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# MEDIA RELEASE

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## **Colin Brooks MP new No. 1 Member and Patron of the La Trobe University Hockey Club**

The La Trobe University Hockey Club is very pleased to announce that Victorian State Government Member for Bundoora, Colin Brooks MP has agreed to take the Number 1 Membership in 2010 and become the Club's first ever Patron.

"Colin is a very active local Member who works hard in his electorate and is a great advocate for local sport so we're thrilled to have him on board as our Number 1 ticket holder and Club Patron," La Trobe University Hockey Club Life Member and Treasurer, Belinda Blackburn said today.

The La Trobe University Hockey Club has over 120 members and a broad network of family, friends and supporters across the Northern suburbs of Melbourne.

"We are a grass roots sporting club that was established in 1967. We cater for junior teams, and are strong advocates for promoting women in sport and cultural diversity. The Club also has low fees to enable disadvantaged residents in the northern suburbs to participate in sport. We have a 64% female membership and are growing each year." said Mrs Blackburn.

Colin Brooks has a history of extensive community involvement, including representation on Banyule City Council and involvement with school councils and the Neighbourhood Watch program.

Colin has also worked as an advisor to the Minister for Finance, Major Projects and Work Cover.

La Trobe University Hockey Club has also just released its business case for two new synthetic hockey surfaces and change rooms facilities on campus at La Trobe University's Bundoora Campus.

The business case has been prepared over 18 months and brings together a robust plan for the development of new hockey facilities in Melbourne's North to provide a much needed sporting boost in some of Melbourne's most disadvantaged suburbs.

"Our Club will be seeking to work with the La Trobe University administration the State and Federal Government and Darebin City Council to secure funding over the coming 12 months for these exciting new facilities." said Ms Blackburn.

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