



AGM outcome: new General Committee members

Thanks to the more than 25 members who attended our AGM on Nov 22. There were some significant changes to the YVHC general committee. Emma Hatch was elected as President for 2019, with Craig Lovel moving to VP. Tracey Cox was elected as a general member. Danni Whyte, David Findlay and Georgia Morsley stepped down from the Board. A vote of thanks was passed to all GC members, but particularly those stepping down. Unfortunately, there was no nomination for Secretary. This is a critical position constitutionally. If anyone is interested in taking this position on please contact one of the GC to discuss. The Men's Director has indicated a preference to step aside, but will remain until a replacement can be identified. Please do consider if you can commit to one of these roles to ensure the success of our club.

New YVHC website

WebSolutionZ (thru junior parent Nicky Veitch) has revamped and launched our [new website](#). This provides for simpler presentation of club information, and easier addition of content. There has been upgrades to many aspects including contacts and email management. There will be training Tuesday 22 January from 3.30 @ club rooms for those interested in learning how to / or contribute to web content.

2019 season preparations & Premier League status

HV has released some details re [2019 Winter season](#) which will commence for Seniors on 6 April, Masters on 8 April. Regular rounds conclude 24/25 August followed by finals. No senior hockey 6/7 July. The FIH have released several [rule changes for 2019](#), HV are still reviewing which of these will be implemented in 2019.

Our Women remain firmly in PL for 2019. The YVHC GC has elected for a fresh coaching approach in 2019. We welcome new WPL coach **Adi Glancy** to the Dam, and Alex Tan returning as WPLR coach. Adi is an experienced International and local coach, please make her welcome.

On the Men's side we find ourselves in MVL1. Our challenge now is to regain PL status through excellent performance in 2019. We have all the off field requirements in place. The YVHC GC has appointed a new coach to the MVL1 team to provide a changed environment and underpin a revitalized, "all of club" approach in 2019. We are delighted to announce the appointment of **Alex Mason** as MVL1 Coach for 2019. Alex is known to many across the whole club, and was the coach of Yarra's only top team premiership in the past 20 years – WVL1 in 2015. Please give him your full support.

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Juniors

The Juniors have several programs running over the summer for most age levels. Contact [Trudie](#) (Junior rep) or [Rachel](#) (Junior coaching coordinator) for more details.

Hook into Hockey for U10's and below will also be back from second week of term 1 ~ 9 Feb. Contact [Rachel](#) for more details.

The winter season will hit off on 3 May 2019. Regular rounds conclude 23/24 August. No Junior hockey 5/6 & 12/13 July. Juniors will revert to a 2 round final series, GF 6/7 Sept..

Club Open / Registration Day

Registration, uniform and all information for the 2019 season will be available at the club info day on Sunday Feb. 24 ; 11 am – 4 pm. It is very important juniors register at this day, or on line around this time, to ensure we enter the number of junior teams accordingly. We are planning several hockey games to coincide with Open day to keep all interested.

PRO League Hockey & Australian Hockey League

Thanks to members who signed up for all the YVHC tickets to 2018/19 Victorian Hockey Fan Package & the new ProLeague and AHL Hockey season. If you are looking for us we are at in the prime front and centre seats E G, 15 (Eastern Grandstand). 16 of our U10's have been invited on Sat. Feb 2 to be the junior mascots for the AUS v Netherlands games. The club also benefited from the presale of this ticket packages so we win all round.

Fees 2019

Fees for 2019 will have a small increase (~cpi). These will be loaded into the registration page on web site at the end of January. Hockey Victoria will be making changes to their fee structure so we await more detail. As cash flow is always tight early in the New Year the option is available for members to register directly by contacting the Treasurer and making an EFT before end of January at the 2018 Club Rego fee rate.

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New pavilion alarm

Please note there has been a new “state of the art” alarm system installed thanks to a Department of Justice Community Safety grant.

If you need access to the pavilion please see your section rep to obtain a unique code for the alarm.

International player billet 2019?

We are excited to have a former German Women’s U18 International player join our Women PL team in 2019. She is on exchange studying at Melb. Uni from USA’s University of Connecticut where she has been in college the past 2 years, and has been an influential striker in their field hockey program. So if you have a spare room, and / or need a “live in” German tutor until end July please contact [Janice](#) or [myself](#).

KB Day 2019

The Kevin Bannan (KB) day will be hosted by LaTrobe in 2019. It is planned for Saturday March 16. This is a day we get together to recognise KB’s contribution to both clubs and hockey in general with friendly games at Pennant level. Mark your diaries and get along to celebrate hockey and it’s place in our community.

See you @ The Dam!: Go Yabbies’ all.

Craig Lovel , Vice President, YVHC.

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