" with Hockey Victoria.

Unfortunately Gwyn Hatton and Jane Tierney had to resign from the Executive during the year. Personally, I miss both these people a lot, as they were always "just an email away" and were great at getting things done and always had new ideas.

My thanks go to the Joyce Climpson in the canteen – awesome - and one thing I certainly did not have to do or worry about.

Also thanks to Gordon Burns for his on-going commitment to keeping the clubrooms and surrounds in great condition and just getting things done around the facility. I would hate to work the hours that Gordon is expected to for lots of the events.

Ruth McKinnon and Chris Little were certainly "thrown" into the Junior Rep Coordinator roles and took up the challenge from where Gwyn Hatton left off - well done to you both.

The Club contacts who I certainly rely on to get information out to their members, which I trust is an efficient method of communication.

On the subject of communication, the Executive is working on updating the website. Thanks go to "Kitto" (Andrew Kitson) for regularly publishing the 'Unofficial Newsletter' during the season.

Congratulations to those teams that competed throughout the year and the Premiers in each Division. Also, the recipients of the individual awards, Life Membership and Hall of Fame inductees. The staff at Mid City Trophies and Gifts (Wally and Kath Priest and Rose) do a wonderful job providing the large amount and range of trophies to Hockey Geelong.

Thank you to all those that contributed to this Annual Report and I look forward with much excitement to seeing the new pitch in operation in 2014.

Nette Williams

Secretary

Treasurer's Report

I have pleasure in submitting the 2012-13 financial report as a separate document.

I took on the role as Treasurer for the past year which I have had to undertake for some months "remotely" as I was initially offered employment in New Zealand and have now taken a permanent position within that company.

Unfortunately, there have been some issues gaining access to the documents required. I would like to thank Ian Sayers and Alan Climpson for help with the Treasurer's role in 2012 and 2013.

Jason Popelier assisted by Ian Sayers

Treasurer

Umpire Convenor's & Umpire Development Report

This season we've had a major boost in umpiring numbers which has been very pleasing. Many senior players have picked up their whistles again, while a large number of new recruits – both junior and senior – have been accredited under the national Hockey Ed programme. Throughout all the clubs within Geelong Association, we have numerous Community accredited umpires and a growing number of Level 1 umpires. Next year we hope to increase our numbers of Level 2 accreditations, which will provide aspiring Geelong umpires the opportunity of being nominated for national tournaments.

Thanks to clubs for backing and promoting the Hockey Ed Umpire programme and for helping develop those willing to put themselves up to the rigors of umpiring.

I'd like to thank Scott O'Reilly for running our umpire development courses, and also David Fitzgerald, who as Hockey Geelong's Umpire Convenor, did a fantastic job rostering umpires for local Senior matches throughout the season. This is no mean feat, as David spent several hours every week on the roster - made all the more difficult as he had to work around the umpires' own local and representative playing commitments.

The transition of records from Hockey Victoria to a centralized nationwide record-keeping database at Hockey Australia has had several setbacks, with many of our umpires reporting their records seem to have disappeared. This has resulted in a difference of opinion regarding several umpires' accreditation level.

It is imperative that umpires keep their accreditation up-to-date, as things have changed a lot since the new programme was introduced 2 seasons ago. Umpires that do not get a practical re-assessment before their accreditation expires may have to re-sit the programme from scratch. The Hockey Victoria Officials programme allows for umpires to be rostered on for HV junior and senior matches. Every club has to meet a pro rata quota of umpires that are "Officials", depending on the number of teams competing in the HV competition. The rationale behind this is to encourage all clubs to develop their umpire programmes – with the end result being to provide an umpire for all their matches. We currently have 7 umpires who are Officials. Any level of umpire can become an Official; and, though encouraged, it is not necessary to umpire the HV competition.

Whilst on the HV competition, thank you to all the umpires who committed to umpiring every week for the Hockey Geelong Junior Rep teams. We understand it is a big commitment to give up your Friday nights for the entire season and we greatly appreciate your efforts.

Many umpires sought development through umpiring at the U13 Carnival and Women's Country Championship tournaments. The recent Australian Masters Games held in Geelong also provided our more accomplished umpires further opportunities.

Hockey Victoria offered a development pathway at the Junior Country Championships and upon selection, some umpires secured additional development at the Junior State Championships.

Our participating umpires were Sean Fitzgerald, Luke Hatton and Niko Hinett at the Junior Country Championships, and Will Crosbie, Leo Fitzgerald and Luke Hatton (all Level 1 accredited umpires), at the Junior State Championships. Will Crosbie also participated in the Talented Umpire Development Program ran by Hockey Victoria earlier this year.

We also had umpires selected to umpire at national tournaments over the previous year – Leo Fitzgerald at the Australian Women's Masters Championships and Courtney Pearson at the U15 Girls National Championships.

For the 2014 season we welcome Courtney Pearson, who will be taking on a facilitator role for umpire development sessions. We also hope to have several umpires complete their Umpire Coach accreditation.

The Hockey Geelong Most Improved Umpire trophy was awarded to Christian O'Halloran, from the Newtown club.

On behalf of David Fitzgerald and myself, we congratulate all of our umpires for a productive year and we thank them for their commitment and dedication to developing their umpiring. An additional thank you to those umpires who have extended themselves through umpiring at tournaments to receive the benefit of umpire coaching from experienced umpire coaches; it is much appreciated. We look forward to them sharing their knowledge and skills to our future developing umpires.

The umpire coordinator (senior competition) David Fitzgerald reports that most clubs are attempting to provide umpires available to be rostered.

The aim is for all clubs to supply at least 2 umpires per registered team. Newer clubs such as Golden Plains and Torquay can be excused somewhat for failing to reach this desired outcome. Some established clubs are struggling in this area. This means that a few umpires are doing a bulk of umpiring for their clubs.

Clubs need to be continually training up new umpires via winter juniors or summer comps. The pool of senior umpires needs to be enlarged to cater for natural attrition.

Many thanks to all umpires this year. Most of you also play locally and/or for HG rep teams and Premier League clubs.

The rostering has been made easier by the availability of non-playing umpires.

Many thanks to: Peter Kolsch, Guy Hackwell, Craig Molyneux, Brett Bingham, Steve Heselwood and Peter Dolenc.

It is hoped that we can expand this group because of the experience they provide and also reducing the load put on other umpires who are either playing and/or coaching.

Club umpires statistics for senior winter season after 18 rounds.

Club	Number teams	Number umpires	Umpires/team	Appointments accepted	Appointments declined	Number Games/team
Corio	3	6	2	73	20%	24
Geelong	3	3	1	10	41%	3
Golden Plains	2	1	0.5	10	17%	5
Newtown	6	16	2.7	250	16%	42
Saints	5	9	1.8	83	27%	17
Torquay	3	5	1.7	40	9%	13
Aim			2		<20%	20

Pam Sutton and David Fitzgerald

Development Officer Report

This year I visited 5 schools in the Geelong region spending between 3 – 6 weeks at each school. These schools included Mandama (Grovedale), Surfside (Ocean Grove), Leopold, Holy Family (Bell Park) and St Therese (Torquay). Depending on the size of the school I would generally run 1 hour clinics with 25 – 50 students attending each session. Ages of these students ranged from Preps to Grade 6's. I would run clinics based on safety of hockey, drills and games. After the clinics I would promote our Superclinics and Hockey clubs based in their area. This year Andy Hair (from Leopold Primary School) and I decided to put together a school Hockey competition inviting the following schools to Stead Park for the day.

Leopold Primary School

Mandama Primary School (Grovedale)

Bellaire Primary School (Highton)

Torquay Primary School

Each school entered a 7 a side girls and boys team. We divided the pitch into 2 fields and ran a round robin competition with the school with the highest number of wins moving through to the next round in Melbourne. This was a successful day with Leopold Boys and Mandama Girls teams progressing through. Both teams went on to Werribee but came 2nd overall.

We held 2 Superclinics this year. The first one was Tuesday 9th April and the second was Tuesday 24 September.

Tuesday 9th April we had 45 participants register; 14 new participants signed up for winter hockey to relevant hockey clubs.

Tuesday 24 September we had 58 participants register, with 7 new participants signing up to play summer hockey.

The majority of these junior participants had already played hockey and were after some extra coaching. The Superclinics were run by volunteers and Junior Representative players. The Representative players would conduct the drills and run the games. The participants enjoyed learning from these players.

I believe that we need to continue the link between running school clinics – to come and have go at hockey via Superclinics then feed these participants into club hockey is a great way keep Hockey Geelong participants numbers grow strong.

School clinics → Superclinics → Club Hockey → Rep Hockey

Gillie Pasque

Development Officer

Facilities' Report

Synthetic Surface

The surface continues to play well and has required minimal maintenance. The playing surface will be professionally cleaned over the Christmas-New Year break. This will ensure longevity of the playing surface.

Pavilion Maintenance

Professional cleaning of the pavilion was undertaken. Walls washed, carpet cleaned and vinyl flooring stripped and sealed.

A new television was purchased, along with a vacuum cleaner.

The store room has been cleaned out and is now used for canteen items.

Surrounds

New drinking taps have been installed at both dugouts.

Entrance gates are to be upgraded when the new pitch work is completed.

Recycling bins have been implemented within the grounds.

Once again I would like to thank those who assisted with maintenance and odd jobs over the season, attendance at our working bees and in particular Gordon Burns who keeps the facility in great shape.

Thank you,

Leanne Basham

Risk Management Report

The facility has been inspected by the City of Greater Geelong and any recommendations have been implemented.

First Aid back packs for all representative teams have been provided and these were individually sponsored. Thanks to Jane Tierney and Leanne Basham for this initiative.

The first aid room now has Injury Incident books for details of injuries to be recorded.

The Executive encourages everybody to inform them if there are areas requiring attention around the facility.

Canteen Operations

This is my second year as Canteen Manager. I honestly think things are looking great. We had a very good year for people purchasing lots of different foods in the canteen. Things worked much smoother without underages working in the canteen this year.

The Representative Team members are still my best customers - they put in their lunch orders and other requests. I would still love to do more but with the small oven it is difficult. Maybe after the new pitch goes in we might get that kitchen upgrade.

Queen's Birthday Weekend Carnival was a very good long weekend. The teams all frequented the canteen over the weekend. It will be great when all the teams can play at Stead Park instead of going to Grammar and College; we will definitely earn more revenue.

