

## **Mentone Hockey Club Annual Report 2017**

### **President's Report - submitted by Rod Tansey**

It is with great pleasure I present my Presidents Report for the 2017. It is with a sense of satisfaction I write this annual report sharing some of the activities and successes of the past season. While I draw attention to these activities I am sure that I shall miss some, so please accept my apology for any missing detail. This doesn't mean anything more than a poor recollection by me!

The Club is now rightfully back in Premier League for both the Men's and Womens Sections we also can now boast from next year of having Pennant A for both Men and Women as well as "A" grade teams in the Womens Masters 35 and the Men's Masters at the 35's and 45's level. The Premier League Women, Men's Pennant B, Women's Masters 35 A and Women's Metro B South all appeared in Grand Finals with Women's Metro B and Women Masters 35 A going on to take out their respective Premierships.

Thank you to Joe Hill, Mark Riley, Connor Zimmerman Luke Michael, Courtney Mann and Mark Ford along with all the other coaches of the various teams both Senior and Junior. It's not an easy job with lots of competing pressures. Your collective work this year is greatly appreciated.

I'd like to thank those organisations that sponsor and support the Club each including, Echo Cartons, Liquid Nitrogen Services, Stewart Insurance Group, Hockey Equipe and the Mentonians Association. Our sport is not cheap and all external support helps.

It was personally very pleasing to be able to start the season on our new hybrid pitch. This surface lifts the standard of hockey for all and should serve us well for at least the next decade or so. The assistance and cooperation of Mentone Grammar was invaluable to making this project a reality.

Club numbers continue to grow sitting at 426 Active members with a target of 600 by the end of 2020. New members have joined in all sections, and our annual Hook-in2-Hockey intake continues to add around 60 players. The growth we have seen is required on an ongoing basis to meet the requirements of the League Entry Criteria. Thank you, to all those who support this initiative either through the Schools roadshows or by involvement in Sunday morning coaching. A great team led by Grant Robinson and Steve Quenette.

Congratulations to all our members, juniors, seniors or Masters that have been selected in representative teams this year either at School, Zone, State or International levels. Seeing a couple of our members, Takara Haines and Teisha King competing in the AHL this year was a special highlight.

For those who missed Presentation Night, and there weren't many based on the numbers, it was one of most successful ones ever. We almost exceeded the capacity of Woodlands to hold us. Congratulations to all the award winners this year and particularly the Women's Metro B South Team who took out the Presidents Cup, a first for that team. Thank you to those who assisted with organising the event and a special mention to Enza and Jeremy Longstaff who went above and beyond to ensure the night was such a success

I am pleased we have finally released the refreshed and updated Club website, and integrated that with the introduction of Flexibuzz for notifications and QKR for Club payments. The take-up of both these apps enables us to communicate better and improve the efficiency and reduce the cost in managing the Club. Further work is in train to improve the backend of the process to add more automation and reduce workload on the Treasurer a little bit more.

The Club wouldn't function without volunteers, so thank you to all those who gave of their time in minkey coaching, Bunnings Sausage Sizzles, Portsea Polo, helping in the kiosk, umpiring, judging and the hundred and one other jobs needing done each year.

An area we have a traditional strength is in Indoor Hockey, and that competition is seeing some focus from Hockey Victoria with the use of MSAC for the first time as well as the possible introduction of term based indoor competitions across all grades. Tegan Boucher is off to Europe for the World Indoor Cup and our Open Women's team, convincingly won the Victoria Indoor Club Championship (again).

The Club is looking to build a comprehensive Development framework over the summer break and also deliver Junior Development Sessions with high performance external coaches. Also looking to the future, possible investment at Keysborough by Mentone Grammar is being considered and while still at the very early stages is something we have a keen interest in remaining involved in the process. We should also see the Stronger Communities grant we secured this year, result in a proper technical bench to complement the player dugouts introduced last year.

I'd like to thank the entire Committee who do a tremendous amount of work, most of it behind the scenes to make sure the teams we have make it on the park each week, to meet the requirements of Hockey Victoria and to ensure we have the proper the right administration to help the club be successful. The Club is always looking for people willing to be involved. If there is something you'd like to do, a role can be found.

The 2018 Season holds a lot of promise for the Mentone Hockey Club.

