

# Derwent Strikers – Strike Force



December 2010

## Presidential Report — Jane Ansell

The AGM was held on the 24th November 2010. A number of positions were vacated, whilst others continued. I would like to thank the 2010 Committee for all their hard work and support and welcome the new 2011 Committee. The full presidential report is contained on page 2.

I would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe Christmas/holiday and look forward to the 2011 season.



**Congratulations to the following players who have been selected to attend a three day training camp in December following the recent National Indoor Championships.**

**From this group, 12 players and two shadow players will be selected to play for Australia at the 2011 Indoor World Cup in Poland: Tegan Boucher VIC Amanda Calton WA Olivia Chue WA Emma Cobbin NSW Rebecca Coulson VIC Melissa Eastwood NSW Holly Evans SA Danielle Hemmingway NSW Lisa Herbertson NSW Susan Kaye TAS Louise Maraun NSW Leesa Mc Donald SA Lyndal Ogilvie NSW Bronwyn Poulton NSW Stephanie Riordan VIC Jennifer Rowe ACT Erica Trahar VIC Fiona Young WA Shelley Watson NSW Melissa Williams NSW**

**Hockey Australia also wishes to congratulate Lisa Roach on her appointment as umpire and Peri Buckley on her appointment as a judge for the Women's 3rd Indoor World Cup.**

**Derwent's Susan Kaye was also the player of the Championships at the Open Women's Indoor just completed. Tasmanian men won the Play the Whistle award. Congratulations to all.**

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## Presidential Report—2010

2010 the 75<sup>th</sup> year, has been like all seasons full of highs and lows. In my third year as President, there have been some significant progress/advancement both on and off the field. We commenced the year with 2 new major sponsors, George Self Real Estate and Millingtons. Their sponsorship provided much support to families within the Club by the Club being able to maintain the subs, rather than passing on the cost increase from Hockey Tasmania. Millingtons are back for a further four years and we hope that George Self will also return for season 2011.

I would like to congratulate Tim Deavin for being selected with the Australian Mens Team. Tim has been a loyal member of the Club and we wish him well for the future. There were many other Derwent players selected for the representative sides and we congratulate them all. They include:

**Tassie Tigers** – Paul Ancher, Tim Deavin, Nathan Fitzpatrick, Billy Shaw, Nicholas Tremayne, Dougal Middleton and

**Van Demons** – Jessica Tremayne, Susan Kaye, Amelia Spence

**Under 21's** – Dougal Middleton, Billy Shaw, Vaughn Bowen Amelia Spence and Stephanie Blackwell

**Under 18's** –Rory Middleton, Alex Shaw, Sarah Fahey, Jessica Taylor, Jana Van Bladeren, Madeline Westland, Sanchi Watchorn,**Under 15's** – Hugh Flassman, Emily Campbell & Marni Kingston

Whilst premierships were limited with A-Reserve women and U16 girls (congratulations girls), the women's side of the Club is going from strength to strength. Numbers in A-Pool are strong and the numbers in the junior ranks are also increasing. We thank Phil Pregnall for his role as Junior Girls Coordinator as he moves to a general role.

In terms of the men, there were a lot of shifts in personnel and yet we were an ever increasing strength on the field. A lot of junior men were exposed to A-Pool level and they are the future of the Club.

In terms of junior men, after numerous years of extremely hard work, 2010 was Jenny Middleton's last year as Junior Men's Coordinator. Without a strong junior Club, a senior Club cannot be expected to survive and thrive and Jenny certainly oversaw an extensive period where there was and continues to be a pathway for junior members into the senior ranks. Unfortunately Derwent like many other Clubs is experiencing a problem at the moment – the lack of junior boys. In 2010 we had an under 11 team, but no under 13 and we will struggle in 2011. Children are increasingly looking to other sports and hockey is becoming less popular compared to other sports such as soccer, futsal, AFL and generally all other sports. It is an area that the 2010 Committee have identified will need to be addressed for the 2011 season if we want to be a force in the future.

The role of President has many positives. A positive is being able to be part of the 75<sup>th</sup> Celebrations. The dinner was held at the Tattersals Racing Centre in July. There were over 170 people from all around the globe and there was a lot of reminiscing done. A big thanks to the organising committee, Michael Howarth, Andrea Street, Sandra Orth, Glenn Tremayne, Helen Wells, Yonna Pankiw, Helen Harris, Helen Howarth who made the night a very successful night.

There are a number of negatives, and over the past number of years it has been dealing with the negative conduct of players both on and off the field, for both men and women. It is ever increasing and it has led to the 2011 season having the implementation of a Code of Conduct which every player will be required to sign prior to playing the 2011 season. There will be consequences of failure to comply with the Code of Conduct. I only hope that this makes the Club stronger.

2010 saw the introduction of the Club having its financial affairs being managed by CDA Business services. After many thankless years of collecting subs, managing finances etc, Jenny Inglis's role was made easier by having the financial affairs being managed. We are not the only Club to have taken this path, but I believe that it has taken a burden off and given Jenny time to breathe. We thank Jenny for all her hard work. It certainly is a thankless task.

