



Welcome to the latest edition of *SCREECH*, Newsletter of the ACT Masters Hockey Association.

TRANS-TASMAN SUCCESS FOR ACT PLAYERS

The 2023 Trans-Tasman Masters Hockey Challenge has finished with Australian Masters teams comprehensively running out overall winners. A four year hiatus due to COVID interruptions did not diminish the intensity of the competition or the rivalry between Kiwi and Aussie players.

The event was conducted in Christchurch between 2 and 6 May with men’s teams completing 3 test matches in 9 age groups from 35+ to 75+ and 7 women’s age groups from 35+ to 65+. The men’s teams achieved a clean sweep of all their age groups, but not without some spirited competition, while the women’s teams won 5 of their 7 age divisions. A summary of all match results is contained in the table.

The contingents were also fortunate to be able to watch Pro-League matches between Australia, New Zealand and Great Britain men’s and women’s teams prior to the Masters series getting underway.

ACT Masters Hockey had six men’s players representing Australia – Steve Graham (70s), Mark McElligott and Peter Shepherd (65s), Chris McCarthy (45s) and Matt Hotchkis and Dan McPherson (40s). ACT Women’s masters playing representing Australia



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ACT Masters Hockey respectfully acknowledges the traditional Custodians of the lands throughout the Australia on which we play our great game. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.



were Angela Carpini (60s), Jenny Feltham (55s), Kim Addison and Reita Holmes (45s), Sharni Barton (40s) and Rebecca Hotchkis (35s).

Congratulations to all.

Mark McElligott

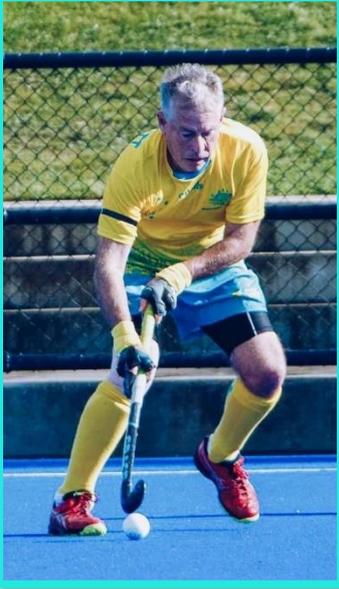
Victorious
Australian
O/65 Team



Trans-Tasman Masters results summary (unofficial)

	Women			Men		
75				3-0	8-0	7-0 🏆
70				1-0	2-1	0-2 🏆
65	1-1	3-1	3-1 🏆	3-0	4-3	7-0 🏆
60	4-0	3-0	1-0 🏆	2-1	2-0	3-1 🏆
55	1-1	0-0	1-1 (1-2) <small>shoot out</small>	2-1	2-5	4-3 🏆
50	0-2	1-4	1-2	4-1	7-1	2-0 🏆
45	0-1	3-0	6-1 🏆	3-0	4-1	6-1 🏆
40	1-2	2-1	3-0 🏆	3-0	3-0	2-1 🏆
35	1-1	4-0	2-3 🏆	2-4	2-1	3-2 🏆





Peter Shepherd (65s), Steve Graham (70s)
and Mark McElligott (65s)

HA MASTERS INDIGENOUS DESIGN STICK PRESENTED TO NZ HOCKEY



At the recent Trans-Tasman Challenge held in Christchurch, HAMC were privileged to present a hockey stick with Indigenous stick design, created by Naomi Smith from the Australian 40+ Women's team, to Hockey New Zealand president Pam Elgar.



Presented to Hockey New Zealand Masters
by Hockey Australia Masters
2023 Oceania Trans Tasman Masters Hockey Challenge

The front represents Aboriginal people:



The Kangaroo and Emu - represent the Australian Coat of Arms and symbolises moving forward, based on the fact that neither animal can move backwards easily.

Emu - represents time for moving and engaging, there is always a way you can move forward.

Kangaroo - represents stamina and strength, new life, new beginnings, they are a creator spirit.

The Kookaburra - represents the Australian Men's hockey team. It also represents waking each day with happiness in our hearts from the sound of his laughing call.

The carpet snake - represents Creation. The snake has been used as a symbol of strength, creativity and continuity. Symbolising the relationship of clan members to each other, to our ancestors and the past, and to particular places or sites.

The back represents Torres Strait Island people:



Dhari (centre) the main headdress which is used in cultural ceremonies and dance. It is the main part of the Torres Strait Island flag, symbolising their people, islands and peace.

Barramundi - Symbolises good luck and abundance. It is a major food source and can be found in many rock art sites throughout northern Australia signifying its cultural importance.

White Breasted Eagle - Is important to coastal indigenous people, it is also located along inland rivers. The Eagle can also be a totem for some groups, representing strength and good parenting, giving us messages about clan and family groups, providing knowledge on hunting practices and environmental events on Country.

Turtle - Symbolising wisdom, patience and strength, is known as a traveller. Travelling all over the world before returning home to where they were born. Being a food source and totem the turtle holds a valuable place within most coastal indigenous communities.

Crayfish- "painted crays" are vegetarian, making them impossible to be caught in a cage. They can symbolise humility.



ONE FLEW OVER THE COCKY'S NEST

..... OR NEVER LET THE TRUTH GET IN THE WAY OF A GOOD STORY

As I fly my way around the ACT Masters Hockey traps I am constantly reminded of that old Ken McCasland saying "...if it looks like a duck, walks like a duck and quacks like a duck it is probably Bob Parkes recovering in the aftermath of Thursday Happy Hour Hockey." Despite Mother Nature's recent attempts to burn, drown and freeze our elder statesmen, the turn up remains strong, the skill level questionable and the post-game stories longer than Pinocchio's nose.



