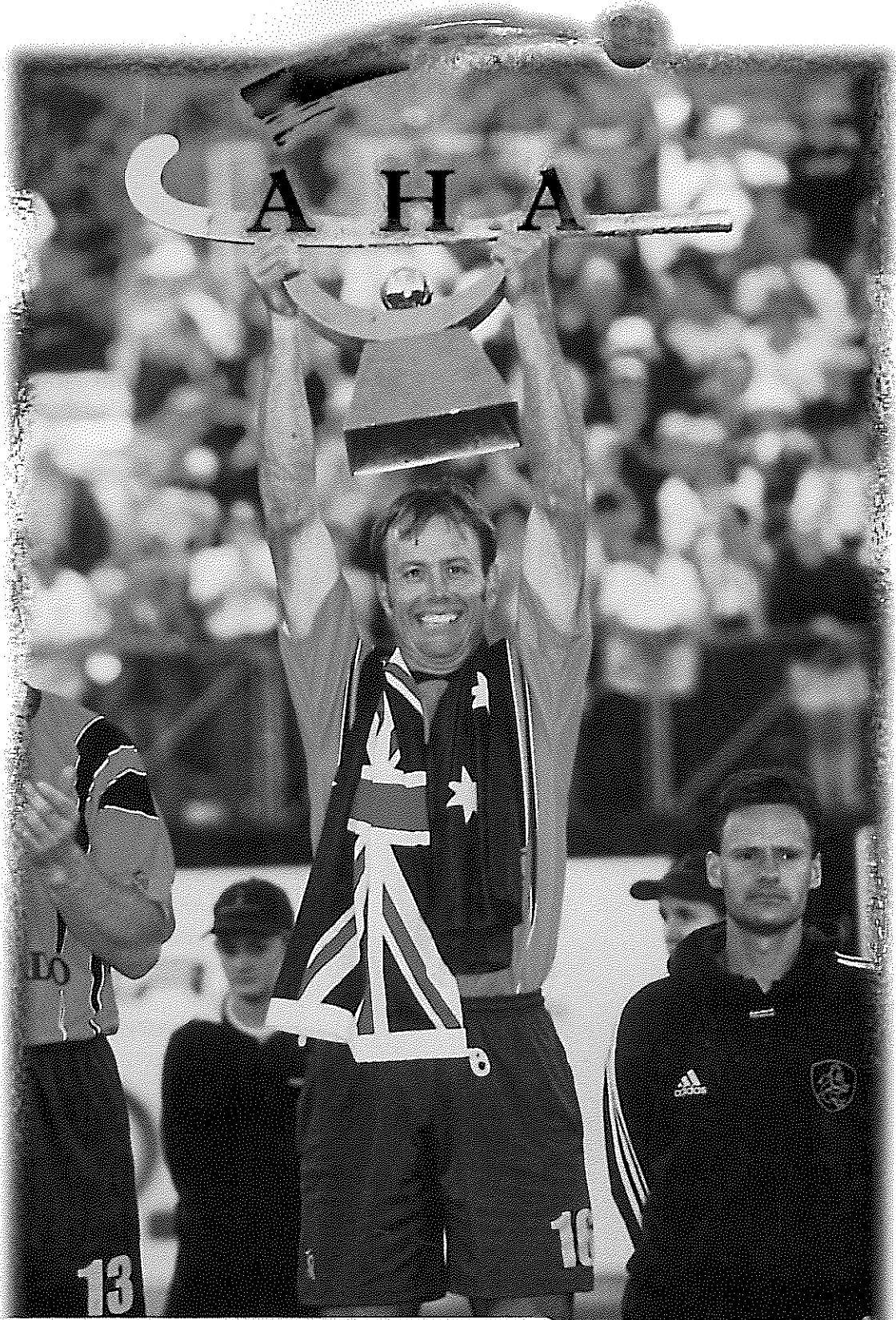


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President's Report

End of an Era and New Beginnings

As this Annual Report will be the last full report before the merger of Australian Hockey Association (AHA) and Women's Hockey Australia (WHA) in November of 2000, it is worth reflecting on the achievements of the past whilst looking ahead to a much different future.

The Australian Hockey Association has grown and prospered as a result as a very sound foundation set by our predecessors. An impression of this can be gleaned from the accompanying reminiscences by Finlay McNab OBE, one of our Life Members and a former President.

We should also note that for a sporting body such as ours, we have a long history of good and respected administration, an ability to manage our resources through good and not so good times and an enviable reputation for the performance of our national teams - we have won medals in five of the past eight Olympics: were World Cup champions in 1986 and have been very successful in the Champions Trophy and other international tournaments. The future looks positive also as a result of our success in winning the last Junior World Cup.

As Finlay's commentary shows, our Association has continued to move forward over the years and I believe that today our administration compares more than favourably with that of other sports. There does remain, however, much to be done and I am hopeful that the impetus of amalgamation and a closer working relationship between the national and state bodies will strengthen hockey at all levels of participation.

So we leave the 20th Century and leave the old AHA. We now focus on the opportunities (and challenges) brought to us by a new enterprise, Hockey Australia which will bring together the strengths of AHA and WHA for the benefit and future prosperity of our sport.

Elite Programs

The tremendous success of development programs for men's hockey within Australia was clearly demonstrated in 1999. Our National Senior Squad includes representatives from every State and Territory within the nation thanks to the strength of the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) and our Intensive Training Centre (ITC) programs in each state. The results of our premier domestic competition, the National Hockey League (NHL) also confirmed the success of the program nation-wide, as just a few points separated the nine teams at the completion of round games.

National Team

In addition to their Champions Trophy title, the National Team has achieved a wealth of success over the past year winning five of their six international competitions in 1999. The Team has shown that their position in world hockey is both justified and enduring. With a dedicated Olympic program commencing March 2000 as the full squad of 24 athletes collect in Perth for six months and the benefit of numerous international matches during 2000, the Australian Team are well founded and directed for achieving their ultimate goal at the 2000 Olympic Games.

1999 Champions Trophy

The Champions Trophy was a highlight in 1999 not only as a result of the on-field performance of our Team, but as an event Australia can be proud to have hosted.

After two years of planning and preparation through the combined efforts of AHA, WHA, Hockey Queensland, Queensland Events Corporation and the staff of the operational group Champions Trophy Ltd, the Brisbane event continued the high standard set in Adelaide in 1997. Run successfully as a joint event, the men's and women's finals boasted capacity crowds.

The quality of the tournament organisation was recognised by the International Hockey Federation when it awarded the prestigious Pablo Negre Trophy jointly to AHA and WHA.

International Tournaments in Australia

Australia has also been awarded the Junior World Cup to be held in Hobart in 2001 and the Women's World Cup to be held in Perth in 2002.

Support for Hockey

The Association sincerely appreciates the valuable support it receives from the Australian Sports Commission, the Australian Institute of Sport, the Australian Olympic Committee and the generous support from Corporate Sponsors, Kookaburra, Ansett and Puma. It was pleasing to have Puma extend their contract for an additional year, while Fox Sports chose not to renew, thereby releasing the rights to television broadcast.

The networks of support for our National Team achieved substantial growth throughout the year, particularly through the enterprise of the Business Hockey Supporters Group in Sydney. The group have ignited a concept with so much appeal that similar groups look to emerge in other major cities. It is encouraging to see supporters so passionate about their sport and its elite representatives that they form a band committed to its support.

Administration

Sadly we lost one of our Directors during the year. The late Bob Brindley will be fondly remembered for his considerable contribution to Australian and Western Australian hockey.

The success of our teams and programs over the years is not possible without structures, programs and indeed leadership that provided the foundation on which success can be built. I offer my thanks and congratulations to AHA's Executive Director, Linden Adamson and to the AHA management group, coaching staff and Board for their time, innovation and achievements during 1999. We also welcomed several new faces to the staff of AHA: Justin Nicholas (Accountant), Katie Flockart (Marketing Manager), Erin Beal (Media & Development Manager) and Amber Ward (Administration Assistant). All are doing much to maintain and enhance the operations and image of AHA.

Communication

The overhaul of AHA's website late in 1999 was a result of a commitment to ensure that the organization remains progressive and accessible to its supporters. The site was re-designed to be better organised, more informative and to spark interest in hockey and the Kookaburras. The number of people visiting the site has escalated considerably during its first active months and it is hoped that this trend will continue as members of the media and public become familiar with the site. We see this medium as the means for escalating communication between all levels of our sport.

Awards

AHA extends hearty congratulations to the 1999 recipients of the AHA Merit Award, Paul Lewis, Tony Galvin and David Wansborough, presented at the May Council Meeting. The contribution that each of these gentlemen has made to hockey within Australia has been considerable and their efforts are applauded.

Olympics

At the time of preparing this report it is hard to escape the atmospherics of the Sydney Olympics. All levels of hockey should be endeavouring to capitalise on the opportunities for our sport.

I know I speak for all hockey enthusiasts in wishing our Team well and to thank the players and support staff for their dedication over the past four years. In searching for success by our elite players, perhaps we sometimes overlook the fact that these young men are still essentially amateurs, who often forsake study and vocational opportunities in order to represent us, the hockey community, at the highest international level. Their preparation for Sydney, however, has been extremely professional - as it will need to be if we are to prevail against opposition teams who already have gold medals to their credit.

On behalf of Australian hockey, I wish Terry Walsh and the team great success (particularly in the semi-final and final matches).

Alan J. Berry
PRESIDENT

A Reminiscence

As we approach a new era in the administration of hockey it is appropriate to take a look back, perhaps a nostalgic look back, at what has been accomplished by our Association since its formation in 1923. At that time hockey in Australia was already more than twenty years old and well established in State Associations, and the Australian Hockey Association was formed partly in response to a need to have an authority to arrange for representative teams to play against New Zealand. Since these games were arranged to take place at two yearly intervals, and since our only other practical opponent, India, could only be expected once every ten years or so, the need for a closely organised AHA could hardly be said to be urgent. Another role for a central body was however obvious. That role was to formalise competition between the States and to see fair play between them. The organisation to deal with this role was not complicated.

An Annual Meeting was held at the venue of the State Championship. The President of the host State was ex-officio the President of AHA for the next year. Secretary and Treasurer, both Victorians, were elected almost invariably unopposed. Administration was largely in the hands of the Secretary, assisted by a three-man executive committee, the members of which were in practice selected by the Secretary. There was a Council of delegates, each appointed by a State, which might or might not give him instructions prior to a meeting. All of the delegates were Victorians, and it was not unknown for a Councillor to begin a speech by saying "those stupid b---s in (Adelaide or Sydney or wherever) have asked me to say "... ..".

It is not surprising that national affairs were of only a minor concern to State officials, and that one State at one time resigned and remained aloof for over two years.

The prospect of Olympic Games in Melbourne brought a great

change. At the time of the London Games (1952) some well known hockey people were living in London and we commissioned two of them to act as observers and to report to us. They told us that they believed that we would be fully competitive on the field and that because of our experience with State Championships we had little to learn about the conduct of big tournaments. When fifteen teams came to Melbourne for the 1956 Games we found that our observers had not been in error.

Under the stimulus of Olympic competition we looked hard at our administration. The constitution was drastically amended and the culture of the Association changed dramatically to provide a much more professional approach to both play and administration. As an Association we consciously set out to produce a Team which would be supreme in world competition. In eight years we won our first Olympic medal and by 1967 we were sending a team around the world in search of worthy opposition.

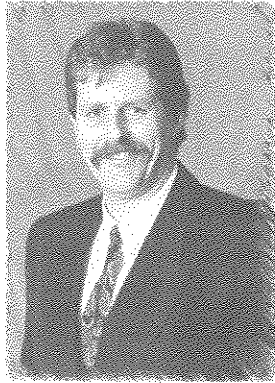
Largely through the influence of Geoff (later Sir Geoffrey) Yeend, we built on the contacts made at Olympic Games to obtain a voice in the councils of the International Federation and were able to persuade the rest of the world to follow our lead in what we saw as significant reforms.

The process of evolution has continued to the present day, and continued playing success and sound administration has induced continued government assistance, which has helped us to pursue our aims in a way which would not have seemed possible in the days when we stood alone, except for New Zealand, in the hockey world. Looking back, we can be amazed at how much was achieved by our predecessors with the limited resources available to them.

Finlay McNab
OBE



Executive Director's Report



By most measures 1999 should be judged as being most successful for the Association. Success is achieved by having clearly defined strategic and policy direction, determined by the Board and managed and implemented by staff and volunteers. AHA is fortunate to have committed people working for the organisation and a talent base of athletes able to deliver. Australian hockey is reliant on co-ordinated programs implemented at both State and

National levels. Some of the highlights of the year were:

- The Australian Team's victory in the Champions Trophy Tournament in Brisbane.
- Further consolidation of our financial stability.
- A successful bid to FIH to host the 7th Junior Men's World Cup in Hobart, 8th - 21st October 2001.
- Hockey becoming a Commonwealth Games program sport.

Australian Sports Commission

The Federal Government, through the ASC, remained the major provider of revenue to AHA during the year, particularly for the High Performance and Australian Team programs. It is however, timely to be reminded that we are heading into the final year of Olympic Athlete Program grants, which have so enhanced our resources and capacity to remain at the very top of world hockey. There is a distinct possibility that some programs will have to be dismantled when the funding is discontinued at the end of 2000.

The centralised training venue in Perth continued to run as a successful co-operative partnership between the Australian Institute of Sport and AHA and we are indebted to the AIS for their support, on which we are so reliant. In particular the support on John Boulton and Mark Garrity is greatly appreciated. Thanks also to the Western Australian Hockey Association for their assistance to the unit.

