What’s on in 2019
In 2019 we launch the world-first FIH Pro League

Domestic ambition
In 2019 we launch a new domestic Hockey League

2018 in review
A look back at the highs and lows of the year

2019 Squad lists
Get to know the Hockeyroos and Kookaburras
Welcome to the 2019 hockey season

The 2019 calendar year represents an ambitious 12 months for Hockey in Australia and globally with the launch of a re-imagined Australian domestic league and the inaugural FIH Pro League. Amid that the Hockeyroos and the Kookaburras will seek to secure 2020 Olympic qualification at the Oceania Cup in September. This guide is geared to reflect on 2018 to provide context and reference for the year ahead for our valued media, as well as inform about our amazing athletes who’ll take centre stage in 2019. The guide is also available to download as a PDF. Please don’t hesitate to get in touch throughout the year, with rights-free images, audio and vision always readily available.

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Hockeyroo Edwina Bone in action at the 2018 Commonwealth Games

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CEO Message

Hello to all of our valued media ahead of an ambitious and exciting 2019 for Hockey in Australia.

Over the next 12 months the game in Australia will undergo a major transformation, with the introduction of the ground-breaking international FIH Pro League from January to June and our own re-imagined domestic league from October and November.

Of course, Hockey as a sport runs in cycles and our journey towards the 2020 Tokyo Olympics continues, with the Hockeyroos and the Kookaburras seeking Olympic qualification later in the year. Reflecting on 2018, the Hockeyroos rose from fifth to third, competing in gold medal matches at the Commonwealth Games and Champions Trophy, along with a World Cup semi-final where we pushed the world number one Netherlands all the way to a shootout. We feel the experiences felt by the Hockeyroos under coach Paul Gaudoin in 2018 will hold them in good stead for Tokyo.

The Kookaburras reigned as the world’s top side for most of 2018, before Belgium’s World Cup triumph and our third-place finish in December saw the Red Devils leapfrog us into the number one ranking. It’s obvious there were fine margins among the top few nations at the World Cup and having won the Azlan Shah Cup, Commonwealth Games and Champions Trophy titles in 2018, we’re confident the Kookaburras will bounce back in their pursuit of Olympic glory.

Such is the culture within the Kookaburras, following the emotional retirement of our inspiring skipper Mark Knowles in April, the side continued to evolve and we’re confident that will continue towards Tokyo.

Both sides’ preparations for the Tokyo Olympics will be benefited by the new FIH Pro League which is the first-ever global international league in any sport. The Pro League pits nine of the world’s best international teams against each other annually on a home-and-away and weekly basis, replacing tournaments like the Champions Trophy and World League. As a result, more matches will be played in Australian cities, bringing a new and exciting entertainment product which will be broadcast on Fox Sports. We anticipate this will create greater engagement with fans and a more consistent media narrative. Matches will be played in Australia from early February to late March in Melbourne, Hobart, Perth and Sydney, before our teams head overseas with matches as far and wide as Argentina, New Zealand, China, USA and Europe.

The 2019 calendar year will see us launch our re-imagined domestic Hockey league to replace the state-based Australian Hockey League (AHL). Watch this space for updates in March and April with a view to a series of announcements for a franchise-based league to be played over two months across the country. Matches in the new league will also be televised by Fox Sports, offering Hockey fans enhanced access to watch the best Australian talent on a weekly basis.

Hockey in Australia enjoyed some fabulous media coverage in 2018 as our teams competed at the Commonwealth Games, two World Cups and two Champions Trophies. We signed a new five-year deal with Fox Sports to broadcast all of our major international matches and saw a major increase in our press coverage. We look forward to continued positive ongoing collaboration and engagement as our sport strives ahead with some exciting projects in 2019.

With international and domestic matches to be played in every state in 2019, we look forward to seeing you in the stands!

Matt Favier
Hockey Australia – CEO
The Kookaburras held the number one ranking for almost all of 2018, as they lifted the Commonwealth Games and Champions Trophy titles but lost their top status in December after Belgium’s World Cup triumph. The Hockeyroos rose from fifth at the start of the year to third following their World Cup semi-finals run in July/August, while the side’s Champions Trophy runners-up finish in November has them within a whisker of second.

World ranking points are awarded to teams by the International Hockey Federation after each major international tournament. Accumulated points are valid for four years, although their value decreases by 25% each year since earning them.

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### MEN’S/WOMEN’S INDOOR

**Ranking**

- **Men’s** | 10th
- **Women’s** | 8th

**Indoor Hockey World Cup**

- **February** | Berlin
- **Men’s** | Fourth place
- **Women’s** | Quarter-finalists

### 2018 Kookaburras Tournaments/Series

- **Test Series v Netherlands**
  - January-February | Narrogin/Perth | 1 win, 2 draws, 1 loss
- **Sultan Azlan Shah Cup**
  - March | Ipoh | Winners
- **Commonwealth Games**
  - April | Gold Coast | Gold medal
- **Champions Trophy**
  - June-July | Breda | Winners
- **Darwin International Hockey Open**
  - September | Darwin | Runners-up
- **World Cup**
  - November-December | Bhubaneswar | Third place

### 2018 Hockeyroos Tournaments/Series

- **Test Series v Spain**
  - January | Perth | 1 win, 3 draws
- **Commonwealth Games**
  - April | Gold Coast | Silver medal
- **Tri Nations**
  - May | Cromwell | Winners
- **World Cup**
  - July-August | London | Fourth place
- **Four Nations**
  - September | Osaka | Runners-up
- **Champions Trophy**
  - November | Changzhou | Runners-up

### MASTERS

- **Masters World Cup**
  - July-August | Terrassa
  - **Winners** | Men’s 35+ | Men’s 50+
  - **Runners-up** | Women’s 35+ | Women’s 40+ | Women’s 50+ | Women’s 55+
  - **Third place** | Women’s 60+
  - **Fourth place** | Women’s 45+ | Women’s 60+ Wattles
  - **Fifth place** | Men’s 45+
  - **Sixth place** | Men’s 40+
  - **Seventh place** | Men’s 55+
2019 International Calendar

Major International Events In The Next 12 Months

FIH PRO LEAGUE
Kookaburras
Hockeyroos
Dates: January 2019 – June 2019
Location: Home/Away

OLYMPIC TEST EVENT
Kookaburras
Hockeyroos
Dates: 12-18 August, 2019
Location: Osaka, Japan

OCEANIA CUP
Kookaburras
Hockeyroos
Dates: 1-8 September, 2019
Location: Rockhampton, Australia

OLYMPIC QUALIFIERS
Kookaburras
Hockeyroos
Dates: 25 October – 3 November 2019
Location: TBC

FIH Pro League Breakdown

OFFICIAL DATES & LOCATIONS

Saturday 2 February
State Netball & Hockey Centre, Melbourne
Kookaburras v Netherlands - 3pm (AEDT)
Hockeyroos v Netherlands - 4:45pm (AEDT)

Sunday 3 February
State Netball & Hockey Centre, Melbourne
Kookaburras v Belgium - 3pm (AEDT)
Hockeyroos v Belgium - 4:45pm (AEDT)

Saturday 9 February
Tasmanian Hockey Centre, Hobart
Kookaburras v Pakistan - 3pm (AEDT)
Hockeyroos v China - 4:45pm (AEDT)

Sunday 10 February
Tasmanian Hockey Centre, Hobart
Kookaburras v Germany - 3pm start (AEDT)
Hockeyroos v Germany - 4:45pm (AEDT)

Saturday 16 February
Perth Hockey Stadium, Perth
Kookaburras v Great Britain - 6:30pm (AEDT)
Hockeyroos v Great Britain - 8:15pm (AEDT)

Saturday 2 March
Sydney Olympic Park, Sydney
Kookaburras v Spain - 3pm start (AEDT)
Hockeyroos v USA - 4:45pm (AEDT)

Saturday 16 March
Sydney Olympic Park, Sydney
Kookaburras v Argentina - 3pm start (AEDT)
Hockeyroos v Argentina - 4:45pm start (AEDT)

Sunday 17 March
Sydney Olympic Park, Sydney
Kookaburras v New Zealand - 3pm start (AEDT)
Hockeyroos v New Zealand - 4:45pm (AEDT)