Masters Games

What a busy eight days. Lots of pre-planning and a great team to work with.

Boy, it was a great success; we had people come from far and wide to try our food. The people from the softball came every day, as well as participants from the darts club and basketball (from Kardinia Park). Word spread quickly about the great - and not too expensive - food available at Stead Park. Everyone loved the scones with jam and cream - they were a big hit! Compliments were received from every team, including hand written letters, hugs and lots of "thank you's". There is even a note written in the alcohol sign-in book - they thought it was a visitor's welcome sign-in book.

To my team who worked with me, they were amazing: Belinda, Lauren, Sarah, Steph, Heather and especially Daniel. Daniel was awesome - we never ran out of anything; he managed to find chickens or bread rolls from somewhere. I want to thank Ian Sayers who volunteered all week - it was much appreciated. To Pam Sutton and Rachael Frost who also helped out, I think you are both amazing.

Lastly to my beautiful husband who without his help I would not be able to do all collecting of orders from Campbell's and weekly trips to lots of different shops to buy whatever was on special. This was to allow us to try and save some of hockey's money. Alan, you are my Rock - I really hope the Executive sees how much Alan does behind the scenes - not just being President but being my helper as well.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who volunteered this year. I think it has been an amazing year. It is anticipated when the new pitch arrives there will be an opportunity to grow the canteen again. I hope the Hockey Geelong community will allow me to make it be a great success, as I love running the canteen.

Thank you,

Joyce Climpson

Canteen Manager

PARTICIPATING CLUBS

Corio Hockey Club
Geelong College Hockey Club
Geelong Hockey club
Geelong Saints Hockey club
Golden Plains Hockey Club
Kardinia International College
Newtown City Hockey Club
Torquay Hockey Club

President's Trophy

Golden Plains Hockey Club

Life Membership Awards 2013

David Fitzgerald
Alan Climpson

Hall of Fame Inductees

Meg French (Newtown)
Paul Benham (Saints)

Most Improved Umpire Award

Christian O'Halloran



Christian O'Halloran (on right) receives his award from Umpire Convenor David Fitzgerald

HOCKEY GEELONG ACADEMY

A major key to Hockey Geelong's future playing success is to ensure talented junior players are identified and developed, and it is vital these players get excellent coaching and access to specialist player development programs throughout their junior career.

Hockey Geelong is proud to announce the Hockey Geelong Academy was launched this year, following a proposal put forward by Senior Men's coaches Andrew Smith and Grant Downie.

Such a program will not only enhance players' individual potential, but will also create a seamless transition into the association's Senior Representative ranks.

Headed by former Australian Kookaburra and 2008 Olympian Andrew Smith, the academy aims to provide the participants with specialized coaching that will give them a technical advantage and additional skills.

About 50 of the region's top juniors were selected for the Academy this year and the programme will operate through the off-season and into the 2014 season as well, giving participants opportunity to put into practice what they have been taught.

While concentrating on honing the players' basic skills, the programme will also enhance their tactical skills and increase their fitness. The Academy will also use guest coaches – both current and former Australian players – to add an extra depth to the programme.

Hockey Geelong President Alan Climpson is excited about the Academy.

"Hockey Geelong is going ahead from strength to strength, and it is hoped that through the association's academy coaching programme, our young players will have an advantage when it comes to state trials," he says.

"We have a large group of very capable players – some of whom are already showing they have what it takes to play in the State's top junior sides," Climpson says. "The academy is the link that will get these young players into these top teams and get Geelong back up to the top."

HOCKEY CLUB REPORTS



Corio Hockey Club

A season of mixed fortunes for the Corio club in 2013. The Division 1 men struggled for numbers each week largely due to commitments to representative hockey and fixture time clashes, preventing many of the players to be able to make “local” club games, despite wanting to support both competitions. This was a sad situation when these players were heavily relied on by the Corio club which unfortunately often came out with a shortage of players. The players were attempting to support both representative and local hockey.

The Division 2 men participated in the Grand final but also found themselves without a key player on grand Final day. The team was soundly beaten by a strong, determined and eager to win Saints men’s team.

The clubs hopes were again left with the ever reliable Women’s Division 1 team. The team was up against a strongly recruited Geelong side who were confident and hoping to end the nine year stronghold that Corio women had as Division 1 Premiers. The Corio girls were strong, worked hard on and off the ball and Geelong were unable to defeat them. Ten Premierships in a row is a great effort.

It was great to see new clubs playing in the local competition and the Corio club looks forward to the inclusion of the new Bellarine women’s team and Torquay, both entering teams in the 2014 Division 1 . This will make for an expanded and exciting competition.



Geelong Hockey Club

A recount of the celebrations of Geelong Hockey Club's 100th Anniversary 1913 – 2013

Geelong Hockey Club celebrated its 100th Anniversary at Capri Receptions on 10th August 2013.

Current President, Mr Aaron James, welcomed approximately 100 past and current members as they gathered to reminisce with past teammates and to also celebrate those members that have worked tirelessly to keep this club running.

Commencing in 1913 by the Rice Sisters of Marshalltown, the Geelong Ladies Hockey Club was formed and with the dedication of many, the Ladies Club grew and prospered. The Men's Club formed in 1954 and the two Clubs amalgamated in 1983.



GHC was pleased to see many ladies who played in the '40s, '50s and '60s attend. Mrs Marjorie Trebilcock (nee Seymour) - our oldest attending women's member who played in the 1940s and 1950s, honoured us with cutting the cake, together with Mr John Guy, another past member. Mr Ray Hearn – the oldest male member - spoke highly about the club and toasted its success of the past and future.

Ms Kylie Fisher, Councillor for the Corio Ward, also attended and spoke highly about the achievements of hockey in the region and our club's milestone.

Mr Allan Climpson, Hockey Geelong President, commented on our accomplishments and wished us continued success in the future. It was pleasing to see the support from the Hockey Geelong management committee who also attended our function.

We were extremely fortunate to have Ross Murray, son of Keith and Marg Murray, attend. Marg Murray (Life Member) was a driving force developing the Club and hockey in the region and it was wonderful for Ross to share the Murray family's achievements.

The Club's history was read by Life Members, Mr Peter Hill and Mrs Deb O'Shannessy. A long-serving member and Club supporter, Mr Jim Kirk was Master of Ceremonies. He welcomed a past Ladies Member and the founder of the Wanderers Hockey Club, Ms Joy Bromley to the dais to chat about hockey in the early stages. Ms Bromley was also a staunch supporter, and President, of the Geelong Women's Hockey Association.

It was pleasing to see that, out of 17 Life Members, nearly half attended. Mrs Beth Walker (nee Sharp), a skilful, dedicated and enthusiastic Life Member in the 1950s–60s and who supported Marg Murray's efforts in promoting hockey, passed on her apologies for her non attendance due to her residing in WA and unable to travel.

We also had visitors from interstate and regional Victoria attend. As one of the organising committee, I was overwhelmed with the success of the night and the enjoyment of seeing old friendships re-acquainted was wonderful.

It was exciting to see that an A Grade women's team of the early 80s had nearly all of its playing members attend. The emotions, excitement and thrill of seeing each other was amazing.

A 135-page History Booklet was produced by Alison O'Reilly (Life Member and current player). This detailed as much as possible the Ladies Club History dating back to 1913, when the main Clubs were Geelong, Warrnambool and Colac - right through to 2013. A wonderful recount of hockey, playing members, photos and data.

The 100-year committee consisted of Adam Roberts (Chairperson), Jim Kirk, Sarah Kelsall, Marichle Gulli and Alison O'Reilly. The project of celebrating our 100th Anniversary consisted of many hours of hard work over 14 months.

Thank you to everyone who attended, assisted in the preparations, and the current Club Committee for a wonderful evening and celebration.

Alison O'Reilly



Life Member Attendees: (left to right) Alison O'Reilly, Deb O'Shannessy, Julie Scott, Brian McTigue, Valda Connelly, Sheryl Mackie, Kerry Dixon, Peter Hill



Saints Hockey Club

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Hockey Geelong and all the other clubs who participated in this year's competition. This saw Saints start the year with continued growth of the club which saw us field an extra 2nd Division men's team.

Also the launch of a new look uniform has seen the club rebuild the club focus. Saints club will now attempt to build on the current junior teams and look forward to working with Hockey Geelong to grow the junior competition.

Season 2013 saw the club field 3 men's teams in Division 1 and 2, and also 2 women's teams in both Divisions, along with two junior teams in Under 13 and Under 15 competitions. Many thanks to coaches, managers, players and supporters who helped make 2013 a very good year for the club.

Although we did not achieve all our on field goals this season, we have made some good progress, particularly at the junior level. We hope to see a more concerted effort in 2014. Congratulations to the Division 2 men's team who won the Premiership - well done to all involved.

On behalf of Saints hockey club, I would like to wish all the Hockey Geelong members a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year and look forward to seeing you at hockey in 2014.

Alan Climpson

President



Golden Plains Hockey Club

Golden Plains Hockey Club (Navigators) in its inaugural year had a great year fielding a Division 2 women's and men's team, and Under 13 and Under 11 teams.

Both the women's Division 2 and Under 13 sides made the Finals in the first year.

The success of the club was recognised with it being awarded the Geelong Hockey Association President's Trophy, which we are very proud to receive.

We have had overwhelming response to hockey within the shire and hope to go from strength to strength next year.

Many thanks to our coaches Mal Johns, Narelle Dickson and Marita Seaton for all their tireless work throughout the year.

Congratulations to Harry Sim and Marita Seaton for taking out the Best and Fairest for the senior teams and Callum Seaton and Alex Adams for taking out the junior Best and Fairest.

Coaches Awards went to Mick Breen and Bronwyn Burrell for the seniors and Fletcher Adams and Chris Gamble for the juniors.

Steve Dickson



Kardinia International College

Kardinia had another big year at hockey with the growth of our club to include a Minkey team in 2013. These 10 little players had a wonderful time at Lloyd Reserve each Saturday morning as they learned the skills of the game. Ably coached by senior students Ben Lowe and Isobel Hyland, the children developed a love of hockey throughout the season.

