



KBH Brumbies

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Annual Report

The end of year three as the Brumbies is a time to reflect on all that we have achieved in a relatively short time as the journey so far has been stunning.

Moving away from our legacy clubs was difficult for many of our members, but they placed their trust in the committee to lead them through the change to create the Brumbies. The merger has exceeded all my expectations and is testament to how you, our members have embraced, integrated and accepted the change. On behalf of the committee, thank you.

Our facilities have gone from being one of the worst to arguably the best in the state. With a new pitch, new club rooms and fantastic spectator facilities it is now a major draw to attracting new players to the club. Whilst we had planned to upgrade our pitch lighting ready for the season, we are closing out on the final administration hurdles to install our new state of the art LED lighting before the end of the year in readiness for next season.

On Field

2017 was an exceptional year by any measure with 5 premierships, but 2018 has surpassed all my expectations. Of the 41 teams that we fielded during the season:

- 21 teams finished in the top 4 (includes our U10's who do not contest finals, with 3 of our teams finishing on top)
- 18 teams contested finals
- 9 teams in grand finals
- 7 premierships
- 3 back to back winners (Women's Pennant B, Men's VL1 Reserves and Men's 45A's)

In addition to the 7 premierships we also achieved three promotions with the Men's Vic League 1 teams promoted to Premier League and the Women's Pennant B team promoted to Pennant A (making two premierships and two promotions in two years!)

I've always held that our aspiration for Premier League was not about the prestige, but is about creating a pathway for our talent to stay and play at the club they have grown up in.

Over the years we have lost too many talented payers to other clubs because we couldn't provide this level of competition.

With both the men and women now confirmed in Premier League the immediate goal is complete with the challenge now moving to building our competitiveness and to make finals in the not too distant future.

The years highlight for me was not about premierships though, it was the outstanding Mini Brumbies program run by Ange Allen. With over 100 kids for the second year in succession, Ange ran a program that balanced fun with hockey that lays the foundation that will bring them back for more next year. At this rate within 5 years we will have a depth of talent that will be the envy of any club and position us for continued success for the future.

Other achievements for the year include:

- 3 National representatives – Ben White, Danny Brennan and Lisa Stewart
- 1 Olympian – Ben White
- Tom Allan – winner of the Hockey Victoria VL1 Best & Fairest
- Over 30 state representatives
- A great year for junior umpire development with 3 new Community umpires and 1 Level 1.
- Hamish Cameron achieved L2 and Hockey Victoria's best Junior Umpiring Seniors
- James Horne, HV's Most Promising Junior Umpire

Volunteers

Like any not for profit sports club, we rely on a small army of volunteers to run, operate and put 41 teams on the field every week.

Volunteer numbers have been in decline in recent years and whilst there are always the people that go above and beyond, there are those that stay on the sidelines. To ease the workload on our core volunteers, this year I applied a volunteer levy for all senior members to undertake 3 hours of volunteering over the year. I'm pleased to say that this has made a noticeable difference in volunteer numbers and eased the day to day operations.

To the Committee members (Nicola Johnson, Bill Allen, Issy Hassall, Robert Turnbull, Grant Kentell and Stuart Richardson) a big thank you as you are the central to building the success of the club.

To the EPRHA committee members (Chris Harper, Dee Gill, Al Kemp, David Kolmorgan, Mark Williams and Richard Clancy) thank you for working tirelessly to build our facilities that are the envy of the hockey community.

To all our junior coordinators, coaches, team managers, event and canteen helpers, match officials and so many more, your efforts have taken the club to new heights.

2018 Volunteering Awards

In recognising the above and beyond volunteers, it is my pleasure to announce:

Best Club Person – Ange Allen for her outstanding work in organising and delivering the Mini Brumbies program for the year. Ange brings her school teacher skills to the fore to create a program for over 100 under 10's that is fun, builds skills and confidence and engenders an inclusive culture.

Presidents Award - This year I decided to recognise both Chris Arthur and Daniel Chang. Both are ever present at the ground spending time developing both juniors and seniors. They demonstrate and role model the values that makes the club a place to be.

Remembering

Whilst 2018 celebrated many successes on the field, it also had its moments of sadness. Through the year we lost three members of our extended family being Jamie Kong, Avis Davis and Elishka Marvan.

The loss of Jamie Kong at such a young age sent shock waves through the club. I am immensely proud of the way in which members came together to support family and friends through their time of need. This is testament to the values and culture we are building within the club.

They will be sorely missed.

To our Sponsors

To our sponsors thank you on behalf of all the club members. Your support has played a significant part in enabling us to achieve all our successes.



Peter and the team at Just Hockey for all our equipment needs



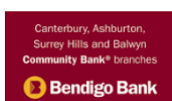
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Pub of choice and supplier to the canteen



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To our members please support our sponsors as we need their ongoing support and services.

Focus for 2019

Filling our open committee positions is the prime area of focus as we need continuity to maintain our progress in building and running the club. Key positions open are:

- Treasurer
- Commercial and Sponsorships
- Junior VP

We will create two paid positions:

- An admin role as with the size of the club we need to take workload off committee members. This will be a part time role and will be advertised shortly to be up and running in the new year.
- Head of Junior Coaching. This will be a step change to help drive more structure and build skills and capabilities across the junior ranks. I'm please to announce that Steve White will fill this role for 2019.

Establish a cross club collaboration initiative. Whilst we compete on the field, all too often clubs do not collaborate to develop mutually beneficial initiatives off field that can benefit all. I will initially work with a small number of clubs to explore collaboration options.

We need to lift our focus on sponsorships but has a high dependency on filling the Commercial role on the committee. To be on par with the leading clubs we need to lift our sponsorships three fold to enable greater investment into club and player initiatives.

The upgrade to our pitch lighting was delayed as we worked through the planning and compliance requirements. We are now scheduling the upgrade in the first quarter of next year. This will be the final phase of our major works before focusing on the second pitch.

Registration Day has been scheduled for 24th February. Please lock it in your diary as a successful registration day will ease the administration overhead to mobilise the season.

Please take care over the festive season and enjoy some down time with friends and family.
Thank you for a fantastic season and I look forward to the clubs continued success in 2019.

Go Brumbies

Mike Hanlon

President