During the year the ASC also provided additional sponsorship for international events, which was applied to the Champions Trophy tournament and the 4-Nations tournament in Canberra in September.

Finance

Another good financial year resulted in an operating surplus in accordance with objectives detailed in the strategic plan. Thank you to the Board for supporting the financial directions and particularly to the Finance Director, David Kennedy for his guidance. We were able to retain Members fees at previous levels, whilst providing additional benefits to them. Although we remain overly dependent upon Government funding, significant corporate support continued during the year under review. Our thanks to sponsors and supporters for their valuable assistance, which will be further detailed in the marketing report. There is no doubt that the future brings the challenge to AHA and its Members of greater financial self-sufficiency. Increased resource allocation to the marketing staff in 2000 is recognition of the task and all involved must work together to achieve common goals. It will be no longer good enough to use the excuse that "hockey is not a spectator sport", because if we are to achieve financial strength, crowds at international and national matches is the absolute starting point. Selling the sport to media and then the private sector will follow.

High Performance / Australian Team Programs

A very successful year on field indicates that our programs and personnel are in place to achieve the objective of a

Sydney Olympics Gold Medal. Detailed results will appear elsewhere in this report, but there is no doubt that Australia remains amongst the very top in world hockey in a very competitive field. To achieve outcomes appropriate systems must be in place, and our program, directed by the National Coach, Terry Walsh and managed by the High Performance Manager, Ray Dorsett, is the envy of many of our major competitors. The co-ordinated strategies would not be possible without the support of the AIS, AOC, Australian Commonwealth Games Association, and State Institutes of Sport. In addition our own program staff of national and state coaches, team managers, video technicians, medical staff and selectors are at the very top level. The system would however not work without the talent and commitment of our players.

Those of us fortunate to be in Brisbane during June could not help but be proud of the Australian team in front of a capacity crowd and many sponsors both government and corporate, in winning the Champions Trophy for the seventh time. Congratulations to Terry, the players and support staff.

Funding through the Australian Olympic Committee was arranged during the year for the surface at the Perth Hockey Stadium to be replaced with one the same as the Sydney Olympics venue. This will be of great assistance to team preparation.

AHA Offices - Staff

The AHA offices in Melbourne and Perth continued to operate with efficiency and effect. I thank all staff for their support and commitment to AHA's objectives.

During the year we had a turnover of staff in the national office and we welcomed Katie Flockart (Marketing Manager), Justin Nicholas (Accountant), Erin Beal (Media and Development Manager) and Amber Ward (Administration Assistant). All have had a positive impact.

Appreciation

The sporting industry in Australia remains heavily reliant on volunteer support and AHA is fortunate to have high calibre people willing to devote time in an honorary capacity to their sport.

The Board, I believe operates very effectively under the leadership of the President, Alan Berry. Members support and guidance is greatly appreciated and Alan's experience, knowledge and counsel are most valuable to me. We were fortunate to obtain Richard Aggiss as a Board member during the year, but in most unfortunate circumstances with the sad passing of Bob Brindley. We lost a friend and colleague of high standing.

We have a cohesive and co-operative senior management group and I thank Ivan Spedding, Terry Walsh and Ray Dorsett for the manner in which they manage their responsibilities.

AHA acknowledges the work of our FIH representatives, Peter Cohen, John Giles, Richard Aggiss and Ivan Spedding and in our other representation with the AOC (Alan Berry), the ACCA (Linden Adamson) and the Oceania Hockey Federation (John Giles).

The Auditor, Geoffrey Norris, and Hon. Solicitor, Peter Cohen, ensure appropriate advice and assistance in carrying out our statutory requirements.

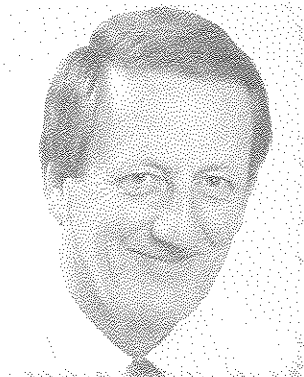
The selection panels, committee members, tournament officials and State Associations all warrant appreciation for their part in a successful 1999.

Conclusion

AHA operates in a competitive environment, both on field and off. Our effectiveness cannot be taken for granted and many challenges face us in the next few years. On going success will only be achieved by enhancing existing plans and methods in co-operation with our partners.

Linden Adamson
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Technical Director's Report



Throughout 1999 there were frustrating delays to the trial and subsequent launch of SportNet, both in terms of the business partners involved meeting schedules and in forecasting the content of the product. In retrospect sport has been the winner from these delays as they were the result of changes to the product along the way to capitalise on emerging technology and to better meet the needs of the industry. The final product that was launched nationally during November 1999 has

undergone a complete change in underlying architecture. It has been reconfigured to provide members access to the private network via the Internet. This has enabled members to stay with the Internet service provider of their choice and has enabled membership fees to be set much lower. At the time of writing the majority of AHA members have joined SportNet. All associations and clubs nationwide have been entered on the database and the focus is now on getting state administrators active in filling out the membership on the IMIS database. As this is accomplished we will be moving to bring the broader range of its features on line. During 2000 we will focus on integrating event management software with SportNet to handle the range of championships, NHL and international events that AHA host. I wrote last year that SportNet has the potential to impact on grass roots hockey in a like manner that the ITC program has on the elite end of our sport. It is not simply a database facility, but a wide ranging management tool that can enable hockey to overcome traditional constraints and those we expect will impact upon hockey in the near future.

During 1999 the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme (NCAS) growth slowed to 4.4% due to a drop in new registrations in two states. Nationally new accreditations were up 26.5% on 1998 figures, indicating a need during 2000 to renew efforts in particular states and to reduce the dropout rate generally.

Australian coaches continue to be in demand to conduct international courses throughout the world. During 1999 FIH Master Coaches Brian Glencross and Richard Aggiss conducted high performance courses for FIH. In Asia Jim Irvine conducted a highly successful course for the Japan Hockey Association and Hugh Robson a course for coaches at the Sports Academy in India. In addition AHA hosted a FIH Final Coaching course in conjunction with the Champions Trophy Tournaments in Brisbane. This course involved eighteen high performance coaches from twelve nations including five from Australia. As a result of the course David Bell was awarded "FIH Coach Grade 1" accreditation at the October FIH meetings and Colin Batch, Kevin Knapp and Graeme Worth gained "FIH Coach" accreditation.

Australia also continues to have a good international presence in officiating. During the year Dennis Meredith was appointed by FIH to advise the Asian Hockey Federation in their effort to fast track umpiring development in Asia. He has since traveled to Asia regularly to conduct courses and identify talent. He also fulfilled Umpire Manager roles internationally and within our NHL. It was fitting that at national level Dennis received a special award at the Australian Officiating Awards dinner recognising his services to the governing NOP body across all sports. Congratulations to Gary Marsh who the same evening was awarded the "Official of the Year" for men's hockey. Gary, in addition to his Umpire Selector role with AHA, continued to fill an Umpire Manager role at U/21 level, the crucial level for development of our young umpires.

Congratulations also to our leading umpires Murray Grime in October was promoted to the FIH Olympic Games/World Cup list of umpires. Subsequent inclusion in the panel for the Olympic Qualifying tournament in Osaka has given Murray the

opportunity to earn an Olympic appointment along with Don Prior in Sydney. Don again received high recognition, chosen this time to umpire the FIH 75th Anniversary Celebrations match involving the current World Champions and the President's eleven (world team) in Alexandria. Also during 1999 David Gentes was selected for the India/Pakistan series in India and the Champions Trophy panel in Brisbane. Tim Pullman of South Australia was recommended for the FIH International badge on his performance at the Olympic Test Event in Sydney.

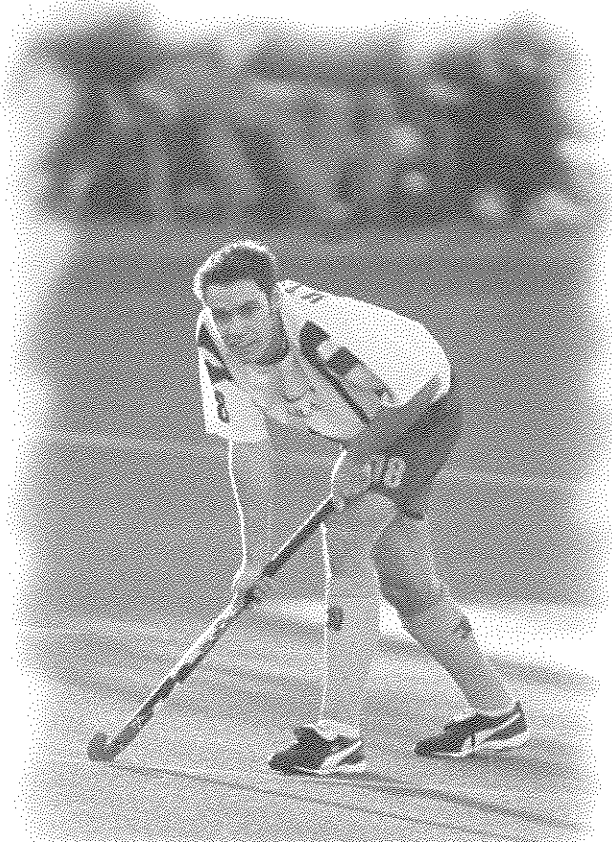
At grass roots level the National Officiating Program continues to produce officials. Following the dramatic growth during the early years when previously qualified umpires were coming on to the scheme, the NOAS accreditations has now settled back to a steady 10.4% increase. Not surprisingly the strongest growth during 1999 has been in the newer disciplines of Technical Officials (47%) and Umpire Coaches (45%).

Through 1999 I continued my role within the FIH Development and Coaching Committee (DCC), attending meetings in Brisbane and Alexandria and coordinated the Final FIH Coaching Course in Brisbane. At the Brisbane meeting I was appointed manager of the Education and Training group. I have since submitted and gained approval and funding for FIH to acquire basic coaching and officiating training courses for use throughout developing nations. This proposal could well see Australian developed courses going international during 2000.

Of more importance locally the DCC has proposed a worldwide "Year of Youth Hockey" during 2001. A global overlay is planned to provide a rally around the world drawing focus on the development of hockey among the world's youth as a safe, fair, worldwide Olympic sport appealing to all the family, all races and all ages for lifetime involvement. This is ideally timed to draw additional attention throughout the world to the Junior World Cup in Hobart as the global rally is planned to start in the Americas in early 2001, move through Africa and Europe in mid-year, then through Asia to culminate at the JWC in Australia.

In reviewing 1999 we can justifiably claim that in coaching and officiating, as in international competition, Australia is showing leadership and is well placed to face the challenges of the new millennium.

Ivan Spedding
TECHNICAL DIRECTOR



National Coach's Report 1999

STRUCTURE

The elite program structure has become far better understood during 1999 and the implementation of communication and direction across the country continues to develop.

The National Team organisation has clearly displayed the value of a pooled support staff structure.

Board level understanding and significant support has lifted the operations within our structure to another level.

PERFORMANCE

The "Kookaburras" played 26 matches in 1999. Of these the results were: won 17, drawn 3, lost 6

Competitions and outcomes involving the National Team were:

Competition	Venue	Opposition	Result
5 Test Series	South Africa	South Africa	Won 4 - 1
Oceania Olympic Qualifier	Brisbane	New Zealand	Won 2 - 1
XXI Champions Trophy	Brisbane	Korea, Holland, Spain, England, Pakistan	GOLD Medal
Australia Cup	Canberra	Canada, Korea, India	BRONZE Medal
Olympic Test	Sydney	Korea, Canada, India	GOLD Medal
Colorado Cup 5 Test Series	Darwin, Cairns, Townsville, Murwillumbah	Germany	Won 3 - 2

During 1999 we were able to expose 44 players to the rigours of international competition. Several of these players were involved in the AIS program, which took in competition against Malaysia, Holland and Germany.

The highlight for the year was without doubt the Gold medal performance in the Champions Trophy Tournament held in Brisbane. Playing on home soil and achieving such an outstanding result was an enormous boost to the confidence of our players and coaching staff. All within the group clearly understand this to be only a check point in the journey of this Olympiad.

Significant improvements during the year from a performance viewpoint include:

- An increase in player depth
- Implementation of a "step up" mentality - the ability to produce performances during critical games
- Key Performance Indicators (valid KPI) which provide better performance focus
- Greater flexibility in playing style
- A team physiological profile which has an upward trend
- A more comprehensive and useable notational analysis system
- Better handling of team issues utilising 'inside the rope' principles

DEVELOPMENTS

1999 has seen the evolution of the 'Kookaburras support group'. This Sydney based initiative has had a positive effect on our team as well as providing an opportunity to bring the team closer to the interested business world.

The culmination of a 3 year program to take the National Team

around Australia in competition has brought very positive results. The objective of the Australian hockey public having the opportunity to see and be involved with this Kookaburras team has been achieved.

With the Olympics clearly within reach the support staff for the team at the Sydney Olympic Games has been finalised:

Manager	David Coldrey
National Coach	Terry Walsh
Assistant Coach	Jim Irvine
Video Technician	Gordon Clarke
Doctor	Peter Baquie
Physiotherapist	Graham Reid
Masseur/Physio	Noel McRoberts
Psychologist	Patrick Farrell
Statistician / HPM	Ray Dorsett

Significant contributions have and will continue to be made by many other support staff within the overall 'pool' system.

