MCG SEATS TO BE USED AT MARRARA HOCKEY CENTRE

Seats previously used at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) will now have a new home - the Marrara Hockey Centre.

Sport and Recreation Minister, Delia Lawrie, said 400 ex-MCG seats and 200 ex-TIO Stadium seats surplus to Government needs will be gifted to Hockey NT.

“It’s great news for local hockey, especially the fans,” said Ms Lawrie.

“This Government is all about supporting Territory sport and I’m very pleased to be able to give these seats to an organisation that needs them.

“I’m sure the old MCG seats have a lot of history behind them and I’m really glad we’ve been able to put them to such good use.

Ms Lawrie made the announcement ahead of Round 2 of the men’s and women’s Australian Hockey League games to be played out today and tomorrow at Marrara.

In the men’s draw, the Northern Territory Stingers go up against the WA Thundersticks, with TIO Junior Sportsperson of the Year, Joel Carroll, set to star for the home side.

In the women’s draw, the Territory Pearls will clash with the WA Diamonds.

“Today’s announcement will also be positive news for international games – Marrara has hosted international hockey before and we certainly hope to see more games in the future,” said Ms Lawrie.

The Minister said Expressions of Interest are being called for around 1800 other grandstand seats no longer needed by Government.

Interested parties should contact Ms Carmel Kelly in the Department of Local Government, Housing and Sport (08) 89226888.

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