

Hockey NSW
2010 Annual Awards
27th November 2010



AWARD	AWARD TITLE	WINNER
Junior Female Indoor Player of the Year	Alex Lupton Medal	Elanor Woods
Junior Male Indoor Player of the Year	Ern Orth & Mike Ogilvie Medal	Flynn Ogilvie
Junior Female Field Player of the Year	Di Gorman Medal	Eliza Brazel
Junior Male Field Player of the Year	Ron Riley Medal	Luke Noblett
Junior Female Umpire of the Year	Lisa Roach Medal	Eleanor Bath
Junior Male Umpire of the Year	David Gentles Medal	Zeke Newman
Media Award – Coverage		South Coast Register
Media Award – Feature		Northern Daily Leader
Official of the Year	Mavis Randle & Stan Imer Medal	Darren Fowles
Coach of the Year	Judy Laing Medal	John Scott
Senior Female Indoor Player of the Year	Gaye Tarrant Medal	Melissa Eastwood
Senior Male Indoor Player of the Year	John Scott Medal	Joshua Poulton
Senior Female Umpire of the Year	Carol Morris Medal	Lisa Roach
Senior Male Umpire of the Year	Lyn La Mothe Medal	Stewart Dearing
Senior Female Field Player of the Year	Liane Tooth Medal	Kate Jenner
Senior Male Field Player of the Year	Keith Leeson Medal	Simon Orchard
Hockey NSW Service Award – Junior (W)		Rebecca D’Ambros
Hockey NSW Service Award – Junior (H/C)		Jacob Andaloro
Hockey NSW Service Award – Senior		Marilyn Brown
Junior Boys Champion Association	Noel Eastham Trophy	Sydney Junior HA
Junior Girls Champion Association	Win Long Trophy	Lithgow HA
Outstanding Association Award (W)		Macarthur HA
Outstanding Association Award (H/C)		South Coast WHA

Junior Female Indoor Player of the Year

The recipient of the 2010 Alex Lupton Medal was a member of the NSW State Team that won the Australian U18 Indoor Championships and a member of the NSW U21 Indoor team.

Throughout her season, this year's recipient has proven to be an enthusiastic, committed and loyal member of the state program.

Learning from her peers, improving throughout the season and bringing great personality and liveliness to trainings and games, NSW State team management endorses her as a great ambassador for NSW both on and off the court. During the national championships, she demonstrated true team spirit and selflessness during a critical stage of the Finals, by forgoing her opportunity to join play, and enabling another teammate to remain on the court instead.

The 2010 Hockey NSW Junior Female Indoor Player of the Year and Alex Lupton Medallist, Elanor Woods.

Junior Male Indoor Player of the Year

The Ern Orth & Mike Ogilvie Medallist has made consistent and considerable contributions to both indoor and field hockey, at school, state and national level. An NSWIS Scholarship athlete, he has achieved local success captaining his school team, mentoring younger players and schoolmates in their hockey development, represented NSW at the 2010 Australian U18 Indoor Championships defeating Western Australia and earned the Player of the Tournament award, he also competed in the 2010 Australian U18 Field Championships later in the season.

He then achieved the great honour of national selection to represent Australia in field hockey at the Singapore 2010 Youth Olympics, winning gold medal in this inaugural, Youth Olympic Games.

The 2010 Hockey NSW Junior Male Indoor Player of the Year and Ern Orth & Mike Ogilvie Medallist, Flynn Ogilvie

Junior Female Field Player of the Year

This year's Diane Gorman Medallist has shown outstanding commitment to both hockey and her studies, balancing time between club and state hockey commitments she is a player of many talents, taking on defender and mid-field positions with ease. This year's Junior Female Field Player of the Year is an NSWIS scholarship holder, was a member of the 2009 and 2010 Australian Future Squads, represented NSW proudly at the 2010 Australian Championships, earning selection in the 2010 Australian U21 Squad, she is a serious contender for future starting positions in the senior Australian side and was unlucky not to be selected in the recent Australian Development side which toured Japan.

The 2010 Hockey NSW Junior Female Field Player of the Year and Diane Gorman Medallist, Eliza Brazel

Junior Male Field Player of the Year

This year's winner is a member of the NSW U18 State team and NSWIS scholarship athlete, this junior athlete has excelled through every level of the high performance pathway, earning not only State honours but also selection to represent Australia. Competing for NSW at both the Australian U18 Field and Indoor Championships, this young man demonstrated an excellent work ethic and attitude to the hockey program and also his teammates, with a developing commitment and maturity which is showing in his achievements in the game.

