



## Newsletter of Newtown City Hockey Club Inc.

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 11 – Hockey Geelong season launch
- April 17 – winter season starts
- April 24 – Joeys programme starts

### HOCKEY GEELONG SEASON LAUNCH

Hockey Geelong will officially launch the 2010 season on Sunday April 11. The club is required to have 4 people/ senior team (i.e. 32 people) present, so if you would like to go, please notify Peter Stuart ASAP. A light afternoon tea will be provided, with drinks at bar prices.

The day will feature the inaugural conduct of the "Tou Shield", a contest between representative teams from Hockey Geelong and Werribee Hockey Association.

- 10:00am: SL3 Women vs Werribee
- 11:00am: Pennant C Women vs Werribee
- 12:00pm: Pennant E Men vs Werribee
- 1:30pm: SL2 Men vs Werribee
- 3:30pm: Hockey Geelong Season Launch  
The formal part of the afternoon will include announcements about the Hockey Geelong Sports Foundation, Hall of Fame Inductees, Life Memberships, announcement of senior and junior representative teams and the future development of hockey and Stead Park.
- 5.00 pm – Hockey Geelong U15 vs Collie Hockey Association (WA) U16 Touring Team

### JUST HOCKEY AT STEAD PARK

Just Hockey will be at Stead Park, on Tuesday April 13, from 5pm till late. If you require any specific items please email [jeroen@justhockey.com.au](mailto:jeroen@justhockey.com.au)

### WINTER SEASON START

The Joeys Programme will begin at 10.15 am on Saturday April 24, at Lloyd Reserve. Matches for the winter season will commence on April 17/18 for all other senior and junior teams. Fixture details will be distributed as soon as they are available.

### TRAINING TIMES

Training details are as follows:

- **Minkey** – 9 am Saturday April 10 at Lloyd Reserve. And then from April 17 onward - 8.45 am Saturday at Lloyd Reserve (before the match start at 9.00 am).
- **U10/U11** – 10.30 am Saturday April 10 at Lloyd Reserve. And then from April 17 onward - 10.15 am Saturday at Lloyd Reserve (before the match start at 10.45 am)
- **U13** – Wednesday 5.30 to 6.30 pm at Stead Park
- **U15/U17** – Thursday 5.30 to 6.30 pm at Stead Park. Training will continue during the school holidays.
- **Senior Men/ Senior Women** – Thursday 7.30 to 8.30 pm at Stead Park. Training will continue during the school holidays.  
Enquiries:  
Men – David Fitzgerald, 5241 9354  
Women - Claire Barnes, 0417 015130  
Junior – Claire Barnes, 0417 015130

### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to 28 new members and 8 past members who have joined the club for this season. It's especially great to welcome the children of past members – Paige and Hamish Lyall (children of Ian Lyall), and Corey Stella (son of Richard Stella). This brings our total membership to 234 at the moment, but we hope to increase this.

### TEAMS FOR THIS SEASON

Teams have been entered as follows:

- Minkey – 3 teams
- U10/U11 – 5 teams. Due to lack of team entries from other clubs, the U10 and U11 teams will be combined in one competition.
- U13 – 4 teams
- U15 – 2 teams
- U17 – 2 teams
- Senior men – 2 Division 1 and 2 Division 2 Teams
- Senior women – 1 Division 1 and 3 Division 2 teams. We had entered 2 teams in Division 1 and 2 in Division 2, but as this makes 5 teams in Division 1 and 3 in Division 2, our team entries will be as for 2009.

### NEW PLAYERS WELCOME

New players are welcome for all teams, but we particularly need more players for:

- Joeys. The Joeys programme is for children turning 4 and 5 this year. It provides some fun games and skills learning, without playing matches.
- Minkey – for children turning 6 and 7 this year, with modified rules and ¼ size field.
- U17
- Senior Men

So if you have a friend interested in playing, please pass on their details to Claire Barnes, 0417 015130, or [abarnes@pipeline.com.au](mailto:abarnes@pipeline.com.au)

### UNIFORMS

If you need to purchase uniform, contact Dianne Fitzgerald, 5241 9354 or email [fitzgeraldjdj@bigpond.com](mailto:fitzgeraldjdj@bigpond.com).

