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They say at 21 year’s old it is your coming of age!

On reflection, what an incredible journey the National Touch League (NTL) has had over that period. This edition of The Hard Wrap coincides not only with this birthday party but will look at another amazing year just gone and ahead for our sport.

I welcome each and every participant and attendee the warmest of welcomes to Coffs Harbour, NSW; whether it is your first event or like my you are celebrating your 21st all over again!

The vast majority of our NTL history has been right here in Coffs and we thank not only the local Council and Staff for their ongoing support, but also the NSW Government through Destination NSW for assisting our sport to thrive in this wonderful part of the world.

Personally, the NTL has meant so much to me either as a player, coach and ultimately an administrator of the game. I recall the hype that came with the decision to move to such a format back in the mid-90’s and what it meant for me as I took the field in Wagga or for the Riverina at the Elite level.

The format was pitched exactly as the sport needed to be. We needed (and or now need) to continue to embrace our participation roots and provide more opportunities for people to play at a national event. This would broaden the pathway and instead of two states battling it out year after year – we would advance to a franchise format.

Looking back as an administrator – think how innovative we as a sport were to implement this model. Credit to Bill Ker and the management team around him for such a brave step which was also supported by the NSWTA and QTA.

So, now there would be more players able to play at the highest level – an incredible opportunity.

The step was not only a success but within one year the model was embraced so well by our membership that the Masters followed suit. The desire to play at this level was so strong that continual reviews meant the national body needed to consider expansion….and expand it did.

Personally, I took on a role on the NTL Committee as Chair in 2001 and have watched as we have continued to grow this fabulous event. More and more franchises, permits or regions were given the opportunity to participate and now we have an event with more than 100 teams participating annually in a National Championship.

Not only does this truly embrace what our sport is all about but when you think it is T-League and Masters, Men and Women, from all across Australia at the same event – nothing screams inclusive more than that!

The key element of our sport continues to be embraced and we have an event that provides regional opportunities to participate in our national event.

The NTL has even become something that has regular international visitation and we truly believe this can be expanded in the future so to all those reading this internationally – see you next year!

Like the administration before, change, innovation or the need to adapt continued to be front of mind and in 2011 we implemented the Elite 8. Again, the format was received so well by the athletes that we have now created another stage of our development.

As we deliver the 21st year of the NTL the challenge is in front of us to continue to innovate and push the sport forward. There are continued growth opportunities for the event and a future need to advance our elite environment.

The competition for general participants in sport has never been more prevalent. In order to have strong grass roots participation our pathway must not only be sustainable but attractive to the players in it.

So, we will continue to innovate and challenge our sport to push to new places while always embracing what is great about coming together annually.

To the year just gone and indeed the years ahead.

They say that “change is the only constant” and certainly the year in question has clearly demonstrated that to our organisation. As we completed a strategic cycle and set our sights on 2020, we now have an incredible foundation from which the sport can continue to evolve and thrive.

Our targets for the sport remain aggressively ambitious. It is this fearless approach to positioning ourselves as a leader in sport that we believe is expected of us by our members. Clearly, we continue to strive for excellence. What is incredibly rewarding was the attitude that this must be achieved in a truly collaborative manner.

Our trademark, and behaviours as a collective organisation, will guide us to the targets we have set and in my view well and truly beyond.

A culture of unity and transparency is desired not only by our Board and Staff but clearly by our extended membership. As we reflect on the success of 2016 it is extremely satisfying to note the acceptance and ability for the sport to embrace our One Voice, One Team. One Sport. mantra.

This is incredibly energising for all of us and can be the difference between outstanding results or simply accepting a place in the sporting environment which has existed for too long.

Who would have thought that in 2010 we would have finished our cycle touching the lives of over 670,000 Australian’s? Or that we would have an extended family through our relationship with the National Rugby League (NRL)?

Who would have thought that our database would have grown astronomically while our revenue had diversified to a point of discussing investment rather than survival?

The achievements of the previous cycle were transformative but they will account for nothing if we do not take the bold steps together over the next four years to capitalise on this success.

So, we will need to continue to change, adapt and innovate.

The need to embrace our extended community and ensure they have a clear connection to us as a national body. This needs to be the critical change we embrace.

Communication needs to not only improve, but needs to be targeted at ensuring the membership is being provided with the benefits and services they need at the coalface.

One of the key benefits of our game is that it is seen as a ‘community’ and not just a ‘community game’.

At the time of writing we lost one of our greatest friends and advocates for the sport – Ron Hanson. It is not only his place in history as our first Australian Captain that is significant or that he played in one of the very first competitions for our sport – but the legacy his contribution leaves behind.

Like many of those around him Ron has contributed at every level of the sport. From player to coach, through to administrator and selector. Ron embodied all that is great about our game in that you can be involved your entire life. Our community will miss you dearly Ron.
The friendships and social participation element in Touch Football is evident not only on the field, but off the field as well. The opportunity to engage on a deeper level will allow us all to achieve the target of one million participants by 2020.

Our new strategic plan is one of the key successes of the 2016 year and again, signifies the changes we are implementing to ensure we drive the sport forward. At the centre of the plan are our people and our culture. People like Ron, and people like you.

The plan embraces our ongoing objectives of growth, elite success, quality experiences, improving our profile and best practice. A principle change notes the need for investment and the Board has committed to ongoing stewardship of our financial capability while recognising the need to increase support.

We need everyone to be unified in achieving these outcomes so our collective focus has shifted to the following by 2020:

Our journey to one million participants has been embraced by all through various initiatives particularly within the junior category. TFA signalled this intent with an in-principle announcement of investment; not only into our school and junior programs, but through the resourcing changes around participation at a management level.

Our targeted growth campaigns will become focused specifically in this area while field officers and an ambassador program will extend our capacity to deliver services. The school programs delivered by our workforce have clearly supported junior growth and underpinned our achievement of 694,427 participants in 2016.

Our challenge remains to arrest adult participation decline which we are confident can be achieved through the engagement strategies noted.

Furthermore, we continue to test alternate delivery models as we look to expand to 400 sites across Australia. Much of this will be centred on the results of the value proposition research and are pointing to requirements to meet the needs of participants which centre on location, social participation, cost and day(s) of the week.

The above factors are not new to us and this is why Touch Football has been a market leader in the social participation space. We have had numerous competitors enter this space to disrupt what it is we provide. However, we have held our ground and in many areas actually increased.

The ability to ‘change’ or ‘innovate’ in subtle ways will ensure we continue to be the leading community sport we aspire to be. This really does come down to providing a quality product and to that end, the sport continues to develop proactive support for the membership. This will expand in the digital areas in the new cycle as we look to reach more participants to ensure we are meeting expectations.

Satisfaction at all levels will drive retention. With a focus on continuing to grow our base, those participating and feeling valued will be the catalyst for ongoing growth.

Research indicates that word of mouth and friends or family are the way people find our sport; so equally, any negative experience is a risk we need to overcome.

The year has also seen the membership embrace governance change and modernisation in line with recommended elements of the Australian Sports Commission Mandatory Governance Principles. This will see TFA not only transition to a company but continue to improve systems related to accountability and leadership.

There is plenty to achieve and the Board are committed to ensuring we strive for excellence in all that we do. We thank everyone involved in supporting our game and indeed the NTL which many will attend – we look forward to you being there to see what we look like in 2020.

Our appreciation is genuine to each and every one of you. From our major partners at Harvey Norman, through to the referee’s that ensure we all enjoy this great game – you are all equally important to our sport.

On behalf of TFA Board again, I thank all members of our community for the choice they make to be a part of this sport and am truly grateful for their contribution.

Oh, and happy birthday everyone!

Colm Maguire – TFA CEO
WELCOME MESSAGE FROM ANDREW FRASER

On behalf of the NSW Government, I would like to welcome you to the 2017 National Touch League (NTL) in Coffs Harbour.

The NSW Government is proud to support the NTL through our tourism and major events agency, Destination NSW. The event will once again showcase representative Touch Football on a national stage and provide an opportunity for the country’s best athletes to come together to compete.

It’s also a great event for the Coffs Harbour visitor economy, with local hotels, restaurants and businesses set to receive a welcome boost while the tournament is on.

The NTL forms part of a packed calendar of regional sporting events, which this year includes Rally Australia here in Coffs Harbour, the Newcastle 500 Supercars race, the L’Etape Cycling Race in the Snowy Mountains, the NSW Pro Surf Series and many more.

To those visiting the region this weekend, I encourage you to explore the beautiful Coffs Coast, and take in some of the fantastic local restaurants and attractions.

I welcome you to the event and wish all competitors the best of luck this week.

ANDREW FRASER
MEMBER FOR COFFS HARBOUR
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For those who can cast their mind way back to 1997, the years that have elapsed have been something of a blur. With the benefit of hindsight we sharpen the focus and take a trip down memory lane to reflect on the origins of our much celebrated and always greatly anticipated, National Touch League/Elite Eight series.

Come with us as we take you on an insider’s view of the event’s foundation and history; and understand the motivations, ruminations and at times palpitations with the event’s migration from the annual Australian Championships format featuring all States, to the National Touch League we all know and love…and now celebrating its 21st anniversary, today.

“We went to Maroubra Seals to the seal the deal!”

You could easily mistake the crackling down the phone line as a comedian of sorts ‘back in the day’, giving his account of some kitsch, pre mid-1990s radio advertisement.

“And lo and behold, we nailed it.”

For those playing at home, Maroubra itself has long played a formidable part in the sport’s relatively short history and folklore. With Heffron Park in the middle of the iconic South Sydney beach suburb the site of the very early NSW State Cup instalments, and, just a five minute skateboard ride from there to Snape Park which is widely regarded as the sport’s foundation and spiritual home ‘patch’, 40-odd years past.

But it was the infamous ‘Seals’ club that sits adjacent to both above that took centre-stage one balmy Summer evening in the mid 1990’s and the ‘touchstone’ for a key innovation and paradigm shift. A swimming/sports and community club of some renown, it has served as the backdrop of many a feisty Touch Football committee meeting and forum with feeling, along with its main civic role for its Maroubra members.

This night though there was a twist.

As the same venue of choice that had witnessed some of the sport’s early deals and directives, and as some insiders would recount, plenty of invective from all sorts of players with various ‘agendas’ at play, something pretty big was about to go down at this meeting. Seal what deal at Seals, precisely?

Would there be a comedian taking the stage this night? Not so. Rather, this was a typically forthright and frank account of Touch Football’s premier elite event’s foundation and formation; from one who should know and should also rightly be remembered as one of the doyens of the sport and event’s chief architects.
Moreso, one of the sport’s founding fathers and with his sunburnt arms and legs, elbow and knee deep in its origin and foundation. The proud wearer of several hats during his (and wife Gwynne’s) long and decorated history in the sport, it was a sentimental and good humoured Bill Ker who looked back fondly at the times of yore and the advent of this great, national touch football showpiece event. Twenty-one years young now and no sign of abating. Ahem, the NTL event that he co-founded that is, not quite Bill’s vintage if you mind.

“We all thought it was quite funny in the day (refer Maroubra Seals gag, above), but it really was the key pivot point in turning this bold new concept of a National Touch League, into reality,” the former Australian Touch Association (now TFA) chief and current Federation of International Touch (FIT) secretary-general relayed down the line on the eve of the event’s 21st instalment.

“We gathered the masses at the Seals club in the heart of Rabbitoh’s territory in I think 1995 from memory, representing a broad cross-section of the Touch community.

“And we just laid it out bare for them: go with and support on this bold and exciting new course and venture or we just go backwards not only as an annual showcase event, but as a sport broadly.

“Mind you, quite a few people I think were laughing at us that night and what we presented to the quorum that night,” Bill, known also for his wicked sense of humour relayed with his trademark laugh.

The ‘what’ and ‘we’ that Bill refers to above here is significant, if not legend, as much as his own.

Up to that point the battle lines for the elite end of the sport was largely drawn at the annual Australian championships; traversing all the state capitals on a rota basis, with at least two cycles across the country completed by 1996 and replete with traditional march-pasts and accompanying music and formalities ‘of the day’.

The top item on the agenda that night at the Seals was indeed the ‘what’; the unveiling and clarion call for this thing called a National Touch League. Not merely a re-brand, but an overhaul and overtaking of the previous out-dated and ‘federated nationals’ as some referred to them.

The ‘we’ he refers is his two other partners in crime and with Bill, the chief architects and drivers of this novel concept: Cameron Hart (Executive Director, QTA) and Ken Crawford his equivalent in NSW.

“The concept with the traditional nationals was flawed and quite frankly, wrong,” Ker said matter of factly with a straighter face than previous you detect.

“New South Wales and Queensland, the powerhouses of the nationals over time were not only winning and actually dominating the titles between them, but also financially supporting the tournament and offsetting the cost for other states,” he said.

The other issue that stood out was the whole state versus state construct according to Ker.
Essentially the top 14 players that represented all of NSW and QLD were up against say, 14 players from Hobart and Launceston representing Tasmania was, while often a lopsided contest, and with no disrespect to smaller states, a little unfair to those otherwise highly skilled and experienced players who missed out on the biggest stage.

If there needed further evidence to support this brave new world, there was not only the cost sharing imbalance to consider but also the cost of supplying the vast bulk of the refereeing stocks too.

And so it was at the behest of the ATA Board of the time with Paul Johnson as chair and Russell Mowles a director and driver, that the committee of Ker, Hart and Crawford be put in place to put together an alternative model.

"If you couldn't make that team of 14 you were gone. The NTL brought a bigger contingent of players in front of Australian selectors and thereby more opportunities for players to compete across the board," Ker reasoned.

For pioneers like Ker and Cameron Hart, while loathe to take credit for the revolution taking place at the time, both agreed there was a kind of alchemy to the progression of a new, more effective format.

"It was becoming increasingly obvious that the Touch product was becoming stale especially our elite game," said Hart, who now has a senior role steering the Commonwealth Games event locally in the Gold Coast in 2018.

"The Mexican stand-off (defensive line stagnant on the try-line) was killing the game at an elite level and the defensive skills of players were such that the premier games were low scoring and could be said, a tad boring at times," he opined.

"Thus the plan to trial six-a-side format and a FIT 'no freeze' rule on the tryline was trialled at the QTA State Cup in Bundaberg in 1995.

"I recall Ken (Crawford) came up to monitor the trial. The result was an extra three touchdowns for the 30 minute State Cup format per game; thereby making it much more exciting and enhanced spectator appeal."

All of this was occurring while some QTA regions where pushing for the reintroduction of markers and an eight-a-side format to be more like Rugby League.

"The 1995 National Championships on the Gold Coast were again all QLD and NSW, and I think ACT mixed may have made the final," Hart recalled. That night after the Nationals I remember we all discussed the need for a new national championships format; and thus, the earliest formal discussions to develop the NTL."