Kardinia eagerly awaits the second pitch in 2014 as our training sessions on a Tuesday after school get very hectic with up to 80 children training on the one pitch all within the one hour. This season we had 7 junior teams – 1 x Under 13, 3 x Under 15 and 3 x Under 17. Many thanks to the coaches: Andrew MacDonald, Harry Dolenc, Josh Climpson and Sam Climpson, whose dedication over the long winter months saw the players' skills and confidence continue to develop. The Under 13 team were victorious in their age group having been undefeated all season. Under 17 Storm and Under 17 Thunder played off in the Grand Final which saw Storm come from 4th place on the ladder to defeat 1st placed Thunder to be the Under 17 Champions. Kardinia has many students who represent Geelong in the Melbourne competition, and play in the Western Wildcats Zone team, as well as Junior Victorian teams - and we are very proud of them all.

Congratulations to our own club award recipients:

Age group	Best and fairest	Most improved
Under 13	Gabrielle Sutton	Billy Evans
Under 15 Maroon	Matthew Morgan	Molly Duncan
Under 15 White	Jonah De Lorenzo	Jai Sebastian
Under 15 Blue	Ben Head	Jack Williams
Under 17 Storm	Ben Lowe	Jake Bayden
Under 17 Thunder	Harry Sim	Sam Climpson
Under 17 Lightning	William Paxton	Ella Jefferies

This year we farewell our 'senior' junior players as they will be too old for Under 17 next year. Some of these players have been with us for 5 years and have been instrumental as role models for upcoming players, showing them what it means to be a good hockey player – skill, dedication, humility and determination with a 'never say die' attitude.

Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to be team managers and to the parents who come along each week to support their children. And a very special thank you to all the players who are so keen to play each weekend and to fill in for teams that might be short – it is you players that make this club strong and proud.

Gillian Armstead

Newtown City Hockey Club



2013 has been a year with many highlights for the Newtown City Hockey Club and its members.

One of the major achievements for the year was the fantastic performance by the Division 1 Men's Falcons team to win the Hockey Geelong Division 1 Men's Premiership. This is a very noteworthy result for two main reasons. Firstly, it is the first time in the club's 36-year history that a Division 1 Men's Premiership has been achieved. Secondly, it shows the benefit of the policies and the focus on junior recruitment and development on which the Club is founded. Eleven of the 17 players in the Division 1 Men's team began their hockey careers in the junior teams of the Newtown City Hockey Club. Well done to all those who have been involved in this wonderful achievement.

Congratulations also to the 2013 Under 11 Premiers – Newtown Maroon, and the Under 15 Premiers – Newtown White. We are very proud of the achievements of these teams, and also very pleased with the continuing improvement in the standard of play shown by all players in all teams.

The Club continues to maintain good membership numbers, with 18 teams representing about one third of the total teams in the Hockey Geelong competition. Despite the transfer of 18 former members to the new Golden Plains Hockey Club, membership numbers for Newtown remained relatively stable. An ongoing recruitment programme regularly welcomes many new members at all ages and levels of competition, with 70 new members joining the Newtown City Hockey Club this season.

The Joeys program for children aged 4 to 6 continues to provide a good introduction to hockey for these younger players and a good pathway to the Minkey program, helping to ensure good player numbers at the youngest levels.

Many members take advantage of the opportunity to participate in Hockey Geelong representative teams and to gain new skills and confidence. This can also lead to selection in Victorian and Regional teams. It is fantastic to see the large number of members, 22 this year, who have participated at regional and State level.

Congratulations to:

- Emma Hatton – selected in the Victorian U15 Girls and Victorian U15 Indoor team
- Mack Dolenc – selected in the Schoolsport Victoria 16 years team
- Angus McKinnon – selected in the Victorian U15 Boys Squad for 2014

Congratulations to members who have participated in regional teams for the Western Wildcats:

- U12 Boys – Lachlan D’Arcy
- U14 Girls – Jennifer Welsh
- U14 Boys – Adam Gieles, Gus McKinnon, Nic Proebstl, Chris Warner
- U16 Girls – Kelly O’Halloran, Tiahna Proebstl
- U16 Boys – Will Hartney, James Humphries
- U13 Boys – Jimmy Jirik, Hudson Stoop
- U15 Girls – Emma Hatton, Dominique Russell, Eliza Sheehan
- U15 Boys – Sean Fitzgerald
- U17 Boys – Zed Armistead, Will Crosbie, Mack Dolenc, Will Hartney, Luke Hatton, James Humphries, Hamish Russell
- U17 Girls – Tiahna Proebstl

Victorian Country Touring Teams

- **U17 Boys** – Luke Hatton, James Humphries
- **U17 Girls** – Amy Trotter

It is pleasing to see the number of members who are involved not only in playing hockey but also in other aspects such as umpiring, Hockey Geelong administration, Hockey Geelong representative teams, recruiting initiatives. Congratulations to those who received awards this year which recognise their contribution to hockey in Geelong.

- **MOST IMPROVED UMPIRE** - Congratulations to Christian O’Halloran, winner of the Hockey Geelong Most Improved Umpire trophy.
- **JOHN STEPHENSON AWARD** - Congratulations to Luke Hatton, winner of the Hockey Geelong John Stephenson Award.
- **HALL OF FAME** – Congratulations to Meg French who was inducted into the Hockey Geelong Hall of Fame.
- **HOCKEY GEELONG LIFE MEMBERSHIP** – Congratulations to David Fitzgerald who was awarded Life Membership of Hockey Geelong.
- **HOCKEY GEELONG ADMINISTRATION** – Thanks to Gwyn Hatton, Jane Tierney, Ruth McKinnon, Chris Little, David Fitzgerald, Claire Barnes, Meredith Shears, David Hutton for their contributions to the administration of Hockey Geelong.

We look forward to a fantastic year in 2014, building on the success of 2013.

Claire Barnes

President

Torquay Hockey Club



Wow, what an amazing year for the Torquay Club. In 2013 Torquay went from 3 teams in the previous year to 9 in 2013. This growth can be attributed to expansion at both ends of the spectrum with the addition of 3 new junior teams and 3 senior teams.

The increase in the junior section of the club can be directly attributed to the tremendous work that occurred late in 2012. Hockey Victoria conducted clinics in all of Torquay's Primary Schools. The Hockey Victoria clinics were followed by a series of programs conducted by the club in November 2012. This enabled the club to recruit approximately 40 new junior players.

In 2013 the club entered teams in the following junior grades:

- Under 17
- Under 15
- Under 13
- Under 11 (2 teams)
- Under 9

Our proudest achievement with the junior programs was that we now have a great blend of boys and girls. In our first two seasons the club had a majority of girls. The gender balance is now approximately 50 % boys and girls. Torquay Hockey Club however remains committed to providing an environment where girls are given a fair go and play a key role in our success as a club.

Fun, learning skills and improvement

With such a high level of new players Torquay Hockey Club's emphasis is to provide players with a good experience, to have fun and learn new skills. With so many players there were some difficult days playing against more experienced teams. The skill levels of the players however improved dramatically with some teams becoming very competitive by the end of the season. The new Torquay U11 team was an example of this where they finished second in the competition with the majority of players being in their first season.

Junior coaching

In 2013 Torquay Hockey Club introduced 3 new coaches in the junior grades. This is a wonderful achievement and helps us take giant strides towards establishing a sustainable club into the future. It is also evidence that the club is building social capital and skills from the local community.

Junior pathways

Whilst the key emphasis of the Torquay Hockey Club is participation, we are now starting to have junior players playing representative hockey. The club had its first Junior State player selected - Jessie Rose McDonald in the Under 12 Victorian School Girls team. The club also had 5 players selected in the Wildcats which are the Western metropolitan regional team. A total of 4 players played in Hockey Geelong teams and 3 players were selected in the Hockey Geelong Academy.

Junior parents

A unique aspect of the Torquay Hockey Club is that the majority of parents are not from the hockey community. We have turned this into our strength, as we now have many committed parents that love watching the game and encouraging players regardless of their ability.

Senior Men

In 2013 Torquay entered - for the first time - teams in Division 1 and Division 2 men's competition. This was a historic event. The players came from either the local community, friends of players within the club or the former South Barwon Hockey Club players. We are pleased to provide local players from within Torquay community the opportunity to re-engage with hockey. Many of these players have played hockey previously and returned to the game as there is now a local team. The teams were also blended with junior players.

Both the Division 1 and 2 men's teams made the finals. The Division 2 team finished 3rd on the ladder and the Division 1 team lost the Grand Final in extra time. The club was very proud to be so competitive in our first season and with the style of hockey played. The Division 1 Grand Final was an example of this with a great game against Newtown Hockey Club.

Senior Women

The Division 2 women's team was a great success with the girls winning the Grand Final in our first year. The team had a wonderful blend of senior and junior players. The most impressive aspect of the women's team was the style of hockey. The senior players were fantastic at teaching the younger players and supporting their development. Some of the junior players provided feedback that they learnt a great deal in this competition and this was obvious to those who witnessed their improvement.

Presentation night

In October the Torquay Hockey Club had its first Presentation Night. This was conducted with both juniors and seniors. The benefits of conducting the two celebrations together were that our youngest players received the awards in front of the whole club. Over 100 people attended the night.

President's award

The first ever President's Award was given to Jesse Pinge from the Under 11 team. Jesse was chosen for this award as he best represents the club's values and why the club was established.

Jesse was a first-year player and his involvement in hockey started when he attended one of the school clinics provided by Hockey Victoria. He then attended one of development sessions undertaken by the Torquay Hockey Club. Jesse made the decision to play hockey after watching the Olympics. We look forward to watching Jesse and all his friends develop in the future and to take the club forward in the future.

Planning for a local synthetic ground

The Surf Coast Shire has listed planning for a synthetic ground in their Council Plan 2013-2015. This is a significant commitment by the Surf Coast Shire and they have also allocated a \$5,000 for planning in the 2013/2014 budget. The Torquay Hockey Club will now work with Council and other stakeholders to commence the planning process in 2014. The issues that need to be considered are the need for the facility, the most appropriate location for a ground, the associated facilities required and the cost of the facility. It is intended that the club will work in partnership with Hockey Victoria's state-wide Hockey Facilities Plan to deliver the plan.

Andrew Crowley

President

John Stephenson Memorial Trophy

The **John Stephenson** Memorial Trophy is presented on an annual basis to a Junior member from the Hockey Geelong community. 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:

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.

