



Rockhampton hosts Kookaburras v Korea

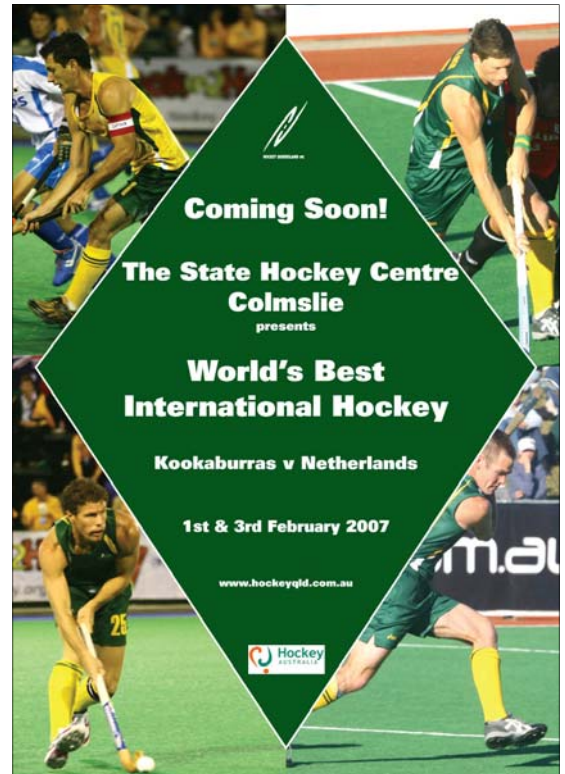
Over 3,500 people celebrated the Kookaburras' series win when they defeated Korea in Rockhampton on Friday 18 August.

Rockhampton Hockey Association successfully hosted two Kookaburras v Korea games in mid August, with the Kookaburras winning both games over Korea. The games were part of a four test series, with the first two played in Canberra.

Huge, vocal crowds were in attendance, with around 2,000 hockey enthusiasts watching the game on Wednesday 16 August.

The crowd were electric in their support of the Kookaburras, with a large number of spectators wearing gold to support the Australians. The matches were the first international games played by Australia in Rockhampton in any sport, and the crowd showed their appreciation.

Congratulations to Rockhampton Hockey and the Rockhampton community on a successful and enjoyable event.



Medibank Private Barrier Reef League

The northern associations of Mackay, Townsville and Cairns reintroduced the Northern League format this year with major sponsorship from Medibank Private and launched the inaugural Barrier Reef League. Each association has committed their top club sides to Barrier Reef League and have been travelling and playing each other in two pools of six teams since May.

The round games were played in all three centres with the Townsville teams travelling to Mackay and Cairns and the Mackay and Cairns teams travelling to Townsville to play each other. At the end of the round the top two teams played off in the final series held over the weekend of 15th and 16th July in Townsville.

Men - Townsville Commercials, Townsville Wests, Cairns Souths and Cairns Brothers
 Women - Townsville Commercials, Cairns Saints, Mackay Brothers and Mackay Norths

The men's competition was hotly contested with Cairns Souths defeating Townsville Wests in the final 3 - 2. In the women's competition Townsville Commercials were dominant with a commanding 4 - 1 win against Mackay Norths in the Final.

Player of the Final - Women ~ Tammy Fluerty (Townsville Commercials) and Men ~ Marshall Pettersen-White (Cairns Souths)

Player of the Series - Women ~ Ellen Paskins (Mackay Brothers) and Men ~ Ashley McCullouch (Townsville Wests)



Queensland women represent Australia

Congratulations to the following Queensland women who have been chosen in the following Australian squads

Australia A team

- Jane Bennett
- Danette Boland
- Emma Meyer

2006/07 National Junior Squad

- Carla Hunter

2007 AYOF Squad

- Prue Eiser
- Amy Korner
- Sally O'Toole

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The SSF will be awarding 20 x \$1,000 grants between August and December 2006, to amateur sporting clubs and associations throughout Australia.

The 2006 SSF will consist of two rounds of grants with 10 recipients of \$1000 in each round. If you apply in Round 1 there is no need to reapply for Round 2 as your application will be automatically re-entered for Round 2.