Rewind to that meeting of minds in Maroubra almost a quarter of a century ago. With the Board commissioned triumvirate holding court that effectively sealed said deal, Ker recalled as clear as he can most milestones on Touch Football's evolutionary path.

"We had 60 people in the room as the final consultation with constituents with Ker, Hart and Crawford be put in place to put together an alternative model.

"Some questions were quite basic around what colours and the t-shirts teams' would wear and it went on until we reached a broad consensus on this and most items."
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“We were warming to the task and then got consensus there also on the confirmed permits and regions; we even joined four existing regions into two with the Queensland Razorbacks and Tropical Cyclones the initial permits north of the NSW border (NQ/CQ).

“Overall, we explained in detail to the throng the concept and the deal. And I can remember, we had a great feeling right there and then that there was general acceptance of the direction, the scope and overall approach of shifting from the old format.

“We then reported back to the ATA board sharing this landmark support with them and seeking their final imprimatur; but mind you it was a fair amount of work to get to that point.”

Basically the discussion then shifted to the general outlook and where to hold an event like this with scale, amenity and services and access, the key criteria.

“We then set about finding the right location: we went to business houses and suitable councils, venues.

“Coffs Harbour was a particular place where people could fly into reasonably easily and for the two ‘Origin’ states, a short drive for each to a half-way junction.

“In actual fact this proved compelling and ultimately won the day.”

Behold, the NTL was born. And a home with all the creature comforts and amenity found.

And as we fast forward to 2017 both key decisions have stood the test of time. NTL in Coffs Harbour – the match made in heaven. Well, NSW north coast paradise with arguably the best playing surfaces at the very least.

“Following the venue selection, we then came up with the permit concept with equal number of teams and players across regions,” Ker avers.

“We decided that ATA would own the permits and grant them to those that essentially earned that right.

“And we allowed people to run their own race as it were.”

This was all based on the premise that if the national body owned the permits, it would own the logos and names and thereby ownership and control on how the event would be administered both then as it is now. And, this is where some other key players were brought into the inner sanctum to help build out and finesse the model some more.

“We called on people like Gary Lawless and Dean Russell among others to help advise on the concept at large and the permit names, marks, and colours,” he added.

“This helped to inform the brief to the graphic designers who then came back with the final logos and shirt designs and materials of shirts, which was very exciting at the time and a big departure from the state brands and colour-ways.

“We then had to determine how do we stop the best players from congregating together which elicited deliberations on salary cap, draft systems with players worth certain points and what a national/state/regional and junior player was worth against other players to achieve some balance across teams.

Generally an easier concept to execute in theory rather than practice as most in the Touch fraternity would no doubt attest.

Ker added: “The determination was that a given permit were worth these various points until they were to second another, with a
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## Highlights from some of NTL’s shining lights over the years...

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<td>“There have been many highlights in my 15 title wins, however the favourite would have to be when I had the Mixed Open Trophy named after me. This moment rates amongst one of the best in my touch football career and is up with there with representing and captaining Australia. I love being able to catch up with friends from interstate, especially team mates that I have played with for Australia. Also just being able to watch other friends play. The atmosphere at NTL always has a friendliness about it.”</td>
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<td>“My favourite memory of NTL would have to be being lucky enough to win the the first 4 titles with the Scorpions Men’s open. And believe me a lot of good fortune was involved, in the first 3 years we hardly won a game by more than 1 try. The highlight would be receiving the “Peter McNeven” coaching award after the Maverick Men’s team won, which I found as rewarding as actually playing. To receive it from the great man himself topped it off. I think everybody’s off field highlights would be catching up with friends from other states you may only see once a year. Witnessing the progress of two old teammates’ sons in Craig Pierce (dec), Lachie and Scott Notley, Jake bring personal joy having known them as babies. My advice to kids aspiring to play at an NTL would be to play and practice as often as possible. If you love it, you’ll get there. The organisation of the event and presentation of the fields are so much more professional. The advent of E8 has seen a higher level of skill and the pace and ability of the girls in particular is through the roof.”</td>
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<td>“There are so many highlights when you look at a career as a player, coach or even administrator. Playing at the first NTL was incredibly exciting as you felt like you were a part of history, to then go on &amp; play in the Crusaders teams that went so close followed by a few 30’s experiences it has been so much fun. As a Coach I would have to say without a doubt winning the Womens Open with the Sydney Mets &amp; working with that incredible team for a few years. Probably a playing &amp; Coaching career cut short by becoming an administrator but I am incredibly proud of the way the NTL continues to evolve, develop, present the best we have to offer both on &amp; off the field – but who knows maybe after a 10 or so year absence I could pull the boots back on soon.”</td>
<td>Colm Maguire TFA</td>
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<td>“I enjoy catching up with all the great friends I have made over the years. Many from different states and some we may not see except NTL but it feels like family. The NTL has changed, from having two separate tournaments when I first came away in 2002 to now having the Elite 8 games being live streamed. Even if you can’t get there, you can still be a part of it. The size and professionalism of the tournament has certainly gone to another level. It is just a great tournament to be a part of.”</td>
<td>Damien Carlson SA</td>
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<td>“I’d probably have three favourite memories, one as a sport, one as an individual and one from NSWTA viewpoint. Having helped build and design the event, the very first NTL getting up and running was a significant achievement given we only had 12 months to pull it together. So seeing the success of the first year was very pleasing. The second would be coaching the Rebels 20’s girls in 2000. We made the final against the Sharks and were down 7-0 at half time. The second half we played outstandingly and got back to 7-6. We couldn’t catch them in the end but I think that half was the best half I’ve coached. Thirdly to see NSWTA have all four teams in the inaugural Elite 8 Finals in 2011 was pretty nice.”</td>
<td>Dean Russell NSW</td>
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<td>“Throughout my touch football career, my favourite and most memorable moment would have to be in winning the 2016 NTLs. It was such an exciting experience to be playing in the finals at such a big tournament and to come away with a win definitely became my favourite highlight of my touch football career.”</td>
<td>Pia Hatt VIC</td>
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<td>“Commencing with my first attendance of the old State based nationals in 1991 and then the introduction of NTL in the late 90’s right through to the current format in 2017, my life has been punctuated by an annual pilgrimage to attend. I have loved the changes and innovations applied to the NTL format.”</td>
<td>Rob Day SA</td>
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<td>“I have so many amazing memories from NTLs but if I had to narrow it down I would have three favourite highlights. First one was debuting at NTLs playing for Crusaders Mixed back in 2000 – I was one very excited and super nervous 23-year-old! Second one was winning the Mixed 30s Championship representing Victoria in 2012 – being the underdogs and winning pretty much on the buzzer was such a thrill! And finally my all-time highlight was winning the T League championship representing Victoria last year.”</td>
<td>Kristen Friend VIC</td>
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<td>“Catching up with old friends/competitors and having the opportunity to watch the girls that I have coached as juniors progress through mixed, T league and Alliance teams. I love the fact that the NTL provides the opportunity for people of all ages to play. It is great to see so many family combinations playing and part of the many franchises.”</td>
<td>Gabe Hodges ACT</td>
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<td>“I did manage to make a men’s final in the early days before I got too old but one of my favourite memories happened on the back fields playing in the 40s at Port Macquarie. One of the opposition made a dummy half across field after the half had cross the line. As the half got to the corner, he stepped back in field and the defender couldn’t stop and had to jump into the small creek that ran quite close to the edge of the field. He disappeared completely under water and all that was left was his bucket hat until he resurfaced sometime later. Who knew the creek was that deep? That was very funny. That was the last game played on that particular field that year.”</td>
<td>Scott Notley QLD</td>
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“My favourite memory as a parent is watching my own children compete at both a State and NTL level, but as a WA Selector, watching WA touch players compete at this level after watching them compete and progress from affiliate to State Champs, to NTL and in some cases to National selection. It has grown immensely has become more professional but hasn’t lost the Touch Community friendly atmosphere.”  Ron Connolly WA

“Once you have attended an NTL players, coaches, and acquaintances will always stop and talk / chat about what has transpired since last time you saw each other the touch community just keeps growing. Over the 20 or so years that I have been involved with the NTL the game has evolved to one of the most exciting games to watch and be involved with.”  Paul Baker ACT

“My favourite memory was when our coach Toby Burgess couldn’t help himself and pulled on the number 3 for our final game in Mixed 2015. It was an honour to play alongside such an old Tassie stalwart! The best change I have seen is the success non-QLD and NSW teams are starting to achieve.”  Bec Oliver TAS

“Selection in my first Men’s open for Crusaders. The team had made the semi-finals the previous two years so there was a lot of excitement and expectation about doing well at the tournament. The banter in the bus back to the hotel after a good game! Nothing quite says ‘enjoyment’ like cramming 14 sweaty and sunburnt touch players into the back of a rented Kia Carnival powered solely by the inharmonious melodies that play karaoke to the team CD.”  Toby Burgess TAS

“The speed and skill level of the game has increased immensely and the sheer volume of quality players both in the men’s and women’s elite is just unbelievable.”  Dave Nolan NSW

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maximum amount of points afforded to each permit. If there nine national players in a region or permit, then so be it.

And final reflections good or bad spanning the breadth of time and that all important 20/20 hindsight?

“Some of the early permit management was first class and an early standout was the Southern Suns from memory; the playing level and standard outshone most both on and off field.

“The Scorpions (NSW) and Sharks (QLD) were the organisations that really stood out early as well; and as you see with the honour roll of winners past they have only gotten stronger over time with the Sydney Mets and Cobras both very successful from the outset.

The ATA staff profile way back when was skinny at best says Ker “there were only eight staff with a few volunteers – gee they were long hours and busy days and I can honestly say it was the staff but also the participants that were amazing,” he added.

“Players were coming up to the administration saying: ‘what a wonderful concept and tournament, we can’t wait to come back next year’, and that really spurred us on to keep going.

“And look at what it has become today with a terrific TFA leadership with Colm (Maguire) at the helm and staff delivering a great event with live streaming and great branding and presentation and international representation.”

And to the modern version of ‘events’, Maguire was profuse in his admiration of the TFA Board/Executive at the time and their stewardship as much as the present day event’s management and team.

“The big thing for me is how far the concept has come over that period of time,” he said on tournament eve, “but also the incredible history and moments that have made the event what it is today.

“As I’ve said often the NTL has meant so much to me either as a player, coach and ultimately a convenor and administrator of the game; as I know it has to many people in different ways over several years.

“From those foundation years to the very polished event structure and mechanics and dynamics of the team today: and that goes beyond the event staff right through to the engagement with event states and broadcast partners, Permit holders, the referees’ contingent and suppliers – the whole NTL community at large.”

It’s all enough to make the current chief and the event’s forebears and co-founders feel very proud.

It still serves today as a poignant reminder to Ker and his own team of that eventful and bountiful Maroubra meeting.

Armed with the venue, council backing, permit names, IP, designs, logos and colours, points system and quality of the uniforms matched against the initial NTL branding provisions, off to Maroubra the coterie trudged.

With a special vision and message to deliver. And, with hope in their hearts and a 1997 start date on their minds.

Sealed now as it was then with a special birthday celebration and kiss, some 21 years on.

Go to www.touchfootball.com.au > Publications for the most recent version of Thompson's Touch Almanac tracking the incredible honour roll, history and statistics of our great national event from 1997 to 2016 and electronic versions of The Hard Wrap.
FAST FACTS

TOP MALE TRY SCORERS IN NTL OPENS HISTORY

- Benjamin Robinson: 112 tries
- Gavin Shuker: 108 tries
- Drumayne Dayberg-Muir: 91 tries
- Matthew Prowse: 88 tries
- Dean Wilbow: 84 tries
- Matthew Prowse: 88 tries
- Ben Jago: 87 tries
- Justin Coote: 86 tries
- Mal Costello: 85 tries
- Tim Duran: 84 tries
- Josh Ostler: 83 tries
- Jack Loh: 82 tries
- Josh Duggan: 81 tries
- Luke Akehurst: 80 tries
- Tom Schilling: 79 tries
- Tim Dooley: 78 tries
- Ryan Lynch: 77 tries
- Ben Jeffs: 76 tries
- Paul Gray: 75 tries
- Sam Stewart: 74 tries
- Mark Moore: 73 tries
- Simon Wills: 72 tries
- Luke Hope: 71 tries
- John White: 70 tries
- Tim Clark: 69 tries
- Tim Stevens: 68 tries
- Tim Hooper: 67 tries
- Sam Prince: 66 tries
- Tim Robertson: 65 tries
- Tim Chappel: 64 tries
- Tim Mounsey: 63 tries
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- Tim O’Hagan: 3 tries
- Tim O’Hara: 2 tries
- Tim O’Connor: 1 try

MOST TRIES SCORED IN ONE GAME

- Matt Prowse: 8 tries (Sydney Mets Men’s, 2009)
- Manu Wakely: 8 tries (Sydney Rebels Mixed, 2014)
- Campbell McIntosh: 7 tries (Sunshine Coast, 2016)

TOP FEMALE TRY SCORERS IN NTL OPENS HISTORY

- Louise Winchester: 83 tries
- Leah Percy: 78 tries
- Rachael Holden: 67 tries
- Kate Barker: 60 tries

MOST GAMES WITHOUT A LOSS

- Sydney Rebels Mixed: 50 games (Rd.1 in 2011 to Rd.3 in 2016)
- Sydney Mets Men’s 30’s: 42 games (Rd.1 2003 to Rd.2 2008)
- Sydney Scorpions Men’s 40’s: 38 games (Rd.3 2005 to Rd.2 2009)

CHAMPION PERMITS

- 7 WINS (ONE JOINT WIN)
- 5 WINS
- 5 WINS (ONE JOINT WIN)
- 4 WINS

VENUES

- Kawana Waters, QLD
- Port Macquarie, NSW
- Coffs Harbour, NSW

NSW Mets - 7 WINS (one joint win)
Brisbane Cobras - 5 WINS
5th QLD Sharks - 5 WINS (one joint win)
Sydney Scorpions - 4 WINS
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It was with great sadness the recent passing of one of the games originals; both a pioneer and a stalwart of our game, Ron Hanson. Ron had been fighting Parkinson’s disease for the past number of years and succumbed to the disease 13 February, 2017.

Ron was a pioneer of the game who began playing in the very first Touch Football competition at Pioneer Park in 1968 with his beloved Bronte mates. He was coming off his days as a leading First Grade footballer for the Eastern Suburbs Roosters wanting to continue with playing a game similar and Touch Football provided the perfect avenue. He was good at it too. He was named as the first NSW Captain when the team he led played Queensland at Erskineville Oval on 4th of August 1973 and defeated the old enemy 15-1. Three years later in 1976 he was named the first Australian Captain of the team that successfully toured New Zealand. From all reports Ron was an inspirational captain on the field and the life of the party off it.

