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# THE RED RAG

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## A Champion Club, A Club of Champions

### President Report

I reported last year in our August Red Rag, the following:

“As reported in the April Red Rag, the club has been asked to look at our current management structures/constitution. I advised then that the process was underway and I can confirm that this is still the case. We should be able to review the changes for recommendation at the final management committee meeting of the year in October, to then have as an agenda item on this year's AGM (December). I look forward to getting this across the line.”

Well, a few things got in the way of that process, but we are now working towards definitely restructuring the club's management for consideration at this year's AGM. There will be no real change to the operations of the club in terms of the management positions in place, rather, the primary change is the reduction in the numbers of the people that make up the management committee.

At present, the club's constitution allows for 13 people on the management committee – we will be looking to reduce that number to around 6 or 7 for better efficiencies, with those moving off the management committee, in general terms, simply reporting in to the new committee members.

This is in line with other clubs and other sporting bodies and will enable our committee at its meetings to look at more significant issues rather than many of the day to day operational issues of the club which occurs now. Having a committee of 13 is simply too many.

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In terms of the club's constitution, the changes are not significant at all and will simply involve the need to redefine who sits on the committee.

As indicated before, the committee positions might look like this:

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Mens Convenor
6. Womens Convenor
7. Junior Convenor

which allows an odd number on the board and would only necessitate a casting vote by the President in extraordinary situations.

This structure sees each area of the club being fairly represented, ably supported by an executive of Pres, VP, Secretary and Treasurer.

A quorum would consist of 4 for any meeting to be convened, with at least 2 of those 4 comprising President, VP, Secretary or Treasurer.

All other roles within the club will be determined by that committee and the more the merrier.

I will look to have the current committee resolve the proposed structure by Aug/Sep, for consideration at this year's AGM for implementation in 2017 season.

I will look to have this communicated to all club members via the Red Rag in say October, with more formal notification to follow in probably Oct/Nov for our December AGM.

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# Secretary Report

Dear Glebe DHC members,

Welcome to the May edition of the Red Rag 2016. I first, must express my many thanks to the various working parts of the Glebe DHC who are involved in either organising, training, playing, coaching and supporting the Club. The Glebe DHC is still going strong after 86 years of continual operation in the Glebe District area. Fortunately there have been enough selfless, capable people around to care and nurture the Club through all those years. Currently the Club services over 500 playing members including Men, Women and Juniors as well as over 150 social members who follow the life and times of the Glebe DHC.

## Stronger Community Grants

If Glebe DHC members recall in last Months Red Rag I reported on the submission of the Strong Community Grants programme in which the Glebe DHC submitted a proposal for the acquisition of new goals for Jubilee Oval home games and also a fit out and kitchen upgrade in the Glebe DHC Clubhouse to accommodate players, parents and supporters during Wednesday night training and game days of a Saturday morning. The Glebe DHC Management Committee is yet to hear back as to the success or failure of these submission but I will endeavour to keep all Club members updated with the latest information on this front.

## Community Sport Forum

Linda Scott a Labor councillor for the City of Sydney Council is putting together a community sports forum to discuss the City's recent study on the increasing demand for new sporting facilities and how we can work together to get the City to finally start delivering these much needed facilities. The City of Sydney is vastly in need of sporting facilities rather than the status quo of providing more and more open recreational space. Open recreation space is fine but in my view it does not actually get bums of seats. It is worth noting that since the year 1985 there has been a 26% increase in the number of obese children in Australia. It is estimated that by year 2025, one third of Australian children will be overweight or obese. Therefore Councils and governments need to get young people out and moving which is why local sporting organisations need to be encourage, fostered, nurtured, promoted and cared for so as they can flourish in their local area.

The workshop is scheduled for the 8th of June 2016 from 7 - 8pm at the Sydney of City Council Chambers, Town Hall Sydney. If any Glebe DHC member would like to attend please drop me a line for more information. Or if any Red Rag readers have any particular thoughts on the matter please do not hesitate to contact the Red Rag.

### *Red Rag Correspondence*

I recently received a letter from an old Club member by the name of Trevor Vanderputt who is now living over in Western Australia. Trevor has been a regular recipient of the Red Rag for many years and enjoys following the life and times of the Club.

