



# **KBH Brumbies**

Australia's Premier Hockey Club since 1905

## **2017 Annual Report**

## **Presidents Report**

I don't think I've ever watched so much hockey as I did through September as I tried to make it round as many of our finals campaigns as possible, which was difficult given the stunning success of the season overall.

With the season now behind us its timely to reflect on our finals performance as we took out five premierships for the year an outstanding result by any measure.

- For our juniors 7 out of 11 teams made finals with three playing off in the grand finals and delivering one premiership
- Our Senior Men achieved minor premiers and promotion for our Pennant C side. Add to this that 5 from 7 of our teams made finals and took out three premierships. This was second only to Camberwell in terms of success for the year.
- For our senior women's sides 3 out of 6 teams made finals and whilst our Pennant C women took the minor premiership to earn promotion, they narrowly missed out in the grand final
- In the Masters section, the Men's 45A's took out the premiership convincingly against a Camberwell side that included several ex Kookaburras.

Congratulations to all our finalists and premiership winners to cap off a fantastic year.

### **Thanks to our Volunteers**

The fabric that underpins our on field success is the small army of volunteers that keep the wheels turning week on week. From team managers to junior coordinators to BBQ organisers and snag turners to coaches to committee members. There are so many people who donate their time.

On behalf of the club membership, a big THANK YOU!

### **2018**

As the season came to a close, the committee and I took the opportunity to put a turn on our club strategy and define the key themes for next year. The themes include:

- New blood for Committee and key positions. It is critical to maintain the momentum of the club to fill the vacant positions (see above). So if you are up to the challenge please talk to any member of the committee.
- Lifting volunteering. To run the club and the new club rooms requires volunteers from all areas so please be proactive

- Building a junior high performance program. With Marty De Man on board to coach the men's first, there will be a new emphasis on building a junior high performance program
- Build our social activities and community. The new club rooms provides a tremendous platform to build our community through both junior and senior sides of the club and we will look to leverage other sporting codes experiences on this front.
- Lift focus on sponsorships. The leading clubs such as Camberwell and Doncaster have sponsorship targets of between \$60-100k per annum. This enables many opportunities such as employing an operations manager to ease the day to day operations of the club. If you have a sales and marketing background, we need your help to shape the plans for the future.

**Mike Hanlon**

**President**

## Juniors Report

The Junior section of the KBH Brumbies completed 2017 with a Premiership in the U14 Mixed Pennant SE grade, and 7 teams playing finals from 11 entered in Hockey Victoria competitions in 2017.

In addition to this, recruiting and game development programmes saw over 100 children registered as U10's and programmes and clinics running at Elgar Park, Blackburn High School, and many local schools throughout the year.

Following on from our 2016 strategy to increase participation in girls only hockey, 5 dedicated girls only teams played in 2017 from U10 through to U16 age groups, as well as increased participation of girls in umpiring schedules and development pathways, throughout the 2017 season.



The seven teams making finals in 2017 (U16 Girls Pennant, U14 Girls Pennant, U12 Mixed District, U14 Mixed Pennant, U14 Mixed district, U16 Mixed district and U14 Mixed Shield), one premiership was won, and three teams (U16 Mixed District, U12 Mixed District, U14 Mixed District) were competition runners-up, demonstrating the amazing grade depth throughout the age-groups.



In all the Brumbies fielded 15 junior teams in 2017, plus hosted Mini-Brumbies sessions each Sunday morning for kids new to hockey, ran the KBH Blackburn game-on programme, and played in three U8 carnivals throughout the season.

Like all similar clubs, the KBH Brumbies rely on the dedication and hard work of volunteers throughout the season, and I would specifically like to thank all the age group coordinators, team managers, coaches and BBQ volunteers who had helped make the job of running the junior section easier in 2017.

