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Hockey Australia’s 2018 Guide

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What’s on in 2018?
Excitement aplenty to come in the next 12 months

2018 Hockey Calendar
Major international and domestic events this year

2017 in Review
A look back at the highs and lows of the year

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Hockeyroos and Kookaburras player line-ups
Welcome to the 2018 hockey season

The following 12 months promises plenty of action and excitement in the hockey world both on and off the field. Intercept is your media guide to help you navigate through the various tournaments coming up and initiatives being put in place, so you know who’s who and what’s what. You will also be able to download this as a PDF on your phone or computer.

Cover: The Hockeyroos and Kookaburras celebrate both winning the 2017 Oceania Cup in Sydney

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What’s on in 2018?

Excitement aplenty across bumper 12 months

The next 12 months is full of exciting pursuits of glory for our national teams and exciting new ventures for Australian hockey, with the launch of the new FIH Pro League and a revamped Australian Hockey League (AHL) among the new initiatives.

The Hockeyroos and Kookaburras will both compete in the new Pro League which sees the world’s top nine nations compete for glory over the course of six months with home-and-away round-robin fixtures, before the finals to be played in the Netherlands in June 2019.

The tournament has effectively replaced the FIH World League which was played internationally over the course of 18-24 months.

The Pro League will commence in January 2019, with the Hockeyroos and Kookaburras’ first games against the Netherlands on February 2, with venues still to be confirmed. All of the matches on Australian soil will take during February and March.

Before then, there’s plenty happening in Australian hockey with both sides defending their Commonwealth Games titles on the Gold Coast in April.

The world number one Kookaburras are gunning to send out retiring captain Mark Knowles in style, as they chase their sixth consecutive Commonwealth Games gold medal, although there’s plenty of tough competition with India (ranked sixth), England (seventh) and New Zealand (ninth) among the contenders.

Under coach Colin Batch, who took control in December 2016, the Kookaburras enjoyed a steady rise over the course of 2017, winning the Oceania Cup in October, International Festival of Hockey in November and eventually the World League Final in December to re-claim their number one ranking in a positive sign ahead of the Gold Coast Games.

The fifth-ranked Hockeyroos are chasing their own slice of history, in pursuit of their fourth straight Commonwealth Games gold medal. It won’t be easy with several strong contenders in the women’s field, including England (ranked second) who possess a number of the Great Britain side which won Olympic gold in 2016, while Australia’s Rio conquerors New Zealand (fourth) loom large too.

Hockeyroos coach Paul Gaudoin, also appointed in December 2016, has overseen a period of re-generation within the squad, following the departures of several senior players. The results have been mixed so far, but series wins over Japan, Spain and China in November, January and February respectively bode well ahead of the Commonwealth Games.

The Hockeyroos will turn their attention to the 2018 Women’s World Cup shortly after the Commonwealth Games, with the tournament taking place in London in June and July. Australia are two-time World Cup champions and will meet New Zealand, Japan and Belgium in Pool D.

The Kookaburras will also be in action shortly after the Gold Coast Games, with the last-ever Champions Trophy due to take place in the Netherlands in June, with the hosts and 2016 Olympic gold medallists Argentina among the six nations to compete.

Hockey Australia will also look to launch a revamped AHL after the aforementioned international tournaments, with a view to revitalising the premier domestic competition.

In recent times, the AHL has been played over the course of 10 days in one host city, with all states and territories along with invited international sides competing to be the national champion.

The final details on the revamped AHL are yet to be confirmed, but it is envisaged the competition will run over the course of four to six weeks across several cities in a round-robin format.

There’s also plenty happening within Hockey Australia’s participation teams as the organisation chases the target of 250,000 hockey participants by 2020, which is currently sitting just below 200,000 based on 2017 actual figures.

Beyond that, 2018 wraps up with the Kookaburras’ World Cup defence in Bhubaneswar in India, where they’ll have fond memories having claimed the World League title there in December. Australia triumphed at the 2014 World Cup in The Hague and will look to go back-to-back-to-back in November and December, having been placed in Pool B against England (seventh), Ireland (10th) and China (17th).
World Rankings

World ranking points are awarded to teams by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) after each major international tournament. The rankings are updated three to four times a year.

The next rankings updates are due after the 2018 Men's Champions Trophy and the 2018 Women's World Cup in mid-year. Accumulated points are valid for four years, although their value decreases by 25% each year since earning them. For example, points awarded for a first place finish at a tournament four years ago are worth 25% of their original value.

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Strategic Plan 2014-2018

Hockey Australia is the National Sporting Organisation for hockey. Our purpose is to:

- Grow the game in Australia
- Govern hockey in Australia
- Achieve success with the national teams

Our strategic plan 2014-2018 features four key pillars with supporting targets:

- Consistent Australian team performance and team success at 14 benchmark events - 12 medals and 212 medallists across benchmark events from national teams
- Stronger business model by sustained profits through diversified revenue - Commercial revenue 50% of total revenue
- Increased participation across all levels of hockey - 250,000 registered hockey participants
- Highest standard of governance across whole of sport - Top three ranked Australian National Sporting Organisation


**Hockey Australia will release a new strategic plan later this year.

Participation

2020 Target: 250,000
2017 Total: 190,175

2017 Numbers

52% 48%

State-by-state

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Snapshot

Club/Association Participation: 95,373
Junior Participation Program (Hookin2Hockey): 8,898
School Managed Competitions: 50,802
School Delivered-Sporting Schools Programs: 21,346
Targeted Inclusion Programs: 4,380
2018 Hockey Calendar

Major International Events In The Next 12 Months

**COMMONWEALTH GAMES**
Kookaburras
Hockeyroos
Dates: April 5-14, 2018
Location: Gold Coast, AUS

**MEN’S CHAMPIONS TROPHY**
Kookaburras
Dates: Jun 23 – July 1, 2018
Location: Breda, NED

**WOMEN’S WORLD CUP**
Hockeyroos
Dates: July 7-21, 2018
Location: London, UK

**MEN’S WORLD CUP**
Kookaburras
Dates: November 28 – December 16, 2018
Location: Bhubaneswar, IND

**OFFICIAL DATES & LOCATIONS**

**U18 Mens’ & Womens’ Australian Championships**
March 13-21 | Launceston, TAS

**U15 Boys’ & Girls’ Australian Championships**
April 18-27 | Wollongong, NSW

**U21 Mens’ & Womens’ Australian Championships**
July 4-11 | Sydney, NSW

**Country Mens’ & Womens’ Australian Championships**
August 3-11 | Berri, SA

**Mens’ Masters Australian Championships**
September 21 – October 6 | Lismore & Ballina, NSW

**Womens’ Masters Australian Championships**
September 21 – October 6 | Venue TBC

**U13 Boys’ & Girls’ Australian Carnival**
October 4-10 | Hobart, TAS

**Mens’ & Womens’ Australian Hockey League**
Dates/Venue TBC

**Domestic comps to be spread across the country**

Hockey Australia will once again host a long list of domestic competitions in 2018, which will attract participants, officials and fans to cities and regional centres across several states this year. Final details are yet to be confirmed for the AHL, which is expected to take place later during spring.
2017 in Review

Hockeyroos

The Hockeyroos’ first full year under new coach Paul Gaudoin was a year of learning and evolution as the side enjoyed some highs and some lows. Australia lifted the Oceania Cup with a 2-0 final win over New Zealand in Sydney in October, but missed out on qualifying for the World League Final despite a strong pool phase in the Semi-Final in Belgium, after a shock 2-0 loss to China in the quarter-finals in late June.