Trevor went on to remark that he arrived at the Club in 1969 which is close to 50 years ago this year, in which he spent five years living in Sydney and playing hockey with the Glebe DHC. He remembers fondly joining the Club and playing the game he loved and meeting players like Robert 'Charlie' Brown and brothers, Patrick Nilan, Bill Stubbs and Graeme Gilmour who coincidentally are all stalwarts and life members of the Glebe DHC. What stuck with me most from Trevor's letter was that his fondest memories from his time at the Club were not the games he had won or lost or the premierships he had won but the atmosphere and wonderful friendships which he had made along the way.

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## Men's News

The 2016 has provided mix results for the Glebe DHC senior men's teams thus far. It seems the tough decision to go from six to five teams in 2016 although a little disappointing but a stark reality has made the management and selections of teams a little easier. Players are now not required to double up and play consecutive games and has allowed a certain amount of wiggle room considering that injuries and travel are an inevitable part of the modern game and Club dynamic.



### *Senior Men's Umpiring Duties*

Assistant Club Secretary Alister Cullen will be calling for Senior Men's players to umpire roughly every second week Glebe Junior games. It should work out that a senior player will only have to perform this duty once throughout the season. So I am asking in advance please make Al's job easy and the Glebe DHC management does not consider this asking to much of it's playing members.

### *Senior Playing Fee's 2016*

The 2016 Fee's have now been set and communicated to the Glebe DHC Senior Men's, Women's and Junior players of the Club. Players please make sure you pay these on or before the due date to be eligible for the early bird offer.

#### **Men:**

	Early Fee	Late Fee
Full Fee	500	600
Goalkeeper	150	200
Student	350	420
Junior (First Year in Seniors)	260	300

#### **Women:**

	Early Fee	Late Fee
Full Fee	470	560
Goalkeeper	130	180
Student	320	400
Junior (First Year in Seniors)	240	290

Cut of date for discounted fees to apply is the **7th July 2016**

**All fees must be paid by 31 July.**

*Month of Hockey ahead***Saturday 4th June 2016 - Round 7**

Grade	Opponent	Venue	Time
PL1: Glebe DHC 1st Grade	UNSW	Daceyville	14:00
PL2: Glebe DHC 2nd Grade	UNSW	Daceyville	12:30pm
PL3: Glebe DHC 3rd Grade	UNSW	Daceyville	20:00
PL4: Glebe DHC 4th Grade	UNSW	Daceyville	18:30
SL2: Glebe DHC 5th Grade	Moorebank - Liverpool	Moorebank	18:30

**Saturday 18th June 2016 - Round 8 Glebe - Briars Day**

Grade	Opponent	Venue	Time
PL3 (Women's 3rd Grade	Briars	Cintra	12pm
ML3	Briars	Cintra	13:30
PL2 Glebe DHC 2nd Grade	Briars	Cintra	3pm
ML1	Briars	Cintra	16:30
PL1 Glebe DHC 2nd Grade	Briars	Cintra	18:00 - 18:15
PL4 Glebe DHC 4th Grade	Briars	Cintra	19:30 - 19:45
SL2: Glebe DHC 5th Grade	Ryde	Homebush - Pitch 2	18:30

**Saturday 25th June 2016 - Round 9**

Grade	Opponent	Venue	Time
PL1: Glebe DHC 1st Grade	Bankstown	Cintra	15:30
PL2: Glebe DHC 2nd Grade	Easts	Cintra	17:00
PL3: Glebe DHC 3rd Grade	Bankstown	Cintra	18:30
PL4: Glebe DHC 4th Grade	Easts	Cintra	14:00
SL2: Glebe DHC 5th Grade	Moorebank - Liverpool	Cintra	12:30pm



# Women's News

# Juniors News

## *Glebe DHC Players represent at the U/15 State Championships*

Well done to the Sydney East Hockey Association (SEHA) U/15 boys team who finished runners up at the recent State Championships held in Tamworth. The State Championships was played from the 27th May - 29th May over three days. With only 1 loss throughout the round games, the team earned a spot in the Division 1 semi finals. The team defeated Met South

West 1 - 0 to advance to the final where they would meet Newcastle. The boys played the championships with great commitment but unfortunately went down to Newcastle 3-0 in the final. Well done SEHA U15 Boys RUNNERS UP in Div 1 State Championships. To top off a great championship the SEHA U15 boys won the 'Play the Whistle' Award.