Age Group	Team	Coach(s)	Managers	Age Group Coord.
Overall Teams Coordinator				Jo Pooley
Mini Brumbies	Intro sessions, 7 yrs and below	Ange Allen Barney Allen		
U10	Half field Mixed	Daniel Brennan	Kirsty Welsman	Narelle Rigon
	Half Field girls	Jonathan Creek Josh Brownlie	Narelle Rigon	
	1/4 Field Blue 1/4 Field White	Richard Ellis Nigel Dymond / Colin Yeo		
U12	Girls Shield	Briony Anyon Kayle Boye	Anne Boye	Narelle Kay - Mixed Girls Maxine Carson
	Mixed Shield	Chris Arthur	Andrew Goff	
	Mixed District	Marc Fisher Maddi Moorhead	Emma Pringle	
U14	Mixed Shield	Niall Deveney Ollie Wickens Sam Foster	Narelle Kay	Narelle Kay – Girls Amanda Harper – Mixed
	Mixed Pennant	Emily		
	Girls Shield	Ashleigh White Jessica Williams		
	Girls Pennant	Elika Loughnan Jaimie Olorenshaw		
U16	Girls Pennant	Maddie Wood Katie James		Amanda Harper
	Mixed Shield	Luke Mooney	Craig Johnson	
	Mixed District	Matt Kong	Mike McCabe	

### **Recruiting, development and 1/4 Field.**

In 2017 the Brumbies participated in School programmes in the local area, running clinics for over 1400 students and providing opportunities for interested kids to transition into hockey through our Hooked-in-2-Hockey programmes which operated from Late February into early March. Eligible kids were then able to transition into U10 programmes for the 2017 season, or Mini Brumbies (operating on Sunday mornings at Elgar Park in terms 2 and 3).

Once again the 1/4 Field based local competition was run in conjunction with Doncaster Hockey Club, ECHO and Yarra Valley HC. This competition played under modified rules, and the same game time each week, with

games rotating between Elgar Park, Doncaster and Cyril Cummins reserve in Ivanhoe. This enabled new players to refine skills and develop game confidence in a competitive team environment.

Mini Brumbies operated from term 2, with over 50 children, generally 7 years and under, participating in fun, hockey related activities and skill development on Sunday mornings.



In Terms 2 and 3 KBH Brumbies took over hockey programmes at the Blackburn High School pitch and ran a combination of Hooked in to Hockey and Game-on formats for new players. Over 20 kids registered for this special programme across terms 2 and 3.

Our recruiting programmes will continue into the Spring of 2017, with a Spring 5's competition running at Elgar Park for new and existing junior members.

#### **Girls Only hockey**

Following on from programmes at our foundation clubs, the Brumbies entered 5 girls only teams in 2017, with 2 of those teams (U14 Girls Pennant and U16 Girls Pennant) making finals. The club will continue to offer Girls only options in 2018, in line with HV competition guidelines, and promote girls participation in leadership, coaching and umpiring programmes.

#### **Representative selection and programmes**

The Brumbies continue to support participation by junior members in the junior state championships, through selection into the North East Zone Red Devils representative teams. In 2017 the following children were selected;

U13 Boys	U13 Girls	U15 Boys	U15 Girls	U17 Boys	U17 Girls
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Nicolass Bray Brodie Carswell Liam Corr Eddie Harper Justin Eaton Lachlan Hartung James Horsey Dex Kelly Jasper Kay- Kneebone	Lauren Boulter Millar Kay- Kneebone Hannah Boye Zoe Carson Cara Orford Lucy Shuttleworth Meg Stewart	Isaac Noble  Julian Nosiara	Ebony Beckter Breanna Cozzio Laura Ham Jayde Morris Carly Reid Claire Garwoli Charlotte Murray Carly Reid Jessie Stewart	Daniel Cutts Jim George Hugh Hassall Harrison Mitchell Max Noble Arjun Tickner Elliot Yeates	Claire Garwoli  Charlotte Murray  Holly Stewart
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### **State and National representation**

The Brumbies continue to encourage children to develop their hockey skills and participation in the game at all levels.