Previous Award recipients:

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

The 2013 recipient is Luke Hatton (Newtown Hockey Club)

Luke has had a very involved year in hockey whilst doing Yr 11 & 12 studies. His support and committing to hockey in Geelong not only reflects his playing achievements but also off-field roles. This is Luke's final year as a junior and some recognition of all that he has contributed over the years would be a fantastic way to reward these efforts of a fine young man.

- Competed in Hockey Geelong's inaugural Under 17 Indoor hockey team in the Hockey Vic North West Shield competition
- Represented Geelong in senior men's Vic League 2 and Vic League 2 reserves
- Represented Geelong in Under 17 Junior Country Championships, gaining selection for Under 17 State Country team to tour Singapore in September/ October 2013
- Represented Geelong in Western Metro Wildcats in Hockey Victoria Junior State Championships
- Played in Newtown Under 17 team

Outside of Luke's playing commitments he has also supported the sport by:

- Umpiring many local games. Luke is frequently relied upon to cover Division 1 men's games due to the strength and respect of his umpiring.
- Umpiring at National Indoor Championships in Canberra for Hockey Victoria
- Umpiring junior and senior representative games in Hockey Victoria Metro Competition
- Mentoring and being a role-model for a young hockey player in a bid to keep him 'focused' on the sport (at request of players, coach and mother). Luke had no hesitation in being a mentor for this young player and accompanied him to games.

John Stephenson Memorial Trophy



2013 Recipient Luke Hatton (Newtown Hockey Club)

HOCKEY VICTORIA COMPETITION

Victorian League Best and Fairest

This season the Hockey Victoria competition structure was completely overhauled, with State League and Pennant grades renamed and reformatted.

The top Men's and Women's competitions (formerly State League 1 and Pennant A) are now called Premier League (PL) and Premier League Reserves (PLR), while State League 2 and Pennant B are now known as Vic League 1 (VL1) and Vic League 1 Reserves (VL1R); State League 3 and Pennant C renamed as Vic League 2 (VL2) and Vic League 2 Reserves (VL2R).

The Victorian Men's competition has a further Vic League 3 and VL3 Reserves; then 3 Pennant divisions, and 12 Metro divisions. The Women's competition has two Vic League divisions (plus the Reserves); as well as 3 Pennant grades and 6 Metro grades.

This restructure saw some grades increase the number of teams, and resulted in both Hockey Geelong Men's and Women's 1st and 2nd Representative teams being put up to the VL2 and VL2R divisions. The Men's third team was entered into the Metro West competition.

Murray Medal and Kirk Medal

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

These prestigious perpetual trophies were named the Murray Medal and the Kirk Medal, after 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.

2013 recipients

Murray Medal

Women's Victorian League 1

Emma Hatton

Kirk Medal

Men's Victorian League 2

Matthew Shuttleworth (English player from Geelong Grammar)

Past recipients

Murray Medal

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	2012	Andrew Taylor & Mark Hanley(SL2)
	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



Seniors

Victorian Country Women's (Geraldton, WA): Jessica Fletcher, Kate Ryan, Sarah Kelsall, Emmaline Moore, Merryn Coffey, Jacqueline Wright
 Victorian Country Men's (Geraldton, WA): Jackson Moore

Victorian Masters Women (Adelaide, SA): Alison O'Reilly, Leanne Basham, Rachael Frost
 Victorian Masters Men (Sydney, NSW): John Alonso, Phillip Frost, Lewis Gates, Russel Bath

Australian Masters

Phillip Frost was Captain of the Australian over 50s Trans-Tasman team. Phil has also been selected as Captain of the Australian over 50s team for the 2014 World Cup in Rotterdam. Phil was also Captain/Coach of the over 50s Victorian Masters team, Sydney.

Juniors

Victorian Under 18 men: Ryan Parry "train on"
 Victorian Under 15 boys: Felix Melder and Heath McDonald "train on"
 Victorian Under 15 girls: Emma Hatton
 Victorian Under 14 girls: Ellen Chaplin "train on"
 Victorian Indoor Under 15 Girls: Emma Hatton
 Victorian Indoor Under 15 Boys: Felix Melder
 Victorian Indoor Under 18 Boys: Mack Dolenc and Ryan Parry
 Victorian Indoor Under 18 Boys: Luke Hatton "train on"
 Victorian Indoor Under 18 Girls: Jacqui Wright "train on"

Victorian State Under 13 girls: Coach Shane Walters
 Under 16 Secondary Schools Boys Victorian team: Coach Andrew Smith
 Victorian Under 12 Secondary Schools - Girls: Jessi-Rose McDonald
 Victorian Under 16 Secondary Schools - Boys: Mack Dolenc and Ryan Parry

Under 12 Western Metro Wildcats - Zone Challenge

Girls: Jessi-Rose McDonald, Gabrielle Sutton

Boys: Riley Bowe, Lachlan D'Arcy, Jett Mitchell

Under 13 Western Metro Wildcats - Junior State Champs

Boys: James Jirik, Hudson Stoop, Zac Stevenson

Girls: Jessi Rose McDonald, Gabrielle Sutton

Under 14 Western Metro Wildcats - Zone Challenge

Girls: Mackenzie Bowe, Elly Chaplin, Maddy Crowley, Bailee McDonald, Jennifer Welsh

Boys: Matt Barnett*, Adam Gieles, Angus McKinnon, Nic Proebstl, Chris Warner

*Matt withdrew as he was overseas

Under 15 Western Metro Wildcats - Junior State Champs

Boys: Hamish Bulford, Sean Fitzgerald, Reece Jakobi, Liam Kerr-Nelson, Heath McDonald, Nick Hackwell, Felix Melder

Girls: Elly Chaplin, Emma Hatton, Dominique Russell, Eliza Sheehan

Under 16 Western Metro Wildcats - Zone Challenge

Girls: Kelly O'Halloran, Tiahna Proebstl, Lisbeth Radtke

Boys: Lloyd Barras, Matt Chaplin, Pearce Frost, James Humphries, Liam Kerr-Nelson, Felix Melder

Under 17 Western Metro Wildcats - Junior State Champs

Boys: Matt Chaplin, Mack Dolenc, James Humphries, Ryan Parry, Zed Armistead, Will Crosbie, Will Hartney, Hamish Russell, Luke Hatton

Girls: Tiahna Proebstl

**Congratulations to all Hockey Geelong players who
represented Victoria and Australia**

HOCKEY GEELONG LOCAL COMPETITION

Competition and Match Committee

Convenor's Report

Season 2013 saw the introduction of several new teams into our competition. Torquay fielded 2 men's teams and a women's team. Golden Plains also entered men's and women's teams. From a competition perspective it was very exciting to have these new teams playing this season. It has certainly changed things and I hope these new teams continue for long into the future.

Senior men's competition reverted to 2 divisions with Newtown Falcons winning their first Division 1 flag in a very entertaining Grand Final against Torquay, who made the Grand Final in their first season. Saints took out Division 2 against Corio; Saints were the surprise packet after not winning a game the previous season.

Corio women took out their 10th consecutive premiership in Division 1 women against Geelong. Torquay won the Division 2 women's flag in their inaugural season. Congratulations to the Premiers, runners-up and all teams for a very well contested season across all senior divisions.

My personal thanks to the members of the match committee for their efforts, and also to Alan Climpson for his work as match recorder and to Claire Barnes once again for the tireless work she does for both the senior and junior competitions.

It will be very interesting and challenging to work out how the season will run next year with hopefully our 2nd pitch up operational before the start of next season.

We need to ensure all players have the opportunity to play local hockey as well as represent Hockey Geelong in the Hockey Victoria competitions. The clashes throughout the year, and more importantly the finals, have to be minimised and we may have to look "outside the square" in the future.

Once again I urge anyone with ideas to step forward and submit them to the Committee. I hope to see you all back next year.

Terry Moore

Match Committee Convenor

Junior Competition Report

It was very pleasing to see an increase in the number of teams participating in the Hockey Geelong Junior Competitions for the 2013 Winter season. These were distributed as follows:

	2012	2013
Joeys (Under 6)	1	1
Minkey (Under 8)	7	7
Under 11	7	6
Under 13	6	8
Under 15	6	7
Under 17	4	6
Total	31	35

The increase in teams was a result of excellent recruiting by Torquay, Kardinia and the new Golden Plains Hockey Club.

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

There was also a large group of junior players who played regularly on the Bellarine Peninsula but did not participate in the organised Hockey Geelong competitions.

Joeys

Newtown Hockey Club continues to offer a program for children aged 4 to 6 years old, as an introduction to hockey, but without a match format.

Minkey

The Minkey Programme is an excellent avenue for recruiting new players to the sport of hockey. There is minimal commitment for clubs in terms of equipment costs and personnel required to co-ordinate a team. With only 7 players required for a team, this is an avenue which all clubs should explore as a starting point for their junior program.

With the focus of the programme on enjoyment and participation, rather than winning, the Minkey programme allows players of a varied level of skill and experience to learn and develop their hockey game. The season finished with a Lightning Carnival, which was greatly enjoyed by all the players. Two teams from Bellarine also participated in this Carnival.

While the number of teams was the same number as 2012, it was good to see new team entries from Kardinia and Torquay. Hopefully, the entry of more clubs at this level will continue to stimulate the growth of junior hockey in Geelong as a whole.

It was good to see extra team numbers in the Under 13, Under 15 and Under 17 competitions. The increase in Under 17 teams is particularly pleasing as this provides an opportunity for more players to try the sport; many of whom may not yet be ready for senior competition. The mix of more experienced Under 17 players is also an advantage for those who may be learning. It was good to see a wide range of Clubs were represented in the Grand Final matches – an indication of an even competition. Congratulations to the 2013 Premiers and Runners-up.

Thanks to all the clubs and team co-ordinators for their work. With the continued enthusiasm and support of clubs, we can look forward to further advances in junior hockey in Geelong. It would be great to see a situation where every club has at least one team in every division. If the number of teams increased again in future, it may even be possible to have two divisions within the one age group, providing a more even competition for less experienced teams.

Claire Barnes

Junior Competition Co-ordinator

HOCKEY GEELONG WINTER COMPETITION

Junior Competition

Minkey participating teams

Geelong College Green, Geelong College White, Kardinia, Newtown Maroon, Torquay, Newtown White, Newtown Gold

While this was the same number of teams competing as in 2102, it was good to see new team entries from Kardinia and Torquay. Hopefully, the entry of more clubs at this level will continue to stimulate the growth of junior hockey in Geelong as a whole.