The team featured four Glebe DHC junior players in Riley Nilan, Tim Pritchard, Jonah Riley and Rodrigo Pedraza Luna who are currently playing senior men's hockey for the Glebe DHC. The team was also coached by Glebe DHC stalwart Matthew Wark and managed by Briony Nilan. Well done to all involved on a fantastic achievement.



*The SEHA u/15 boys team 2016*

## *Sam Alexander - Prideaux selected in the U/18 Hockey NSW Team*

A massive congratulations to Sam Alexander-Prideaux, who was recently selected to the final men's NSW U/18 team, our first rep in this age group for a fair few years. Sam has also recently become a full-time 1st grade squad member after a flying start to the season. The Glebe DHC is very proud of Sam's extraordinary progress in recent years. Congratulations to Sam and his family!!!

Sam will compete at the 2016 Under 18 Australian National Championships: 8-17 July to be held in Launceston, Tasmania. Sam was selected at the conclusion of the U/18 State Championships held at Bathurst and from all reports had an outstanding Championship playing for the SEHA.

## *Jasmine Howe - Plays 100th Junior Game*

Well done to Jasmine Howe who just recently played her 100th junior game for the Club. Jasmine following in the footsteps of older brother Dylan and Jackson is quickly asserting herself as one of the Glebe DHC brightest young stars. Her ability in the net grows all the time with her confidence to attack the ball improving week in and week out. Her commitment and hard work has seen Jasmine selected for the U13 Girls NSW State Squad and she has recently transitioned in to senior women hockey with the Club. Well done Jasmine on a fine achievement. We look forward to seeing you in the maroon and white for many years to come.



## *Glebe Minkey and U/9's*

The Glebe DHC Minkey program continues to go from strength to strength down at Jubilee Oval Glebe of a Saturday morning. Minkey orchestrator, Coach and Glebe DHC Life Member Vernon Howe who is in his 20th year as Minkey coach is in as good as form as ever. The Minkey cohort regularly features 30 - 35 young players eager to try their hand at this great game of ours. Were participation and fun are the main objectives.



## Social News

The Glebe District Hockey Club would like to extend it's congratulations to Club stalwart Adam Campano and his partner Rebecca on the birth of their first child Axel Felix Campano born on the 30th April 2016 at 5:41am at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital (RPA) Camperdown.

Both Rebecca and Axel are doing well and Adam has been quoted as saying that, Axel is already looking forward to going to his first Wests Tigers home game at Leichhardt Oval and to watch his Dad play hockey for the Glebe DHC.

Adam grew up in Alexandra Rd Glebe, a stones throw away from the Hockey Clubs spiritual home Jubilee Oval. Having not come from a Hockey background Adam was nurtured and encouraged through the Junior ranks by Club players and members at the time.

Adam has played as high as 2nd grade and also played off the bench for 1st grade when required. A tough competitor on the field, Adam has a good eye, a sound tackle and a surprising turn of speed. Adam has never played a bad game for Glebe always giving a 100% for himself, his team-mates, the team and the Club.

If the Hockey Club is only as good as it members then the Hockey Club has been extremely lucky to have Adam as one. Adam at times has unselfishly dedicated much of his time, effort and talents to the service of the Hockey Club. He has coached Junior and Senior teams, captained senior teams and served on the Club Management Committee in varying roles over many years.

Adam has always treated Club members in a fair and equitable manner and has always tried to uphold the true traditions of the Club at all times. Whether it be playing, coaching or supporting Adam is Glebe through and through.

Once again congratulations to both Adam and Rebecca on the birth of your son Axel. The Glebe faithful can not wait to see him out at the hockey this year.



## Social Events

There are currently two important Glebe DHC social events on the horizon and it would be fantastic if Glebe DHC could support these events.