In 2017, 10 players achieved the honour of being selected into Victorian state teams;

Julian Nosiara – U15 Outdoor

Jessie Stewart – U15 Outdoor

James Horsey – U13 Outdoor

Millar Kay Kneebone – U13 Outdoor

Dex Kelly – U13 Outdoor

Isaac Noble – U15 Outdoor

Jayde Morris – U15 outdoor

Brodie Carswell – U13 Outdoor

Lucy Shuttleworth – U13 Outdoor



(Captain)

### **Umpiring**

Umpire development continued in 2017 with a number of new players taking up umpiring across Junior grades in both Friday night and Saturday morning fixtures. The philosophy remains to provide boys and girls the opportunity to grow accustomed and comfortable with officiating hockey. New umpires are introduced to U10 quarter field games and mentored through early umpiring commitments to ensure correct technique

and confidence is developed. Umpires are assessed for capability and then promoted through junior grades according to capability.

In 2017 the ranks of junior female umpires continued to grow, which was a large step forward in ensuring gender diversity across the junior umpire ranks.

The club recognising umpires for their development and capability in the annual Junior awards and for 2017 the following awards were made;

Best Junior Umpire	Jim George
Best developing umpire – Female	Georgia Young
Best Developing umpire – Male	Zachary Dawes

In addition to this, Hamish Cameron was awarded the Mike Taylor Shield at the Hockey Victoria awards dinner, for the Most Improved Junior Umpire. Hamish commenced umpiring through the Junior umpiring pathways at the Brumbies, and is now officiating games to Vic League reserve standard on a regular basis.

### **Goalie Club**

Once again the Brumbies Goalie club ran throughout the winter season, with junior goalies attending sessions under specialist coaching, on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings. A big thank you to Daniel Chang and Edwina Birnie for their time and effort they put into developing and training this group. As a testament to its success Brodie Carswell (U14 Mixed Pennant) made the U13 Victoria state side as a second year goalie in 2017.

### **Junior Club Awards 2017**

The Junior section end of season presentation day was held at Birallee Primary School on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Players and parents attended the day representing families from U10's through to U16's. Mini Brumbies conducted a separate end of year function earlier.

The evening was a celebration of the 2017 season with children presented Awards relating to team interaction, development and performance, as well as specialty awards recognising achievements in umpiring, goal keeping and goals scored for the year.

The list of all awardees for 2017 is included below;

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Award name</b>	<b>Player</b>
U10 Blue	Most Improved Player	Lachlan Cohn
U10 Girls	Most Valuable Player	Cilla Brownlie
U10 Girls	Most Improved Player	Lucy Kearney
U10 Mixed	Most Valuable Player	Campbell Dawes
U10 Mixed	Coaches award	William Walsh
U10 White	Most Improved Player	Riley Yeo
U12 Girls Shield	Best and Fairest	Hannah Boye
U12 Girls Shield	Most improved player	Matilda Chan



U12 Girls Shield	Coaches award	Isabella Glavin
U12 Mixed District	Best and Fairest	James Round
U12 Mixed District	Coaches award	Oscar Angelevski
U12 Mixed District	Best Defensive Player	Ciara McNamara
U12 Mixed Shield	Best and Fairest	Jasper Kay-Kneebone
U12 Mixed Shield	Runner Up B&F	Florian Di Paolo
U12 Mixed Shield	Goalkeepers Award	Nate Haddon
U14 Girls Pennant	Best and Fairest	Sasha Tabone
U14 Girls Pennant	Most improved player	Maureen Bawden
U14 Girls Pennant	Coaches award	Jess Bell
U14 Girls Shield	Best and Fairest	Millar Kay-Kneebone
U14 Girls Shield	Best Team Player	Georgia Young
U14 Girls Shield	Coaches award	Sophie McGoldrick
U14 Mixed District	Best and Fairest	Emmett Unterberger
U14 Mixed District	Runner Up B&F	Will Howell
U14 Mixed District	Most Improved Player	James Read
U14 Mixed Pennant	Best and Fairest	Manhar Singh
U14 Mixed Pennant	On Field Leadership	Zach Dawes
U14 Mixed Pennant	Coaches award	Kane Collins
u14 Mixed Shield	Best and Fairest	Julian Nosiara
u14 Mixed Shield	Most improved player	Jamie Kong
u14 Mixed Shield	Coaches award	James Hearn
U16 Girls	Girls Club Champion	Jayde Morris
U16 Girls Pennant	Best and Fairest	Charlotte Murray
U16 Girls Pennant	Coaches award	Maggie Ennis
U16 Girls Pennant	Coaches award	Marlize Wessels
U16 Mixed District	Best and Fairest	Dan Pooley
U16 Mixed District	Most improved player	Lachlan Stamp
U16 Mixed District	Coaches award	Jonathan Barnard
U16 Mixed Shield	Junior Club Boys Champion	Charlie Harper
U16 Mixed Shield	Best Team Player	Toby Meago
U16 Mixed Shield	Coaches award	Ben Johnson
	Best Junior Goal Keeper	Isaac Noble
	Best developing goal keeper	Brodie Carswell
	Top Goal Scorer	Lachlan Hartung
	Best Developing umpire - Female	Georgia Young
	Best Junior Umpire	Jim George
	Best Developing umpire - Male	Zach Dawes

