

## VALE DIANE CUBBIN

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The Women's Masters community, the hockey family at Manning Valley and her family and friends have been deeply saddened by the recent passing of Di Cubbin.

At the celebration of her life, Di was described as: "...a loving wife and adoring mother; a tireless worker; a smart and focused administrator; a tough, uncompromising, talented player; the life of the party with a great dry sense of humour; a person of unwavering support and love and dear friend."

Many Women's Masters players would be aware of the huge amount of administrative work that Di performed in running the Women's Masters Championships at Taree. She made a massive contribution to Manning Valley hockey both at Club and Association level and was a NSW Women's Masters player for six years and member of Women's Masters Committee. Qualities of strength, courage, tenacity and determination were very much in evidence both on and off the field and in the last few years as she faced a battle with her illness.

A quote from a NSW Masters player:

*"What a fighter – what an example! That terrific grin, those feisty tackles, the untiring volunteer – with courage, bravery and spirit, go well, Di, you are always with us."*

## TRIALS FOR STATE TEAMS

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Trials for the Women's Masters State Teams took place over the course of the weekend just past and we were very pleased with attendance. From this, we have selected seven State Teams, who will be announced on the Hockey NSW Website at approximately 10am on the 21st June, 2016.

Teams will be announced in the following age groups:

**Over 35s**  
**Over 40s**  
**Over 45s**  
**Over 50s**  
**Over 60s**  
**Over 65s**

Congratulations to all the selected players.

## STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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It is pleasing to note that there will be 64 teams at North Half State Championships in Taree and 57 teams at South Half State at Moorebank. After considering the numbers of teams nominating for each division, some movement of teams and combining of divisions has been necessary to make a viable competition with a guaranteed minimum of five x 53 minute games. Work is well on the way for drafting a draw.

## STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS (CONT'D)

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As has been noted previously, North Half State should have a start time no earlier than 11.00am. With there only being 6 fields at Moorebank and a smaller number of teams, the games will probably start at 10.00 am (umpires/managers' meetings earlier) for South Half State. Consideration will be given to farthest away teams where possible.

Teams playing in the State Champs who want more players for their teams and players who want to play but do not have a team can register their details with Hockey NSW who will advertise these names etc. on the Women's Masters State Champs webpage.

**AGM AGENDA** AGM (2) will be held at both Taree and Moorebank. Please send any agenda items that you wish to be discussed to the Committee.

### EOIs FOR HOSTING WOMEN'S MASTERS HALF STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN 2017 & 2018

We are asking Associations to consider the possibility of hosting these Champs. More information can be obtained from the Committee and we welcome any expressions of interest.

## South - Moorebank

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Moorebank have a designated tent provider and access to this business is through Sue Cotterill. No other provider is permitted onto the grounds. Associations bringing their own tents must inform Moorebank and be allocated a place on which to set up.

If a team/Association requires umpires to do their duties, please make contact to Sue Cotterill at [susancot30@gmail.com](mailto:susancot30@gmail.com). We ask that every team try to bring suitable umpires for their commitments and not overload Moorebank's resources. Liaison to access umpires from Moorebank's umpires pool will be done through Sue and payment (\$25 per umpire per game) made directly to Sue (not the Women's Masters Committee), no later than the Managers/umpires meetings on the first day of play.

## North - Taree

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The tent provider for Taree is R & B Marquee Providers (02) 6552 3786.

Associations should liaise with this provider if they need a tent. Taree will indicate where Association tents can be set up. Other provider is Hire Port – (02) 6583 1015.

If an Association/team requires the services of umpires from Taree's umpires pool, please make contact to Craig Colvin ([Craig.J.Colvin@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Craig.J.Colvin@det.nsw.edu.au)). Payment of \$25 per umpire per game will be made directly to the Umpires' Coordinator prior to the Managers/Umpires meetings on the first day of play.

## JUMPERS & RUGBY TOPS ORDERS

Have you put in your jumper orders to Sue Abba? Sue may be able to source them now if you get your orders in ASAP. If possible, the jumpers will be presented during the Opening Ceremony at each venue. Please email Sue Abba at [sue@peterabba.com](mailto:sue@peterabba.com).

## 2016 WOMEN'S MASTERS EVENT TIMELINE

DATE	EVENT
18th June	State Team Selection - Newcastle, 8:30am - 5pm
21st June	State Team Announcement
1st July	First State Championships Draw
1st July	State Championship Team Lists
15th July	Final State Championship Draw
29th - 31st July	State Championships
	NORTH: Taree, SOUTH: Moorebank
3rd - 16th October	National Championships (Hobart)

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