Ron however was not content with just playing, he was involved in every aspect of the game. He coached at high levels, was a selector from park football through to national level, became an administrator of the sport and even refereed a few games here and there. Although if you talk to those who played with Ronnie, they will tell you he refereed most games in which he played. While playing was his passion, he left an indelible mark on the sport through his time as an administrator and selector. As an Administrator he was Regional Director for the old Region 4 going back as far as 1994 and also took a stint at the helm of the Northern Eagles after the amalgamation of the three northern regions. As a selector he selected club, regional, state and national teams. He didn’t just restrict himself to one region either, he made himself available to all. He would often assist other regions around the state where he could and also helped out at the Defence Force nationals for many years as well.

Touch Football Australia CEO, Colm Maguire, expressed his admiration, gratitude and condolences for Ron and his family. “Ron has an incredible legacy in our sport which will not be forgotten. It is not just what he did on the field as a leader but as a Volunteer, Coach and Administrator that will also be remembered. Ron and indeed his family have touched so many lives including mine personally. “Our deepest condolences and love are with Fran, Samantha and Brad. We are truly blessed to have spent time with Ron and we will be there to support all of you through this time. “His legacy is not only left as a member of our sporting community based on his achievements but will endure through the friendships and lives he has been deeply engaged in. We will all miss you Ron,” Maguire said.

In 2004 the NSWTA recognised Ron’s immense contribution to the game at many levels with the awarding of Life Membership to the NSWTA. In 2010 Touch Football Australia bestowed on Ron, a medal named in his honour. Each member of an Australian contingent to be honoured as the parties Flag Bearer is awarded and announced as the Ron Hanson Medallist; again a testament to his standing in the game and the character of the man. For those who have received that medal, we are sure they will be just a little bit prouder today.

Our thoughts are with his wife of 44 years, Fran and his children Samantha and Brad as well as his grandchildren and extended family members.

He is a gentleman who will be missed but certainly not forgotten by the Touch Footballing family across Australia.

Acknowledgement to NSW Hornets Touch Association
TFA has recently reunited with an old friend, welcoming XBlades back as the Official Footwear Partner of Touch Football Australia (TFA).

After undergoing a change of management and rebrand led by the likes of champion AFL player Jimmy Bartel, XBlades are back bigger than ever with an exciting and industry-leading new range of Football boots suitable for all codes.

The reinstated partnership will see XBlades provide footwear to TFA elite athletes and members providing improved comfort and style (See the TFA-XBlades Ambassadors pic).

‘Girls Make Your Move’ Campaign

TFA is proud to support the Australian Sports Commission’s ‘Girls Make Your Move’ campaign and initiative.

In a somewhat alarming statistic, 56% of girls aged 15-17 do little or no physical exercise - this is in contrast to the 38% of boys aged 15-17 who share the same characteristic.

Touch Football is lucky to have a high level of female participation, with 51% of junior participants female.

Girls Make Your Move is about inspiring, energising and empowering young women to be more active. Post a photo of you and your friends being active on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter with the hashtags #girlsmakeyourmove and #girlsmove and tag @girlsmakeyourmove. Let’s get all Aussie girls moving with us!

‘Taking It To The Streets’

TFA staff have been ‘hitting the streets’ recently engaging with members on a range of strategic growth initiatives. Miles Wilson (Competitions and Strategy Manager) and Anthony Jennings (School and Junior Services Manager) both pictured below ventured recently to the NSW Junior State Cup and across the states to chat with members on a range of topics including facility development, advocacy, the ASC’s Sporting Schools Program and the TFA Targeted Growth Program.

“It was really promising to see so many affiliates motivated to discuss opportunities to grow their competitions as we strive towards one million participants nationally,” Wilson said amid the several catch-ups with volunteers.

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After 10 years of partnership, TFA and BLK look forward to forging ahead in 2017 and going ‘Beyond Limits Known’ together and ongoing.

Welcome Back XBlades

‘Business As Usual with BLK

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Volunteer Medal

At the 2016 TFA Annual General Meeting, CEO Colm Maguire, announced the introduction of a new Volunteer Medal to recognise the time and effort our volunteers contribute to support Touch Football’s growth throughout Australia. The medal will be utilised to reflect on the important role the volunteers play not only at a board or council level but right down to the affiliates and the canteens right across Australia.

We are looking forward to working with all our volunteers in 2017. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, contact your local touch football affiliate now!

Touch Football Blossoming in Japan

Touch Football Australia has continued to build on the partnership with Japan Touch Association (JTA) with a number of key activities taking place in early part of 2017. Thanks to the support of the Australia-Japan Foundation (AIF), TFA assisted JTA to deliver a participation clinic to an all girls school in Chiba where close to 100 girls aged 12 to 18 took part in a development clinic run by Australian Women’s Open player and BLK Ambassador, Danielle Davis.

In addition to the Chiba clinic, the TFA delegation worked with the JTA to develop a plan which is giving the two organisations particular focus over the next year.

To capitalise on the February 2017 visit to Japan, TFA and JTA used the tour to deepen the level of engagement with the Australian Government by providing an overview of the project to Australian Embassy and AIF staff. The next phase of the program TFA will send a delegation to Osaka where participants are already excited by the prospect of a high profile Australian player or coach visiting to share their knowledge.

TFA is proud of the flagship partnership with JTA and is using it as a foundation to support the ongoing development of the sport internationally. With the support of the Australian Government through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trading’s Asian Sport Partnerships program, TFA will be delivering programs into China throughout March, April and May of 2017 where girls participation programs will once again take centre stage.

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Touch Football Australia’s social media accounts are growing and if you aren’t yet following, we’d love for you to join our online community!

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Snapchat - tfaofficial
NEW SOUTH WALES COUNTRY MAVERICKS

The Mavericks will be ready to bounce back this year from their two years of semi-final defeats. The team presents attacking strike-power all over the field with Dylan Hennessey, Scott Bundy and Jarrad Rotumah. The team welcomes experts of leadership and skill including Matt Tope and Terry Deegan and will be a strong and formidable force again this year.

Our prediction ......3rd

NEW SOUTH WALES METS

With the new NSW revised selection policy, the Mets enter the battle with what may be their strongest team yet. The team has a host of Aussie players including Scott Buckley, Nicholas Good, Steve Roberts, Dean Springfield, Ben Moylan, James Blackwood, Cameron Nicholls, Robert Nakhla, and have welcomed the new addition of Justin Costello from the Alliance. You don’t need to be Einstein to see the winning potential of this team.

Our prediction ......2nd

NEW SOUTH WALES SCORPIONS

This team has also benefitted from new selection policy, bringing back Jordan Marshall King who is one of the better attacking players in the game. The team also consists of key players such as Simon Lang, Ciaran Toner, Jonathon Palau, Daniel Barton and Jackson Mills who all have international experience. The team will prove to be hard for opposition defences to handle.

Our prediction ......5th

NEW SOUTH WALES REBELS

A young and inexperienced team at this level, who might find the going tough and should struggle to get into finals contention. A player to watch is Clay Studdon who will be dangerous and a key player in the team.

Our prediction ......8th

NEW SOUTH WALES COUNTRY MAVERICKS

Last year, the Mavericks were described as young, inexperienced and rebuilding. This years, while still young, sees many Aussie youth players who have earnt their stripes and will lead the team admirably, Maddie Crowe, Amy DuFour, Rachel Jeffs, Shannon Rose and Jessica Potts all played in the recent youth series. Maddie Crowe in particular had a very good NSW State Cup and Youth Series and will be one of the team’s strongest attacking players. The team welcomes back Jess McCall from serious injury to provide on field guidance. The girls will be tougher to beat than some people might think.

Our prediction ......6th

NEW SOUTH WALES METS

The NSW Selection Policy has also meant a return of home grown Mets players such as Elin Mortimer and Patricia Michealopolous which strengthens the team entirely. The team will need to overcome the loss of spiritual leader Louise Winchester who will miss her first national event for a very long time. Claire Tandek is an exceptional player in great form as proved through her performances at Vawdon Cup and State Cups and will be their go-to player. The Wests/Canterbury connections and cohesion will help this team achieve big things.

Our prediction ......4th

NEW SOUTH WALES SCORPIONS

This is where we will see the new selection policy pay dividends with all the Scorpions girls who have been on loan to other permits returning to strengthen an already quality team. The basis of the team comes from the all-conquering Manly Women’s teams who have taken all before them over last few years. Every player on the team has represented their country at some point and at some level. Stating the obvious they are the favourites even after some below par performances from the Scorpions over the last few years.

Our prediction ......1st

NEW SOUTH WALES REBELS

The team welcomes Ash Quinlan from QLD Titans last year who will be their key attacking weapon. There are some international flavours as well with Japanese International Mizuki Imai who has been spending the season at Easts. The team may not have the quality to worry stronger teams this year but will go down fighting.

Our prediction ......8th
It’s time for our favourite event of the year, the National Touch League incorporating the Elite Eight Series.

2017 marks the sixth instalment of the Elite Eight Series and it could well be the most open competition and thrilling contest across divisions, on record.

Sit back as The Hard Wrap dissects the teams and form guide as a preview to the 2017 event; there are a host of players and teams to watch out for and we boldly predict who’ll be there or thereabouts come finals day, 11 March.

QUEENSLAND TITANS

Last years grand finalists from the all QLD affair are still looking formidable. Peter Norman will lead the team once again providing the team with the starch and attacking power. The team will also call on Jayden Love, Mick Singh, Adam Pryde and Corey Russell who are all quality players. They will definitely be there when the whips are cracking on Sunday.

Our prediction ……4th

QUEENSLAND BRONCOS

The Broncos is arguably the unluckiest team of the 2016 event, losing a number of games on the bell. The team will be relying on the attacking skills of Cody Green whose talent is world class as well as Michael Baartz’s leadership guiding the team. The tight games will test their willpower and determine how far they go.

Our prediction ……6th

QUEENSLAND COWBOYS

The reigning champions are again looking very good on paper. Lachlan Peirce really stole the show last year and is back again. The young guns all fresh from their Aussie youth experience with players like Damon Moore, Jack Hughes and Justin Cridland will be prominent and a key strength of the team. Cormac Hoch will be in fine form and the leadership again of Withers and Zanette makes them a hard team to beat. Everything still points to Cowboys being favourites to retain their title.

Our prediction ……1st

THE ALLIANCE

Stuart Brierty returns after missing the 2016 NTL due to injury with pressure on his shoulders to lead the team to victory. The Alliance have lost home grown NT player and key defender Justin Costello with his move to the NSW Mets. The team has a strong line-up of players with experienced players such as Tim Glazebook running alongside a host of young players. Tyla Love comes off a great Youth Trans Tasman in New Zealand and will be a key player to watch. The team will need to improve their performance from last year to feature in finals but have the skill to do well.

Our prediction ……6th

Aussie Women’s Open assistant Craig Morrow has taken over the coaching of the team and will be a positive addition to the team. The Alliance women enter the 2017 NTL as a well-oiled machine with the likes of Kelly Goodwin, Kelly Rowe, Grace Griffin and Emma Haines. Former captain, Leah Percy will return to elite level as a new mother with her eyes too on the prize. Rebecca Beath will be dangerous on the field and will help steer the team to a potential semi-finalist position.

Our prediction ……5th
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Danyon Morgan-Puterang
Nathan Sambevski
Cameron Stanley
Alex Tuvik
Ben Wylie

Coach Danny Goodwin
Assistant Coach Charles Willacy
Assistant Coach Chris Tarlinton

WOMEN'S TEAM

Rebecca Beath
Toni Breeze
Kelly Goodwin
Grace Griffin
Jessika Groeneveld
Emma Haines
Caitlyn Jeffress
Lauren Kildare
Elizabeth Motteram
Rebecca Oliver
Jenaya Quan
Emily Reid
Kelly Rowe
Leah Percy
Mackenzie Sadler
Elise Wilson

Coach Craig Morrow
Assistant Coach Stewart Dracup
Assistant Coach Elias El Chaar

MEN'S TEAM

Mitch Bourke
Scott Bundy
Patrick Coelho
Tom Dafter
Terry Deegan
Jake Fitzpatrick
Dylan Hennessey
Bart Hill
Alex Langbridge
Daniel Langbridge
Joshua Joseph Leota
Jarrad Rotumah
Trent Ryan
Matthew Tope
Corey Whitaker

Coach John Dalton
Assistant Coach Joel Willoughby
Manager Paul Connolly

WOMEN'S TEAM

Sophie Broadhead
Madison Crowe
Melinda Dennis
Kirra Dibb
Jasmine Dillon
Amy Dufour
Lily Goodchild
Isabella Houston
Ainsley Hughes
Milly Hughes
Rachel Jeffs
Taryn Love
Jessica McCall
Jessica Potts
Amy Regal
Shannon Lucy Rose

Coach Mark Boland
Assistant Coach Brooke Playford
Manager Sheralee Langbridge
MEN’S TEAM
- Tjadyn Ashby
- James Blackwood
- Scott Buckley
- Justin Costello
- Nicholas Good
- Ryan Goss
- Jake Grech
- Ben Moylan
- Robert Nakhla
- Cameron Nicholls
- Steve Roberts
- James Shute
- Dean Springfield
- Daniel Stone
- Mitchell Wickham
- Christopher Williams

Coach Paul Sfeir
Assistant Coach Satoru Ozawa
Manager Robert Barakat

WOMEN’S TEAM
- Rebecca Cachia
- Elisabeth Clarence
- Stephanie Cummins
- Tayla Duguid
- Logan Flanagan
- Tyla Gambell
- Elizabeth Hewitt
- Kaitlin McCaffery
- Patricia Michaelopoulos
- Elin Mortimer
- Leah Opie-Lukins
- Abbey Papenhuyzen
- Claire Tandek
- Bailey Toleafoa
- Bethany Webb
- Courtney Young

Coach Peter Forrester
Assistant Coach Graham Flemming
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MEN’S TEAM
- Jye Antonelli
- Jack Flanigan
- Ben Glachan
- Josh Glachan
- Jacob Harrington
- Damee Kea
- Lincoln Little
- Mitch Newman
- Daniel Robinson
- Casey Shelley
- Daniel Springett
- Matt Springett
- Clay Studdon
- Charlie Suters
- Jack Weatherill
- Mitch Wilton

Coach Karley Banks
Assistant Coach Pat Batiste
Manager Sean Clachan

WOMEN’S TEAM
- Samantha Atkins
- Kallie Atkins
- Kobe Dymock
- Bec Gair
- Chelsea Hindmarsh
- Mizuki Imai
- Bobbi Law
- Claire Moran
- Ashleigh Quinlan
- Madison Regan
- Annabelle Regan
- Chloe Scranage
- Amy Webb
- Annabelle Wright
- Cara Zaremski

Coach Ivan Pomrae
Assistant Coach Matt Scranage
Manager Melinda Scranage
### NSW Scorpions

**MEN’S TEAM**
- Daniel Barton
- Tim Barton
- Sam Brisby
- Joshua Gillard
- Jordan Horo
- Jed Ibbotson
- Simon Lang
- Chad MacMillan
- Jordan Marshall
- Jackson Mills
- Jonathon Palau
- Mark Roberts
- Jordan Sarmento
- Marley Simbolon
- Ciaran Toner
- Caidyn Wynyard

