



ANNUAL REPORT 2016





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Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is elected by the membership for a term of three years. Peter Tong was elected to the Board at the 2015 AGM and was eligible to attend limited meetings.

Director	Meetings Attended	Meetings Eligible
Gavin Shuker	5	5
Kel Lockyer	4	5
Marni McGrath	5	5
Frank McDonnell	2	5
Troy Morgan	3	5
Vince McDonald	5	5
Peter Tong	3	3

Queensland Touch Football Management Team

The Queensland Touch Football management team consisted of:

Jamie O'Connor

Chief Executive Officer

Scott MacAllister

Sport Operations Manager

Lisa James

Finance Manager

Lauren Atkinson

Member Services / Events Manager

Liam Hehir

*Marketing Communications Manager
(ceased employment in July)*

Peter Bell

*Pathways and Performance Manager
(commenced employment in July)*

Life Members

Queensland Touch Football would like to thank our life members for their service, dedication and support for the sport in Queensland.

- Paul Eggers
- Alan Satchel
- Bill Kerr
- Peter McNeven
- Patrick Carroll
- Russell Mowles
- Bill Pierce
- Barry Doyle
- Richard Munro
- Ray Eustace

It is a pleasure to reflect on another positive year for Queensland Touch Football, one in which we continued to strengthen and consolidate following a considerable period of instability.

There were many highlights on the field, most notably the success of the Cowboys Men and Broncos Women in securing both Elite 8 titles at the National Touch League in Coffs Harbour. We continued to work with Queensland's three NRL clubs to establish positive and collaborative relationships. A significant factor in gaining their support was highlighting touch football as a viable pathway for athletes, both as an entry to the NRL and post-career. A professional culture and commitment to excellence has been the key to success at this level, and we will continue to foster this environment going forward.

The biennial State of Origin series saw Queensland perform admirably, falling just two wins short of claiming the title for the first time since 2002. I congratulate New South Wales on their hard-fought win and our teams for their valiant effort. Excitement is already building for the 2018 State of Origin, to be held in Queensland, for what is sure to be another enthralling encounter.

The acquisition of the Premier and City touch competitions in Brisbane was a key outcome for our participation strategy, and was crucial for the sport and sustainability of our organisation. We recognise Touch Football Australia CEO Colm Maguire and his staff for assisting QTF in undertaking this lengthy

and complex process. I also extend a warm thank you to TFA Chair Anita Hagarty and the Board of Management for their enthusiasm and support and look forward to working towards our strategic goals together in 2017.

Former Australian Women's Open coach Peter Bell joined the team as Performance and Pathways Manager in July and I acknowledge his commitment to improving coaching and player pathways from grassroots to the elite level. Peter conducted an extensive review in 2015, and the Performance and Pathways Plan was subsequently rolled out in 2016. A number of policies and procedures were revised, including selection policies, appointment processes and the reporting and assessment of coaches. This will ensure a clearer pathway for both players and coaches.

Our organisation has secured State Government funding for a further three years, which is critical to the development and growth at all levels of the sport. I thank the Government and all other partners for their contribution in 2016.

The organisation is guided by our forward-thinking Chief Executive Officer Jamie O'Connor, who along with his dedicated staff provides a strong platform to deliver an inclusive sport for all to enjoy. I thank them for their tireless work.

I congratulate all players, officials, administrators and all involved or associated with our sport on a successful year, and look forward to your continued involvement and support in 2017.

Gavin Shuker
Chairman

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Mission Statement

To be vibrant, successful and the best performing not-for-profit sporting organisation in Queensland

Our organisation has endured another year of change, and another year of great success. We have continued our evolution, and have continued to grow. In 2015, we identified our opportunities and being well-positioned to take advantage of them. We were committed to investing in the sport to foster growth in participation, profile and revenue. Our success across these areas over the past 12 months gives me great pleasure to present the 2016 Annual Report.

On the field, our National Touch League campaign saw victories in the Elite 8 men's and women's divisions. The Cowboys collected their second title in three years continuing Queensland's dominance in the men's division, while the Broncos defended their 2015 title in the women's division. Our success in the open divisions at the NTL translated into success in our State of Origin series against New South Wales, with our Youth and Opens teams winning four of five divisions. We took NSW to the last two games of the series on their home turf before going down 8-6 overall; our best result in a State of Origin series under the current format. Queensland teams had success across all other major events. SQBD led regional success as the Sharks took home another golden boot award as the most successful region at the NTL, while Queensland schools continued to play a significant part in the promotion of our pathways as they swept the pool in both boys and girls divisions of the NYC and the National Under 12 and 15 school titles.

Our on-field success is highlighted by our strong participation outcomes with the sport reporting growth in all seven categories. The third consecutive year of growth bucks the national trend and almost every other organised competitive sport. Whilst we have achieved some outstanding results on the field across the period, it is the change and the success that has been achieved off the field that are the most satisfying.

The relocation of our office to the newly opened Rugby League Central Queensland building further enhances the alignment of our sport and rugby league. The opportunities that present themselves through sharing facilities with NRL, QRL and the local rugby league associations are aplenty and,

while still in its infancy, have been of considerable benefit to date. I recognise and thank ARLC chairman John Grant, NRL Chief Executive Officer Todd Greenberg and Cassandra Lawry for welcoming us into the RLCQ family and for their ongoing support.

Our alignment with the NRL extended to our three partner clubs in 2016. The rebranding of our Elite 8 teams to the Cowboys, Broncos and Titans was an important initiative for our organisation and was one that was supported by the clubs in earnest. It gives our athletes and teams greater profile and exposure while highlighting to our NRL club partners a pathway for male and female players an elite level, non-contact form of the sport. Our partnership with each club varies in detail, but each one is valued by our organisation and we look forward to building on these relationships over the coming years.

Our Elite 8 program is one of great importance, providing a platform for our athletes to compete in one of the most intense environments the sport offers, and is vital in developing our players and officials for State of Origin representation. However, the importance of the program extends far beyond competition – it is a major driver of participation growth. There is a distinct link between strength in grass roots participation and a clearly identifiable pathway to representative teams. To ensure that link remains clear we will continue to invest in these programs in support of our athletes and to foster growth in participation. The finalisation of our Performance Review culminated in the development of our organisation's first Performance and Pathways Plan. This plan outlines our focus areas for the next three years and will determine our investment strategy.

