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Queensland Blades win fourth AHL title in five years!!!

Congratulations to the Queensland Blades who won their fourth Australian Hockey League title in five years when they defeated the WA Thundersticks in Perth in March!



It didn't come easy for the Blades, with the Thundersticks putting up a great challenge and coming close to winning on many occasions. From the first whistle the Thundersticks attacked the Blades, reversing the tables and challenging them physically.

With excellent defence from Player of the Series, and 2006 Kookaburras Player of the Year, Bevan George, combined with fellow Kookaburra Aaron Hopkins it was a great challenge as one of the strongest backlines in the league took on the premier forward line.

Like battering rams they clashed, the Blades continually driving forward, the Thundersticks continually repelling their thrusts. The Thundersticks weren't without their chances, their movement and creativity in attack causing trouble for the Blades in the first half.

Deadlocked for 68 minutes, the game looked like going into extra time until the Blades earned a penalty corner in the 69th minute.



Co-captain, Troy Elder, did as he did last year and delivered the winner, his low flick beating the keeper on the left post and getting Queensland over the line for the fourth time in five years.

Queensland deserved their win after clearly being the best team all week. The Blades' Mark Knowles was announced Player of the Final.

Story and pic courtesy of Hockey Australia



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Kookaburras and the Netherlands at the State Hockey Centre



Over 7000 people visited the State Hockey Centre, Colmslie over two nights to watch the Kookaburras draw two games with the Netherlands in early February.

The State Hockey Centre enjoyed one of the biggest crowds seen at a hockey game in Brisbane since the 1999 Champions Trophy, including sold out reserved seating areas and the sold out Corporate Hospitality "Club Kookaburra".

Despite the downpour prior to the first game on Thursday 1 February the crowd was

enthralled by the surprisingly close competition between the teams, after Australia had beaten the Dutch in two previous games in Canberra in January.

The predominately Australian supporters were treated to two fast paced games. The combination of heat, humidity and pace saw Mark Knowles declare the first Brisbane game as one of the most challenging of his career to date.

Both games at the State Hockey Centre were drawn, with Thursday's night 1-1 and Saturday's night 3-3. Australia took out the four-game series, having won the first two matches of the series in Canberra in January.



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Short corners

Congratulations to Jan Hadfield, who was awarded the Hockey Australia Official of the Year for 2006.

Hockey Queensland welcomes Denny Corcoran to the State Hockey Centre, as the Groundsman.

Did you know the Hockey Queensland website -

www.hockeyqld.com.au has received on average 1,271 hits per day since January 1, 2007?

Queensland Scorchers AHL Runners Up



Congratulations also to the Queensland Scorchers who made the final of the Women's AHL, but were beaten 2-1 by the WA Diamonds at the State Hockey Centre on Easter Sunday.

Troy Elder retires on home soil

Troy Elder announced his retirement from international hockey in Brisbane, after the Kookaburras won the four-test series against the Netherlands in February.

The 30 year old completed his international career with 169 caps and 104 goals and has since concentrated his efforts on winning back-to-back AHL championships with the Queensland Blades.

"I really wanted to finish on a high," said Elder. "I couldn't be any prouder of my career. I've had some great times and made some great mates that I've spent a lot of time with. I'm proud of what I've achieved but very proud of what this group of players has achieved, we've taken hockey to another level."

Troy Elder participation in International Tournaments :

Olympic Games

2004 Athens 1st

2000 Sydney 3rd

World Cup

2002 Kuala Lumpur 2nd

Champions Trophy

2006 Terrassa 4th

2003 Amstelveen 2nd

2001 Rotterdam 2nd

2000 Amstelveen 5th

1999 Brisbane 1st

1998 Lahore 3rd

Commonwealth Games

2002 Manchester 1st

Junior World Cup

1997 Milton Keynes 1st



Player Profile

DOB : 15 October 1977 – Bundaberg

State : Qld

Position : Midfield

AHL Team : Queensland Blades

Blades Jersey Number 1

Kookaburras Jersey Number : 5

Nickname : Woody

Residence : Brisbane

Years playing AHL for Qld:

1997-2004; 2006-2007

International Caps : 169

International Goals : 104

Occupation : Plumber

Interests : Surfing, fishing

Advice For Young Players : Have fun!

Short corner—Have you signed up for the regular Hockey Queensland electronic newsletter? Simply log onto www.hockeyqld.com.au and sign up on the left hand side of the page to receive the newsletter directly to your computer!