Thursday 25 April
North Harbour Hockey Stadium, Auckland
New Zealand v Hockeyroos
2:30pm (local time)
New Zealand v Kookaburras
4:30pm (local time)

Saturday 4 May
Cenardo, Buenos Aires
Argentina v Kookaburras – 4pm (local time)
Argentina v Hockeyroos – 6pm (local time)

Friday 10 May
Spooky Nook Sports, Pennsylvania
USA v Hockeyroos – 7pm (local time)

Sunday 2 June
Wujin Hockey Stadium, Changzhou
China PR v Hockeyroos – 4pm (local time)

Friday 7 June
Lee Valley Hockey & Tennis Centre, London
Pakistan v Kookaburras - TBC

Sunday 9 June
Lee Valley Hockey & Tennis Centre, London
Great Britain v Kookaburras
2pm (local time)
Great Britain v Hockeyroos
4pm (local time)

Friday 14 June
Club de Campo Villa de Madrid, Madrid
Spain v Kookaburras – 7pm (local time)

Sunday 16 June
UHC-Clubanlage, Hamburg
Germany v Hockeyroos 12pm (local time)
Germany v Kookaburras 2pm (local time)

Wednesday 19 June
Wilrijkse Plein Antwerp, Antwerp
Belgium v Hockeyroos
6:30pm (local time)
Belgium v Kookaburras
8:30pm (local time)

Saturday 22 June
Wagener Stadium, Amstelveen
Netherlands v Kookaburras
3pm (local time)

Sunday 23 June
Wagener Stadium, Amstelveen
Women’s Semi-finals
6:30pm & 8:30pm (local time)

Friday 28 June
Wagener Stadium, Amstelveen
Men’s Semi-finals
6:30pm & 8:30pm (local time)

Saturday 29 June
Wagener Stadium, Amstelveen
Women’s Third place match & Final
2pm & 4pm (local time)

Sunday 30 June
Wagener Stadium, Amstelveen
Men’s Third place match & Final
2pm & 4pm (local time)

MASTERS

INDOOR MASTERS WORLD CUP
Dates: 14–17 February
Location: Hong Kong

TRANS-TASMAN MASTERS CHALLENGE
Dates: 30 April – 4 May
Location: Gold Coast
**2018 Domestic Snapshot**

**Australian Hockey League**

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### Under-21 National Championships
4-11 July | Sydney, NSW
Winners | NSW - Womens | Tasmania - Mens

### Under-18 National Championships
13-21 March | Launceston, TAS
Winners | NSW State - Girls | Victoria - Boys

### Under-15 National Championships
18-27 April | Wollongong, NSW
Winners | NSW State - Girls | Queensland - Boys

### Under-13 Australian Carnival
4-10 October | Hobart, TAS
Winners | NSW Lions - Girls | WA Storm - Boys

### Australian Country Hockey Championships
3-11 August | Berri, SA
Winners | Queensland - Women | Victoria - Mens

### Men's Masters Australian Championships
21 September-6 October | Lismore/ Ballina, NSW
Winners | Queensland - 35+ | Victoria - 40+
| Tasmania - 45+ | WA - 50+ | Queensland - 55+
| NSW - 60+ | SA - 70+ | NZL - 75+ | Queensland 1- 40+/2
| NSW - 45+ | 2 | Queensland 1 - 50+/2
| Victoria - 55+/2 | NSW - 60+/2

### Women's Masters Australian Championships
27 September-6 October | Bunbury/Busselton, WA
Winners | Queensland - 35+ | WA - 40+ | NSW - 45+
| WA - 50+ | Queensland - 55+ | NSW - 60+ | NSW - 65+

### Australian Indoor Hockey Festival
4-25 January | Goulburn, NSW
Winners | WA - Open Womens | NSW - Open Men
| NSW - U21 Womens | ACT - U21 Mens | NSW - U18 Boys
| VIC - U19 Boys | NSW - U15 Girls | NSW - U15 Boys
| NSW - U19 Girls | NSW - U15 Boys

### Participation

| Club + School Managed + SSP + Hin2H + Indigenous + Modified + Other Targeted Programs + Coach and Officials = 203,853 |

Club/association registrations: 89,492

### 2018 Numbers

| 55% | 45% |

### State-by-state

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**AHL FINALS – GOLD COAST, QLD**

**Quarter-Finals**
- Qld Scorchers 13 NT Pearls 0 | SA Suns 0 (2) Canberra Strikers 0 (4)
- NSW Arrows 6 WA Diamonds 0 | Vic Vipers 6 Tassie Van Demons 0

**Semi-Finals**
- Qld Scorchers 2 Canberra Strikers 1 | NSW Arrows 4 Vic Vipers 3

**Third Place Match**
- Canberra Strikers 4 (2) Vic Vipers 4 (0)

**Final**
- Qld Scorchers 6 (S. Fitzpatrick 12’, 12’, 56’, Kenny 33’, Kershaw 59’, 59’)

**Player of the Tournament**
- Elena Tice & Lily Brazel

**Top Goalscorer**
- Rebecca Greiner, Jodie Kenny, Emily Hurtz

**Goalkeeper of the Tournament**
- Rachael Lynch

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**AHL FINALS – GOLD COAST, QLD**

**Quarter-Finals**
- Tassie Tigers 11 NT Stingers 0 | Qld Blades 6 Vic Vikings 5
- Canberra Lakers 7 SA Hotshots 0 | WA Thundersticks 2

**Semi-Finals**
- Tassie Tigers 3 Qld Blades 9 | Canberra Lakers 1 NSW Waratahs 0

**Third Place Match**
- Tassie Tigers 1 Canberra Lakers 0

**Final**
- Qld Blades 5 (Watherspoon 19’, 19’, 47’, Beale 22’, 22’)
- NSW Waratahs 3 (B. Govers 21’, K. Govers 43’, 43’)

**Player of the Tournament**
- Jake Whetton

**Top Goalscorer**
- Blake Govers

**Goalkeeper of the Tournament**
- Corey Weyer

**Goalkeeper of the Tournament**
- Andrew Charter
2019 Domestic Calendar

New Australian Domestic League

It is anticipated Australian Hockey’s new domestic league will be launched in March to be played between more than half a dozen new franchises in October and November.

The league is proposed to be a home-and-away round robin competition played over two months, moving away from the Australian Hockey League (AHL) format. Franchises are expected to represent Member Associations across Australia, with both male and female teams competing.

Fox Sports will be the broadcast rights holder while games will be played all across the country, enabling Australian Hockey fans unprecedented access to the elite domestic game.

The 2018 AHL was utilised a pilot for the reimagined league, with a handful of rule innovations and game modifications trialled, with a view to their introduction in 2019.

OFFICIAL DATES & LOCATIONS

Australian Indoor Hockey Festival
January 4-26 | Goulburn, NSW

Under-15 National Championships
April 8-14 | Narellan, NSW

Under-18 National Championships
April 9-17 | Hobart, TAS

Under-21 National Championships
July 10-17 | Lismore, NSW

Australian Country Hockey Championships
August 3-11 | Shepparton, VIC

Women’s Masters Australian Championships
September 26 – October 5 | Gold Coast, QLD

Men’s Masters Australian Championships
September 27 – October 12 | Bunbury/Busselton, WA

Under-13 Australian Carnival
October 2-8 | Hobart, TAS

New Australian Domestic League
October-November | Home-and-away
Hockeyroos in Review

The Hockeyroos finished 2018 ranked third in the world, having risen from fifth at the start of the calendar year, as the team continued its growth towards the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

Australia will reflect on playing in numerous big matches in pressurised situations throughout 2018, including the Commonwealth Games (silver medal), World Cup (fourth place) and Champions Trophy (runners-up), with the belief that that will hold the young squad in good stead moving forward.

The Hockeyroos commenced 2018 with a Test Series against Spain in Perth which ended with one win and three draws.

The Test Series was key preparation for the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games in April where the Hockeyroos, who were the third highest ranked side at the tournament, topped their pool but ultimately finished with silver.

Australia recorded a memorable 1-0 semi-final win over India thanks to Grace Stewart’s volley, but went down 4-1 to New Zealand in the gold medal match despite Jodie Kenny’s last quarter goal.