Claire Barnes

Under 11 Final ladder

Rank	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Points
1	Newtown Maroon	14	12	1	2	68	15	53	37
2	Torquay Tornadoes	14	9	2	3	59	28	31	29
3	Torquay	14	8	1	5	40	31	9	25
4	Newtown White	14	7	1	6	46	29	17	22
5	Geelong College	14	3	1	10	22	63	-41	10
6	Golden Plains	14	0	0	14	1	70	-69	0

Under 11 Premiers: Newtown Maroon

Runners-up: Torquay

Under 13 Final ladder

Rank	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Points
1	Kardinia	13	10	3	0	57	12	45	33
2	Golden Plains	13	9	3	1	35	10	25	30
3	Newtown White	13	7	3	3	25	17	8	24
4	Geelong	13	7	2	4	34	18	16	23
5	Torquay	13	4	3	6	13	20	-7	15
6	Newtown Maroon	13	4	3	6	13	24	-11	15
7	Saints	13	2	0	11	10	35	-25	6
8	Geelong College	13	0	1	12	4	55	-51	1

Under 13 Premiers: Kardinia

Runners- up: Geelong

Score: 5-2

Under 15 Final ladder

Rank	Team	P	Bye	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Points
1	Newtown White	12	2	10	2	0	56	12	44	32
2	Saints	12	2	8	1	3	49	16	33	25
3	Newtown Maroon	12	2	7	1	4	48	17	31	22
4	Torquay	12	2	6	1	5	19	32	-13	19
5	Kardinia Maroon	12	2	4	0	8	22	43	-21	12
6	Kardinia White	12	2	3	0	9	15	51	-36	9
7	Kardinia Blue	12	2	1	1	10	15	53	-38	4

Under 15 Premiers: Newtown White
 Runners-up: Saints
 Score: 5-1

Under 17 Barnes Shield Final ladder

Rank	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Points
1	Kardinia Thunder	14	10	1	3	39	20	19	31
2	Newtown White	14	8	1	5	40	19	21	25
3	Newtown Maroon	14	7	2	5	32	35	-3	23
4	Kardinia Storm	14	4	5	5	38	32	6	27
5	Torquay	14	4	3	7	25	33	-8	15
6	Kardinia Lightning	14	3	0	11	23	58	-35	9

Under 17 Premiers: Kardinia Storm
 Runners-up: Kardinia Thunder
 Score: 3-1

SENIOR COMPETITION

Division 2 Women Final ladder

Rank	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Points
1	Torquay	18	14	3	1	98	10	88	45
2	Geelong	18	11	3	4	41	20	21	36
3	Saints	18	12	0	6	35	53	-17	36
4	Golden Plains	18	5	0	13	31	56	-25	15
5	Newtown White	18	4	2	12	19	43	-24	14
6	Newtown Maroon	18	3	2	13	12	55	-23	11

Division 2 Women

Premiers: Torquay

Runners-up: Saints

Score 5-1

Best and Fairest:

Peta Hanley (Newtown) & Georgina Sayer (Torquay)

Player of the Grand Final:

Sarah Storen (Torquay)

Division 1 Women Final ladder

Rank	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Points
1	Geelong	18	12	1	5	71	32	39	37
2	Corio	18	7	4	7	44	56	-12	25
3	Newtown	18	5	5	8	33	42	-9	20
4	Saints	18	6	2	10	33	51	-18	20

Division 1 Women

Premiers: Corio

Runners-up: Geelong

Score 3-1

Best and Fairest:

Gillian Pasque (Geelong)

Player of the Grand Final:

Gillian Pasque (Geelong)

Division 1 Men Final ladder

Rank	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Points
1	Newtown Falcons	18	12	2	4	94	45	49	38
2	Saints	18	10	1	7	54	39	15	31
3	Torquay	18	9	1	8	66	65	1	28
4	Corio	18	3	0	15	41	106	-65	9

Division 1 Men

Premiers: Newtown Falcons

Runners-up: Torquay

Score 3-2

Best and Fairest: Matthew Shuttleworth (Torquay)

Player of the Grand Final: Shaun McDonald (Torquay)

Division 2 Men Final ladder

Rank	Team	P	Bye	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Points
1	Saints	17	1	17	0	0	117	19	98	51
2	Torquay	18	0	11	1	6	71	43	28	34
3	Corio	17	1	9	4	4	55	45	10	31
4	Newtown White	18	0	9	2	7	59	46	13	29
5	Geelong	18	0	8	3	7	55	59	-4	27
6	Newtown Maroon	18	0	4	2	12	28	84	-56	14
7	Saints 2	18	0	3	2	11	33	60	-27	11
8	Golden Plains	18	0	1	2	15	27	89	-62	5

Division 2 Men

Premiers: Saints

Runners-up: Corio

Score 8-1

Best and Fairest: Craig Stephenson (Corio)

Player of the Grand Final: Jacob Muchochomi (Saints)



HOCKEY VICTORIA COMPETITION SENIOR REPORTS

Women's Victorian League 1

After the 2012 squad had earned the promotion to Vic League 1 it was reasonable to suggest that we were a bit of the unknown this year and we were not quite sure what to expect of our achievements this year as well.

Season 2013 has certainly proven to be a successful year and an excellent base of which to build a strong season 2014 campaign and make sure we are part of the action come finals time.

The group of players we had this year was a younger squad with a mixture of teenagers, twenty somethings and shall we say the "more experienced" ladies as well. In hind sight a great combination and one that allows for experience to settle the situation and youthful exuberance to break the lines.

Our year was one of consistency with our defensive game being the best in Vic League 1 with the least amount of goals scored against and our attacking game starting to find its way and not losing a game in the last 10 we played this year. We only missed the finals by one win. A shame but a great motivation and reassurance for next year.

One more win had us playing in September of which we would have done very well considering we had achieved success on the longest and certainly one of the hardest road trips in hockey. To beat Albury in Albury is a magnificent achievement and one that defined the characteristics of the group beautifully.

Belief, passion, determination, teamwork and enjoyment helped show what can be achieved by this group today, tomorrow and the years to come. A lot of hard work went into season 2103 with a solid pre-season, team planning and support from the reserves as well.

If this year's group can stay together for a few years and keep the support from reserves with some foundation support from the local clubs and development of local talent, this squad can make Premier League on its own merits. This is not a pipe dream but the realisation of hard work and forward planning.

I have been able to best educate and guide this group with the assistance of some dedicated people and I thank Andie Hatton and Jay Sands for their time and effort and the leadership group. Thank you also to Rachel Frost, Alison O'Reilly and Kelli Caldow for their assistance and guidance of the Reserves team as well.

There is a bright future ahead with the Hockey Geelong Women's squad and they can achieve quite a lot through preparation, hard work, team work and commitment.

2014 is going to be a defining year and efforts will be rewarded. The attitude to push yourself to see what is possible will be the only thing holding any one back.

Good Luck, play hard, own it and above all enjoy your hockey.

All the best for season 2014 and I look forward to the future success of the group.

Stuart Hyslop

Women's Victorian League 1 Coach

Women's Victorian League 1 Reserves

There was a coach appointed for the Reserves - that was a great start to the season. Josh Bartlett was keen to improve his coaching abilities and was assisting Stuart Hyslop in developing this team through many of the up-and-coming junior-ranked players.

After a struggling season in Pennant C in 2012, combined with the new structure of Hockey Victoria's competition, a promotion to VL1R was seen as ambitious and challenging. This team, as a second side normally experiences, was constantly changing its playing staff. With players being promoted, demoted or simply unavailable for the first team, the Reserves experienced some unsettling game play due to constant positional changes depending on "who we had" in any given week.

The challenge was on though. With experienced and wiser players combined with youth, speed and agility the Reserves took on the higher grade teams with gusto. We had many wins and the team, even though its personnel changed every week, was coming away with wins on the board.

Our excitement of having a coach was short-lived. Josh decided to take on a Leadership role at a Summer Camp in USA. After discussions were had, the three wise monkeys in Kelli Caldwell, Rachael Frost and Alison O'Reilly then became the team's caretakers. The experience, knowledge and skills of these players proved to be a great asset to the team and these girls were able to guide this younger, less experienced team into many more wins after Josh's departure. As playing and coaching is a difficult task, Nette Williams was asked for some side line help. Nette worked well with Kelli, Rachael and Alison overseeing any tactical issues and greatly assisting us with interchanges. Sometimes there were 5 on the bench. Not a great feeling with so many - but also not an easy task for Nette to ensure each player got even pitch time.

From the start of the season till the end, any spectator could tell you the improvement in the younger players. Improved in skill sets, determination, reading the play, tackling, agility and fitness. With positive support from the captain Elena Hobson and vice captain, Cassie O'Reilly together with the caretakers, this team, in general, was a pleasure to watch.

Congratulations to Tianha Proebstl for being the recipient of the Coach's Award. Tianha was one of many who constantly came to training but the improvement in her playing ability, her strength, her desire to achieve and more importantly her desire to BE COACHED was outstanding.

Congratulations to Alison O'Reilly being awarded the Best and Fairest with Rachael Frost the Runner-Up.

This team was most unfortunate to have missed out on the finals by 1 goal....only percentage stopped us from showing the hockey world how much we had improved from last season. It is interesting to know that we had beaten the teams that ended up 2nd, 3rd and 4th on the ladder. The eventual Grand Final winner was the team we were unable to beat but that team also showed our girls what they need to aspire to. A system of team hockey, fitness, accurate and quick passing/hitting.

Thanks to Stuart Hyslop for taking on the role of Head Senior Women's Coach and in the most part, running the training sessions for the whole squad. Thanks also to the VL1 girls for their support and being great role models. To be the best you must play the best and having these girls train with the Reserves no doubt helped improve the skills of all of the up-and-coming players within the Senior ranks.

Thanks must also go to Rachael Frost for organising the Reserves. Week-in and week-out, Rachael basically did the team managing (and roped a few parents in as well on game day). From travel arrangements and fees, to player availability, Rachael did an awesome job of keeping all of the "off field" issues to a minimum.

Rachael Frost, Alison O'Reilly and Kelli Caldow

Coaches

Men's Victorian League 2

Season 2013 for the Vic League 2 and Vic League 2 Reserves men started in December 2012 with our first meeting and first couple of running sessions prior to the Christmas break. The numbers were good and it was evident that a few of the men had kept themselves in reasonable condition, while others had enjoyed a good off-season. The dreaded beep test was the last session to be completed before the break, with the boys given a running program for the Christmas break and a clear understanding of the expectation of the level of fitness that will be required to play in the Vic League 2 team.