### **Women's Section Report – submitted by Torren Woolley**

2017 was a strong year for the women's section with all five teams finishing equal or higher than they did in 2016. We had many new and returning faces which only strengthened the core of each team and a lot of fun was had along the way. The final standings at the end of the season were:

WPL - 3rd

WPLR - 5th

WPA - 7th

WPC - 4th

Metro B South - 1<sup>st</sup>

It was fantastic to see that four of our five teams made the finals with both WPLR and WPC posting strong quarterfinals but were unfortunately knocked out in the semis. Both WPL and Metro B made it to the grand final and while WPL was unable to come away with the win our Metro B team took home the trophy after a nail biting shootout final.

The women's section also continued to maintain its strong cohort of representation at state and national teams for both indoor and outdoor which further demonstrates the depth of the section. It was also pleasing to see the women's section get behind key events for the year with a highlight being the \$250 that was raised for the Breast Cancer Network as part of women's round.

To sum up we would like to thank Mark Riley, Joe Hill, Connor Zimmerman, Andre Blasse, Dave Callander and Tony Austin for all the hard work they have put in as coaches this year. We would also like to thank the 2017 selection committee, captains and managers for all the hours they too have put in. Lastly, to all the players who formed the Mentone Hockey Club women's section for 2017 - congratulations on such a successful year

### **Men's Section Report – submitted by Callen Paulauskas**

2017 proved to be a year of consolidation for the men's section.

We were able to maintain a strong compliment of players, fielding 6 Men's teams for the second consecutive year.

The men's PL And PLR had a rough, but not unexpected welcome back to the states highest grade, both finishing in 14th position. The final ladder position is perhaps not truly reflective of how competitive they were, challenging teams for large portions of matches. The coaching team of Luke Michael, Courtney Mann and Mark Ford functioned well and training numbers were strong.

Men's Pennant B had a terrific season, finishing runners up and earning promotion to Pennant A for 2018 for the first time in the men's section.

Pennant F was a very young, and very old side all at once. As is common with the young (and the old), inconsistency plagued them, and probably prevented them from a finals berth finishing 7th.

Metro A started in a blaze of glory, leading the ladder at the half way point. The second half of the season was trickier and they managed to sneak into 4th place, losing their elimination final.

Metro B grew as a team as the year went on, but struggled to get a consistent side on the park.

Like Michael has advised the club that due to work and family commitments he will be unable to coach in 2018. The section thanks Luke for his contribution to the club, the 2016 premiership and our premier league status.

Search for a new head coach has commenced and recruitment for the coming year is underway.

A big thank you to Luke, Courtney and Mark, Grant Robinson, all team managers, and Richard Fennell for being a constant sounding board.

### **Women's Masters Section Report – submitted by Barb Jones**

2017 was another successful year for the Women Masters. The 'A' grade team won their 3<sup>rd</sup> premiership in consecutive years, 'Navy' B grade team played in finals and 'Gold' B team were very competitive and finished 6<sup>th</sup>.

We welcomed some new players at the start of the season who fitted in very well to both 'B' grade teams and added a lot of strength and pace. Later in the season April Picton joined us and played in any team who happened to be short. Thank you, April this was a great help to each team.

Once again Mentone Hockey Club was well represented in the Australian Masters Tournament held in Newcastle, NSW. We had 8 players selected to play for Victoria, Karen Rees, Jules Ashmore, Gina Leahy, Karen Becker, Linda Smith, Marj Lang, Irene Kawalko and Barb Jones. Cheryl Weaver was a Technical Officer and worked very hard throughout the tournament.

Congratulations to Jules Ashmore who has also been selected to represent Australian in the World Masters Tournament to be played in Barcelona in 2018. Gina Leahy is a 'train on' player in the same tournament. Well done and congratulations to you both.

Finally, I would like to thank Sharron, Cheryl and Kylie, and Kaye and Jill, for being team manager and organiser for your respective teams, your work is much appreciated as it makes my job as Co-ordinator easier.

### **Junior Section Report – submitted by Grant Robinson**

The junior year started with us running Hockey Victoria school's roadshows in local schools. Approximately 1800 students participated, across 10 schools in 80 sessions.

Schools visited:

Aspendale Gardens Primary School	Aspendale Primary School
Chelsea Heights Primary School	Dingley Primary School
Kingswood Primary School	Resurrection School
St Joseph's Catholic Parish PS Springvale	St Louis de Montfort's School
St Mark's PS	St. Patrick's Primary School

In addition, we also ran an Introduction to hockey session at Mentone Grammar School.

Following on from the roadshows, we ran Hookin2 Hockey over 8 weeks, utilising the Tennis Courts at Keysborough for most of the sessions due to the ground resurfacing project. We had just over 60 registered participants for Hin2H, with approximately 20 others who came for a try session. Thankyou to Steve Quenette for managing the Hookin2 Hockey program. Through Steve's leadership our Hin2H program has become a model which HV frequently references.