Coach Paul Gaudoin said: “We don’t want to be second best and we want to be the winners on the podium.

“That’s why this is a great opportunity to play in front of a packed house in a pressurised game which is what this was, as was the semi-final. We want to be able to use this to our advantage next time.”

The Hockeyroos’ next assignment was a Tri Nations in May in Cromwell, New Zealand, against the hosts and Japan which all sides used as a World Cup tune-up. In captain Emily Smith’s 200th cap, Australia triumphed in the decider 4-1 over the Black Sticks.

Australia entered the World Cup grouped with both Japan and New Zealand along with Belgium but topped their pool again, to progress straight to the quarter-finals.

The Hockeyroos dramatically knocked off Argentina in a shootout in the quarters where Rachael Lynch’s heroics and Brooke Peris’ decisive conversion ushered in scenes of rapturous joy.

Australia utilised that momentum to produce a Herculean effort against world number one Netherlands in the semi-finals, with Georgina Morgan equalising in the final quarter, before a shattering shootout defeat.

The side couldn’t bounce back and lost the bronze medal match 3-1 to Spain.

Kenny said: “It shows we’ve still got a lot of learning in the bigger matches. We need to play really well throughout to get over those hurdles at the end, the tough final matches that show physical and mental strength as well.”

The Hockeyroos took on Japan, Korea and USA in a Four Nations tournament in Osaka, Japan, in September which was an opportunity to familiarise with the conditions they’ll face at Tokyo 2020. Australia won all three group games but lost the final 2-1 to the hosts.

To round out 2018, Australia were invited to the Champions Trophy where they started with wins over Great Britain and Argentina and did enough to earn a spot in the final against the Dutch.

The Netherlands, though, were too strong, winning 5-1 in the decider, despite Maddy Fitzpatrick’s encouraging drag flick which made it 2-1 in the 40th minute.

Gaudoin said: “We need to understand there’s another level we need to get to. Credit to the Dutch, they’re a quality side. They don’t need too many chances to put goals on the scoreboard.”

Overall

16 WINS
7 DRAWS
8 LOSSES

50 GOALS SCORED
34 GOALS CONCEDED

The Hockeyroos celebrate silver at the 2018 Commonwealth Games
2018 FIXTURES

**Test Series, Perth**  
Australia  
15 Jan | Spain | 1-1  
18 Jan | Spain | 1-1  
20 Jan | Spain | 3-2  
21 Jan | Spain | 0-0  

**Commonwealth Games, Gold Coast**  
Australia  
5 April | Canada | 1-0  
7 April | Ghana | 5-0  
9 April | New Zealand | 0-0  
10 April | Scotland | 2-0  
12 April | India | Semi-final | 1-0  
14 April | New Zealand | Final | 1-4  

**Tri Nations, Cromwell**  
New Zealand  
20 May | New Zealand | 4-1  
21 May | Japan | 4-1  
23 May | New Zealand | 3-0  
24 May | Japan | 0-1  
27 May | New Zealand | Final | 4-1  

**World Cup, London**  
England  
22 July | Japan | 3-2  
24 July | Belgium | 0-0  
26 July | New Zealand | 1-1  
2 August | Argentina | 0-0 (4-3)  
Quarter-final  
4 August | Netherlands | 1-1 (1-3)  
Semi-final  
6 August | Spain | 1-3  
Bronze medal  

**Four Nations, Osaka**  
Japan  
12 Sep | Japan | 2-0  
13 Sep | Korea | 3-1  
15 Sep | USA | 2-1  
16 Sep | Japan | 1-2  
Final  

**Champions Trophy, Changzhou**  
China PR  
17 Nov | Argentina | 2-1  
18 Nov | Great Britain | 2-0  
20 Nov | Netherlands | 0-3  
22 Nov | China PR | 0-0  
24 Nov | Japan | 1-3  
25 Nov | Netherlands | 1-5  
Final  

**2018 MEDAL TALLY**

- Olympic Games: 3 (gold), 0 (silver), 0 (bronze)
- World Cup: 2 (gold), 3 (silver), 1 (bronze)
- Commonwealth Games: 4 (gold), 1 (silver), 1 (bronze)
- Oceania Cup: 7 (gold), 3 (silver), 0 (bronze)

**ALL-TIME STATS**

**Most Caps**
- Nikki Hudson | 303 | 1993 – 2008
- Rechelle Hawkes | 279 | 1985 – 2000

**Most Goals**
- Alyson Annan | 166 | 1991 – 2001
- Katrina Powell | 141 | 1994 – 2004
- Jodie Kenny | 109 | 2011 –
  *Player still active.*

**2018 STATISTICS**

**Most Caps**
- Stephanie Kershaw (28)
- Edwina Bone (26)
- Kaitlin Nobbs (26)
- Renee Taylor (24)
- Emily Smith (24)
- Grace Stewart (24)

**Most Goals**
- Jodie Kenny (9)
- Ambrosia Malone (6)
- Brooke Peris (5)
- Grace Stewart (3)
- Kalindi Commerford (3)
- Renee Taylor (3)
- Stephanie Kershaw (3)

**2018 MILESTONES**

**Debutants**
- Ambrosia Malone
- Naomi Evans
- Sophie Taylor
- Hayley Padge
- Greta Hayes
- Penny Squibb
- Rebecca Greiner

**Retirements**
- Georgia Nanscawen
- Casey Sablowski

**200 GAMES**
- Emily Smith
- Jodie Kenny

**150 GAMES**
- Edwina Bone
- Jane Claxton

**100 GAMES**
- Emily Hurtz
- Ashlee Wells

**50 GAMES**
- Madison Fitzpatrick
- Stephanie Kershaw
- Renee Taylor
- Grace Stewart
Squad List

**Sophie Taylor #1**  
Melbourne, VIC

Taylor was added to the National Senior Women’s Squad for 2019, having made her debut for the Hockeyroos in September’s Four Nations in Japan.

The young Victorian was part of Australia’s team at the 2016 Junior World Cup scoring a double against South Africa, before playing her part as Victoria won the 2017 Australian Hockey League.

She was named on the 2018 National Development Squad and earned her opportunity, debuting against Japan.

**Caps:** 11  
**Goals:** 0  
**Debut:** 9/2/11  
**DOB:** 8/11/91

**Ambrosia Malone #2**  
Burleigh, QLD

Gold Coast product Malone joined the National Senior Women’s Squad in May 2018 having previously debuted for the Hockeyroos earlier in the year against Spain.

Malone, who also is a talented young soccer player, has represented the Queensland Scorchers at several Australian Hockey Leagues. The young forward scored twice as Queensland lifted the domestic title in 2016.

After missing Commonwealth Games’ selection in her native Gold Coast, Malone was included at a major tournament for the first time at the 2018 World Cup, where she scored in her maiden appearance, a 3-2 win over Japan. She was later nominated for the 2018 FIH Rising Star award, having finished her debut year with the Hockeyroos with six goals.

**Tournament History**  
World Cup 2018, Champions Trophy 2018

**Position:** Forward  
**DOB:** 8/1/98  
**Debut:** 15/1/18  
**Goals:** 6  
**Caps:** 23  
@Rosie.Malone @RosieMalone98

**Brooke Peris #3**  
Darwin, NT

While retired teammate Jayde Taylor received many of the plaudits Peris was the person responsible for pressing the button on one of 2014’s most famous selfies, Her Majesty the Queen’s Commonwealth Games ‘photobomb’.

Peris has a supportive family and fan base behind her, including boyfriend and Kookaburra Jeremy Hayward. The cousin of former Olympian Nova Peris, Brooke took up hockey aged four.

Peris had a big 2016, not only debuting in her first Olympic Games at Rio, but along with boyfriend Hayward, welcoming Border Collie ‘Wally’ to their family. She scored the decisive penalty in Australia’s 2018 World Cup quarter-final win over Argentina.

**Tournament History**  

**Position:** Forward  
**DOB:** 16/1/93  
**Debut:** 24/4/13  
**Goals:** 24  
**Caps:** 139  
@BrookePeris3

**Ashlee Wells #5**  
Morwell, VIC

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.