**Coach** Jason Martin  
**Assistant Coach** Glen Fitzgerald  
**Manager** Scott Collins

**WOMEN’S TEAM**
- Madison Ashby
- Chloe Cheney
- Brittney Clifford
- Tayla Clifford
- Danni Davis
- Pihuka Duff
- Hannah Dyball
- Jenna Hitch
- Steph Maiolo
- Yasmin Meakes
- Faith Nathan
- Zara Nicholas
- Aaliyah Paki
- Laura Peattie
- Sam Rodgers

**Coach** Barry Gibson  
**Assistant Coach** Anthony Dudeck  
**Manager** Garry Croft  
**Manager** Sandra Dyball

### TITANS Queensland

**MEN’S TEAM**
- Graeme Clancy
- Drumayne Dayberg-Muir
- James De Veer
- Kurtis Ferris
- Kyle Hadwin
- Steven Loultit
- Tom Maher
- Dave Maher
- Peter Norman
- Adam Pryde
- David Richards
- Corey Russell
- Michael Singh
- Ethan Taylor
- Tristan Wagg
- Jordan Watts

**Coach** John Singh  
**Assistant Coach** Chris Loth  
**Manager** Mark Phillips  
**Assistant Manager** Jordan Blank

**WOMEN’S TEAM**
- Tarryn Aiken
- Tiarni Bryce
- Sammy-Jo Curtis
- Terri-Anne Egan
- Laura Gleeson
- Belinda Hammett
- Ashleigh Kearney
- Sissy Masters
- Kayla Mi Mi
- Rebecca Mi Mi
- Christie Moloney
- Georgina Rackemann
- Kiara Taylor
- Marama Thomas
- Marikki Watego
- Toni Wells

**Coach** Renee Murphy  
**Assistant Coach** Leasha Thouard  
**Manager** Kerry Norman
### MEN’S TEAM

- Jayden Benbow
- Kristian Congoo
- Shaun Francis
- Braydon Hegarty
- Lachlan Hoch
- Cormac Hoch
- Jack Hughes
- Malcolm Kenny
- Michael Law
- Damon Moore
- Samuel Pierce
- Lachlan Pierce
- Andrew Searle
- Jared Townson
- Daniel Withers
- Dave Zanette

**Coach** Philip Gyemore  
**Assistant Coach** Colin Beckett  
**Assistant Coach** Tom Devereux  
**Manager** Timothy Villalba

### WOMEN’S TEAM

- Jessica Bourke
- Britney Brown
- Ashleigh Burke
- Tayla Connell
- Greta Doherty
- Brittany Donovan
- Lydia Durkin
- Rebecca Goulding
- Kelly Kennedy
- Mary McLean
- Mikayla Newman
- Kathleen Nichols
- Tahlulah Tillett
- Tamika Upton
- Grace Wakeman
- Jordan Zielke

**Coach** Paul Cobham  
**Assistant Coach** Mitchell Smith  
**Assistant Coach** Timothy Osborne  
**Manager** Wendy Donovan

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### MEN’S TEAM

- Michael Baartz  
- Timothy Baartz  
- Liam Bauer  
- Samuel Carmody  
- Nicholas Chisholm  
- James Courtney  
- Mitchell De Rossi  
- Cody Green  
- Connor Harvey  
- Sean Hooper  
- Christopher Latumahina  
- Hayden Moffat  
- Brad Playne  
- Adam Russell  
- David Sen  
- Glen Walker

**Coach** Jason Boyd  
**Assistant Coach** John Beesley  
**Assistant Coach** Martin Wright  
**Manager** Tyrone Bruce

### WOMEN’S TEAM

- Natasha Adams  
- Lucy Botten  
- Elizabeth Campbell  
- Brooke English  
- Emily Hennessey  
- Mia Johnstone  
- Rebecca Lapraik  
- Melia Larkin  
- Hayley Maddick  
- Katee Maller  
- Paige Parker  
- Savannah Pratten  
- Catherine Sargent  
- Katherine Stevens  
- Kimberley Sue See  
- Samantha White

**Coach** Lucas Feldman  
**Assistant Coach** Mark Henricksen  
**Manager** Kristy Quince
Refferees

Joseph Aboud
Tim Ah See
Anthony Alevras
Nicole Alexander
Nicholas Altin
Justin Appleby
David Baggio
Philip Balcombe
Victor Baptista
Steven Bell
Christopher Benstead
Simon Bernie
Riki Best
Brian Blechynden
Mathew Bowcock
Robert Bowen
Anthony Bradley
Thomas Brown
Nathan Budge
Craig Butler
Matt Butler
Texas Byrne
Tony Calabria
Kenneth Chan
John Clark
Alec Clark
Annabelle Connolly
Rob Cooper
Isaac Cosson
Vince Costigan
Patrick Costigan
Darren Couper
Peter Cramp
Damon Cupitt
Jake Davis
Michael Del Castillo
Nicole Dickson
Rachel Dilger
Amanda Draper
Paul Edmondson
Mike Ellis
Alex Faulkner

Renee Flach
George Forster-Jones
Brett Freshwater
Lachlan Freshwater
Indra Garner
Ivan Giammarco
Mathew Gilbertson
Karl Gregory
Andrew Hahn
Jon Hall
Michael Halling
Miriam Hansen
Ben Harris
Justin Hill
Adam Hogan
Amanda Hollis
Michael Honer
Christopher Inwood
Joseph Jeffries
Clint Jory
Timothy Kelly
Mike Kenderes
Mitchell Kennedy
Larry Kent
Paul Keyte
Paul Khoudair
Gregory Kidd
Tane Kingi
Daniel Kustec
Stephen Laing
Michael Landsberg
Tess Leahy
Joshua Little
Michael Littlefield
Geoff Lobegeier
Dean MacDonald
Mitch Mackenzie
Matt Manning
Scott Marsh
Kai Maruta
Alexander McCaughn
Ian McFarlane

David Mcgee
Robert McKay
Robert McKechnie
Luke McKenzie
Barry McNamara
Sitha Mead
Joe Mercuri
Anthony Mew
Jason Miller
Peter Millington
John Mitchell
Timothy Moloney
Mark Montgomery
Patrick Moran
Marcus Muller
Roderick Mundraby
Stacey Murdoch
Christopher Murray
Greg Myers
Victor Naumovski
Justin Neave
Barry Nichols
Richard Norris
Danielle Nunn
Gregory Oaten
Bernard O’Donohue
Brendan O’Flynn
Cameron O’Riordan
Justin Parsons
Lucas Patterson
Timothy Pearson
Samuel Piper
Jonathan Powyer
Fiona Quinn
Chris Reynolds
Paul Richardson
Rebecca Rogers
Benjamin Rogers
Francesco Scarfone
Trevor Schelberg
Christopher Schwerdt
Atikah Scott

Aaron Searston
Darryl Serrurier
Amanda Sheeky
Harry Shepherd
Amanda Single
Kim Skelly
William Slade
Lachlan Smith
Brad Smith
Anthony Smith
Kathleen Spence
James Steinberg
Timothy Steinhardt
Lawren Sullivan
Paul Sullivan
Anthony Suters
John Taylor
Greg Taylor
Owen Teale
Caitlyn Teo
Paul Tesoriero
David (Mark) Tewkesbury
Jordyn Tomba
Darren Toms
John Turnbull
Adam Turner
Jack Van Lohuizen
Josh Vernon
John Viklund
Matt Waters
Andrew Watkins
Gary Watman
Alison Watters
Denise Weier
Nico West
Sam Whiteside
Pat Williams
Jeffrey Williams
Brendon Wilson
Cory Wiseman
Andrew Yon
Mick Zhurawel
ACT RAIDERS

Men's T League
Cameron Burdett
Reece Chin
Luke Cochrane
Isaac Crowe
Jamie Hawke
Ben Hughes
Sam Hyland
Reuben Keane
Bryce Keane
Nick Keech
Lachlan McKeough
Dean Medved
Zac Ross
Satoki Unaloto
Fetuani
Vaughan Winnel
Sandra and Steve Hughes
Coaches
Owen Keane
Manager

Women's T League
Kylie Aylott
Lauren Bensusic
Madison Hardgrave
Ash Kara
Brodie McCann
Matisse McNair
Sophie Newton
Jessica O'Rourke
Gabrielle Petersen
Kyah Priestly
Breeanna Toze
Ashleigh Witt
Tijana Zdravevska
Jack Gibson
Coach
Graham Cassells
Assistant Coach
Kris Fisher
Manager

Women's 40's
Nicole Bain
Belinda Cook
Julie-Ann Craig
Angela Donaldson
Reene Fleming
Donna Fraser
Donna Lenton
Kannika Phomson
Rachel Platt
Darlene Riley
Natalie Taffs
Lena Tobin
Alex Waldren
Sally Witt
Donna Fraser
Coach
Cindy Toms
Assistant Coach
Kris Fisher
Manager

Men's 45's
Robert Sinclair Smith
Marty Green
Andre Ramirez
Michael Sykes
Douglas Witt
Andrew Malone
John Samin
Aaron Oshyer
Rob Maarseveen
Mark Hearnden
Ian Bateman
Ken Pattugalan
Justin Hardorf
David Blacklock
Douglas Witt
Coach
Tony Fisher
Manager

Men's 40's
Chris Anderson
Tim Burke
Luke Cookson
Paul Craig
Trung Le
Adam Leeson
Todd Mills
Ashley Synnot
Dean Taylor
Mark Tibbits
Geoff Wilson
Adam Leeson
Coach

Men's 50's
Alex Ciminelli
Gareth Eley
Sean Harvey
Shane Huggins
Craig Larsen
Gregory Lyons
Jason McCarthy
Michael Palmer
Carl Ruhen
Mark Simkin
Stephen Thompson
David Vowles
Shane Jarosz
Sean Harvey
Craig Larsen
Coaches

Mixed Open
Erin Brightenti
Steve Callendar
Emily Heckendorf
Nick Hervert
Erin Hickson
Karl Hoare
Eddie Jones
Grace Keech
Steve Kennedy
Josh Southwell-Nobbs
Tim Spence
Scott Troldahl
Tom Leddy
Coach
Alexandra Glover
Nathan De Tourrettes
Managers

Men's 55's
Gerard Brine
Steve Cullen
Charlie Doherty
Michael Eddleston
Richard Fletcher
Shane Holt
Norm Hunt
Otto Karki
Greg Langford
Anthony McDonald
Enrol Neish
Peter Olive
Dave Pennock
Gary Potter
Michael Eddleston
Coach
Otto Karki
Manager

Officials
Greg Richards Riches
Tour Leader
Eliza Harris
Assistant Tour Leader
Terry Leahy
Trainer

Monica Thorne
Physio
Alex Stuart
Physio
Elia Ward
Physio
### BRISBANE CITY COBRAS

#### Mixed Open
- Ken Adams
- Candice Ashley
- Jessica Beer-Caramia
- Aidan Beers
- Tasi Cordtz
- Ryan Endehipa
- Davina Galetto
- Benjamin Geldart
- Patrick Horgan
- Arepo Ohio
- Leilanie Pakoa
- Ashleigh Poole
- Jesse Priddle
- Lily Quinlivan
- Dean West

#### Men's T League
- Nathan Beaton
- Daniel Bull
- Antonio Buncuga
- Lachlan Carmichael
- Wilson Groth
- Lachlan Hardwick
- Keith Inocencio
- Schae Mawer
- Lachlan Moore
- Michael Rasmussen
- Adam Russell
- Brayden Smith
- Chase Te Amo
- Reilly Te Amo
- Ty Titasey

#### Women's T League
- Billie Barker
- Tealan Barnes
- Bella Bauer
- Lili Chang
- Tamara Clarison
- Sophie Clemson
- Chelsea Cummins
- Kallah Daley
- Rachel Day
- Georgia Elmore
- Sonali Gaind
- Meg Muir
- Rebecca Simson
- Shadae Solein
- Chelsea White

#### Women's T League (A)
- Amelia Campbell
- Ashleigh Flessier
- Emily Hatherell
- Grace Mcconnell
- Olivia Nason
- Isabella Nasser
- Hayley Ownsworth
- Naomi Perrier
- Olivia Snell
- Riley Spain
- Bridie Spain
- Caitlin Wark
- Melanie Williams
- Jasmine Zischke
- Tahlia Zischke

#### Women's T League (B)
- Kristen White

#### Women's 35's
- Linda Buchanan
- Kathleen Clutton
- Clare Doherty
- Donna Drew
- Cathy Farrell
- Neressa Johnston
- Debra Jones
- Natalie Lynch
- Sharyn Madders
- Jenny Nowlan
- Melissa Orchard
- Amy Page
- Natalie Parker
- Kerri-Lyn Ross
- Lauren Urquhart

#### Men's 40's
- Matt Bowe
- Jason Campbell
- Kevin Eckersley
- Michael Hall
- Craig Madders
- Trent McDonald
- Craig McHerron
- Aaron Morris
- Gerard O’Keefe
- Adam Page
- Adam Richter
- Wayne Rogers
- Jason Ryder
- Steele Tallon
- Leigh Vella
- Graham White

#### Men's 45's
- Paul Alexander
- Douglas Chalmers
- Michael Cheng
- Greg English
- Peter Gane
- Jason Jeffern
- Tony Nardone
- Paul O'callaghan
- Kevin Orlowski
- Justin Otway
- David Powell
- Graham Russell
- Ian Smith
- David Witt
- Jason Witt
- Todd Zischke

#### Senior Mixed
- Melinda Allen
- Daniel Brown
- David Colley
- Joseph Crunkhorn
- Dean Denning
- Matt Ebbage
- Jodie Pear
- Claire Hole
- Melissa Lonergan
- Mick Matthews
- Cristie McTaggart
- Justin Nickerson
- Gareth Royan
- Evad Totorewa
- Katrina Woodger

#### Mens 27's
- Laura Bain
- Megan Clarkson
- Breanna Eales
- Cassandra Fieldman
- Anne Kelly
- Nicole Kent
- Jacinda Low
- Sarah Madden
- Zoe Parker
- Mai Peregrina
- Amanda Powell
- Kylee Sanson
- Rebecca Thomsen
- Sally Tuiala