As often happens when a new coach begins working with a team, there is a transition period that takes place where new ideas and strategies combine with the old ones. In this case, it was the boys adapting to a new playing structure and style of play that they had not really been exposed to before. While it took a short amount of time for the team to gain a general understanding of new structures, there were definite periods of confusion and reverting back to old habits. The crucial part of implementing new ideas is that the whole playing group must be completely trusting and buy in to the new style. I can't fault the playing group in any way in their effort to implement these new strategies, and their efforts made the transition period shorter and much easier for me as a coach.

Prior to the start of the regular season the group had some excellent opportunities to build on their understanding of the new playing structures through playing a few practice matches. The most pleasing of these outings was the dominant display against Werribee in the Tout Cup where the boys won convincingly. Other strong performances in preseason practice matches put the group in a very positive frame of mind coming into the start of the regular season.

The group hit the regular season on a roll and continued their good form, getting off to a flyer. With a mix of some strong performances, and some weaker performances that still resulted in wins, the group found themselves clearly on top of the ladder at the half way mark of the season. Having already played each team once, the second half of the season was one where we were able to put specific strategies in place for individual teams and players. These strategies were practiced at training, and devised with input from the whole playing group. It is a strength of the group that they were all able to contribute in some manner to the planning and implementation of the strategies that were put in place.

Despite dropping a few games that we really should have won, the team put themselves in a position with three rounds remaining in the regular season, where we knew that we had successfully gained promotion to Vic League 1. This promotion was a specific goal of the group from before the season started, so to attain this goal with three regular games remaining was a very pleasing position to be in. It did pose a challenge to the team in the final three rounds prior to finals, how to play and stay motivated when the primary goal had already been achieved. This challenge did prove to be difficult, but the team increased their focus and intensity in the final round to ensure that we headed into finals in good shape.

The finals series saw us travelling up to Monash University to play a talented and unpredictable Gippsland Bulls late on a Sunday afternoon. In a tough and close match, scores were level at the end of full time and we went into golden goal extra time. I have refrained from mentioning

individuals up to this point, but the heroics of the captain Mark Jackson in saving a certain goal was clearly a deciding factor in seeing us progress through to the Grand Final. With Ben Champion beaten, all the Gippsland forward had to do was push the ball over the line. Fortunately for us, he didn't push it hard enough and Mark Jackson was able to dive full stretch to pull off one of the best individuals saves I have seen! With Grant Downie scoring the winning goal in the second period of extra time, we had booked a week off and our place in Grand Final.

Having the week off can often prove to be quite a challenge, as the rest can be most beneficial at the end of the season but the lack of a high intensity match can be difficult to replicate. Despite this fact, the boys all acquitted themselves extremely well in the preparation for the big game. This thorough preparation saw us travel up to the SNHC on the team bus in a very focussed and calm state, and ready to finish what started in the preseason. Our objective of winning the premierships! I can't fault any of the players in their efforts on grand final day, with the teams performance being one of the most complete performances of the year and a dominating display of hockey! Gippsland were shell shocked from the start and never recovered as the mighty Sharks went on to win!

In closing I would like to thank the efforts of a couple of people. Brett Bingham as team manager did a fantastic job of keeping myself and the boys organised and ready for trainings and games. He was the bus driver on the long trips, organiser on game day, and a great cook on the barbecue! Finally, Grant Downie as assistant coach and player was a great support, sounding board and encourager. 2013 was a successful year and I am looking forward to what lies ahead in season 2014.

Go Sharks!

Andrew Smith

Coaches

Masters Report

Hockey Geelong entered 3 teams under Hockey Victoria's new age-based competition. It was pleasing to have an extra team this year, providing another option for hockey players to keep on keeping on.

Warren Harding managed the 35+ B North West which finished in 6th position. His team was on average older than their opposition. The team improved as the season progressed and with the addition of some younger players should be able to grab a finals berth in 2014.

David Fitzgerald managed the 45+ B North West and the team finished Runners-up. After finishing third, the 45s played excellent hockey to win 2 cut-throat finals and make it to the big one. A huge crowd witnessed the Geelong team take on the undefeated Melton in the Grand Final at Footscray. Melton were too strong and deserved their champion status. Geelong were competitive and in with a show but unable to match Melton's overall class.

Peter Gill managed the 50+ B team which finished 8th. This was a new team playing in a new comp on Wednesday nights all at away venues in the Western suburbs. If some very close losses had gone the other way, this team would have been contending for the finals.

The Masters competition based on age is probably a fairer system at the expense of fracturing some teams set up for more social pursuits.

Many thanks to all players, umpires and spectators involved.

For 2014 there may be a Hockey Geelong Masters women's team introduced. Anyone interested should contact Debbie O'Shannessy.

It is hoped that Geelong could field a Masters team in the Pan Pacific games on the Gold Coast in November 2014. Anyone interested should contact Peter Climpson.

We always keen on hearing from prospective Masters players.
Contact David Fitzgerald on 0411 109395 or email fitzgeraldjdj@bigpond.com

David Fitzgerald

Co-ordinator

HOCKEY VICTORIA COMPETITION - SENIORS

Coaches and managers

Men

Vic League 2

Coach: Andrew Smith

Assistant Coach: Grant Downie

Manager: Brett Bingham

Vic League 2 Reserves

Coach: Simon Babb

Assistant Coach: Phil Frost

Manager: Brett Bingham

Metro 2 West

Coach: Tane Apanui

Manager: Brett Bingham

Women

Vic League 1

Coach: Stuart Hyslop

Manager: Andie Hatton

Vic League 1 Reserves

Coach: Josh Bartlett (short term)

Rachael Frost, Alison O'Reilly, Kelli Caldow

Manager: Rachael Frost and Nette Williams

Senior Representative Teams Awards

Women's Vic League 1

"Murray Medal" Best and Fairest:
Most Valuable Player:

Emma Hatton
Jess Fletcher

Women's Vic League 1 Reserves

Best & Fairest:
Most Valuable Player:

Alison O'Reilly
Kelli Caldow

Men's Vic League 2

"Kirk Medal" Best and Fairest:
Most Valuable Player:

Matthew Shuttleworth
Fergus Dawson

Men's Vic League 2 Reserves

Best & Fairest:
Most Valuable Player:

Jack Chadwick
Jack Chadwick

Men's Metro 2 West

Best & Fairest:
Most Valuable Player:

Stuart Raffin
Callum Lewis

Coaches' Awards

Women

Vic League 1:
Vic League 1 Reserves:

Helen Dyett
Tiahna Proebstl

Men

Vic League 2:
Vic League 2 Reserves:
Metro 2 West

Benjamin Champion
Luke Kelly
Matthew Chaplin

HOCKEY VICTORIA WINTER COMPETITION RESULTS

Women's Vic League 1

Final Ladder placing

Fifth (1 point from 4th position)

Women's Vic League 1 Reserves

Final Ladder Position

Fifth (goal difference from 4th position)

Men's Vic League 2

Final Ladder Position

First

Premiers Men's Vic League 3 defeating Gippsland Bulls 4-1

Men's Vic League 2 Reserves

Final ladder Position

First

Runners-up in Grand Final to MHSOB 1-0

Men's Metro 2 West

Final ladder Position

First

Lost Preliminary final 2-0 to Melbourne University

Mens 35+ B North West

Final ladder Position

6th

Mens 45+ B North West

Final ladder Position

3rd

Runners-up in Grand Final to Melton 3-1

Men's 50+ B

Final ladder Position

8th

2013 JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS REPORTS

Under 14 Girls Pennant

This was the first year that Hockey Geelong had entered a girls Under 14 team. It was great to see that we were able to get enough girls trial to fill the team. It was coached by Kelli Caldwell and John Belushi.

The season started a little slow but there was much excitement from the girls when we had our first win in round 3. We ended the season with a total of 8 wins 1 draw and 5 losses. The girls only just missed out on finals by 1 point and finished the season sitting 6th on the ladder (there were only 3 points between 2nd and 6th).

It was fantastic to see the improvement over the season from all of the girls. Each one of them improved their individual skills greatly and played with more confidence in themselves as the season went on.

Most of the girls had not played together previously, therefore their team play improved fantastically from the beginning of the season to the end. Their communication, ability to read the play, fitness levels and confidence all improved each week. It was a great opportunity for these girls to step up to this level and gain more hockey experience at a higher level.

During the season we had one girl selected in the Under 12 Victorian Schoolgirls team. Two girls who were selected in the Western Metro Wildcats Under 13 team and two for the South West Country Eagles Under 15 team that played at the Junior State Champs in the middle of the season.

The Zone Challenge, which was on in October and November, saw two girls playing with the Wildcats Under 12s and two in the Under 14s. Also due to the Eagles needing more players we had one playing Under 12s and 7 girls getting the opportunity to play in the Under 14s. Again this was a great opportunity to further their hockey.

The 2014 season will see about 5 of the girls step up and look towards the Under 16s and allow a few more girls the chance to be a part of the Hockey Geelong Under 14 girls Representative team.

Kelli Caldwell

Coach

Under 14 Pennant North West

Season 2013 started with the squad getting together early before the trials for some pre-season fitness sessions. We had about 20 U14 players who turned up to these sessions and subsequent trials.

When the trials began it was obvious we had some tough choices on our hands to select the final squad of 16 players. The boys all showed some fantastic hockey qualities over the trial period and the final squad was selected with a few boys missing out. Each of the players who were unsuccessful in making the final squad got in-depth feedback to take away and work on. The squad was now training hard as we moved towards the season and the scene was set for the expectations of the playing group. This year was all about the development of individual players, as well as coming together as a team to play some strong hockey. We spoke about wanting to improve as the season went on and the importance of recognising when we play good hockey as well as areas for improvement. We had some measures in place of things we needed to do well and the results were going to take care of themselves.

Round 1 was upon us and we were taking on old foes in Werribee. Geelong won the game 4-1 to have a great start to the season.

Round 2 was last year's premiers in St Bernard's and we drew 0-0 in a thrilling match.

Rounds 3-5 saw Geelong dominate with 3 wins, scoring 17 goals and conceding 2.