David Bell (National U/21 Coach and AIS Senior Coach) continues to keep our specialised goalkeeping program at the cutting edge in world training and preparation.

Prior to the Champion's Trophy the team had a training camp in Warwick. This proved to be extremely valuable to the group and we are indeed indebted to all who did so much to make the camp so effective.

THE ITC NETWORK

Ray Dorsett has taken the ITC program to a higher level of performance. Assessment protocols and management procedures have moved our ITC operations to the forefront of Australian sport.

In depth scouting procedures utilising our ITC network were trialed during the Champions Trophy with positive outcomes. This will continue through to and including the Sydney Olympics.

Jeremy Davy (Adelaide) and David Burke (Canberra) have quickly moved into their respective roles as ITC Coaches during 1999.

The National Squad was refined to a 24 man group. This squad will move into a centralised training program at the AIS Hockey program in Perth from 20th March 2000. It is interesting to note that every ITC program has at least one athlete in this squad; an appropriate indicator of the quality of the overall ITC network.

2000 will see the National program move into its final Olympic preparations. It will undoubtedly be gruelling and intense. Competition is at an all time high for positions in the final 16 for the Olympic Games. The depth of our playing squad, in my view, is also at an all time high.

I thank the Australian Hockey Association (which of course comprises all the States and Territories) for their support and encouragement during the year.

To the High Performance Review Group and to the AHA Board, I thank you for all your advice and contributions.

To our National office staff, the AIS Hockey office staff and in particular Linden Adamson (Executive Director) and Ray Dorsett (High Performance Manager), my thanks for a year in which we achieved much.

Finally to our players and support staff, your contributions and performances are inspiring.

Terry Walsh
NATIONAL COACH

AIS Head Coach's Report



22 athletes resided in the centralised training program at the AIS Hockey Unit in Perth during 1999.

The coaching staff comprised AIS Head Coach (and National Coach) Terry Walsh and AIS Senior Coach (and National U/21 Coach) David Bell. Our High Performance Manager, Ray Dorsett and Video Technician Gordon Clarke complete the technical staff at the AIS Men's Hockey Unit.

The Office staff includes AIS Hockey Unit Manager, Tony Claydon, the men's program administrator, Trudy Hulbert and our AIS office administrator, Rebecca Elphinstone.

Medically Dr Scott Isbell and Dr Peter Steele along with Noel McRoberts from Western Sportscare (Physiotherapy) capably overviewed the athletes.

From WAIS Steve Lawrence provided all physiological assistance and the ACE program (Athlete Career Education) was serviced effectively by Greg Thorne.

PERFORMANCE

The AIS completed two international trips during the year with both exposures bringing vital international experience to players in our various National Squads.

In March the AIS played five matches against the Malaysian National Team and in October the AIS travelled to Germany and Holland to play their respective National U/21 teams.

The experience was the important outcome. However for the record the results were as follows:

AIS v Malaysia National Team Played 5 Won 3 Drawn 1 and 1 Abandoned

AIS v Holland National U/21 Played 2 Won 1 Drawn 1

AIS v German National U/21 Played 5 Won 3 Drawn 1

It should be noted the athletes involved in each of the AIS tours as well as support staff differed slightly. In all 25 players received exposure on these international trips along with 6 coaches (2 in Manager roles) and 3 medical staff.

Many of the AIS athletes received full National honours during 1999

March 5 Test Series in South Africa 10 AIS athletes

April/May Oceania Olympic Qualifier 10 AIS athletes v New Zealand

June Champions Trophy 11 AIS athletes - GOLD Medallists

September Australia Cup - Cauterra 10 AIS athletes

September Olympic Test Event 9 AIS athletes

October 5 Test German Series 15 AIS athletes (in Australia)

During 1999 of the 22 AIS athletes 17 played for the Kookaburras.

During the year the AIS Midweek Competition was played against the WAHA Classic League teams.

Played 8 Won 8

DEVELOPMENT

Two AIS Visiting Scholarship Programs were held in Perth with one of these being solely for goalkeepers. 18 athletes from our ITC network were exposed.

Training protocols continued to be monitored and modified throughout the year. Greater emphasis continues to be given to set piece execution. It is appropriate to acknowledge the "cutting edge" emphasis placed in the training of field players and goalkeepers in this program.

Movement of players into the full national team is more common and is a reflection of the overall strength of the AIS/ITC network within Australia.

Technology and its value has taken a quantum leap in 1999. Through our video technician, Gordon Clarke, the AIS program has developed what can be argued to be the most advanced notational analysis system in world hockey.

The AIS continued to embrace the cyclic emphasis of development v national team athlete numbers.

In close cooperation with AHA the 2000 AIS program will "lovetail" the Olympic preparation, which includes the 24 AIS (National) athletes, along with 6 development athletes with a view to the 2001 Junior World Cup program.

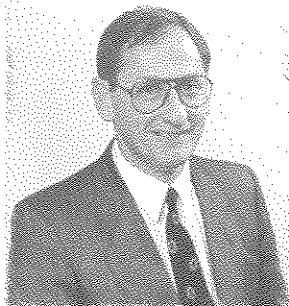
Three ITC seminars were held in 1999 with the network providing Australian Hockey with specific direction and support.

In conclusion, may I express my appreciation for the excellent efforts from our staff who continually endeavour to fulfil our AIS mission "To Develop Elite Australian Hockey Players To Their Full Hockey and Personal Potential and So Make Australia The Best Hockey Nation In The World".

Terry Walsh
NATIONAL COACH / AIS HEAD COACH



FIH Report



1999 marked the 75th Anniversary of the formation of the International Hockey Federation. The celebrations were held in Egypt in conjunction with meetings of the Council and Committees. It is now a matter of record that significant difficulties were encountered which spoiled the celebrations and did not do justice to the importance of the event.

International hockey has come a long way in the 75 years since the FIH was formed but the events of the past year indicate that there is still some distance to go.

1999 was not the happiest of years for the FIH as a number of issues arose during the year which upset the normally calm and purposeful way in which the affairs of the FIH have been administered. The problems encountered with the 75th anniversary celebrations marked the culmination of a series of unfortunate events during the year, all of which indicate that there is a need for some urgent rectification.

The year saw dissent among the leadership of the Federation, particularly among some of the members of the Executive Board. Difficulties were encountered in defining the materials out of which a stick could be constructed. Marketing efforts were singularly unsuccessful and the change in the interpretation of the "foot" rule during the Champions Trophy tournaments in Brisbane caused something of an uproar and left many wondering how the decision was taken and by whom - apparently the usual consultative process had not taken place.

One effect, which resulted from these issues was the formation of a working Group to study the structure of the Federation. It is likely that fundamental changes will be recommended with the aim of making the administration more professional and accountable.

I regret that the above comments give a negative impression but I feel it is important to record these matters as I have a very real concern that our sport is falling behind some of our 'competitors'. It is very noticeable that in Australia and worldwide, hockey is not making the gains in sponsorship and media exposure that some other sports have and I am concerned that these fundamental issues are not being given the prominence they demand.

On a positive note however, I am pleased to report that the year saw some very significant achievements, none-the-less the very successful joint men's and women's Champions Trophy tournaments held in June in Brisbane, recognised by the FIH awarding AHA and WHA the Pablo Negre Trophy. It is also appropriate to note that this year saw the FIH introduce a Player of the Year award. This is intended to be an annual award. The male award was given to Stephen Veen, the Dutch captain and female award to Alyson Annan. My congratulations to them both, particularly to Alyson.

Australia continues to make a valuable contribution to the affairs of world hockey. John Giles continues as a member of the Equipment Committee, Ivan Spedding and Henny Oldenhove as members of the Development and Coaching Committee, Richard Aggiss and Liane Tooth as members of the Rules Advisory Panel, Pam Tye as a member of the Council and Executive Board, Robyn Pascoe as a member of the Umpiring Committee and Hockey Rules Board, Sandy Pisani as a member of the Media & Public Relations Committee, Ken Read, Helen Curtis and myself as members of the Disciplinary Committee and I am also a member of the Council, Marketing Advisory Panel and Competitions Committee.

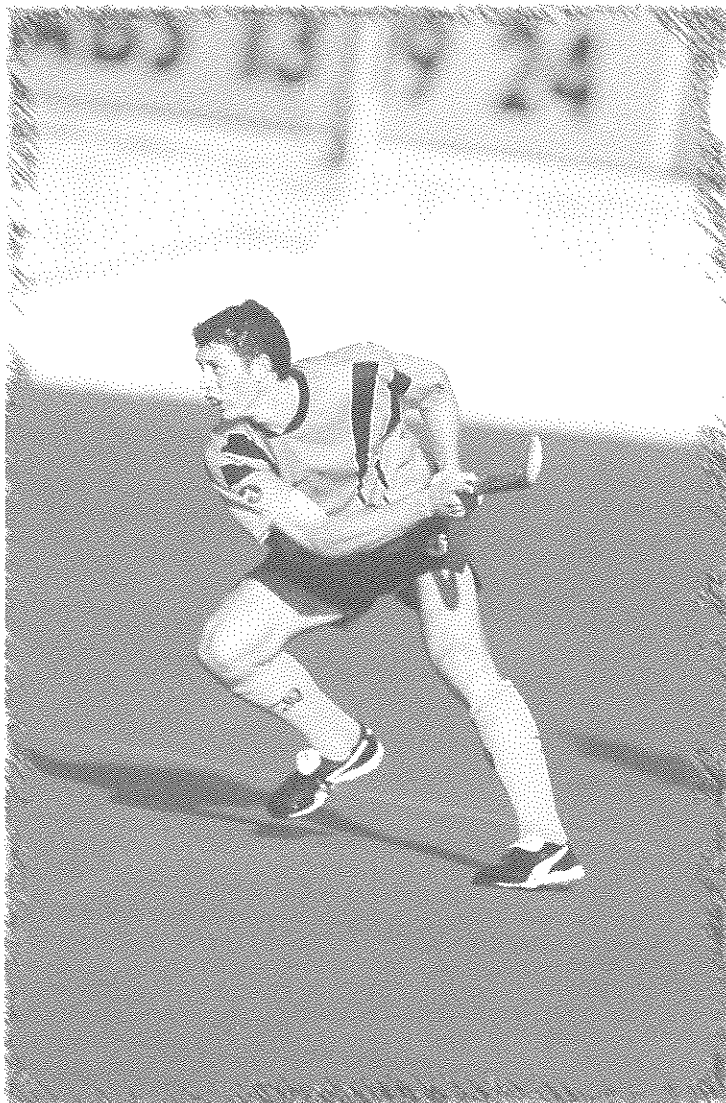
Australia also makes a valuable contribution to the organisation and conduct of tournaments. We regularly provide technical officials for FIH tournaments which I

believe is very important for AHA as it affords us the opportunity of exposing our officials to the international community.

I believe that changes are in the wind that augur well for the future. As we look forward to the Olympic year and success for the Australian teams, we must also look forward to a better year for hockey and some positive gains in the quest for greater exposure in the media and more rewards from our efforts to secure sponsors. The image and profile of hockey must be raised if we are to succeed in these important areas. Success in these areas is the measuring rod of our sport's progress into the future.

Peter L. Cohen

"International hockey has come a long way in the 75 years since the FIH was formed but the events of the past year indicate that there is still some distance to go."



During 1999 there were a number of developments in marketing in the areas of sponsorship, hockey supporters, merchandise and events, all of which focused on the aim of improving the image of hockey and the Kookaburras and increasing revenue for AHA.

Sponsorship

Puma Australia came on board in January as the official footwear sponsor of the AHA with an initial two-year agreement, which was extended to a third term following the Kookaburras victory at the Champions Trophy in June. Puma were proactive in their sponsorship of the team, utilising them in advertising campaigns and providing some walkout apparel in addition to footwear.

AHA existing sponsors - Colorado, Kookaburra Sport, Ansett Australia, Coca-Cola, Smith and Nephew & Geoffrey Norris continued to support the AHA. Kookaburra and Ansett also provided extended support during the NHL. Ansett sponsored the Player of the Series Award, providing a return trip for two to an Australian destination for winner, Michael York. The AHA thank these sponsors for their loyalty and on-going support.

In addition to an enormous amount of sponsorship commitment to the Olympics creating a stronghold on the sponsorship dollar, the commitment for television coverage of tournaments and the establishment of a comprehensive database of registered hockey players continued to prove a hurdle in the sponsorship game. While a number of sponsorship leads were pursued during the year, a lack of commitment was gained due to these issues. However there are still a number of companies prepared to investigate sponsorship opportunities and once these issues are overcome, hockey should be able to claim a financial commitment from the corporate market. It may be that existing revenue needs to be invested in these areas in order to achieve the long-term gains of the sponsorship dollar.

Supporters

Mid-1999 saw the emergence of the Business Hockey Supporters Group (BHSG). Initiated by Martin Przybylski in Sydney, the BHSG is a vehicle for business people and professionals who have an interest in hockey to stay in touch with the sport and their network of hockey friends and primarily to extend support to the Kookaburras. An association was formed between the BHSG and the AHA and both parties jointly hosted the 'Kookaburras Supporters Luncheon' in September, to enable the BHSG and business community to extend their support to the Kookaburras and meet them firsthand. The success of this luncheon led to a series of luncheons being planned Australia-wide to coincide with the team's 2000 tournament schedule.

The BHSG expanded into Perth at the conclusion of 1999 with plans for development into other states as well. One of the primary advantages of associating with this group is the long-term access to corporate support of the AHA and the Kookaburras.