#### Women's 27's
- Leeanne Bauer
- Coach
- Jody English
- Assistant Coach

#### Men's 45's
- Graham Russell
- Coach
- Greg English
- Ross Pugliese
- Assistant Coaches
- Janine Russell
- Manager

#### Men's 40's
- Lisa Baisden
- Coach
- Debra Jones
- Assistant Coach

#### Women's 35's
- Charles Borg
- Coach
- Alfio Messina
- Assistant Coach

#### Men's 45's
- Dave Denning
- Coach
- Steven Halvey
- Simon Hausler
- Assistant Coaches

#### Senior Mixed
- Kristen White
- Coach
- Toby Spain
- Assistant Coach

#### Women's T League
- Geoff Hooper
- Coach

#### Women's T League (A)
- Angela Trenerry
- Tour Leader

#### Senior Mixed
- Dean Denning
- Coach
- Katrina Woodger
- Manager
**Central Queensland Bulls**

**Men's T League (A)**
- Mitchell Anderson
- Bailey Assay
- Lachlan Crow
- Daniel Gill
- Harrison Griffin
- Brad Hansen
- Jack Leonard
- Baillie List
- Jacob Marrinan
- Aaron Moore
- Luke O'Brien
- Gavin Shuker
- Jayden Taylor
- Jacob Van Zanden
- Alex Western

**Men's T League (B)**
- Matthew Baker
- Dawson Black
- Jaymon Bob
- Patrick Crow
- Blayne Harling
- Riley Huggers
- Flynn Kelso
- Jacob List
- Cooper Marshall
- Viliami Paki
- Lycoln Rebel
- Declan Sandilands
- Tallis Stanhope
- Jayden Wheatley

**Women's T League**
- Ella Bourke
- Kirralee Costelloe
- Sophie Duff
- Wendy Evans
- Ruby Frost
- Laura Guley
- First Last
- Natalie Marks
- Emmanita Paki
- Lilly Peachey
- Abbie Sandilands
- Hannah Slaughter
- Tracy Upton
- Courtney Williams
- Macey Zielke

**Officials**
- Gary Benbow
- Rob Black
- Denise Edwards
- Alexandra O'Brien
- Peter O'Brien
- Linda Paterson
- Luke Peachey
- Tracy Upton
- Mark Western

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**Defence Warriors**

**Men's 30's**
- Mark Back
- Robert Bloor
- Luke Boulton
- Matt Carr
- Michael Clariss
- Michael Crowley
- James Hood
- Terence Kong
- Matt McKeon
- Aaron Molinari
- Simon Moore
- David Murray
- Joel Pollock
- Ed Price
- Aaron Raethke
- David Walsh

- Joshua Woo
  - Coach
- Peter Lovelock
  - Assistant Coach
- Norma Hughes
  - Manager

**Men's 40's**
- Simon Bowen
- Danny Bretherton
- Shane Burgess
- Graham Clarke
- Julian Garland
- Matt Lee
- Peter Simeon
- Matt Souter
- Beimop Tapim
- Warren Taylor
- Paul Van Der Kooi
- Allen Watts

- Peter Shefford
  - Coach
- Allen Watts
  - Assistant Coach
- Adnan Saliu
  - Manager

**Men's 45's**
- Richard Bilton
- Danny Carulli
- Sean Cotter
- Stanley Davis
- Stephen Edwards
- Murray Heath
- Mark Higgins
- Julian Jennings
- David King
- Michael Lennon
- Dave McBean
- Troy McLaren
- Gerard Murray
- John Neyeaux
- Eric Purkiss

Shane Murchie
  - Coach
Peter Jackson
  - Assistant Coach
Catherine Davis
  - Manager

**Senior Mixed**
- Alissa Bocking
- Benjamin Alderson
- Cameron Scales
- Craig Irwin
- Dan Tattersall
- David Krause
- Elizabeth Crean
- Elizabeth Moore
- Kylie Zipf
- Matt Mitchell
- Michael Godfrey
- Mitch Annetts
- Nicole Hall
- Paul Treacy
- Renee Ramsee

**Officials**
- Linda Davis
  - Tour Manager
- Jade Germein
  - ADFTA President
- Katrina Holmes
  - Medical Support
- Greg Lamborn
  - Medical Support
- Brett Mesken
  - Medical Support
- Kim Samin
  - Medical Support

- Christine Campbell
  - Manager
- Stacey Ogilvie
  - Assistant Coach
- Tony Venables
  - Manager
### Hunter Western Hornets

#### Women's 40's
- Trudie Blachford
- Joeleene Cheviot
- Jodie Dillon
- Elissa Doherty
- Katrina Hunter
- Fiona Jones
- Janine Law
- Wendy Malsem
- Josh Unterheiner
- Jayden Wright
- Lindsay Brian
- Dylan Thompson

#### Men's 45's
- Steven Allen
- Tim Allen
- Steve Cave
- Dale Conlan
- Mark Daniels
- Shane Denley
- Andrew Fishlock
- Gregory Gallagher
- Stephen Gallagher
- Alex Haxton
- Steven Hepburn
- Craig Jurd
- Neil Marshall
- Matthew Tranter
- Darren Wills
- Kim Miller
- Peter Martin

#### Men's 30's
- Mark Boney
- James De Lyall
- Luke Gossett
- Leroy Gossett
- Terence Greenfield
- Josh Lewis
- Kyle Myers
- Tim Penny
- Tim Rae
- Jonathon Rossi
- Alistaire Thompson
- Anthony Tippole
- Andrew Tomlins

#### Women's 45’s
- Therese Black
- Nicole Bradley
- Janelle Frost
- Mechelle Gardner
- Cathy Goodlock
- Haylene Grogan
- Doreen Kearney
- Suzanne McGrath
- Mandy Moore
- Tony Payne
- Louise Reeves
- Carolyn Storrie
- Leanne West
- Kylie Wilkinson
- Chris Dibben
- Coach
- Karen Davies
- Manager

#### Men's 50’s
- Andre Andrews
- Timothy Bell
- Eugene Bray
- Darren Burcher
- Brett Davis
- Derek Forward
- Paul Gallagher
- Wayne Garney
- Paul Glasson
- Tony Hain
- Terry O'Carroll
- Michael O'Donnell
- Simon Parson
- David Snedden
- Howard Tredinnick
- Neil Webster

#### Mixed Open
- Daniel Dave
- Todd Edmond
- Holly Fisher-Webster
- Luke Grills
- Ashlee Harvey
- Katherine Maier
- Georgia Marshall
- Jay Miller
- Ashley Miller
- Hayden Ryan-Hill
- Taya Wedesweiler
- Robert White

#### Men's T League
- Matthew Atkins
- Luke Cain
- Kurt Donohoe
- Jack Edwards
- Connor Edwards
- Reeve Howard
- Jye Ireland
- Jessie Jenkins
- Kyle Jermyn
- Bayley Ritchie
- Matthew Smith
- Floyd Tighe
- Josh Unterheiner
- Jayden Wright
- Lindsye Brian
- Coach

#### Women's T League
- Victoria Aoake
- Matilda Barrass
- Amber Cheney
- Brittany Coe
- Chloie Coe
- Sian Filipo
- Natasha Hall
- Emily Harman
- Ashlee Howe
- Jocelyn Kelleher
- Tearma Langbridge
- Tazmyne Luschwitz
- Abbey Malsem
- Shae Ross
- Scott Oliver
- Coach

#### Women's 35’s
- Aylee Brain
- Mikhaela Darcy
- Haley Desmond
- Nicole Grose
- Casey Hatch
- Meagan Hatch
- Kellie Johnston
- Kelly Nicholas
- Zoe Parish
- Chantal Stains
- Peta Stevens
- Karen Tucker

#### Women's 30’s
- Nicole Mitchell
- Coach
- Nicole Grose
- Manager

#### Women's 40’s
- Ifthrah Arhmed
- Jeremy Burgess
- Richard Chippendale
- Ian Doherty
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- Elissa Doherty
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- Neil Marshall
- Matthew Tranter
- Darren Wills
- Kim Miller
- Coach
# North Queensland Tropical Cyclones

## Men's T League
- Curtis Cheetham
- Jack Cream
- Rhys Cussen
- Sam Finlay
- Bennett Jesberg
- Frederick Lesson
- Clayton Mooney
- Corey Pitt
- Mitchell Pitt
- Stephen Prince
- Hayden Rowbotham
- Nathan Searle
- Jack Sherwood
- Alex Vella
- Jonti Villaiba

## Women's T League (A)
- Zoe Aitken
- Danielle Auld
- Emma Auld
- Tori Carter
- Kaydee Chatfield
- Maddie Crema
- Mickaela Gee
- Georgia Harris
- Tamara Hussey
- Hannah Little
- Chloe Miller
- Hagiga Mosby
- Jasmine Peters
- Dianna Tillet

## Women's T League (B)
- Eliza Broughall
- Kelly Condon
- Chiquita Fickling
- Anita Hagarty
- Meckensie Hudson
- Jasmyn Mooney
- Keely Lindeberg
- Bobbie-lee McMin
- Molly McNamara
- Gemma Monaghan
- Abigail Muller
- Rebecca O'Hara
- Rebecca Sleigh
- Tenille Smith
- Alyssa Turner
- Licia Yeo

## Men's 27s
- Allison Bessell
- Leisyle Bianco
- Lindsay Dequara
- Kristen Dempsey
- Tramayne Horan
- Karina Johnson
- Alick Kennedy
- Briana Kern
- Melissa Mangano
- Elyce Mitchell
- Hannah Povey
- Sian Roberts
- Kate Schwarz
- Teannie Solomon

## Women's 27s
- Waveney Adjrun
- Regan Beresford
- Claire Blessas
- Sheril Buchanan
- Deborah Carter
- Sandy-lee Caruana
- Steph Cruickshank
- Melissa Dunne
- Karen Gee
- Robyn Jakeman
- Terri Momney
- Kylie Peters
- Paulina Ratilava
- Tina Taylor
- Debroah Zanoletti

## Men's 30's
- Scott Blanchard
- Gavin Bunny
- Jan Jan Corpuz
- Doug Enoch
- Luke Frazer
- Thomas Frayer
- Cameron Glaspy
- Ben Glenwright
- Bradley Gordon
- Matt Harvey
- Peter Joseph
- Tamwoy Nasail
- Neal Teale
- Kyle Woolfe

## Men's 40's
- Todd Caruana
- Dean Cheetham
- Christopher Coutts
- Troy Fraser
- William Gilbert
- Kevin Hunter
- Michael Koops
- Benjamin Luinys
- Degen Newbery
- Edward Pardon
- Jason Pierce
- Youssef Radwan

## Men's 50's
- Stephen Robert Busch
- Paul Davis
- Tony Holloway
- Ian Hoskins
- Malcolm McDougall
- David McManus
- Terrence Moore
- Anthony Parsons
- Brendan Smith
- Brett Stubbins
- Shane Tibbs
- Brevis Tibbs
- Mark Wilkinson
- Gary Williams
- Malcolm Woods

## Men's 55's
- Shane Beale
- Mark Chinfat
- Ray Downes
- Gary Ingram
- Bruce Johnson
- Ian Kerr
- Peter Le Feuvre
- David Mann
- John Pattison
- Tony Phillips
- Brian Prove
- Peter Rowe
- Frank Stampa
- Graham Telfer
- Gerald Thompson
- Rowland Warnock

## Officials
- William Bourke
- Kelly Condon
- Claudia Cream
- Billy Dorrick
- Peita Dorrick
- Luke Frazer
- Ben Glenwright
- Billy Grant
- Anita Hagarty
- Kevin Hunter
- Lockyer Kelvin
- Peter Knaptton
- Stacey Lyon
- Nicholas Pecchiari
- Jodie Pitt
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**Coaches**

- Steve Brown
- Josh Cameron
- Lisa Brown

**Assistant Coaches**

- Lisa Brown

**Manager**

- Lisa Brown

**Men's 45's**

- Tony Bishop
- Steve Brown
- Michael Davies
- Dennis Green
- Damien Hofmeyer
- Allan Kirchen
- Mark Koch
- Darren Northey
- Marc Schmidt
- Scott Simschauser
- Troy Thompson
- Scott Turner
- Chris Waring

**Coaches**

- Tony Bishop

**Assistant Coaches**

- Darryl Baker

**Manager**

- Sandra Hansen

**Men's 55's**

- Antonio Cicchinelli
- Bruce Coleman
- Craig Engel
- Peter Lake
- Brett Newby
- Jim O’donohue
- Mark Rutledge
- Paul Seward
- Warren Steedman
- Kendall Stirrat
- Tony Thorne
- Peter Vincent
- Ian Wilson
- Tony Wiseman

**Coaches**

- Brett Newby

**Assistant Coaches**

- Helen Wilson

**Manager**

- Helen Wilson

**Officials**

- Graham Goodwin
- Des Raward
- Medical
### Men's T League
- Hayden Bartlett
- Jordan Bartlett
- Kade Bauer
- Tyler Bickhoff
- Alex Hinch
- Alex (Jnr) Hinch
- William Hockam
- Jake Hooper
- Andrew Luck
- Jack Ramsey
- Antoine Roma
- Aaron Rosin
- Tom Schatz
- Christopher Bartlett
  - Coach
  - Aaron Rosin
  - Assistant Coach
  - Janelle Ramsey
  - Manager

### Women's T League
- Ily Ashurst
- Tegan Byrnes
- Chloe Campbell
- Shenaie Ciesiolka
- Ward Emily
- Jada Ferguson
- Clare Giarola
- Hannah Hagedus
- Zoe McLoughlin
- Lauren Potter
- Alice Rathie
- Ella Taylor
- Zoe Webster
- Lauren Potter
  - Coach
- Clare Giarola
  - Co-Coach
- Nicole Ashurst
  - Manager

### Women's 27's
- Kelly Dyson
- Brooke Gilmore
- Ellen Gordon
- Zeeta Horn
- Jade Hubbard
- Ryan Kellie
- Megan Lynch
- Jodie May
- Amanda Obst
- Paige Pollock
- Megan Schulze
- Monique Smith
- Jenna Taylor
- Kara Wann
- Melissa Whitby
  - Jodie May
  - Coach
  - Kellie Ryan
  - Assistant Coach

### Men's 30's
- Joshua Gallagher
- Taki Harrison Luke
- Scott Martin
- Jamie Nuku
- Andrew Ryan
- Hayden Seymour
- Murray Stuart
- Levi Te Namu
- Joshiie Webb
- Cameron Weurshing

### Men's 40's
- Michael Ashurst
- David Bowtell
- David Campbell
- Michael Crook
- Mark Delaney
- Kev Flett
- Balhar Garcha
- Tony Klein
- Greg Lisle
- Craig Neilan
- Chris Neville
- Shane Simmons
  - Kev Flett
  - Coach

### Mixed Open A
- Cody Andrews
- Benjamin Choice
- Coby Ferguson
- Casey-Leigh Grosskopf
- Brayden Insley
- Julia Linnan
- Maddison McCarthy
- Zoe Nearhos
- Daniel O'Brien
- Kevin Platz
- Abbie Prendergast
- Mikeely Roberts
- Peter Sykes
- Shane Whitehouse
  - Greg Lisle
  - Coach
  - Jenny Webster
  - Manager