She brought up her 100th cap in 2018 during Australia’s Tri-Nations series in New Zealand.

**Tournament History**  

**Position:** Goalkeeper  
**DOB:** 1/8/89  
**Debut:** 26/10/11  
**Goals:** 0  
**Caps:** 109  
@AshWells_5 Ash_Wells5

**Penny Squibb #6**  
Tambellup, WA

Squibb, who hails from WA’s Great Southern region, was added to the National Senior Women’s Squad for 2019, following her international debut late in 2018.

The defender debuted for the Hockeyroos at the 2018 Champions Trophy in November, scoring in her maiden tournament in Australia’s 3-1 loss to Japan in the pool stages. Squibb is a solid defender, with good distribution and is an ever-present threat for penalty corners. She finished as the equal top scorer at the 2017 Australian Hockey League and had been on the National Development Squad for years before her debut.

**Position:** Defender  
**DOB:** 9/2/93  
**Debut:** 17/11/18  
**Goals:** 1  
**Caps:** 5  
@PennySquibb

**Jodie Kenny #7**  
Wamuran, QLD

Kenny returned to the National Senior Women’s Squad in 2018 after time away from the game following the birth of her son Harrison.

The tall defender fondly recalls scoring Australia’s last-gasp equaliser in the 2014 Commonwealth Games gold medal match which sent the final to a shoot-out which the Hockeyroos won. Kenny was the top scorer at the Glasgow Games with 10 goals, largely from her outstanding drag flicks.

She was Australia’s top scorer at the 2018 Commonwealth Games with five goals as the side won silver. She’s also won silver medals at the 2014 World Cup and 2014 and 2018 Champions Trophies.

**Tournament History**  

**Position:** Midfielder  
**DOB:** 18/8/87  
**Debut:** 9/2/11  
**Goals:** 109  
**Caps:** 212  
@JodieKenny JodieKenny7
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, although she’s set to return in 2019. The youngster is a lover of travel, spending time in Sri Lanka during the summer, while she currently studies at UWA and utilised her knee injury as a chance to progress her academic efforts.

Position: Midfielder  
DOB: 20/5/96  
Debut: 16/8/17  
Goals: 0  
Caps: 17  
@GeorgiaWilson1996

McMahon is one of the more experienced members of the current Hockeyroos squad, having played at both the 2014 and 2018 Commonwealth Games, where Australia won gold and silver respectively, and the 2016 Rio Olympics. The Berri-raised defender possesses short corner threat and a steady influence at the back. She was part of all three of Australia’s major tournaments in 2018. She’s set to reach 150 caps in 2019.

A snap decision in year 12, McMahon chose to study paramedics at Flinders in Adelaide, which she completed in 2018. Born and bred into a sporting family, talents are weaved throughout 2017 before a cruel anterior cruciate ligament injury during pre-season in 2018, playing in all three major tournaments, scoring a rare goal against Ghana at the Commonwealth Games.

Position: Defender  
DOB: 27/2/92  
Debut: 23/9/12  
Goals: 10  
Caps: 144  
@KarriMcMahon

Sydney-born Braelz moved to Melbourne with her family in her teens where she established herself at Footscray Hockey Club, earning selection with the Jillaroos for the 2013 Junior World Cup. Braelz 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, who is interested in writing and politics, broke back into the Hockeyroos for the 2018 Champions Trophy after being joint winner of the 2018 Australian Hockey League Player of the Tournament for Victoria.

Position: Midfielder  
DOB: 26/1/95  
Debut: 5/11/17  
Goals: 0  
Caps: 26  
@LilyBraelz

Hayes was added to the National Senior Women’s Squad for 2019, having debuted for the Hockeyroos at the 2018 Champions Trophy in November as a 22-year-old. The Sydney University midfielder impressed at the Champions Trophy, earning an assist in the 2-0 win over Great Britain.

Hayes, who was part of Australia’s 2016 Junior World Cup team, had earned her maiden call-up following good form for NSW Arrows at the 2018 Australian Hockey League which they triumphed in the Grand Final with Hayes scoring in a 7-6 win.

Position: Midfielder  
DOB: 17/10/96  
Debut: 17/11/18  
Goals: 0  
Caps: 5  
@GretaHayes @GretaHaize

Part of the national women’s development squad in 2015, Madison Fitzpatrick made her debut at the Perth Korean Tests in September 2015, six months after older sister Savannah made her senior international debut.

Fitzpatrick suffered a shin injury in late 2017 but regained her fitness in early 2018, only to miss out on Commonwealth Games selection. She regained her spot for the World Cup and Champions Trophy in 2018 where she scored in the final defeat to the Netherlands with a trademark drag flick.

Studying a double degree in a Bachelor of Psychology and Business at Curtin University, Maddie, as she is known, wants to become a criminal psychologist after hockey.

Position: Defender  
DOB: 14/12/96  
Debut: 5/9/15  
Goals: 0  
Caps: 52  
@Madidas_Fitz

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 Stikers.

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. Bone missed the second half of 2017 due to a knee injury but kept herself busy with her Crossfit coaching. She returned in 2018, playing in all three major tournaments, scoring a rare goal against Ghana at the Commonwealth Games.

Position: Defender  
DOB: 24/4/88  
Debut: 25/4/13  
Goals: 0  
Caps: 169  
@Edwina_Bone @EdwinaClaire
Jane Claxton
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 when she played - and captained - Australia in front of her home crowd in Adelaide in late 2017.

She missed the 2018 World Cup due to a hamstring injury. Jane is also a dachshund enthusiast and currently studying a Bachelor in Physiotherapy further down the track.

Tournament History

World Cup 2018, Commonwealth Games 2018, Champions Trophy 2018, Oceania Cup 2018

Position: Midfielder
DOB: 5/9/93
Debut: 26/10/92
Goals: 14
Caps: 155
@janeclax

Kaitlin Nobbs
Newington, NSW

Nobbs could be considered hockey royalty with her mum, Lee Capes, a hockey gold medallist 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. She won the Player of the Final as NSW lifted the 2018 Australian Hockey League. She played all three major tournaments for Australia in 2018 and was excellent in defence.

Tournament History

World Cup 2018, Commonwealth Games 2018, Champions Trophy 2018, Oceania Cup 2017

Position: Defender
DOB: 31/5/16
Debut: 24/9/97
Goals: 1
Caps: 6
@kaitlinnobbs

Georgina Morgan
Armidale, NSW

Making her first international appearance for the Hockeyroos during a Test series against New Zealand in 2014, 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.

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 was a club representative for her local cricket club North during her teenage years.

She returned to the Hockeyroos side for the 2018 World Cup following a long injury-enforced absence, and scored a dramatic equaliser in the semi-final against the Netherlands before the side lost in a cruel shootout.

Tournament History

Olympics 2016, World Cup 2018, World League 2015, Champions Trophy 2016, Oceania Cup 2015

Position: Defender
DOB: 15/5/93
Debut: 15/11/14
Goals: 18
Caps: 76
@GeorgiieMorgan

Jocelyn Bartram
Albury, NSW

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. Jocelyn currently lives in Perth with her partner, while she studies Sports Science through Sydney’s University of Technology.

She was part of Australia’s 2018 Commonwealth Games and World Cup teams but didn’t see much game-time, with keeper Rachael Lynch preferred.

Tournament History

World Cup 2018, Commonwealth Games 2018, Oceania Cup 2017

Position: Goalkeeper
DOB: 4/5/93
Debut: 24/3/16
Goals: 0
Caps: 38
@jocelynbartram

Renee Taylor
Everton Park, QLD

A product from Queensland, defender Taylor topped off her Australian Hockey League debut with the Queensland Scorchers by winning the prestigious 2015 domestic title. Known for her plated pony tail while playing hockey, Taylor debuted in early 2015 and has established herself as a key member of the side in either defence or midfield since.

She finished third in the 2017 Hockeyroos Player of the Year voting and won Commonwealth Games silver in 2018.

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. A keen golfer, who works at Bunnings, among her heroes are ex-All Blacks star Richie McCaw. She’ll be looking to bounce back in 2019 after a wrist injury in late 2018 forced her to miss the Champions Trophy.