The side did secure 2018 World Cup qualification at the World League Semi-Final, while they finished the year on a high with a clean sweep in the Test Series against Japan in their first visit to Adelaide in a decade after finishing third at the International Festival of Hockey in Bendigo and Melbourne.

Hockeyroos Matches in 2017

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Overall

16 WINS
4 DRAWS
7 LOSSES

80 GOALS SCORED
34 GOALS CONCEDED
Kookaburras

The Kookaburras enjoyed a strong year of growth under new coach Colin Batch as they finished 2017 re-claiming their world number one ranking after triumphing at the World League Final in Bhubaneswar in December.

Australia defeated Argentina 2-1 in the final with Blake Govers scoring a dramatic 58th minute winner, after the Kookaburras had drawn all three pool matches, before knockout wins over Spain and Germany.

The Kookaburras also claimed the Oceania Cup for the 10th time in succession in Sydney in October, along with taking out the crowns at the Darwin International in April and International Festival of Hockey in Bendigo and Melbourne in November.

### Kookaburras Matches in 2017

**Darwin International, Darwin, Australia**
- 28 March: Pakistan 6-1
- 29 March: Pakistan 3-0
- 31 March: Pakistan 2-0
- 1 April: Pakistan 5-3

**Sultan Azlan Shah Cup, Ipoh, Malaysia**
- 29 April: New Zealand 1-1
- 30 April: Malaysia 6-1
- 2 May: India 3-1
- 3 May: Great Britain 2-1
- 5 May: Japan 2-3
- 6 May: Great Britain 3-4

**World League Semi-Final, Johannesburg, South Africa**
- 11 July: France 3-2
- 13 July: Spain 2-0
- 15 July: New Zealand 2-1
- 17 July: Japan 7-2
- 19 July: Egypt 4-0
  - Quarter-Final
  - 21 July: Belgium 1-2
    - Semi-Final
  - 23 July: Spain 8-1
    - 3rd Place Match

**Oceania Cup, Sydney, Australia**
- 11 Oct: Papua New Guinea 30-0
- 12 Oct: New Zealand 5-1
- 15 Oct: New Zealand 6-0

**International Festival of Hockey, Bendigo & Melbourne, Australia**
- 5 Nov: New Zealand 4-0
- 6 Nov: New Zealand 2-0
- 8 Nov: Pakistan 9-1
- 9 Nov: New Zealand 4-1
- 11 Nov: Japan 6-1
- 12 Nov: New Zealand 2-1

**World League Final, Bhubaneswar, India**
- 1 Dec: India 1-1
- 2 Dec: Germany 2-2
- 4 Dec: England 2-2
- 6 Dec: Spain 4-1
  - Quarter-Final
  - 9 Dec: Germany 3-0
    - Semi-Final
  - 10 Dec: Argentina 2-1
    - Final

**Overall**
- **25 Wins**
- **4 Draws**
- **3 Losses**

**142 Goals Scored**
**35 Goals Conceded**

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Image: The Kookaburras celebrate a goal. Mark Knowles lifts the World League Final trophy. Renee Taylor celebrates a goal against Japan.
Hockeyroos Snapshot

MEDAL TALLY

- Olympic Games: 3
- Champions Trophy: 6
- World Cup: 2
- World League Finals: 1
- Commonwealth Games: 4
- Oceania Cup: 0

ALL-TIME STATS

Most Caps

Most Goals
- Madonna Blyth: 26-0 v Papua New Guinea (Oceania Cup | November 2013)
- Nikki Hudson: 26-0 v Papua New Guinea (Oceania Cup | November 2013)

2017 MILESTONES

Debutants
- Georgia Wilson
- Kristina Bates
- Lily Brazel
- Aleisha Power
- Mikaela Patterson

Retirements
- Ashleigh Nelson
- Georgie Parker

200 GAMES
- Georgia Nanscawen

50 GAMES
- Gabrielle Nance
- Jordyn Holzberger
## Squad List

### Jocelyn Bartram #19
Albury, NSW

Jocelyn Bartram has progressed from being a 2016 Hockey Australia scholarship holder in the National Development Squad, to a member of the Hockeyroos in 2017. Bartram made her International Debut against China in a Test match in March 2016, which the Hockeyroos won 3-1. Bartram firmed up her place within the Hockeyroos set-up in 2017, earning 22 caps and impressing in goal, with the 2017 Oceania Cup triumph her career highlight to date. Joce currently lives in Perth with her partner, while she studies Sports Science through Sydney's University of Technology.

**Tournament History**
- Oceania Cup 2017

**Position:** Goalkeeper  
**DOB:** 4/5/93  
**Debut:** 24/3/16  
**Goals:** 0  
**Caps:** 28  
@JocelynBartram

### Kristina Bates #28
Mont Albert, VIC

Diminutive Krissy Bates was added to the National Senior Women’s Squad in 2017, having helped Australia to bronze at the 2016 Junior World Cup. She debuted at senior level in March 2017 against the United States at the Hawke’s Bay Cup in New Zealand.

She wasn’t part of the Hockeyroos’ World League Semi-Final team in midyear but played her part as the side won the Oceania Cup in Sydney in October, memorably converting a hail mary on the stroke of half-time in the 2-0 win over New Zealand in the final. Bates, who is an only child, also dabbles in guitar outside hockey and her childhood hero is surfer Sally Fitzgibbons.

**Tournament History**
- Oceania Cup 2017

**Position:** Utility  
**DOB:** 3/11/96  
**Debut:** 31/3/17  
**Goals:** 2  
**Caps:** 19  
@krissybates  
@krissy.bates

### Edwina Bone #13
Orange, NSW

*plays for ACT

Eddie Bone broke through to the senior squad after two years in Hockey Australia's women’s development program. An identical twin, she progressed through the junior ranks with the Canberra Strikers.

Claiming silver medals at the World Cup and Champions Trophy and gold at the Commonwealth Games in 2014, Bone established herself as a regular in the Hockeyroos’ defence after being selected for all major international tournaments in 2015. Bone made her Olympic debut in 2016 at the Rio Games, with twin sister Meredith making the trip across the pond to head up Eddie’s cheer squad.

Bone missed the second half of 2017 due to a knee injury but kept herself busy with her Crossfit coaching.

**Tournament History**

**Position:** Defender  
**DOB:** 24/4/88  
**Debut:** 25/4/13  
**Goals:** 3  
**Caps:** 143  
@Edwina_Bone  
@EdwinaClaire

### Kalindi Commerford #23
Mollymook, NSW

*plays for ACT

Kalindi Commerford scored one her Australia debut in late 2016 against New Zealand in the Trans Trophy in Auckland, before backing it up with more games in the International Festival of Hockey. Commerford didn’t represent the Hockeyroos in 2017, despite being part of the National Development Squad. The Ulladulla product got her opportunity in early 2018, after impressing in the Spain Test Series in Perth in January, earning a spot in the National Senior Women’s Squad for 2018. Commerford, who cites Hunger Games character Katniss Everdeen as her childhood hero, enjoys drawing outside of hockey and has studied law and journalism.