State Hockey Centre hosts Women's AHL Finals Week



The State Hockey Centre hosted the 2007 Women's Australian Hockey League finals week at the beginning of April. Australia's best women's hockey players battled it out for supremacy, with the WA Diamonds taking the trophy home for the second consecutive year.



Queenslanders named in 2007 Australian teams

Congratulations to the following Queenslanders named in the national squads. Queenslanders again make up a large percentage of both the men's and women's national squads.

Queenslanders in Men's 2007 National Squad



Dean Butler



Liam De Young,



Jamie Dwyer



Nathan Eglington



Rob Hammond



Mark Knowles



Stephen Lambert

Queenslanders named in the Kookaburras Azlan Shah Team :

Kiel Brown, Liam De Young, Nathan Eglington, Rob Hammond, Stephen Lambert

Queenslanders in Women's 2007 National Senior Squad



Teneal Attard



Madonna Blyth



Suzie Faulkner



Nikki Hudson



Amy Korner



Angie Lambert



Emma Meyer

Queenslanders named in the Hockeyroos team for NZ tour :

Teneal Attard, Madonna Blyth, Suzie Faulkner, Angie Lambert, Emma Meyer, Hope Munro

Queenslanders in 2007 National Development Squad :

Carla Hunter, Lisa Pamerter

Hockey Queensland Annual Awards



Karen Smith and **Dean Butler** were announced winners of the 2006 Female and Male Player of the Year respectively at the annual Hockey Queensland Awards Dinner held at the Holiday Inn, Roma St, on Friday 16 March.

Karen, a long serving member of the Hockeyroos and Queensland Scorchers was judged the state's most outstanding women's player based on her performance and leadership of the Queensland Scorchers during the 2006 season and her contribution to the Hockeyroos 2006 when the team won the Melbourne Commonwealth Games and took silver in the World Cup. Karen also co-captained the Queensland Scorchers to the runners up placing in the 2006 Australian Hockey League.

Male player of the Year, Dean Butler OAM, is a member of the Queensland Blades, the dominating state team playing in the Australian Hockey league over the past five years. In 2006 Dean was part of the team that have won the AHL title for the third time in the past four years. He was also part of the Melbourne Commonwealth Games gold medal winning team and played in the Kookaburras squad that was placed second in the 2006 World Cup and fourth in the Champions Trophy.

Congratulations Karen and Dean.

Carla Hunter was announced the **Rookie of the Year**, having played goal keeper for the Australian Under 21 team, Australian Junior Development team, Australian Schoolgirls and various Queensland teams. She is also a Queensland Scorchers goalkeeper for the 2007 season.

Coach of the Year was awarded to **Margaret Dilger**. As coach of the Queensland Under 21 Women's Hockey team, Margaret was responsible for Queensland's third consecutive win at the national Under 21 Championships. This is Margaret's fourth win.

Julie Ashton-Lucy won the **Umpire of the Year** for the fifth time in six years, as she remains at the forefront of international umpiring, including umpiring the bronze medal matches at the Commonwealth games and the Madrid World Cup. Julie has dedicated herself to umpiring excellence for the past decade.

Most Promising Umpire of the Year was won by

Brisbane Women's umpire **Debbie Rollason**. Currently playing and umpiring in England, Debbie was awarded her Australian Umpiring badge in 2006 and umpired the final of the Brisbane Premier League, along with the national women's under 21 tournament and weekly BWA Division One fixtures.

Debbie Bennett- Rauch from Townsville was awarded the 2006 **Media Award** for her exceptional promotion of hockey throughout the area using print media, TV and radio. Debbie has a regular column with the Townsville Bulletin and a regular spot on ABC radio's Grand Stand.

Administrator of the Year was won by **Kathy Proctor** from Brisbane Women's Hockey Association. Kathy has worked for thirteen years with the association, and continually implements initiatives to ensure efficient work practices while managing over 3,000 members. Kathy also works in a voluntary capacity and still playing hockey herself.

Association of the Year was won by **Maryborough Hockey Association** for their pro-active approach to the sport throughout the year. Maryborough's achievements in 2006 included a water-based surface to replace the sand, a implementation of a water management plan that saves 50% water, their teams competed in every state championship in Queensland and they are the largest sporting organization in Maryborough.

Manager of the Year was awarded to Sunshine Coast's **Pam Patteson** for her management of the Queensland Country Women's Team in 2006. Efficient and proactive, Pam provided great support for the players and coach.

Ryan Knowles from Rockhampton was awarded the **Volunteer of the Year** Award for his tireless drive to improve hockey grounds and facilities at the Rockhampton Hockey Association.

