

President's Introduction



At the GVHA AGM on November 13th I was voted in as GVHA President. I thank those that first approached me about considering the role and for their confidence in me. I'm excited about the role and the challenge it presents. I'll be supporting fellow committee members in their roles, listening to members and clubs and doing my best to help advance hockey in the GV.

I would like to thank those leaving the GVHA committee. Ian Richie has stood down after many years serving as President. The GV hockey community owes a lot of appreciation to Ian for his dedication to the association and the sport of hockey. The excellent facilities we now enjoy at McEwen Reserve are due in large part to Ian's time spent in consultation with council and contractors. Thankfully Ian has offered to continue in an advisory capacity, working with the current committee.

Thank you also to Kim Starkey for serving as Secretary for 2017. It is no easy job and she handled it admirably and supported the association in many areas. We wish Kim all the best in 2018 and hope to see her back on the committee in years to come.

I would like to thank all those that have joined the committee for 2018. The 2018 committee is:

President	Cameron Druitt (new)	Vice President	Ellie Winzer (new position)
Secretary	Alice Russell (new)	Assistant Secretary	Linda Meates
Treasurer	Gail Keady	Assistant Treasurer	Vacant
Junior President	Anne Forster	Score Recorder	Regan Barrett (new)
Bookings Officer and Draw	Lauren Willmott	Promotions/Events	Ellie Winzer
Umpires Convenors	Kieran Green & David Chittick	Ground Manager	Stewart Tyquin
General Committee	Roxanne Dowe	General Committee	Evan Collins

There is a good mix of new and experienced members and I look forward to working with all.

Preparations and planning for this coming season are well underway. Club secretaries are reminded to return their team entries submission and draw requests. This can assist greatly in our planning efforts.

Since the end of the 2017 season the junior committee, led by Anne Forster, have put together some excellent initiatives and planning into place. The Twilight Junior Competition was very successful and the monthly Development Days have been well attended by players and supported by many senior coaches. There is one remaining Junior Development Day on February 11th.

Right across the association there are many dedicated people always working towards the advancement of their club, development of junior players and promoting the sport in the community. It is those that truly drive the association and deserve great admiration for their time and effort.

We wish you and your club all the best for the season ahead. For any inquiries, suggestions or areas of concern, please contact the association via secretarygvha@gmail.com. Also, be sure to like the [Goulburn Valley Hockey Association](#) Facebook page, join the [GVHA Players and Officials](#) group and regularly check our website www.gvhockey.com.au.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cameron Druitt', written in a cursive style.

Cameron Druitt