

# HT News

## THE MONTHLY MEMBERS UPDATE FROM HOCKEY TASMANIA

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### BOARD 2010

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TIS Head Hockey Coach

Ilene Carr

TIS Hockey Coach

## 2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2009 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Hockey Tasmania was undertaken via video conferencing with Hobart, Launceston and Burnie on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April. The AGM was well attended with 17 clubs represented. Many thanks to those in attendance- particularly those that travelled reasonable distance to represent their club.

The main business of the night was rapidly conducted the Chair of the Board report (as below) and audited financials tabled.

As per the Constitution, two Board members were due to retire at the meeting and as both stood for re-election and no additional nominations were received, Christine Bennett and Jerry Hampton were both re-elected.

The final formal resolution on the night was also passed as Wise Lord and Ferguson were re-appointed as the auditor for Hockey Tasmania.

The Annual Report for 2009 is nearing completion and will be provided as soon as complete.

### **BOARD CHAIR REPORT**

The amalgamation process for the regions to form one State association was completed on 1 July, 2009. I am pleased to report that the administration processes around the regions have now been bedded down including one financial system. We are now looking to harmonise policies across the State, including disciplinary and Tribunal processes. This is likely to take a further 12 months to complete.

The reconstruction of Ground No.1 at the Tasmanian Hockey Centre was completed in 2009. This was only possible with a financial guarantee provided by the State Government to enable the Board to arrange borrowings for this work. We thank the Department of Sport & Recreation and the State Government for their support for this undertaking. Legal proceedings have been issued for the recovery of our costs and damages suffered and this is being closely monitored by the Board. Our legal advice based on expert engineering evidence is that we will recover our losses.

Our State teams are to be congratulated on their performances at their National Championships. In particular, the Under 21 and Over 40 Women's teams in winning their National Championships and Eddie Ockenden who has cemented his place in the National Men's team. We thank the High Performance Committee and all the coaches and volunteers involved.

Tasmania hosted the National Women's Veterans' Championships in October with a very successful tournament played at the THC. The Board extends its thanks to the organising committee for such a well run event.

Our AHL teams also had a busy season and although not reaching the finals it was great to see the teams play in Hobart. The Board extends its thanks to the AHL committee particularly for the mens finals week which was held at THC. The Centre was complimented by many for its facilities and was able to show case the best of men's hockey to our community.

Congratulations were extended to the Burnie Baptist Hockey Club which celebrated its 75 anniversary during 2009. I attended a wonderful dinner to celebrate this achievement.

## 2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (cont.)

I express my thanks to the other Board members for their contribution this year. Hockey Tasmania's Board operates as a corporate board with a CEO and not as a committee of management. The roles and responsibilities of Board members are very different to those which operate as a committee of management. The Board held a training session with Dan Norton in early 2009 to gain a better understanding of this.

The Board has developed a draft strategic plan which outlines our Mission as Hockey Tasmania provides the community with a healthy, accessible opportunity to participate in an international sport. The Board will be meeting with clubs around the State in 2010 to further develop and seek feedback on this plan.

Mark Bennett, our first finance Board member, resigned in 2009 and the Board thanked Mark for his very valuable contribution. David Hickman was elected at the AGM held in 2009 and is the current finance board member. In this role David chairs the finance and audit committee which meets monthly.

In September 2009 our first CEO Stephen McMullen resigned. After a full external recruitment process run by the Board, Mark Purcell was appointed and commenced as CEO in January 2010. We thank Jo Traynor who acted in the role of CEO until Mark's appointment and worked through a very busy time.

The Board acknowledges the support received from the State Government administered through the Department of Sport & Recreation and also the support for our elite program through the Tasmanian Institute of Sport. Without such funding hockey would not be able to develop within the State. The Board also acknowledges and thanks its sponsors Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Wrest Point, The Hobart Aquatic Centre, IRIS Computing, Jerry Hampton Amcal Pharmacies, James Boag & Son, Just Hockey, Tasmanian Bakeries and Coca Cola.

Hockey's success also depends on the support of our volunteer committees and people around the State who give their time to the game. We appreciate that support and acknowledge the valuable contribution that it makes to Hockey's success.

Audrey Mills  
Chair

## AUSTRALIAN HOCKEY LEAGUE TEAMS

### WREST POINT VAN DEMONS

In your last chance to see Tasmania's elite representative teams for the rest of 2010, a very important reminder that on Friday 7<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> of May the Wrest Point Van Demons will be fighting it out over three days with the Victorian Vipers, Canberra Strikers and the NSW Arrows. Entry is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children.

Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	4:00pm	Victorian Vipers vs Canberra Strikers	6:00pm	<b>Wrest Point Van Demons vs NSW Arrows</b>
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	2:00pm	NSW Arrows v Canberra Strikers	4:00pm	<b>Wrest Point Van Demons vs Victorian Vipers</b>
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00am	NSW Arrows vs Victorian Vipers	12:00pm	<b>Wrest Point Van Demons vs Canberra Strikers</b>

The Van Demons are into their final week of preparation for the 2010 AHL season. The team will be markedly different to last year's team as seven players are not returning to this year's squad; notably Lucy Ockenden and Eloise Crombie (Duay) who will line up for opposing teams due to both athletes residing interstate.

With this in mind Amelia Spence, Emily Parker, Jean Flanagan and Susan Kaye will make their debuts. Nicole Geeves will captain the team and be well supported by Sofie McLeod who makes a return to this level after playing a season in Europe and Emily Wilson, Emily Lawson, Nina Khoury and Eliza Flanagan, all members of the victorious under 21 women's team in 2009.

The team will also have the support of three interstate based players. Harriet Moore will stand in the net, she played in the under 21 women's Junior World Cup team and will relish the chance to play with the Van Demons considering she is unable to break into the NSW squad. Kasey Cocking also from NSW and Sam Pavish from Queensland are the other two interstate import players. Sam is making her AHL debut and Kasey will bring a reasonable amount of experience to the team as she has previously played AHL with NSW.

The first weekend will be demanding with three games over three days but the girls are looking forward to the challenge!

## AUSTRALIAN HOCKEY LEAGUE TEAMS (cont.)

### TASSIE TIGERS

The Tassie Tigers having completed a three match series against Victoria in Hobart with one win and two losses and are now match hardened and have a stronger specific focus moving forward. The Tigers were exposed in game three with a lack of strength over the ball and, surprisingly, fitness. The training program as a result has reflected a mix of strength and competition activities to build deficiencies.

The Tassie Tigers play round 1 in Sydney and will expose a number of new faces with Jeremy Edwards, James Peters, Nick Leslie and James Bourke all working to make their debut. The first weekend will see three games played in a row and this will be extremely taxing. An exciting change in 2010 will see bonus point awarded for goal scoring on a game by game basis.

Tim Deavin will return from making his international debut in May and will join Geoff Cock and Phil Marshall meeting all the squad in Sydney.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

### TIM DEAVIN

As mentioned above, Hockey Tasmania wishes to extend its congratulations and best wishes to Tim Deavin who has been selected to make his international debut for the Kookaburras at the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup in Malaysia in May. This is due recognition of the hard work and dedication Tim has shown to bring himself to the attention of the national selectors.

### RORY MIDDLETON

Congratulations also to Rory Middleton who was rewarded for his excellent play at the recently completed under 18 Men's National Championships in Canberra by being nominated by Hockey Australia to the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) to compete in the Youth Olympic Games in August 2010. This nomination comes after a Youth Olympic Games selection camp held in Canberra following the Championship. Rory will now travel with the team to Singapore in August. Congratulations are also extended to Alex Shaw and Lachlan Oakford who were also selected to attend the selection camp following the Championships.

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## DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS

Hockey Tasmania wishes to officially announce the recent appointment of Khan Riley (north) and Leanne Bissett (north west) who join Tom Beard (south) as the HT Development Officers servicing the whole state.

Hockey Tasmania firmly believe that Khan and Leanne will bring great hockey and organisational skills to the positions and we know that they are very much looking forward to getting their teeth into the position and developing hockey in the schools and players of the north and north west.

Both Khan and Leanne will be working closely with regional committees to develop plans and tools to establish grassroots development programs whilst also servicing the needs of our up and coming young elite athletes. To contact Khan, please email [khan@hockeytas.com.au](mailto:khan@hockeytas.com.au) and for Leanne, please email [leanne@hockeytas.com.au](mailto:leanne@hockeytas.com.au)

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## HT MEMBERS MEETINGS

Please be advised that during the month of July (date to be confirmed) the Board of Hockey Tasmania will be hitting the road to conduct their yearly members meetings. These meetings are an opportunity for the Board members to meet with stakeholders and discuss Hockey Tasmania's plans for the future as well as discuss and understand any burning issues across the state.

Further advice will be provided as the dates and times are confirmed.

## UNDER 18 WOMENS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Tasmanian under 18 women's hockey team recently returned from Port Lincoln, South Australia, where they finished 6<sup>th</sup> in the National Championships. Tasmania's first game was against home state South Australia and despite a spirited performance by our girls the locals were too strong and held on to defeat us 1-2 with Lauren Griffiths our goal scorer. Tassie were outplayed in their next three games against WA, Victoria and NSW losing on each occasion 0-5. Despite the disappointing results the girls were steadily improving and particularly against Victoria, who went on to win the championships, they played some impressive hockey.

The next game against the ACT provided an opportunity to get some points on the board and our girls approached the game quietly confident that with a good performance they could achieve the result they were after. However, it wasn't to be and unfortunately Tasmania played well below their best and the ACT enjoyed a comfortable 4-1 victory – Sanchia Watchorn scored for Tasmania.