Success is certainly a measure of growth, and we are humbled by the accomplishments of our Elite 8 teams and I congratulate all our players, coaches and support staff on their efforts at this year's NTL. It would be remiss to not make special mention of coach Phil Gyemore, captain Dan Withers and the Cowboys Men's team along with coach Lucas Feldman, captain Peta Rogerson and the Broncos Women's team on their respective victories and for the leadership and professionalism they displayed throughout their campaigns. Our organisation is working hard to create a culture of high performance and commitment to professionalism, and quality people in these key positions are most certainly assisting us in creating that environment.

Whilst we may have come up short in our quest to win the State of Origin series, we are extremely proud of the efforts of the 14 teams that crossed the border with the aim of collecting our first series win in this format. Heading into the last two matches with the series tied at 6-all on their home turf was an outstanding effort and one that we can build on as we head into a home series in 2018. Our organisation, from the Board through to management and coaching staff, are committed to ensuring our teams have every chance of succeeding at this level and will continue to work hard over the next two years to be in the best position to get that elusive series win.

It was noted in 2015 that the organisation was positioning itself to invest in our sport; our major target being the acquisition of the Premier Touch and City Touch competitions. These competitions were active in the Brisbane market and a major competitor of our affiliate model for almost two decades. They had grown

from a breakaway group to a privately-owned and operated competition comprising almost 900 teams. This acquisition was identified as a priority for a number of reasons; primarily for growth and diversity of revenue and participation. Whilst there was an exhausting amount of time allocated to the acquisition process, the most important work lies post-acquisition as we transition of the competitions into our model ensuring a strong return on investment.

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This acquisition was arguably the most important strategic move our organisation has made, and I thank Touch Football Australia Chair Anita Hagarty, CEO Colm Maguire and staff, particularly Tim Arnold and Garry Foran, for their assistance and unwavering support not only on this project but throughout the entire year.

There is much to look forward to as we head into 2017. This upcoming year will see a change to our financial period to align with the rest of the states and our national body allowing the sport to plan universally across the country. 2017 also marks the development of our new strategic plan providing us

with the catalyst to re-evaluate the direction our organisation and sport is headed. Whilst we are experiencing growth across our sport, we continue to operate in a challenging environment and need to continue our evolution to make sure the sport remains relevant and is valued by our community. Traditional sport offerings are under increasing pressure from less traditional and more flexible models, and to remain competitive in the market we will need to adapt.

I would like to thank our partners, Inferno, Fraser Coast Council and Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing, whose respective investments into our sport allow us to undertake the work that we do. Additionally, I extend gratitude to our regions and QTF staff for their dedication and devotion to the sport over the course of the year. Our achievements across the state are quite remarkable and is a direct result of our hard-working staff and volunteers.

Finally, I would like to thank the QTF Board led by chairman, Gavin Shuker, for its support throughout the course of 2016. Its commitment to our organisation's success is extraordinary and I look forward to working with you all as we continue to grow the game.

Jamie O'Connor
Chief Executive Officer

OPERATIONS

In line with State and Federal Government collaboration, the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) in conjunction with State Sport and Recreation Departments provided guidelines to more accurately capture sporting participation rates. Touch Football Australia (TFA) has in turn redefined participation categories which are now collected in the following format:

1 & 2	FULL ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP	Members who have access to the full range of program and services offered by the organisation or their affiliated club or association, as a participant, coach or official. Junior and adult.
3	PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS	Members/participants who have access to a limited range of programs and services offered by the organisation or their affiliated club or association as a participant.
4	EVENT PARTICIPANTS	Participants who pay a fee per event to participate in the activity and receive limited other services from the organisation. This type of participant pays no formal membership fee and may not have access to programs and services of the state organisation.
5	SCHOOL DELIVERED PROGRAMS	Participants involved in regular competitions, programs or championships events organised by national or state organisations and may be conducted at a school facility. These include fee for service or free of charge services.
6	SCHOOL MANAGED PROGRAMS	Participants involved in events, competitions or programs organised primarily by schools that are not directly organised by the national or state organisation, instead informal or formal agreements may exist and be supported by the affiliated structure.
7	ACCREDITED VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS	Participants who participate in recognised sport education courses that receive formal accreditation.

There has been an increase across all seven areas of participation over the last 12 months in Queensland. The table below details programs and areas of development which have contributed to growth across the state.

1 & 2	FULL ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team numbers in seniors remained stable amongst the majority of the regions in comparison to 2015. *City/Premier Touch team numbers have been included from season 2, 2016 which has contributed to overall senior team number growth. Three regions reported significant growth in junior team numbers in comparison to 2015 New affiliates established in 2015 recorded growth in 2016
3	PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holiday and development clinics/camps across the state (Regional and NRL development co-delivered) Women's development program established in Central Queensland Affiliate academy and representative development programs
4	EVENT PARTICIPANTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record 213 teams at Junior State Cup Increased participation in Special Education Championships and All Abilities competitions Strong participation numbers in junior regional events (NQ Junior Championships, Red Rooster Cup, Sunshine Coast Junior Regionals)
5	SCHOOL DELIVERED PROGRAMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First full year of Sporting Schools program, 69 programs delivered Targeted school delivery programs to convert participants into newly established affiliates South West regional school visits held on multiple occasions in partnership with the South West Indigenous Network TRAX tours
6	SCHOOL MANAGED PROGRAMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced partnership with QSST & QSS State Championship events Assistance provided to Regional School districts with team selections for State Championship events
7	ACCREDITED VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in L1 referee courses delivered and participant numbers New Foundation Referee Coach course delivered in various regions across the state QTF Referee Panel members upskilled in new Talent Referee Coaching course Increase in Foundation Coach participants in comparison to 2015 Increase in Talent Coach participants in comparison to 2015 New elite coaching course held in Brisbane and Townsville Bridging courses facilitated to accredit level 2 coaches into the new accreditation system

Development

There were some extremely positive outcomes in the area of development across the state in 2016. For a small development team in comparison to many sports in Queensland, staff did a fantastic job in achieving KPI targets and increasing opportunities for involvement across the aforementioned participation categories. As a result, Queensland Touch will receive the top level of State Government development funding for the next three-year cycle. Some highlights of participation programs delivered by our development staff were:

- Inaugural NRL/Touch Football White Ribbon Gala Day, Townsville – 394 participants
- Women's development program – Gladstone, Emerald and Rockhampton – 94 participants
- Police and Emergency services games, Kawana - 186 participants
- Junior holiday clinics held at all Brisbane affiliates – 342 participants
- South West Indigenous Network

TRAX tours – 2524 participants

- Bunburra Indigenous Beach Touch Tournament, Surfers Paradise – 160 participants

Partnerships

Queensland Touch continued to work alongside and support the following organisations in 2016. We look forward to continuing our partnerships in 2017.

