

**CASEY CANNONS
HOCKEY CLUB**



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ADMINISTRATION & OPERATIONS

I'd like to begin by acknowledging the contribution made by Paul Chaffey in the role of President. Paul served as president in 2015 and 2016, resigned the position in April this year for personal reasons. We extend our thanks to Paul for his contribution during this time and to his family for supporting Paul in the role.

We sought expressions of interest in the president role at that time but the seat remained vacant during the 2017 season and the committee, in particular David Hyland, Kerry-Ann Hetherington and the Vice Presidents really stepped up and fulfilled the requirements of the President's role. Linda Darby and Matthew Jelavic have done a very good job with treasury and I'd like to not only thank them but acknowledge Linda's 6th consecutive year as treasurer. I'd like to thank these people, along with the rest of the committee for a job well done. Following Paul's resignation I took a more active role in the committee this year than in the previous two years and can say that this committee formed a very sound working relationship and is among the best committees I have been involved with. So again, congratulations to each individual for a job well done.

After a couple of years as Junior Vice President, Alison Raether has advised that she will not be continuing in the role in 2018. Alison has done an excellent job in organising our junior unit, which is the largest unit in the club. Thanks Alison for your good work and your significant contribution to our kids and our club.

Thanks to Holly McKendry, Chris Wood, Michael and Karen Noye for organising our fundraising events and presentation night – thanks Mike for the Dad jokes.

HOCKEY

I will leave discussion about on-field performances to the Vice President reports but will take this opportunity to thank all coaches, team managers, umpires and coordinators for their efforts in making 2017 an overall successful year.

Congratulations to our Women's VL1, Master 45+ and "The Mighty" U12's for playing finals hockey and to all our players for representing our club in a competitive and sportsmanlike manner.

KEY PROJECTS

PITCH RESURFACING

It was a challenging start to the season with the delays in completion of the pitch resurfacing project. We began our dialogue with council in 2015 in relation to this project so while it was pleasing and very exciting to watch the project come to fruition, the weather was unkind and caused the completion to be delayed. Our junior season was affected by 2 rounds and our senior season by one round and our preseason was severely interrupted. We do however owe our sincere thanks to the City of Casey whose support of this project and our club has been very encouraging.

I would like to thank Ian Shields for his significant contribution to advancing our cause with council for the playing surface.

COMMUNICATIONS

David Hyland did some great work in implementing and introducing our members to Team App. This has seen a great improvement in our ability to communicate as a club and was a project that we had struggled with for a few years. Great work Dave, massive improvement.

We also made a step forward in email communications with the implementation of our hosted email platform. Thanks to Danny Smulders' good work our email communications are so much more professional with key email addresses hosted on the @caseycannons.com.au domain. Thanks Danny for ticking off another project that we had on the to-do list for a few years.

VALE

I touched above on the topic of council support and we tragically and suddenly lost a dear club friend in Cr Mick Morland OAM this year. Mick never wavered in his support for our club and for developing our sport in Casey and it was Mick, along with Cr Susan Serey, who really pushed our upgrade at council. At a personal level Mick I am blessed to have met Mick, his friendly warmth and encouragement will be sadly missed.

THE FUTURE

Our club has a bright future if we work towards it. We are located in one of Australia's fastest growing residential corridors and as such have the potential to tap into a rich player resource. We need to accept our responsibility to grow our sport in this region and to do so each individual has a part to play. Nothing worthwhile ever created itself.

Our club is filled with good people, many more of whom I suspect would like to contribute but are reluctant because they don't have a hockey background, or are nervous that they will not live up to some expectation. The only expectation should be contribution and any criticism should be replaced with either of the following questions:

- "What am I doing?"
- "What can I do to help?"

Our growth comes with an appetite for more coaches and administrators, not just to spread the load but to simply get the job done. My sincerest hope is that you will look for ways to get involved in your club by looking for a job for yourself – they're not hard to find.

Each year we recognise the significant off-field efforts of a couple of people by awarding the Junior and Senior Club Person Awards. Thanks and congratulations to Teagan Hyland on being awarded the Junior Club Person award. The Senior Club Person Award, renamed the Jeff Reidy Club Person Award, will be announced at senior presentation night and I will amend this report to reflect it. Congratulations to both recipients on a richly deserved recognition of your ongoing efforts.

Finally, I'd like to thank my family for their support of my role at the club. I have very much enjoyed my involvement this year and look forward to working with the new committee in 2018.