Round 1 closes: 22nd Sept; Successful applicants announced on the week of 2nd October – 7pm
Round 2 closes: 24th Nov; Successful applicants announced on the week of 4th December – 7pm

Recipients will be selected by a judging panel consisting of representatives from SBS, Confederation of Australian Sport (CAS) and Sportscover Australia.

Sportscover's desire to assist community sports led to the creation of the SSF as an avenue to sponsor a wide variety of amateur sports men and women striving to achieve sporting greatness across a broad cross-section of sports.

For information log onto <http://www.sportscover.com/sponsorship.asp?i=3> to apply for this funding on behalf of your club.

Veteran Women's Success

Queensland women finished with one fourth placing, three second placings and one first place in the recent women's National Veterans Championships in Darwin.

Results at the end of the competition in age group

35+ - 4th	40+ - 2nd
45+ - 2nd	50+ - 1st
55+ - 2nd	

Congratulations to everyone involved in the success of veteran women's hockey in Queensland!

Thanks Jenny Tidey!

After over 25 years of dedicated service to the veteran women's hockey squads, Jenny Tidey retired following the National Veteran Women's Championships. The five Queensland women's teams presented Jenny with a token of their appreciation for her long term commitment to veterans hockey, at a dinner at the Championships. Thanks Jenny!

Nikki Hudson celebrates 250 Australian games

Congratulations to Queensland Nikki Hudson who celebrated her 250th game for the Hockeyroos in August. Nikki reached the milestone when she played against Argentina in the Four Nations Tournament in the USA.



Nathan Eglinton celebrates 100 Australian games

Congratulations to Nathan Eglinton who celebrated his 100th game for Australia in fine style, with a goal against Korea, in Rockhampton.



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Queensland Facilities Upgrade

Hockey Queensland was pleased to announce that the Department of Sport and Recreation has confirmed a grant to upgrade Field 2 at the State Hockey Centre - to the value of \$227, 810 (ex.GST). The process of finalising the complete process of field type, irrigation, timing etc. will now commence. Work on the new turf will commence in late September to early October.

Cairns Hockey will also receive a grant of \$100,000 to construct a new amenities block including showers, toilets and change rooms. In addition, Gympie & District received over \$60,000 to upgrade two grass fields.

State Government Funding in Hockey's favour

Congratulations to the following hockey associations and clubs that received funding from the State Government, which was announced in the last round of funding.

The Queensland Government approved a total of \$221,053 for 17 hockey related projects – including volunteer training, come and try days, construction of hockey fields and amenities and establishing school and club links.

The following groups' projects have been approved for funding assistance by the Department of Local Government, Planning, Sport and Recreation under the Club Development Program 2006 and the Minor Facilities Program 2006 :

- All Blacks Hockey Club Bundaberg
- Bundaberg Hockey Association

- Cairns Hockey Association
- Gympie and District Hockey Association
- Helensvale Hockey Club
- Hervey Bay Hockey Association
- Hockey Burleigh Club
- Labrador Sports Club
- Mackay Hockey Association
- Maryborough and District Hockey Association
- Mudgeeraba Hockey Club
- Northern Suburbs Hockey Club of Toowoomba
- Past High Hockey Club
- Rangeville Hockey Club
- Red Lion Hockey Club
- South West United Women's Hockey Club
- Toowoomba Hockey Association

Hockey Queensland thanks the Queensland Government for its support of hockey throughout the state.

Tell us what you think ...



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Hockey Queensland is again asking the hockey community throughout the state what they think of Hockey Queensland's strengths and weaknesses through a voluntary survey. Members of the hockey community are asked to provide feedback by filling in the survey and returning to Hockey Queensland.

Result's from last year's inaugural *Maintaining Our Vision* survey have been used forming the Strategic Plan, this information includes details about the Volunteer support programmes and improved communication channels.

This survey will be available for downloading from Monday 4 September 2006. If you would like to participate you can get a copy from www.hockeyqld.com.au or email kburford@hockeyqld.com.au

Hockey Queensland is calling on the hockey community to assist by filling out this survey.