I don't like ending things on a sad note, but I must not write the report, without mentioning the very sad and unexpected loss of Dean Williams. Dean did and was so many things for the Club. Without him there is a large hole (which is odd considering his small stature), and in his honour we have established a perpetual trophy to encourage up and coming umpires of all ages.

I thank everyone for their hard work in the 2010 season, particularly Kathy Fahey who without a lot of things would fall into the ether. I wish everyone a healthy and happy Christmas and a strong 2011 season.

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## Clarification

Good afternoon all,

I am writing to provide clarification in relation to an article entitled “Tassie National League coaches dumped” that appeared in the Mercury newspaper on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Whilst it had yet to be officially communicated to the hockey community by Hockey Tasmania, please be advised that Andrew McDonald and Ilene Carr will not be coaching the Tassie Tigers and Van Demons in 2011.

This decision has come about as an agreed partnership approach between Hockey Tasmania, Hockey Australia and the Tasmanian Institute of Sport that now provides additional opportunities for up and coming Tasmanian hockey players to receive the best possible support towards achieving success, and Tasmanian involvement in that success, at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games.

At no time have Andrew or Ilene been “dumped”, nor has Hockey Tasmania informed them that their services at the AHL level are no longer required.

It is fair to say that Hockey Tasmania is disappointed to not have two of our highly qualified and experienced coaches at the helm of our elite senior teams but the result of this partnership agreement enables Hockey Tasmania to move forward and continue to develop a long-term, well-supported program of coach development opportunities that ensures we have the best possible coaches available now and into the future.

Hockey Tasmania is highly appreciative of the support provided by both Hockey Australia and the TIS and looks forward to continuing working together on this partnership in the future for the betterment of hockey.

The Board, staff and members of Hockey Tasmania would also like to extend our sincerest thanks and appreciation to Andrew and Ilene for their 11 years and three years respectively in charge of our elite senior teams and look forward to seeing the results of their ongoing, long-term player development program over the next few years.

Regards,

Mark

*Mark Purcell  
Chief Executive Officer  
Hockey Tasmania*

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## MEMORANDUM

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> November 2010

Re: Appointment to the Board of Hockey Tasmania

### Convenors

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Dear all,

The Board of Hockey Tasmania is pleased to announce that at the October Board meeting it was resolved to invite Peter Forbes-Smith to fill the casual vacancy on the Board recently vacated by Jerry Hampton, an invitation which Peter has accepted.

Peter brings to the Board a wealth of business and legal experience, particularly in his current role as Director of Forgan Lawyers Pty Ltd trading as Hunt & Hunt and corporate governance experience through his role as a Board Director of The Hutchins Foundation Ltd (Foundation) and Chairman of the Hutchins Art Prize (HAP) Committee.

Peter's family have a strong involvement with hockey with his three children having played school and club field hockey with Lansdowne Crescent, St Michaels Collegiate, the Hutchins School, University and OHA at junior and senior levels, represented Southern Tasmania at the JLW for the last 8 years and two children having represented Tasmania at a national level in under 12, under 13, under 18 and under 21 age groups.

In welcoming Peter, the Board also wishes to extend its thanks and gratitude to Jerry Hampton for the important role he played on the Board in the development of the newly amalgamated organisation. Jerry's depth of hockey and business knowledge and experience will be greatly missed.

Yours Sincerely,

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## Memo

<b>To:</b>	Hockey Australia Network	<b>From:</b>	Mark Anderson
<b>Date:</b>	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Pages:</b>	1
<b>Re:</b>	National Women's Coach Announcement		

Dear All

We have just concluded the selection process for the National Women's Coach role. The quality of the applications from Australia and internationally was very high and made the selection panel's final decision particularly difficult. It is important to recognise that we have some excellent coaches in our Australian system who presented extremely well across what was an extremely competitive process.

I am very pleased to inform you that Adam Commens was the successful applicant and has been appointed as the new National Women's Coach.

Adam has been the Head Coach of the Belgium National Men's Team since 2007, having led the team into the 2008 Beijing Olympics for the first time in 32 years. He has experience coaching women's teams at a European club level since 2005 and was a consultant coach with the Belgium National Women's Team for two years. Adam is a previous international representative for Australia between the period of 1997 to 2004, having represented the country in 143 matches.

Adam greatly impressed the selection panel with his passion for coaching. His clearly articulated vision, when combined with his technical insight & proposed program, demonstrated how he will deliver future success for the Hockeyroos and the national women's program. In his current role he has been able to demonstrate his ability to lead a program to develop a young and emerging team and deliver significantly improved results.

We look forward to Adam joining us as soon as he is able to transition from his role in Belgium. This is likely to be in the early New Year and we will be engaged in planning with him during this transition process. I'm sure you will join me in welcoming Adam to the role and will support both him and the team to ensure that we deliver success in 2012 and beyond.

Regards

Mark Anderson  
Chief Executive

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