Tournament History

World Cup 2018, Commonwealth Games 2018, World League 2015, Oceania Cup 2017

Position: Defender
DOB: 28/9/96
Debut: 2/4/15
Goals: 6
Caps: 62
@ReneeTaylor
Commerford scored on 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 is known for her humorous Instagram takeovers, was part of Australia’s 2018 World Cup campaign before suffering a heartbreaking hamstring injury, ruling her out of the knockouts. She returned to score on her birthday at the 2018 Champions Trophy.

**Position:** Midfielder  
**DOB:** 18/11/94  
**Debut:** 17/11/16  
**Goals:** 4  
**Caps:** 22  
@Kalindi_Quamerford  
@Kalindi_34

**Rachael Lynch #27**  
Warrandyte, VIC

Named World Cup Goalkeeper of the Tournament by the FIH in 2014, Lynch took up Hockey after being selected in the primary schools’ state team.

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. She played in all three of Australia’s major tournaments in 2018 and starred throughout, earning a nomination for the 2018 FIH Goalkeeper of the Year.

The Victorian, whose second loves are nursing and charity R U OK?, didn’t concede one goal until the final at the 2018 Commonwealth Games and was heroic during Australia’s 2018 World Cup quarter-final shootout win over Argentina.

**Position:** Forward  
**DOB:** 31/5/95  
**Debut:** 24/4/13  
**Goals:** 7  
**Caps:** 63  
@mariahwilliams24

**Kristina Bates #28**  
Port Melbourne, VIC

Diminutive 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.

**Position:** Defender/Midfielder  
**DOB:** 9/1/96  
**Debut:** 31/3/17  
**Goals:** 2  
**Caps:** 34  
@krissybates  
@krissy.bates

**Emily Chalker #26**  
Crookwell, NSW

Chalker (nee Smith) is a key component in the Hockeyroos’ forward line and was appointed as captain in September 2017. Known by her Hockeyroos teammates for her electric laugh, Chalker started Hookin2Hockey at the age of five.

Growing up in NSW country town Crookwell alongside former Hockeyroo Kellie White, Chalker’s family first introduced her to the game. Chalker, who got married to husband Dom in late 2018, netted on her birthday during Australia’s 2018 World Cup against New Zealand. She played in all three major tournaments in 2018 and also brought up her 200th cap during the Tri Nations in New Zealand.

A whiz with numbers, Chalker’s always been an A-grade maths student, contributing to her decision to enrol in a Bachelor of Commerce degree at Curtin University.

**Position:** Forward  
**DOB:** 6/10/11  
**Goals:** 75  
**Caps:** 211  
@Emily/Smith26

**Rebecca Greiner #29**  
Bundaberg, QLD

Greiner joined the National Senior Women’s Squad for 2019, having broken into the Hockeyroos side in late 2018 following strong form at domestic level as a teenager.

The Bundaberg forward won the Player of the Tournament award at July’s 2018 Under-21 National Championships, before finishing as equal top scorer at the 2018 Australian Hockey League as Queensland finished runners-up.

Greiner had been called up to be part of Australia’s team at September’s Four Nations in Japan but was a late withdrawal due to injury. She would debut later in the year at the Champions Trophy, scoring on her debut against Argentina.

**Position:** Forward  
**DOB:** 13/6/99  
**Debut:** 17/11/18  
**Goals:** 1  
**Caps:** 5  
@BeckGreiner
COACHES

Paul Gaudoin
Position: Women’s Head Coach
Hometown: Perth, Western Australia
International Coaching Career: 2010 –

Ex-Kookaburras 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. 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 rebuilt towards Tokyo 2020. He guided the side to Commonwealth Games silver, the World Cup semi-finals and a Champions Trophy runners-up finish in 2018.

Katie Allen
Position: Women’s Assistant Coach
Hometown: Adelaide, South Australia
International Coaching Career: 2018 –

Allen brings extensive playing experience as a Hockeyroos team member for the side which won gold medals at the 2000 Sydney Olympics, 1998 Commonwealth Games and 1994 and 1996 World Cups. She made 182 appearances for Australia, scoring two goals. She is a former FIH Player of the Year nominee who moved into coaching, working as the head coach of Women’s Hockey for the Victorian Institute of Sport from 2009 to 2016. Allen led Victoria to the 2012 Australian Hockey League title and also worked within Australia’s National Junior teams, helping the side to bronze at the 2016 Junior World Cup. She was appointed as a Hockeyroos Assistant Coach in September 2018.

Steph Andrews
Position: Women’s Assistant Coach
Hometown: Perth, Western Australia
International Coaching Career: 2010 –

Andrews has held numerous coaching roles, most recently working with Canada as the senior assistant coach, including at the 2018 Commonwealth Games, before her appointment as Hockeyroos Assistant Coach in September 2018. She was the head coach of Canada’s National Junior Teams from 2015, establishing a successful development program. Andrews has also held previous coaching roles within Hockey Australia and was head coach of the ACT Academy of Sport in Hockey from 2013 to 2015. As a player, she was part of several Junior National Squad tours and was an AIS and WAIS scholarship holder. She also played abroad in Belgium in 2009.

Grace Stewart #30
Gerringong, NSW

DOB: 24/4/97
Position: Forward
Debut: 12/9/16
Goals: 18
Caps: 17
@GraceStewart

Young forward Stewart emerged in 2016 after being named in the National Development Squad, she made an early impact in 2016 after being named in the National Young Forward Squad, she made an early impact in 2016 after being named in the National Young forward Squad. In 2018, Stewart won silver at the World Cup team which finished fourth. Tournament History:

Olympics 2016, World Cup 2018, Commonwealth Games 2018, Champions Trophy 2016, Oceania Cup 2017

Hayley Padget #31
Melbourne, VIC

DOB: 30/8/92
Position: Midfielder/Forward
Debut: 12/9/18
Goals: 1
Caps: 9
@HayleyPadget

After years of injury and frustration, Padget debuted for Australia at the Four Nations in Japan in September 2018 and was added to the National Senior Women’s Squad for 2019. Only two weeks after her 26th birthday, Padget scored on her Hockeyroos debut in a 2-0 victory over hosts Japan too. The skilful midfielder/forward, who hails from Doncaster Hockey Club, has been part of the National Development Squad since 2015 and is a story of determination and patience.

Tournament History:
Champions Trophy 2018

Savannah Fitzpatrick #32
Cabarita Beach, NSW

DOB: 4/2/95
Position: Forward
Debut: 2/4/15
Goals: 6
Caps: 35
@Sav_Fitzpatrick

Fitzpatrick debuted for Australia alongside Kate Hanna and Renee Taylor in April 2015 against China in Sydney. She got irregular opportunities before firmly breaking into the side in late 2017, as part of the International Festival of Hockey and the Japan Test Series where she scored four goals in eight games and earned a spot in the 2018 National Senior Women’s Squad. She was part of Australia’s 2018 Commonwealth Games team and got a late call-up to the 2018 World Cup team after an injury to close friend Commerford.

Fitzpatrick comes from a Hockey family, playing alongside her younger sister Maddie within the national set-up. Her childhood hero is Hockeyroos great Nikki Hudson and she has an ambition to be a primary school teacher.

Tournament History:
World Cup 2018, Commonwealth Games 2018

Katie Allen
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Hometown: Adelaide, South Australia
International Coaching Career: 2018 –

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Kookaburras in Review

The Kookaburras enjoyed a largely successful 2018 where they held the world number one ranking all year until Belgium’s World Cup triumph in mid-December.

Australia lifted the prestigious Champions Trophy and Sultan Azlan Shah Cup titles, along with claiming Commonwealth Games gold on the Gold Coast to send out retiring skipper Mark Knowles on a high note, but December’s World Cup bronze – where the side suffered a heartbreaking semi-final shootout loss to the Netherlands – leaves a sense of unfinished business with a view to the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

The Kookaburras began 2018 with a Test Series against a strong Dutch outfit in Narrogin and Perth in January which ended with both sides claiming wins along with two draws.

In March the side travelled to Ipoh, Malaysia, for the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup where Australia won every game in a perfect campaign capped with a 2-1 win in the final over England. Daniel Beale was named Player of the Tournament.

The triumph was the ideal preparation for the Commonwealth Games in April where the Kookaburras went through with a perfect record as they farewelled Knowles in style.

