

Hockey ACT is very busy getting ready to host an international series and preparing for the 2011 competitions. For more information read on

Hock-e-1st – Hockey ACT’s electronic newsletter: is coming next month. Once a month (and possibly more often) Hockey ACT will email all our members an electronic newsletter so everyone is up to date on the latest Hockey ACT news and events. Do you have any suggestions regarding the newsletter? If so please email manager@hockeyact.org.au so we can consider including them into the newsletter before the template is finalised.

Canberra to host Hockeyroos V Argentina: the Hockeyroos are set to play their first game on home soil for 2011 when they face world number one team, Argentina, in a series of matches in Canberra from 1st – 5th April. Canberra locals Nicole Arrol and Anna Flanagan will both line up for the Hockeyroos with Anna playing in front of her home crowd for the first time. An Australia A side will also participate in the series [MORE INFORMATION](#)

Volunteers required: are you interested in helping Hockey ACT host the Hockeyroos/Argentina tour? If so, Hockey ACT is currently seeking enthusiastic individuals to be part of the volunteer and ball attendant team. All the information is available from the [Hockey ACT website](#). If you can help to make this a success for Hockey ACT and the Hockeyroos, check out the website and register your interest by Friday 11th March.

Hockey Registration Day: Two Registration Days will be held – this Friday 18th February, from 5pm to 8pm, and 12 March from 9am to 3pm, during the FHE Six-a-side Challenge [MORE INFORMATION](#)

FHE 6-a-side challenge: Hockey ACT will be running an inaugural 6-a-Side Challenge, sponsored by FHE, from Friday 11 March – Sunday 13 March. The challenge is open to all Hockey ACT clubs as part of their pre-season preparations and will involve 6 competitions - Open Men, Open Women, Over 35 Men, Over 35 Women, Under 16 Boys and Under 16 Girls [MORE INFORMATION](#).

Twilight Skills sessions: Hockey ACT will once again be running kids Twilight Skills sessions. The Twilight Skills sessions are a great opportunity for new players to experience the game, but also for players who have played and would like to learn some new skills. The Twilight Skills sessions, will be conducted by quality coaches with a focus on fun [MORE INFORMATION](#)

Senior Competition Review: a big thank you to the over 500 people that participated in the survey which was part of the recent senior competition review. Hockey ACT staff have analysed the information from the survey and identified several key issues which will be addressed for the 2011 season. The senior competition will again be reviewed in 2011. We are also intending to conduct a survey of the Junior Competition as part of a review of that competition.



Senior competition draw: Hockey ACT has completed the first draft of the draw with the competition kicking off the weekend 26/27 March. Every effort is being made by Hockey ACT to ensure the draw is finalised and available prior to the start of the season, as requested in the competition review.

Congratulations HACT staff and members:

- Graham Carter: awarded an Order of Australia Medal for his contributions to Hockey in the ACT, Australia Day 2011 ... [MORE INFORMATION](#)
- Shelly Watson, Matt Hotchkis and Paul Mackinnon: chosen to represent Australia at the Indoor Hockey World Cup in Poznan, Poland from February 8-13. Congratulations also to Garry Backhus and Andrew Charters who were selected in the men's shadow squad [MORE INFORMATION](#)
- Ben Bishop: named as the new ACTAS Hockey National Training (NTC) Head Coach, to lead the newly combined men's and women's Hockey program initially through to the London Olympic Games in 2012 ... [MORE INFORMATION](#)

All the best to the:

- Hockeyroos, currently playing in a 4 Nations Event in Argentina from 4 – 22 February. Anna Flanagan is part of the Hockeyroos and will be playing against Germany, Argentina and the USA.
- Jillaroos (Australian Women's Junior Team), playing in a series against France in Perth from 21 – 27 February. The ACT's Naomi Evans is part of the Jillaroos team.
- Canberra Lakers and Strikers who are currently training in preparation for the 2011 AHL season.

Rest in peace: Hockey ACT regrets to inform that over the Christmas and New Year period two long standing Hockey ACT members – Ian Deas and Jack Thompson passed away. More information on Ian and Jack is available from the Hockey ACT [NEWS](#) page of our website.