### **Junior Spring and Summer programmes**

The Brumbies have introduced a new Spring 5's outdoor programme for Term 4 of 2017, playing weekly matches on modified fields (1/4 Field) as a 5 aside competition with side bump-boards. This is providing

existing and new players an opportunity to participate in hockey during the off-season, while maintaining fitness, skills and having fun.

These programmes are also open to new players, interested in hockey, who are seeking a chance to try the game prior to making a formal commitment to the 2018 winter season.

Spring-5's will run on Wednesday evenings from Oct 18th, 6.00-8.00pm at Elgar Park.

**Stuart Richardson**

**Juniors Vice President**

## **Women's Report**

After a very successful first year for the Brumbies in 2016, 2017 presented new challenges for the Women's section. A premiership and promotion to Premier League and Premier League Reserves for the top two sides meant a tough year ahead, but the PL side was able to get a number of wins on the board and both PL and PLr showed really positive things to come.

A key focus for the club was to get our Pennant C girls promoted, and thanks to the tireless work of both the coach Daniel Chang and the playing group, it all came down to round 18. Sitting on top but with MUHC at their heels, the girls needed to get the three points to secure promotion; and they did!

Unfortunately, they couldn't get the premiership three weeks later, going down 1-0 in the Grand Final, but gaining promotion to Pennant B will put the club in good stead for having depth in years to come. Pennant D snuck their way into the top four after a great year of hockey, facing a strong Footscray in the final.

Pennant E, too, finished 4th, an incredible result for a team that had over 35 different players over the course of the year! The Metro B team got a few wins on the board and finished sixth, rounding out a successful year for the Brumbies!

3/6 teams in finals and 1 making it through to the big dance, big thanks goes out to all the coaches, volunteers, players and supporters for making it a great year!

## **State reps**

Jessica Williams - U21

Jessie Stewart - U15

Jayde Morris - U15

Lisa Stewart - masters

Kym Gaffney - masters

Rebecca Lane - masters

Millie Baker - U21

## **Australian representative**

LISA STEWART! Selected in the over 45 masters team to play in Spain next year after a cracking tournament where Lisa and Kym took out gold for Victoria

**Key achievements**

Women's Pennant C promotion

**Isabella Hassall**

**Women's Vice President**

## **Men's Report.**

We can assess the collective men's seasons with a glass half full, or glass half empty attitude.

We entered 8 men's teams, 6 of them made finals, 2 of them finished on top. Including Pennant C which gained promotion.

4 teams made grand finals with 3 teams successfully taking out premierships.

Our key goal for the year was for promotion for the men's firsts, which unfortunately we narrowly missed. We did however finish second on the ladder and had the best goal difference and from round 1 onwards, we didn't lose a game in the normal season. With the depth and youth in the squad and a new coach in Mart De Mann, 2018 could be the year.

The firsts made the grand final against Brunswick and after a tough game, ending in 2 all, we went to a shoot-out.

The first five tries didn't resolve the issue. But unfortunately, soon after Brunswick sneaked one ahead and we finished runners up.