**Tournament History**
- Champions Trophy 2016, Oceania Cup 2013 2015

**Position:** Defender  
**DOB:** 26/1/95  
**Debut:** 5/11/17  
**Goals:** 0  
**Caps:** 11  
@Kalindi34  
@Kalindi_34

### Jane Claxton #18
Adelaide, SA

Jane Claxton credits her father Bob, current secretary of the Oceania Hockey Federation, and brother for her entry into hockey. At the age of six she began playing in a mixed gender competition, although the rough and tumble of playing with the boys nearly put her off.

In 2016, Claxton was selected for the Champions Trophy and her Olympic debut, along with being selected to captain the Hockeyroos for the Trans-Tasman Trophy and the International Festival of Hockey in light of Madonna Blyth’s retirement after Rio. She achieved a career highlight in November when she played – and captained – Australia in front of her home crowd in Adelaide against Japan. Jane is also a dachshund enthusiast and currently studying a Bachelor of Occupational Therapy.

**Tournament History**

**Position:** Midfielder  
**DOB:** 26/10/92  
**Debut:** 24/4/13  
**Goals:** 13  
**Caps:** 140  
@janeclax

### Lily Brazel #9
Sydney, NSW

*plays for VIC

Sydney-born Brazel moved to Melbourne as a 21-year-old where she established herself at Footscray Hockey Club, earning selection with the Jilharroos for the 2013 Junior World Cup.

Brazel helped Victoria win the Australian Hockey League title in October 2017, before receiving her maiden international call-up for the International Festival of Hockey where she debuted against the United States in Bendigo. The tall defender is interested in writing and politics and cites Anne Frank as her childhood hero.

**Tournament History**
- Champions Trophy and her Olympic debut, World Cup 2014, World League 2013 2015

**Position:** Defender  
**DOB:** 26/1/95  
**Debut:** 5/11/17  
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**Tournament History**

**Position:** Defender  
**DOB:** 24/4/88  
**Debut:** 25/4/13  
**Goals:** 3  
**Caps:** 143  
@Edwina_Bone  
@EdwinaClaire

### Kalindi Commerford #23
Mollymook, NSW

*plays for ACT

Kalindi Commerford scored one her Australia debut in late 2016 against New Zealand in the Trans Trophy in Auckland, before backing it up with more games in the International Festival of Hockey. Commerford didn’t represent the Hockeyroos in 2017, despite being part of the National Development Squad.

The Ulladulla product got her opportunity in early 2018, after impressing in the Spain Test Series in Perth in January, earning a spot in the National Senior Women’s Squad for 2018.

Commerford, who cites Hunger Games character Katniss Everdeen as her childhood hero, enjoys drawing outside of hockey and has studied law and journalism.

**Tournament History**
- Champions Trophy 2016, Oceania Cup 2013 2015

**Position:** Defender  
**DOB:** 26/1/95  
**Debut:** 5/11/17  
**Goals:** 0  
**Caps:** 11  
@Kalindi34  
@Kalindi_34
Maddie, as she is known, wants to become a primary school teacher. Her childhood hero is Hockeyroos great Nikki Hudson and she has an ambition to be a school teacher.

**Position:** Defender  
**DOB:** 4/2/95  
**Debut:** 2/4/15  
**Goals:** 5  
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[@Sav_Fitzpatrick](https://twitter.com/Sav_Fitzpatrick) @SavFitzpatrick

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New to the national women’s development squad in early 2015, forward Stephanie Kershaw showcased a mix of skill and power at the national women’s training camp in Perth, which awarded her the chance to debut in the Hockeyroos’ bodysuit at the Perth Korean Tournament History. In September and to secure her place in the Australian women’s Olympic training squad in 2016. In late 2015, Kershaw’s training was put on hold after she injured her knee during a training session, an injury which ruled her out of contention for the Rio Olympic Games and for the remainder of the 2016 season. A proud Queenslander, Kershaw won the Player of the Tournament History at the 2017 Australian Hockey League when her state finished as runners-up. Kershaw’s heroes include Cathy Freeman, Nikki Hudson and Serena Williams.

**Tournament History**

Oceania Cup 2015 2017

| Position: Midfielder | DOB: 19/4/95 | Debut: 5/9/15 | Goals: 3 | Caps: 33 | 📢 @StephKersh |

**Rachael Lynch #27**

Warrandyte, VIC

Named World Cup Goalkeeper of the Tournament by the International Hockey Federation in 2014, Rachael Lynch took up hockey after being selected in the primary schools’ state team. Renowned for her standout performances under the bar during a shoot-out, Lynch helped the Hockeyroos to World Cup silver medal and Commonwealth Games gold medal in 2014. Lynch made her Olympics debut at the Rio 2016 games, alongside many of the Hockeyroos, however the team was knocked out of medal contention in the quarter finals. Walking the slippery slopes of Papua New Guinea alongside teammate Ashleigh Nelson, in November 2014 the pair battled tough walking conditions for the R U OK? charity, raising over $30,000. In 2016 it was a new challenge for the pair with a cycle from Perth to Albany for the charity. Lynch’s second love is nursing. Away from the hockey pitch there’s nothing she likes more than helping others through her role as a nurse at Fiona Stanley Hospital.

**Tournament History**


| Position: Goalkeeper | DOB: 2/7/86 | Debut: 29/6/06 | Goals: 0 | Caps: 176 | 📢 @RachLynch @Rachlynch27 |

**Karri McMahon #11**

Berri, SA

Karri McMahon is one of the more experienced members of the current Hockeyroos squad, having played at both the 2014 Commonwealth Games, where Australia won gold, and the 2016 Rio Olympics. A snap decision in year 12, McMahon chose to study paramedics at Flinders in Adelaide. Since then, amid the circus act of juggling studies and hockey, she’s had a keen interest in the medical field and is aiming to complete her undergraduate in 2018.

Born and bred into a sporting family, talents are weaved among water polo, swimming, hockey and baseball. The perfect post-training afternoon involves a lazy day on the couch catching up on box set favourites.

**Tournament History**


| Position: Defender | DOB: 27/2/92 | Debut: 23/9/12 | Goals: 10 | Caps: 122 | 📢 @KarriéeMcMahon @KarriMcMahon |

**Georgina Morgan #17**

Armidale, NSW

Making her first international appearance for the Hockeyroos during a Test series against New Zealand in 2014, Georgina Morgan was ecstatic when she saw her name on the list for the 2015 national senior squads. Morgan’s hard work was rewarded in 2016 when she was named in the Champions Trophy and Olympic teams.

Starting hockey at the age of six, Morgan looks up to fellow teammate and New South Wales representatives Emily Smith for guidance in the team. One of the tallest players in the Hockeyroos squad, the defender studies exercise physiology in the hope to take up a clinic position in Physiotherapy further down the track, Morgan otherwise known as ‘Gee-Mags or Morgo’ was a club representative for her local cricket club North during her teenage years.

