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Hobart Host to International Hockey Veterans Tournament

Media Note: The Opening Ceremony of the Hockey challenge will be held this evening at 5.30pm (2nd May, 2006) at the Tasmanian Hockey Centre in Hobart. The Media are invited to attend.

Hobart will play host to over 400 veteran hockey players from around Australia and New Zealand in the Trans Tasman Masters Hockey Challenge this week.

Member for Wellington Doug Parkinson said it was the first time this event had been held in Tasmania.

“The Trans Tasman Masters Hockey Challenge started in 2000 with the intention of providing some serious competition for veteran hockey players,” Mr Parkinson said.

“With the talent and experience of the players involved in this tournament, spectators can be guaranteed an exiting tournament.

“This tournament is also a means of selection into international masters and veterans events.

“Over the next three days we will see some spirited games between the 16 teams competing from around Australia and New Zealand.

“We have hosted many international tournaments at the Tasmanian Hockey Centre - most recently the hugely popular test series between the Kookaburras and Spain.

“In the recent State election, the Tasmanian Government pledged \$4.5 million to redevelop this centre, including construction of a new pitch, covered seating, a new services building and expanded change room facilities.

“These improvements will guarantee our ability to host more quality hockey well into the future and give local Tasmanian hockey players even better training and playing facilities.”

Matches will be held at the Tasmania Hockey Centre in Cornelian Bay on Wednesday 3 May, Thursday 4 May and Saturday 6 May.

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