- 1.) State of Origin, Game 1, will be shown on the big screen at the clubhouse at Jubilee Oval, after juniors training with a BBQ put on by Googa. There'll be a Glebe NSW vs Glebe QLD touch footy game on beforehand. Bring your spikes!!! (Just kidding). All family and friends welcome.
- 2.) Glebe vs Briars Day: Saturday 18th June 2016. Games start at Cintra from 12pm. There will be an function held after the days play at the Glebe DHC - Clubhouse from 7:30pm. Hope to see you all out at the hockey and down at the Clubhouse afterwards to discuss the days play.




**WARK - TREVENAR CUP  
GLEBE VS BRIARS  
ANNUAL DERBY DAY  
AFTER PARTY**

**The Glebe DHC - Clubhouse**  
**Saturday 18th June 2016**  
**7:30pm onwards**

The annual Trevenar-Wark Cup round is here and Glebe is looking to retain the trophy after a good win last year. No matter their positions on the table, the games are always close ones with this being one of the more important fixtures on the calendar for the two clubs.

As is tradition, there will also be a big celebration at the clubhouse to follow and celebrate what will hopefully be a victory to the Dirty Reds!

**STATE OF ORIGIN 1**



State of Origin 1 Wednesday June 1st 2016 - Glebe DHC Clubhouse

The State of Origin will be shown LIVE on the Big screen @ The Clubhouse at Jubilee Oval after juniors training with a BBQ to be put on for dinner by Googa. Glebe NSW vs Glebe QLD curtain raiser touch footy game on at 6:30pm. Bring your spikes!!!! (Just kidding)



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# Around the Grounds

## *A Synthetic Grass Field in the Glebe Area- Why NOT! - By Harry Wark - Glebe DHC Life Member*

The article shown below was displayed on the Waverley Council Web Site.

Grassroots sports will benefit from synthetic field

Waverley Council has joined many schools and councils in voting to introduce a synthetic playing surface in the area.

This will result in hundreds of Waverley children having access to a playing field at Waverley Park next year.

The Council will introduce a state-of-the-art synthetic field on Waverley Oval 2, providing funding can be allocated to the project in the 2015/16 Council budget.

Waverley Oval 2 is a full sized field but only has about 30 hours availability each week and it's at capacity with local winter clubs.

Council spends about \$100,000 and closes it for up to five months a year to maintain the field.

A synthetic field will provide more than 80 hours of availability a week. This would create about 4000 hours of availability each year because the ground won't need to close.

Waverley Mayor Sally Betts said Waverley was the most densely populated area in Australia and the community, especially the children, desperately needed more recreational space.

"More than 14 per cent of Waverley's population is under 14 years old, which is more than 8,000 children," she said.

"If we convert the oval into a synthetic field we will be providing many of these children the chance to use it."

She said she was excited to be working on the area's recreational facilities for the future.

"We have had interest from at least six other local schools, so we anticipate we will be able to give almost 400 school children access to the oval every day," she said.

"And it means we can consider expanding our school holiday program to incorporate more outdoor activities as well."

Cr Betts said the Council would ensure passive recreation users, and especially dog owners, had access to large portions of the park even though the park had been used as an active recreation park for many years.

"We will also encourage schools to walk or bring children to the ground on buses to avoid congestion when the oval was converted into a synthetic field to protect the amenity of local residents," she said. The benefits of a synthetic field were endless.



“It means schools can use it all year, including during wet weather, the surface is safe, we save water and there’s less maintenance required,” she said.

“And recycled materials would be used so that the whole project would be sustainable in the future.”

Council has also agreed to investigate the feasibility and consult with residents about converting Oval 3 into a synthetic turf field with ancillary undercover facilities.

Fencing is also being considered for both ovals.

Council’s Recreation Needs Study and the Waverley Park Plan of Management recommended increasing the provision of community sport and recreation opportunities.

## *Dear Readers*

The article shown above indicates that residents in a highly built-up local area such as Waverley are prepared to accept the downsides of having a synthetic grass field installed on a local playing field, in order to provide for active sporting opportunities for local people, particularly the youth of the area.

The City of Sydney Council, which is the Local Council for the Glebe District has asked interested people for comment on its proposal to spend 400 million dollars over ten years on the Open Space, Sports and Recreational Needs of City of Sydney Residents and Visitors.

A synopsis of the Open Space, Sports and Recreation Needs Study is shown on the City of Sydney Web Site.