He was a member of Australia's gold medal winning field hockey team at the inaugural Singapore 2010 Youth Olympics.

The 2010 Hockey NSW Junior Male Field Player of the Year and Ron Riley Medallist, Luke Noblett.

Junior Female Umpire of the Year

Presented to a young woman who has a keen eye for the game and enjoys the challenge of umpiring at all levels. She is a keen learner and has demonstrated a cool head and calm disposition when faced with some of the challenges of umpiring at local, state and national level. Beginning her umpiring at the local association level, she has progressed to appointments in the Sydney Women's Hockey League Metro 1 competition and the South Eastern Premier League, she has also shown a keen interest to improve her skills through participation and appointments at Hockey NSW field state championships throughout the season.

This award winner has also excelled as a representative of NSW, earning appointments as an umpire at the Australian U15 and Australian U18 Women's Championships.

The 2010 Hockey NSW Junior Female Umpire of the Year and Lisa Roach Medallist, Eleanor Bath.

Junior Male Umpire of the Year

A young man who has shown considerable interest and abilities as an umpire and is developing into an excellent role model for future generations of young umpires.

Honing his skills at association, state and national level, this year's award winner has proved himself as an umpire in the intense Sydney Premier League Division 2 finals and the Illawarra Men's 1st Grade Final, in the finals of the Division 1 U17 Men's State Championships, the Division 3 Open Men's State Championships and was also an umpire coach at the U13 Boys State Championships.

He earned himself an appointment at the U14 Australian Invitational Championships and continues to excel, seeking out opportunities to learn from – and share his knowledge – with other members of the umpiring community.

The 2010 Hockey NSW Junior Male Umpire of the Year and David Gentle Medallist, Zeke Newman.

The inaugural Media Awards for Outstanding Coverage and Outstanding Feature were created this year to recognise regional media outlets that have demonstrated outstanding commitment to hockey this past season, with extensive coverage and engaging special features.

Outstanding Coverage Award won by the South Coast Register.

The South Coast Register is a tri-weekly newspaper covering news within an area of approximately 4,000 km² from Gerringong in the North to Sussex Inlet in the south. The Register also publishes the Shoalhaven and the Nowra News. The South Coast Register has compiled an extensive catalogue of reporting and photography throughout the 2009/10 season. Coverage includes stories featuring school competitions, local club and association recruitment activities, recognition of junior, senior and veteran players within the region earning regional, state and national honours, as well as extensive coverage of the weekly competitions held throughout the region. In awarding the inaugural Outstanding Coverage Award, Hockey NSW recognises the reports filed and photographs taken by the South Coast Register, covering the full gamut of hockey participation across all age groups and genders and is a worthy recipient of this year's Hockey NSW Media Award for Outstanding Coverage.

Outstanding Feature won by The Northern Daily Leader Tamworth

The inaugural Hockey NSW Media Award – Outstanding Feature – has been won by The Northern Daily Leader Tamworth. The Northern Daily Leader is published six days a week, and its readership spans the North West Slopes and Plains to the Northern Tablelands.

During July 2010, the Northern Daily Leader featured the annual York Cup – Kim Small Shield carnivals over four days, comprising full page coverage, daily reports, participant photographs and score updates throughout the carnival.

These comprehensive features recognise the value of this continually growing, three day carnival which provided development and competition opportunities for players, umpires and coaches alike within the region.

The feature recognises not only the local competitors and participants representing Tamworth, but those who travel from afar to take part in this successful tournament (a total of 30 teams this year) including teams from the Manning Valley, Lithgow, Newcastle and Sydney.

This coverage across a four day period is invaluable to hockey in the region and is recognised by Hockey NSW in presenting the inaugural Outstanding Feature Award to the Northern Daily Leader Tamworth.

Official of the Year

This year's Mavis Randle and Stan Imer Medallist took part in numerous technical and development roles right across the state. Demonstrating an unwavering love and commitment to hockey, the Mavis Randle and Stan Imer medallist has worked proactively on the Hockey NSW Officiating Panel, been appointed as Tournament Official at field and indoor State Championships, as an Indoor State Championships Tournament Director and been an Umpire Coach at both field and indoor State Championships. The award winner has also been actively involved in delivering umpire development courses ensuring that the next generation of umpires have the skills necessary to officiate at local, state and national level.