Round 6 was our first loss; Essendon was the team and it was a great tough game. This was a fantastic learning opportunity for our group and we took a lot away from it.

The second half of the season was as consistent as the first half with only 1 loss -to St Bernard's 1-0. The highlight of the season came in round 13 when we travelled to Essendon to take on the ladder leaders. Geelong played some exhilarating hockey that night and walked away with a 3-1 win over Essendon. The most impressive part was the disciplined way we played the game. As we had spoken about all year if we focus on the process then the results would take care of themselves. This was a great example.

Geelong finished third on the ladder with 34 points (4th place was on 18 points). We scored a strong 52 goals for the season and conceded 11. This was a brilliant effort considering we lost our regular goalkeeper for 10 weeks with a long-term injury. Credit must be given to Tom Little who put his hand up and kept for us over that period and did an amazing job.

We took on Essendon in the Elimination final and unfortunately went down 4-1 in a very tough game of hockey. Fair to say that this wasn't our best game of the season but the guys can hold their heads high.

We achieved a lot on the field this year as well as plenty off it. The boys were challenged to think about their hockey a lot more than they ever have before and responded very well.

A huge thank you to Paul Benham who was a fantastic co coach all year. Thanks also to Grant Boyd as our manager but most of all a huge thank you to the Geelong boys for the way that they responded all year. We challenged them week in and week out and they were up to the challenge. Great job guys.

Each of the players received detailed feedback to take away and work on. Hopefully this helps them transition to the next level for season 2014.

Shane Walters

Coach

Final ladder Under 14 Pennant North West

Position	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	SD	Pts
1	St. Bernards	14	11	0	3	43	6	37	36
2	Essendon	14	11	2	1	69	11	58	34
3	Geelong	14	11	2	1	52	11	41	34
4	Camberwell	14	6	8	0	28	41	-13	18
5	Powerhouse/StKilda	14	5	9	0	19	44	-25	15
6	Werribee	14	4	9	1	19	55	-36	13
7	Brunswick	14	3	11	0	17	46	-29	9
8	Greensborough	14	2	12	0	15	48	-33	6

Under 16 Girls Pennant North West

There were many issues and changes for the Under 16 Girls team during 2013. After initially having some trouble appointing a coach for the team a different approach was taken with Emmaline Moore and Sarah Osborne offering to run the Tuesday night trainings while Cassie O'Reilly would coach the games as both Sarah and Em were often unavailable on Friday nights. As with all new things, this had a few hiccups to begin with before a rhythm was established. Unfortunately Emmaline withdrew as one of the coaches mid season.

Also due to personal circumstances, there were various changes to the team selected with Lisbeth Radtke moving to Melbourne, allowing Simone Brown to take her spot on the squad, then moving back again a month or so later causing fears that someone would have to be chosen to sit out each week. Luckily, this rarely happened and there were also a few weeks when we were short players and Kelly O'Halloran was able filled in and demonstrate her improvement since the trials. Also near the end of the season our goal keeper, Gemma Hughes, looked like she would have to pull out before things were fortunately resolved with her only missing one week where we borrowed a local Newtown goal keeper, Jennifer Welsh.

Through all these troubles the girls remained positive and upbeat due to the exemplary leadership and support of our Leadership Group which consisted of Tiahna Proebstl, Ellen Chaplin, Claudia Crawley and Olivia McGrane. These girls did a fantastic job taking on the initiative in assisting both the coaches and the players as well as sharing the responsibilities of their position as Captains.

In terms of the games, again it took a little tweaking to find how we best fit together but no-matter where they were placed, all of the players were determined to work as a team to the best of their abilities. I am very proud of the Under 16 Girls who finished the end of the season 4th on the ladder with 9 wins, 2 draws and 3 losses. They also scored the second highest number of goals for (72) and conceded the third lowest goals against (12) of all the teams giving them the second best goal difference (60). Of the 19 players we had throughout the season only 6 did not score a goal. Our top goal scorer for our team was Ellen Chaplin (13) who was fourth in our division. Our other goal scorers included Bailee McDonald (11), Tiahna Proebstl (11), Bronte Connoley (8), Olivia McGrane (8), Rose Jennett (6), Eliza Sheehan (4), Hiske Klasson (3), Nina Brown (2), Georgina Calvert (2), Lisbeth Radtke (2), Dominique Russell (1) and Simone Brown (1).

Unfortunately, though the girls gave their all, we were beaten in the first round of finals by Greensborough who went on to win the Grand Final. We are very proud of the effort of all of the players throughout the season and hope all the girls continue to hone their skills, keep up their intensity and enjoy their hockey in the coming years. Congratulations again to the Leadership Team (Tiahna Proebstl, Ellen Chaplin, Claudia Crawley and Olivia McGrane), the Best and Fairest (Katie Warren), Most Valuable Player (Tiahna Proebstl), and the Rising Stars (Nina Brown and Kelly O'Halloran).

Cassie O'Reilly

Co-coach

Under 16A Shield

The key objectives we had at the start of the season were:

As a coach:

- Develop and implement a basic set of skills each team member needs to perform - including basics, elimination, leading/receiving, fitness and positional play.
- Development of a “house style” game plan for Hockey Geelong in order to convey a consistent message about the style of play desired in Under 16 and Senior teams.
- Outline a defined season plan - communicated with the players - that splits the year into two distinct periods so the team can reach maximum potential by the end of the season.

As a team:

- To build upon the positive platform set in 2012.
- To be competitive in this competition with the aim to finish mid-table and possibly make a push for the finals.
- To build a culture of inclusiveness in the team that allows each team member a forum to give their views and opinions as well as the confidence to speak up.

As Players:

- To work on developing the basic skills of all team members.
- To develop a player group well-prepared to make the transition into senior teams.
- To instil players with confidence to nominate and participate in higher competition levels, including JSC Zone and State teams.

On a whole I believe we achieved a high level of compliance against all of these objectives. From a coach’s point of view we have consistently worked on developing each player’s individual skill base and they have shown a marked improvement against these benchmarks through the year.

The style of play we coached had similar core principles to those used in the senior teams. Initially our structure was based on 1:3:2:2:3 method used by Geelong Men’s 1^{sts}. However, in the long-run we made an alteration in order to play to our players’ strengths. Despite this, the ball movement and player accountability that is key to the Senior men’s teams was a consistent theme throughout the year.

As a team I think in many respects we exceeded expectations. This season’s competition was incredibly competitive, especially with the reduction in team numbers from 10 to 8 and the transfer of a number of State (and fringe) players from other clubs into already strong teams.

As such, to finish 5th on the ladder, 2 points out from the Top 4 was a great achievement.

I also believe the environment we developed within the team and the time we put aside to discuss the way the team played and give every player a forum to have an impact on dissecting previous games and plan for the future games was a positive development. We ran a very structured training program that not only prepared the teams for the weeks’ game, but also specifically targeted the players’ individual skill development. Having two coaches allowed us to

break the team into smaller groups (normally based on skill level) so we could provide tailored programs.

In addition, the senior team members (notably Ryan and Mack) often assisted in running and coaching these smaller groups which not only benefited the team, but gave them a glimpse into coaching and leadership.

As players there was a high level of success at both State and JSC level (listed later in the report) On top of this we had a number of players represent Geelong at Senior level:

- Emma Hatton - Geelong Women's Vic League 1
- Ryan Parry and Mack Dolenc - Geelong Men's Vic League 2
- Matt Chaplin and Sean Fitzgerald - Geelong Metro

A genuine effort should be made by Hockey Geelong to get a number of these players involved in Senior hockey next season. This should include all those players who are now finished junior hockey as well as a number of bottom-age players with the requisite skills to do so.

Overall this should be considered a highly successful season as team as well as for individual team members. I would like to thank Ruth McKinnon and Chris Little for their excellent work in organising the junior competition this year.

Andrew Byers

Co-coach

2013 GEELONG JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE SQUADS

Coaches and Managers

Junior Coordinators: *Ruth McKinnon and Chris Little*

Under 16A Shield:

Coach: Phil Frost and Andrew Byers

Manager: Bronwyn Kelly

Under 16 Girls Pennant North West:

Coach: Cassie O'Reilly and Sarah Osborne

Manager: Greg McGrane and Jo Proebstl

Under 14 Pennant North West:

Coach: Shane Walters and Paul Benham

Manager: Grant Boyd

Under 14 Girls Pennant:

Coach: Kelli Caldow and John Alonso

Manager: Mel Bowe

Junior Representative Teams Awards

Under 16A Shield

Captain: Mack Dolenc
Best and Fairest: Mack Dolenc
Most Valuable Player: Matt Chaplin

Under 16 Girls Pennant North West

Leadership Group: Tiahna Proebstl, Olivia McGrane, Claudia Crawley, Ellen Chaplin
Best and Fairest: Katie Warren
Most Valuable Player: Tiahna Proebstl

Under 14 Pennant North West

Captain: Adam Gieles
Best and Fairest: Matthew Barnett
Most Valuable Player: Adam Gieles

Under 14 Girls Pennant

Leadership Group: Eibhlis Moore, Tahlia Caldow, Maddy Crowley
Best and Fairest: Eibhlis Moore, Winnie Cole
Most Valuable Player: Julie Gray-Jones

2013 “Just Hockey” Awards Recipients Congratulations to Lachlan Baensch and Tom Little

Nominations for the award received from team coaches and managers were:

Under 14 Boys: Matt Barnett, Tom Little
Under 14 Girls: Eibhlis Moore, Tahlia Caldow
Under 16 Mixed: Harry Sim, Lachlan Baensch
Under 16 Girls: Olivia McGrane, Claudia Crawley





HOCKEY GEELONG REPRESENTATIVE TEAM RESULTS

Hockey Victoria final ladder positions

Juniors:

Under 16A

Final ladder position

5th

Under 16 Girls Pennant North West

Final ladder position

4th

Lost preliminary final to Greensborough

Under 14 Pennant North West

Final ladder position

3rd

Lost preliminary final to Essendon

Under 14 Girls Pennant

Final ladder position

6th

Summer Indoor Hockey 2012 and 2013

Summer Indoor Hockey – 2012

Hockey Geelong entered two teams in the summer indoor competition in 2012. Teams were entered in the Under 15 Shield and Under 17 West Shield competitions played at Victoria University, Footscray.

