



Midlands Hockey



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Chairman's Report – 2015/16 AGM

It is with great pleasure that I presented my first report as Board Chair at this year's Midlands AGM.

With 2017 representing 10 years as a Regional High Performance organisation, it is extremely pleasing to see 2016 as our most successful season yet. Whilst in a few instances the players and coaches may have been disappointed with a national campaign performance and result, congratulations must go to our U18 Men, U21 Women and NHL Men who all won their respective national competitions. In addition, the other placings achieved contributed to us winning the Ramesh Patel Shield for the first time – cementing our place as the premier region for hockey in 2016. National Honours were awarded to 9 players in the Black Sticks and a further 28 players were called up for Junior Black Sticks and Development team honours. 11 people from within our wider community were also called up to Hockey New Zealand coaching and management positions.

These successes would not have been achieved without the hard work and high calibre team we have in place. Nicky and Simon, now ably supported by Kylie and all our coaches and management, put in a huge programme of work, both in front of players and behind the scenes and personally and as a Board, we are highly appreciative of the professional manner in which they go about their work. We are indeed extremely lucky to have such great people working in our region.

The Board will this year carry out a strategic review as we don't want to just rest on our laurels after a very successful year, but need to continually look forward to see what we can do better. This year we want to look at broadening our revenue streams to include more sponsorship.

We have prepared a balanced budget for 2017 and we believe that with careful and close management, that this is readily achievable. We continue to rely heavily on Charitable Trusts' Grants, and as with many organisations such as ours, this can change at any time so we must be continually mindful of attempting to secure alternative revenue streams. We believe this is possible given our ongoing successes on and off the turf.

Finally, I would like to publicly thank our Board and our staff. Without such great people our organisation would not have been so successful and I would like to express my gratitude to one and all for their hard work. Simon and Nicky, in particular, have been exceptional staff – we are lucky to have such passionate hockey people and we believe they have a great future in the game.

Thank you also to all of you – without you showing a keen interest in what we do and supporting and challenging us as you have, we would not be the organisation that we are.

*Stephen Stafford-Bush
Chairman*

Midlands Board 2017

- Stephen Stafford-Bush
- Jon Tanner
- Richard Graham
- Donna Kearney
- Doug Sommerville
- Dave Potter

Association Delegates

- BOPHA – Paul Wilson
- CMHA – Dave Potter
- THA – Clinton Butler
- TVHA – Graeme Taylor
- WHA – Declan Wyndham-Smith

Upcoming EVENTS

14-16 April 2017
Under 21 Easter Tournament
Smallbone Park, Rotorua

See our University of Waikato Men's and Women's Teams in action

14 April -
3pm: Midlands Women v Central
5pm: Midlands Men v Central

16 April -
11am: Midlands Women v Capital Women
1pm: Midlands Men v Capital Men



Midlands Welcome Development Coach for Counties Manukau

A Former Black Sticks Development Squad member has come on board as a fulltime development coach to capture the regions booming Hockey potential.

Representative player Joe Hanks, who recently captained Central region Hockey to a top-three finish in the National Hockey League, has been named Midlands, Counties and ACG Strathallan Development Coach.

Starting immediately, he will be based in the Counties Manukau region and providing coaching and coaching support for the School and Association teams and programmes.

The appointment is part of Midlands Hockey's strategy to grow Hockey excellence and capability in the region. As part of the role Joe begins immediately coaching Counties U18 Men and Midlands U21 Men's teams at National

tournament.

Simon Brill, Performance Manager at Midlands Hockey Inc., said when working with Counties Manukau Hockey on the development of the role for the area, Midlands Hockey, Counties Manukau Hockey and ACG Strathallan were natural choices to partner in the three way-appointment.

"Counties Manukau has always been a stronghold of Hockey capability with excellent grassroots programmes. We identified that Hockey is a real strength at ACG Strathallan, and with world-class facilities and growing participation. The school's a great partner for us to support the pathway of kids participating in Hockey from a young age all the way through to national programmes."

ACG Strathallan Principal Robin Kirkham said the appointment was an exciting development

that all partners had been working on for some time.

"As far as I know this is the first joint venture of its kind in New Zealand and I am confident that it will play a major part in ACG Strathallan becoming the premiere Hockey school in our region."

Joe has represented Hawkes Bay at U18 level through to Senior Men's level, represented the Central Hockey Region at U21 level and played in the National Hockey League for Central for the last five years, recently captaining the side to a top three finish.

In 2015 he was selected for the New Zealand Development Squad, training alongside the New Zealand Black Sticks. For the last four years, Joe has been part of the Central Hockey Regions U21 and U18 representative sides coaching staff.



"In my recent hockey coaching experience, we have had successes with teams at different levels all reaching podium positions and I am looking forward to continuing my experience within Midlands, Counties and ACG Strathallan as a Coach. I hope to quickly establish myself within the hockey community and contribute and learn as much as I can."

