



KBH Brumbies

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Presidents Report

With the season now behind us, I was reflecting on the year that was and it's hard to believe that it was only in September of 2015 that the merger working group came together. After the vote in November the year has flown by and the season has come and gone.

Off Field

The way that the club has come together has been phenomenal and is testament to the goodwill of our members. That goodwill cannot be taken for granted and we will endeavour to consolidate and build on this year's success for 2017.

Our volunteers have enabled 46 teams of all abilities to take to the field week on week. We have also run social events the BBQ to raise much needed funds,

2016 also saw the establishment of the Coterie. This has raised over \$12k towards a scoreboard which is required to meet the LEC requirements. Whilst somewhat delayed, we will have the scoreboard in place before the start of the season

On Field

For our first year, our overall campaign resulted in 16 teams or a third of our total teams entered making finals. This sets the bar for a bright future

Juniors:	Women's Seniors:	Men's Seniors:	Women's Masters:
U12 Girls Pennant	Vic League 1	Vic League 1 Reserves	35A
U12 Girls Shield	Vic League 1 Reserves	Pennant D	
U14 Girls Pennant	Pennant C	Pennant E	
U12 Mixed Shield	Pennant D	Pennant F	
U16 Mixed shield		Metro B1	
		Metro B2	

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Our finals program ended with three runners up being:

- Girls U12 Shield
- Men's Pennant D
- Men's Pennant F

Every game was highly contested and the result in each could have gone either way, but this time luck was not on our side.

The highlight of the finals was the women's VL1 win over Yarra Valley that has earned them a place in the premier league in 2017.

Summer Program

Building on our momentum from the regular winter season, we have raised the bar to deliver a summer program of events that has included, junior and senior indoor, junior 7's, senior 5's, masters, full field seniors, ,junior skills and our high performance programs that include sprint and agility and preseason fitness.

2017

Building on such a successful year is a tall ask, but is a challenge we are taking in our stride.

On field our challenges are many as we continue to work on our integration at all levels.

Our focus on our juniors will continue as this is the lifeblood of our club. We have built on the regular winter season by introducing holiday programs on

Building our elite teams is critical to retaining our talent, but needs to be considered in the overall context of developing an inclusive culture across all levels. the women prepare for the new era of Premier League, our men seek to emulate the women and win Vic League 1 to earn promotion.

Next year will see the next phase of our club facilities come to life with the redevelopment of the club rooms to commence in March/April for completion by the end of year. This is a crucial pillar to building the social element of the club.

2016 Junior Annual Report

KBH Brumbies juniors had a successful first year, as a combined club, with 266 children participating in Hockey Victoria and local competitions from Mini Brumbies (U8 and below) through to U18 age groups. Our focus in 2016 remained on junior recruiting, development of players, increasing participation in girls only hockey and integration of players into functional, fun and competitive team sport.

Overall, 5 junior teams made it into finals contention (U16 Mixed Shield, U14 Girls pennant, U12 Girls Pennant, U12 Girls shield and U12 Mixed Shield), with the U12 Girls shield team playing off in the Grand final ending up runners-up for 2016. In all the Brumbies field 18 junior teams in 2016, plus Mini-Brumbies sessions each Sunday morning for kids new to hocky.

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 2016.

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	Andrew Goff	Shannon Joyce	Annie Kelly
	Half Field girls	Carly Reid Jon Reid	Maxine Carson	
	1/4 Field Blue 1/4 Field Red 1/4 Field White	Sarah Barras Thili Kuppan / John Howlett Edward Perez de la Sala/Marielle Bray		
U12	Girls Shield	Elika Loughnan Ellie	Narelle Kay	Amanda Harper
	Girls Pennant	Cameron George Meg Kollmorgen	Mandy Douglas	
	Mixed Shield	Lachlan Richardson Chris Arthur	Steve Bray	
	Mixed Pennant	Tom Spillman Matt Spillman	Simone Brownlie	
U14	Girls Pennant	Ashleigh White	Georgina Rechner	Jayne Robertson
	Mixed Shield	Jack Kelly Ali Payne Tom Harris	Craig Johnson	
	Mixed Pennant	Jason Vaughan Matt Kong	Cate Harford	
U16	Girls Shield	Katie James	Lisa Stewart	Rose Jackson
	Girls Pennant	Anthony Gust	Paul Feikema	Jo Pooley
	Mixed Shield	Kim Schwartz	Stuart Hamilton	
	Mixed Pennant	Tim Kollmorgen	Tracey McCabe	
U18	District Blue		Kellie Hunter	
	District Red	Brian Williams	Paul Salathiel	

Recruiting, development and 1/4 Field.