By being a part of the survey you are helping Hockey Queensland to improve the services provided throughout the state. There are shopping vouchers to be won by participants.

To have your say in the future of hockey in Queensland, simply complete the survey and return to Hockey

Welcome Aboard!

Hockey Queensland welcomes Jenny Hartin to the team. Jenny started her role as Competitions Supervisor in June.

Brisbane Corporate Hockey

The BHA and BWA have come together to organise a new hockey initiative for South East Queensland – Corporate Hockey. This is the first time that such a competition has been attempted in SE Queensland and the two associations see it as an important new way of promoting the sport and attracting new players and their families.

The competition for 2006 is to be held at the State Hockey Centre on Sunday 24 September. This is a one day event for the first year but it is hoped that it will expand into a full corporate league in time.

The format of the competition is exciting and innovative:

- Company sponsored teams.
- Mixed teams 50:50 male and female.
- Players need not have ever played hockey before although some level of fitness would be required.
- Games will be limited to 20 minutes each (no half time or side changing).
- At least one elite player, Olympian /Australia/ Queensland, of either sex in each team to act as player coach. This will give players an opportunity to meet some of Australia's most outstanding athletes and play with them on astro-turf!
- Each corporate entrant to be placed under the

management of a hockey club based in Brisbane.

- Modified rules required for short corners, lifted ball, hitting etc. Goalkeepers supplied by clubs
- Entertainment, music, compeer, team songs selected to be played during matches – fun and excitement for all.

The day will be targeted at players and their families – all will be welcome. Here's an opportunity to pit your company against your competition in the market, why not challenge them to compete? Sort it all out on the hockey field!

Make-a-Wish Foundation is the event charity. Registrations for Corporate Hockey are now being accepted, and registration forms are available on line at www.bchockey.org.au.

For more information or to express interest please call either Daryl Sahli on 0408 729 793 or Brett Smith on 0434 609 842 or email daryl@northlandsbusiness.com. Visit the website at www.bchockey.org.au. Corporate Hockey – get into it!



Winners Announced!

DVD Competition

The winner was Mackay Hockey Association's 5 minute presentation of their Harmony Day events.

This DVD was put to Harmony Day themed music and illustrated the work that the Mackay Hockey Association had done to demonstrate the Harmony Day themes introduced to their association during their event.

Hockey Art Competition

The stick and ball submitted from the Mornington Peninsula by Frankie won 1st place in the competition.

Hockey Queensland congratulates everyone who was a part of the Harmony Day competitions on the high standard of work and the great effort to be a part of these celebrations.



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Bloomfield River



North Mackay State School



Building a Team Towards that Elusive Field of Dreams

The slight stature of Warren “Buster” Birmingham belies a much bigger belief, as he stands in the middle of suburban Chermside surveying the collection of players that are the first division squad of Valley Hockey Club.

It is a long way for one of Australia’s most decorated hockey players, over thirteen years in the national team, voted the best player in the world in 1989 and the only player ever to be selected in 10 consecutive World XI teams.

It is a long way from Byron Bay to Brisbane, four times a week. It is also a long way for the oldest hockey club in Queensland. The last Valley first division premiership was 1991.

Warren Birmingham is always positive, negatives don’t exist. His controlled confidence disguises a steely determination. The players listen intently to his concise, reasoned, knowledgeable explanations and their evolution as skilled hockey players which is underlined by his own extensive experience. The long term, early season, loss of

four quality players from his squad didn’t deter Warren, he pushed the young untried local players and the results followed.

Valley does not have an Australian player, is without Queensland under 18 or under 21 representative players and with just one member of the Blades squad, Tobias “T-Bone” Figura and he hails from Ipswich but under Warren, it is not a long way to the National squad.

“Unlimited Potential”, “Buster’s” motivational business, devises specific programs to assist the development of Life Balance and Peak Performance in the business environment and that philosophy also follows into the sporting arena.

Currently, Valley first division has beaten two top four sides, has already had its best year for ten years and is poised for an assault on the finals.

Slowly but surely that unlimited potential on and off the field is being translated towards that “field of dreams”.