### Mixed Open B
- Gabby Bartlett
- Jaimee Bartlett
- Dylan Gleeson
- Alex Hinch
- Tia Hinch
- Damian Legat
- Drenzell Macam
- Ty-James Marshall
- Savannah Ranford
- Jaleila Ranford
- Mardi-Leigh Rolls
- Brydan Thompson
- Raymond Waters
  - Jaleila Ranford
  - Coach
  - Julianne Gleeson
  - Manager

### Officials
- Michael McSweeney
  - Tour Leader
- Maree McSweeney
  - Assistant Tour Leader
- Sam Heath
  - Volunteer
- Allie Brelis
  - Physio
- Tom Harris
  - Physio
# SOUTH QUEENSLAND SHARKS

## Men's T League
- Blaze Bastock
- Liam Bauer
- Darnell Bennett
- Jesse Curtis
- Alex Geeses
- Jakob Hall
- Ashley Hardwick
- Nicholas Holm
- Marcus Holm
- Ryan Moffat
- Ryan Parker
- James Price
- Bradley Russell
- Darnell Tawhi - Amopiu
- Joshua Thompson

## Men's 30's
- Robert Brehaut
- Remus Anthony Gentles
- Jesse Green
- Brad Griffin
- Raphael Hickman
- Scott Jacka
- Christopher Jordan
- Josh McCormack
- Troy Nichols
- James O'Neill
- James Ormsby
- Scott Prince
- Darran Robson
- Ty Russell
- David Sheehan
- Leon Skinner

## Men's 50's
- Scott Balanda
- Ken Ball
- David Baulch
- Michael Boyd
- Paul Erickson
- Jeffrey Garrick
- Mike Gunnion
- Adrian Harrington
- Steve Hennessey
- Wayne Holder
- Andrew Moloney
- Luke Shaw
- Peter Sheppard
- Russel Thompson
- Brett Walkerdene
- Stephen Womersley

## Men's 45's
- Brooke Early
- Scott Eisenhauer
- Shane Foley
- Michael Furnell
- Tony Hawthorn
- Ian Jordan
- David Kafoa
- Bruce MacDonald
- Timothy Matenga
- Harry McMahon
- Darrin Merrett
- David Merrill
- Brent Saddler
- Ngarino Tumai
- Andrew Willett

## Mixed Open
- Hinerangi Andreassend
- Petrina Geeves
- James Harrington
- Paje Hockings
- Richard Johnston
- Nathan Jones
- Aaron Jones
- Johnny Kaimoana
- Kingston Lambeg
- Lewis McAlister
- Hayley McAnely
- Marlie Phillips
- Josh Smart
- Tyler Ward
- Rebecca Willson

## Men's 55's
- Brett Allen
- Lex Bell
- Darren Cosgrove
- Kim Fien
- Peter Hawes
- Stephen David
- Horsnell
- Les Kovacs
- Darryl Lancaster
- Michael Long
- Garth Massey
- Barry Matthews
- Adrian Piepoint
- Wayne Reese
- Timothy Skewes
- Peter Topp
- Clint Wilcox

## Women's T League (A)
- Kaleja Dawson
- Tori Dayberg
- Olivia Goodsell
- Abby King
- Paige Markey
- Teagan Phillips
- Felice Quinlan
- Casey Roberts
- Chloe Saddler
- Casey Schweitzer
- Maisie Shore
- Madison Witt

## Women's T League (B)
- Nikiah Campbell
- Taneesha Clarke
- Ellie Draper
- Kelsea English
- Emma Hadwen
- Keyshia Matenga
- Jaime Phillips
- Charvon Ratu
- Jess Schneider
- Kate Stokes
- Saya Tomikawa
- Shih Tomikawa
- Georgia Ward
- Aimee Wass

## Women's 40's
- Serena Albert
- Cassandra Alexander
- Mitch Alexander
- Michael Ashburn
- Ken Corbett
- Theo Coromandel
- Jarred De Thierry
- Tamara Duggan
- Dane Heron
- Nathan Neary
- Katie Shaw
- Margaret Faapito
- Sialapae
- Tu Whakatihi

## Women's T League (A)
- Margaret Mary Allen
- Helen Bower
- Leanne Brookes
- Elisha Burgess
- Tina Cahill
- Leanne Collins
- Deb Harris-Taaffe
- Christie Hendrie
- Simone Hepburn
- Kylie Hughes
- Judy McCarthy
- Kim Rivers

## Women's T League (B)
- Kaleja Dawson
- Tori Dayberg
- Olivia Goodsell
- Abby King
- Paige Markey
- Teagan Phillips
- Felice Quinlan
- Casey Roberts
- Chloe Saddler
- Casey Schweitzer
- Maisie Shore
- Madison Witt

## Senior Mixed
- Serena Albert
- Cassandra Alexander
- Mitch Alexander
- Michael Ashburn
- Ken Corbett
- Theo Coromandel
- Jarred De Thierry
- Tamara Duggan
- Dane Heron
- Nathan Neary
- Katie Shaw
- Margaret Faapito
- Sialapae
- Tu Whakatihi

## Mixed Open
- Hinerangi Andreassend
- Petrina Geeves
- James Harrington
- Paje Hockings
- Richard Johnston
- Nathan Jones
- Aaron Jones
- Johnny Kaimoana
- Kingston Lambeg
- Lewis McAlister
- Hayley McAnely
- Marlie Phillips
- Josh Smart
- Tyler Ward
- Rebecca Willson

## Mixed Open
- Serena Albert
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- Mitch Alexander
- Michael Ashburn
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- Nathan Neary
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## Men's 50's
- Scott Balanda
- Ken Ball
- David Baulch
- Michael Boyd
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- Adrian Harrington
- Steve Hennessey
- Wayne Holder
- Andrew Moloney
- Luke Shaw
- Peter Sheppard
- Russel Thompson
- Brett Walkerdene
- Stephen Womersley

## Officials
- Mitch Alexander
- Jassy Bhullar
- Frank Bondolfi
- Tina Cahill
- Adrienne Capie
- Eric Dayberg
- Corey Foster
- Tony Hawthorn
- Jo-Anne Heiser
- Peter Holm
- Stephen Horsnall
- Debbie Horsnell
- Kenneth Jones
- Sharon Karaka
- Michael Kelly
- Les Kovacs
- Jessica Matenga
- Anthony Mott
- Michael Shane Murphy
- Steven Murray
- David Parker
- Adrian Piepoint
- Joe Schweitzer
- Garry Shepherd
- Leon Skinner
- Steven Watterson
- Phaedra White
# Southern Suns

**Women’s T League**
- Merrae Argus
- Abbey Corbett
- Mariah Gavin
- Brodie Grogan
- Bronty Hull
- Philippa Langford
- Rhianne Podmore
- Tarni Price
- Vienna Randal
- Brittney Rudd
- Lauren Rynhart
- Ellie Vane-Tempest
- Taylah Vella
- Eleanor Virgona

*Tim Robinson  
Coach  
Lauren Rynhart  
Manager*

**Senior Mixed**
- Trudi Badullovich
- Brad Elbourne
- Michelle Forrell
- Anna Gleeson
- Aaron Ison
- Robert Kelly
- Katie Kelly
- Shannon King
- Mark Lancaster
- Matthew Marsh
- Hayley McDonald
- Benjamin McLennan
- Darren Reynolds
- Tim Robinson
- Steven Sophier
- Krystal Ward

*Mark Lancaster  
Coach  
Deidre Lancaster  
Assistant Coach  
Dean Lancaster  
Manager*

**Men’s 55’s**
- Rod Byrne
- Peter Clayton
- John Clune
- Graeme Corby
- Paul Coxhead
- Adrian Lambert
- Jeff Masters
- Des Naughton
- Gary Newman
- Robert Ogdenovski
- Derek Roberts
- Peter Rusconi
- Glenn Southwell
- Joe Spiteri
- Stephen Vane
- Jim Virgona

*John Clune  
Coach  
Gary Newman  
Manager*

**Officials**
- Raeleen Honeysett

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# Sunshine Coast Pineapples

**Men’s T League**
- Ali Bakhach
- Troy Evans
- Brennon Griffin
- Kyle Hodge Menzies
- Fletcher Lyneham
- Luke McCloud
- Jake McMahon
- Jake McPaul
- Justin Otto
- Bailey Robinson
- Jake Robinson
- Mitchell Robinson
- William Sweeney
- Brendon Taylor
- Isaac Vincintorio
- Connor Ware

*Troy Morgan  
Coach  
Troy Clark  
Assistant Coach  
Mr Taylor  
Manager*

**Women’s T League**
- Eliza Blanch
- Hayley Crotty
- Makayla Derossi
- Tayayla Heaton
- Kelly Henricksen
- Grace Isele
- Sarah Keleher
- Charisma Kerr
- Taylah Lakerdis
- Naomi Parslow
- Madeline Sargent
- Daniellie Sealey
- Kirra Sodhi
- Grace Sweeney
- Melanie Wilks

*Kathleen Sweeney  
Coach  
Janelle Schltliner  
Manager*

**Men’s 30’s**
- Mark Cecil
- Troy Clark
- Tom Eyles
- Chris Farrow
- Mark Henricksen
- Nathan Martin
- Campbell McIntosh
- Troy Morgan
- Sebe Rey
- Ben Roberts
- Shannon Sankey
- Nathan Smyth
- Dean Taylor
- Michael Watson

*Troy Clark  
Coach  
Troy Morgan  
Assistant Coach  
Michael Watson  
Manager*

**Men’s 45’s**
- Neale Adams
- Steven Bailey
- Robert Blackmore
- John Brunetta
- John Bunyoung
- David Clark
- Brett Hilton
- Jamie Jarot
- Herbert Kerr
- Tanimetua Masters
- Ron Potter
- Scott Shum
- Keiran Trenery
- Robert Waters
- Danny Wilton
- Ian Woolston

*Rodney Bruce  
Coach  
Darren Larkin  
Manager*

**Men’s 50’s**
- Simon Baldwin
- Frank Bratovic
- Dallas Ezzy
- Peter Feldman
- Jogn Hasselmyer
- Ron Keleher
- Stuart Macarthur
- Glen Millard
- Dave Notely
- Shane Rigby
- Ash Taylor
- Michael Thoars
- Garth Thomas
- Glen Todd
- Greg Young

*Hank Solien  
Coach  
Marie Solien  
Manager*

**Officials**
- Nattalie De Rossi  
Tour Leader
SYDNEY METS

Men's T League
Samuel Anjoul
Nicholas Barakat
Joshua Bakhos
Daniel Carmody
Adrian DiSipio
Chris Elbatar
Jordan Hill
Tomoya Ishikawa
Adam Kea
Charbel Mattar
Daiki Nishiguchi
Joshua Peacock
Toka Junior Puroka
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Dion Taylor
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Vanama Wignarajah
Michael McDonald
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Vanama Wignarajah
Assistant Coach
Stacey Parker
Manager

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Chanelle Ah-Hen
Amber Boumelhem
Vanessa Dapra
Britt Gardiner
Alexandra Hewson
Elly Jenkins
Jacinta Kiraz
Jessie Lagaia
Georgia McGuiness
Danielle Millar
Maddisen Mitchell
Hayley Nolan
Laura O'Brien
Courtney Sarkis
Samantha Sarkis
Carlie Sonda
Milad Almaoui
Coach
Maria Sonda
Manager
Steve Chan

Mixed Open
Rebecca Cachia
Michelle Evans
Jacob Goss
Justin Gossage
Darren Hills
Kyle Joyce
Lani Kawai
Jason Kazzi
Josh Moss
Ben Peacock
Garry Sonda
Steven Takchi
Renee Targett
Sarah Thornton
Angela Verniquet
Kataraina Withell
Peter Ndeira
Coach
Geoffrey Thornton
Assistant Coach
David Moss
Manager

Men's 40's
Jason Cawthorne
Jeff Gudgeon
Frank Haladus
John Haladus
John Halvorsen
Richard Halvorsen
Michael Hume
Paul Krahe
Wayne Mackenzie
David Micallef
Darren Roden
David Twomey
Shane Wilson
Alan Woods
Paul Krahe
Manager

Men's 55's
Emmanuel Buhagiar
Allan Furlong
Joseph Lancuba
Kevin Thorsby
Wayne Brennan
Bryan Fitz-Gibbon
Robert Lauretti
Phillip O'Keeffe
Michael Pearsall
Scott Gordon
Dieter Major
Sam Caruana
John Menegus
Glenn Fabian
Shayne Vicelich
Phil Withell
Emmanuel Buhagiar
Coach
Philip Lindsay
Manager

SYDNEY REBELS

Men's T League
Jordan Alberga
Zac Chirchill
Kassam Choker
Mitch Finnigan
Scott Harris
Luke Harris
Adam Jinenti
Michael Kanis Parker
Tyson Martin
Wyndham Peachey
Navpreet Singh
Matthew Weatherill
Brad Wetters
Mick Witty
Darren Shelley
Coach
Clayton Blackman
Assistant Coach
Shane Wetherill
Manager

Mixed Open
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Tina Ashworth
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Christian Frost
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Shoko Kishi
Claire MacPherson
Sam Martin
Georgia O'Niel
Bronie Shelley
Keely Silver
Gemma Squadrino
Elin Squadrino
Tullia Votano
Simon Bassett
Coach
Billy Mills
Manager

Women's 27's
Brianna Anderson
Lara Clark
Alice Fitzpatrick
Jade Green
Siobhan Hayes
Abigail Holman
Tiffany Lawless
Hana Lewis
Alicia Lipsett
Kelly Mantova
Alex Mecham
Annmaree O'Flynn
Ashley Rabie
Alison Rose
Kelly Stuwart
Maree Zafaris
Winetki Wakely
Coach
Peter Walters
Assistant Coach

Officials
Les Bouveng
Tour Leader
# Sydney Scorpions

## Men's T League
- Brad Cincotta
- Brad Davoren
- Brad Gibbon
- Cameron Dow
- Jaycob Fong
- Jean-Louis Jones
- Joe Callaghan
- Keeley Bowen
- Luke Mansour
- Mason McDonald
- Matt Swain
- Regan Walsh
- Sam Watkins
- Tom Collins
- Tom Suters
- Zac Simons

### Coach
- Brad Curl

### Assistant Coaches
- Anthony Dudeck
- Matt Lawson
- Keith Lee

### Manager
- Paul Robinson

## Women's T League
- Clare Belfanti
- Tatum Bird
- Shannyn Bissett
- Larissa Canning
- Caitlin Cimarosti
- Ally Dallaway
- Emily Goodsir
- Sabrina Green
- Lucy McDonald
- Bailee Nix
- Sariah Paki
- Simone Rodgers
- Nicole Saldern
- Olivia Steer
- Clare Vanzino
- Jane Vanzino

### Coach
- Brandon McDonald

### Assistant Coaches
- Keith Smith
- Craig Beacroft

### Manager
- Alana Barlow

## Women's 27's
- Paula Thorns
- Alana Barlow
- Nicole Curtis
- Tracey Elliott
- Mel Harrison
- Vanessa Hunter
- Hye-Lim Kim
- Jo Lawson
- Marcie McGowan
- Alexandra McOnie
- Amy Mitchell
- Sarah O'Brien
- Norelle Parker
- Terri Roberts
- Rebecca Szewcow
- Jade Webb