Touch Football Specialised:

QTF continued support of the Special Education Championships held at Redlands and assisted with the establishment of the All Abilities Series. A formal development partnership with Touch Football Specialised will be announced in 2017.

Deaf Sports Queensland:

QTF supported the Queensland Deaf Touch Football teams which competed at the National Deaf Championships in Adelaide. QTF also assisted with event support for the Deafinitely Touch Fun Day.

Queensland School Sport and Queensland Secondary School Sport: QTF attendance and event support for

the QSS 12s State Championship in Roma and QSS Primary All Schools at Redlands.

QTF attendance and event support for the QSST 15s State Championship at Southport and the QSST 18s State Championships in Toowoomba.

NRL Clubs:

QTF's partnership with the Gold Coast Titans in conjunction with South Queensland and Border Districts Touch continued to grow in 2016. We thank the Titans for their continual support of the Titans Junior Tri Series as well as offering NRL game activation opportunities and support of our Elite 8 Titans touch football teams. The partnership has also progressed into development and participation opportunities with joint sign on days and holiday clinics. QTF would like to also thank the Brisbane Broncos and North Queensland Cowboys for their support of the Elite 8 High Performance program.

Scott MacAllister
Sport Operations Manager

Traditional Full Active Membership

The acquisition of the City and Premier Touch competitions, and subsequent recording of team numbers from Season 2 2016, has contributed significantly to the overall increase in adult competition team numbers. Team numbers across the rest of the regions in Queensland remained steady for the most part, as unaffiliated models and opposition sports continued to have an impact on social adult participation growth.

Three of the six Queensland regions recorded positive growth in junior participation in 2016.

Teams – Adult	2015 (S1)	2015 (S2)	2016 (S1)	2016 (S2)	Total Variance	Percentage Variance
North Queensland	521	469	511	491	12	1.21%
Central Queensland	293	283	279	274	-23	-3.99%
Sunshine Coast	351	401	398	386	32	4.26%
Brisbane City	274	309	264	300	-19	-3.26%
South West Queensland	189	211	193	201	-6	-1.50%
South Queensland	364	390	347	388	-19	-2.52%
Office Managed*	-	-	-	559	559	0.00%
TOTAL	1992	2063	1992	2599	536	13.22%

Teams – Junior	2015 (S1)	2015 (S2)	2016 (S1)	2016 (S2)	Total Variance	Percentage Variance
North Queensland	55	356	64	339	-8	-3.40%
Central Queensland	115	285	130	311	41	10.25%
Sunshine Coast	85	130	76	139	0	0.00%
Brisbane City	116	283	166	341	108	27.07%
South West Queensland	33	267	51	326	77	25.67%
South Queensland	183	481	167	501	4	0.90%
Office Managed*	-	-	-	18	18	0.00%
TOTAL	587	1802	654	1975	240	10.04%

*City/Premier Touch office managed team numbers are reported from Season 2 2016

Queensland performed exceptionally well on the national stage in 2016. At the senior level, Queensland collected four out of the five top State of Origin titles – Women's Open, Mixed Open, Men's 20 and Women's 20. Only the Men's Open eluded us, with three very close matches separated by just one touchdown. The Elite 8 and National Touch League results also confirmed our standing as the leading state in touch football, with the Cowboys Men and Broncos Women victorious in the Elite 8 finals. Our junior teams secured every national title on offer – 12 boys and girls, 15 boys and girls and 18 boys and girls.

As a result of the high performance review conducted in 2015, the Coaching Commission was replaced with a High Performance Team (HPT). The team consisted of – Peter Bell (P & P Manager), Troy Morgan (QTF Board member), Peter Topp, Phil Gyemore, Craig Morrow, Paul Cobham, Jason Boyd, Kim Sue See, Marikki Watego, Jayden Benbow, Adam Pryde, Michael Law, and Renee Murphy.

Specifically, the group was charged with:

1. Implementation of the Performance and Pathways Plan, and providing feedback through the evaluation of HP processes and systems
2. Providing professional and technical assistance at events and initiatives
3. Undertaking ambassadorial roles for QTF where appropriate
4. Providing professional assistance where required in the application of HP processes including coaching appointments and assessment

A number of policies and processes were reviewed and subsequently revised as the Performance and Pathways Plan was rolled out in 2016. This included both the Elite 8 and State of Origin selection policies. The coaching appointment process, the

formal assessment and review of coaches and the establishment of formal reporting mechanisms including reports to players and coaches were introduced.

Further, in this reporting period we are now able to see for the first time in a number of years, a clearer elite pathway, not only for players but aspiring coaches as well. Importantly, the improved reporting mechanisms and processes, as well as full acceptance of working as part of a positive, holistic Performance and Pathways program and broader structure will see further development of our best coaches.

This has not been limited to the elite level of coaching, and formal talent identification structures and developmental processes have been put in place to link all levels all levels of coaching – regional, state and national.

The Junior State Championships provided an opportunity to facilitate a revised talent identification process to select the QTF Youth Development Squads. The process will be further developed in 2017, with the intention of providing multiple performance outcomes including coach development and talent identification at regional level, and the introduction of ambassadorial roles for the state's leading coaches.