Merchandise

With the aim of generating a group of Kookaburras supporters at tournaments dressed in the identifiable traditional green & gold of Australia, a supporter's range of merchandise was produced and sold at tournaments during the year. The garments were deemed popular at the Champions Trophy tournament in Brisbane, however, a range targeted at the corporate market also needs to be produced. An association was also formed with Mike Carnow of Australian Licensing & Merchandising Pty Ltd to license and merchandise a range of Kookaburra Supporters gear for sale in the lead-up to and beyond the 2000 Olympic Games. The development of this merchandise range provides the opportunity to secure a nominal income for AHA whilst also raising the profile of the Kookaburras.

Events

In addition to the tournament schedule, the AHA hosted the Kookaburras Supporters Luncheon (as mentioned above) and

the AIS 15th Anniversary Luncheon during the course of 1999. The AIS Luncheon celebrated 15 years of the AIS Hockey Unit in Perth. A special presentation was made to John Boulbee to recognise the role of the AIS in the success of the men's hockey program. Among those who provided an insight into the 15 years of the hockey unit were Terry Walsh, National Coach and Richard Aggiss - the inaugural National Coach of the unit.

Media and development

A range of posters and postcards were developed for distribution for the States during 1999 focusing on the theme of "Striving for Olympic Gold". These items were well received and utilised in a variety of ways. A comprehensive media guide was produced for the 1999 year. The guide was very well received by media persons and was certainly a valuable investment.

While media coverage continued to prove a battle against the higher profile sports, reasonable recognition of the Kookaburras was received during the Champions Trophy Tournament with more than 350 articles printed. The AHA web-site was re-designed in 1999 to be more attractive to the public, with better organisation and information. The new site is a vast improvement and hits have been increasing incrementally.

Looking towards the year 2000, marketing will continue to expand upon the sponsorship opportunities of tournaments and the team, whilst also focusing on improving the image and profile of the Kookaburras and securing greater media and public attention.

Katie Flockart
MARKETING MANAGER

1999 International Results

Oceania Cup, Brisbane, May 1999

2-1 Series Win

Australian Team

Michael York (C)	Paul Gaudoin
Jay Stacy (VC)	Stephen Holt
Adam Commens	Brent Livermore
Stephen Davies	Matthew Smith
Damon Diletti	Daniel Sproule
Lachlan Dreher	Craig Victory
Jason Duff	Lachlan Vivian-Taylor
Troy Elder	Scott Webster
James Elmer	Matthew Wells

Team Manager: David Coldrey

Coach: Terry Walsh

Assistant Coach: Jim Irvine

Video: Gordon Clarke

Doctor: Peter Baquie

Physiotherapist: Graham Reid

Masseur: Michael Wood

HPM: Ray Dorsett

13/5/99	V New Zealand	5-2
15/5/99	V New Zealand	6-0
16/5/99	V New Zealand	2-3

Champions Trophy, Brisbane, June 1999

1st Place

Australian Team

Michael York (C)	James Elmer
Jay Stacy (VC)	Paul Gaudoin
Michael Brennan	Stephen Holt
Adam Commens	Brent Livermore
Stephen Davies	Daniel Sproule
Damon Diletti	Craig Victory
Lachlan Dreher	Lachlan Vivian-Taylor
Jason Duff	Scott Webster
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Team Manager: David Coldrey

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Assistant Coach: Jim Irvine

Video: Gordon Clarke

Doctor: Peter Baquie

Physiotherapist: Graham Reid

Masseur: Noel McRoberts

HPM: Ray Dorsett

11/6/99	V England	3-1
15/6/99	V Spain	2-0
14/6/99	V Netherlands	2-1
16/6/99	V Korea	1-1
18/6/99	V Pakistan	1-2
21/6/99	V Korea (Final)	5-1

Final Placings:

1. Australia 2. Korea 3. Netherlands 4. Spain 5. England 6. Pakistan

4-Nations (Australia Cup), Canberra, Sept 1999

3rd Place

Australian Team

Michael York (C)	Stephen Holt
Jay Stacy (VC)	Brent Livermore
Michael Brennan	Eddie O'Brien
Baeden Choppy	Murray Richards
Damon Diletti	Matthew Smith
Lachlan Dreher	Daniel Sproule
Troy Elder	Ben Taylor
Paul Gaudoin	Craig Victory
Jeremy Hiskins	Matthew Wells

Team Manager: David Coldrey

Coach: Terry Walsh

Assistant Coach: Jim Irvine

Video: Gordon Clarke

Doctor: Peter Baquie

Physiotherapist: Graham Reid

Masseur: Noel McRoberts

HPM: Ray Dorsett

16/9/99	V Canada	0-4
17/9/99	V Korea	0-0
19/9/99	V India	5-1

Final Placings:

1. Canada 2. Korea 3. Australia 4. India

Olympic Test Event, Sydney, Sept 1999

1st Place

Australian Team

Michael York (C)	Jeremy Hiskins
Jay Stacy (VC)	Stephen Holt
Michael Brennan	Brent Livermore
Stephen Davies	Murray Richards
Damon Diletti	Matthew Smith
Lachlan Dreher	Daniel Sproule
Troy Elder	Ben Taylor
James Elmer	Craig Victory
Paul Gaudoin	Matthew Wells

Team Manager: David Coldrey

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Doctor: Peter Baquie

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Masseur: Noel McRoberts

HPM: Ray Dorsett

22/9/99	V Korea	1-0
23/9/99	V India	5-3
25/9/99	V Canada	1-1
26/9/99	V Korea (Final)	2-1

Final Placings:

1. Australia 2. Korea 3. India 4. Canada

German Test Series, Darwin/Cairns/Tville/M'bah, October 1999

3-2 series win

Australian Team

Michael Brennan	Stephen Holt (VC)
Dean Butler	Brent Livermore
Baeden Choppy	Murray Richards
Adam Commens	Andrew Stewart
Stephen Davies	Matthew Smith
James Elmer	Ben Taylor
Paul Gaudoin (C)	Craig Victory
Bevan George	Lachlan Vivian-Taylor
Mark Hickman	Scott Webster
Jeremy Hiskins	Matthew Wells

Team Manager: Ray Dorsett

Coach: Terry Walsh

Assistant Coach: Jim Irvine

Video: Gordon Clarke

Doctor: Donald Kuah

Physiotherapist: Chris Perkin

22/10/99	V Germany	2-1
23/10/99	V Germany	5-4
26/10/99	V Germany	2-3
29/10/99	V Germany	2-1
31/10/99	V Germany	4-2

South African Test Series, Capetown, Potchefstroom, Pretoria, March 1999

4-1 series win

Michael Brennan	Brent Livermore
Dean Butler	Murray Richards
Adam Commens	Matthew Smith

1999 International Results

Damon Diletti
Lachlan Dreher
Troy Elder
James Elmer
Paul Gaudoin
Stephen Holt

Team Manager: Ralph Wood
Coach: Terry Walsh
Assistant Coach: Jim Irvine
Video: Gordon Clarke
Doctor: Donald Kuah
Physiotherapist: Chris Perkin

15/3/99	V South Africa	6-3
11/3/99	V South Africa	5-1
9/3/99	V South Africa	3-1
7/3/99	V South Africa	3-1
6/3/99	V South Africa	2-3

1999 AIS TEAM

Malaysian Series, Kuala Lumpur, March 1999

3-1 series win

Travis Brooks	Michael McCann
Gavin Travis	Leon Martin
Jason Duff (C)	Eddie O'Brien
Jamie Dwyer	Ben Taylor
Bevan George	Tim Thompson
Robert Hammond	Craig Victory
Mark Hickman (VC)	Ian Wishart
Jeremy Hiskins	Zain Wright

Coach: David Bell
Assistant Coach: Colin Batch
Manager: Andrew McDonald
Video Operator: Jeremy Davy
Physiotherapist: Noel McRoberts
Doctor: Hamish Osborne

12/3/99	v Malaysia	5-0
13/3/99	v Malaysia	abandoned - weather
15/3/99	v Malaysia	3-2
17/3/99	v Malaysia	3-1
18/3/99	v Malaysia	2-0

European Tour, October 1999

Won 5, Drawn 2, Lost 0

Travis Brooks	Josh Hawes
Alan Charlton	Shaun Kumar
Luke Doerner	Leon Martin
Jamie Dwyer	Daniel McPherson
Nathan Eglington	Eddie O'Brien (C)
Richard Gibson	Grant Schubert
Nathan Gilbert	Tim Thompson
Robert Hammond (VC)	Zain Wright

Coach: David Bell
Assistant Coach: Colin Batch
Manager: Graeme Worth
Video Operator: Mark Hager
Doctor: Geoff Davidson
Physiotherapist: Barry Fleming
Umpire: Tim Pullman

20/10/99	v Netherlands U/21	3-3
21/10/99	v Netherlands U/21	6-1
23/10/99	v Germany U/21	9-0
24/10/99	v Germany U/21	3-2
26/10/99	v Germany U/21	3-2
27/10/99	v Germany U/21	4-2
29/10/99	v Germany U/21	2-2

AIS undefeated on tour

Daniel Sproule
Jay Stacy
Lachlan Vivian-Taylor
Scott Webster
Matthew Wells
Michael York (C)

Indoor Team

European Tour, January 1999

Australian Team
Graeme McLennan
Warren Adams
Jason Mulder
Ian Frew
Andrew Jones
Jonathon Stebbings

Philip Barrett
Geoff Bott
Andrew Fenton
Craig Glover
Anthony Farry
Anthony Potter

Coach: David Audesho
Manager: Cliff Monaghan
Physiotherapist: Catriona Owens
Umpire: Tony Mulligan

Test Match Results in Barcelona

02/01/99	v Spain	4-5
03/01/99	v Spain	6-4
04/01/99	v Spain	2-9
05/01/99	v Spain	3-6

Test Match Results in Vienna, Johann Koller Cup

07/01/99	v USA	7-1
08/01/99	v Poland	2-12
08/01/99	v Austria	6-9
08/01/99	v Scotland	1-1
09/01/99	v USA	7-3
10/01/99	v Scotland	2-4

Final Placings:

1. Poland 2. Czech Republic 3. Austria 4. S.U. Arminian
5. Scotland 6. Australia 7. USA 8. South Africa

Test Match Results in Prague

12/01/99	v South Africa	6-2
12/01/99	v Austria	3-4
13/01/99	v Czech Republic	4-8

Test Match Results in Glasgow, FIH World Classic

16/01/99	v Canada	5-5
16/01/99	v USA	7-0
16/01/99	v South Africa	9-2
17/01/99	v Denmark	5-6
17/01/99	v Scotland	5-6

Final Placings:

1. Canada 2. Denmark 3. Scotland 4. Australia 5. USA 6. South Africa

Under 21 Division

New Zealand Championships, Nelson NZ, February/March 1999

Australian U/21 Indoor Team

Nathan Gilbert	Aaron Oman
Cameron Richards	Matthew Perry
Steven Brennan	Kent Rochester
Daniel Caffrey	Brett Subners
Travis Cook	Simon Vimpani
Wesley Moore	Craig Wood

Coach: Norm Foord
Manager: Cliff Monaghan

Test Series v New Zealand

27/02/99	v New Zealand	4-2
28/02/99	v New Zealand	3-2

New Zealand Championships

26/02/99	v Hutt Valley	6-1
	v Nelson A	4-2
27/02/99	v Wellington	6-0
	v Nelson B	6-2
28/02/99	v Canterbury	6-1

Australia Undefeated

1999 Australian Championship Results

Australian Under 15 Championship, Sydney, 22 - 30 September 1999

Team	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Points
WA	7	-	-	35	10	21
QLD	5	1	1	50	12	16
NSW	4	2	1	30	12	14
VIC	4	-	3	27	9	12
NT	2	-	5	16	30	6
SA	2	-	5	11	34	6
TAS	1	1	5	13	35	4
ACT	1	-	6	12	32	3

Final Placings

1. Western Australia
2. Queensland
3. New South Wales
4. Victoria
5. Northern Territory
6. South Australia
7. Tasmania
8. ACT

Australian Under 18 Championship, Launceston, 30 June - 9 July 1999

Team	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Points
WA	5	2	-	23	10	17
VIC	5	1	1	30	5	16
QLD	4	2	1	16	8	14
ACT	3	1	3	14	17	10
SA	3	-	4	9	13	9
NSW	2	1	4	17	8	7
TAS	1	2	4	7	15	5
NT	-	-	7	5	48	0

Finals

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| 7th v 8th | TAS v NT | 3-1 |
| 5th v 6th | NSW v SA | 8-1 |
| 3rd v 4th | ACT v QLD | 3-1 |
| 1st v 2nd | VIC v WA | 2-1 |

Final Placings

1. Victoria
2. Western Australia
3. ACT
4. Queensland
5. New South Wales
6. South Australia
7. Tasmania
8. Northern Territory

Australian Under 21 Championship, Canberra, 12 - 23 April 1999

Results after round games

Team	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Points
QLD	5	2	-	22	11	17
VIC	5	1	1	31	11	16
WA	5	-	2	31	15	15
NSW	3	2	2	20	11	11
TAS	2	3	2	14	11	9
ACT	2	1	4	19	28	7
SA	1	1	5	22	26	4
NT	-	-	7	12	55	0

Finals

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|-----------|-----------|-----|
| 7th v 8th | ACT v NT | 5-1 |
| 5th v 6th | TAS v SA | 3-1 |
| 3rd v 4th | WA v QLD | 6-4 |
| 1st v 2nd | VIC v NSW | 4-2 |