These hockey commitments have been managed on top of significant personal commitments throughout the season.

The 2010 Hockey NSW Official of the Year and the Mavis Randle and Stan Imer Medallist, is Darren "Chook" Fowles.

Coach of the Year

This man has a long and distinguished career as an administrator, umpire, player and coach. Having represented New South Wales and Australia playing Indoor hockey, the 2010 Judy Laing Medallist has taken on the task of coaching the next generation of state and national champions. His love of indoor hockey knows no bounds. The coach of the NSW Open Men's Indoor team that won the 2010 Australian Open Indoor Championships was subsequently appointed as the Australian Men's Indoor Team coach (his eighth year), this year's winner has been instrumental in driving development and performance opportunities for indoor players in NSW, recognising the growing role that indoor hockey has both at locally and at state level, in developing world-class hockey players.

The 2010 Hockey NSW Coach of the Year and Judy Laing Medallist, John Scott

Senior Female Indoor Player of the Year

This year's winner has proven herself to be a reliable leader, year after year. Captaining the NSW Open Women's Indoor team for the past three years, and earning the honour of captaining the Australian Indoor Teams on its tour to the UK and Canada, she demonstrates the values and high esteem held by her peers.

During the UK tour, she was the leading goal-scorer and finished the domestic 2010 season as the Players' Player of the Australian Indoor Championships. This year's winner is well-respected by her teammates and officials, deemed an excellent ambassador for the sport.

The 2010 Hockey NSW Senior Female Indoor Player of the Year and Gaye Tarrant Medallist, Melissa Eastwood.

Senior Male Indoor Player of the Year

The 2010 John Scott Medallist has represented the NSW Mens Open Indoor Team since 2007.

He is an integral part of the team which won its 3rd Australian Indoor Championships in the last 4 years. Displaying incredible court speed and excellent stick-work he has proven himself to be a real "thorn" in all opposition teams defences. Combine this with his natural tenacity in defence and counter-attack then we have a potent mix of hockey ability. He constantly led the attack and has the ability to lift the team when they need it most.

This year's John Scott medallist was selected in the Australian Mens' Indoor Hockey team which toured Europe in December 2009, including 3 Tests against Russia, 2 Tests against Poland and 3 against the Czech Republic. He played in all 8 Tests and his performances were outstanding. He is a star of the future and a worth winner of this year's award.

The 2010 Hockey NSW Senior Male Indoor Player of the Year and John Scott Medallist is Joshua Poulton.

Senior Female Umpire of the Year

Recognisable around the pitches at Sydney Women's Hockey League as she umpires matches, she has also been a regular at this season's South Eastern Premier League mentoring and developing umpires, as well as criss-crossing the state umpiring at Hockey NSW State Championships. On top of these NSW-based activities, you will see her umpiring in the women's matches at the Australian Hockey League including the Finals, before jetting off to join her international peers on the world stage, including invitations to umpire at the FIH Champions Trophy, FIH World Cup Qualifiers and the FIH World Cup Final.

The 2010 Hockey NSW Senior Female Umpire of the Year and Carol Morris Medallist is Ms Lisa Roach.

Senior Male Umpire of the Year

This year's winner has made his mark from Association Level right through to the World Stage. A committed umpire at his local association, developing the skills of umpires in all age groups, he is an active Committee member, Umpire Coach and represented NSW at this season's State Championships and the Australian Hockey League. This year's winner was rewarded for his commitment and competence with appointments this season to the FIH Men's World Cup Qualifier in New Zealand and most recently he featured in the tour matches between Australia's Kookaburras and Argentina, played here in Sydney.

The 2010 Hockey NSW Senior Male Umpire of the Year, and Lyn La Mothe medallist is Stewart Dearing.

Senior Female Field Player of the Year

"Rising star" barely covers her talent and accomplishments in 2010. Having attended NSW U21 trials in support of a friend, she found herself selected for the squad and has experienced a whirlwind of growth and achievement ever since. An NSWIS scholarship holder and member of the NSW Arrows team in 2010 – playing all 11 games including the Bronze Medal playoff in which she scored the Golden Goal to snatch the Bronze from Victoria, the 2010 Senior Female Field Player of the Year is meek and mild in nature, but proving herself as an ably talented force and "go to" player on the pitch.