In 2016 the Brumbies participated in School programmes in the local area, transitioning interested kids into our Hooked-in-2-Hockey programmes which operated from Late February into early March. Many of the eligible children transitioned into U10 programmes in 2016, with the introduction of a new 1/4 Field based local competition in conjunction with Doncaster Hockey Club 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, and allowed new players to refine skills and develop game confidence in a competitive team environment.

In addition to this, Mini Brumbies operated from term 2, with 30 children, generally 7 years and under, participating in fun, hockey related activities and skill development on Sunday mornings.

Our recruiting programmes will continue into the Spring of 2016, 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 6 girls only teams in 2016, with 3 of those teams (U14 Girls Pennant, u12 Girls Shield and U12 Girls Pennant) making finals, and the U12 Girls shield achieving runners-up in 2016 (for the second successive year). The club will continue to offer Girls only options in 2017, and promote the development and participation of girls in the sport.

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 2016 the following children were selected;

	U13 Boys	U13 Girls	U15 Boys	U15 Girls
2016 Red Devils	Nicolass Bray James Hearn Max Kelly Hugo Lane Issac Noble Julian Nosiara	Ebony Beckter Lauren Boulter Laura Ham Millar Kay- Kneebone Sophie McGoldrick Cara Orford Lucy Shuttleworth Meg Stewart Genevieve Whitford	Alexander Cross Jim George Charlie Harper Hugh Hassall Toby Meago Harrison Mitchell	Breanna Cozzio Claire Garwoli Charlotte Murray Carly Reid Jessie Stewart

State and National representation

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

In 2016, 8 Brumbies achieved selection in state teams and two, Ben White (U16 Shield) and Luke Jackson (U16 Shield) were selected in the U16 National Schoolboys team to tour Germany in 2017.

A big congratulations to the following players for their selection into underage State and National sides in 2016;

U16 National Schoolboys	Ben White
	Luke Jackson
U16 Schoolboys	Ben White
	Luke Jackson
	Hugh Hamilton
U18 Boys State Outdoor	Ben White
	Luke Jackson
	Alistair Payne
U15 Boys State Outdoor	Charlie Harper
U14 Girls State Outdoor	Jessie Stewart
U13 Boys State Outdoor	Isaac Noble
	Julian Nosiara

UMPIRING

At the Brumbies we continue to develop junior umpires for Friday night and Saturday games. 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 2016 several junior female umpires were recruited and this will remain a focus in 2017 in order to develop depth and gender balance of the club umpiring panel.

In addition, 2 junior umpires each year are nominated for the HV Umpiring academy with support of the club.

GOALIE CLUB

Each year the KBH Brumbies provide specialty training for goalies, in addition to team based training nights. The Brumbies Goalie Club ran on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights and provided developing and existing goalies the opportunity to participate in Specialist training. A big thank you to Daniel Chang and Edwina Birnie for their time and efforts in managing the training in 2016.

AWARDS 2016

The Junior section end of season presentation evening was held on September 9th at Holy Redeemer Parish Hall, Mont Albert.

Over 350 people attended representing families from U10's through to U16's. U18's and Mini Brumbies conducted separate end of year functions at alternate times.

The evening was a celebration of the 2016 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 2016 is included below;