Both the State of Origin and NTL events were extremely successful for Queensland Touch Football. Importantly from a high performance perspective, our coaches yet again pointed to both effective systems and a significant degree of depth across this area of the sport. Eight Queensland coaches secured national coaching appointments at various levels including both opens and youth divisions. All State of Origin and Elite 8 coaches are also now committed, as part of the Performance and Pathways Plan, to roles beyond their individual team coaching responsibilities. This will go a long way to further enhance outcomes for all coaches and athletes at grassroots levels especially.



In keeping with the commitment to coach development, all open division State of Origin head coaches were formally assessed and provided with feedback. This process will continue for the 2017 Elite 8 series.

In my first year as the Performance and Pathways Manager, the main objectives our HP team set out to achieve were:

- creating an elite culture which encourages and recognises success
- developing sustainable athlete development
- providing innovation in coach development
- establishing and maintaining our competitive advantage
- ensuring capacity building and succession planning to develop and retain Queensland's best athletes and officials
- supporting and cultivating an ethos of high quality leadership and management
- embedding sustainability and social responsibility as fundamental principles to support the greater touch football community

Finally, I would like to thank the following people for helping make my time at QTF enjoyable and helping me to promote and develop our sport to its full potential.

- QTF CEO Jamie O'Connor
- QTF Operations Manager Scott MacAllister and QTF office staff
- The High Performance Team
- TFA High Performance Manager Wayne Grant

Peter Bell

Performance and Pathways Manager

It was another busy year for our referees and referee coaches in 2016. The effort, commitment, dedication and sacrifices made by referees must be acknowledged in attending affiliate, regional, state, national and international duties to ensure we have our best referees available to officiate the games.

Our elite referees performed exceptionally well, with the appointment of Matt Lavery and Brett Freshwater to the 2016 Open Trans Tasman Series, Luke McKenzie to the 2017 Youth Trans Tasman and Brett Freshwater and Luke McKenzie to the 2017 Open Trans Tasman.

At national level, 18 referees were appointed to grand finals, and the performances of these referees were recognised with their inclusion in Touch Football Australia's national referee squads:

- **National Referee Squad:** Brett Freshwater, Luke McKenzie, Brad Smith and Nathan Budge
- **Emerging Referee Squad:** Michael Littlefield, Aaron Searston, Densie Weir and Lachlan Freshwater
- **Masters Referee Squad:** Renee Flach, Scott Marsh, Marcus Muller, Fiona Quinn and Greg Taylor

Thanks must go to the many people who have assisted at affiliate, region and state level with referee development in 2016. The RMT and State Referee Panel have worked enthusiastically, tirelessly and skilfully to achieve the goals throughout the year. I also thank the QTF staff who provided support to the referee arm of our sport.

Dave Field

Director of Referees



2016/2017 Event Snapshot

- QTF Junior State Cup – 215 Referees
- QTF Junior State Championships – 45 Referees
- NYC 2016 – 16 Referees
- NTL 2017 – 50 Referees
- Trans Tasman – Open and Youth Series
- All Schools
- Bundaberg Cup
- QSST Championships
- Regional Championships

Referee Upgrades

TFA Referee Badge Level 4 (State Badge) – 2016

- Daniel Larose
- Zane Kimura
- Matt Butler
- Adam Hogan
- Tim Bun
- Scott McGrath
- Teniele Trewin
- Morgan Brough
- Timothy McErlane
- Kurtis Sankey
- Gary Stubbs (Senior)
- Richard Brown (Senior)
- Rick Stanfield (Senior)
- Stacey Murdoch (Senior)
- Robert Pentecost (Senior)

TFA Referee Badge Level 5 – 2017

- Lachlan Freshwater
- Adam Hogan
- Matt Butler
- Lawren Sullivan
- Craig Butler (Senior)
- Darren Toms (Senior)

TFA Referee Badge Level 6 – 2017

- Adam Turner
- Andrew Watkins
- Chris Benstead
- John Vikland (Senior)
- David Tewksbury (Senior)

National Referee Awards

In recognition of service, dedication and commitment to the referee arm the following awards were presented at the 2017 National Touch League referees' dinner:

- 10 Year Service Award – Rob Ward
- 20 Year Service – Darryl Serrurier

2017 Initiatives:

- Regional Referee Growth Development
- Continued delivery of TFA Technical Courses (Facilitator, Foundation Referee Coach) aligning to the FTEM Module
- Referee Coach Development – professional development for regional referee coaching panels

Youth Trans Tasman Series

Six Australian youth teams were selected from a number of junior events in 2016 to compete in the Youth Trans Tasman Series in January 2017.

Queensland Touch Football congratulates the following Queensland players on their national selection:

Australian Under 17 Boys	Australian Under 19 Boys	Australia Under 17 Girls	Australian Under 19 Girls	Australian Under 17 Mixed	Australian Under 19 Mixed
Daejam Asi	Justin Cridland	Tiarni Bryce	Mia Johnstone	Brittney Brown	Rae Barker
Darnell Bennett	Mitchell De Rossi	Rebecca Goulding	Katee Maller	Leesa Mi Mi	Brittany Donovan
Antonio Buncuga	Matthew Egan	Kobe Nona	Kayla Mi Mi	Kiara Taylor	Brytten Reynolds
Jayden Fielding-Smith	Malcolm Kenry	Sabine Marsters	Rebecca Mi Mi	Ai Bakhach	Chloe Watt
Paul Karaitiana	Jacob Marrinan	Kathleen Nicholls	Emma Sykes	Lachlan Crowe	Harrison Griffin
Baillie List	Hayden Moffat	Marama Thomas	Tahlulah Tillet	Liam Grant	Connor Harvey
Blake Moore	Damon Moore		Tamika Upton	Aaron Moore	Jack Hughes
James Price			Samantha White	Jacob VanZanden	Luke O'Brien
				Jack Wright	Adam Russell

Trans Tasman Series

The 2016 Trans Tasman series was the first three-game series clean sweep by the Australian Open teams, defeating New Zealand in all nine games across the three divisions. The Men's Open team's winning streak extended to nine consecutive games – the last time they lost to New Zealand

was Game 2 in 2013. For the first time in the event's history, Japan were included in the program played two Test Matches against Australia in each division in the lead-up to the Trans Tasman.