Finding her way amongst an all-star lineup at both New South Wales and Australian level, she shows immense promise and her experience as a Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist at 20 years of age will continue to drive her growth and spirit for the game well into the future.

The 2010 Hockey NSW Senior Female Field Player of the Year and Liane Tooth Medallist, Kate Jenner.

Senior Male Player of the Year

This year's Keith Leeson Medallist has enjoyed a stellar year. A member of the NSW Waratahs team that finished second in this year's Australian Hockey League final, he was voted Player of the Series, he has been recognised by state and national team personnel as a natural leader and a committed athlete and teammate.

At only 24 years of age, this NSWIS and AIS scholarship athlete has experienced first-hand some of the most outstanding sporting environments and highest level of achievements, competing and winning at the World Cup, Champions Trophy and the Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games and was recently announced as the NSWIS Team Athlete of the Year.

The 2010 Hockey NSW Senior Male Field Player of the Year and Keith Leeson Medallist is Simon Orchard.

This year, Hockey NSW expanded its award categories to recognise the efforts of the many junior members of the community, contributing week in, week out to their local clubs and association and will present the inaugural Hockey NSW Junior Service Award.

Our first finalist, nominated by the Macarthur Hockey Association, is Jacob Andaloro.

Jacob has been nominated for his contribution to all facets of his Association. He is an accomplished player representing his club (the Ingleburn Bulldogs) and the Macarthur Hockey Association, as well as earning state honours in the NSW U16 Invitational age group. Jacob also coaches junior teams for his club and also coaches players in his Association's U11 Development program. He is an active umpire, gaining appointments at his Association's U15 Boys Grand Final, at the Hockey NSW U15 Boys Indoor and Field State Championships as well as taking the pitch to umpire several matches this season in his Association's Senior Ladies Competition.

Jacob is popular and well-liked by the members of his Club and Association, he works hard to contribute at the local level and is one of many reliable volunteers that are called on every week throughout the field and indoor seasons to help.

Our second finalist, nominated by Tamworth Hockey Association, is Rebecca D'Ambros.

Rebecca or Becc to her hockey friends and family, has been involved in Tamworth Hockey since 1997 when she started playing Minkey. Since those days Becc has put everything she learnt in the game back into the sport that she loves. A keen competitor in representative teams starting in primary school, then into high school and now in the Senior Competition, Becc has subsequently branched out and learning how to umpire, regularly volunteering to be the team umpire at regional and state championships. She has most recently acted as a mentor and umpire coach to other young players from her Association. Over the past 18 months Becc has branched further afield and started to learn how to coach players, particularly through the Association's annual U11 Carnival, earning her stripes over three years at this event and progressing to coaching U13 sides.

In 2010 Becc took on the positions of Assistant Treasurer, Selector and U13 Coach for the Tamworth Junior Girls' Committee as well going away with a Veterans team as Umpire. Becc's contribution at the local Committee, her team and her community exemplifies the true spirit of commitment and loyalty, rare in someone of such a young age. The contribution of both these juniors should not go unnoticed and we encourage you to continue to support your local club and association in coming years. We look forward to seeing you and hearing of your development in all facets of the game over the coming years.

Hockey NSW recognises the **runner-up**, Jacob Andaloro and will present him with a Highly Commended Award.

The winner of the inaugural Hockey NSW Service Award (Junior) is Rebecca D'Ambros.

Hockey NSW Service Award (Senior)

This award represents the ultimate accolade for a member of the community that works tirelessly to develop and deliver opportunities to participate in hockey in New South Wales, whether those opportunities are for administrators, umpires, coaches or players – or all of the above.

The 2010 Hockey NSW Service Award is presented to, Marilyn Brown.

Marilyn has been a member of Eastern Districts Women's Hockey Association for over 25 years. In that time she has obtained her Australian A badge for umpiring and been a consistent contributor to both EDWHA and NSW Hockey umpire development.

Marilyn has coached, mentored and tested umpires in the EDWHA association as well as at the State and National levels.

Marilyn is still umpiring and testing in the EDWHA competition and the NSW State Championships and continues to coordinate the umpiring at the NSW Women's Veterans Championships – a highly technical and time-consuming role.

Marilyn has also been involved in umpiring roles at Australian U18, U21 and Veterans Championships since attaining her AA badge in 1995. She continues to contribute to her local association through mentoring and testing umpires as well as umpiring the highest grade.