Uniforms will be available for sale:

- Thursday April 1 – Stead Park
- Saturday April 10 – Lloyd Reserve 10 am to 12.

Donations of second hand uniform are welcome.

### FUTURE MINKEY PLAYERS?

Congratulations to:

- Louise and Luke Porra, who are expecting twins in August
- Phoebe Brazier and her husband who are also expecting a child in August

### GET WELL SOON

On behalf of the Newtown City Hockey Club, we send get well wishes to Charlie Martin, who has recently suffered a major stroke. Charlie is currently in hospital in Ballarat, where he was conducting a hockey clinic when he became ill.

### SCHOOL COACHING CLINICS

We have been busy trying to recruit new members, visiting 11 local primary schools to conduct hockey clinics for grade 3 and 4 students (and even grade 2 in some cases). We have been to Belmont, Chilwell, Geelong College Prep, Herne Hill, Highton, Holy Spirit, Montpellier, Newtown, South Geelong, St Johns Lutheran, St Patricks. Thanks to Eichelle Ashley, Claire Barnes, Karen Copeland and Marg Hinett for their help.

After the holidays, we will be visiting Bannockburn, Clairvaux, Christian College and Geelong College again. If anyone has an hour to spare during school hours & would like to help (no experience necessary), contact Claire Barnes, 0417 015130 or [abarnes@pipeline.com.au](mailto:abarnes@pipeline.com.au). Helpers will receive a discount on fees.

### BEGINNERS HOCKEY CLINICS

It has been very pleasing to have about 20 players attend our series of 4 hockey clinics for beginners. Thanks to the coaches who helped conduct these clinics – Claire Barnes, Kellie Barnes, Danielle Schreurs, Nik Hinett, Marg Hinett, Will Crosbie, Sean Fitzgerald, Eichelle Ashley.

Some further clinics will be held in Term 2, after the next round of visits to schools.

### GEELONG ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

The 2010 | 2011 Entertainment™ Books are now available. The Entertainment™ Book is a local restaurant and activity guide providing hundreds of 25% to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers from the finest restaurants, cafés, attractions, activities and accommodation. Selling for only \$55, the Books are filled with offers worth well over \$10,000. We are hoping to improve on the \$330 profit we made from these books in 2009.

The 2010 | 2011 edition features great new inclusions such as:

At the Heads, Chris's Restaurant, The Drysdale Hotel, The Portarlington Grand Hotel, Leura Park Estate, The Grand Ballarat, Shell Club, Michel's Patisserie, Reading Cinemas, Endota Spa  
Order your Entertainment Book now from Claire Barnes.

### FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Thanks to members who have contributed to some great fundraising efforts this year.

Carols by the Bay	\$350
Festival of Sail	\$4329
Aluminium cans	\$504
Relay for Life	\$520
Total	\$5703

Peter Stuart is very appreciative of all those people who volunteered to help at the Hot Rod Show at Easter. As he has informed all these people, it was with some embarrassment that he realized that the event is to be run at Easter, 2011!! That's super organized on the part of the Hot Rod people. So I guess he will be in touch again a little closer to the event.

## LLOYD RESERVE UPDATE

The **Lloyd Reserve Master Plan** which previously seemed to exclude us from a synthetic surface field at Lloyd Reserve has been successfully challenged. The final Master Plan (so we are told) will not recommend a preferred option (as selected by the consultant who did the plan for the Council), so that further investigations can be conducted.

Further we have been told by Council that acquisition of the land we are interested in may not occur for some time yet. This seems to be in conflict with other information provided from the same source. We will need to watch this closely.

We have involved Hockey Geelong through the latter part of this process and they are now seemingly on board with us. This has become a stronger interest since the funding for the second surface at Stead Park has been budgeted.

I thank in particular Andrea Crosbie and Graeme Hawkins (past player and life member) for their work on this project. That is not to neglect the input from Claire Barnes, David Fitzgerald and Digby Williamson who have all contributed at various times.

I also wish to acknowledge the wonderful Club members who took the time to write to Council on this issue. I am sure that input also helped us to get to the position we find ourselves in.

We should not give up on this process. In fact I believe we as a Club should become more actively involved in the business of Hockey Geelong. It is their decisions which drive what Council do and how YOUR sport develops. When you consider that we represent more than 50% of the teams in the competition, we need to do more and have more than one member on the Executive.