November 2016 - International Festival of Hockey. Hockey Victoria called for volunteers aged Under 11 to be ambassadors (mascots) for the teams as they walked out on to the pitch. I sent the message out and got 9 very keen Casey juniors responding. Alice and Livinia Gray, Asia and Chloe Renouf, Lara Woods, Jhai Beare, Thomas Edwards, Tallis Pritchard and Alfonso de Leon were ambassadors for the Australia vs India women's match on the 23rd November. They did a great job and had a fabulous time.

Hookin2Hockey – running in two centres. One at the Berwick ground and one in Lakeside Primary School, Pakenham. Berwick run by Brenda Buckland and Jeff Reidy and Pakenham by Sarah Chaffey and Tegen Hyland. 26 kids involved in Hookin2Hockey across the two centres.

U10 changed from HV run competition to smaller, zoned inter club competition. Spoke to Frankston Hockey Club who told me they had about 30 U10s and Peninsula had about the same so they were not interested in travelling to Casey as they would run their own competition but we were welcome to play all our games there. Not a great option! Left messages with Dandenong about joining forces but had no response by phone or email. The day prior to team entries closing I was still trying to get in contact with someone from Dandenong about the U10s so abandoned that idea and with the support of Bryce Davis and Jeff Smit as coaches, entered another U12 District team, elevating a lot of very inexperienced U10s. We felt telling kids who had previously worn the Casey uniform and played competitive hockey that they had to return to Hookin2Hockey would not be in the best interests for them or the club. Dandenong got back in touch about an U10 competition the next day, but it was too late for us.

Had interest for an U18 team but could not get the numbers to get a team together.

Registered 6 junior teams with HV. 2xU12 Mixed District, U14 Pennant Girls, U14 Pennant Mixed, U16 Pennant Girls and U16 Pennant Mixed.

Sadly we did not get the numbers for the U14 Pennant Girls so withdrew that team, dividing the girls between U14 Mixed and U16 Girls, which allowed a couple of U14 boys to move into U16 Mixed to bolster their numbers which were a bit light on at the beginning of the season.

Training began on the running track behind the hockey pitch and at the Casey Indoor centre in Cranbourne and Beaconhills College Pakenham.

Season began on April 28th.

September school holidays we ran a skills clinic with Glenn Simpson (former Kookaburra), who ran a clinic for the U12s and combined the U14s and U16s. It was well supported. Half, or 13 to be precise, of the U12s came along to their session and another 15 to the older session.

U12 Maroon – Coach-Jeff Smit, Assistant coach-Thomas Jelavic, Manager-Matthew Jelavic. This was the younger of the two teams, everyone 10 or under and they did an amazing job to finish 5th on the ladder. They got to sing the club song 4 times so they'll all know the words for next season.

U12 White – Coach-Bryce Davis, Manager-Liz Edwards. This team was not much older with the average age being 10 and 3 months but they a bit more experience and these kids ended 4th on the

ladder, won the semi final, and lost the preliminary to the eventual competition winner. Awesome effort

U14 Mixed – Coach-Jeff Reidy, Manager-Allan McDonald. Only won the one game for the season but a solid year. A mix of brand new players and experience and were hit pretty hard with injuries (none due to hockey).

U16 Pennant Mixed – Coach – Daniel Godfrey, Manager – Stephen Noney. 3 wins and a draw for the season. Ended up with 17 players which is not the worst problem to have, but it is tricky to manage. The season was more competitive than the ladder would suggest.

U16 Pennant Girls – Coach- Maddie Storr, Manager – Dean Walsh. Fabulous year, playing in the Grand Final again this year but sadly going down 3-2 to Greensborough. Great effort.

Presentation Night was held on Friday 15th September in the basketball stadium adjacent to the ground. Approximately 150 people came which was great as we had 72 kids playing junior hockey and another 26 Hookin2Hockey. Fabulous turnout.

Award winners were:

U14 Mixed:- Best & Fairest – Evaine Siriwardana, Runner up – Jordan McDonald, Coach's Award – Ruby Wilson and Will Gardiner

U16 Mixed:- Best & Fairest – David Noney, Runner up – Mitchell Chaffey, Coach's Award – Jack Wilson

U16 Girls:- Best & Fairest – Kate Rinehart, Runner up – Darcy Hetherington, Coach's Award – Kyezanne Holtzhausen

Certificates were awarded to Junior State Championship representatives:- Hayley Jacobs, Jordan McDonald, Charlotte Davis, Tegen Hyland, Nakita McDonald and Kate Rinehart.

Mitchell Chaffey was presented with a certificate for representing Victoria in the U15s and Kate Rinehart for selection for the FHE Cup in Perth.

