

MVHA Presidents Report 2018 Season

Another busy and rewarding year.

Firstly, I would like to thank my fellow Board members for their tireless work behind the scenes to keep MVHA functioning for our members. This thanks also includes the special volunteers who come in every week and keep the clubhouse and grounds in amazing condition for our members to enjoy.

Again, we dealt with disruptions to our season, however we worked through them and had another successful year. Congratulations to all our Clubs, teams, finalists and winners for the 2018 season. MVHA again grew its membership in the 2018 season.

I would also like to thank all the club Presidents and Secretaries, Association Registrars, Committee Chairs and members and club volunteers in the canteen and bar who also volunteer their time and without their ongoing help and commitment to hockey in the manning we could not have such a great facility and competition.

A quick update on some of our major achievements this year:

- New senior match committee format and rules embedded, and first review completed
- Preseason calendars released to inform clubs of upcoming season important dates and requirements
- HNSW feedback that we were one of the top associations in NSW to utilise the \$100 rebate for our junior members
- Clubhouse now finished – carpet laid January 2019
- Implemented Eftpos at the canteen and bar
- Utilised return and earn to recycle our cans and bottles throughout the year, raising approximately \$700 for canteen.
- Third turf completed and in use during the season
- Continued growth in our membership
- Successful inclusion of two Port Macquarie based sides in MVHA Div 1 competitions
- Held a successful (although the septic failed) HNSW U13 girls Championships
- Continued strong performance and success for our indoor and field representative teams. With a great cross section of ages/ members achieving recognition as umpires, officials as well as selection as players in NSW and Australian teams.
- Partnered with the Taree PCYC and held our first indoor competition at the end of 2018 regular season.
- Continued to upgrade the facilities with repairs to lights, scoreboards and sewerage system. Movement of grandstands providing seating to T3 and completed painting of the clubhouse.
- Surveyed members to finalise a representative identity.
- Trialled a new grand final format.
- Continued our partnership with MVCC, PCYC and Manning Futsal.

What we are continuing to do and hope to do in 2019

- In process of installing Hali tech lights system
- Continue to promote hockey as a sport for juniors by helping clubs utilise the \$100 rebate
- Introducing a 10-week women's masters format – MVHA recognise that we need to engage players who no longer wish to play full competitive hockey.
- Conduct a MVHA indoor competition at the end of the regular season

- Investigate interest from members in conducting an outdoor social 6's at the end of the season
- Begin Junior rules review
- Continue our partnerships with MVCC, PCYC and Manning Futsal.
- Purchase turf maintenance equipment
- Host the HNSW U18 girls Championship
- Finalise the loan with MidCoast Council

Although we have achieved a lot, we also say farewell to a long-standing member of our Board this year. Doug Davidson, our Treasurer has been an amazing asset, an encyclopedia of hockey knowledge, a tireless worker behind the scenes and a valued friend to me and many others. He has been a rock to me regarding our loan and the complications that arose. I will miss his advice and counsel but after 5 years in the position it is time for him to enjoy his spare time, he has definitely earned it.

Again, thank you again to my fellow Board members, club executives, our members and volunteers. I am so proud of what MVHA have achieved and I look forward to continuing our growth as an association over the coming year.

Deb Monck

President MVHA