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR MIDLANDS SPONSORS:

Gold Level

Bayleys

Grassroots Trust

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Tiger Turf

Silver Level

Bartercard

The Southern Trust

University of Waikato

Wintec

Bronze Level

Ebbett Waikato

Fairview Ford

Pak n Save Papamoa

Pak n Save Rotorua

Thames Pak n Save

The Woods Family

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Mike Bignell

Truman Wee & Associates

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David Kana

Monkton Charitable Trust



THE UNIVERSITY OF
WAIKATO

Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato



We're excited to confirm University of Waikato have signed on for another 3 more years as naming rights sponsor for Midlands U21 Campaign.

Our Teams will be looking to replicate last year's successes and going for Gold in 2017!

TIGER TURF

TALENT DEVELOPMENT

EXPLORE / DEVELOP / PERFORM

MEN:

Aiden Tow
Callum Watkins
Corban Nicol
Daniel Croft
Dylan Bates
Gregan Maui-Black
Harrison Kemp
Harry Hill
Jai Fitzwalter
Keelan Stafford
Kyle Galloway
Nathan Lowe
Olly Yates
Phoenix Kinzett-Rolfe
Tiaan Buys
Tim Greenwood
Trey Lincoln
Wim Du Preez
Joel Clayton-Green
Sam Broadbent
Taran Ainsworth
Luke Aldred

WOMEN:

Abby Lane
Charlotte McConnell
Destiny Hope
Ella Pomare
Emilie Logan
Emily Carlson
Emma Matheison
Grace Chalmers
Julia Spring
Kayli Tuiraviravi
Kelly Wallace
Leah Hodges
Maria Sartin
Maya Wilson
Monet Elisak
Naomi Stubbs
Nikayla Bradley
Olivia Bloor
Rosanna Bedford
Scarlet Sullivan
Sophie Kennedy
Kirsten Smith
Georgia Ronowicz

MEN:

Ivan MacGregor
Campbell Maclean
Bailey Harrison
Kuljyot Lall
Dylan Platt
Samuel Smallbone
Gurmaan Sandhu
Brad Coxon
David Bear
Stephen Atkinson
Matthew Deller
Alex Deo
Chris Ebert
George Greenhill
Lachie McLean
Alex Hasselman-Black
Logan Potter
Lewis Smith
Jacob Soo Choon
Lane Tims
Toby Platt
Tai Wihare
John Clayton
Arthur Rasmussen
Thomas Brown
Kynan Harrison
Tom Vosper

WOMEN:

Sarah Cook
Simone Maclean
Millie Webby
Anna Piebenga
Xanthe Sando
Nina Duggan
Melanie Edwards
Caitlin Dalrymple-Wilson
Meg Johnston
Pasha von Beck
Bethany Millar
Sophie Barrett
Siannah Cowles
Meila Eades
Ruby Evans
Courtney Lun
Charlotte Mangos
Brooke Picken
Poppy Porter
Madeline Fleming
Eva Zylstra
Priya Kang
Holly Thornton
Jules Zylstra
Siobhan Hayman
Kristyn Rayner
Shanelle Reeve
Bayleigh Stirling
Kendra Peart-Anderson
Lauren Johnston
Emma Hope
Annaliese Bird
Leah Slack
Madison Tims
Alice Barrett
Nikki Anderson

MEN:

Zane Anderson
Reuben Andrews
Craig Armstrong
Orin Burmester
Te Hiraka Chase
Jason Coventry
Garrick du Toit
Glenn Evers
Peter Felstead
Ricky Hayward
Paraone Muru
Tim Neild
Stu Pitu
Ryan Potter
Matt Rees-Gibbs
Daniel Scanlon
Ross Stembridge
Alec Wilson
Aidan Sarikaya
Connor Herewini
Zac Litchfield

WOMEN:

Hazel Burroughs
Julia Ebert
Gabby Gardiner
Oriwa Hepi
Anita Hope
Merel Hoskens
Ana Hudson
Acacia Kelsen
Alex Lukin
Annie McNaughtan
Ellie McCleery
Georgia Morton
Siobhan Nuzum
Arnica Palmer
Alia Jaques
Kim Tanner
Natasha Fitzsimons



EXPLORE – U15 training camps centralised to enhance the potential in this age group
DEVELOP – U21 athletes with regular centralised and decentralised trainings
PERFORM – NZ representative and NHL athletes with regular centralised trainings

Midlands Summer Camp 2017



The 2017 Midlands Live in Summer camp was another great success this year, with 55 budding hockey players staying together for 3 days and 2 nights of Fun and Hockey development.

Held at St Paul's School in Hamilton, the camp was supported by some awesome coaches again this year, ranging from Olympians to National League winners.