Comments can be submitted up until Friday 1 July 2016 and I encourage Red Rag readers to complete the survey on the City of Sydney Web Site and inform the City of Sydney Planers of the upside in installing a synthetic field in the Glebe Area.

The City of Sydney Planers tell us that a third of the Harold Park Site where 1,250 flats have been, or are being built is dedicated open space. Significantly more open space has come on stream in Glebe in recent times, but none of it is for team sporting activities.

Leichhardt Council was the Local Council for the Glebe Area up until 2005 and in the late 1990s it purchased land adjacent to the Crescent Annandale, to be added to Federal Park and used for recreational purposes. In 2015 the City of Sydney Council built a Childcare Centre on this land abutting Federal Park, which Leichhardt Council had purchase for open space, sports and recreational needs.

Why did the childcare centre not go on land within the Harold Park Re-Development Site and leave the land abutting Federal Park to be added to the Area’s Open Space Supply? I support the concept of building more childcare centres, but why build them on land that should become Public Open Space, Sports and Recreational Space.

I suggested to the City of Sydney Council that the childcare centre be built inside the Harold Park Re-Development Site, leaving the land near The Crescent to be incorporated into Federal Park, which was the reason the land was purchased by Leichhardt Council. As a third of the Harold Park Site was dedicated for Public Use than fitting in a childcare centre to cater for 90 children into the available

area should have been easily achievable. My suggestion was ignored and my confidence in Council's ability to provide new facilities for the active recreational needs of local residents is low.

For decades the Open Space, Sports and Recreational needs of the residents and visitors of the City of Sydney Council Area has been a low priority on the Agenda of the City of Sydney Council. I am encouraged by the latest Open Space, Sports and Recreational Needs Study.

From past experience I know that vocal, well organised, minority groups have had major influences on Council out of proportion to their numbers. In the past I have seen the needs of the vast majority overlooked on account of the bleating's of a small minority group. I suspect this is what is going to happen with the City of Sydney Open Space, Sports and Recreational Needs Study.

The Glebe District Hockey Club has provided an active recreational opportunity to the people of the local area for 86 years. For over 50 years it has fielded over 20 teams each week-end during the hockey season, many of them junior teams, with many local children within their ranks. The Club is an amateur Club run by volunteers. No one makes a zec from the efforts they put into the Club. The City of Sydney Council has never come up to the Club and said how can we help you provide sporting opportunities for the youth of the area.

Active recreational activities and team sports do not attract the attention of the City of Sydney Council. Young people and children do not catch the ear of the staid, sedentary, arts minded Councillors, who are more influenced by people from the arts, dance, opera, acting, movie, and architecture worlds.

Walkers, strollers, bicycle riders and dog walkers are reticent to give up any open space, which could be dedicated for active recreation. In days past any suggestion that a local grass field might be converted to a synthetic grass field with a surrounding fence, for use by local schools, after school care groups, and local sporting groups has been met with fierce resistance. The status quo is hard to change.

### *Are things about to change?*

I do not like our chances, but to have any chance at all the Glebe District Hockey Club has to have the unstinting support of its Current Members, Ex-Members, parents and relatives, and supporters in the community.

Please fill-out the Survey on the City of Sydney Web Site and tell the City of Sydney Planers that the Glebe District Hockey Club needs to be able to use, together with other local sporting organisations, a synthetic field appropriate for hockey in the Glebe Area. If the City of Sydney Planers get overwhelmed with submissions from Glebe District Hockey Club Supporters they are more likely to closely examine the authenticity of our case.

Friends of the Glebe District Hockey Club, the Club needs your support now. Fill out the on-line survey, or write to the City of Sydney Council prior to the Friday 1 July 2016 deadline and make a case for a synthetic turf field in the Glebe Area.

Comments, suggestions, criticisms or insights into the Club's quest to have access to a synthetic turf field in the Glebe Area are welcome. Any letters to the Editor will be published in the next Red Rag.



# 10 Things That Coaches & Selectors Look For in Field Hockey Players

## 1. Good basics

This is an absolute essential in any sport. I am not talking about having the fanciest or latest and greatest skills, I am talking about being able to receive the ball under control and being able to pass the ball accurately and timely.

Those are the two most basic skills in field hockey and you will be surprised how far you can go with just those two under your belt. Master these before adding fancy stuff.