Queensland Touch Football congratulates the following Queensland players on their national selection:

Australian Men's Open	Australian Women's Open	Australian Mixed Open
Shaun Francis	Elizabeth Campbell	Jayen Benbow
Jayden Love	Samantha Hopkin	Adam Pryde
Peter Norman	Mia Johnstone	Paige Parker
Lachlan Pierce	Ashleigh Kearney	Katherine Stevens
	Hayley Maddick	
	Kimberley Sue See	
	Emma Sykes	
	Marikki Watego	

All Stars

The Touch Football Australia (TFA) Indigenous All Stars retained the 2016 Harvey Norman All Stars title following a drawn series. The third and deciding game at Suncorp

Stadium ended in a 6-all draw, with the trophy being awarded to the previous year's winners.

Queensland Touch Football congratulates the following Queensland players on their selection:

TFA All Stars	TFA Indigenous All Stars	
Jayden Benbow	Kristian Congoo	Paige Parker
Samantha Hopkin	Cody Green	Lachlan Pierce
Peter Norman	Jemma Mi Mi	Tahlulah Tillet
Emma Sykes	Kobe Nona	Tamika Upton
		Marikki Watego

National Touch League (NTL)

Queensland claimed both Elite Eight titles at the National Touch League (NTL) in Coffs Harbour in March, with wins to the Cowboys (Men) and Broncos (Women).

The Cowboys were the standout team in the men's competition, remaining undefeated over the four days before claiming the series with a 7-4 win over the New South Wales Country Mavericks. It followed two Queensland v New South Wales battles in the semi-finals, with the Titans producing a gutsy effort. The Mavericks took an early lead and the Titans couldn't recover, despite their best efforts.

In the women's division, the Broncos claimed back-to-back titles with an 8-1 win over the Titans in an all-Queensland final. The inexperience of a young Titans team proved too big a hurdle, with the Broncos taking an unassailable 5-0 lead into half time.

It was a hugely successful tournament for Queensland touch football, with Queensland-based teams featuring in 13 of the 14 grand finals, finishing with 11 titles in total.

The South Queensland Sharks collected six titles, the North Queensland Cyclones two, and Brisbane City Cobras one title.

QUEENSLAND NTL GRAND FINAL RESULTS

Elite 8 – Men

Queensland Cowboys 7 d NSW Country Mavericks

Elite 8 – Women

Queensland Broncos 8 d Queensland Titans 1

Mixed Opens

Brisbane City Cobras 6 d Sydney Rebels 4

Men's T League

South Queensland Sharks 8 d Central Queensland Bulls 7

Women's 27's

South Queensland Sharks 5 d Sydney Rebels 3

Men's 30's

South Queensland Sharks 11 d Sydney Scorpions 6

Women's 35's

Hunter Western Hornets 4 d Sunshine Coast Pineapples 1

Men's 40's

Hunter Western Hornets 7 d Brisbane City Cobras 4

Women's 40's

North Queensland Cyclones 5 d South West Queensland Swans 3

Men's 45's

South Queensland Sharks 7 d Sydney Scorpions 5

Men's 50's

South Queensland Sharks 8 d Sunshine Coast Pineapples 1

Men's 55's

North Queensland Cyclones 5 d Sydney Mets 1

Senior Mixed

South Queensland Sharks 11 d Southern Suns 10

Elite 8 Men's Player of the Final & Player of the Series
Lachlan Pierce

Elite 8 Women's Player of the Final & Player of the Series
Kimberley Sue See





State of Origin

Queensland produced its strongest series to date, falling just two games short of claiming the State of Origin for the first time since 2002. In torrid conditions at Sydney's Canterbury Velodrome, Queensland hit the ground running through the Under 20 teams, winning both Men's and Women's divisions. It came down to the last timeslot, where the winners of the Men's Open and Men's 40s divisions would determine the series. New South Wales won both divisions and retained

the shield with an 8-6 overall result. The 2018 State of Origin will be held in Queensland.

Rugby league television personalities Yvonne Sampson and Gordon Tallis were special guests at the Queensland State of Origin breakfast and jersey presentation. Both spoke of the importance of a professional culture and what it means to wear a Queensland jersey.



RESULTS

Men's Open

New South Wales won the series 2-1

Women's Open

Queensland won the series 2-1

Player of the Series:

Emily Hennessey (Queensland)

Mixed Open

Queensland won the series 3-0

Player of the Series:

Sean Hooper (Queensland)

Men's 20s

Queensland won the series 3-0

Player of the Series:

Jake Notley (Queensland)

Women's 20s

Queensland won the series 2-1

Player of the Series:

Jemma Mi Mi (Queensland)

Men's 30s

New South Wales won the series 2-1

Player of the Series:

Khanui Cox (Queensland)

Women's 30s

Queensland won the series 3-0

Player of the Series:

Chelsea Baker (Queensland)

Men's 35s

New South Wales won the series 2-1

Women's 35s

New South Wales won the series 3-0

Men's 40s

New South Wales won the series 2-1

Women's 40s

Queensland won the series 2-1

Player of the Series:

Jenine Gyemore (Queensland)

Men's 45s

New South Wales won the series 3-0

Men's 50s

New South Wales won the series 3-0

Men's 55s

New South Wales won the series 3-0

Harvey Norman National Youth Championships (NYC)

Queensland Secondary Schools Touch (QSST) swept the pool at the National Youth Championships on the Sunshine Coast in September, claiming both titles in a dominant display. Vying for back-to-back national titles, the QSST boys' team cruised to a 5-1 lead at half time over Central Queensland, before eventually running out 8-2 winners. Rockhampton's Blake Moore was awarded MVP after an outstanding tournament and final.

It was a similar story in the girls' division, with QSST taking a 5-1 lead after 15 minutes against a brave NSW Development team. Two return touchdowns added some respectability to

the score line, with Queensland heading into the break ahead 6-3. An intercept and length-of-the-field effort from Rachel Walsh, one of four touchdowns in a superb individual effort, opened their account again in the second half and it was all one-way traffic with an eventual 10-3 result.

The NYC is a unique event with school, community and state 18 and under teams from around Australia (including two from New Zealand) competing in a unified national championship. Sunshine Coast Stadium hosted the event for the fourth consecutive year, which has injected more than \$5 million into the local economy since 2013.