With no points after five games and the loss of one of their players – Jess Weutschner returned home due to illness – team morale was dropping and fatigue was setting in. Tassie's next game against NT was made even more challenging with the loss of key players Sarah Fahey (hamstring) and Claire Symonds (illness) and by half time a speedy NT forward line had exploited some holes in the Tasmanian defence and were 0-2 up at the break. The second half, however, proved to be a turning point in the championships for Tasmania and the girls played with genuine belief and dug deep to get back to 2-2 with a field goal to Issy O'Connor and a penalty corner goal to Courtney Pearson. Despite conceding a late goal and narrowly losing 2-3 the Tassie girls had played the sort of attacking hockey required which gave them confidence coming into the final round game and classification matches.

Tassie's next game against a classy Queensland side resulted in another 0-5 loss but again some good hockey at times allowed Tasmania to maintain the momentum and confidence they had created. The next game was the 5<sup>th</sup> v 8<sup>th</sup> play-off against the ACT with the winner going through to the 5<sup>th</sup> v 6<sup>th</sup> final classification game. Although ACT deservedly started favourites the Tassie girls fought hard and set the tone early with a goal in the 18<sup>th</sup> minute to Claire Picone on her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday! Led by Torren Woolley and Nikita Jago with some resolute defending and true Tassie spirit they held on to their lead to edge out the ACT and make it through to the 5<sup>th</sup> v 6<sup>th</sup> play-off.

Despite a good effort in the battle for 5<sup>th</sup> SA proved too strong with a 1-0 victory resulting in Tassie securing 6<sup>th</sup> position. Considering the girls had a disrupted preparation with several experienced players unavailable and others having to withdraw from the team, 6<sup>th</sup> was a highly commendable effort and an improvement on 2009. The girls steadily improved and will all be better hockey players for the experience.

The Port Lincoln hockey community was very accommodating and got right behind the tournament ensuring a memorable experience for the girls. A highlight was the 'swim with the tuna' which was great fun and a great bonding experience for the team who were well out of their comfort zone – none more so than manager Adele. The girls got along very well and there is no doubt this helped maintain team morale and belief in difficult circumstances and they are to be congratulated on their efforts for representing Tasmania the way they did.

Thank you to assistant coach Tracey Cameron, manager Adele Close and to the parents who made the trip to support us also – Minka Woolley, Celia Watchorn, Annette and David Picone. It was a rewarding experience as a coach to work with a group of girls who were committed to improving their hockey and doing their best for Tassie. Thanks to Hockey Tasmania for the opportunity and we are all looking forward to 2011.

Oliver Close  
Coach

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## JUNIOR INTRASTATE SERIES

The 2010 series will be hosted this year at the Tasmanian Hockey Centre in Hobart and will be conducted on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June. Information regarding team entry, officials nominations and a draft draw have been forwarded to regional committees. The draw has been drafted to provide reasonable travel times for teams travelling from the north and north west and with the ability to play matches on the three grounds, reduce the program to two days in an attempt to minimise travel and accommodation costs. Additional information regarding the souvenir clothing will be provided as soon as finalised.

# HOCKEY WORLD CUP TROPHY IN TASMANIA

Hockey Tasmania has recently been advised of the very exciting news that the men's hockey World Cup trophy, recently won by the Kookaburras in India (including a great goal in the final to Tasmania's own Eddie Ockenden), will be in Tasmania between the 7<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of June. Travel plans and functions for the trophy are still being determined but it is anticipated that the trophy will tour the north of the state and certainly be on display during the Junior Intrastate Series at the THC in June.

This is a fantastic opportunity for all of Tasmania's hockey people to get up close and personal to one of the biggest prizes in world hockey and we very much look forward to hosting it.

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## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Hockey Tasmania is currently seeking a number of volunteers to assist with important activities in running hockey across the State. If you have a position or program that requires assistance, why not advertise here. Simply email [mark@hockeytas.com.au](mailto:mark@hockeytas.com.au)

### JUNIOR INTRASTATE SERIES 2010

Hockey Tasmania is seeking volunteers to assist with the co-ordination and management of the Junior Intrastate Series to be held at the Tasmanian Hockey Centre in Hobart on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of June. All expressions of interest can be directed to Mark Purcell via (email) [mark@hockeytas.com.au](mailto:mark@hockeytas.com.au) or (phone) 6228 9315

### UNDER 15 BOYS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hockey Tasmania is seeking expressions of interest for positions on the organising and management committee of the Under 15 Boys National Championships to be held in Launceston between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of October 2010. All expressions of interest can be directed to Gai Cross via (email) [gai@hockeytas.com.au](mailto:gai@hockeytas.com.au)