The seconds played West Vic in the grand final and won 2-1. This side like many others has more than half the team under 21, which is very exciting.

The Pennant C side played against Camberwell in the grand final and also won the score 1-NIL. The bulk of this team were in Pennant D the previous year

So the improvement to go from runners up in Pennant D to Premiers in Pennant C is fantastic.

Pennant D finished fifth and had 4 players 16 and under, which is great going forward.

Pennant E made the Grand final after starting out in Metro A, they were so successful we swapped a young Pennant E side and our Metro A side.

After 6 games. It meant the sopranos now in Pennant E had to inherit a 6 game losing streak, but were good enough to play off in the last game of the season.

Even better they hit a goal in the last minute of the game to win the grand final 2-1, a fantastic effort. (They make movies about stuff like this)

Pennant F finished third and had many youngsters along with some experienced, (but maybe not as quick as they once were) legs.

Metro A found their collective feet once in Metro A, ( mentioned previously) they started in Pennant E and finished third in this comp.

Metro B had a difficult season and finished sixth, it is difficult that in hockey even the lowest grade is quite competent. Probably more so than any other sport.

As a club, we probably have a wealth of men's players under 21 playing seniors, which by any measure makes for a bright future.

It can only be viewed as a glass more than half full, and continuing to fill

**Peter Hovenden (Hov)**

**Men's Vice President**

## **Masters Report**

KBH again had had seven (7) men's masters teams in the HV 2017 winter season.

A big thankyou to all the captains and managers and in particular Bill West (Westy) for helping juggle players across all the divisions, especially in the dark of winter when players had work or family commitments that resulted in borrowing, loaning and players doubling up. The masters teams attempted to manage a "system" that didn't unduly disadvantage lower graded teams and this worked reasonably well, and we hope to use again and improve on in 2018.

Of the seven teams only one made the finals, but well done to our flag winners the men of 45+A grade that finished second in pool play and fully deserved to win the grand final 2-1 against Camberwell. All KBH teams had excellent fan (family) support from family and a good number of masters players watched each others games. It is very satisfying and such a good sign of the culture developing in this "new" club to see so many of the KBH playing family along supporting and watching their club mates. John Bibby perhaps saw more games of masters hockey than any other player in the club, well done John we enjoyed your company on and off the field.

This year again quite a number of our masters players played both Monday night and Wednesday night and some Monday players also played weekend hockey for various Metro teams. It's a testament to the enjoyment and health benefits we all enjoy in our great sport and awesome to see some of the masters players helping to guide and encourage our younger players through the ranks.

### **35+BE**

Numbers at the beginning of the year were a bit of an issue, and several weeks in a row games were started with only 9 players. The team however only improved and as numbers improved the results started to come. I played a game and watched a couple, the standard of the league and the skill of the team is very high. A great team effort, well managed by Rob Millard and captained by Andrew Siebel.

Most games played – Rob Millard and Navel Sathianandan

Most goals scored – Andrew Siebel

### **45+A**

Finished second on the ladder after pool play with only 4 losses and 2 draws. The top four teams were very tightly and evenly matched. The quality and speed of play at this level is superb and very skilful and fast. The grand final at the State Hockey Centre was very good and KBH dominated from the start, the inclusion of an ex Kookaburra player in the Camberwell goals couldn't change the final outcome with a 2-1 win to KBH.

Great passion and leadership again from Danny Lee supported by Chris Harper

Most games played – James Fitzgerald, Adam Whitford

Most goals scored – James Fitzgerald

Players selected for Nationals in the Victorian Masters

Adam Whitford, Chris Harper, Danny Lee, Kester Brown, Phillip Kong

### **45+BNW**

Placed mid table. Most games were pretty tight, draws and a win against the top two teams proved how close the competition was and how competitive the KBH team actually was.

So good to have the ever positive and talented Angus Smallwood in goals and Stuart Richardson and Steve White on the field together. Well lead and managed by Shane Smith.