Grade name	Award name	Player name
U10 Blue	Most Improved Player	Charlotte Corr
U10 Blue	Coaches award	Lachlan Welsman
U10 NE Girls	Most Valuable Player	Matilda McCreery
U10 NE Girls	Most Improved Player	Phoebe Creek
U10 NE Mixed	Most Valuable Player	Angus Murray
U10 NE Mixed	Most Improved Player	Will Goff
U10 Red	Most Improved Player	Tara Beckter
U10 Red	Coaches award	Archie McSheffery
U10 White	Most Improved Player	Felix Douglas
U10 White	Coaches award	Angus Clarke
U12 Girls Pennant	Best and Fairest	Rebecca Garwoli
U12 Girls Pennant	Most improved player	Isabela Glavan
U12 Girls Pennant	Best Team Player	Isabella Currie
U12 Girls Shield	Best and Fairest	Lauren Boulter
U12 Girls Shield	Most improved player	Pippa Monckton
U12 Girls Shield	Coaches award	Meg Stewart
U12 Mixed Pennant	Best and Fairest	Angus Ravenarki
U12 Mixed Pennant	Most improved player	Ben Carlisle
U12 Mixed Pennant	Coaches award	Angus Walsh
U12 Mixed Shield	Best and Fairest	Nico Bray
U12 Mixed Shield	Most improved player	Leon Kojima
U12 Mixed Shield	Coaches award	Jared McCormick
U14 Girls Pennant	Best and Fairest	Georgia Young
U14 Girls Pennant	Most improved player	Naeve McPadden
U14 Girls Pennant	Coaches award	Anna Berrell
U14 Mixed Pennant	Best and Fairest	Eli Millard
U14 Mixed Pennant	Most improved player	Seamus O'Neill
U14 Mixed Pennant	Coaches award	Toby Meago
u14 Mixed Shield	Best and Fairest	Isaac Noble
u14 Mixed Shield	Most improved player	Patrick Singh
u14 Mixed Shield	Coaches award	Ben Johnson
U16 Girls Pennant	Best and Fairest	Marlize Wessels
U16 Girls Pennant	Coaches award	Amy Gust

U16 Girls Pennant	Coaches award	Tess Feikema
U16 Girls Pennant	Runner Up B&F	Hannah Ross
U16 Girls Shield	Junior Club Girls Champion	Jessie Stewart
U16 Girls Shield	Most improved player	Mia Harold
U16 Girls Shield	Coaches award	Tessa Jackson
U16 Mixed Pennant	Best and Fairest	Jackie Hongmung
U16 Mixed Pennant	Most improved player	Luca Palermo
U16 Mixed Pennant	Coaches award	Corey McCabe
U16 Mixed Shield	Junior Club Boys Champion	Luke Jackson
U16 Mixed Shield	Best Team Player	Arjen Tickner
U16 Mixed Shield	Coaches award	Hugh Hamilton
	Best Junior Goal Keeper	Hugh Hamilton
	Best developing goal keeper	Zoe Carson
	Top Goal Scorer	Alex Cross
	Best Junior Umpire	Hamish Cameron
	Best Developing umpire	Dex Kelly

Spring and Summer programmes

The Brumbies have introduced a new Spring 5's outdoor programme for Term 4 of 2016, playing weekly matches on modified fields (1/3 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.

It also provides new players, interested in hockey, a chance to try the game prior to making a formal commitment to the 2017 winter season.

Spring-5's run Wednesday evenings from Oct 12th to the end of November, 6.30-8.30pm at Elgar Park.

Women's VP Report 2016

A great first season for the women's KBH Brumbies. Six senior teams and two masters teams ensured that all members got a suitable spot on pitch. I would like to start by thanking all coaches and team managers who put in an enormous amount of time to ensure a great season. Secondly, thanks to all our players – your efforts on and off pitch to bring the clubs together was astounding. A special thanks to all those who doubled up in the first rounds... and half of the season... and in some cases right to the end of the season.... when we were a little low on numbers. Also thanks to all who were flexible to play where needed most from week to week, we would have been in a pickle without you!!

Special mention to Georgie Box, Chelsea Dabner, Ardie Dite, Kay Doidge, Kate Forbes, Bec French, Lil Harold, Amanda Harper, Dayna Healey, Clare Hollingsworth, Katie James, Elise Kennett, Vanessa King, Chou Kong, Bec Lane, Cathy Lange, Alyson Lanyon, Katrina Massey, Katrina Mattingley, Emma Olorenshaw, Felicity Parkinson, and Taylor Wilcox.

A reminder for all of us that a premier club needs a broad base of players (including juniors) forming the foundation and without our pennant and metro ladies we would not be premiers in 2017! Every player, coach and manager contributed to our greatness. We have a lot to be proud of.

Here are just a few highlights.

- 118 players took to the pitch across the 8 teams.
- 4 Senior and 1 Masters team into finals.
- Major premiers GF win by VL1.
- Minor Premiers for Pennant D.
- 8 New players in Metro team, including our oldest club lady Mary.
- 7 Other new players joined the Brumbies stampede, some returning after many years off.
- 17 Juniors joined in to make the season awesome – and played across the teams from VL to Metro, Don't forget to tell your friends what a great time you had and bring them along next season!!