Final Placings

1. Victoria
2. New South Wales
3. Western Australia
4. Queensland
5. Tasmania
6. South Australia
7. ACT
8. Northern Territory

Australian Indoor Championship, Cairns, 8 - 13 February 1999

Results before games abandoned

Team	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Points
NSW	4	-	-	23	9	12
VIC	3	-	1	19	11	9
WA	2	1	1	19	11	7
NZ	2	1	2	12	17	7
ACT	1	1	2	12	12	4
QLD	1	-	4	10	25	3
SA	-	1	3	9	19	1

Finals

- | | | |
|--------------|-----------|-----|
| Semi Final 1 | NSW v NZ | 4-0 |
| Semi Final 2 | VIC v WA | 5-4 |
| Final | NSW v VIC | 8-4 |

Final Placings

1. New South Wales
2. Victoria
3. New Zealand
4. Western Australia
5. ACT
6. Queensland
7. South Australia

1999 Australian Championship Results

Australian Under 21 Indoor Championship, Cairns, 8 - 13 February 1999
Results at end of rounds

Team	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Points
NSW	5	-	-	28	9	15*
WA	3	1	1	15	10	10*
VIC	2	1	3	16	16	7
QLD	-	-	6	11	35	-

* Not played - would not effect the final rankings

Finals

1st v 2nd NSW v WA 8 - 1

Final Placings

1. New South Wales
2. Western Australia
3. Victoria
4. Queensland

Australian Country Championship, Mt Gambier, 31 July to 4 August, 1999

Final Placings

1. Queensland
2. New South Wales
3. South Australia
4. Victoria
5. Western Australia

Australian Squads 1999

Australian Senior Squad

Michael Brennan
Dean Butler
Baeden Choppy
Adam Commens
Stephen Davies
Jason Duff
Troy Elder
James Elmer
Damon Diletti
Lachlan Dreher
Paul Gaudoin
Bevan George
Mark Hickman
Jeremy Hiskins
Stephen Holt
Brent Livermore
Eddie O'Brien
Murray Richards
Matthew Smith
Daniel Sproule
Jay Stacy
Andrew Stewart
Ben Taylor
Craig Victory
Lachlan Vivian-Taylor
Scott Webster
Matthew Wells
Michael York

Australian Development Squad

Luke Doerner
Ian Wishart
Nathan Gilbert
Robbie Hammond
Josh Hawes
David Hennessey
Tim Thompson
Zain Wright
Richard Gibson
Scott Brennan
Travis Brooks
Jamie Dwyer
Mick McCann

Australian Youth Squad

Lachlan Vivian-Taylor
Craig Victory
Travis Brooks
Richard Gibson
Josh Hawes
Robert Hammond
George Clutton
Nathan Eglington
Grant Schubert
Shane Dalrymple
Alan Charlton
Troy Sutherland
Craig Lynn
Laird Chromiak
Shaun Kumar
Liam De Young
Matthugh Freeman
Declan Gerraghty
Seyi Onitiri



Indoor Hockey Report

The 1999 season of Indoor Hockey was eventful and provided a full programme of international and interstate matches. The season began with the National Team's tour of Europe encompassing Spain, Austria, the Czech Republic and Scotland. The tour comprised international matches only, of which there were 18 played between 2nd and 17th January.

A four match series was played in Barcelona with Australia winning one match & losing three. In Vienna Australia competed in the Johan Koller Cup defeating the USA twice, drawing with Scotland and losing to Poland, Austria and Scotland (ranking match). The sixth place (won by Poland) reflected strong competition especially from central and eastern European teams. A four nations tournament in Prague saw losses to the Czech Republic and Austria, and a win over South Africa. Australia ranked fourth in the 2nd World Indoor Classic played in Glasgow, defeating South Africa and the USA while losing to Canada, Scotland and Denmark. In Glasgow, Australian captain Graeme McLennan was named player of the tournament and scored a team high 22 goals on tour.

The facilities and organisation of the Spanish section were not of acceptable standard, although accommodation and transport in Barcelona was of a high standard.

Conditions in Prague were as expected in a country breaking away from state socialism and trying to provide a free market economy with questionable facilities. The playing venue, however, was of a good standard. All aspects of the Scottish leg of the tour were of a high standard.

At the end of the tour, Geoff Bott (WA) announced his retirement from international hockey. Geoff's 55 indoor caps is a record for an Australian indoor hockey player.

The overall results of 6 wins, 1 draw and 11 losses were disappointing. However, the importance of these results is in the picture it provides of the current standard of international play of the Australian national team. It is clear that improvement is a necessity if Australia is to compete on an equal basis with European teams as it has done in the past. The introduction of tours of Europe every two years is an essential part of our effort to improve the playing standard of the national team and develop the skills of our coaches. It was also apparent that the team requires longer training and preparation before major tournaments.

The U/18 Championship was held in Canberra in mid-January in conjunction with Women's Hockey Australia. Competing teams were ACT, NSW, SA, VIC and WA.

In an exciting final, played to a high standard, VIC defeated WA.

The Open and U/21 Championship was conducted in Cairns from 8th to 13th February.

Teams competing in the Open division were ACT, NSW, NZ, QLD, SA, VIC and WA.

In the U/21 Division NSW, QLD, VIC, and WA competed. The facilities at the Marlin Coast Recreation Centre consisted of a near full size court of wooden boards. What was becoming a highly successful tournament was disrupted sensationally by a cyclone on the night of 11th February. Matches on 12th and some matches on 11th had to be abandoned as insufficient time was left to complete a full schedule of matches.

NSW were awarded the Harry Spice Trophy for topping the points table before the semi finals. Subsequently, in the Open Division semi finals, NSW defeated NZ and VIC defeated WA in an extremely close match. NSW then defeated VIC 8-4 to win the AHA shield. The Open Player of the Tournament was Andrew Jones (NSW).

The U/21 Division played a straight final with NSW defeating WA 8-1. The U/21 Player of the Championship was Nathan Gilbert (NSW).

An Australian U/21 team was selected to tour New Zealand in an effort to develop younger players and provide them with international competition. The team played two matches against the New Zealand Development Squad and competed in the NZ National Championship. The tournament was held in Nelson from 26th to 28th February.

Australia won all seven matches on tour. Craig Wood (WA) was voted player of the tour.

In 1999 FIH began collecting data for their Vision 2000 and Beyond plan. Indoor hockey had been included in FIH's look into the future of hockey in the millennium and the most interesting question posed was whether there should be a World Cup for indoor hockey. It seems Australia has not been alone in suggesting to FIH that such an event is the way of the future.

The 1999 European Touring team was:

G. McLennan (ACT) Capt., P. Barrett (WA) V/C, C. Glover (WA), I. Frew (NSW), A. Fenton (NSW), A. Jones (NSW), W. Adams (NSW), G. Bott (WA), J. Mulder (VIC), A. Farry (ACT), J. Stebbings (TAS), and A. Potter (VIC)

Manager: C. Monaghan Coach: D. Audesho Physio: C. Owens
Umpire: A. Mulligan

The 1999 U/21 touring team was:

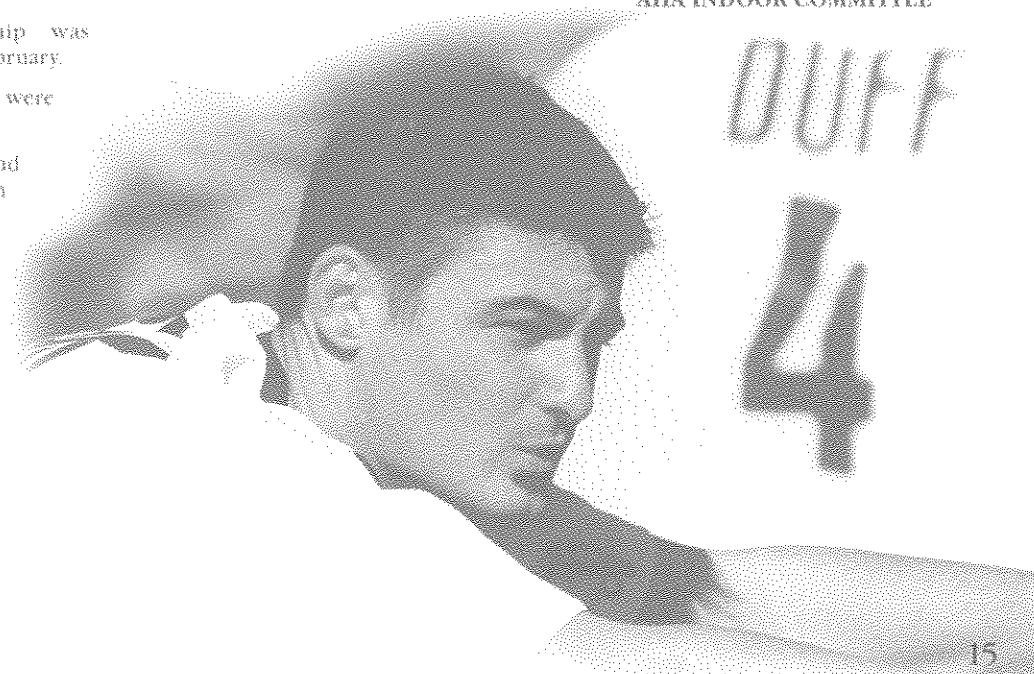
N. Gilbert (NSW) Capt., C. Richards (QLD) V/C, S. Brennan (VIC), D. Caffrey (NSW), T. Cook (VIC), W. Moore (VIC), A. Oman (NSW), M. Perry (NSW), K. Rochester (WA), B. Stibners (NSW), S. Vimpani (NSW) and C. Wood (WA)

Manager: C. Monaghan Coach: N. Foord

The 1999 senior squad was:

W. Adams (NSW), P. Barrett (WA), J. Black (WA), D. Brennan (VIC), D. Caffrey (NSW), M. Cashmere (VIC), S. Corkey (NSW), A. Farry (ACT), A. Fenton (NSW), I. Frew (NSW), N. Gilbert (NSW), C. Glover (WA), T. Gregory (WA), M. Harris (NSW), D. Hicks (QLD), A. Jones (NSW), G. McLennan (ACT), J. Mulder (VIC), A. Nilan (NSW), A. Potter (VIC), C. Richards (QLD), J. Stebbings (TAS), D. Tilker (VIC) & S. Vimpani (NSW)

Tony Mulligan
CHAIRMAN
AHA INDOOR COMMITTEE





Oceania Hockey Federation

This year saw a number of firsts for Oceania. Both the Australian Women's and Men's Teams won the Champions Trophy, the first Men's Island Challenge was successfully held in Brisbane and Fiji was awarded a development pitch through the joint FIH/IOC program.

The Oceania Cup between New Zealand and Australian men's teams was played in Brisbane in May. Australia won two of the three games.

Fiji and New Guinea played the first Oceania Challenge Cup as a curtain raiser to the event. Whilst the New Guinea team experienced great difficulty in getting to Brisbane and arrived 24 hours late, they played three games against Fiji, two of these only being official, resulting in a draw (3-3) and a win for Fiji (9-0). Fiji then went on to the Arafura Games in Darwin.

The Oceania Hockey Federation held a meeting of the Executive Management Committee at this time in Brisbane. All countries were represented except for Samoa and American Samoa. It is hoped that as a result of this meeting member nations will be forthcoming with Development Plans with budgets so that Oceania's plan can be finalised.

It is encouraging to hear of the development plans of Fiji and Papua New Guinea.

Financing these plans is a priority for the Federation. The mentor system is working exceptionally well, particularly between New Zealand and Fiji, where there have been a number of player and coach exchanges.

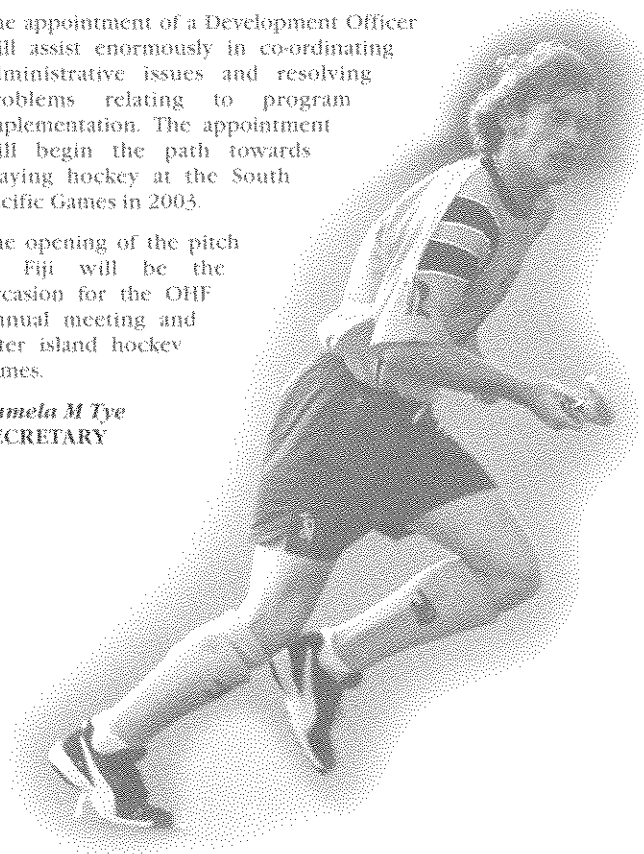
The Australian Women's Association experienced some difficulties contacting the Samoas and getting responses to the program, whilst Australian Men's Association has begun preliminary projects with Papua New Guinea.