**Tournament History**

Olympics 2016, World League 2015, Champions Trophy 2016, Oceania Cup 2015

| Position: Defender | DOB: 15/5/93 | Debut: 15/11/14 | Goals: 16 | Caps: 66 | 📢 @GeorgieMorgan |

**Gabrielle Nance #1**

Kingscliff, NSW

Gabrielle Nance grew up in Kingscliff, representing both Queensland and New South Wales as a junior before moving to Adelaide to pursue her hockey with the South Australian Sports Institute. She still counts Tweed Coast locals and former Hockeyroos Kim Small and Sharon Buchanan among her hockey idols. Nance made her Australian senior international debut against New Zealand in late 2014, going on to play at the Champions Trophy and 2015 World League Final in Rosario. During the 2016 Champions Trophy, the final international competition before the Olympics, Gabrielle suffered a hand fracture which nearly ruled her out of selection for Rio 2016 but she made a quick recovery to take her place. Off the pitch, Gabrielle is a keen surfer and loves to cook - two of her most worldly possessions being her mini mal and her Kitchen Aid. She works at Perth’s famous Yelo Kitchen and coaches with her Perth club Westside Wolves. Gabrielle’s taste in music, fashion and extra-curricular activities, such as 1000-piece puzzles, can be likened to those of a 60-year-old retiree which she has embraced.

**Tournament History**

Olympics 2016, World League 2015, Champions Trophy 2014 2016, Oceania Cup 2017

| Position: Forward | DOB: 29/7/94 | Debut: 15/11/14 | Goals: 7 | Caps: 64 | 📢 @GabiNance |

**Kaitlin Nobbs #15**

Newington, NSW

Kaitlin Nobbs could be considered hockey royalty with her mum, Lee Capes, a hockey gold medalist from the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games, and dad Michael Nobbs playing at the 1984 Los Angeles games as well as coaching the Indian men’s hockey team at the London 2012 games. Kaitlin’s uncle is Mark Hager, the current head coach of the New Zealand Black Sticks women’s team. Nobbs debuted for the Hockeyroos in May 2016 at the International Hockey Open in Darwin, where the Hockeyroos competed against Malaysia, Japan and New Zealand. Although Nobbs grew up in WA, living in the state until she was 14, she considers herself to be a NSWer through and through. Nobbs was part of the bronze-medal winning 2016 Junior World Cup side and is hoping to finish her degree in nursing soon.

**Tournament History**

Oceania Cup 2017

| Position: Defender | DOB: 24/9/97 | Debut: 31/5/16 | Goals: 1 | Caps: 26 | 📢 @kaitlinobbs |
While retired teammate Jayde Taylor received many of the plaudits Brooke Peris was actually the person responsible for pressing the button on one of 2014’s most famous selfies, Her Majesty the Queen’s Commonwealth Games ‘photobomb’. A Darwin girl, Peris has a supportive family and community fan base behind her, including boyfriend Hayward, welcoming Border Collie ‘Wally’ to their family.

Madi Ratcliffe moves up to the National Senior Women’s Squad from the National Development Squad in 2017, after showing her skills in the lead up to the Junior World Cup. Although initially selected for the Junior World Cup, Ratcliffe had to pull out due to an injury suffered to her ankle while playing hockey aged four. She credits the Tiger girls in Collie ‘Wally’ to their family.

Emily Smith is a key component in the Hockeyroos’ forward line and was appointed as captain in September 2017. On the hunt for goals, you’ll often see Smith - otherwise known as ‘Spud’ to her teammates - bouncing, leaping and diving over her opponents in Australia’s attacking circle. Known by her Hockeyroos teammates for her electric laugh, Smith started Hookin2Hockey at the age of five. Growing up in New South Wales country town Crookwell alongside former Hockeyroo Kellie White, Smith’s family first introduced her to the game. Reflecting on her childhood, she believes her parents gave her the determination and motivation to succeed. A whiz with numbers, Smith’s always been an A-grade maths student, contributing to her decision to enrol in a Bachelor of Commerce degree at Curtin University. Away from the hockey pitch, Smith has an adventurous side, often going camping, fishing and jet skiing with family and friends.

Kathryn Slattery sealed her place in the 2016 Olympic training squad off the back of selection and good performances for all international tournaments in 2015. An identical twin, she hails from a farming family in the small community of South Stirling, five hours’ drive south of Perth, where she and her twin sister Meg were two of just 32 children in their school, from kindergarten to year seven. The family farm covers 10,000 acres with agribusiness student Slattery expecting to return home to look after the farm in the future. Describing herself as ‘very outdoorsy’, Slattery enjoys trekking and harbours ambitions to do the Kokoda trail in the future. Her hockey career has seen her progress through the junior ranks with Western Australia, leading to her first Australian national selection in the 2014 Hockey Australia Development Squad and her 2014 senior squad selection. In 2017, she was the Hockeyroos top scorer.

Grace Stewart had an amazing year in 2016. Named in the National Development Squad, she made an early debut for the Hockeyroos at the TPG International Series in Singapore in January. Stewart’s performances impressed so much that she continued to get selected for teams, next up was the Great Britain Series in Perth, followed by the China Test in Perth, the Hawke’s Bay Cup in New Zealand and the International Hockey Open in Darwin. Grace then went on to selection for her first major international – the Champions Trophy in London. Much to her own disbelief, the Gerringong product was then selected to compete in her debut Olympic Games in the same year as her international debut for the Hockeyroos. Cites Casey Sablowski and Brooke Peris as her heroes.

A product from Queensland, Australian defender Renee Taylor topped off her Australian Hockey League debut with the Queensland Scorchers by winning the prestigious 2015 domestic title. Known for her plaited pony tail while playing hockey, Taylor debuted in early 2015 and played her first major international tournament for Australia at the 2014-15 World League Final in Argentina in December. Best friends with her family dog, Max the Cavoodle, Taylor is always looking forward to trips back home from Perth to Everton Park to see her fur baby, although she has her own now, with Lana the Cavoodle. A keen golfer, who works at Bunnings, among her heroes are ex-All Blacks star Richie McCaw.

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Tournament History
Australia Hockey League 2013/14, Champions Trophy 2013 2014, Oceania Cup 2014 2015 2017

Position: Forward
DOB: 28/7/96
Debut: 2/4/15
Goals: 3
Caps: 42
@ReneeTaylor
As a young goalkeeper, Ashlee Wells grew up observing fellow Victorian goalkeepers Rachel Imison and Rachael Lynch. It wasn’t long before Wells followed in their footsteps and continued the strong history Victoria has for producing national level keepers. Now, as close friends and teammates, Wells and Lynch spend a great deal of time together helping one another to improve as athletes.

After completing a Sport and Recreation Management course in 2010, she worked at Hockey Victoria before travelling to Perth to join the squad in 2011. Wells’ mother, a life member at their local hockey club, influenced her to pick up a hockey stick at age five. Wells was the reserve goalkeeper for the 2012 Olympics and has been an ever present for the Hockeyroos in their successes since.

One of the teams’ jokers, Wells and her partner in crime Rachael Lynch are often seen taking selfies with the GoPro before games.