### 100 YEARS OF WOMENS HOCKEY CELEBRATION FUNCTION

2010 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the first constitution that officially instituted the Australian Women's Hockey Association- of which Tasmania is one of the four original state signatories to the document. To mark this occasion, Hockey Tasmania has offered to Hockey Australia to host a celebratory event/ weekend to mark this important milestone in hockey in general, but women's hockey in particular. If you feel you have a particular interest in developing this celebration event, please contact Mark Purcell via (email) [mark@hockeytas.com.au](mailto:mark@hockeytas.com.au) or (phone) 6228 9315

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## POSITIONS VACANT

### CASUAL GROUND STAFF- TASMANIAN HOCKEY CENTRE

Hockey Tasmania is seeking expressions of interest for appropriately skilled people to help fill the roster of casual ground staff at the Tasmanian Hockey Centre in Hobart. The role of THC Ground Staff is the preparation and supervision of the usage of the grounds and facilities at the (THC) including cleaning, watering, lighting and security requirements and enforcement of the rules of Hockey Tasmania as they apply to the conduct of personnel on and in the grounds of the THC.

For a full job description and to submit an application, please contact Operations Manager Joanne Traynor on [joanne@hockeytas.com.au](mailto:joanne@hockeytas.com.au) or 6228 0780.

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## YOUR INPUT AND NAME THIS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is aimed at informing and updating the wider hockey community about the activities of hockey right across the state and as such you are entitled to have input. If you have a story of great things happening in your local competition or club, want to share your upcoming events, send through a photo or need volunteers, please provide feedback to Mark Purcell via [mark@hockeytas.com.au](mailto:mark@hockeytas.com.au) or PO Box 96, New Town, TAS, 7008. It is also hoped that this update will move to full e-news status in the near future. We are also searching for an appropriate name for this members update- if you have any suggestions, please email [mark@hockeytas.com.au](mailto:mark@hockeytas.com.au)

# BECOME AN AHL PLAYER SPONSOR

Hockey Tasmania is offering businesses an opportunity to undertake individual player sponsorships to support our elite teams and ensure that our players, both present and future, are offered the opportunity to compete in the highest domestic competition- the Australian Hockey League. Currently, Tasmania enjoys outstanding representation at the Australian level with a number of players in the senior and development squads. All these players will be playing in the AHL for Tasmania.

To assist players to meet their individual financial commitment, Hockey Tasmania is offering Platinum, Gold and Silver Sponsorship Packages in return for financial support for individual players.

## PLATINUM SPONSOR \$750 (PLUS GST)

- Four General Admission Tickets (including reserved grandstand seating) at Van Demons AHL home games at the Tasmanian Hockey Centre- 7th, 8th and 9th May against New South Wales, Victoria and the ACT
- Reserved parking at the Tasmanian Hockey Centre at Van Demons home games at the Tasmanian Hockey Centre- 7th, 8th and 9th May
- Name and/ or business logo on the player's warm up singlet
- Invitation for two to attend an AHL Sponsor's Function
- Acknowledgement in the AHL program, through ground announcements and at all Tigers functions
- Acknowledgement on the AHL sponsors board at the entrance to the Tasmanian Hockey Centre
- Two Season Passes to all southern competitions matches at the Tasmanian Hockey Centre in 2010
- Regular email updates from Van Demons and Tigers coaches on team progress, results and upcoming events

## GOLD SPONSOR \$500 (PLUS GST)

- Two General Admission Tickets (including reserved grandstand seating) at Van Demons AHL home games at the Tasmanian Hockey Centre- 7th, 8th and 9th May against New South Wales, Victoria and the ACT
- Invitation to attend an AHL Sponsor's Function
- Acknowledgement in the AHL program and through Ground Announcements
- Acknowledgement on the AHL sponsors board at the entrance to the Tasmanian Hockey Centre
- One Season Pass to all southern competitions matches at the Tasmanian Hockey Centre in 2010
- Regular email updates from Van Demons and Tigers coaches on team progress, results and upcoming events

## SILVER SPONSOR \$250 (PLUS GST)

- One General Admission (including reserved grandstand seating) at Van Demons AHL home games at the Tasmanian Hockey Centre- 7th, 8th and 9th May against New South Wales, Victoria and the ACT
- Invitation to attend an AHL Sponsor's Function
- Acknowledgement in the AHL program and through Ground Announcements
- Acknowledgement on the AHL sponsors board at the entrance to the Tasmanian Hockey Centre
- Regular email updates from Van Demons and Tigers coaches on team progress, results and upcoming events

If you are able to sponsor a Tigers or Van Demons player with a Platinum, Gold or Silver Package, Hockey Tasmania will be most appreciative.

For further information or to address any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the CEO Mark Purcell on 6228 9315 or by email [mark@hockeytas.com.au](mailto:mark@hockeytas.com.au)

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