Lastly, I'd like to mention some individual performances – by no means are these the only worthy of a mention.... Perfect attendance records in senior comp goes to: Katie James, Maddie Wood, Breanna Cozzio, Chelsea Dabner, Claire Morrow, Lily Jackson, Amy Moore, Chou Kong, Ella Enniss, Maggie Enniss, and Carine Wessels. Jess Hewitson-Kerr played GK for the Metro team this season – first time ever in the position and I think I would be correct in saying she was one of our most improved players. She was the keeper most under the pump and I am almost sure she was the top goal saver amongst the teams – Jess we are sad to see you move State!! At the other end of the pitch Dayna Healey scored the most goals in the senior comp and had a strike rate of 1.1 goals per game, just 0.1 behind Esme's 1.2 goals per game. I was lucky enough to play with Dayna this season and it was pure tenacity, with no regard for her knees that led to such great results. Others who ended with a goal rate of 0.5 per game or more were Elly Yard, Sarah Evans, Jo Faull, Mel Hovenden, Sally Schwal, Eliza Berryman and Sally Kentell. Whilst these were the last to touch the ball, being in the right spot and making it count, they really represent the awesome team behind them as most goals are a result of a team effort.

The only downside of the season has been the injuries across all teams. Too many broken bones, torn muscles or ligaments.. and sadly the injury to Lily's eye in finals rounds. It was great to hear slightly more positive news on her recovery and we all wish her well, and hope that all those who left early in the season due to injury will be back fighting fit in 2017.

I end with where I started – awesome first season for Brumbies hockey. Bring on 2017. Look after yourself through the summer and congratulations to all our award winners. Parting words that I recently heard “TEAM is not a noun; it is a verb. If you DO team, you will be a GREAT TEAM” Let this be all team's mottos for 2017.

Men's VP Report 2016

What an amazing season it has been, we fielded eight men's teams and six of them made finals and two contested Grand Finals. Whilst we disappointingly missed the major silver ware this year, our performance indicates a bright future.

Considering we are a new club, the efforts of the coaches, managers, helpers and of course the players has been fantastic as we have successfully joined two clubs into one with great results.

The merger is working out, it works even better than hoped because most players have embraced the new uniform early. The sustained efforts of Dee Gill in making this happen has added togetherness that has heled us all embrace the future.

The season men's season is summarised as follows:

Vic league 1, finished fifth which was a 2 place improvement on 2015. Two losses in the second half of the season to two of the lower positioned opponents, prevented a better result.

Vic League 1 Reserves, finished third, this was a very young side and their performances and this result is very positive for the clubs' future

Pennant C, finished eighth, perhaps an even younger side than the seconds and struggled early in the season. With the injection of some older experienced players part way through the season, their performance lifted to produce a competitive second half of the season.

Pennant D, finished second in the regular season and their performance set the pace with Camberwell right through to the Grand Final where they were narrowly beaten on the day.

Pennant E, finished third, this was about up to expectation, however injury and absence effected their finals campaign.

Pennant F, finished second, this team always makes the grand final and again another stellar performance narrowly missing out on the silverware losing to Southern on the day.

Metro B (1), finished third, maybe could have finished second without injuries but a great effort nonetheless

Metro B(2), finished fourth, was led by a first time captain who did a great job in combining new and old players to make the finals.

The first year as a combined club would have to be rated as a success by any measure.

Season 2017.

Next season we need to achieve promotion for our first, seconds and thirds. We should be entering eight; maybe nine men's sides.

The pennant D side from last year has a number of players, who now wish to play higher grades and this will add much needed maturity across our top three sides.

It will also allow selection for our top 4 teams which will provide a much better balance through these teams.

We will be selecting some older seconds players to play in Pennant C to ensure we are better positioned to gain promotion in 2017.

Pennant C will also benefit from true selection and gain three or four players from the top half of the pennant D team.

It is imperative for the men's division future that this side gains promotion for 2018 season.

The four or five lower sides will be mainly friendly sides. We will continue to bring younger juniors along through our Pennant F team.

Members from the lower four sides can now be tried in Pennant D, if they wish, as this created difficulty in 2016 having 5 social or fixed sides.