Queensland Country teams win!

Congratulations to the Queensland Men’s and Women’s Country teams that both won the Australian Country Hockey Championships in Bendigo, Victoria.

The men’s team defeated NSW 3-0 in the final, with Cameron Baker, Tim Willis and Lachlan Brownhalls all scoring to ensure a maroon win.

The women’s team narrowly defeated NSW 3-2, with a field goal in the 65th minute by Ellen Paskins securing the team’s win. Other Queensland scorers were Jade Scouller and Jodie Searle. The Queensland women won the competition without dropping a game! Congratulations to all players, coaches and managers!

Congratulations also to the following Queenslanders who were named in the Australian Country teams –

Men - David Carlson, Ben Fitzpatrick, Aaron Harmsworth, Ryan Williams, Cameron Baker, Nigel Giacomi and Adam Williamson (captain)

Women – Jessica Chad, Stephanie Purdie, Jodie Searle and Shannon Worth (vice captain)



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Club profile: Pine Hills Hockey Club

Taken from <http://www.ausport.gov.au/clubs/members/enews/index.asp>
by Cathy Reid

From humble beginnings the Pine Hills Hockey Club has grown into one of the strongest and most diverse clubs in Queensland.

'We started with just a couple of girls' teams and we now cater for everyone from boys and girls, to men and women and veterans,' Club Treasurer Robyn Sutherland said.

The club has teams in the Brisbane Association competition from junior levels through to A Grade and has produced many Brisbane and Queensland representatives.

'We have had some very talented players over the years, but it is our grassroots approach which has worked really well for us.'

The club has recently celebrated 'sticking together for 20 years' and the key to longevity has been the fact that it is a family club.

'We've got lots of families involved, with brothers and sisters, mothers and daughters, fathers and sons — sometimes the whole family — playing hockey together.'

Because of this the club has been able to attract players from all around the district, from as far afield as the Gold Coast and Caboolture.

The club started with just two girls' teams in 1986 and now has 20 teams and 200 members.

'We have just continued to build over the years. Now our challenge is retaining young adults and continuing to grow our club so we can play at the top level.'

This year, the club was successful in qualifying a women's team in the turf division.

'We did a lot of work in the off season and ran clinics where we invited coaches from the association to come and help us so the players could get a taste of the skill level required at the top.'

The strategy proved successful, with the club attracting some strong, skilful female players to boost their chances in A Grade.

'Our teams are now faster and more competitive and are right up there.'

To maintain the club spirit, as many teams as possible train

together and there is a sausage sizzle after the sessions.

'That way the players get to have something to eat and to socialise after training and the parents of younger players can also meet other parents. It's a very friendly atmosphere.'

Critical to maintaining the inclusive spirit of the club is a regular newsletter listing social events and fixtures, as well as some often-humorous match reports, with comments such as: 'Kim scored a couple of basic schoolboy hockey goals, which left the old fella pretty chuffed, he's probably still smiling'.

That fun element runs through training and is reinforced with events such as a fun day organised to celebrate the 20th anniversary.

'Life Be In It ran the day for us with lots of different activities. Everyone had an absolute ball and thought it was wonderful. That certainly helped people get to know each other if they didn't already.'

Activities like this helped Pine Hills Hockey Club win the Club Development Network competition, and the club put the prize of \$500 worth of equipment from Hart Sport to good use.

'We purchased some different kinds of training equipment to make our practice sessions more varied. Things like ladders, hurdles, stopwatches and a shuttle run.

'Now we are planning to have some joint fitness nights, not only to promote fitness, but with a big emphasis on having fun and maintaining that club atmosphere.'

To further the bid to keep the family focus alive, the club is actively encouraging former members to come back and be part of the club.

'Whether they bring their kids along to play, so we get another generation involved, or they help pass on some knowledge through coaching, it's all part of building from year to year.'

The club is also working hard to continue the professionalism of its administration. 'We have had a very stable management team, with our current committee remaining intact for nine years. The club has been very successful in terms of results, but in recent years our administration has fallen off quite a lot and we want to do something about it.'



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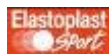
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