Trent Mitton scored a double as Australia edged England 2-1 in the semis, before Aaron Kleinschmidt and Matt Dawson – who had suffered a serious eye injury in the lead-up to the tournament – netted in the deciding 2-0 victory over New Zealand to seal gold.

Knowles said: “I know in every great team that I’ve played in, one person has never won us big games. “The way that team contributed last night, if you asked the 8,000 in the crowd who was our best player, you’d get 18 different answers. I love that about this group.”

The team flew to Breda, the Netherlands, in June for the Champions Trophy chasing a 15th title in the final edition of the tournament with new co-captains Eddie Ockenden and Aran Zalewski and while their round robin phase wasn’t perfect, they reached the final after wins over Pakistan, India and the Dutch.

Australia would face India in the final where Blake Govers put them ahead only for the Indians to level to send it to a shootout where keeper Tyler Lovell made several brilliant saves and Jeremy Edwards coolly converted the winner to secure the title.

Zalewski won Player of the Tournament, Jake Harvie won Rising Star and coach Colin Batch won Coach of the Tournament.

Batch said: “We started well and then lost the momentum when India scrambled back into the game. It was a pretty tight affair in the second half so for us to defend as well as we did was impressive.”

Australia next took on world number two Argentina, Malaysia and Japan in September’s Darwin International Hockey Open as part of their World Cup preparations. The 2016 Rio Olympic gold medallists triumphed 2-1 in the final over the Kookaburras despite the returning Kieran Govers’ goal.

In November, the Kookaburras headed for Bhubaneswar, India, for the World Cup, where they claimed three pool wins over Ireland, England and China to qualify automatically for the quarter-finals.

Australia eased past France 3-0, before an enthralling semi-final where they fought back from 2-0 down at half-time against the Dutch, with Eddie Ockenden equalising with 27 seconds left to play before a cruel 4-3 shootout defeat.

The Kookaburras moved on from their devastation, crushing England 8-1 in the bronze medal match to claim some consolation as Belgium lifted the title and poached Australia’s number one ranking.

Batch said: “After the disappointment in the last game where we lost the semi-final, we were determined to perform better in the match. It is good have a podium finish at this level of competition.”

Overall

| 25 Wins | 5 Draws | 5 Losses |

111 GOALS SCORED
43 GOALS CONCEDED
**2018 FIXTURES**

**Test Series, Narrogin & Perth, Australia**
- 27 Jan: Netherlands 3-3
- 28 Jan: Netherlands 2-3
- 1 Feb: Netherlands 3-3
- 3 Feb: Netherlands 6-1

**Sultan Azlan Shah Cup, Ipoh, Malaysia**
- 23 March: England 4-1
- 4 March: Malaysia 3-1
- 6 March: India 4-2
- 7 March: Ireland 4-1
- 9 March: Argentina 3-1
- 10 March: England 2-1

**Commonwealth Games, Gold Coast, Australia**
- 7 April: South Africa 4-0
- 8 April: Scotland 6-1
- 10 April: Canada 4-0
- 11 April: New Zealand 2-1
- 13 April: England 2-1 semi-final
- 15 April: New Zealand 2-0 final

**Test Series, Moers, Germany**
- 16 June: Germany 2-0
- 17 June: Germany 2-2

**Champions Trophy, Breda, Netherlands**
- 23 June: Belgium 3-3
- 24 June: Pakistan 2-1
- 27 June: India 3-2
- 28 June: Netherlands 3-1
- 30 June: Argentina 2-3
- 1 July: India 1-1 (3-1) Final

**Test Match, Darwin, Australia**
- 16 Sep: Argentina 1-0

**Darwin International Hockey Open, Darwin, Australia**
- 18 Sep: Malaysia 5-2
- 19 Sep: Argentina 0-2
- 21 Sep: Japan 3-0
- 22 Sep: Argentina 1-2 Final

**World Cup, Bhubaneswar, India**
- 30 Nov: Ireland 2-1
- 4 Dec: England 3-0
- 7 Dec: China PR 11-0
- 12 Dec: France 3-0 quarter final
- 15 Dec: Netherlands 2-2 (3-4) semi-final
- 16 Dec: England 8-1 bronze medal

**MEDAL TALLY**

- Olympic Games: 15 medals
- Champions Trophy: 10 medals
- World Cup: 6 medals
- World League Finals: 2 medals
- Commonwealth Games: 0 medals
- Oceania Cup: 0 medals

**ALL-TIME STATS**

**Most Caps**
- Eddie Ockenden: 338 (2006–)

**Most Goals**

**2018 MILESTONES**

**Debutants**
- Matthew Bird
- Tim Brand
- Johan Durst
- Joshua Simmonds
- Jack Welch
- Jacob Anderson

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- 10 April: Canada 4-0
- 11 April: New Zealand 2-1
- 13 April: England 2-1 semi-final
- 15 April: New Zealand 2-0 final

**Test Series, Moers, Germany**
- 16 June: Germany 2-0
- 17 June: Germany 2-2

**Champions Trophy, Breda, Netherlands**
- 23 June: Belgium 3-3
- 24 June: Pakistan 2-1
- 27 June: India 3-2
- 28 June: Netherlands 3-1
- 30 June: Argentina 2-3
- 1 July: India 1-1 (3-1) Final

**Test Match, Darwin, Australia**
- 16 Sep: Argentina 1-0

**Darwin International Hockey Open, Darwin, Australia**
- 18 Sep: Malaysia 5-2
- 19 Sep: Argentina 0-2
- 21 Sep: Japan 3-0
- 22 Sep: Argentina 1-2 final

**World Cup, Bhubaneswar, India**
- 30 Nov: Ireland 2-1
- 4 Dec: England 3-0
- 7 Dec: China PR 11-0
- 12 Dec: France 3-0 quarter final
- 15 Dec: Netherlands 2-2 (3-4) semi-final
- 16 Dec: England 8-1 bronze medal

**MEDAL TALLY**

- Olympic Games: 15 medals
- Champions Trophy: 10 medals
- World Cup: 6 medals
- World League Finals: 2 medals
- Commonwealth Games: 0 medals
- Oceania Cup: 0 medals

**ALL-TIME STATS**

**Most Caps**
- Eddie Ockenden: 338 (2006–)

**Most Goals**

**2018 MILESTONES**

**Debutants**
- Matthew Bird
- Tim Brand
- Johan Durst
- Joshua Simmonds
- Jack Welch
- Jacob Anderson

**Retirements**
- Tristan Clemens
- Mark Knowles
- Tim Deavin
- Kieran Govers
- Matthew Butturini

**150 GAMES**
- Jake Whetton
- Aran Zalewski
- Trent Mitton
- Daniel Beale
- Andrew Charter

**100 GAMES**
- Tristan White
- Tyler Lovell

**50 GAMES**
- Tristan Clemens
- Aaron Kleinschmidt
Squad List

Lachlan Sharp #1
Lithgow, NSW

Former Lithgow coal miner Sharp earned his debut in late 2017, thrust into the World League Final. The light-armed attacker, who hails from Zig Zag and Ryde Hunters Hill Hockey Clubs, impressed in his debut tournament but broke his international duck with a thunderbolt in early January against the Netherlands. Sharp scored the decisive goal in the 2018 Azlan Shah Cup final, before shaking off injury to claim a gold medal at the Commonwealth Games. He also scored two goals as the Kookaburras secured the 2018 Champions Trophy title. Despite his international achievements, Sharp still cites Ryde’s maiden premiership in 50 years in 2015 as one of his career highlights to date.

Tournament History
Commonwealth Games 2018, Champions Trophy 2018, World League 2017

Position: Midfielder/Forward
DOB: 2/7/97
Debut: 1/12/17
Goals: 6
Caps: 26
@LachlanSharp01 @Sharppy97

Tom Craig #2
Lane Cove, NSW

A tall and powerful forward, Craig’s passion for Hockey blossomed after travelling the globe with his family, experiencing Ice Hockey in Canada. On his return home, Craig decided Field Hockey was the next best thing.

Craig’s international career endured a stuttering start after his debut was postponed by 24 hours when officials discovered he only had a New Zealand passport.

