

SOUTHLAND HOCKEY PAVILION UPGRADE ON TARGET FOR FINISH

It seems all is on target for the finish of the Southland Hockey pavilion upgrade – in time for the upcoming regional, national and international tournaments.

The pavilion is the final stage of the total redevelopment of Turnbull Thomson Park into a world-class hockey venue.

Hockey Southland manager Carolyn Baer said the upgrade was transforming the former Pirates Rugby Club rooms into a top-class facility. The work includes a refurbished kitchen and maintenance work to the changing rooms and ablutions.

The first tournament to be hosted at the fully completed grounds will be the Finch Rose Bowl Tournament which will take place on August 22 and 23 with the Oceania Tournament following closely behind from August 24 to 30.

Hockey Southland has received generous support from the ILT Foundation (\$80,000) and the Invercargill Licensing Trust (\$35,000) on top of the \$2m the two organisations have already contributed towards Hockey Southland's total redevelopment.

ILT Foundation chairman Alan Dennis said it was vital Hockey Southland had a pavilion which matched the top-class hockey pitches. "The ILT Foundation and Invercargill Licensing Trust sees the potential this whole redevelopment will bring to the city. It has already enticed world events on to the stage of Invercargill and we expect many more exciting tournaments to follow."

Baer said the work was expected to be completed by the beginning of August.

FACT BOX:

22-23 August	Finch Rose Bowl Tournament
24-30 August	Oceania Tournament
4 -10 October	Hatch Cup
6-15 November	Men's International Qualifier Tournament

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