Marilyn has always been an unselfish umpire, never seeking the limelight and always taking on the tasks allotted her without question

NOEL EASTHAM TROPHY

The late Noel Eastham was a talented junior hockey player who was tragically killed in a car accident in Bathurst in 1961 at the age of seventeen years.

Noel was a member of the NSW Hockey Association's Under 16 Team competing at the Australian Championships in Sydney in 1959. He was also a member of the inaugural NSW Junior Hockey Association's Under 16 Team that competed at the Australian Championships in Perth in 1960.

The Noel Eastham Trophy is presented to the Champion Junior Boys Hockey Association, based on points earned for final placings at junior State Championships throughout the season and has been presented to Associations since 1963.

In 2010, the Noel Eastham Trophy is awarded to Sydney Junior Hockey Association.

WIN LONG TROPHY

The late Winsome (Win) Long started playing hockey in 1948 as a 15 year old. She started her own team and entered the Bathurst Women's competition, and became her team's representative to their meetings. In 1970 Win became involved in junior hockey development, and in 1974 organised the first Bathurst District junior representative teams. Win held just about every position with her Association, Umpires Convener, timekeeper, President and championship organiser.

Win was a reserved lady, but with a backbone of steel, she always said hockey provided her with a great sense of value and purpose.

The Win Long Trophy is presented to the Champion Junior Girls Hockey Association, based on points earned for final placings at junior State Championships throughout the season and has been presented to Associations since 2007.

In 2010, the Win Long Trophy is awarded to Lithgow Hockey Association.

OUTSTANDING ASSOCIATION OF THE YEAR

This is a new award introduced this year and is an all-encompassing award, recognising the scope of activities conducted by Associations across the state. Volunteer and paid administrators alike are driven by their love of hockey and their wish to ensure that future generations will continue to experience and share their love of the game. Hockey is truly a sport for all ages, from U7s through to 70+ Veterans, men and women. There is a job at Club and Association level for boys and girls, men and women of all ages! This new award seeks to recognise this year's most outstanding performers in all facets of the game.

Our first finalist is the Macarthur Hockey Association.

Macarthur Hockey Association has been undergoing resurgence for the last few years, building systems and pathways for players, umpires and coaches, running competitions for junior boys and girls, through to men's and ladies grades. Excelling at State Championships and providing a development pathway for coaches from within the playing group, the Association sees many of its representative players becoming successful Club coaches.

The Association contributes financially to each representative team as well as investing in individuals that are selected for State duties through their Members Benefit Fund, which is not only for players, but coaches and umpires at the State level. The Association also supports a Player Recruitment Fund that provides incentives for clubs that continually increase their membership numbers with new recruits to the game.

The Macarthur Hockey Association has worked hard with its Clubs to achieve consistent growth in all divisions for over the past three years, however have worked with neighbouring associations in 2010 to provide additional playing opportunities for the top Ladies and Men's grades to ensure their sustainability.

In 2010 there were 6 age Junior teams grades, including 11 teams competing in the Under 11 and the Under 17 age groups and two girls-only age groups. During 2010 Macarthur Hockey Association hosted the Country v City Championships and the Under 15 Girls Half State Championships (South), as well as Junior Carnivals and School gala days. The Association is proud of its family traditions and loyalty, with many family members in competition and umpiring, many siblings playing together and in varying teams as well as many mother-daughter and father-son groups playing. Macarthur Hockey Association is not complacent and is looking at changes in the future that will make hockey in the Macarthur region even more family friendly.

Our second finalist is the South Coast Women's Hockey Association.

During the 2009/10 Season, the South Coast Women's Hockey Association organised a highly successful Minkey Competition for Under 7, Under 9 and U11 girls and boys. Over 100 youngsters were introduced to the basic skills of hockey and were taught how to play the game. The Association's Junior Representative players organised drills and ran the basic skill sessions. The Association has also been active in hosting State Championships, showcasing the best talent from around the State.

These sessions were an important activity to attract new players to hockey, some also playing other sports such as football, tennis etc. The South Coast Women's Hockey Association hopes to attract similar numbers to future introductory competitions for juniors, seeing their association grow by nurturing juniors and keeping hockey alive. Whilst there is only one winner of this inaugural Outstanding Association Award, we would like to present a Highly Commended award to the runner-up, acknowledging their spirit and contribution to hockey in their local community and the State this season which will be presented to South Coast Women's Hockey Association.

The winner of the inaugural Hockey NSW Outstanding Association Award for 2010 is Macarthur Hockey Association.