Junior Clubperson – Tegen Hyland for her outstanding contribution to the club. Played for the women's firsts for the entire season as well as captaining the U16 Girls. Stepped in as coach for the Metro women when required, umpired, volunteered in the canteen and helped run Hookin2Hockey in Pakenham. Well deserved.

Thanks to Joanne Davis for her work as Junior Secretary, Paul Chaffey and Bryce Davis for their help and everyone on the committee, it's been a very enjoyable couple of years. I wish Allan McDonald all the best as he takes over the role of Junior Vice President.

I would have to say that 2017 was a season of consolidation. After our 1sts team moved into the VL1 grade for the first time in season 2016, we were now looking at improving our ladder position. Also 2016 added a 4ths team to the women's unit, so this season we needed to improve our player numbers and make it easy to fill all teams.

Pre-season was well attended and also included the introduction of a couple of new players to the club. This continued fitness program really helped us in climbing the ladder in the very competitive VL1 grade. It was also good to see many of our junior players join in pre-season training, which really paid off for them as the season progressed.

Our 1sts showed throughout the season that we could mix it with the best teams going round with very good results against the top teams. Our struggles came when we played the lower sides that we would normally have expected good wins. These mixed results meant that we needed to rely on other team results going into the final round before we knew we were in the finals. As luck would have it we squeezed into the 4th position on the ladder and although we played our heart out in the first final we could not get the goals on the board. On reflection I believe 4th position was a true indication of where we are at and I am sure it is a stepping-stone to future success. Thank you to our 1st coach Andrew Harris, his passion and belief is exceptional. Also a big thank you to our team manager Kym Rinehart, Kym took this job on for the first time this season and did a great job, for someone that needed to learn new skills such as the tech bench, she really showed up other clubs who have been doing it for several years.

Our 2nds team was really a development side this season, with the loss of several experienced players due to injury; we were required to push up many of our young up and coming players. Up to round 9 the best results were a couple of draws, but the great persistence and effort from players and coaches came through in the second half of the season finishing with 5 wins and 5th on the ladder. An excellent result with many great young players (Haley, Charlotte, Darcy, Jamieson and Nakita) playing all season in the 2's and showing the way. Thanks to coach Chris Wood for persisting with this young group throughout the season, Chris showed huge confidence and encouragement in the young players and the benefits will be seen for years to come. A big thank you to our team managers Allan & Anita McDonald, it is extremely important to have team managers for each team and this team was the hardest to find a suitable person. Although Allan was already team managing a men's and junior team, Allan and Anita stepped in just as the season started and did a great job. Thank you very much.

The 3rds team this season was entered into the Metro A grade. (up from Metro B in 2016). This decision was made to separate our 3rds and 4ths into different grades. This was always going to be a challenge, but the players fought out the season very well, always trying to improve their skills and making sure they had fun. As is often the case in the lower grades we had many players come in and out of the side. This totaled 37 players for the Metro A team, but most satisfying is the many juniors that got an opportunity including several under 14 players. This shows the future is bright for Casey in the women's unit. Thank you to Erika Storr for taking on the coaching role. Coaching the lower grades can be hard work and although Erika probably would have liked to play a few more games throughout the season, she continually put the team and coaching job first. Erika worked very hard

on developing playing with game plans and skills that aren't always discussed at this level at the same time as making sure the team had fun and enjoyed playing hockey. Also thank you to our team manager Sara Sonnberger, Sara is another club stalwart that is always happy to put her hand up and assist in anyway she can.

The 4ths team fought out a tough year, this team is filled with many players still learning the game (young and older) and often playing teams with experienced players that are in their late 20's and early 30's. With 33 different players playing in the Metro B side, it meant we rarely had issues filling the team. A huge thank you goes to our 4ths coach Brenda Buckland and team manager Leanne Gibson. This is easily the hardest on field job in the club and both these players put in 100% from the beginning to the end of the season and did a great job working together as a team. Your continued efforts to improve all players is a credit to you both - without you and people like yourselves the club would not survive. Everyone at the club should take note, as Brenda and Leanne are the perfect examples of what everyone should be striving to be off field.

Finally I would like to thank several people for their contributions throughout the season. Thank you to the committee, this season we had many challenges, but with great team work and support from the committee the future of the women's unit looks very bright. Thanks you to all the players, this season we had improved training attendances and easily filled our four teams, which shows we have plenty of depth for the future. Thanks coaches and team managers, it can be a hard job and you cannot make everyone happy, but I know all of you did your job in the best interest of the club as a whole. The results will be evident in the years to come. To the parents who happily brought their kids to the games supported and often put up their hand to help whenever you could, thank you. A big thanks to Paul Chaffey and Zena Rhyne, both were a big part of setting up the season before resigning from their positions due to personal reasons. Last but not least thank you to my family for allowing me the time to take this role on and supporting me by either helping out or providing ideas.