Most games played – Angus Smallwood, Craig Batton, Rick Cohen, Campbell Olenshaw

Most goals scored – Jonathan Reid

Players selected for Nationals in the Victorian Masters  
Angus Smallwood, David Kahanoff

#### **45+CCN**

A really good start to the season, sitting third after round eight on a very crowded ladder, and still fourth after round 11. Then a bit of a shaky finish with a couple of draws and a loss and it was only mathematical after that. A good really positive season.

Well led and managed by Matt Morrow and Bill West

Most games played – Karl Phillips

Most goals scored – Matt Morrow

#### **45+D**

A hard year this year, but a team filled with players who have just as much passion and desire to play good team club hockey as any team in the club, or who are playing well outside their age grade. One of the two senior/masters teams in the club that feature both male and female players, thanks Penny Croucamp and Chou Kong. Well lead by Robert (Bobby) Nicholson and Brett Donnar.

Most games played – Brett Donnar, Mike Hanlon

Most goals scored – Ian Niven

Players selected for Nationals in the Victorian Masters

#### **50+A**

A good start to the season but some shaky losses or draws against teams that KBH should have beaten, cost a spot in the finals by mid season. Put this one behind us and focus on 2018 with a new game strategy. Well lead by Matt Morrow

Most games played – Cameron George

Most goals scored – Robert (Bobby) Nicholson

Players selected for Nationals in the Victorian Masters

Daryll Goodall, Grant Kentell, Jeff John, Matt Morrow, Robert Nicholson

#### **50+B**

A great season overall with some fantastic wins and great on-field play. Sitting just outside the four for pretty much the entire season, and only missing out by one point at the end of round eighteen. A season ending injury to Bill West didn't help either.

The other of the two senior/masters teams in the club that feature both male and female players, thanks Kerryn Walker. A very social bunch as well.

Most games played – Andy Martyn

Most goals scored – Steve Wilson

Players selected for Nationals in the Victorian Masters

Ian Niven, Luciano Mattea, Peter Godfrey, John Dommett (JD), Bill West (Westy)

Overall another very enjoyable season of mens masters hockey. While winning is important it's also how we play the game and manage ourselves that make us stand out. Yet again I believe that the masters teams have demonstrated both on field skill and personal and team attributes that set us apart as a club and will help garner future growth and club success in the future.

Thank you to all participating players and your supportive families.

**Grant Kentell**

**Masters Vice President**



## **UMPIRE COORDINATOR REPORT**

It has been a great year for junior umpire development in our new club and I want to thank all those boys and girls that helped out this year. Thanks also to the parents who have provided the free taxi service to get them to games.

The highlight would have to be that we have 10 junior umpires in training who should all get their Community level accreditation in 2018.

At the Juniors Presentation Day I had the pleasure of presenting 3 awards for junior umpires. The *Best Developing Umpire* (boy) was Zachary Dawes and the *Best Developing Umpire* (girl) was Georgia Young. Congratulations!

The *Best Junior Umpire* for 2017 was Jim George. Jim achieved his community umpire level last year and was umpiring regularly and started umpiring senior games this year.

I wanted to make special mention of last year's *Best Junior Umpire* recipient – Hamish Cameron. Hockey Victoria gave him an award for *Most Improved Junior Umpire* for 2017 for all of Victoria. Hamish is now regularly umpiring senior Pennant and Vic League games and will likely achieve Level 2 accreditation in 2018. Congratulations Hamish.

The following accreditations were achieved in 2017:

- Liam Gill-Hanlon – Level 2 Umpire
- Lachlan Turnbull – Community Umpire
- Robert Turnbull – Level 1 Umpire Coach
- Katrina White, Ray Berryman, Sue Hoyle, Jonathan Reid – Level 1 Technical Official

In total we now have 19 active accredited umpires. Thank you all for your help this year. Another good news story was that we now have 2 active female senior umpires – Bonnie Smith and Aimee Kahanoff.

Please make contact with me if you want to find out more about taking up umpiring for 2018. I would also like to hear from any members who might like to help with umpire development activities.

**Robert Turnbull**

**SECRETARY  
UMPIRE COORDINATOR**