## 2. Great communicators

As you know hockey is a team game which means it requires a good level of communication. Too many players either don't talk enough or the ones that do tend to be overly critical or negative and are not effective in getting their message (with good intentions) across.

If you want to get more from the coach or players on your team, you have to learn not just what to say but how to say things to get the response or outcome you want. Likewise, you also have to be willing to learn, listen (most important part of communication) and you have to be coachable

## 3. Team player

Every team has at least one player that thinks they need to hold onto the ball or dribble through the whole team. Yes they might get through 5 players 1 time out of 10 but it is a team game and other people also want to play.

You have to have trust in your team mates and work together to achieve success. If you want an individual sport go and do a marathon or swim. Teams achieve more than individuals.

## 4. Mental Toughness

Having skills and natural ability is only one piece of the puzzle BUT it's not enough on it's own. Too many people don't work on their mental toughness and struggle to deliver in the games that count. This can be due to things such as fear of failure, panicking under pressure, frustration or anger getting in the way, etc.

Mental toughness is being committed, persistent and staying motivated when things don't go your way. This is tested when things are against you, not when things are going well. How do you react to setbacks like injury, getting dropped, not being selected, negative feedback, etc?

Just like all of these skills, mental toughness can also be developed.



## 5. Confidence

I have seen some of the best players with a great range of skills and excellent technical ability but have missed out because they doubted their ability, lacked confidence and didn't believe in themselves.

This is one of the most important aspects of excelling in sport. If you're not as confident as you should be then understand that it can be taught. This is the area that I specialise in so if you need help with your confidence then you can reach out to me here

## 6. Decision Making

In sport we make instinctive decisions in the unconscious part of the brain (or we should anyway) and this is largely affected by our state of mind. If you feel under pressure or fear making mistakes you will more likely make the wrong decision.

You have to learn how to manage emotions and have a calm and in control state of mind. When you are in the zone, things slow down and seem to be so easy, that is what you want to be able to do on command. And I can teach you how to do that.

## 7. Consistency

One of the key components to success is the ability to deliver consistent performances from game to game. How many games out of 10 are you happy with your performance?

Consistency is down to several factors but a large part of consistency comes from both mental and physical preparation. What do you do to ensure you deliver your A game?

## 8. Good Fitness Levels

As I've mentioned so many times before, fitness is such a huge part of field hockey. It is a demanding game on your body so you have to have a physically sound and durable body to keep up with the game. Get tired and your opposition could get one over you.

Most teams lose the game in the last 5-10 minutes through fatigue so coaches want fit players that can see through the whole game and keep working right until the end.

## 9. Speed

This is especially true for attacking players, but is also very useful for defensive players too, especially as they need to keep up with forwards who are generally the quicker players in teams. Speed can create dangerous attacks and leave the opposition wondering how you scored that goal.

## 10. Good Vision

The ability to see a through pass, read the game and anticipate what will happen next is such an important one but it is not easy to teach. Fortunately you can develop the ability to improve your vision by training your eyes with visual exercises.

## Summary

Understand that being a great hockey player is not just about having great skills, beating players and possessing technical ability, that is one ONE part of the game.

If you would like to develop into an all round great hockey player then you need to be working on these other factors too.

# Kookaburras Champions Trophy Squad Announcement

Monday 30 May 2016 (Perth, WA) – The Kookaburras team that will play at the Champions Trophy in London, the last major tournament before the 2016 Rio Olympic Games, was announced today.

The 18 man squad features high profile players including Tim Deavin, Simon Orchard and Eddie Ockenden; and also sees the return of veteran Glenn Turner who has been absent from competition so far this year.



Notably absent from the squad is captain Mark Knowles who will remain in Perth for the birth of his third child. A number of other athletes, including experienced trio Jamie Dwyer, Fergus Kavanagh and Matt Gohdes are rested as coach Graham Reid looks to manage the load on his athletes during a high intensity period of competition and training.

Tasmanian Josh Beltz has been selected for the squad in his first major international after stellar performances during the recent tournament against Great Britain.

Kookaburras Head Coach, Graham Reid said: “The Champions Trophy is being used to manage the load of a number of our players, and to provide the last opportunity for other players vying for Olympic selection.