### Coach
- Paul Robinson

### Assistant Coach
- Andrew Windsor

### Manager
- Charlie Hassarati

## Men's 30's
- Michael Abood
- Jono Bailey
- Grant Behrens
- Harry Berryman
- Potatoo Berryman
- Willie Bishop
- Scott Bradley
- Heath Cooper
- Drew Davies
- Adam Fahim
- Daniel Hamilton
- Dean Murphy
- Jason Scharenquivel
- Nathan Smith
- Joseph Tarau
- Adrian Vaellonga

### Coach
- Terry Cooper

### Manager
- Christine Cooper

## Men's 40's
- Andre Bali
- Chris Benfield
- Will Chan
- Brad Curl
- Rob Day
- Anthony Dudeck
- Tony Eltakchi
- Edward Fong
- Lars Hanson
- Phil Jarrett
- Paul MacPherson
- Chairman Ngari
- Christian Papalia
- Dave Roberts
- Darren Swain
- Andrew Windsor

### Coach
- Ron Larmore

### Manager
- Brett Gillard

## Men's 45's
- Andrew Humpherson
- Bruce Ager
- David Cheung
- Alex Ferro
- Brett Gillard
- Steve Haladus
- Tim Kitchingham
- George Kritikakis
- James Marks
- Peter McDonald
- Dave Nolan
- Marty O'Brien
- Tim Simons
- Roy Stratham
- Peter Wandl
- Rob Weatherill

### Coach
- Caren Friend

### Manager
- Paul Robinson

## Women's 27's
- Kelly Adams-

## Women's 40's
- Carol Forlonge
- Carolyn Gleeson
- Natalie Harrison
- Sharyn Jones
- Megan Kennedy
- Monique Lardcy
- Jennifer
- Maarseven
- Kylie Nicholas
- Linda Patterson
- Jann Rose
- Kathleen Sambell
- Wendy Seeto
- Michelle Smidt
- Sue Wheeler

### Coach
- Paul Robinson

### Manager
- Megan Kennedy

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- Roy Stratham
- Peter Wandl
- Rob Weatherill

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- Caren Friend

### Manager
- Paul Robinson

## Men's 40's
- Alex Drew
- Scott Collins
- Derek Duguid
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- Brett Gillard

### Manager
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- Samuel Pettit
- Kyran McMahon
- Jack Upson
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  - Assistant Coach
- Adrian Giffard
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- Lilly Baker
- Meredith Bird
- Amelia Bransden
- Angela Dickson
- Alexandra Finlayson
- Eliza Hutt
- Jade Marquis
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- Rebecca Norquay
- Alice Robinson
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- Peter Hampson
  - Assistant Coach
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- Catherine Burgess
- Toby Burgess
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- Dean Philp
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- Samuel Clavarino
- Oliver Da Silva
- Christopher Katal
- Tumu Kirirua
- Meihana Kutia
- Robert Macpherson
- Daniel Mellish
- Henry Moir
- Halycon Price
- Timothy Roostan
- Jayson Tangatakiino
- Deon Tuhi

- Joshua Hogan
  - Coach
- Jeanie Roostan
  - Assistant Coach

**Women's 27's**
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- Anne Bright
- Karri Butterworth
- Brooke Cranage
- Emma Fittock
- Kirsten Friend
- Jennifer Galea
- Carly Goodrich
- Sophie Hoffmann
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- Cecilia Eichler
- Claire Greve
- Rachael Josua
- Diane Matenga
- Kieren McCarthy
- Emma McGrath
- Hira Nicoll
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- Madison Broadhurst
- Gene Carmichael
- Kane DeGrauw
- Abbi Fulcher
- Eloise Hamer
- Annika Renkema
- Sarah Mahon
- Michelle Moteram
- Christina Parodi
- Emily Russell
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**Men's 55**
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- Robert Brown
- Fred Ciullo
- Neil Collins
- Tony Davey
- Brian Fitzroy
- Kit Frazer
- Steve Gann
- Peter Garic
- Glen Green
- Vaughn Hyde-Smith
- Michael Mitchell
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The Australian youth teams held off a brave and talented New Zealand to seal all six matches on the final day including the deciding matches in the Boy’s 20’s and Girl’s 18’s. And with that, a clean sweep of all six of the series’ contested and a new level of admiration for team green and gold.

It is hard to define but it is purely as it is surely in the DNA of every card carrying, vegemite-loving dinky-di Aussie who so cherish our national victories over the best, in the ultimate sporting theatre: a Trans-Tasman sporting test. While we know it works in mysterious ways, who best to turn to explain, than the man they call Love, Tyla Love.

“It is just an amazing experience coming back and winning here against the Kiwis (New Zealand his place of birth),” the sole Western Australian representative and one of the tournament stars,

Tyla Love said post-match.

“At one-all in the deciding match today, it was awesome to play and win with our guys; particularly as the Touch Blacks were great, tough and fought really hard, as they always do.”

When asked by the television commentators what was the secret of the success: “I had an Up and Go (milk drink) and got down here with the team focused and ready to play and rode off the back of the great work of the guys,” he said.

“Touch is good over there in WA where I’m from, but it’s a big milestone and goal of mine to play in the green and gold and win and cherish this win with the boys,” he said.

It’s fair to say he sure shared the, ahem, love with his stellar support crew with a bunch of strong performances from his Australian 20’s brethren.

Among them, Jake Grech eight seconds prior to the break and then Justin Cridland to Jacob Marrinan eight seconds after the break, broke the game open and the momentum of the Touch Blacks; taking the wind momentarily out of the Kiwis and into the sails of his teammates drawing ahead by two straight after the break.

But then Jayden Sargent’s double kept New Zealand in the hunt.

And when Whakatane’s Muir-Tuuta crossed sending a shiver down the spines of the young Aussies, it was a real case of fight or flight with the game and series on the line.

No surprises here. The love of the fight won the day. The flight stuff could wait till the next day’s departures out of Auckland.

And as the song goes (New Zealand) did what they did but then Love came to town. Jinking left then right Love fired a great long ball to a juggling, rangy Osborne in the extreme right corner to stretch the lead and seemingly close the Kiwis out of the contest and tellingly, yet another series. Marrinan thought he had another but when Tjaydn Ashby then cleaned up from another bat back out wide, this time from yet another great performer through the series, Osborne.
Taylor Haugh and Sargent for New Zealand were immense and when Fiveash crossed and then Australia’s Kenny dropped a certain chance in reply, it was 7-6 to the green and gold with six to go and the game and series on the line.

The love of the contest.

Mills, Egan, Simbolon, Cridland and Moore all upped the ante and amped the energy of the team finding supports left and right to test the Kiwi’s edges and resolve and continually surged upfield with everyone in on the act.

Clearly in the moment, that man Love again jinked yet again to his favoured right to hit Osborne for his triple, leaving the defenders flat footed and proving ultimately the difference in this crucial final match.

When Marrinan went close on the left flank it appeared academic with only a couple left on the clock.

Then, you guessed it, Love then sealed it 9-7 with his double and with that and the final siren blaring, the green and gold Tsunami had certainly hit shore.

A flood of players from all teams swung onto the field to celebrate the boys’ resounding win and the overall six series to nil margin.

The love of the team. The moment.

For Touch Football Australia CEO, Colm Maguire among the big ex-pat crowd, he felt enormously pleased and privileged taking a front row seat and something of a preview to future internationals and stars of tomorrow, “all accomplished and mature beyond their years”.

“I am just so incredibly proud of the entire team; from all players who were outstanding throughout, right through to all coaches, mentors, support crew and families who travelled abroad to witness our stars of the future.

“Firstly to our great friends at Touch New Zealand they should be so incredibly proud of the event they delivered and the great performances of all their players and teams, along with the awesome coverage of the event by Maori Television which we’re sure received huge traffic through the week.

“It is always such a privilege and pleasure to be here and competing against the best with their tremendous hospitality.

“And to our team it is so good to see our ‘One Team’ in action and so invested and committed to achieving this success together.

“I was also so impressed by the composure shown by the players; particularly in the midst of the weather, the tension, the environment away from home.

“The depth we now have across all divisions and the class and capability will no doubt hold us in good stead in the next 20 years. And no doubt this is what we will be exposed to for a while ahead, as always – very tight and gripping contests the order of the day as you would expect!”

Well done again Team Australia, to all involved. Love your work.

TEAM AUSTRALIA COACHES AWARDS AND PLAYERS PLAYER

**18’S BOYS:**
- Player’s Player: Daejarn Asi
- Coaches Award: Blake Moore

**18’S GIRLS:**
- Player’s Player: Aalyah Paki
- Coaches Award: Brittney Clifford

**18’S MIXED:**
- Player’s Player: Jack Wright
- Coaches Award: Liam Grant

**20’S BOYS:**
- Player’s Player: Jackson Mills
- Coaches Award: Justin Cridland

**20’S GIRLS:**
- Player’s Player: Tamika Upton
- Coaches Award: Maddison Crowe

**20’S MIXED:**
- Player’s Player: Adam Russell
- Coaches Award: Marley Simbolon

Troy Malcolm Award - James Price
Roxanne Winder Award - Maddison Crowe
Community and culture. Connection. Respect.

The simplicity of the message was no less powerful as the symbolism. The messenger no less significant too; straight from the lips of one of the proudest and most prodigiously talented NRL players to ever lace on a boot of any colour, lands or creed.

For Kangaroos, Queensland and Cowboys (and one time Touch Football) star, Jonathan Thurston, a leader among his Harvey Norman All Stars’ clan and Touch Football equivalents in Newcastle, this week is as important as those illustrious colours he proudly and regularly wears for club, country and the big ‘Q’ on the big stage through the regular season.

‘JT’ to his friends and foes, captured better than anyone the mood, the vibe, and that connection to the Harvey Norman Indigenous v World All Stars week featuring both codes and pathways. It was a reflective JT before his upcoming masterclass display on Friday evening in a News Ltd (The Australian) piece to mark the start of this most culturally important week in Australian sport.

“This game means a lot to all the boys who play in it. We’re representing our culture and giving back to the game that gives us so much,” he said.

“The game is the showpiece but it’s what we do in the community throughout the week that makes it so special. These weeks have made me have a deeper connection with my heritage and made me feel a lot more comfortable in my skin.”

For the third year in succession the Australian Touch Football contingent have joined JT and his friends from near and far and been an integral part of the week through on and off field celebrations; and pivotal to the cultural celebration. This has afforded the best Touch Football talent on the planet the opportunity to wear their respective star spangled colours and reflect on their own connections to community and culture. To country, Nation.

Traversing the stadiums of Gold Coast, Brisbane and now Newcastle, the positioning of the six-a-side mixed format shifted to a new and lofty level in 2017. Game three of a close fought tri-series the curtain raiser to the main Rugby League fixture on Channel Nine, effectively kicking off the 2017 NRL premiership.

The spirit and significance of this week and event was not lost on two key Indigenous Touch Football figures who figured very prominently through the series and in their respective communities.

For Australian Men’s and Women’s representatives, Scott Bundy and Marikki Watego it is about so much more than what goes down inside the stripe.

“This tournament is a great opportunity for all the indigenous people to come out and showcase their skills, have a good performance in front of a big crowd, enjoy the game and have some fun. I’m representing my mob from Northern New South Wales
and so proud of that fact,” Bundy said.

“The other All Stars team did their homework and put on a good performance. They brought in a new coach (Tony Trad) and a couple of new players. But we had a good team and a couple of new faces and all gelled together well - full credit to the All Stars guys on their win.”

Try scorer for the Indigenous All Stars in game two, Watego was instrumental and sentimental about the week that was.

“I identify with the Yugambeh people of Beaudesert and they are who I am representing in this great event,” she said.

“It’s a great opportunity to be picked for this team. There are a lot of indigenous players that would love to have this opportunity, so we’re very honoured to be picked and compete.

“It’s great to see some young talent coming through and even more players to represent our people and our culture. We’re really proud and lucky to have this opportunity.”

And as always with matches of some significance, winners are grinners; no bigger grin than on the face of Manly All Star, Danni Davis.

“I was really excited coming into this week and with the result.

“This is my first time playing and it’s exciting to compete against the very good Indigenous team but also to play with the boys from the Australian Men’s side; they are the top team in the world and I really enjoyed mixing it with them.

“Our team looked sharp all week; we have girls and boys that are used to playing mixed, and a lot that aren’t, but I was confident that we would all do our jobs and come together against a great Indigenous team.

For the record, the games were typically of the highest level and intensity and fittingly finished in the very typical drop-off format to split the teams and spoils.

Game one went to type and down to the wire with the All Stars edging out the two time winners 7-6 in a four-on-four stoush at Wallsend Touch HQ only a try to the mercurial Pete Norman separated the two combatants.

Game two in a reduced format and on the McDonald-Jones Stadium in Newcastle saw both teams’ trade blows and go end to end, with Rebecca Mi Mi scoring for the indigenous team and followed by the game breaker in game one, Pete Norman.

A great ball right from Hennessey to Hayley Maddick pushed the All Stars team ahead and inched them closer to their historic first series victory with eight minutes on the clock remaining.

Two minutes left and 2-1 down, one last shot for the indigenous team went begging and with the clock winding down so too were the Indigenous team’s chances.

Game three was effectively a dead rubber but with pride on the line and in front of the building stadium crowd, anything was possible.

Buoyed by their series win for the first time, the All Stars went up a gear but so too the indigenous side. In a see-sawing battle they both saved their best till last with an awesome spectacle and 4-all draw to close out the series.

At tournament end All Stars and Australian Men’s Open captain, Nick Good channeled the great Thurston and offered his own thoughtful perspective from across the fence.

“The All Stars is such a great concept,” Good said at the close of a great week.

“It allows the elite in the men’s and women’s to join on the one field and the opportunity to play with girls who you wouldn’t be able to play with usually, along with being able to recognise our history as a country and culture and celebrate that too.

“Irrespective of the result, as an All Stars team we are really proud of our (country’s) indigenous culture as well as our other cultures, we have people from all over the world, so for us it’s also about recognising where our parents and families are from.

“And where we’re all from.”

Connection and respect. Unity.
Check out the several TFA-NRL partnership activations and activities conducted over recent months. Very interesting the various connections and intersections of both codes and across pathways and exciting times ahead with the more strategic alliance initiatives and NRL clubs’ promotions ongoing.

BRENT ON BOARD

Former NRL star and newest addition to the TFA board, Brent Tate travelled to Auckland in January this year with the Australian 2017 Youth Trans-Tasman contingent to observe the youth elite program first-hand. Tate walked away suitably impressed with the Aussies’ 6-0 clean-sweep against a courageous New Zealand in the Under 18’s and 20’s formats.