Tonga is still interested in becoming a member of the Federation and has been awarded an Olympic Solidarity Coaching Course for 2000. The necessary plans of introduction are being executed and the President will make contact during the ONOC conference in April.

The appointment of a Development Officer will assist enormously in co-ordinating administrative issues and resolving problems relating to program implementation. The appointment will begin the path towards playing hockey at the South Pacific Games in 2003.

The opening of the pitch in Fiji will be the occasion for the OHF Annual meeting and inter island hockey games.

Pamela M Tye
SECRETARY



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National Hockey League 1999

The 1999 season again provided another step in the promotion of Hockey around Australia.

The evolving competition has truly allowed for the promotion of the game Australia wide, with many country centres being exposed to the highest level of competition during the 1999 NHL season.

The NHL teams have been successful in improving the standard of the national competition, as demonstrated by the closeness of the 1999 competition with the final four only being determined in the last round.

Congratulations are extended to the Perth Thundersticks for their emphatic win in the finals after leading the competition from start to finish.

Some challenges, however, do face the NHL in the future. These challenges lie in the format and timing of the league and the way in which we market and promote our game.

I feel confident that progress is being made in this regard and I must thank the staff at AHA for their dedication over the 1999 season and my fellow commissioners for their direction.

Finally on behalf of all the NHL I wish our Olympic team well for Sydney.

Bob Taylor
CHAIRMAN NHL

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Perth Thundersticks, 1999 NHL Champions



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AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

1999 was a busy year for the ACT Hockey Association with various competitions and events being hosted at the National Hockey Centre, Lyneham.

The "Capital League" was conducted and still proves to be an excellent pathway toward the higher levels of participation. While Old Canberrans were the minor premiers in Capital League, they failed to take Grand Final honours in 1999. Although having won 15 of their 18 round games, United pipped them at the post in the last game of Capital League for the 20th century with superb defence in a very exciting grand final. With the score 1-1 at full time, Evan Gilson scored the winning goal from a Josh Hawes breakaway in extra-time.

In September 1999, ACT Hockey hosted the Australia Cup featuring Australia, Korea, Canada and India. Canada caused an upset by winning the event. In a bold initiative we arranged for the event to be televised in Australia (Optus Vision). Asia, Canada, India, Middle East and the United States. The potential audience for the event was 350 million.

The Quickstix Schools Cup continues to develop into a major annual event and it is hoped that many more interstate teams will avail themselves of the opportunity to visit the national capital.

Following the departure of Des King, the Vision City Lakers gained a new coach in David Burke. Although the team also lost the services of a number of players Andrew Deane, Graeme McLennan, Adam Castro, Steve Carter, Paul Lewis, Andy Tybell the opportunity arose for players like Dean Dawson, Josh Hawes and Luke MacKinnon to cement a position.

In the end it was a season of mixed fortune but demonstrated that the team continues to play hockey at a high standard and is a very competitive unit.

Another major highlight of the year was the outstanding form of Michael York, named player of the series for the 1999 National Hockey League. Michael continued to lead the national team and joined an elite club by passing 250 caps for his country. Michael also captained the successful team that won the Champions Trophy in Brisbane and to top off his year, Michael won the prestigious ACT Sports Star of the Year award.

The year also saw the return to the Australian squad for Andrew Stewart and Ben Taylor's consolidation of his position in the Australian squad. Matthew Smith, who played with the Canberra Vision City Lakers also had a notable year.

Graeme McLennan also was selected to Captain the Australian Indoor Squad and is joined by Brian Downton, Andy Tybell and

Anthony Farry. Josh Hawes has also been selected in the Australian Development Squad.

During the year work commenced on the construction of a second hockey centre in Canberra at Tuggeranong. This will provide a high quality sand filled field which will open for the 2000 season. At the same time a major project commenced to upgrade the spectator amenities and build a third synthetic surface at the Hockey Centre. This project will be completed in April 2000 and together with the two existing fields, indoor stadium, gymnasium etc will provide arguably the most comprehensive array of training and competition facilities in the world. Next year work is expected to commence on construction of a new five star resort hotel on a site adjoining the centre.

The ACT Hockey Association would like to thank the supporters of hockey in Canberra who make all our achievements possible, including the ACT Government and the Bureau of Sport and Recreation, Vision City, Healthpac and Diabetes Australia -ACT Branch, Project 2000, Academy of Sport, Prime Television, Canberra FM104.7, Instant Office Furniture, our minor sponsors and the local media for all their great support.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Player / Team Affiliations

Total affiliation numbers for 1999 were again down on previous years with the major reason behind this continual decline in numbers being the high cost of playing hockey in NSW and the perceived lack of benefits provided to members. However, the NSWHA Board in 1999 made a strong commitment to all Associations to deliver more benefits and services, particularly to regional centres. Some of these included State Coaching Weekend, NHL and U/21 State Team visit to Dubbo, NHL round hosted by Wollongong and the Coaching seminars conducted by the National and Assistant Coaches - Terry Walsh and Jim Irvine. Obviously, more initiatives such as these will need to be conducted in the future.

Umpiring

During 1999 the focus for umpiring in NSW was the continued development of younger umpires and the encouragement of the more experienced senior umpires towards a career in Umpire Coaching.

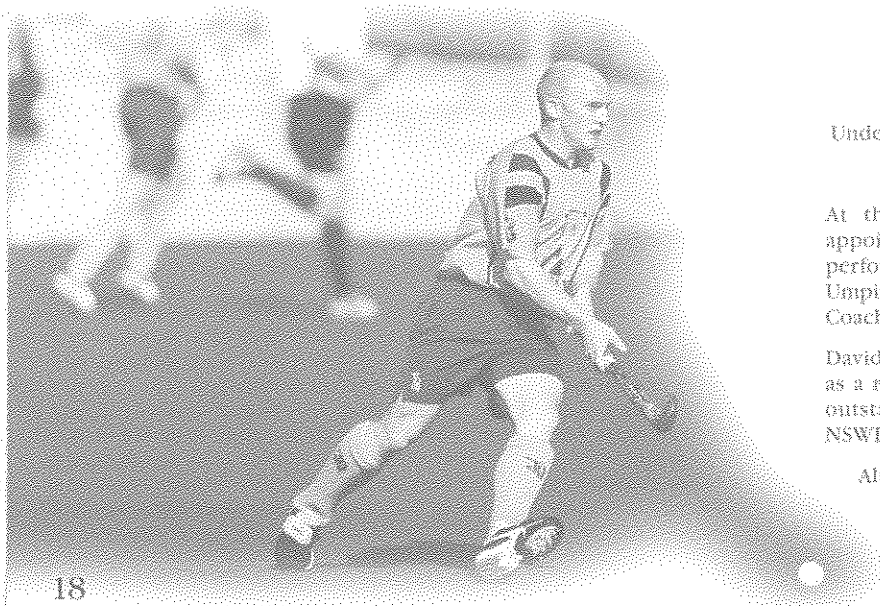
In 1999 the following appointments were made to National Panels

NHL	David Gentles, Stewart Dearing & John Scott
U/21	Stewart Dearing & Kieran Deland
Indoor	Tony Mulligan, John Scott & David Barnes
U/18	Brett Woods
Under 16 Schoolboys	Craig Kennedy
Under 15	Scott O'Brien & Tim Smith

At the National U/18 Championship Tony Mulligan was appointed by AHA as Umpires Manager. As a result of his performance Tony received a well earned upgrade to Level 3 Umpire Coach making him the most senior ranked Umpire Coach in NSW.

David Gentles was awarded his International Class 1 ranking and as a result was included in the Champions Trophy Panel. This outstanding achievement from David earned him his 5th NSWHA 'Umpire of the Year Award'.

Although all Umpires who achieved badges this year should be congratulated, the rate of progress in the area of umpire development is disappointing. This issue is currently being addressed by the Joint Officiating Committee who have appointed a number of volunteers



to the positions of Regional Umpiring Co-ordinator to assist in the promotion and co-ordination of umpires and umpire courses throughout NSW.

Special Events

During 1999 Hockey NSW and the NSWHA made a conscious effort to schedule as many events as possible in the regional centres. Two of these initiatives included the State Coaching Weekend and the State Team Visits. The Men's NHL and U/21 State Teams visited Dubbo in March which was extremely successful and tremendous support was received from Dubbo, Western NSW Region Associations, Government, sponsors and the media.

During the NHL, the NSWHA, through sponsorship support from Strongbow, conducted the triple header round in Wollongong. The Friday night match between NSW and Melbourne was promoted as an Olympic Charity evening with ex-Olympians, VIP's and sponsors present at the match. Excellent media coverage was gained which supports the idea of taking more matches of this calibre to regional centres in the future.

In terms of the International calendar during 1999, Hockey NSW had the opportunity to host possibly the largest event in Australia, the Sydney International Challenge (Olympic Test Event) at the Olympic Hockey Stadium. In conjunction with this event the National U/15 Championship was also conducted at Homebush while the National U/13 Championship was conducted at Moorebank. Linking these two events to the Test Event gave the juniors a fantastic opportunity to watch some top class International Hockey and experience the awesome atmosphere of the Olympic Hockey Stadium.

Playing Facilities

Numerous playing facilities were in the planning stage for NSW in 1999 and only a few were actually completed throughout the year. South Coast installed a second sand based surface at the Croome Road facility at Albion Park making this a dual sand based facility, with adequate changeroom, canteen, covered dugout and media facilities.

Ryde Hockey Club installed a new water based carpet to replace the existing carpet which was the original State Hockey Centre surface. As this carpet was a new Balsam H2Oz surface, the same as is being used at the Olympic Hockey Stadium, this venue is now classed as an Olympic training venue.

Other facilities that were in the planning phase to be completed in the year 2000 include: A turf facility, clubhouse and amenities block in the Southern Highlands; the removal of the old Olympic Hockey pitch surface to be relaid by the Briars Hockey Club at Concord; The completion of a water based surface at Lithgow to accompany the current sand based surface and venue; a second sand based surface for Taree to accompany several grass fields and clubhouse and a new turf facility at Coffs Harbour to accompany a good grass facility and clubhouse.

Sponsorship and Fundraising

The NSWHA was fortunate to secure sponsorship during the 1999 season through Strongbow. Strongbow took on the naming rights of the NSW Strongbow Warriors and provided a new look uniform with a return to the traditional two blues - navy and sky. The NSW Strongbow Warriors received good exposure, particularly during the round held at Wollongong where a special Strongbow promotion was set up and through extensive media coverage by the Australian Sporting Times newspaper which featured a complete double page spread on the weekend.

Uniform sponsors Track'n'Field provided the newly designed tracksuits and playing strip for the Strongbow Warriors which allowed the team to be professionally presented both on and off the field. The NSW Institute of Sport also contributed funding towards the team which assisted with fitness testing and intensive skills sessions.

Sponsorship was also obtained for other events and programs during 1999 including support from the NSW Department of

Sport and Recreation for the promotion and development programs. The following list indicates the 1999 sponsors and supporters of Hockey NSW:

Coca-Cola	Bauer	NSW Department of Sport & Recreation
Thrifty	Qantas	Balsam
Just Hockey	T.E.A.M. Sports Surfaces	State Sports Centre Flag Hotels

Coaching

ITC/NSW Coach Larry McIntosh was once again responsible for the elite program in NSW and has achieved some very pleasing results in the representation of NSW players in Australian Squads. Larry has also worked closely with the NSWJHA Coaching Director to establish a more comprehensive satellite program throughout NSW.

During 1999 AHA National Coaches - Terry Walsh and Jim Irvine and High Performance Manager - Ray Dorsett conducted several coaching seminars throughout regional NSW. These seminars were a great success and attendance at the Wollongong, Orange, Newcastle and Tamworth seminars was extremely positive. Future initiatives such as these should be planned on a regular basis throughout NSW.

Numerous development programs were conducted throughout NSW during the year including the Talented Athlete Program, Institute Challenge, guest coaching sessions, specialist clinics and matches versus visiting International teams.

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Special Events

1999 was another busy and exciting year for the Northern Territory Hockey Association. The NT hosted 6 home matches in the Men's National Hockey League as well as a number of highly successful tournaments such as the U21 Women's National Championship, Arafura Games and first Over 60 International Men's Hockey Tournament ever to be played in Australia. Another highlight was the hosting of the first two legs of the Colorado Cup, Australia v Germany Test Series in which Mark Hickman and Stephen Holt played. However the highlight of 1999 was the celebration of 50 years of hockey in the Northern Territory.

Coaching

ITC/NTIS Coach Butch Worth was responsible for coaching our elite and development squads resulting in the selection of a number of our players in Australian Squads. Butch also coordinated the Level 1 coaching accreditation course which was completed by 12 participants and the Level 2 coaching accreditation course completed by 4 people. A further two coaches commenced their level 3 coaching accreditation. In addition Butch Worth was upgraded to the position of FIH Coach. A series of coaching seminars was also run throughout the year to assist coaches in their continuing development.

Playing Facilities

The spectator and canteen facilities of the Marrara Hockey Centre have been upgraded to cater for the expected growth and comfort of people playing at Marrara in the future. Work is also underway in Gove to lay a synthetic playing field before the 2000 season commences. Similarly the Alice Springs Hockey Association is looking to replace its existing sand turf with a new surface before the season starts.