**Tournament History**

**Position:** Goalkeeper
**DOB:** 1/8/89
**Debut:** 26/10/11
**Goals:** 0
**Caps:** 96
@AshWells_5 @Ash_Wells5

Wearing the green and gold bodysuit for the first time in April 2013, Williams received her first international cap at the age of just 17 during a Test series against Korea in Perth. Holding off on her international dreams while she completed high school, Williams has been the only member of her family to graduate from year 12. An outdoors girl, Williams grew up following soccer and touch football. Picking up a hockey stick at the age of four, the Hockeyroos forward has always admired midfielder Casey Sablowski, appreciating her talent and mentor capabilities.

Making the big move from New South Wales to Perth to join the women’s high performance program, Williams says the hardest part was leaving her family, taking the trip back to the East Coast whenever she gets the chance.

**Tournament History**
Olympics 2016, World League 2015, Champions Trophy 2016, Oceania Cup 2015

**Position:** Forward
**DOB:** 31/5/95
**Debut:** 24/4/13
**Goals:** 7
**Caps:** 83
@mariahwilliams24

Georgia Wilson broke into the Hockeyroos senior side in 2017, debuting against no less than the Netherlands away in a Test match in Eindhoven. The little midfielder was then thrust into the action for the World League Semi-Final where she impressed with her composure on the ball and smooth movement.

Wilson established herself in the side throughout 2017 before a cruel anterior cruciate ligament injury during pre-season in 2018 ended her Commonwealth Games and World Cup dreams.

The youngster is a lover of travel, spending time in Sri Lanka during the summer, while she currently studies at UWA and sees her knee injury as a chance to progress her academic efforts.

**Tournament History**
Oceania Cup 2017

**Position:** Midfielder
**DOB:** 20/5/96
**Debut:** 16/6/17
**Goals:** 0
**Caps:** 17
@GeorgiaWilson1996

Emily Smith hugs Brooke Peris after the Oceania Cup win

COACHES

**Paul Gaudoin**
**Position:** Women’s Head Coach
**Hometown:** Perth, Western Australia
**Playing Career:** 1994 – 2004
**International Coaching Career:** 2010 -

Former Kookaburra Paul Gaudoin played 234 games for Australia across his 11-year career from 1994 until 2004, during which time he was the captain from 2001 until his retirement. Gaudoin was a key member of the 1996 and 2000 Olympic teams where the Kookaburras won bronze medals. During his time as a player, Gaudoin won Commonwealth Games gold in 1998 and competed at three World Cups, winning a bronze (1994) and a silver medal (2002). He also represented Australia at seven Champions Trophy tournaments.

Gaudoin began his coaching career in 2008, becoming a coach of the Kookaburras in 2010 where he worked his way up from an assistant coach to senior assistant coach role, including periods where he acted as interim head coach for the team. He took on the role as Hockeyroos head coach in late December, representing his maiden move in women’s hockey as the side rebuilds towards Tokyo 2020.

**International Caps:** 234
@PaulGaudoin

**David Guest**
**Position:** Women’s Assistant Coach
**Hometown:** Burnie, Tasmania
**Playing Career:** 2005 – 2009
**International Coaching Career:** 2011 -

Former Kookaburras David Guest played 103 international games for Australia before making the move into coaching in 2011.

Since then he has acquired an extensive background in coaching and performance analysis, through time with the Kookaburras and Hockeyroos, as an analyst at the Fremantle Dockers, along with working with the WA Institute of Sport and NSW Institute of Sport. Most recently Guest – who is also a keen photographer – was assistant coach with the Kookaburras, a post which he began in 2014, before switching to the Hockeyroos in February 2017.

**International Caps:** 103
@Guesty12 @DavidGuest12
# Kookaburras Snapshot

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### Most Caps
- **Jamie Dwyer**: 365 (2001–2016)
- **Mark Knowles**: 318 (2004–)

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- **Jamie Dwyer**: 243 (2001–2016)
- **Mark Hager**: 179 (1985–1996)

### Biggest Win
- **36-0 v Samoa** | Oceania Cup | October 2015

### Biggest Loss
- **12-1 v India** | Test | July 1935

### Biggest Score
- **36-0 v Samoa** | Oceania Cup | October 2015

## 2017 STATISTICS

### Most Caps
- Matt Dawson (32)
- Jeremy Hayward (32)
- Tom Wickham (32)
- Jake Whetton (32)
- Aaron Kleinschmidt (29)
- Tyler Lovell (24)
- Dylan Wotherspoon (24)

### Most Goals
- Jeremy Hayward (21)
- Blake Govers (18)
- Tom Wickham (15)
- Trent Mitton (15)
- Aaron Kleinschmidt (12)
- Dylan Wotherspoon (12)
- Jake Whetton (11)

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- **30-0 v Papua New Guinea** | Oceania Cup | October 2017

### Biggest Loss
- **4-3 v Great Britain** | Azlah Shah Cup | May 2017

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## 2017 MILESTONES

### Debutants
- Kiran Arunasalam
- Jake Harvie
- Tim Howard
- Corey Weyer
- Lachlan Sharp

### Retirements
- Kiel Brown
- Chris Ciriello

### 50 GAMES
- Flynn Ogilvie
- Blake Govers
- Dylan Wotherspoon

### 100 GAMES
- Daniel Beale
- Jeremy Hayward

### 150 GAMES
- Matthew Swann

### 300 GAMES
- Mark Knowles
- Eddie Ockenden
### Tournament History


#### Position: Defender

- **DOB:** 24/4/95
- **Debut:** 21/10/15
- **Goals:** 3
- **Caps:** 28
- @JoshBeltz

#### Position: Midfielder/Forward

- **DOB:** 19/11/96
- **Debut:** 27/1/18
- **Goals:** 0
- **Caps:** 2
- @MattBird15

#### Position: Goalkeeper

- **DOB:** 30/3/87
- **Debut:** 6/5/11
- **Goals:** 0
- **Caps:** 149
- @AndrewCharter

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**Daniel Beale #23**

Brisbane, QLD

Beale captained the Australian Under-21 team, the Burra, at the 2013 Junior World Cup in 2013, before breaking into the Kookaburras team shortly after his appearance in Delhi. The Queenslander stepped up to represent the Kookaburras at the World League Finals a month after the Junior World Cup, before being made a full member of the senior national squad in early 2014 and playing at the 2014 Commonwealth Games where Australia won gold.

In 2015, the midfielder helped the Kookaburras to two gold medals at major international tournaments - the World League Semi-Final and World League Final. He was also part of the 2016 Rio Olympics side, which is hockey career highlight to date. He cites the 2004 Olympic gold medal winning Australian team in Athens as inspiration for who he wanted to become as a player and recalls watching them on TV as a child. A golf fan and lover of Perth’s beaches, he works behind the scenes for his hockey sponsor, packing orders and receiving stock.

#### Tournament History


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**Joshua Beltz #10**

Hobart, TAS

Having missed out on the opportunity to debut on his home turf in Hobart in May 2015, ruled out with a hip injury, Tasmanian Joshua Beltz made his belated debut for the Kookaburras at the 2015 Oceania Cup in New Zealand, topping it off with his first international goal.