Each year Summer Camp brings players of all different skills and abilities together from each of our five associations, and even players from outside the region.

Registrations for the 2018 Summer Camp will open in October 2017 – keep an eye on our webpage and facebook for updates.



Athletes Corner



2017 Black Sticks Men's National Squad
Nic Woods

2017 Black Sticks Men's Development Squad
Leo Mitai-Wells
Aidan Sarikaya
Jonty Keaney

2017 Black Sticks Women's National Squad
Sam Charlton
Frances Davies
Natasha Fitzsimons
Shiloh Gloyn
Rose Keddell
Sally Rutherford
Amy Robinson

2017 Black Sticks Women's Development Squad
Tarryn Davey
Alia Jacques
Amy Robinson
Kim Tanner



Black Sticks Women Argentina Series
10 – 22 February 2017
Sam Charlton
Frances Davies
Natasha Fitzsimons
Rose Keddell
Amy Robinson
Sally Rutherford
Kirsty Mourtis, Physio
Nicky Smith, Assistant Coach

Vantage Black Sticks Men vs Pakistan
17 - 21 March 2017
Jonty Keaney
Leo Mitai-Wells

Vantage Black Sticks Women vs USA
25 – 26 March 2017
Shiloh Gloyn
Rose Keddell (injured)
Francis Davies
Amy Robinson
Sally Rutherford
Kim Tanner



Vantage Black Sticks Women Hawkes Bay Cup
31 March to 9 April 2017
Natasha Fitzsimons
Shiloh Gloyn
Rose Keddell
Amy Robinson
Sally Rutherford
Kim Tanner
Nicky Smith, Assistant Coach





Congratulations to Midlands own **Rosie Keddell** on achieving 150 caps for the Black Sticks.

And to all our Midlands Black Sticks women on a great series win in the 2017 Hawkes Bay Cup.





Tauranga Boys College

Tauranga, New Zealand

The magnificent deep blue TigerTurf WETT Pro hockey pitch at Tauranga Boys' College replaced the well-worn, sand-dressed vintage TigerTurf hockey surface laid fourteen years ago. Tauranga Boys' Hockey teams are set to excel on their high performance pitch.

Date project completed: January 2017

Area: 5,750m²

Surface: TigerTurf WETT Pro

Base construction: Existing asphalt base



The Tauranga College Story

The new TigerTurf WETT Pro turf installed at Tauranga Boys' College replaced the well-worn, sand-dressed vintage TigerDry hockey surface laid fourteen years ago. It has been put to rest, and the full-size WETT Pro hockey pitch is now centre stage. Resplendent in vivid deep blue, it glows in the clear coastal light of the Bay of Plenty.

Did TigerTurf replace the existing rubber shockpad?

After lifting the existing turf, the team made some minor repairs to the rubber underlay. TigerTurf rubber systems are guaranteed to last for the playing-life of two turfs, and this rubber mat has stood the test of time and wear, being in excellent condition for its second turf replacement.

The project manager was pleased to see how well the rubber underlay had stood up to ten years of play during a busy ten year school hockey schedule, and judges it will

achieve a third turf replacement without problems. Good news for the school's budgeting team.

Why did the School choose Tigerturf WETT Pro?

TigerTurf WETT Pro is our premium hockey product. Designed to be used as a wet or dry hockey pitch, it will play superbly for longer than any other turf currently on the market.

Tauranga Boys College can easily convert the dry pitch to a wet pitch with a simple

ring main and water cannons installation. Magic!

What makes the WETT Pro surface so good?

The texturised monofilament yarn used for the WETT Pro hockey surface produces a playing surface that allows the ball to travel easily in any direction. Hockey players can also move their sticks readily in all directions without the stick catching or dragging. TigerTurf WETT Pro is FIH Global certified and meets the highest level of FIH performance standards.



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This year's Big Days Out hosted by Thames Valley Association in conjunction with Sport Waikato was a great day of hockey held at the Ngatea Domain. Schools from the Thames Valley Region of years 1 to 8 were invited to participate in a fun tournament over four days for both beginners and players with experience, with the focus being on 'having a go'.

Records were set to be broken with 29 Primary Schools and 180 teams heading to Ngatea for the event. The "Give Hockey A Go!" days were hampered by the weather but couldn't dampen player's enthusiasm. A special visit from NZ Blackstick and former Thames Valley player, Alia Jacques and the oldest sporting shield from 1907, currently held by the National Champions Bayleys Midlands Men, put a shine on the event even if the weather wasn't going to.

"This is our biggest fixture and wouldn't happen without supporters, Sport Waikato, Midlands Hockey, Farmlands Ngatea and Hauraki Plains College, but the real stars are the players." said Graeme Taylor, Thames Valley Hockey.