Junior State Cup

The 2016 Junior State Cup was the biggest in the tournament's history, with more than 3500 players competing in 213 teams from 30 affiliates across Queensland. Four affiliates participated in the tournament for the first time - Roma, Wests Arara, Ormeau, and Emerald returned after a break. Following the success of the event, Queensland Touch Football, in conjunction with Fraser Coast Regional Council and Hervey Bay Touch Football, announced the Junior State Cup would remain in Hervey Bay until 2022.

KERRY NORMAN AWARD

Kiara Bryce (Gold Coast)

SCOTT NOTLEY AWARD

Kye Leggett (Bundaberg)

SMALL AFFILIATE AWARD

Gladstone

MEDIUM AFFILIATE AWARD

Palm Beach

EGGERS/MOWLES CHAMPION AFFILIATE

Gold Coast

RESULTS

Under 10 Girls

Gold Coast 2 d Rockhampton 1

Player of the Final:

Amahli- Sieli Hala (Gold Coast)

Under 10 Boys

BMTA Red 3 d Toowoomba 2

Player of the Final:

Javon Andrews (BMTA)

Under 12 Girls

BMTA 4 d Rockhampton 2

Player of the Final:

Taylor Sykes (BMTA)

Under 12 Boys

Gold Coast 5 d Rockhampton Red 3

Player of the Final:

Jy Grey (Gold Coast)

Under 14 Girls

Gold Coast 2 d BMTA Red 0

Player of the Final:

Shani Vilila (Gold Coast)

Under 14 Boys

Toowoomba White 7 d Ipswich 5

Player of the Final:

Maconal Grealy (Toowoomba)

Under 16 Girls

Gold Coast 8 d Palm Beach 1

Player of the Final:

Marama Thomas (Gold Coast)

Under 16 Boys

Rockhampton 4 d Gold Coast 3

Player of the Final:

Aaron Moore (Rockhampton)

Under 18 Boys Div 2

Caboolture 6 d Bundaberg 4

Under 18 Girls

Gold Coast 3 d Redlands 2

Player of the Final:

Lilly Chang (Gold Coast)

Under 18 Boys

Rockhampton 4 d Palm Beach 1

Player of the Final:

Blake Moore (Rockhampton)

Junior State Championships

The Sunshine Coast hosted the 2016 Junior State Championships, welcoming more than 500 of the state's best young players to the Glasshouse Mountains. The South Queensland Sharks continued their dominance of the event, claiming the Shaker-Williams Regional Championship title for the fifth consecutive year.

From the event, 80 players were invited to attend the Queensland Junior Development Camp, run by Performance and Pathways Manager Peter Bell. A junior elite referees squad was also selected to attend the camp.

RESULTS

Under 12 Boys

CQ Bulls 12 d SQBD Sharks 3

Under 12 Girls

SQBD Sharks 5 d CQ Bulls 3

Under 14 Boys

NQ Cyclones 6 d SWQ Swans 3

Under 14 Girls

BC Cobras 7 d CQ Bulls 4

Under 16 Boys

SQBD Sharks 11 d CQ Bulls 3

Under 16 Girls

BC Cobras 9 d SQBD Sharks 4

Bundaberg Cup

The richest knockout touch football tournament in Australia was held for the second time in Bundaberg, attracting more than 300 players from across the country. The Bundaberg Touch Association welcomed teams across several divisions, including two special interstate teams from western Sydney. NADO, a not-for-profit organisation delivering services to people with a disability, entered their first team in the inaugural 2015 event, increasing to two teams in 2016 following the expansion of their league. Former NRL star and event ambassador Scott Prince made an appearance for several teams throughout the event, raising more than \$1000 for Movember. Teams donated to the worthy cause

and to repay their generosity, Prince provided each team with pre-game strategies and pep talks, even joining in as an honorary player for a few games.

Queensland Touch Football and Touch Football Australia thank the event partners for their significant contribution in staging another successful Bundaberg Cup.

- Tourism and Events Queensland (TEQ)
- Bundaberg Regional Council
- Bundaberg and North-Burnett Tourism
- Bundaberg Touch Association

RESULTS

Under 12 Boys

Tony's Angels 7 d Gympie 1

Player of the Final:

Bailey Smith

Under 12/14 Girls

Bundaberg 4 d All Star Swifts 3

Player of the Final:

Danielle Smith

Under 14 Boys

Touchdown 4 Wot 7 d Gympie 4

Player of the Final:

Oliver Marini

Mixed Social 1

Watch the Feet 10 d TGC's 2

Mixed Social 2

Bundy Renegades 6 d Redcliffe

Dolphins Blue 4

Men's Social 1

Watch the Feet 10 d Bundy

Boyz 4

Men's Social 2

Knights 2 d Don't Waste Me 1

32

teams

468

players

22

referees



North Queensland

The North Queensland Touch Association is geographically the largest region of the six Queensland regions. Its boundaries stretch from Glenden in the south, Mount Isa to the west, to Weipa and Thursday Island in the far north, comprising 21 affiliates. It is also the home of the North Queensland Tropical Cyclones.

The North Queensland Open and Senior Championships were held in June, and the Junior Championships in October. The inclusion of the Under 9s, Under 11s and Under 13s divisions in the junior championships meant an increase in numbers from 2015. We also welcomed invitational teams from Victoria and Central Queensland to participate in the Under 16 girls. The inaugural Women's Country Cup Challenge was held between North Queensland and Central Queensland, along with an exhibition game from our NQ men's representative players, including NRL young gun Kalyn Ponga and Cowboys legend Matt Bowen. The NQ All Schools Championships was held in August, with team numbers increasing to 52. This event has also started to attract interest from schools outside the region.

The NQ Tropical Cyclones were represented by nine teams at the 2016 NTL. Congratulations to all teams, in particular the Women's 40s and Men's 55 teams who won their divisions. NQ was also represented at the 2016 NYC. Our six junior teams competed at the Junior State Championships, with the Under 14 boys winning their division.

Most affiliate team numbers remained steady with a minor increase in senior team numbers, however junior numbers did not rise as anticipated. Oztag and Touch Rugby League still present firm competition at the junior level, with strong advertising campaigns which we believe contributes to our junior numbers stalling.