Off the back of a good Australian Hockey League performance with the Tassie Tigers, the then 20-year-old defender made the step-up from the 2015 development squad to the Kookaburras’ Olympic training squad in the space of 12 months. He was part of the 2016 Champions Trophy gold-winning side which is his career highlight to date. Often seen with a GoPro or selfie stick in hand at training and tournaments, Beltz captures behind the scenes footage of the boys’ life while on tour.

#### Tournament History

Oceania Cup 2015 2017, Champions Trophy 2016

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**Tim Brand #29**

Chatswood, NSW

Brand was elevated to the National Senior Men’s Squad in 2018, although he had to cut short a family holiday to Europe to link up with the group in early 2018.

Born in the Netherlands to a Dutch father and Australian-Chinese mother, Brand came to Australia as a three-year-old, with the family moving to Sydney’s northern beaches where he grew up. The Ryde-Hunters Hill product is a forward who was part of the Development Squad in 2017 and was added to the senior group having developed well during a strong year which also included scoring two goals as New South Wales won the Under-21 National Championships. Brand, who cites Ryde-Hunters Hill’s 2015 triumph as a career highlight, currently studies a Bachelor of Commerce and Actuarial Studies at the University of New South Wales.

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**Matthew Bird #15**

Coolbellup, WA

Fremantle Hockey Club product Matthew Bird was elevated into the 2018 National Senior Men’s Squad having been in the Development Squad in 2017. Bird debuted for the Kookaburras in January against the Netherlands in Narrogin, in front of family and friends from his club.

The mature bodied midfielder/forward was part of the Burra’s 2016 Junior World Cup team which finished fourth in Lucknow. Bird scored in Australia’s opening game in Lucknow, a 2-1 win over Argentina. Bird’s career highlight to date was the 2014 Youth Olympics. He is a keen tennis player and cites Roger Federer as his player and cites Roger Federer as his career highlight to date. Under the bar in 2015 at two major international tournaments, Charter helped the Kookaburras to gold medals at both the World League Semi Final and World League Final, but his career highlight to date was winning the 2014 World Cup where Australia only conceded three goals for the whole tournament Graduating in 2013 with a Bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering with an oil and gas major, Canberra native Charter dedicated seven years to studying his degree, before landing a job with Visagio.

#### Tournament History


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**Andrew Charter #30**

Canberra, ACT

Andrew Charter played basketball, soccer and baseball as a child before ‘accidentally’ finding hockey. His sister Deanne, who was coaching an under 13 boys team at the time, roped Andrew to fill in on the field that day and he hasn’t stopped playing since. After a year on the outield, he chose to become a goalkeeper.

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#### Tournament History


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Tristan Clemons is a high achiever both on and off the hockey pitch, having won the WA Business News 40under40 People’s Choice and Entrepreneur Awards in early 2018. Clemons combines his goalkeeping duties, with a busy off-field life which includes being a nanotechnology research scientist at the University of Western Australia, along with a fashion business called Get Flapped and being a marriage celebrant. The high-achiever debuted for Australia in 2011 against Pakistan in his hometown Bunbury. Further opportunities were few and far between for the next few years, although he played at the 2013 World League Semi-Final in Rotterdam and the triumphant 2015 Oceania Cup in Stratford. Clemons enjoyed arguably the best year of his career in 2017, playing key roles as Australia won the Oceania Cup and World League Final.

**Tournament History**

**World League 2017, Oceania Cup 2015 2017**

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**Tom Craig #2**
Lane Cove, NSW

Tom Craig is a product of Ryde Hunters Hill Hockey Club’s junior mentoring program, which aims to develop junior players into professional elite athletes. A tall and powerful forward, Craig’s passion for hockey blossomed after travelling the globe with his family, experiencing ice hockey while living in Canada. On his return home to Australia, Craig decided field hockey was the next best thing. Out of the Kookaburras kit, he studies Law and International Studies at Macquarie University. Craig’s international career endured a stuttering start after his debut against India was postponed by 24 hours when officials discovered he only had a New Zealand passport; his Australian birth certificate was not enough for international clearance. Somewhat controversially, Craig, whose parents moved to Australia from New Zealand before he was born, is a fan of Australia’s rugby rivals the New Zealand All Blacks and Kiwi rugby team the Crusaders.

**Tournament History**

**Champions Trophy 2014, Oceania Cup 2015 2017**

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**Matthew Dawson #6**
Killarney Vale, NSW

The son of former Australian cricketer Trish Dawson, Matt took up hockey at the age of eight, following in the footsteps of his older sister. He played his hockey close to home on the New South Wales Central Coast and continued his progression in Newcastle from the age of 13.

Alongside teammate Blake Govers, Dawson was one of the youngest players selected to represent the Kookaburras at the prestigious World League Final in 2015, netting his drag flick in the final against Belgium to secure Australia gold. The defender was part of Australia’s 2016 Rio Olympics team and excelled at the 2017 World League Final which the Kookaburras won, claiming several Player of the Month honours.

Dawson, whose ambition outside hockey is to be a teacher, cites Mark Knowles and Roger Federer as his childhood heroes.

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**Blake Govers #13**
Wollongong, NSW

The brother of former Kookaburras Kieran, Blake Govers scored on debut in Tasmania in May 2015 before stepping up from the national development squad to the Kookaburras’ Olympic training squad, making Australia’s final team for Rio de Janeiro. A poten penalty corner exponent, his impressive first international season included ‘Best Young Player’ and ‘Top Scorer’ awards at the World League Semi Final, an Olympic qualifier, in July 2015. A frayed foot ruled him out of the World League Final later that same year.

After some time out of the team following the Rio Olympics, Govers returned with five goals against Papua New Guinea at the 2017 Oceania Cup. He continued his good goal scoring, finishing as Australia’s top scorer with five goals at the triumphant 2017 World League Final to boost his outstanding goals-to-games ratio. Away from the pitch, Govers is a qualified bricklayer with a passion for Holden classic cars and says he’d be a V8 Supercars driver if he wasn’t a hockey player.

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**Jeremy Edwards #7**
Hobart, TAS

Tasmanian and 2016 Hockey Australia Scholarship holder, Jeremy Edwards moved up from the national development squad into the Kookaburras squad in 2017. Edwards made his return into the senior squad after an undiagnosed fracture to his foot suffered at the 2016 Australian Hockey League ruled him out of the Trans-Tasman Trophy and International Festival of Hockey in November 2016.

The Tasmanian defender, who has a degree in Journalism and is a qualified primary school teacher, has settled in the Kookaburras’ defence over the past six months, playing his part as Australia won the 2017 World League Final in India. Edwards’ career highlights include Tasmania’s 2014 AHL triumph and playing in front of his home crowd for Australia.

**Tournament History**

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**Jake Harvie #4**
Dardanup, WA

Boyanup Hockey Club product Jake Harvie burst on to the scene in late 2017, having not been part of the Development Squad nor the 2016 Junior World Cup team. The tenacious defender earned his debut at the International Festival of Hockey against New Zealand in Bendigo, alongside Tim Howard and Corey Weyer. Harvie impressed with his busy style and was a late addition to the team which triumphed at the 2017 World League Final in India, handling the pressure of top opposition well for a teenager.