Development

The future development of Hockey in the Northern Territory seems to be in Palmerston, which is one of the fastest growing regions within Australia. It is likely that in the near future Palmerston will be able to support one or more clubs for inclusion in the Darwin hockey competition and should result in the growth of player numbers involved in hockey in the NT. Alice Springs has also indicated an increase in the player numbers during the last 2 years.

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Sponsorship

In 1999 the NTHA was very fortunate to secure two new major sponsors to support the Stingers in the National Hockey League. Tattersall's became the naming sponsor of the Territory Stingers and their involvement and support for the National Hockey League was much appreciated. The other major sponsor was Austec Irrigation whose contributions during the NHL and Colorado Cup between Germany and Australia, were greatly valued.

The following were sponsors of Northern Territory Hockey during 1999 whose assistance is greatly appreciated: NT Government, Qantas, Pauls Ltd, Tubemakers Metaland, Zuellig Insurance Brokers, Keith Kemp Sports World, Parap Village Apartments Northern Territory University Printery, Central Credit Union, Carlton United Brewery, Rydges Plaza Hotel, AMP Financial Services, and the NT Institute of Sport.

QUEENSLAND

In Queensland for the last part of 1999 and into 2000, our emphasis has been to build on what has been the most dynamic "hockey year" that has ever been experienced. The increased awareness of the game by the general community and the acceptance by the hockey community that the philosophy and management of the game is being conducted successfully, will be utilised to establish a prominent benchmark and in turn a platform to launch our game into the 21st Century.

In particular, the following areas will be specifically targeted:

- Increase participation levels throughout Queensland, not only in registered players (ages 12 and over) but in juniors playing the game in schools or in the hockey Minkey/modified version for under 6 to under 11 groups. Additionally, the recreation and social playing of the game will be boosted particularly to benefit the utilisation of artificial surfaces.
- The continual promotion and development of the Golden Circle Greg Browning Secondary School Boys Cup (Hockey Queensland's own initiative) and the Telstra Sharon Buchanan Secondary School Girls knockout competition.
- The employment of a marketing consultant from September 1999 to secure new sponsorship and increase media coverage. This promotion is a joint arrangement between Hockey Queensland, Brisbane Women's Hockey Association, Brisbane Hockey Association and the State Hockey Centre.
- To develop a post 2000 Olympic Queensland Tour. The concept will utilise our medal winning hockey players on a tour throughout Queensland with many of the players visiting their own regional homes. As distinct to many other sports, hockey players origins are in many cases from regional centres as spread out as far as Toowoomba, Maryborough and Townsville.
- Review and analysis of our regional coaching structure.
- The ongoing development of the regional QAS office in Townsville has provided North Queensland an ideal, elite coaching program that is headed by our local regional coaching director.

The following national and international events were held in Queensland during the year:

- National Indoor Championships- Cairns
- German Test Series- Cairns, Townsville and Murwillumbah
- 1999 Champions Trophy for Men and Women- Brisbane
- National Veterans Mens Championships Toowoomba
- National Veterans Womens Championships Brisbane
- Oceania Cup- Pre-Olympic Qualifier- Brisbane
- Oceania Challenge- PNG v Fiji- Brisbane

- 9th Golden Oldies World Hockey Festival- Brisbane
- National League Matches in Townsville, Gold Coast, Warwick, Toowoomba & Brisbane

Each event created a positive result in terms of awareness of the game by the media, the corporate world, general public and the hockey community at large.

With the support of the Queensland Government, the Queensland Academy of Sport and National and International Associations, the events have provided a number of beneficial legacies that will be developed into the new millennium.

Together with local Councils and Universities, impact analyses have been conducted on the direct and indirect expenditure created by State and National Championships. For example the State U/13(M) Championship provided over \$350,000 and the National Mens Veterans provided over \$2,500,000 direct and indirect expenditure to the local communities.

The State Hockey Centre was finally completed just before the Champions Trophy, providing a unique and challenging facility. A new wet surface will be laid at Buderim on the Sunshine Coast during 2000 and Ipswich Hockey Association is hopeful of replacing one sand with a wet surface during 2000.

Registrations have increased marginally. However during the year after an extensive analysis and study, over 20,000 additional individuals have been identified who are not registered. Minkey, modified, Primary and Secondary Schools, Universities, Services and summer competitions are areas where participation in the game via anecdotal evidence is increasing.

Hockey Queensland now employs 10 full time and 4 part time coaching staff, in addition to the two HC/QAS coaches and the Coaching and Development Manager. Over the past twelve months these coaches had direct contact with approximately 85,000 students at all different levels, in both primary and secondary schools.

During 1999 we were able to accredit 105 Level 1 coaches, 10 Level 2 coaches and 5 Level 3 coaches.

In late July a pilot program was trialed in Mount Isa where we conducted a joint Level 1 Coaching and Umpiring Course. Hopefully other centres will benefit from this type of course in the future.

In conjunction with the FIH Champions Trophy, the annual Queensland Coaching Seminar was conducted. All current State Coaches together with our full and part time coaching staff attended this seminar. It was agreed at this seminar that Hockey Queensland Development programs would be introduced to all centres to create a uniform process throughout the state.

In September, the bi-annual Development Camp for Queensland's Under 15 and 13 girls was conducted in Brisbane and Mackay. Both these camps were a tremendous success. The continuation of this type of project is a vital cog in our Development and Talent Identification Program.

Hockey Queensland thanks the following sponsors:

Queensland Government		CUB
Coca Cola	Golden Circle	Konica
The Courier-Mail	Rydge's Southbank	Qantas
Amart Allsports	Kookaburra Sport	Print Point
Whitehills	QAS	Liveworm

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Player/Team Affiliations

In the Adelaide metropolitan competition there were 25 registered Clubs. In this competition there were 75 teams in the senior competition (a decrease of 3 teams from 1998), and 56 teams in the junior grades (a decrease of 5 teams from 1998).

There were 12 affiliated Country Associations, with 67 senior

teams and 70 junior teams competing. These numbers represent a small increase in both senior and junior participation.

Coaching

One Level 1 Coaching course was conducted, with 19 new accreditations and 9 re-accreditations. One Level 2 (Specifics) course was completed with 6 new accreditations and 2 re-accreditations.

Hockey SA's successful Development and Talent Squad coaching programs, in their 10th year of operation, conducted clinics in the January and April school holidays, involving 275 boys. In addition, the Annual Year 7 Hockey Sports Camp was conducted in August - a week long live-in camp run in conjunction with the Office of Recreation and Sport.

The State Junior Hockey Initiative - Club/School Links program commenced during the year. The program addresses the link between local schools and clubs, with the aim of developing a more efficient and effective transition of junior players from the schools to local clubs. Funding was obtained through Health Promotions SA to employ a full time Schools Development Officer to facilitate this program.

A workshop/seminar was conducted by Sports Medicine Australia and Asthma SA for Club and State Team Managers. The content was designed to be hockey specific in relation to injury and asthma treatment. 35 participants attended this seminar.

Umpiring/Technical

In all 9 NOP Level 1 Umpire courses were held throughout the season (3 in Adelaide and 6 in Country centres).

Playing Facilities

Full plans and costings have been finalised for the upgrading of The Pines Stadium, which includes the installation of an additional 'wet' pitch. We are now dependent upon an allocation of funds by the SA Government from its capital works budget.

New synthetic pitches were installed by the Riverland Hockey Association and the Port Pirie & Districts Hockey Association. In addition, the Lower South East Hockey Association has finalised plans to replace its 'wet' surface with a new turf. This work will be complete by December 1999.

Sponsorship and Funding

Health Promotions SA (previously Living Health) continues to be the major sponsor of Hockey SA, making funds available for the Management and Development Programs. Smith Sports Australia Pty Ltd, Adelaide Bank, SA Lotteries Commission and Ansett Australia continued their ongoing sponsorship of the NHL team, the Adelaide Ihsan Hotshots.

Special Events

Hockey SA hosted the hockey competition of the 7th Australian Masters Games in which 15 men's teams (as well as 21 women's teams) competed. Participating teams came from New Zealand, Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Western Australia and South Australia. Matches were played at two venues - The Pines Stadium and the Port Adelaide Hockey Club. The Masters Games were an outstanding success and thoroughly enjoyed by all who participated.

Hockey SA's mutual relationship with both Country Victoria and the Bendigo Academy continued in 1999, with squads of both boys and girls travelling to Adelaide for training sessions and games against a variety of Hockey SA and SASI teams.

Awards

The Grange Royals Hockey Club won the Premier League premiership, defeating Burnside 1-0 in the Grand Final. Winners of Annual Awards included:

- Ben Edwards (Adelaide Bank Best & Fairest Player - Premier League)
- Dan Kelly (Premier League Highest Goalscorer)

- Tim Pullman (Most Outstanding Umpire)
- Marty Roberts (Gerry Phillips Medal for Coach of the Year)
- Oliver Duckworth (Mutual Community Rookie of the Year)

TASMANIA

Tasmanian Hockey experienced a very busy year, and hockey continued to maintain a high profile in the State.

7th Junior World Cup

With the announcement in March that Hobart had been chosen to host the 7th Men's Junior World Cup in October, 2001, the off-field activity increased significantly. It had been pleasing to be able to form a team of experienced and enthusiastic Board members to ensure successful presentation of this high profile World event. Dr. Michael Vertigan heads the team, bringing a wealth of knowledge to the organising of the event. The 7th Junior World Cup will be held in Hobart from 8-22 October 2001.

National Performances

Tasmanians continued to perform well at National level, with Daniel Sproule and Matthew Wells selected in the Australian Squad, and competing with distinction in the winning Champions Trophy team in Brisbane. Zain Wright toured Malaysia with the AIS team, with Andrew McDonald acting as Manager on this tour. It is pleasing to have three players attending the Youth Camp.

Tasmanian teams were competitive in underage National Championships, with the Northern Hockey Association successfully staging the U18 National Championship in Launceston in June. Spectators could only admire the wealth of talent around the country at this level. Hockey West North West staged an U17 Invitational Tournament at Burnie in September, and the performance of the Tasmanian U16 Development team was a tribute to the team and their coach, Stewart Pither.

Officiating

The development of officials remained a focus, with representation on National Panels for NHL, U21, U18 and Country Championships. We are still working towards the aim of being represented on panels at all levels, and hopefully this will be achieved in 2000. Tasmania has been well represented in Technical appointments, with Ken Read officiating on the International scene, and the level of accreditations allows Tasmanians to be appointed at all levels of events in Tasmania. Again, an increase in qualified technical officials will be a focus in 2000.

National Hockey League

The Tassie Tigers performed well in the National Hockey League, narrowly missing out on making the final four. Coach Ken Read continued the policy of selecting Tasmanians, and this has further developed the confidence of Tasmanian players. Strike forward, Craig Keegan, traveled home from England for the duration, and was rewarded with winning the Top Goalscorer Award for the NHL. The level of financial assistance generated in 1999 was a tribute to the hard-working Management Committee. It has been extremely disappointing for Tasmanian Hockey to have the NHL 2000 moved to Sydney, after it had been awarded to Hobart.

Facility Development

Regions have continued to develop first class facilities around the State. New wet surfaces were completed in Burnie and Smithton, and work commenced on a second surface in Hobart. The latter attracted Government support immediately after the announcement of the location of the Junior World Cup. With this standard of facility in all areas of the State, the standard of hockey will continue to improve.

Player Development

Regions were again supported in their development programs, with additional funding to allow the Northern Regional Development Officer to work on a state-wide basis. This model

State Reports cont'd

proved beneficial and will be further expanded with the appointment of a State Development Officer, funded by both THA and TWHA. Stewart Pither has been appointed to this position and will commence in March, 2000. With a focus on coach education, it is hoped that this will further assist in the development of players in all areas of the State.

Administration

Discussions regarding the formation of a joint State body continued with the women's association, and the new body Hockey Tasmania, should be operational by the end of March. While it will take time to iron out all the problems, it is a positive step towards being able to present hockey with a united front. This united approach will allow hockey to market itself in a more positive way, particularly in the area of attaining sponsorship. This will no doubt be a major focus for the new Board of Hockey Tasmania.

VICTORIA

Highlights of the 1999 year of hockey included:

- Victoria winning the National Under 21 Championship for the fourth time in the 1990s
- Victoria winning the National Under 18 Championship also for the fourth time in the 1990s
- Victoria continuing to be well represented in the Australian senior team with the following players selected during the year: Lachlan Dreher, Jason Duff, James Elmer, Jeremy Hiskins, Jay Stacy and Lachlan Vivian-Taylor
- Jay Stacy becoming the Australian record holder for the most number of internationals played (296 games), eclipsing Mark Hager's record of 240 games
- Jim Irvine, David Coldrey, Graham Reid, Peter Baquie and Pat Farrell continuing in their Australian team roles with Des Piper a member of the national selection panel. The Australian team winning the Champions Trophy in Brisbane in June, defeating Korea in the final
- Colin Batch, the VHS Head Hockey coach, being appointed as the assistant Australian Under 21 coach through to the next Junior World Cup which is due to be held in October 2001 in Hobart
- AIS scholarship holders based in Perth were Jim Thompson and Jason Duff
- Construction of the new State Hockey Centre at Royal Park commenced
- Werribee Hockey Club enjoyed the use of their new synthetic pitch and Doncaster resurfaced their pitch with a wet Desso surface. Footscray also started building a second pitch which will be a wet surface and both Albury-Wodonga Hockey Association and Monash University decided to upgrade their existing sand-filled pitches to wet surfaces for the 2000 season
- Greensborough won their first State League 1 premiership in twenty years and David Wansbrough won his fourth State League 1 Best and Fairest award, the Fin McNab Medal
- VHA in conjunction with the Camberwell Hockey club hosted a Testimonial Dinner for David in June at the Hotel Sofitel at which over three hundred guests attended to hear national coach Terry Walsh, Don Argus and Jay Stacy pay tribute to Wansbrough's hockey career
- The VHA Office through Dallas Riseley and Serena Peters efficiently managed all aspects of the administration of VHA competitions whilst Serena updated the VHA internet page on a daily basis to provide our members with access to relevant hockey information
- VHA, VWHA and VJHA continued to work towards a rationalisation of hockey administration through Hockey

Victoria

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

In WA the 1999 year commenced with a "new" joint office "Hockey WA" with a shared reception, distribution of correspondence and one telephone number which certainly demonstrated to our members a more positive move towards better servicing them. As for the staff, this assisted them to be located in a more suitable and comfortable working environment hence producing a better and efficient service.