Blessed with blistering pace, Craig missed only three games in 2018, playing a key part in Australia’s Commonwealth Games and Champions Trophy successes, along with the side’s World Cup bronze medal where he scored a hat-trick against England in the third place match.

Tournament History

Position: Midfielder/Forward
DOB: 3/9/95
Debut: 5/11/14
Goals: 23
Caps: 76
@TumCraig

Corey Weyer #3
Biggara Waters, QLD

Gold Coast product Weyer, who is affectionately known as Wiz, is another young player who debuted for the Kookaburras in late 2017 and emerged in late 2018. The blonde-locked defender was part of the 2014 Youth Olympics side which won the gold medal. More recently, he was part of the triumphant 2018 Azlan Shah Cup team but had to wait until later in the year for his big break, selected in the 2018 World Cup team, after winning Player of the Final in the 2018 Australian Hockey League. At the World Cup, he produced a blistering pass for Tim Brand’s goal against Ireland, while also scoring a rocket against England in the following game.

Weyer, who hails from Labrador Hockey Club, is a keen golfer who cites former Kookaburra Brent Livermore as his childhood hero.

Tournament History
World Cup 2018

Position: Defender
DOB: 28/3/96
Debut: 5/11/17
Goals: 2
Caps: 25
@CoreyWeyer

Jake Harvie #4
Dardanup, WA

Boyanup Hockey Club product Jake Harvie burst on to the scene in late 2017. The tenacious defender 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. He rarely missed a beat in 2018, competing at the Commonwealth Games, World Cup and Champions Trophy, where he scored his maiden international goal and won Best Rising Player. He was later shortlisted for the 2018 FIH Rising Star.

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

Tournament History
World Cup 2018, Commonwealth Games 2018, Champions Trophy 2018, World League 2017

Position: Defender
DOB: 5/3/98
Debut: 5/11/17
Goals: 2
Caps: 45
@LakeHarvie98

Tom Wickham #5
Morgan, SA

*plays for WA

SA-born 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.

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Tournament History
Commonwealth Games 2018, Oceania Cup 2017, World League 2017

Position: Forward
DOB: 26/5/90
Debut: 5/5/13
Goals: 16
Caps: 42
@TJWickham @T26Wicks

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. After debuting in 2014, 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. He was later named runner-up of the 2017 Kookaburras of the Year.

On the eve of the 2018 Commonwealth Games, Dawson suffered an eye injury in training which had him fearing for his career and his sight. He recovered and wore spectacles during the Commonwealth Games where he brought up his 100th cap, scored in the final and won gold.

Tournament History

Position: Defender
DOB: 7/4/94
Debut: 5/11/14
Goals: 12
Caps: 113
@MattDawson06

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Tournament History
Commonwealth Games 2018, Oceania Cup 2017, World League 2017

Position: Forward
DOB: 26/5/90
Debut: 5/5/13
Goals: 16
Caps: 42
@TJWickham @T26Wicks
Durst joined the National Senior Men's Squad in May 2018 after helping Victoria to back-to-back Australian Hockey League titles. Durst starred during the 2017 AHL, winning the Goalkeeper of the Tournament award and impressing in the gold medal match shootout. The Hawthorn product was given a Visiting Athlete Agreement opportunity in early 2018 before being elevated to the full squad as one of three goalkeeping options.

He was part of the team for the 2018 Champions Trophy, which Australia won, making his debut in the lead-up Test match against Germany.

Position: Goalkeeper
DOB: 18/3/91
Debut: 17/6/18
Goals: 0
Caps: 1
@JohanDurst

The Kookaburras Player Of The Year in 2014 and 2015 and a former FIH Player of the Year nominee, triple Olympian Ockend – the only Tasmanian to score 50 goals for Australia - is one of the world’s most renowned players. Ockenden is closing in on Jamie Dwyer’s 365th games record in 2019.

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.

Tournament History

Position: Defender
DOB: 3/4/87
Debut: 19/6/06
Goals: 59
Caps: 338
@EddieOckenden

Originally from Mackay, Anderson joined the National Senior Men’s Squad for 2019, having made his international debut against world number two in Darwin in September 2018. The Queensland forward scored in his second cap, a 5-2 win over Malaysia.

Anderson was first selected in the National Junior Squad in 2016. He was part of the 2018 National Development Squad and following good form at the 2018 Under-21 National Championships earned his maiden national call-up for the Darwin International Hockey Open.

Position: Forward
DOB: 22/3/97
Debut: 16/9/18
Goals: 1
Caps: 4
@BoccyAnderson

The brother of retired Kookaburra Kieran, Blake Govers scored on debut in Tasmania in May 2015 before stepping up to the 2016 Olympics training squad, making Australia’s final team for Rio de Janeiro.

A potent penalty corner exponent, he burst on to the scene with Best Young Player and Top Scorer awards at the 2015 World League Semi Final. Govers, who possesses a remarkable goals-to-games ratio, suffered a cruel injury on the eve of the 2018 Commonwealth Games, but bounced back with a goal in the Champions Trophy final which Australia won. He also finished as joint top scorer at the 2018 World Cup and the Kookaburras’ top scorer for 2018 with 17 goals.

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.

Tournament History

Position: Forward
DOB: 6/7/96
Debut: 2/5/15
Goals: 63
Caps: 77
@BlakeGovers @GoversBlake
Kleinschmidt debuted after impressive performances at the 2016 Australian Hockey League led to his selection for the Trans-Tasman Trophy and the International Festival of Hockey. After scoring the first goal 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. In 2018, he scored in Australia’s Commonwealth Games gold medal match victory. Melbourne product Kleinschmidt formerly worked as an electrician before committing to Hockey full-time.

**Tournament History**
Commonwealth Games 2018, Champions Trophy 2018, World League 2017, Oceania Cup 2017

**Position:** Forward  
**DOB:** 1/10/89  
**Debut:** 17/11/16  
**Goals:** 23  
**Caps:** 61  
@AaronKlinka

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Zalewski has been almost ever-present for the Kookaburras in their biggest tournaments since late 2013 and is now the side’s co-captain. Known to his teammates as ‘Moose’, Zalewski 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. The cool midfielder enjoyed a strong 2018, stepping into his leadership role following Mark Knowles’ retirement and winning the Player of the Tournament as Australia lifted the Champions Trophy in the Netherlands. He also scored a memorable penalty corner variation goal at the World Cup later that year.

**Tournament History**

**Position:** Midfielder  
**DOB:** 21/3/91  
**Debut:** 31/10/11  
**Goals:** 23  
**Caps:** 161  
@AranZalewski

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Simmons joined the National Senior Men’s Squad in mid-2018 following Mark Knowles’ retirement, leaving big shoes to fill. The promising defender was part of Australia’s 2016 Junior World Cup team, while he also was an integral member of the Victorian side which won back-to-back Australian Hockey League titles in 2016 and 2017. Simmons, who is always a threat from penalty corners with his drag flicks, debuted against Argentina in Darwin in September 2018.

**Position:** Defender  
**DOB:** 4/10/95  
**Debut:** 16/9/18  
**Caps:** 4  
@JoshSimmonds

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Wollongong product Hayes joined the National Senior Men’s Squad in 2019 as a 24-year-old following years of hard work and dedication to Hockey. Hayes was part of Australia’s team at the 2018 Indoor World Cup in Germany which made history by reaching the semi-finals for the first time ever. The midfielder enjoyed an excellent 2018 Australian Hockey League where he scored six goals for NSW Waratahs who finished as runners-up.

**Position:** Midfielder  
**DOB:** 30/3/94  
**Debut:** -  
**Goals:** 0  
**Caps:** 0  
@Jack_Hayes

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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 earned his international debut in late 2017 and excelled, making almost 30 appearances in 2018, stepping up in defence following Mark Knowles’ retirement at the Champions Trophy. He also was part of the World Cup side and netted his maiden international goal at a crucial time in their semi-final shootout loss to the Netherlands. The youngster is a keen golfer and cites Roger Federer as his childhood hero.

**Tournament History**
World Cup 2018, Champions Trophy 2018

**Position:** Defender  
**DOB:** 23/6/96  
**Debut:** 5/11/17  
**Goals:** 1  
**Caps:** 34  
@tttHoward

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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. 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. Upon his return, having also got married and renovated his home, he helped the Kookaburras win the 2018 Champions Trophy and participated in the 2018 World Cup where the side claimed bronze.