The youngster, who enjoys surfing and playing the guitar in his spare time, hails from a hockey family with his grandfather Gordon Pearce, being a triple Olympian in the sport.

**Tournament History**

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### Jeremy Hayward #32
Darwin, NT

Jeremy Hayward burst onto the international scene in 2014, scoring in his second game for Australia at the Azlan Shah Cup and being part of the World Cup-winning side as a 21-year-old. Injuries set him back after his early impact, but he helped the Kookaburras win the gold at the 2015 World League Final. Hayward helped Australia to victory at the 2016 Champions Trophy but wasn’t part of the Rio Olympics team. He found form again in 2017, capping the year with four goals as the Kookaburras lifted the World League Final in India.

Away from hockey, ‘Jez’ or ‘Jerry’ to his teammates, he enjoys playing golf, football and fishing. Like his Hockeyroo girlfriend Brooke Peris, Hayward studies for a Bachelor of Education. Aspiring to be a physical education teacher or coach, he enjoys teaching kids while appreciating the benefits of working outdoors.

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### Aaron Kleinschmidt #14
Melbourne, VIC

Aaron Kleinschmidt debuted for the Kookaburras after an impressive performance at the Australian Hockey League held in Perth in 2016, led to his selection for the Trans-Tasman Trophy in Auckland and the International Festival of Hockey in Melbourne.

After scoring the first goal of the game in his debut match, Kleinschmidt continued to impress for the remainder of the tournaments leading to his selection to the 2017 national squad. He was prolific in 2017, with 12 goals for the calendar year for Australia. You can catch Aaron listening to some disco tunes to get pumped up pre-game, and chowing down on his favourite food, burgers, to fuel up post-game. He formerly worked as an electrician before committing to hockey full-time.

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### Tim Howard #16
Wakerley, QLD

Tim Howard is a versatile defender who hails from the Eastern Suburbs Hockey Club in Brisbane. The vocal youngster was part of Australia’s gold medal winning 2014 Youth Olympics side and was a leader of the 2016 Junior World Cup team.

Howard was part of the Development Squad in 2017, before earning his international debut after good displays at the 2017 Australian Hockey League with runners-up Queensland. Howard debuted for the Kookaburras against New Zealand in Bendigo at the International Festival of Hockey.

The youngster is a keen golfer and cites Roger Federer as his childhood hero.

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### Mark Knowles #9
Rockhampton, QLD

Mark Knowles is the sole remaining Kookaburra from the 2004 Olympic gold medal winning side. He assumed solitary responsibility for the captniacy in January 2014 and was named FIH International Player of the Year and Kookaburra Player of the Year in 2014, when he guided the side to the World Cup.

Knowles competed at four Olympics, winning a gold medal and two bronzes, while he’s also claimed four Champions Trophy golds, three Commonwealth Games golds, two World Cup golds and two World League golds.

Married to the sister of fellow Rockhampton product Jamie Dwyer, Kel, the couple have three children Flynn, Luca and Frankie. Knowles and Dwyer started up their own coaching business while he’s also taken up a position in Personal Excellence at the Queensland Academy of Sport which he’ll focus on when he retires after the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

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### Tyler Lovell #24
Perth, WA

A twin, goalkeeper Tyler Lovell played alongside his brother Mathew at their local Perth hockey club, Wannamunda, from the age of five. As a youngster, Tyler played both hockey and cricket but in his mid-teens decided to focus on hockey. At the age of 15 he moved to his current club YMCC to play in the Western Australia premier division.

Lovell started 2016 off in style, tying the knot with his partner Josie at the Mandoon Estate in Western Australia in front of family and friends. After completing high school he went straight into full-time work in a sales and marketing role. Currently working for RMEM Engineering, sales and marketing is a career path that he wishes to continue with after hockey. Lovell is yet to compete at either the Olympics or Commonwealth Games, but was part of the 2014 World Cup winning side which conceded only three goals for the whole tournament. He’s also won Champions Trophy, Oceania Cup and World League titles.

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### Trent Mitton #25
Perth, WA

Trent Mitton might have had little choice but to excel in hockey, which he took up at the age of five. Mitton is a name etched in Australian hockey history with Trent the latest of three generations to represent the Kookaburras. His grandfather Don Mitton represented Australia in 1958 while his father Grant played from 1983 to 1989, competing at the 1984 Olympic Games and winning World Cup gold in 1986.

Playing alongside his older brother Joel, who also represented WA, at Wesley South in Perth has always been a highlight for Mitton. Mitton cites his twin commonwealth Games, but gold medals in 2010 and 2014 as career highlights. He is also a sports coach, having worked at a high school while completing a sport traineeship.

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**Eddie Ockenden #11**
Hobart, TAS

The Kookaburra's athlete of the year in 2015 and a former International Player of the Year nominee, triple Olympian Eddie Ockenden - the only Tasmanian to score 50 goals for Australia - is one of the world's most renowned players.

There's nothing more he likes than spending his spare time traveling in the Tasmanian wilderness, walking upstream and enjoying fly-fishing and tuna fishing during season.

Following the footsteps of his mother Angela, the pair played at the North-West Graduates Hockey Club. Having debuted in 2006, Ockenden's career has seen many highlights but he cites competing at the Olympics and winning bronze medals in 2008 and 2012, along with the 2010 and 2014 World Cup triumphs as his most memorable moments. Ockenden brought up his 300th cap during Australia's successful 2017 World League Final campaign in India.

**Tournament History**

**Position:** Defender/Midfielder  
**DOB:** 3/4/87  
**Debut:** 4/11/06  
**Goals:** 68  
**Caps:** 314  

[@EddieOckenden]

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**Lachlan Sharp #1**
Lithgow, NSW

Former Lithgow coal miner Lachlan Sharp was another to earn his debut in late 2017, thrust into the World League Final for his first taste of international hockey. The lightly-framed attacker, who hails from Zig Zag and Ryde Hunters Hill Hockey Clubs, impressed in his debut tournament and crucially had a goal disallowed at the World League Final.

Sharp didn't need to wait too long for his maiden international goal, thundering in a double against the Netherlands in a big 6-1 win in Perth in February 2018. Sharp cites that, along with Ryde's maiden premiership in 50 years in 2015 as other highlights to date.

**Tournament History**
World League 2017

**Position:** Midfielder/Forward  
**DOB:** 2/11/97  
**Debut:** 1/12/17  
**Goals:** 4  
**Caps:** 14  
[@LachlanSharp01]  
[@Sharppy97]

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**Corey Weyer #3**
Biggera Waters, QLD

Gold Coast product Corey Weyer, who is affectionately known as Wiz, is another young player who debuted for the Kookaburras in late 2017 against New Zealand at the International Festival of Hockey in Bendigo.

The blonde-locked defender was part of the Queensland side which reached the 2017 Australian Hockey League where his displays earned him his maiden international call-up.

Weyer's career highlights include the 2014 Youth Olympics gold medal. Weyer, who hails from Labrador Hockey Club, is a keen golfer who cites former Kookaburra Brent Livermore as his childhood hero.

