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AUSTRALIAN MEN'S LACROSSE TEAM 2014

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timeline 2014

February 2014

Sunday 16th February
Rubber Duck Round Up - Melbourne

Friday 21st February
Quiz Night - Adelaide

Wednesday 26th February
Squad Departs for Tokyo, Japan

Friday 28th February

March 2014

Japanese University vs Australia

Saturday 1st-Sunday 2nd March
International Friendly Games

Japan vs Australia

Monday 3rd March
Squad returns to Australia

April 2014

Friday 4th-Sunday 6th April
Dimboola - Team Camp

May 2014

Saturday 17th May
\$1000 Draw - Melbourne

Adelaide - Saturday 31st May
South Australia Team Members &
Officials Blazer Presentation

June 2014

Adelaide - 4th - 7th June
Senior Nationals hosted by LSA

Perth - Saturday 14th June
West Australia Team Members &
Officials Blazer Presentation

Melbourne - Friday 27th June Team
& Officials Blazer Presentation

Melbourne - Saturday 28th June
Team Departs for USA

FIL 2014 Men's World Championship
Opens Thursday 10th July
Finishes Saturday 19th July

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Happy New Year to All

Not knowing what to expect at our Dimboola Training Camp experience, our weekend began with a warm welcome from Rob Pyers, Principle of the Dimboola Memorial Secondary College. We were shown around the fantastic sporting complex at the Dimboola Health and Fitness Centre and it was immediately obvious to us that the people of Dimboola are extremely proud of their new facility.

A special mention to Rob, Mandy and the Dimboola ladies & gents for their 6am starts on both days, to get the boys fed and organised, we could not have been in better hands and are extremely grateful for their generosity. I hope this is the start of a long relationship between lacrosse and the people of Dimboola. Our second return Training Camp is planned for April and will now be extended to include a Friday night game under lights, hopefully to be watched by the 200 kids that attend the secondary college.

It was great to present lacrosse to the locals and their kids who came down to watch us throughout the weekend. We thank everyone that came down to watch us play and train and also have a bit of a catch & throw at the breaks themselves. It was great to see the kids chasing the players for autographs at the end of the day. Thanks you also to Johnno (John O-Dwyer) for being there the whole time and taking some amazing shots of the boys in action. A selection of pictures have been posted on our Facebook site for our supporters to view. Thank you Dimboola. We will now take a small amount of Dimboola with us where ever we go.

All players went to great lengths for the cause but a special mention to WA boys Phil Ackland, Matt Diver, Alex Brown, Thomas Graham and Warren Brown for what must have been a long trip over. Thanks also to Tyson Tripcony (Sports Nutritionist) who flew in from the Sunshine Coast and Paul (Spudda) Furtado (Team Builder) for their assistance and presentations over the weekend. It's a great benefit to all players to have access to their expertise and also to Greg Hamilton for driving over from Adelaide for the weekend to generally help out, It was much appreciated.

After a week of extreme heat, Saturday was still a hot 33 degrees but the players relished the chance to play some full field lacrosse and the standard was solid with our game plan for Japan starting to take shape. This camp was more about our plays and set structures than about fitness testing and the guys seemed to enjoy the change of pace. A dip in the local river was also a welcome relief after 5 hours on the track and dinner at Bonnie & Clydes Pizzeria, Horsham was an important part of the team bonding. It was great to hear the laughter coming from the players table. They are becoming a Team. Sunday morning was more reinforcement of positions and plays, with the players waving off morning tea to keep on the field is testament to them as a group. The journey back home seemed a little longer but I still can't wait for our return visit in April.

Next, our Japan Tour in late February and with it, the extremely difficult job of naming the final 23 and 3 alternates, but playing for your country should be a hard earned right and these games against the Japanese National team will be a major part of our final selection process.

Good luck to you all boys.
Just 155 days to Denver.

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TEAM EVENTS FROM AROUND AUSTRALIA

VICTORIA

Sunday February 16 - Rubber Duck Round Up

Saturday May 17 - \$1000 DRAW - details to follow in next newsletter

Friday June 27 - Team Blazer Presentation @ Function on Chapel
Tickets go on Sale in April - a great night of toasting is planned so come along, wish the team good luck

Saturday June 28 - Team Departs - Australia for USA

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Friday 21st February - Quiz Night

Join quizmaster Luke Keesing and put the bite on members of the team before they depart on their Tokyo Tour - Glenelg Lacrosse Club, 7:30 till late, teams of 6 to play and \$20 per head, tonnes of games and prizes to be won, drink specials all night, all proceeds go to support the SA members.

Sat 31st May - SA Blazer Presentation and Fundraiser

Venue to be advised, but mark this date in your diary, rub shoulders with past Australian players and SA members of the 2014 Sharks, lucky door prizes on the night.

WEST AUSTRALIA

Saturday June 14 - WA Blazer Presentation and Fundraiser

Venue to be advised, but mark this date in your diary, rub shoulders with past Australian players and WA members of the 2014 Sharks, lucky door prizes on the night.



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tickets for Denver

Thinking of travelling to Denver to cheer on the Sharks? It's not too late to get your reserved block Gold tickets for the FIL World Lacrosse Championship games!

175 Aussie supporters have already purchased Gold series tickets and the organisers have reserved another 150 tickets for Australia in the same block, in the stadium, with all the travelling Aussie supporters Oi, Oi, Oi ... but these need to be booked and paid for by 1 March 2014.

The special Australian Team link to the ticketing web site is <http://uslax.in/australialax>

These tickets are in rows 15-24 of block 129. Those who have already purchased tickets through the team here in Australia will be in the same block immediately in front of these seats in rows 5-15.

Note that the Australian team and the ALA are not associated with the ticketing company and receive no benefit from the sale of tickets but having all the Australian supporters seated together will no doubt be great for the players to see from the field. Wear your game day t-shirts and shower the stands in green and gold.

Note that after 1 March 2014 these seats will be released to the general public.

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Subscription details can be posted or emailed to auslax2014@gmail.com Please mail cheques, payable to Australian Men's Lacrosse Team c/o 13 Murrumbeena Crescent Murrumbeena Vic 3163

Alternatively, Direct Deposit to the account below, please use your Surname as the reference

All donations welcome and appreciated
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Over the page you will find detail re Player Presentations and Promotional nights in each State mark the date in your calendar now, book your flights but dont miss out.

Team Blazer Presentation

Members of the 2014 Australian Men's Lacrosse Team will be presented with their Team Blazer at a Presentation Night / Dinner on Friday 27th June @ Function on Chapel.

This event will be held in Melbourne on Friday 27th June, the night before the teams departure to the USA. Plan your calendar now and show your support for lacrosse in Australia.

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