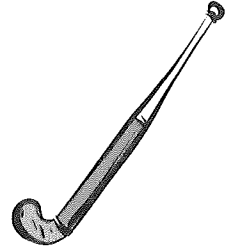


NEWCASTLE
INTERNATIONAL
HOCKEY CENTRE



29 October 2009

The Secretary
Newcastle District Women's Hockey Association Inc
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Dear Sir/Madam

The Board of Directors advise that the re-turfing of the two fields will commence about the 4th January, 2010. Assuming good weather it is anticipated this will take about 6 weeks in total for both fields.

It is not anticipated that any competitions can be conducted during the re-turfing, but when one field is completed it may be available for testing, practice games etc.

The current turfs will need to be removed beforehand and the best of the current turfs will be laid over the practice pitch. This used turf will be re-laid on the practice pitch at the same time.

We have been able to source a crimp pile turf very similar to that currently laid. This turf is manufactured by Greenfield a respected European firm who have laid a number of their turfs in Holland and other European countries. The Board firmly believes this turf is superior to all other turfs in the world at the present time. All of the reports are very favourable, some from local players who played on these turfs in Holland. The turfs come with an 8 year guarantee.

This turf will have some advantages over Astroturf and other turfs:

- 4) The backing is not latex and will not therefore contract and expand like other turfs
- 5) The lines are part of the turf and we will no longer have to paint them
- 6) The "run outs" at the ends and sides of the turf will be a different colour.

The Board is also actively pursuing the construction of a third turf. As you know a development application has been approved by the Council. The Board is currently preparing detailed costings for the construction of a third turf and is in discussion with engineers and other professionals. Of course finance is the major issue as we do not have sufficient funds in the sinking fund to pay outright for the two new turfs and the construction of a third turf.

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We have applied for a government grant and if approved the third turf will become a reality early next year. If the grant is not approved then the Board will be pursuing options for finance to enable the construction to take place.

The Board has spent a very considerable amount of time on these issues for the past 12 months and if our plans come to fruition we believe we will have one of the best hockey centres in Australia. We know of no other centre with 3 international standard water based turfs.

Yours faithfully,

STEPHEN CHURCHES
Chairman, Board of Directors