“The objective of 2016 has been to get as many players as possible up to the level where they are in the mix for the team going to Rio.”

## KOOKABURRAS CHAMPIONS TROPHY FIXTURES

Friday June 10, AUS v GBR: 6pm BST / 1am AWST (Saturday 11) / 3am AEST (Saturday 11)

Saturday June 11, AUS v KOR: 6pm BST / 1am AWST (Sunday 12) / 3am AEST (Sunday 12)

Monday June 13, AUS v GER: 2pm BST / 9.00pm AWST / 11.00pm AEST

Tuesday June 14, AUS v BEL: 8pm BST / 3am AWST (Wednesday 15) / 5am AEST (Wednesday 15)

Thursday June 16, AUS v IND: 4pm BST / 11.00pm AWST / 1am AEST (Friday 17)

Friday June 17, TBC

**KOOKABURRAS SQUAD - Athlete (Hometown) Caps/Goals**

Daniel Beale (Brisbane, QLD) 75/15	Tyler Lovell (Perth, WA) 66/0
Josh Beltz (Hobart, TAS) 9/2	Trent Mitton (Perth, WA) 88/33
Andrew Charter (Canberra, ACT) 110/0	Eddie Ockenden (Hobart, TAS) 272/64
Chris Ciriello (Melbourne, VIC) 186/114	Simon Orchard (Maitland, NSW) 197/56
Tom Craig (Lane Cove, NSW) 24/9	Matthew Swann (Mackay, QLD) 135/6
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Tim Deavin (Launceston, TAS) 126/6	Tristan White (Wollongong, NSW) 75/3
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## Australian Olympic Committee ask Hockeyroo Anna Flanagan for 'please explain' over drink-driving



The Australian Olympic Committee has asked Hockeyroos star Anna Flanagan for a "please explain" as her Rio Games fate hangs in the balance after the 24-year-old Canberran kept a drink-driving charge secret from Hockey Australia.

Not only has Flanagan lost her licence for 10 months, but she was also fined \$1000 for an incident in Perth, where the Hockeyroos program is based, in March.

Hockey Australia only found out about the incident on Friday and they announced on Saturday they had dropped Flanagan from the upcoming International Hockey Open and the Champions Trophy – two vital lead-up tournaments for the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro in August.

The AOC has continued its clamp down on athlete behaviour, asking the 24-year-old to explain her actions.

All "shadow team members" were asked to sign a declaration listing any existing charges against them.

It appears Flanagan signed hers on March 1, in the lead-up to her drink-driving offence. The AOC were awaiting a response from Flanagan on Saturday.

"We've asked her for a please explain. As a shadow team member she had to sign a form and have to declare any existing charges. We're not sure if she's declared that [incident]," an AOC spokesperson said.

"We were unaware and we've now asked her for more details."

Hockey Australia chief executive Cam Vale said Flanagan would remain eligible for Olympic selection.

Vale spent the past 24 hours investigating the incident, which he only found out about on Friday.

"In relation to the drink-driving offence, Anna's actions were dangerous and irresponsible, and cannot be condoned under any circumstances," he said in a statement.

"Her failure to disclose the matter to Hockey Australia was misguided and goes against the open and supportive culture that the Hockeyroos team and the organisation have developed over many years.

"On behalf of the board of Hockey Australia and in consultation with Adam Commens, the national coach, and Andy Smith, the high performance director, the decision has been taken to withdraw Anna from the Hockeyroos' squad for the International Hockey Open in Darwin next week and from the Champions Trophy in London next month.

"She remains eligible for nomination to the Australian Olympic team."

Flanagan "deeply regretted" her actions and in the same statement said she would "work hard to make it up to those" she let down.

She's one of the best players in the world and is a crucial cog in the Hockeyroos defence.

"I deeply regret my actions. Drink-driving is irresponsible and I deeply regret my decision to drive after drinking," Flanagan said.

"I wish to apologise to my family and friends, my Hockeyroos teammates and coaches, Hockey Australia and to all of those people who have supported me, and continue to do so.

"I realise that my actions were not in keeping with those expected of someone in my position. I accept that my actions have consequences and I will work hard to make it up to those that I have let down."

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