

NEWS UPDATE FROM HOCKEY TASMANIA

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OLYMPIC QUALIFIERS- OCEANIA CUP COMING TO TASMANIA

Both the Hockeyroos and Kookaburras will begin their first steps towards gold at the 2012 London Olympics when they face New Zealand and Fiji in the 2011 Oceania Cup/ Olympic Qualifier tournament in Hobart from October 5th – 9th.

This is a huge result for hockey in Tasmania and was secured on the basis of Tasmania's reputation for our ability to deliver national and international events and also having access to world class hockey facilities.

Hockey Australia Chief Executive Mark Anderson said he is excited to bring a world level hockey event to Tasmania.

"There is no doubt that the hockey facilities in Hobart are world class. The Kookaburras played in Tasmania in early 2010 and the finals of the 2009 Australian Hockey League were also played in Hobart. We received some fantastic support from the fans on those occasions and I'm extremely confident that will be the case again during the Oceania Cup/ Olympic Qualifier," said Anderson.

Kookaburras coach Ric Charlesworth said the tournament formed an important stepping stone for his team on their journey towards the London Olympics.

"While our qualification for the Olympics is already secure, it's important for a number of reasons that we perform well at this tournament. We will be well into our preparations for the London Olympics by this time, and the competition for spots in the team amongst the players will be quite fierce. We have a very deep squad and they will be using this opportunity to show us coaches that they deserve to be in the team," said Charlesworth.

This is a lot of work to go on behind the scenes over the next six months to pull the entire event together but stay tuned to the HT website and Facebook sites for further travel, ticketing and event details.

HOCKEY TASMANIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On Tuesday 5th April, Hockey Tasmania conducted the 2010 Annual General Meeting, attended by representatives of 25 clubs. The key results of the meeting were:

- Board Members- re-elected to the Board was Belinda Webster, whilst Peter Forbes-Smith was elected to complete the term of the position he had filled following the resignation of Jerry Hampton in August. The Board also welcomes David Hudson to the Board and is certain that his high level management and planning skills will be a real asset to the organisation.
- Life Members and Awards of Merit- following nominations to and ratification by the Board, Jenny and Mark Geeves, Peri Buckley and Ken Read were awarded Life Membership and Cameron Gillespie and Kathy Costelloe were awarded Awards of Merit. These awards are just and due recognition of the outstanding contribution all have made to the game of hockey in Tasmania, Australia and internationally. These awards will be formally bestowed at a date to be confirmed.

The full Hockey Tasmania Annual Report, with thanks to Jo Traynor for her collation, editing and production, is available at the Hockey Tasmania website.

CONGRATULATIONS AND RECENT APPOINTMENTS

Nina Khoury	Australian A v Argentina and Australia (April)
Billy Shaw	Junior/Development team v Malaysia U21 (May)
Andrew Lancaster	Hockey Tasmania Development Officer- North

STAKEHOLDER DEMOGRAPHICS SURVEY

As part of Hockey Tasmania's ongoing commitment to provide the best possible programs for all stakeholders we are undertaking a demographics survey to collect some detail on, but more importantly the thoughts of, players, clubs, officials and supporters to help inform future planning and decision making.

PLEASE NOTE: at no point does the survey request or record the name, contact details or IP address of individuals. This survey is designed simply for Hockey Tasmania to develop a business, marketing and sponsorship plan that supports the game right across the state. None of the questions require an answer to enable you to move on in the survey- if you do not have an opinion or do not wish to answer, simply move on to the next question. You are under no obligation to answer any question in the survey but all assistance you are able to provide is greatly appreciated. Simply click on the link or to go to the survey:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NQSRX2V>

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Tuesday 26th April- Saturday 7th May	Under 18 Men National Championships (Tasmanian Hockey Centre)
Saturday 11th – Monday 13th June	June Long Weekend Tournament (Launceston)
Thursday 16th and Friday 17th June	School holiday clinics- Hobart, Launceston and Devonport/ Burnie/ Smithton (TBC)

SEEKING YOUR HELP

Hockey Tasmania has the following volunteer positions available and is seeking support to fill these positions:

- **Australian Hockey League Committee**- this committee is principally involved in fundraising to support the Tassie Tigers and Van Demons
- **Tasmanian Hockey Centre Facilities Committee**- to recommend strategic plans for the THC, to work with and support the THC Management in achieving the strategic direction of HT Board with respect to the Tasmanian Hockey Centre, to represent and liaise with the major tenant – Southern Competitions and other users of the THC and to identify opportunities for the continued development of the THC
- **Convenor urgently required- Coaching Committee**- this newly formed committee needs someone to take the reins and help drive the development of coaches across the state
- **Sponsorship, Marketing and Promotion Committee**- established to assist the Board's strategic focus on growth of external sources of income and the development of marketing and promotional activities to achieve these goals

Full terms of reference are available on request for all committees shown above. For all enquiries please contact CEO Mark Purcell at mark@hockeytas.com.au or Operations Manager Jo Traynor at joanne@hockeytas.com.au or 6228 0780

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