Technical Director Sue Salter and Coaching Director Peter Shefford have worked together to improve the quality of coaching throughout the region. The first elite coaching course was held, with eight participants working towards attaining this qualification. NQ had five representatives at the State of Origin - three coaches, one assistant coach and one manager.

With the new facilitators course rolled out in 2016, we now have 21 upskilled active presenters located across eight of our affiliates.

NQ Touch appreciates all those who have assisted our region throughout 2016 and look forward to working together in 2017.

Frank Stampa
Chairman

Referee Director Joe Lo Grande and his team of senior referees continue to keep this arm of our sport strong in NQ. A number of our referees performed at representative level in 2016, including:

14

NTL (7 appointed to finals)

4

NYC (2 appointed to finals)

58

NQ Opens and Senior Championships

122

NQ Junior Championships





Central Queensland

The CQ governance and operational structure had to be re-built in 2016, where in several cases affiliate buy-in was difficult to obtain and a degree of fragmentation was evident. Despite this setback, a range of development initiatives were implemented across the region. These included an elite performance strategy discussion, a coach support program, the women's development program, a CQ All Schools event and 'come and try' days.

In addition to the CQ Junior Championships (held in Emerald) and CQ Senior Challenge (held on the Capricorn Coast), activities during the year included:

- Sporting Schools sessions – 12 schools capturing 621 students
- Coaching courses – 5 foundation courses with 55 participants
- Referee courses – Level 1 (50+ participants) and Level 2 (14 participants)
- Indigenous Youth Sports Program – 3 sessions at CQU with 160 students

On the representative scene, Central Queensland teams performed very well. Results achieved included:

- Junior State Championships: All six teams made the semi-finals, with four advancing to grand finals. The Under 12 Boys were successful in taking out the title in their division.
- T-League: Our A Men's team were victorious in their grand final, while the B Men finished eleventh from 18 teams, and our Women's team finished eighth from 18 teams.
- NYC: A tremendous campaign by our Under 18 Boys and Girls teams with our development team also performing well. The Men's team performed very well, eventually losing to the QSST Boys in the final, while our Women's team (a young team of 14-15 year-olds) also played extremely well throughout the carnival, going down to the QSST Girls in the quarter finals.

In 2016 we appointed two CQTA Sports Ambassadors, Tamika Upton and PJ Marsh. We are fortunate to have such high calibre ambassadors, both in a personal and a sporting context. We are very fortunate to have Tracy Upton as our General Manager – Development. Tracy does far more than the strict

responsibilities of her position, and goes out of her way to assist anyone who asks for assistance no matter where in the region they may be.

CQ is very fortunate to have Linda Paterson (Coaching Director), Denise Edwards (Director of Selectors) and David Field (Referees Director) as our technical directors. Many players and parents also willingly and generously give back to the sport in a variety of ways, from running clinics and development activities to

administrative assistance and coaching regional teams. Linda and Denise both undertake voluntary positions and are central to the effective performance of the region's technical arm and its activities, and carry out their roles professionally and very effectively. They seldom get praise for their essential work, which requires hours of their time.

The CQ Board currently comprises David Field, Kylie Webley, Cameron Upton and myself (Mark Western having resigned earlier in the year). In carrying out its duties, the board acts transparently, in accordance with policy and clearly in the interests of the organisation as a whole.

Ian Haig
Chairman

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Sunshine Coast, Fraser & Burnett District



The Sunshine Coast Fraser and Burnett region enjoyed a successful 2016, from participation to events and representative achievements. The region consists of 16 affiliates, the majority of which achieved growth in participation in either the senior or junior competitions.

The Sunshine Coast All Schools tournament boasted increased numbers again in 2016, indicating participation in touch football is continuing to grow in secondary schools. More than 100 teams competed in the event, which is full capacity for hosts Glasshouse Mountains Touch Association with a maximum of 12 fields available. Our primary school competition also returned after a three-year break, due to a spike in interest.

Sunshine Coast established a premier touch football competition in Caboolture, providing a platform for up-and-coming players to mix with Queensland and Australian representatives in a competitive series. The Sunshine Coast

Super Series was a great success, and planning was already underway for a 2017 series to incorporate both men's and women's divisions.

The region was well represented at the National Touch League (NTL) in Coffs Harbour, with our Women's T-League and Men's Over 50s both progressing to the semi finals. Our Women's Over 35s were unfortunately defeated in the grand final, and the Men's T-League finished in ninth position. The region congratulates all players, and hopes to see continued success in future tournaments.

In 2016, Sunshine Coast Touch hosted the Qld Junior State Championships at the Glasshouse Mountains. Five of the

six teams from our region progressed to the semi finals. In line with our strategic plan, events such as the Super Series and Sunshine Coast All Schools will hopefully encourage our juniors to continue their involvement and desire to progress to the senior level.

In the form of individual success, more than 30 players were selected to play in the State of Origin series across a number of divisions, and more than 20 players from the Sunshine Coast were selected to play in the Elite 8 series.

Mandy Dwyer
Chairperson

The 2016 calendar year has been a year of change and progression for Brisbane Touch Football.

The reconstructed board entered their second term in office. The foundation and independent members worked collaboratively with Queensland Touch Football (QTF) by signing a one-year service agreement which saw the appointment of a new regional administrator in August. The service agreement which remains in place until mid-2017, allows both BTF and QTF

to benefit from several efficiencies through the pooling of resources and access to multiple skill sets. This service agreement will be reviewed in the next financial year to assess the benefits and outcomes to determine a continued course of action.

The region has experienced some participation growth in the last 12 months, in addition to the signing of a new affiliate – Inala Touch. The region now comprises six affiliated competitions – Arana Touch Association, Brisbane Metropolitan Touch Association (BMTA), Brothers Touch Association, Inala Touch Association, Redcliffe Touch Association, and South Pine Touch Association. Two of the region's affiliates were represented for the first time at Junior State Cup – Arana entered

three teams and Brothers entered one team. BMTA featured teams in the under 10 boys, under 12 girls and under 14 girls grand finals, with the 10 boys and 12 girls winning their respective final. South Pine also had one team at the event.