Both teams had successful seasons with the Under 15 Shield side playing off in the finals and winning the Premiership undefeated for the season. Thank you to Guy Hackwell for coaching the Under 15 side, with Andy Byers and Simon Chaplin looking after the Under 17 team.

Following the indoor competition, Geelong ended up with two players making the State Under 15 indoor team - Emma Hatton and Ryan Parry. Both Emma and Ryan travelled to Launceston in January 2013 to take part in the National Championship indoor competition. Jacqui Wright was also selected as a train-on for the girls Under 17 State team and gained valuable experience training with the State squad in the lead up to their National Championships.

Summer Indoor Hockey – 2013

At time of writing the 2013 Annual Report Geelong had entered two indoor teams in the Under 15 West Shield and Under 18 West Shield competitions. Following trials for State teams in November 2013, six Geelong players were recognised and made the following State teams:

- Under 15 Girls: Emma Hatton
- Under 15 Boys: Felix Melder
- Under 18 Boys: Mack Dolenc and Ryan Parry

Jacqui Wright and Luke Hatton were also selected to train with the Under 18 girls and Under 18 boys squads in the lead up to the National Championships being played in Brisbane in January 2014.

Gwyn Hatton

HOCKEY GEELONG 2013 EVENTS

Women's Country Weekend



TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

GENERAL COMMENTS

Hockey Geelong staged a successful Women's Country Week tournament over the Queen's Birthday Long Weekend.

To my Umpire Manager Laura Bennetts, and 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. A tireless effort from Laura and one she should be very proud of; I know I am.

To my Assistant Tournament Director Maddie Storr - thanks for the huge effort you put in over the weekend. Maddie worked around 14 hours each day; this made my role a breeze and thanks to this I was able to leave the running of the tournament in her capable hands. This I see as a great chance for developing of both individuals but also the hockey community.

With this in mind, Elise Mace from Hockey Victoria and I spoke about placement opportunities for future sports management students and we both agree this is a perfect vehicle for this.

To all the Hockey Geelong volunteers that manned the Canteen and ensured the facility was cleaned during the day, please accept my thanks.

Our First Aid Officer, Mark Frost, for the tireless work and efforts over the weekend - thank you.

This year we had 23 teams compete over the weekend in 5 divisions and we look forward to more teams in the future. I would like to mention the return of Hockey Albury-Wodonga, and Latrobe Valley to the tournament. East Gippsland has increased team numbers and to all associations thanks for your support of this event.

The support from all competitors was great and this allowed me to have a very easy championship 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.

TOURNAMENT OR PLAYING RECOMMENDATIONS

The event should have at least four divisions with these being A, A Reserve, B and Vets.

The benefit of having the five divisions was shown over the weekend and in future this should be maintained. The increase of teams to participate into the A1 and A2 grades bodes well for country hockey and regional associations such as Warrnambool, East Gippsland, Ballarat and Wimmera.

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

New trophies are required, as most are fast approaching full status and cannot handle additional division winner's names.

If possible medallions be made available for competition grade winners. This year no medallions were presented and this is something we should look at incorporating into the team entry costs.

HOST ASSOCIATION 2014

The proposed venue for the next year be decided as early as possible, as to allow the host association time to plan and promote the upcoming tournament. Many teams need to be able to book suitable accommodation early to assist in reducing costs for those attending.

I would like to see Hockey Geelong host the event again next year as the second pitch will be operational and they deserve this opportunity. This would also allow the players and associations to make provisions for accommodation and travel arrangements at an earlier and more timesaving manner.

Resources are tight for regional communities and if the early announcement of the host association was made this may allow teams to book closer accommodation and also seek better rates.

Geelong will be able to provide the foundation for this to occur next year and then I feel other associations should be encouraged to see if they can seek to host in the future.

Hockey Geelong will and does have great facilities and is the home of Women's Country week for a vast majority of the 88 years of competition.

I would also like to recommend staging a Saturday night event at Stead Park for all visiting teams to attend and have the opportunity to relax, mingle and socialise with other associations.

ACCREDITATION

Use of event to foster and develop technical officials and provide an opportunity to have Community and Level 1 assessments made for both Country and Metro officials.

The following recommendations for Umpire Accreditations are:

Community:

Steve Schneider: Practical and Theory completed

Lee Manning: Practical and Theory completed

Heidi Perry: Started

Level 1

Sue Chapman: Practical and Theory completed

Stephen Heselwood: Practical and Theory completed

Debra Covery-Barnett: Practical and Theory completed

Brad Cain: Practical and Theory completed

David Chittick: Practical and Theory completed

Leanne Basham: Reaccreditation / Practical and Theory completed
David Chittick: Practical and Theory to complete
Garry Frost: Reaccreditation / Practical and Theory completed
Erica White: Reaccreditation / Practical and Theory completed
Madison Storr: Reaccreditation / Practical and Theory completed
David Whebell: Practical and Theory completed
Stef Coote: Reaccreditation / Practical and Theory completed
Sam Bennetts: Practical and Theory completed

The full list of umpires used over the weekend is as follows:

Alan Climpson
Leanne Basham
Pearce Frost
Brad Cain
Lee Manning
Phoebe Webb
Daniel Whebell
Liam Kerr-Nelson
Samantha Bennetts
David Chittick
Lisa Taylor
Scott Robinson
Deb Barnett
Maddie Storr
Stef Coote
Eliza Willamont
Marcel Klaassen
Stephen Heselwood
Erica White
Mark Frost
Steve Schnieder
Garry Frost
Mark Peterson
Sue Chapman
Heidi Perry
Neil Hall
Laura Bennetts
Pam Sutton

Over the tournament, 28 umpires formed the Panel with thirteen female umpires in this total. This is the highest number of female officials to attend any tournament for many a year. This is great to promote umpiring as a pathway for female officials. The A Grade Final was officiated by Samantha Bennetts and Scott Robinson and the A2 Final by Mark Frost and Brad Cain.

It is pleasing to be able to use female umpires for events and also encourage male umpires to attend. The number of female officials used over the finals series was decreased due to some also playing games; otherwise we would have seen all Finals covered by female umpires - that would have been a great sight.

Congratulations to these officials and to all umpires over the weekend.

A special mention must go to Neil Hall and Scott Robinson, both of whom travelled to the tournament to gain an insight on both the umpiring and coaching aspect of the Games. They too will take these skills back to Goulburn Valley. Thanks for the workload you guys absorbed and I hope to catch up with you in the coming weeks and see how things are progressing back in your home association.

Every game for the weekend had an observer and this is a huge workload spread over two venues.

Pam Sutton from Hockey Geelong ensured we had many local umpires attend and receive coaching, assessment or mentoring over the weekend. In all we had 16 assessments for either Community or Level 1 umpires. Plus accreditations to be completed back at local association level which should bring this total to 28 in all. In addition we had the opportunity to work with some umpires to start their umpiring pathway and a plan for each person will be compiled and sent to the individual umpire and the Hockey Geelong coordinator Pam Sutton.

CONCLUSION

The tournament was a success and every competing association, teams and all provided positive feedback over the weekend.

This tournament also allows the personal development of new umpire coaches, umpire managers and umpires. This is the foundation of future development opportunities and I recommend in future years this event be used to provide the development opportunities to up-skill identified technical and umpiring aspirants.

We wish to acknowledge the work of several associations that could not attend this year due to various reasons but look forward to them returning next year wherever the event is staged.

To Hockey Victoria I would also like to pass on my thanks to Hockey Victoria staff that worked tirelessly in the lead up to the tournament and ensured all needs were met. I thank Chris Chittick for her support in the presentations on Monday.

I would also like to mention that unfortunately Pam Vincent and Gwen Mulconry were unable to attend; I wish them all the best and look forward to catching up with them in the future.

To Mary Lofthouse, Elise Mace, Emily McIntyre, Cam Atkins and Tom Kneebone for their support and efforts, please accept my thanks.

To Chris Chittick for her support as both a Board member of Hockey Victoria and as a friend - many thanks.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next Women's Country Weekend Championships and am very happy everyone had a safe trip home.

Charlie Martin

Tournament Director

HOCKEY GEELONG UNDER 13 CARNIVAL

Geelong hosted the annual Under 13 Carnival on Sunday, August 4, with teams from Warrnambool, West Gippsland and Glenelg, Ballarat, and Bellarine competing against Geelong's two teams. The day was a great success, with all teams enjoying the lightning format that keeps all players actively involved.

Teams that previously attended were notified with plenty of notice of the change of date of the carnival to the first Sunday in August for 2013. The carnival was a mixed gender event, with a minimum requirement of some girls in each team. All competing teams were emailed the rules of the carnival prior to the event.

Local interest from players was established via email to club contacts and flyers posted at Stead Park for players to register to play.

The following are points are highlights of the carnival organisation:

- Well-attended carnival with 8 teams in the fixture
- There was more interest in the carnival than one pitch can accommodate on one day. Many clubs registered interest in entering a second team. This highlighted the benefit of the second pitch will bring, allowing a larger competition for this age group and potentially the capacity to include Under 15 element as well.
- Affordable team entry of \$200 each. Geelong players charged \$15 per head. This covered all expenses with some profit to Hockey Geelong.
- A winter raffle was run at the same time, allowing the contribution from Andrea Crosbie, of a beautiful hand-made quilt - in Hockey Geelong colours - to contribute to funds for junior equipment. The raffle raised \$342.
- No real problems with canteen operation of recruiting parents to man the tech bench.
- Junior umpires were utilised in order to further umpire development which was facilitated by Pam Sutton.

Issues to consider for 2014 carnival:

- Council noise restrictions on time of early matches and the use of air siren and loudspeakers before midday
- Option of longer games if second pitch is available
- Option of more teams competing
- Option of additional age group participating if second pitch is available.

Thanks to the organising committee of Chris Little, Ruth McKinnon and Hockey Geelong, along with Joyce Climpson and the volunteers that manned the canteen all day and the umpires. Also to the clubs that played at other venues to accommodate the tournament.

Ruth McKinnon

Junior Co-ordinator

RESPONSIBLE SERVING OF ALCOHOL

Hockey Geelong hosted an accredited Responsible Serving of Alcohol Course in June 2013. There were 15 participants with hockey connections and 10 participants from Saint Albans football and cricket club in attendance.

Certificates were issued to successful participants.

The course was offered to the Hockey Geelong community to encourage more people to become accredited and to meet Hockey Geelong's commitment to its Good Sports Accreditation.

Nette Williams

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