

The HP Program is being revised at the moment with the following changes:

1. We will bring players into the program at a younger age and relax the qualifying criteria to allow this.
2. Conduct more one and two day camps so players can spend more time with our service providers to improve their skills earlier.
3. Involve player's parents in the initial part of the program to advise them of what is required of their child and what we expect of them (parents) as part of the program.
4. JNIG will be more involved assisting with finding younger talented players.
5. We are looking for a short game coaching specialist, as this is an area of our current program players' game which is lacking.

The camp on the weekend of 22/23 June according to those in attendance proved what we have been saying about younger players, with those participating showing a lot of promise and prepared to put in the hard yards. It confirmed our approach to condition players at a younger age to get their bodies and minds conditioned rather trying to change them when they are in their late teens.

Girl's/women state coach Dennise Hutton is also excited about some of the young girls who are progressing well. They will have their camp in early August.

Since last Council Meeting the Interstate Series has been completed in Tasmania, with the Men's team finishing a close second behind Queensland by one match.

Of the players in the team next year we will be without Brett Drewitt and Jordan Zunic both possibly turning pro at the end of the year. Callan O'Reilly will be having a go at the Qualifying School and Dale Brandt-Richards considering a Pro career. Of our younger players Ruben Sondjaja is off to college in the US. So we will be filling those vacancies from our younger ranks.

The Women also competed in Tasmania finishing in 4th place behind Queensland, WA with Victoria being the victorious team and according to the Team Manager was the dominant team of the series. Similar to the Men, some of the girls will not be here next year with Adriana Brent turning pro, Cathleen Santoso off to the US on a scholarship with Oregon University.

Good luck to all those players who are leaving us, it appears we are doing something right to see these people going onto bigger and better things.

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