The fixturing program took another step forward in 1999 with the women's and men's fixtures being incorporated into one program. This meant one list of fixtures and club sheets which made all the local clubs happy. Another major development this year was that of the WAHA website, which is updated regularly keeping players and supporters updated with coming events, fixtures, gossip and other information.

The National Hockey League once again had an effect on the local Classic League Clubs who lost quite a few players to the various teams throughout Australia. However, the success of the Healthway Perth Thunderssticks demonstrates the strength of our state's competition.

The Healthway Perth Thunderssticks, after only being defeated twice, finished first at the completion of the qualifying round games of the NHL. This was mainly due to a consistent work ethic in training and games, also a healthy competition for positions in the 14 man squad each week. The team then performed to the best of their ability to take out the National Hockey League Premiership by defeating NSW Warriors in the semi-final 5-2 and Queensland Blades in the Final 3-1 in Perth.

Damon Diletti, Paul Gaudoin, Scott Webster, and Bevan George were selected in the National Squad, which ultimately a majority of the 2000 Olympic team will be selected from. Three players Leon Martin, Ian Wishart and Richard Gibson were selected in the National Development Squad.

The Midland Toyota Olympians Medal and Swan Brewery Presentation Dinner was once again a fantastic event and well serviced by our friends at the Novotel Langley, YMCA Coastals' captain, Ian (Wish) Wishart was the runaway winner of the prized Olympians Medal (Classic League fairest and best). This was an incredible effort considering that he missed five weeks of the Classic League season due to National Hockey League commitments with the Healthway Perth Thunderssticks. Other award winners of the evening included: Midland Toyota Golden Whistle Award - John Nettleton; Hockey Action Leading Goal Scorer - Brad Gaudoin (Westside Wolves); Hockey Action Fairest and best Goal Keeper Award - Damon Diletti (UWA); Coca-Cola Junior Player of the Year Award - Richard Gibson (South West Strikers) and Healthway Perth Thunderssticks fairest and best Award - Bevan George. A big thank you to all sponsors who supported the evening and the season.

The one thing that placed a dampener on the 1999 season for WA was the sad loss of Director and Past President Bob Brindley, who will be dearly missed by all for his outstanding contribution to Hockey in WA and at the national level.

Life Memembers & Awards

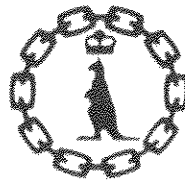


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1947 J H Powell *	Merv Adams*	Jim Irvine	Geraldton Hockey Association (WA)
1949 H A Cormie MBE *	Colin Batch Alan Berry	Stewart Jamieson* T.P (Pat) Jones *	
1951 W Rothwell *	Warren Birmingham Bob Blackbell*	Keith Kemp Malcolm McCrae*	
1953 O P Wood *	Greg Browning Bert Brownlow OAM	John MacKinnon John Mahony*	
1956 F H Levy *	Peter Carter AM Richard Charlesworth AM	Allan Martin Dennis Meredith	
1957 N J Marshall *	Alan Cooper Alan Cowan*	Ron Mills* Keith Murton	
1961 G Moir	Michael Craig Colin Crain *	Jack Nation* David Olson	
1974 F McNab OBE	Ken Crispo Max Daghish *	Laurie Parkes* Bruce Pitt OAM	
1977 A B Hardman	Albert Dillano Jack Edsall *	Ian Pitt Graham Reid	
1978 E A Eastman OBE *	J. Stewart Embling*	Noel Richardson Norm Richardson*	
1980 G.W Moessinger AM	Jack G. Evans*	Ron Riley OAM John Sands	
1985 S Jamieson *	Herb Fibbins*	Doug Schirripa Fred Sermon*	
1986 B. Brownlow OAM F. Yeend AM	Bruce Garratt Don Germein	Ivan Spedding Harry Spice*	
1988 P.G Ryan OBE	Gordon Getley Doug Gill*	Keith Thornton Glen Twidale	
1990 ILA Nederveen AM	Brian Glencross OAM Bruce Goodheart OBE	Grant Waddell Bruce Watt*	
1991 Sir Geoffrey Yeend AC, CBE *	Merv Goodridge Ivan Green	Lindsay Weate Arthur Weir*	
1995 P L Cohen OAM	Stan Griffin Robert Haigh	James Williams George Willoughby	
1996 L Hailey AM J Hampton	Lon Hailey AM Colin Harding*		
1997 C B Nicholas AM	Doug Hill AM Roy Holmes*		
1998 S B Pitt OAM			

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Australian Champions

AUSTRALIAN SENIOR CHAMPIONS

1925	VICTORIA	1951	NEW SOUTH WALES	1973	QUEENSLAND
1926	VICTORIA	1952	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1974	QUEENSLAND
1927	NEW SOUTH WALES	1953	NEW SOUTH WALES	1975	WESTERN AUSTRALIA
1928	SOUTH AUSTRALIA	1954	QUEENSLAND	1976	WESTERN AUSTRALIA
1929	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1955	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1977	WESTERN AUSTRALIA
1930	VICTORIA	1956	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1978	SOUTH AUSTRALIA
1931	NO COMPETITION	1957	NEW SOUTH WALES	1979	WESTERN AUSTRALIA
1932	QUEENSLAND	1958	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1980	SOUTH AUSTRALIA
1933	QUEENSLAND	1959	QUEENSLAND	1981	WESTERN AUSTRALIA
1934	QUEENSLAND	1960	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1982	WESTERN AUSTRALIA
1935	NEW SOUTH WALES	1961	QUEENSLAND	1983	WESTERN AUSTRALIA
1936	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1962	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1984	WESTERN AUSTRALIA
1937	QUEENSLAND	1963	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1985	VICTORIA
1938	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1964	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1986	WESTERN AUSTRALIA
1939	QUEENSLAND	1965	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1987	WESTERN AUSTRALIA
1940	NO COMPETITION	1966	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1988	VICTORIA
1945	NO COMPETITION	1967	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1989	NEW SOUTH WALES
1946	VICTORIA	1968	QUEENSLAND	1990	NEW SOUTH WALES
1947	QUEENSLAND	1969	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1991	WESTERN AUSTRALIA
1948	QUEENSLAND	1970	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1992	VICTORIA
1949	NEW SOUTH WALES	1971	VICTORIA		
1950	WESTERN AUSTRALIA QUEENSLAND	1972	SOUTH AUSTRALIA WESTERN AUSTRALIA		

AUSTRALIAN INDOOR CHAMPIONS (Senior Division)

1977	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1985	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1993	NEW SOUTH WALES
1978	NEW SOUTH WALES	1986	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1994	ACT
1979	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1987	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1995	VICTORIA
1980	VICTORIA	1988	QUEENSLAND	1996	NEW SOUTH WALES
1981	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1989	NEW SOUTH WALES	1997	WESTERN AUSTRALIA
1982	NEW SOUTH WALES	1990	NEW SOUTH WALES	1998	ACT
1983	NEW SOUTH WALES	1991	NEW SOUTH WALES	1999	NEW SOUTH WALES
1984	NEW SOUTH WALES	1992	NEW SOUTH WALES		

AUSTRALIAN INDOOR CHAMPIONS (Under 19 Division)

1990	QUEENSLAND	1994	QUEENSLAND	1998	WESTERN AUSTRALIA
1991	VICTORIA	1995	NEW SOUTH WALES	1999	NEW SOUTH WALES (U21)
1992	VICTORIA	1996	VICTORIA		
1993	NORTHERN TERRITORY	1997	QUEENSLAND		

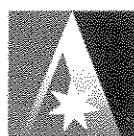
AUSTRALIAN UNDER 21 CHAMPIONS

1946	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1964	QUEENSLAND	1982	WESTERN AUSTRALIA
1947	VICTORIA	1965	SOUTH AUSTRALIA	1983	WESTERN AUSTRALIA
1948	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1966	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1984	NEW SOUTH WALES
1949	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1967	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1985	VICTORIA
1950	NEW SOUTH WALES	1968	SOUTH AUSTRALIA	1986	QUEENSLAND
1951	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1969	NEW SOUTH WALES	1987	NEW SOUTH WALES
1952	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1970	SOUTH AUSTRALIA	1988	WESTERN AUSTRALIA
1953	QUEENSLAND	1971	SOUTH AUSTRALIA	1989	VICTORIA
1954	NEW SOUTH WALES	1972	VICTORIA	1990	NEW SOUTH WALES



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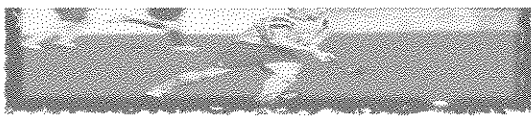
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Australian Champions cont'd

AUSTRALIAN UNDER 21 CHAMPIONS

1955	NEW SOUTH WALES	1973	SOUTH AUSTRALIA	1991	QUEENSLAND
1956	QUEENSLAND	1974	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1992	VICTORIA
1957	NEW SOUTH WALES	1975	SOUTH AUSTRALIA	1993	VICTORIA
1958	QUEENSLAND	1976	QUEENSLAND	1994	QUEENSLAND
1959	NEW SOUTH WALES	1977	QUEENSLAND	1995	NEW SOUTH WALES
1960	NEW SOUTH WALES	1978	VICTORIA	1996	WESTERN AUSTRALIA
1961	QUEENSLAND	1979	VICTORIA	1997	QUEENSLAND
1962	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1980	VICTORIA	1998	VICTORIA
1963	QUEENSLAND	1981	SOUTH AUSTRALIA	1999	VICTORIA

AUSTRALIAN UNDER 16/17/18 CHAMPIONS*

1950	NEW SOUTH WALES	1967	NEW SOUTH WALES	1984	WESTERN AUSTRALIA
1951	NEW SOUTH WALES	1968	QUEENSLAND	1985	NEW SOUTH WALES
1952	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1969	NEW SOUTH WALES	1986	QUEENSLAND
1953	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1970	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1987	VICTORIA
1954	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1971	QUEENSLAND	1988	VICTORIA
1955	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1972	NEW SOUTH WALES	1989	QUEENSLAND
1956	QUEENSLAND	1973	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1990	WESTERN AUSTRALIA
1957	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1974	NEW SOUTH WALES	1991	WESTERN AUSTRALIA
1958	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1975	VICTORIA	1992	VICTORIA
1959	QUEENSLAND	1976	QUEENSLAND	1993	NEW SOUTH WALES
1960	VICTORIA	1977	VICTORIA	1994	VICTORIA
1961	NEW SOUTH WALES	1978	QUEENSLAND	1995	NEW SOUTH WALES
1962	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1979	VICTORIA	1996	NEW SOUTH WALES
1963	SOUTH AUSTRALIA	1980	NEW SOUTH WALES	1997	VICTORIA
1964	NEW SOUTH WALES	1981	QUEENSLAND	1998	WESTERN AUSTRALIA
1965	SOUTH AUSTRALIA	1982	QUEENSLAND	1999	VICTORIA
1966	NEW SOUTH WALES	1983	NEW SOUTH WALES		

AUSTRALIAN UNDER 15 CHAMPIONS*

1980	QUEENSLAND	1987	QUEENSLAND	1994	QUEENSLAND
1981	NEW SOUTH WALES	1988	QUEENSLAND	1995	NEW SOUTH WALES
1982	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1989	NEW SOUTH WALES	1996	WESTERN AUSTRALIA
1983	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1990	VICTORIA	1997	VICTORIA
1984	NEW SOUTH WALES	1991	NEW SOUTH WALES	1998	QUEENSLAND
1985	NEW SOUTH WALES	1992	NEW SOUTH WALES	1999	WESTERN AUSTRALIA
1986	QUEENSLAND	1993	NEW SOUTH WALES		

* Under 16 to 1981. Under 17 from 1981-1992. Under 18 from 1992

** Under 14 to 1982. Under 15 from 1983

AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY CHAMPIONS

1989	NEW SOUTH WALES	1993	NEW SOUTH WALES	1997	NEW SOUTH WALES
1990	NEW SOUTH WALES	1994	NEW SOUTH WALES	1998	QUEENSLAND
1991	QUEENSLAND	1995	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	1999	QUEENSLAND
1992	QUEENSLAND	1996	NEW SOUTH WALES		

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

1991	BRISBANE BLADES	1994	DNP	1997	NSW WARRIORS
1992	PERTH THUNDERSTICKS	1995	PERTH THUNDERSTICKS	1998	MELBOURNE REDBACKS
1993	PERTH THUNDERSTICKS	1996	MELBOURNE REDBACKS	1999	PERTH THUNDERSTICKS



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