Both the HV roadshows and the Hin2H sessions contribute significantly to our League Entry Criteria points and form an integral part of our club development pathway and strategic plan.

This year the junior section featured teams in the following HV competitions:

Under 10 Girls x2	Under 10 Mixed
Under 12 Girls Shield	Under 12 Mixed District and Pennant
Under 14 Mixed Pennant	Under 16 Girls
Under 16 Mixed Pennant	Under 18 Mixed

We also featured 2 teams in the local Under 10 ¼ field competition in conjunction with Southern United and Bayside.

This is an increase on last year, with an additional under 12 mixed team and an additional under 10 Girls team added. We also saw a number of teams graded into higher competitions than last year.

Well done to all teams, who represented the club admirably with some fantastic results, most notably the Under 18 team who finished as Runner up.

We had many juniors represent the club at Hockey Victoria State Championships, including some who were selected to represent Victoria at national championships. See below for full list of representative players:

#### Indoor

<b>2016/7 HV U13 Girls State Indoor Team</b>	Zara Geddis
<b>2016/17 HV U15 Girls State Indoor Team</b>	Gracie Geddis
<b>U18 HV State Indoor Team</b>	Harriet Ochsenbein

#### Outdoor

<b>HV U15</b>	Jayde Morris
<b>HV U18</b>	Gracie Geddis
<b>HV U13</b>	Sierra Lee Jayde Temby Zara Geddis
<b>HV U17 Development Team Nov 2016</b>	Gracie Geddis
<b>School Sports Victoria U12 Girls team</b>	Zara Geddis
<b>School Sports Victoria U16 Girls Team</b>	Gracie Geddis

#### Academies

<b>U13 Girls</b>	Jayde Temby Sierra Lee Zara Geddis
<b>U13 Boys</b>	Tom Robinson
<b>U18 Girls</b>	Gracie Geddis Issie Hill Dekota Mark

#### Junior State Championships

<b>Girls U13 Sharks - CHAMPIONS!</b>	Zara Geddis Sierra Lee Jayde Temby
<b>Boys U13 Sharks</b>	Micah Quenette Tom Robinson Cody Ingram

	Kaden Lukes
<b>Boys U13 Cougars</b>	Rivoli Brown Zac Pendry
<b>Boys U15 Sharks</b>	Steve Chandler
<b>Boys U15 Cougars</b>	Sam Rouse
<b>Girls U17 - Sharks</b>	Millie Geddis Dekota Mark Issie Hill Gracie Geddis Ally McClennan Rhianna Du
<b>Boys U17 - Sharks</b>	Jonathan Ly Talen Rees Lachlan Robinson Cash Kelly

Indoor continues to grow at Mentone, and we have 9 Junior teams entered in the Skateworld and Dandenong competitions this summer, as well as teams entered in the Under 13 and 18 Girls and Mixed Indoor State Championships.

Finally, a huge thankyou to all the Coaches, Team Managers, Volunteers, Parents and players for making this a fantastic season. Without the hard work of these many volunteers the section couldn't function as it has.

### **Hockey Centre report – submitted by Hayden Mitchell**

2017 has been a promising year for the club off the field.

Things achieved this year include:

- Completed the annual working bee;
- Pitch replacement in late January to March experiencing some delays – addition of practice D's and logos;
- Sorting out the Centres GST and loan for the pitch;
- Proposed on-going yearly maintenance of the pitch (Grassports), to ensure longevity;
- Power to the dugouts and tech bench; and
- Slab for the tech bench to be constructed over summer.

Looking forward/ideas considered:

- Tech bench to be constructed over summer 2017/2018;
- Replacement of a lighting digit in the scoreboard;
- Siren resetting the scoreboard – look in to; and
- Side netting to use the practice D's for short corners.

During the year a Keysborough Users Group was set up, which Rod has been attending. Simply, once Mentone Grammar have completed the development of the 5 and 6 Centre, they will most likely look to improve the growing needs of the sporting teams that use Keysborough as a sporting facility.

Along with the other clubs we have put in proposals of what needs to be up-graded and possible additions to the complex.

The centre is happy with the development and will continue to push for further improvements to be made for the club and it users.

### **Treasurers Report – submitted by Brenda Boucher**

Refer to separate financial reports

- **Profit and Los (With Last Year) as at 30.9.17.pdf**
- **Balance Sheet as at 30.9.17.pdf**