Other Awards

Commendations were awarded to **Mackay Hockey Association** for Association of the Year and to **Fiona Horsfall** for Administrator of the Year.

The **Hec Cormie Scholarships** were presented to **Carla Hunter** and **Jason Wilson**. The Hec Cormie Scholarship Grant is presented each year to a male and female player who have been identified as having the potential to play for Australia.

Gold Coast Hockey facilities make over



In conjunction with Gold Coast City Council (GCCC), State Government and Skilling Queensland, GCHA are currently in the process of building a clubhouse at the hockey centre. Skilling Qld have 11 people working with GCCC on this project learning different skills. Tradesmen under the direction of GCCC teaches each "student" techniques and skills with all sorts of works.



GCHA has undergone transformation in the following areas:

The fence around the playing field has been painted (part 1

of their project)

- The paved area has been totally ripped up and relaid with new pavers in parts and the best of the old pavers. This was a mammoth task as the bobcat had to dig around 1metre before hitting solid ground, refill and compact with fill and then the workers relaid the pavers.

- Painting and patching up repairs and painting inside and outside of the building. The building was painted to earthy heritage colours.



Upstairs at the clubhouse consists of a club room and GCHA will apply for grants to complete the kitchen area, bar, toilet facilities and a lift.

The works will be finished by end of April ready for the Premier League / State Open Women's championships.

Janne Ellis departure from Hockey Queensland

After 40 years involvement in hockey, the last eighteen with Queensland's Women's Hockey Association and Hockey Queensland, Janne Ellis left the employment of Hockey Queensland on 30 March.

As a volunteer Janne showed dedication and commitment as a manager and committee member at a club and local association level. At QWHA she was Executive Director and then became Operations Manager at Hockey Queensland and over the last couple of years has been Facility Manager at Hockey Queensland.



Hockey Queensland wishes Janne all the best.

Staff Update

Meet Hockey Queensland's Coaching and Development Staff :

Full Time

Darran Bisley	Brisbane Men
Sharyn Simpson	Brisbane Women
Michael Evans	Cairns
Debbie Bowman-Sullivan	Gold Coast
Rodger Grulke	Ipswich
Shane Hagen	Mackay
Neil Shearer	Rockhampton/Gladstone
Greg Richards	Sunshine Coast
Carl Dalton	Toowoomba
Margaret Dilger	Townsville

Part Time

Lisa Sweeney	Bundaberg
Shelly Reen	Gympie
Matthew Bartell	Hervey Bay
Cheryl Brown	Maryborough
Izzy Power	Tweed Border
Lisa Sweeney	Bundaberg
Cheryl Brown	Maryborough
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Izzy Power	Tweed Border
Wes Ferns	Far North Qld Indigenous Program
David McNeil	Southbank Program



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Hockey Queensland is pleased to announce that official equipment supplier and supporter of hockey in Queensland, Just Hockey has committed to the sport for another five years.



The renewed sponsorship between the two businesses sees the official association between Hockey Queensland and Just Hockey extended to the end of 2011.

Just Hockey has supported a significant number of hockey clubs and associations throughout the state, from the Remote and Indigenous Program in far north Queensland, through to the state's premier teams, the Queensland Blades and Queensland Scorchers.

Coca-Cola on board 'til 2010!

Hockey Queensland is pleased to announce that long term hockey supporter, Coca-Cola will continue its commitment to the sport for another three years, until 2010.

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Hockey Australia have announced that Buderim on the Sunshine Coast will host the Men's and Women's Oceanic Olympic Qualifiers in September this year. Dates and teams to be confirmed.

What's coming up ...

17 – 28 April	National Under 18	Male	Brisbane – SHC
5 - 7 May	State Veterans 45s	Male	Sunshine Coast
5 – 7 May	Premier League/State Open	Male	Brisbane – SHC
5 – 7 May	Premier League/State Open	Female	Gold Coast
5-8 May	National Squad Camp	Male	TBC
8 – 19 May	National Under 18	Female	Launceston
17 – 20 May	QSS 19 Years	Male	Mackay
9-21 May	Test Series v New Zealand	Female	TBA - NZ
26 – 29 May	QSS 19 Years	Female	Rockhampton
9 – 11 June	State Veterans 40 + & 55s	Male	Brisbane – SHC
13 – 16 June	QSS 12 Years	Male & Female	Brisbane – SHC
17 June – 2 July	European Tour	Men	TBA - Europe
25 – 29 June	State Under 13	Male	Mackay
25 – 29 June	State Under 13	Female	Brisbane – SHC



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