

01 State Team Selection Nominations

State Team Selection Nominations opened on the 15th May and will remain open until the 9th June. We encourage anyone wishing to nominate to do so by the closing date to allow the committee and selectors to work on the logistics for the trials. Trials are being held in Newcastle on Saturday 24th June, 2017.

It is envisaged that the State trials will again run from 8:00am to 5:30/6:00pm with age groups and timetables advised when full nomination numbers are known. **Please keep an eye on the Hockey NSW Website - Women's Masters tab for the State trial time line.**

Any Australian Team Members playing in Europe in the Over 60's whom would like an exemption from attending the selection trials must nominate online and forward a formal request via email to the Committee (contact details located at bottom of newsletter) to be absent from the trials if they wish to be considered for a NSW team.

[Click here to nominate](#)

Any player suffering from an injury prior to the trials must also apply for an exemption with supporting documentation and attend the trials themselves.

02 Grafton Dinner

Get your tickets!

6:30pm for a 7:00pm start on Saturday, 29th July at the Grafton District Services Club - \$35 per person - tickets to be paid in full by 24th July.

The Grafton dinner theme is intended to allow Associations to show what makes their hometown special or famous. For example, The Bathurst 1000 or Grafton's Jacaranda Festival.

[Click here to view the flyer.](#)

Due to limited parking, the Grafton Showground - adjacent the fields - will be available for parking. [Click here view a map of the Grafton Fields.](#)

03

Parkes Dinner

Get your tickets!

The Parkes Wild Wild West Dinner will take place on 6.30pm Saturday, July 29th at \$40 per person. Tickets on sale June 19th – make sure to book early as seating is limited!

04

Umpire/manager meeting

The Umpire and Managers meeting will be held half an hour prior to the first game in the relevant Grafton or Parkes draw.

05

Women's Masters AGM

Agenda items for both North & South

The Women's Masters AGM's will be held on Friday at 5.30pm at both venues (Grafton and Parkes) so please forward your agenda items for discussion to [Helen Taylor](#).

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Teams & Divisions

With some age groups and aged divisions having only a few teams nominated the Committee may be required to combine ages and/or divisions. This is done to ensure each team has a minimum of five games over the weekend.

If two age divisions are combined i.e. 55s and 50's neither age division will be disadvantaged - at the end of the round games the top two teams at the Over 50's will play the final and the top two teams at the Over 55's will play their final (unless the 55's want to challenge for the 50's trophy).

For example, if after the round games we have placing such as A/50 1st, C/55 2nd, B/50 3rd, G/55 4th then the A/50s vs B50/s for the O50 final and C/55 vs G/55 for the O55 final.

The Orange Women's Masters have been able to attend the State Championships since their inception and over the years have grown from taking one team away to taking up to eight teams away and being represented in each age division. Our original team are now in the O55s.

Being in a central location Orange have had the ability to attend all the Full and Half State Championships when they are close by or an extra days travel away... So how do we do it?

- We fundraise: Orange Women's Masters are very fortunate to be able to provide the food and beverages at the annual Gnoo Blah Classic car show held in Orange annually. The Women Masters volunteer their weekend to cook on the BBQ, serve hot dogs and make up to 100 lunches for car members racing on the Sunday. This weekend of work allows Orange to subsidise the cost of our bus, accommodation and players attending the Championships, bringing in \$5,000 – 7,000 on average. It's a long day, but it's a great catch up at the beginning of the season and there are many hands on deck to help.
- Orange try to keep their range of packages under \$300 - be it to attend Parkes, Taree, Armidale or Coffs Harbour.
- As soon as the venue for the next year is known our players are told (on the bus) as well as being posted on our Orange Women's Masters Facebook page. This allows players to start their saving and to book in their annual leave requirements or whoever for child minding.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

HOCKEY AUSTRALIA WOMEN'S MASTERS COUNCIL

The Hockey Australia Women's Masters Council have called for Expressions of Interest for Technical and Selection Panels from qualified applicants to attend the 2017 Women's Masters Australian Championships in Newcastle between 29th September - 7th October, 2017.

[For more information please see the Hockey NSW website.](#)

We wish our NSW representatives safe travels and plenty of top level hockey in their upcoming OS competitions.

NSW: Narelle Barden, Sue Briggs, Lyn Dockrill, Robin Gorton, Maureen Massey, Sue Miller, Kate Ryan, Susan Thomas.

The team will compete at the Home Nations Tournament in Dublin Ireland, 23 - 25 June, and will play in various other matches against national teams in Wales and England.