**Playing surface.** The resowing of Lloyd reserve with warm weather turf has been a success. Due to this success we will be able to use the grass surface this season as we have done in the past. Line marking will be done over the next couple of weekends in readiness. The surface is not yet perfect but is very good and will largely match the conditions we have enjoyed in previous years. It is expected by the council that the grass cover will improve further with another growing season late in the year.

**Change Facilities.** The new change facilities built as part of the Pavilion extension are now available for use. They will be open each Saturday. They will be marked as Male and Female and will be locked in such a way that access will only be available via one door to each area.

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

- Men's Teams Co-ordinator – responsible for overseeing the entry, selection, training of men's teams and appointment of coaches and team managers. Contact David Fitzgerald for details, 52419354.
- Line markers – people needed to mark the fields at Lloyd Reserve for junior matches. Contact Chris or Peter Stuart for details, 52418836.
- Helpers to approach businesses & potential sponsors.
- Helpers to organise social events during the year. Your involvement could

be for a one-off event or a number of functions.

- Helpers to operate the BBQ at Lloyd Reserve on Saturday mornings. Contact Peter Stuart or David Fitzgerald if you can help.

## FEES FOR 2010

Fees for 2010 are

- Membership fee \$20
- Plus playing fees
- Joeys \$25
- Minkey \$70
- U10 \$70
- U11 \$90
- U13 \$120
- U15 \$130
- U17 \$145
- Senior student \$250
- Senior \$300
- Student playing senior & junior \$330

Fees may be paid in installments. See registration form for details.

**Discounts** will apply for fees paid by May 30.

- Junior teams (Minkey to U17) \$10
- Senior teams \$30

Plus **discount** for 2<sup>nd</sup> & successive family member \$10

The membership fee covers Public Liability insurance, power & water costs for the pavilion, newsletter, administration & committee costs. If you have already paid your membership fee during the summer season, it does not need to be paid again for the winter season.

The Playing fee covers umpires costs, equipment costs, team entry & affiliation fees, personal accident insurance, ground hire, synthetic match fees.

Contact the Treasurer, Peta Hanley, 52439935 (phanley@deakin.edu.au) to discuss any other arrangements.

## WORLD CUP WINNERS

Congratulations to the Australian Men's Hockey team, the Kookaburras, who recently won the 2010 World Cup! The Kookaburras defeated Germany 2-1, to earn only the second World Cup title for Australia, and the first since 1986. This puts Australia back as the number 1 ranked team in the world, to follow up their win in the 2009 Champions Trophy. Ric Charlesworth, the current coach of the Kookaburras, was a player for the Australian team in the previous World Cup victory. He becomes only the second person to ever win the World Cup as player and coach.

## UNPAID FEES

If you have any unpaid fees (e.g. summer or last winter season), please pay these ASAP. Contact the Treasurer, Peta Hanley (phanley@deakin.edu.au) to check your balance or to discuss other arrangements.

## UMPIRES WANTED

Would you like to learn to umpire? To gain accreditation as an umpire, go to [www.hockey.org.au](http://www.hockey.org.au) for more information on Hockey Ed and how you can obtain your Community or Beginner Umpire Accreditation. When you have completed the registration process, please advise Claire Barnes, David Fitzgerald or Noel Russell. The club is always looking for umpires, & we will need 13 umpires every

week for our junior teams. All umpires will receive a small payment as follows:

- U17 matches - \$10
- U15 matches - \$7
- U13 matches - \$5
- U11 matches - \$5

## FIRST AID KITS & TEAM FOLDERS

If you have any club equipment, first aid kits or team manager's folders, please return them to Lloyd Reserve on Registration Night or to Claire Barnes when the summer season is finished.

## PROTECT YOURSELF

All junior players **must** have a mouthguard & should have shin guards for use during matches & training. Senior players are strongly encouraged to do the same.

## COMMITTEE FOR 2010

We welcome any comments or suggestions to improve the club & its organisation.

Please contact a committee member if you have a suggestion or comment.

President David Fitzgerald 52419354

Secretary Peter Stuart 5241 8836

Treasurer Peta Hanley 52439935

Committee Andrea Crosbie 52439952

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