The possibility exists for a ninth side depending on uptake from 2016 under 18's. There is a desire to have a under 20 Metro B team of current and ex under 18's.

We will explore this further in coming months.

We also need to address our goalkeeping stocks throughout the entire men's division. We need to ensure we are allowing our up and coming keepers every opportunity,

but at the same time not over exposing them.

To keep a fresh approach, but at the same time to ensure stability, Bill Allen will coach the Men's firsts in 2017 and Chris Harper will be an assistant coach

With changes to our Pennant D team and with current recruiting plans and alternate plans we are very positive about our prospects for next season.

Peter Hovenden

KBH Brumbies

Men's V.P.

Master's VP Report 2016

KBH had Seven (7) mens master's teams in the HV winter season. Two (2) 35B teams, one (1) 45A, two (2) 45C, a 50A and a 50B team.

Quite a number of the 50A players played in various Monday night comps and a few of the 35 and 45 players also played weekend for various Metro teams.

Unfortunately, no men's master's teams made final rounds in 2016, with several only missing out by a few pts.

Overall numbers were tight to support the number of teams that we offered, but as usual is it better to struggle for numbers SOME weeks, or have a squad of 15 or 16 EVERY week. The only real negative here is that the A grade teams did suffer on occasion being competitive with "ring-in" players when short and this did impact on their ability to make finals.

I am very confident that the merger of the two legacy clubs has been successful, and there is little or no obvious division, and certainly no resentment. The new playing surface and the stand and seating has been a major unifying project and one that hopefully continues to drive the expansion of the club.

2017

Reviewing and trying to understand the results from the questionnaire sent to all the 2016 men's masters, the largest number of results were that winning was important some of the time, but being competitive was the most important criteria across the board for participation in men's masters at KBH.

The responses from the group were largely happy with the current level of socialising, but some expressed a desire for a few more organised events.

Fees were considered ok, no one expressing that they were high, and only one that they were low.

The policy of paying a full fee for your main team and either a reduced fee or fee per game were generally acceptable, but possibly not understood or aware of by all.

Many of the men's masters players expressed an interest again in playing for two teams in the upcoming 2017 winter season.

Grant Kentell

KBH Brumbies

Masters V.P.

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.

We've had a lot of interest in junior umpiring this season with several boys training and umpiring on Saturday mornings. Late in the season we have had good interest from a few girls as well and I hope this will continue next year.

A highlight for me was being able to give Community Umpire accreditation to 4 boys – Dex Kelly, Danny Cutts, Hugo Lane and Jim George. Well done. We have a few more junior umpires in training and I hope they can get their Community accreditation early next season.

At the Juniors Presentation Night I had the pleasure of presenting 2 awards for junior umpires. The Best Developing Umpire was Dex Kelly. Dex not only showed enthusiasm for umpiring but he helped out setting up the U10 quarter-field ground. He had the correct uniform and really looked the part. His decisions were clear and he had good control of the game.

The Best Junior Umpire for 2016 was Hamish Cameron. Hamish has been umpiring for a few years now but this year has seen him move forward quickly and gain the respect of many senior umpires and players, some from other clubs. In 2016 he achieved Level 1 accreditation, making him one of only 4 active umpires in our club with Level 1. Toward the end of the season he umpired a couple of Women's Premier League Reserves games as well as 2 junior grand final matches.

Both awards went to boys, but next year we want the girls to challenge the boys and have a go at umpiring. Taking up umpiring will help you be a better player as you will know the rules better. You also get paid!!

At the senior's level, it was great for both Lachie Funnell and Mat Waters to get their Community Umpire accreditation. As a Premier League club in 2017, we need to get a few of our umpires accredited at Level 2, as well as Level 1 Umpire Coach.

As we grow as a club it will be important to be training more umpires. We have several juniors coming through the ranks, but we need more senior umpires – especially women. Apart from the 2 ladies from overseas who played in the WV1 team this year, we had no active female umpires and this is not a good position to be in. To fix this, we will be running some umpire training early next year, and I encourage any interested ladies to get on board. This is one component of our Umpire Development Plan and several other initiatives are planned.

We will also need to train some members to be Technical Officials for our Premier League and Vic League 1 matches.

Please make contact with me if you want to find out more about taking up umpiring for 2017. I would also like to hear from any members who might like to help with umpire development activities.

Robert Turnbull

SECRETARY

UMPIRE COORDINATOR