**Position:** Defender  
**DOB:** 28/3/98  
**Debut:** 5/11/17  
**Goals:** 1  
**Caps:** 14  
[@CoreyWeyer]

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**Flynn Ogilvie #22**
Wollongong, NSW

Discovering hockey at the age of five through his family's passion for the sport, Flynn Ogilvie made his senior international debut in November 2014 against India in Perth.

The Ogilvie family features six children (four sons and two daughters), all of whom have turned out for the University of Wollongong Hockey Club. Also keen indoor players, Flynn played alongside his brothers Kurt and Heath at the 2015 FIH Indoor World Cup in Germany.

 Fellow 'Gong' resident Tristan White took Ogilvie under his wing since he joined the high performance program in Perth. Ogilvie, who loves travel, injured his hamstring at the 2017 Azlan Shah Cup but successfully returned from injury in early 2018.

**Tournament History**
Champions Trophy 2014 2016, Oceania Cup 2015

**Position:** Midfielder  
**DOB:** 28/3/96  
**Debut:** 4/11/14  
**Goals:** 15  
**Caps:** 61  
[@FlynnO17]

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**Matthew Swann #20**
Mackay, QLD

Country boy 'Swanny' is one of those superstitious types. As a junior, Swann was known for waiting until he lost a game to wash his uniform, believing it was bad luck to wash a winning shirt. He has also previously been known to wear a lucky yellow headband, given to him by former Kookaburra Luke Doerner.

Following in the footsteps of his three hockey-playing older sisters, Swann credits former Australian defender Dean Butler with helping him transition from the state team to the national set-up. His career has seen him play in the Netherlands' Hoofdklasse league for Bloemendaal and the Hockey India League for the Mumbai Magicians and Dabang Mumbai, whom he captained in 2016. Swann was the most expensive Australian in the auction for the 2016 HIL, picked up for US$75,000.

Swann has competed at two Olympics, winning bronze in 2012, while he has claimed two Commonwealth Games gold medals. A whizz with numbers, he took some time away from the national team in early 2018 to focus on his professional career.

**Tournament History**

**Position:** Defender  
**DOB:** 16/8/91  
**Debut:** 19/10/09  
**Goals:** 7  
**Caps:** 156  
[@MatthewSwann]  
[@Swann20]

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**Jake Whetton #12**
Brisbane, QLD

Jake Whetton began playing hockey aged four, following in the footsteps of his parents in joining local club Eastern Suburbs Tigers in Brisbane. A health and fitness fanatic, the tricky forward credits 1976 Olympic silver medal winner Greg Browning as one of those to have had the strongest influence on his career, while cricketer Andrew Symonds was also a childhood hero. Encouraging him to attend training sessions with the likes of former Kookaburras Dean Butler and Stephen Lambert back in his hometown in Queensland gave Whetton the training and confidence needed to rise to the top. He was part of Australia's gold medal winning 2014 Commonwealth Games side and competed at the 2016 Rio Olympics.

With one eye already on the future, he has ambitions to take up personal training and to travel extensively around Europe. Whetton finished 2016 on a high, marrying partner Sam in an intimate ceremony in Byron Bay.

**Tournament History**

**Position:** Forward  
**DOB:** 16/6/91  
**Debut:** 19/10/11  
**Goals:** 60  
**Caps:** 156  
[@Whetty12]
Forward
Oceania Cup 2017, World League 2017
Tournament History
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World League Final semi-final victory over
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Wickham, who moved to Western Australia in
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Wickham, who moved to Western Australia in
2011 on an AIS scholarship, debuted for the
Kookaburras Kieran Govers, Matt Gohdes
and Matthew Swann. White had a mixed 2016
after a fantastic start in which he impressed
at the Champions Trophy, he was selected for the
team to contest the 2016 Rio Olympics,
only to injure his PCL in training and miss the
games. He has since returned and was part of
Australia’s 2017 World League Final triumph.

Tournament History
Commonwealth Games 2014, World League
2014 2017, Champions Trophy
Position: Defender
DOB: 11/7/90
Debut: 26/10/11
Goals: 6
Caps: 102
@TDubs03 @TristanOWhite

Tom Wickham #5
Morgan, SA
“plays for WA
South Australia-born Tom Wickham has had
an interesting path to the National Senior
Men’s Squad, having grown up in Alice Springs
before moving to Perth to pursue hockey.
Wickham, who moved to Western Australia in
2011 on an AIS scholarship, debuted for the
Kookaburras in 2013 against Korea in Perth.
The forward was unable to add to his two caps
from 2013 until a breakthrough 2017 when he played
all 32 games for the calendar year and scored
15 goals. Among the highlights for Wickham
was a double in the 2017 Oceania Cup final
where Australia defeated New Zealand 6-0.
Wickham also got on the scoresheet in the
World League Final semi-final victory over
Germany as Australia went on to lift the title.

Tournament History
Oceania Cup 2017, World League 2017
Position: Forward
DOB: 26/5/90
Debut: 5/5/13
Goals: 15
Caps: 36
@TWickham @T26Wicks

Dylan Wotherspoon #26
Murraywillumbah, NSW
“plays for QLD
In a short timeframe, Queenslander Dylan
Wotherspoon made his senior international
debut against India in late 2014 before
joining the national senior squad in 2015 and
stepping up into the Kookaburras’ Olympic
training squad in early 2016. However, 2016
proved to be a difficult year for Wotherspoon,
with a consistent hamstring injury ruling him
out of competition for the majority of the year.
With both his parents heavily involved in
hockey, he took up the sport with local club
Redbacks aged four, following in the footsteps
of his two older sisters. He has a younger
brother Blake who also plays for Queensland.
Growing up, beach-loving Wotherspoon
looked up to fellow Tweed-born Nathan
Eglington, who was part of Australia’s Olympic
gold medal winning team in 2004, something
which Wotherspoon remembers staying up
late and getting up early to watch. Eglington
once gave the youngster his stick – a Voodoo –
the brand Wotherspoon still uses to this day.

Tournament History
World League 2015 2017, Oceania Cup 2017
Position: Forward
DOB: 9/4/93
Debut: 5/11/14
Goals: 21
Caps: 64
@DylanWotherspoon @DylanWspoon32

Aran Zalewski #17
Margaret River, WA
Aran Zalewski has been almost ever-present
for the Kookaburras in their biggest
tournaments since late 2013. Known to his
teammates as ‘Moose’, he is recognisable by
the mop of messy blond hair.
Zalewski, who is one of the Kookaburras’
leadership group, won gold at the 2014
Commonwealth Games and World Cup in a
successful year for him. The Margaret River
native, who enjoys surfing and travel in his
spare time, was part of Australia’s 2016 Rio
Olympics side too.
When not attending hockey training or Curtin
University, where he is studying a Bachelor of
Commerce degree, he spends time with his
four legged friend Bailey the chocolate brown
Labrador and partner Teagan.

Tournament History
Olympics 2016, Commonwealth Games 2014,
World League 2014 2015 2017, Champions
Trophy 2016, World Cup 2014, Oceania Cup
2013 2015 2017
Position: Midfielder
DOB: 21/3/91
Debut: 31/10/11
Goals: 20
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@AranZalewski
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