**Tournament History**

**Position:** Defender  
**DOB:** 16/5/89  
**Debut:** 19/10/09  
**Goals:** 7  
**Caps:** 183  
@Swann20
Discovering Hockey at the age of five through his family’s passion for the sport, Wollongong product 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 Azlan Shah Cup but successfully returned from injury in early 2018, enjoying a fruitful year as part of the Commonwealth Games, Champions Trophy and World Cup campaigns.

**Tournament History**

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**Trent Milton #25**
Perth, WA

Tasmanian forward Welch joined the National Senior Men’s Squad for 2019, having debuted for the Kookaburras against world number two in Darwin in September 2018. Welch, who scored in his second cap against Malaysia, had helped Tasmania to a memorable triumph at the Under-21 National Championships only a few months earlier where he was named Player of the Tournament.

He was in the 2018 National Development Squad, playing in the Australia A series against Malaysia in August 2018 in the lead-up to his debut. He was also part of Australia’s team at the 2016 Junior World Cup where he scored in the quarter-finals against the Netherlands.

**Position:** Forward  
**DOB:** 26/10/97  
**Debut:** 16/9/18  
**Goals:** 1  
**Caps:** 4  
@welchys...

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**Daniel Beale #23**
Brisbane, QLD

Beale captained the Australian Under-21 team, the Burraas, at the 2013 Junior World Cup, before breaking into the Kookaburras side at the World League Finals a month later. He was made a full member of the senior national squad in early 2014 and competed at that year’s Commonwealth Games where Australia won gold.

His Hockey career highlight to date was being part of the 2016 Rio Olympics side, but the durable midfielder has rose in prominence since, being part of the 2017 World League Final, 2018 Champions Trophy and 2018 Commonwealth Games triumphs. He was also named Player of the Tournament at the 2018 Azlan Shah Cup which Australia won.

He cites the 2004 Olympic gold medal winning team in 2004, something Eglington, who was part of Australia’s Olympic Games team in Athens as inspiration for who he wanted to become. Welch, who scored in his second cap against Malaysia, had helped Tasmania to a memorable triumph at the Under-21 National Championships only a few months earlier where he was named Player of the Tournament.

In a short timeframe, Wotherspoon made his senior international debut against India in late 2014 before joining the Kookaburras squad in 2015 and stepping up into the Olympic training squad in early 2016. An hamstring injury thwarted Wotherspoon’s progress in 2016 but he has since bounced back, winning Commonwealth Games gold in 2018.

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 to watch. Eglington once gave the youngster his stick – a Voodoo – the brand Wotherspoon still uses to this day.

**Tournament History**
- World Cup 2018, Commonwealth Games 2018, Champions Trophy 2014 2016 2018, Oceania Cup 2017

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**Tyler Lovell #24**
Perth, WA

A twin, goalkeeper Lovell played alongside his brother Mathew at their local Perth Hockey club, Kalamunda, from the age of five.

As a youngster, Tyler played both Hockey and Cricket but in his mid-teens decided to focus on Hockey.

Lovel was part of the 2014 World Cup which triumphed and only conceded three goals for the whole tournament. However, after a long wait, he competed at his first Commonwealth Games in 2018, helping the side to gold. He also produced heroics in the 2018 Champions Trophy final shootout against India to help Australia lift the title.

After completing high school, Lovell went straight into full-time work in a sales and marketing role, where he currently works for RMEM Engineering.

**Tournament History**

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**Flynn Ogilvie #22**
Wollongong, NSW


**Position:** Midfielder  
**DOB:** 17/9/93  
**Debut:** 4/11/14  
**Goals:** 17  
**Caps:** 86  
@Flynno17

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**Dylan Wotherspoon #26**
Murrwillumbah, NSW

“plays for QLD

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**Trent Mitton #25**
Perth, WA

Mitton might have had little choice but to excel in Hockey, as his is a name etched in Australian Hockey history with Trent the latest of three generations to represent the Kookaburras. His grandfather Don 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.

Mitton cites his three Commonwealth Games gold medals in 2010, 2014 and 2018 as career highlights, while breaking through to play at his maiden World Cup in 2018, overcoming injury, was a major milestone. He starred at the 2018 Commonwealth Games, finishing as Australia’s top scorer with six goals.

He is also a sports coach, having worked at a high school while completing a sports traineeship.

**Tournament History**

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**Position:** Midfielder  
**DOB:** 12/2/93  
**Debut:** 9/3/13  
**Goals:** 24  
**Caps:** 151  
@RealDealBeale23

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**Position:** Goalkeeper  
**DOB:** 23/5/87  
**Debut:** 5/5/13  
**Goals:** 0  
**Caps:** 131  
@Tyler_Lovell24 @TylerJLovell
COACHES

Tim Brand #29
Chatswood, NSW

Andrew Charter #30
Canberra, ACT

Jeremy Hayward #32
Darwin, NT

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. He was added to the Kookaburras squad in 2016 and had a seamless impact, scoring in his second appearance, before netting twice against Argentina at the Champions Trophy. He also scored a memorable World Cup goal against Ireland, after initially winning the ball in defence. Brand was later nominated for the 2018 FIH Rising Star.

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.

Tournament History
World Cup 2018, Champions Trophy 2018

Position: Forward
DOB: 29/11/98
Debut: 16/02/18
Goals: 8
Caps: 18
@timbrand1

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 outfield, he chose to become a goalkeeper.

Charter’s career highlight to date was winning the 2014 World Cup where Australia only conceded three goals for the whole tournament. He was also a Rio Olympian and more recently helped Australia claim Commonwealth Games gold in 2018. He also reached his 150th cap in 2018 and later became the most capped Australian goalkeeper ever during the World Cup. 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

Position: Goalkeeper
DOB: 30/3/87
Debut: 6/5/11
Goals: 20
Caps: 166
@AndrewCharter

Hayward burst on to 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, finishing as the side’s top scorer in 2017. He competed at all three major tournaments in 2018.

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.

Tournament History

Position: Defender
DOB: 3/3/93
Debut: 3/3/93
Goals: 54
Caps: 128
@JezHayward @jeremy.ndh

Colin Batch
Men’s Head Coach
Hometown: Melbourne, Victoria
Playing Career: 1979 - 1990
International Coaching Career: 2001 –

Batch was appointed Kookaburras coach in December 2016, joining with a wealth of international coaching experience having been head coach of Belgium (2010-2012) and New Zealand (2012-2016). Batch played 175 times for Australia including several years as vice-captain. He was also an ex-Australia assistant coach during which time the team won Olympic gold and bronze in 2004 and 2008 respectively. During Batch’s playing career, he was a member of the gold medal winning team at the 1986 World Cup and twice a bronze medallist at the World Cups of 1982 and 1990.

Batch guided Australia to World League Final glory in late 2017, re-claiming their world number one status. Batch’s Kookaburras held the number one ranking throughout 2018 with Commonwealth Games and Champions Trophy wins, before failing to second following their bronze medal at the World Cup in December.

Robin Hammond was a member of the Kookaburras from 2001 to 2014, playing 256 games in a decorated career. The Townsville native was part of Australia’s 2004 Athens Olympics gold medal-winning side and won Olympic bronze in 2008. He also won gold at the 2006 and 2010 Commonwealth Games and the 2010 and 2014 World Cups. Hammond was appointed Senior Men’s Assistant Coach in February 2017, after spells as WA Diamonds head coach and as the Burras assistant coach for the 2016 Junior World Cup.

Position: Men’s Assistant Coach
Hometown: Townsville, Queensland
International Coaching Career: 2016 –

Anthony Potter gained an abundance of international coaching experience over the past 15 years having coached across variety roles in the Dutch and Belgium national leagues as well as being an assistant coach for the Belgian Under-21 National teams. Potter was formerly a member of the Australian Indoor team from 1990 to 2003 where he reached 90 caps and was also previously the National Indoor coach from 2012 to 2015.

Position: Men’s Assistant Coach
Hometown: Cairns, Queensland
International Coaching Career: 2017 –

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