Good luck next season, I know we have a big future ahead.

This year Casey HC entered 4 Men's sides into the Hockey Victoria Competition- Vic League 1, Vic League 1 Reserves, Pennant C and Metro B South.

HV selected Casey HC to once again play in Pennant C after finishing bottom in 2016. After reviewing last years performance and the projected performance for 2017 we requested on multiple occasions for HV to move this side to Pennant D, these requests were rejected as per the HV grading policies and the standings of the Clubs in Pennant C and Pennant D.

The pre-season campaign which kicked off in November 2016 was a tricky one to organise logistically as the Casey pitch was being resurfaced along with several other Hockey pitches in the area, so arranging suitable grounds to hire was difficult. Thus the majority of the pre-season focused on fitness work which was headed by Steve Stewart. Once again the fitness levels of the individuals who attended these sessions improved dramatically.

After the retirement of Andrew Shelton from the Head Coaching role we were in search for a new Coach for 2017. This also proved difficult as many of the applicants were either not suitable or not viable. However late in the pre-season campaign we welcomed aboard David Shelton to lead the Mens's unit as Men's Unit Head Coach.

Numbers remained similar in 2017 from 2016. We lost several experienced individuals which opened up opportunities in the higher ranked sides for individuals to strive for. At the same time we welcomed several past members and a variety of new members which was great to see.

Like past years as the season played out and as the weather got colder, training numbers declined. If the club is to progress with success I believe that this needs to change, both from the individual players mindset and as a group as a whole.

Player fee payments were significantly better from years past. This was no doubt improved by the fee payment structure and the Casey Hockey Club App that was implement in 2017.

The Casey HC App that was rolled out in 2017 made communication, event organising and team selections significantly easier from previous years. Well done and thank you to David Hyland for putting in such a big effort getting the App off the ground.

Building on from his success in 2016 after winning the Vic League 1 Runner up Best and Fairest, a massive congratulations to Matthew Light for receiving the Men's Vic League 1 League Best and Fairest. This is a great achievement in a league that has some very talented players participating in.

The Men's section would like to thank everyone who has helped out this year in particular the following individuals;

David Hyland
David Shelton
Sharon Light
Kent Light
Michael Randall

Steve Stuart
Cameron Ritchie
Allan McDonald and Family
James Cook
Jeff Reidy

Paul Chaffey
Nick Allards
Matt Op't Hoog

Summary of Team Results

Ladder									
Position	Team	P	W	L	D	SF	SA	SD	PTS
7th (3rd in 2016)	VL1	18	6	11	1	38	44	-6	19
8th (9th in 2016)	VL1R	18	4	14	0	31	62	-31	12
10th (10th in 2016)	Pennant C	18	0	18	0	2	151	- 149	0
6th (8th in 2016)	Metro A South	17	4	12	1	24	59	-35	1

Moving into 2018 I believe that an effort needs to be made by everyone in the Men's unit and the Club to recruit and regain past experienced players to rejoin the ranks throughout all grades. This will not only sure up numbers moving forward but will also assist with player development significantly.

2017 REPORT – MASTERS HOCKEY

- Jeff Reidy

For the winter season 2017 we entered two masters teams in the Hockey Victoria competition .

The teams where entered in the 35's B Grade South and 45's C Grade South. Unfortunately due to players withdrawing before the season starting we had to withdraw the 35's from the competition.

Although struggling for numbers at the start of the season we did manage to recruit a couple of players enabling us to have enough players for the season.

We did have a successful season finishing 2 nd on the ladder at the end of the season. Unfortunately losing both finals at the end of the year.

I would like to thank all those who came down on a Monday night and umpired for us

Total of 172 registered Casey members for 2017.

NEXT SEASON....

This year we introduced online banking, making it much easier to make payments being made. We no longer require our cheque book!

The pitch was upgraded this year, so the sinking fund will be adjusted in our budget for the upcoming season and for our long-term goals.

A calendar of home games was introduced this year, highlighting our home games. Another will be created for next season as we believe it increased canteen opening times and it helped us have a successful roster system. It will increase more fundraising opportunities and improve the already successful special event days, all of which are areas to increase revenue for the club.

Thanks for everyone who helped me this year, it has been a pleasure being in the treasurer's role for the 6th year and look forward to a prosperous 2018.