



Macarthur Hockey Association Inc.

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Welcome to the 2012 hockey season!

There were a couple of changes to our board at the Annual General Meeting; I would like to welcome Cathy Tawagi (Vice President – Management), Gordon Stewart (Committee Member) and Matthew Smith (Equipment Officer) to the board in 2012. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Kevin Sweeney for his tremendous contribution to Macarthur Hockey Association over the years as a member of the board.

MHA supporting clubs with Minkey recruitment

All clubs should be in full swing with recruiting for the up coming season. MHA in partnership with Hemingway Sports want to help you with your minkey recruitment again in 2012. So, every brand new minkey recruited will receive a new minkey starter kit (stick, ball, shin pads and bag), funded jointly by MHA and Hemingway Sports (For more information, contact Lee Hemingway)

Update on new field and 2012 playing fees

Construction was hampered due to bad weather during November and December, construction is now back on track and STI are confident to complete the project (subject to weather) by the completion date in late February 2012.

The addition of a third field is very exciting, but a project of this size is very expensive, although we received a grant from Hockey NSW of \$1 million to contribute to this project – Macarthur Hockey will still need to fund approximately \$350k of the project. Therefore we needed to increase our turf fees slightly; Hockey NSW has notified us that they have increased some of their player fees in 2012. These increases will be passed on by MHA and it will be up to each of the clubs to determine if they will be passing the increased fees onto members. (All club secretaries by now will have received an email outlining the fee structure for 2012)

Hosting City v Country Challenge 2012

Macarthur will be hosting the first major Hockey NSW event in 2012 on 3rd/4th March. Macarthur is well represented throughout the 6 City teams with a total of 33 kids being named + another 5 being named as shadows for the U17 teams. There will be plenty of work in getting the complex ready for this event as it's before our regular season starts – we will be calling for volunteers to assist in the coming weeks.

General Business

Round 1 of the competition will be 16 – 18 March 2012. **Grand Finals** to be played 21 – 23 September 2012.

The U17s boys competition will change to **U18 boys** in 2012 to come in line with the girls competition.

Friday night junior games (U15, U18) will increase to 30 minute halves, all other junior games will remain 25 minute halves

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