

# Southern United Hockey Club Inc

MEN, WOMEN, VETERANS & JUNIORS



Southern United Hockey Club was founded in 2006 through the merger of 2 major hockey clubs in the Bayside and Kingston areas of Melbourne. Sandringham Hockey Club and Moorabbin Districts Hockey Club each had proud histories but decided to combine to offer a stronger more diverse club to hockey players in the South Eastern Metro region. In 2005 the clubs joined forces in Under 15's and 17's to field teams in A grade so many top junior and new to hockey players could play in a grade to match their abilities.

In 2006 the two club's Junior sections fully merged as a precursor to the senior sections merging in 2007. In 2006 winter season the club fielded 22 junior teams, 13 out of 18 made finals and 5 reached grand finals with 3 premierships: U17 S, U15PA and U13S, which was a great start and showed how well the players had come together so quickly. In November 2006 both clubs voted to merge all sections and develop its own identity which all could feel connected to. Southern United was born.

In 2007, the Club was fully merged to include 24 junior, 13 senior and 3 vet teams. In the junior section 12 out of 20 teams reached the finals with 2 making their grand final only to fall short. In the seniors Southern United started with a great season with premierships in PE, M2S, WM2S and M4S(R) with WSL2, PB, WPD, M1E and M4S(B) reaching the finals. WSL2, PE, M2S, M4S(R) and M4S(B) all gained promotion. The veteran teams started with all three teams playing in finals with A grade making the grand final but were downed by a highly skilled Doncaster side on the night. The Vets D side managed to gain promotion by their consistent performance over the season.

In 2008, in the junior section 14 out of 21 teams reached the finals with 6 reaching grand finals with 2 premierships: U17PS and U15PS. In the senior section Southern United secured premierships in PD, WM1N and M3S with SL2, PB, WPD, M1E and WM1S also reaching the finals. SL2, PD, WPD, M1E and M3S all gained automatic promotion. The Veteran section entered another team. The new Vet E side was made up of a who's who of hockey players from past glories who had decide to come back to play together. A grade was the only veteran's team to reach the finals in 2008 but fell at the first hurdle. All the veteran teams suffered during this year with several injuries and retirements limiting the number of players to draw upo

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