

ACT Masters Hockey

Screech July 2021

Apart from the regular Monday night and Thursday afternoon comps, the focus of ACT Masters is now on preparation for the Australian Championships– fingers crossed - Covid permitting.

Last month also saw the presentation of a cheque from the Life Night proceedings to support for prostate cancer.



Sadly, we have to report the passing of Rod Dickinson; a good friend of ACT hockey from Orange, who regularly played in the Tradies Cup. Amazingly, Rod fronted up this March despite his illness. More details are given below by Leo. We pass on our condolences to his wife Carmel

Life Night – Distribution of proceeds

Hockey Happy Hour provided a good occasion for Leo to pass on a cheque to Greg McRoberts, ACT President - ACT & Region Prostate Cancer Support Group. Greg and the Support Group were very appreciative of our interest and financial contribution. We enjoyed having personal contact with one group we are supporting.



Look out rest of Australia!

ACT 60s and 65s have started regular training

Last Thursday, under coaches Mark McElligott and Craig Johnston, the ACT 60s and 65s began training. Their focus is on team set plays and other drills, with a view to being better prepared at the nationals. It's great to see us doing what the other States have been doing for a long time.





ACT Teams - Australian Championships

ACT has the following teams in the Championships.

O/45 - Captain and Coach – Darren Williams

O/55 – Captain and Coach- Ollie Raymond

O/60 – Captain and Coach- Craig Johnston

O/65 – Captain and Coach- Mark McElligott

O/70– Captain – Dennis Lovell, Coach- Steve Jakiwczyk

O/75 – Captain – Alan Chapman, Coach- John (Nugget) O’Brian

Full details are on the website. Congratulations to those selected and best of luck.

Vale Rocket Rod Dickinson

Sadly, we pass on the news that a good friend of Canberra Hockey, Rocket Rod passed away on Sunday 11 July.

Rod was a late convert to hockey, but gave the game all he had, and then some. He and his wife Carmel were regular visitors and strong supporters of the Tradies Cup. Originally from Orange, Rod has played all but one Tradies Cup. He played with Canberra North and Macarthur when Orange couldn't muster a team. His last Tradies Cup was in March this year. Rod told me that *he didn't play against doctor's orders, he just didn't tell the doctor he was playing* - just in case he said no.

That was Rod - no point lying around, better to play while you can. Our thoughts and prayers go to Carmel, Rod's constant companion and manager. *Leo Clarke*

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