With the cold snap taking hold spare a thought for hockey players in New Zealand, where the Canteen selection of sandwiches, chips and muffins come second to a good supply of Hot Water Bottles!

My spies in Christchurch tell me that these were gone by lunch time on day 1 of play in the recent FIH Pro-League.



The Monday Night *United Hockey Club* Team recently took delivery of their new *Life Member Transport Aid*. Designed to carry Life Members from the change room to the playing dugouts the carts are powered by a state-of-the-art Midfielder, running on sports drinks and half-time lollies. Other clubs are expected to follow as stocks become available at the Hockey Shop.



At the recent AGM the **2023 Committee** was elected to represent you and our Association.

The new Committee is:

President	Leo Clarke
Vice President	Craig Johnston
Secretary	Bob Parkes
Treasurer	Warwick Bray
Members	Conway Bogg
	Alan Chapman
	Doug Dawson
	Scott Lyddiard
	Mark McElligott
	Clive Sear
	Peter Shepherd
	Brett Wallace
	Harvey Worboys



President Leo ordering two more bowls of chips



Yes Parksie, that is cocky crap

LIFENIGHT 2023 UPDATE

Ooops I hit send too quickly on my recent report **YOUR** generous support saw us raise **\$2840** A fantastic effort.

Screech

Reporter-at-Large, ACT Masters Hockey Assn



NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN FOR GOULBURN MASTERS O/55, O/60 & O/65 TEAMS

Goulburn Masters Hockey are calling for nominations for teams to attend the NSW Masters State Championships.

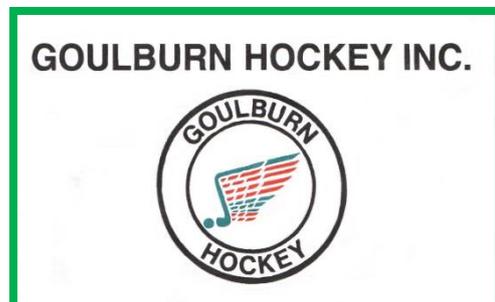
In 2023, the **over 65s** are on in **Tamworth on Friday 2- Sunday 4 June**: depending on numbers, Goulburn have previously sent a Div 1 and a Div 2 team.

The **over 60s** are on in Newcastle on **Friday 21 - Sunday 23 July**: in 2022 Goulburn sent a Div 2 team and came away as inaugural winners of the Division.

If you are interested in playing at either of these events please respond to Mark McElligott at umpire-contact@actmastershockey.com

The **over 55s** are on in Port Macquarie from **Friday 30 June to Sunday 2 July**. If you are interested please contact Conway Bogg, Secretary of Goulburn Masters Hockey, on boggc@bigpond.com

Details regarding entry costs and accommodation costs will be forwarded when team numbers are settled. Hockey NSW are piloting an independent Umpiring Panel for all State Championships. If you are interested contact Mark McElligott at umpire-contact@actmastershockey.com



Responses appreciated ASAP.

GRAPEVINE E-MAIL ACCOUNTS CLOSING

Are you a Grapevine user ? Grapevine, nCable and Octa4 email services have reached End of Life and will be closed from **6 June 2023**.

This closure affects all Grapevine email services

(e.g. username@grapevine.com.au or username@homemail.com.au),

nCable services (eg. username@ncable.net.au or username@nCable.com.au), and

Octa4 services (EG username@octa4.net.au).



DON'T FORGET TO UPDATE YOUR E-MAIL WITH ACT MASTERS HOCKEY WHEN YOU CHANGE

You can find out more information here:

https://help.iinet.net.au/email-service-closure?fbclid=IwAR3p1lfJcu0-plGukrn8WW_kvGh2a5Lc_rajK8xlhtFC5MIh4z-ys-2v11U



NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN FOR 2023 HA MASTERS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



Nominations for ACT Masters Teams to compete in Perth at the HA Masters National Championships are **STILL OPEN** on the ACT Masters website.

Go to: <https://www.actmastershockey.com/2023-hockey-australia-mens-national-championships-nomination-form/>

JOIN THE FUN & HOCKEY ACTION IN PERTH 2023



Nominations close **SOON**

Need accommodation options? check out the Nomination Page for more information.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS & REGISTRATION 2023

After a fantastic response from players, and much hard work by team coordinators & managers, the Association has only **9** members yet to be fully registered for 2023, out of our **400+** members. Registration is mandatory to play in ACT Masters competitions, including Monday Nights, and ensures all participants are covered under the Hockey Australia Sports Insurance Policy.



**Make sure you are protecting
yourself and your mates.**

Go to: <https://www.actmastershockey.com/registration-membership-2023/>

If you strike a problem, please speak to your Team Coordinator ASAP.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Don't forget to mark your diaries with these upcoming events

	Every Thu	Happy Hour Hockey
	2-4 Jun 23	NSW Champs 45 & 65s (Tamworth)
	30 Jun-2 Jul 23	NSW Champs 55s (Port Macquarie)
	21-23 Jul 23	NSW Champs 60s (Newcastle)

2023 ACT MASTERS HOCKEY CALENDAR

The updated calendars of all Masters hockey events involving the ACT, NSW and HA is available on the ACT Masters Hockey website.

Follow the link to download the calendar in PDF format:

<https://www.actmastershockey.com/act-masters-calendars/>

The calendar now also includes a yearly planner, making it easy to see events across the year in a single glance.



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AND
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MASTERS
HOCKEY

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