As a former Warriors player, it proved a good opportunity to re-connect with former teammates in Auckland and extend his well wishes and luck to our young stars.

NINE LIVES

The hugely successful and popular Auckland 9’s event once again demonstrated the very best of the NRL’s incredible stars on display pre-season with attacking flair and precision at the fore.

The Roosters reigned supreme this year with all 16 clubs represented and close to 300 players striving for the 2017 Downer NRL Auckland Nines trophy.

Among those stars, and speaking of flair and precision, was a stellar line-up of touch football stars who were outstanding for their respective teams and stole the show throughout the weekend carnival in early-February. Anyone out there a little nervous if they came up against this crew? Can somehow feel an exhibition match is on the cards someday soon against an Aussie All Stars team in the future – promoter’s dream, right?

The All Star Touch Football line-up at the Auckland 9’s:

- Kalyn Ponga
- Gideon Gela Mosby
- Matt Dufty
- Jai Field
- Bevan French
- Benji Marshall
- Ryley Jacks
- Jackson Hastings

Honourable mentions to Aidan Guerra and a host of players with some touch football pedigree; and those who probably also should try their hand in the six-a-side format. Also featured over the weekend was the Australian Jillaroos taking on the Kiwi Ferns who showcased the best in woman’s rugby league in a 9’s three Test Series featuring former Australian Women’s player, Maddie Studdon, flying the touch flag proudly.

2017 RUGBY LEAGUE WORLD CUP

The C.Ex Stadium in Coffs Harbour played host to the prestigious Touch World Cup in 2015 with the Australian teams securing the trophy and keeping intact their unblemished TWC record with eight titles. But this week another World Cup trophy will grace the sidelines at C.Ex Stadium on a world tour of sorts before the event later this year. The 2017 RLWC will be conducted later this year across Australia and New Zealand with a number of capitals and regional cities staging matches. See further in this edition the details on how you can line-up with your mates for a photo with the prestigious trophy this week. Stay tuned to the TFA website and social channels on ticket details through this year and get on board to support this once in a lifetime event and...and hopefully another Aussie victory!
STATE CUP NRL STARS
The Port Macquarie Touch Football fields at Tuffins Lane once again was the stage for thousands of people playing, officiating and spectating at this year’s successful NSW Junior State Cup.

Among those interspersed with the over 300 teams were several former NRL stars showing their ‘fandom’ to touch football. Greg Alexander (Penrith Panthers), David O’Donnell, (Manly Sea Eagles), Ashley Gordon (Newcastle Nights), and Joel Caine (West Tigers) who are accustomed to the cheers of the crowd inside the stripe set-up camp next to the spectators to cheer on their own families and friends competing over the mid-February weekend.

Caine enjoyed an action packed tournament supporting his daughters, Milla and Reece, in their under 10’s and 12’s teams respectively, and took some time-out from his sideline duties to chat about his experiences with our sport.

“I played a bit of touch before I played league,” he said “but after I finished up with league I wanted to keep the buzz of competing going. Touch tournaments are just as tough as the league tournaments, so it is a great way to stay fit and competitive,” he added.

He also praised the NRL and Touch Football Australia partnership and the close connection the two sports share.

“What a fantastic arrangement. Some of the best league players were playing touch when they were at the peak of their careers such as Benji Marshall and Jamie Soward.

“I think more NRL clubs need to train with the Touch Football teams. I’ve never been the fittest player and I had the opportunity in my rugby league career to do one off-season training with the Cronulla men’s touch football side. I went back to training with the West Tigers and I was easily the fittest on the side,” Caine said.

Joining the NRL line-up was Cliff Lyons (Manly Sea Eagles) who made his Junior State Cup referee debut at this year’s tournament. Cliff spoke of his love for the touch football community and his enjoyment of refereeing at a state level.

“I recently started referring a couple of years ago and I have found a real passion for it. I am currently a level one referee and hope to have my level two badge by the end of the tournament,” he added.

I became involved in touch football about 15 years ago. Some of my Manly rugby league friends were playing and invited me along and I’ve loved it ever since. I am also playing in the 2017 NTL for Manly in the Men’s 55’s which I am again looking forward to,” Lyons said.

We asked the sporting legend if he had any advice for anyone who wants to get involved in touch football, and his answer was simple... ‘Go and sign up now!’.

The Junior State Cup is just one example of our incredible touch football community providing opportunities for everyone to be involved at all levels.

Matt Bowen, Chris Flannery and Scott Prince (to name a few), see you at next year’s Junior State Cup!
KEEPING IT IN THE FAMILY

Across all the divisions at the recent 2017 WA State Championships, there were brothers, sister’s, husbands, wives and all kinds of relations and friends playing and coaching together over another successful event weekend. The Fremantle Men’s Open team however marked a very special achievement and something of a milestone with four sets of brothers playing in the one team, including one set of twins and two brothers who form two thirds of a set of triplets (need names!). If all goes according to plan it won’t be long till they have to decide who coaches their children in the full family team!

BATTLE OF THE CODES

The ACT Tuggeranong Vikings Touch Club in partnership with the Tara Costigan Foundation (TCF) organised a Touch Football carnival for all premier division Rugby League, Rugby Union, Australian Rules and Soccer clubs in Canberra recently. It was great to see the support for a great cause as clubs from different sporting codes went head to head in the same Touch Football competition. Touch Football and the foundation the big winners of the day!

TASSIE STORM FRONT

The local Tasmania Touch Football and Rugby league talent were on show as a curtain raiser to the NRL Melbourne Storm and Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs game last month. The event drew over 12,000 people into the North Hobart Oval and showcased the best Touch Football players in the state ahead of the NRL trial match.

KIA ORA SA HEAT

South Australia was represented in a number of areas of the 2017 Youth Trans Tasman in New Zealand recently. Australian Referee representative, Amanda Sheekey, Australian 20’s mixed representative, Mackenzie Sadler, Manager of the Australian 17’s Girls team, Deirdre Morrow, and Assistant Coach of the 17’s Mixed team, Mick Grey were all part of the South Australian ‘Heat’ contingent. Well done to all involved on the international tour and flying the SA colours proudly.
**NSW JUNIOR STATE CUP**

The NSW Touch Association once again brought the biggest representative Touch Football event in the world to Port Macquarie in late February. 1237 games were played, a 400 referee contingent attended and 340 teams represented 46 Affiliates from across the state!

**ANOTHER KNOCKOUT PRIZE MONEY EVENT IN YASS #29**

Walker Park, Yass transformed into a veritable camping fun park for hundreds of touch folk for the 29th Yass Valley Touch Football Knockout over the Australia Day holiday weekend. Players from around the world and across the country booked-out all accommodation and camped out under the stars, enjoying the social and fun side of our great sport. The BBQs, music and Aussie flags were in full swing with the odd mini pool and ice tubs to take the edge off the warm conditions. The knockout keeps getting bigger and better each year with the big 3-0 anniversary next year. Word on the Yass streets are they will shortly extend the playing fields down almost into town to accommodate the potentially 130-plus teams expected in 2018. Get in early to celebrate what’s great about our sport and the Australia Day festivities next year!

**SECONDARY SCHOOL TOUCH FOOTBALL GALA DAY**

The Touch football and NRL Gala Day was a success in Alice Springs in early February 2017. It was a great day of Touch Football with some amazing talent and sportsmanship on display from all teams involved. The finalists also had the opportunity to play as a curtain raiser to the Parramatta Eels vs Gold Coast Titans preseason game with some of our juniors having the chance to talk to some of the Eels players.

**Send us your pics!**

Be sure to tag us on social media when you take photos during the event, we’d love to see them!

Stay tuned to the TFA social media pages during event week for opportunities to win prizes!
BUNDABERG CUP
One very powerful and enduring image shared through social media channels in recent times beautifully symbolised the inclusive and symbiotic nature of the sport. It was duly shared and soon elevated to viral status and rightfully so, featuring ex-NRL star Scott Prince and of the stars of the Nepean Area Disability Organisation (NADO) team that competed at the 2016 Bundaberg Cup. A great testament to what this event and the sport is all about and captures well what the sport aspires to be: Australia’s leading community sport and to ensure a place on the field for everyone.

ADULT AFFILIATES CUP WRAP UP!
Touch Football Victoria’s biggest event of the year was back again in 2017 with the Senior Affiliates Cup being held at the home of the NRL Victoria club, Doveton Steelers. This year, the competition had 55 teams from around 12 affiliates. When added into the 20 Junior Teams, this was the largest event ever held in Victoria with a total of 75 teams from 15 affiliates. Across 5 fields, games ran from 9 am all the way through to 6 pm, supported by 18 non playing referees, most of whom ran over 15 games during the weekend. An amazing effort!
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How did you first get involved in Touch Football and why?

Dave: Just like any other kid growing up in Australia in the 70/80s, there was always a game of footy to be had with the venue held mostly in our front yard. Games could be as little as one on one or as many as we could squeeze onto our front lawn with our family and friends of all ages and ability. This progressed to my family and our friends forming the "pirates" touch club in 1976. Since then, we have been playing a social game every Saturday afternoon at Daniel street Greystanes and the tradition is still going strong today.

Clint: I started playing in the early 1980’s with friends from work and which lead to playing more competitively with the ACT representative sides during the mid to late 1980’s and early 1990’s.

What do you love about Touch as a sport and community?

Dave: If we look at the game itself- it’s amazing! No matter whether you wish to be social or super competitive, it allows everyone to participate at all ages and levels of competition. The other aspect that I really love is the sense of wellbeing and enjoyment that comes with strong communities within touch. It’s an amazing feeling when you achieve in adverse conditions and you do it with people you really care about.

Clint: I like that Touch as a game is inclusive for all player (and referee) standards. The fact that you can play in social mixed competitions with family and friends right through to representative level (Affiliate, National and International) means there is a competition style for everyone.

How did you transition from a player to an official?

Dave: In 2002, I was lucky enough to play in an invitational Australian team touring South Africa and England. On this tour I had such an amazing experience being in the TFA and overseas touch communities, it made me realize how blessed I had been and the enjoyment that the game had given for so long through my whole life. Two things came from this, I decided I wanted to give back to the sport that had given me so much so I started coaching kids down the park and this continues today. Secondly, I set a goal to try and one day be a coach within the TFA system.

Clint: I had reached a time in my early 30’s where I was not able to continue playing and competing at a level I would have liked but still wanted to be involved with Touch. I saw a move to refereeing as a logical step and I received good support from the ACT and NSW refereeing community.

I was provided with opportunities to referee at a number of tournaments including the Sydney Championships (now Vawdon Cup), Crusader’s Cup (for those who remember) and NSW State Cup. These opportunities allowed me to progress through the referee ranks. My progression was mainly due to the assistance and mentoring I received from Ian Matthew, Lou Tompkins and Barry Keenahan.

How did you progress to an elite level in your respective roles?

Dave: Development as a coach is a never ending process so the move from coaching juniors to the elite opens is a part of this progression. The move into elite coaching hasn’t been easy but it has been extremely rewarding. Throughout my transition, I have had access to best coaches and players in the game. I cannot thank the players enough from my Penrith MPL team especially Nicholas Good and Scott Buckley who have helped me so much in my development. For those of you wanting to be an elite coach, you have to understand that to develop elite level skills as a coach, you need to be working on a chosen competency and apply this development into elite level competition. The combination of competency development and pressure of competition will result in the required skill acquisition. At some stage you just have to get on the bike and pedal.

Clint: I have attended a number Nationals (pre-NTL) and NTL’s in my career as a player and referee. I received my Level 5 referee badge upgrade in 1995 which was the last year of the State based Nationals. The next 15 years (or so) were interspersed with refereeing at NTLS, then playing at NTLS (in the over 40’s and over 50’s competitions), contemplating retirement from the game and then finally returning to refereeing. I was fortunate to be upgraded to Level 6 referee (Senior) in 2014, which shows that persistence pays off.
What do you love most about refereeing/coaching?

**Dave:** Two things. I find helping people achieve their goals is extremely rewarding and secondly I love being around world class people and world class competitions.

**Clint:** Most of the time I like the interaction with the players during the games and also the camaraderie within the referee group. I have met so many great people over the years and really enjoy the friendships which are renewed each year at tournaments at all levels (be it local/affiliate/State or National level).

How much time do you commit to your role?

**Dave:** Wow, that’s a great question! To be honest, I have never really thought about it. I just know if you are passionate and want to be the best, you will find yourself doing the hard work behind the scenes to be as well prepared as you can be. There are many hours of discussions with other coaches, video analysis and planning before you even get to training and competitions. The key ingredient is having a balanced approach to all aspects and staying fit and fresh as a leader.

**Clint:** At the moment I referee locally two nights a week (three-four games each evening). In the last few seasons I have also started to assist with the coaching of referees in Canberra. I also put in some extra time towards maintaining my fitness and still attend a few tournaments away from Canberra each year.

Do you have a favourite memory from a previous NTL?

**Dave:** As a player, definitely winning an over 30’s title with the Sydney Scorpions. As a coach, coaching the Scorpions men’s in the 2015 Elite 8 series. My live game coaching improved dramatically and things starting to fall in place at this level.

**Clint:** Obviously my most favourite memory of NTL is the year I was upgraded to a Level 6 Referee. I enjoy having a close-up view of games when I am helping fellow referees by running water for them. I also enjoy seeing fellow referees being recognised for their performance either by upgrade, finals appointments or even just savouring the experience.

How are you involved in this year’s NTL?

**Dave:** I am making a comeback as a player for Sydney Scorpions Men’s 50’s.

**Clint:** I will be refereeing at this year’s NTL. ACT only has a small pool of referees eligible to attend NTL each year so I continue to put my hand up to help the ACT affiliate.

Can you tell us about how the NTL has changed in the last 21 years?

**Dave:** The speed and skill level of the game has increased immensely and the sheer volume of quality players both in the men’s and women’s elite is just unbelievable.

**Clint:** I think the speed, skill and agility of the players has increased over the years. The tactics and strategies employed by coaches and teams over the years has evolved. This has made the need to continually improve on refereeing techniques and understanding of what teams are trying to achieve paramount for referees at all levels. The coaching and mentoring provided for referees has also evolved to a high level over the years, as well as development opportunities for younger referees.

Do you have a message or advice to aspiring referees or anyone considering refereeing/coaching?

**Dave:** Always work on skill development of your players. No matter what age group or division you are coaching, the need for skill acquisition will always be there. As coaches we expect players to train to improve so we need to train as well. Always work on your own development and don’t leave it to chance.

**Clint:** Refereeing is an excellent way to be involved in a great sport. I think aspiring referees should take on board the constructive feedback you receive from referee coaches and mentors and take the opportunity to attend as many tournaments as possible. This gives you the opportunity to referee with different referees, receive feedback from different referee coaches and also referee different players and teams. It is important to watch how the more experienced referees manage a game as this may provide some techniques others can use. And remember to enjoy the experience!
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