Junior touch across the region has been growing strongly, particularly, through the popular and well-coordinated programs at both BMTA and Arana.

The Brisbane region development officer continues to be a great advocate for the sport in the region and was very active throughout the year working with the region's affiliates to deliver a range of programs and courses including one day school holiday clinics, gala days, school development days, junior development camps, NRL collaboration programs and foundation coaching courses. The development officer was responsible for the delivery of the second successful regional Brisbane All Schools event which was held in May and saw an increase of 9 teams from the previous year to 29 this year.

Brisbane Touch Football entered a new tender arrangement with uniform supplier S Trend, for a term of two years.

The Brisbane Touch Board thanks all members of the community – players, coaching staff, referees, volunteers, committee members, parents, and administrators for their ongoing commitment to the development of the sport in the region. The region would not, and could not be successful without the dedication of these people. The board also appreciates the services and support provided by the region from the QTF CEO and staff.

Graham Quinlivan
Chairman

Brisbane Cobras had sound representation in player and team numbers at both national and state organised events throughout the year. This included the biennial State of Origin series against NSW and the following:

National Touch League

Eight teams participated in the event in Coffs Harbour in March 2016 which consisted of: Women's T-League, Men's T-League, Mixed Open, Senior Mixed, W35s, M40s, M45s, M55s. The Mixed Open experienced great success, winning their division while the Men's 40s also played in the grand final.

Junior State Championships

The region was well represented by players across all three age groups – Under 12, 14 and 16 boys and girls. The under 14 and 16 girls had a very successful tournament winning their age groups outright.

National Youth Championships (NYC)

Brisbane had two very competitive teams enter the NYC event organised by Touch Football Australia at the Sunshine Coast Stadium in Kawana in September. The women's team made it to the semi-finals while the men's team were quarter finalists.

SWQ Touch continued its development of the sport in our region in 2016 by working with each of our affiliates to deliver technical courses, clinics and forums and by also encouraging members to make themselves available to participate at state and national events. We again worked closely with the school system as we acknowledge that it plays an extremely important role in fostering the sport and filtering participants into affiliated competitions.

Our affiliates reported consistent participation numbers in senior competitions and pleasing growth in junior competitions. The standard of junior competition in our affiliates continues to improve – skill development and the opportunity to play often and at higher levels has had a positive impact.

Provision of referee courses across the region remained a priority and we are pleased to report that participation numbers were good. Our challenge is to continue both the growth in our referee numbers and supporting higher accreditation to ensure the sustainability of the sport in our region. Several of our referees received upgrades during the year and our representation at regional, state and national tournaments was strong. We also welcomed 48 foundation coaches and 33 talent coaches to our ranks this year through courses delivered by state development officer Terry McSweeney and Titans Elite 8 coach John Singh.

Participation in SWQ tournaments grew in 2016 – the Swans Junior Cup in Toowoomba (first leg of the Titans Tri-Series) doubled to 132 teams, the Swans Secondary All Schools in Toowoomba grew to 74 teams and the Swans Primary All Schools in Dalby increased slightly to 27 teams. We also had excellent representation by players, coaches and referees at the National Touch League, Junior State Championships and National Youth Championships during the year. SWQ finished fourth overall at the Junior



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State Championships – an outstanding effort. Our six teams were once again very competitive with five progressing to the semi finals and the 14 Boys reaching the grand final. From this tournament, we had 18 players selected in Queensland squads or merit teams, reinforcing the strength in our juniors.

SWQ Touch would like to thank the committees, referees, coaches and volunteers at each of our affiliates for providing a great product for their members. The growth and achievements in our region would not be possible without all parties working together. At a time when it is difficult to recruit and retain volunteers, the SWQ region is very fortunate to have so many people willing to give their time to help grow and develop the sport. The commitment and energy that we see from the people involved at club, association, affiliate and regional level is inspiring and we thank everyone involved.

Reg Hart
Chairman

South Queensland

Representative success is an indication of hard work, and our back-to-back Golden Boot award, won at the 2016 NTL event, is a great reward for effort. We commend the great work of our coaches, managers and players during 2016.

The four days of the NTL are symbolic of the dedication of our staff and volunteers. I was approached by many people during the event who were absolutely awestruck by the 'Sharks Village' and its operation at the fields.

I thank Garry and his team of staff and volunteers for the outstanding commitment they've shown not just to our representative program, but to the entire Sharks program during 2016. Whilst the elite grab our attention, it is our participation base that is crucial to our sport's longevity and future survival.

I am personally very proud of the work that our affiliates and their volunteer committees have done to deliver improvements to their product over the past 12 months. With our player base being actively targeted

by commercial models delivering a similar product, our ability to increase the calibre of our product is critical to our being able to maintain, let alone grow, our participation. To that end, we encourage the sharing of information between affiliates to assist in any way possible to help grow our sport. The cornerstone of improving the quality of our product is our ability to build technical skills in our region. Thank you to Lou Tompkins for leading our referee development over the past 12 months, and thank you to John Singh, Peter Topp and Tristan Mana for their efforts in developing our coaching ranks as our

technical panel. As the quality of our product is the number one focus for our sport in this competitive marketplace, we have much work still to do in our technical areas and we look forward to working with you and your teams in 2017 to achieve those goals.

Thanks must also go to the SQBD Board - Steven Watterson, Frank Bondolfi, Mel Smith and Tim Matenga, for the time volunteered on behalf of our sport over the past year.

Matt Gilbertson
Chairman

Some of the key highlights in 2016 include:

- The securing of important grants for the development of the SQBD office and equipment upgrades. This has provided us with a first-class facility to run courses for the region from as needed.
- Representative success in juniors and seniors, winning the Junior State Cup and NTL Golden Boot award
- The ongoing success of the Super Series innovation that was driven by the representative players at Palm Beach, and is now offered state-wide with Redlands, Labrador and the Sunshine Coast embracing the concept
- The continued product improvements at SQBD-managed affiliates resulting in increasingly strong financial results
- The securing of a Level 3 referee upgrade event for the region at Palm Beach Touch - an opportunity for all SQBD affiliates to provide a pathway to Level 3 for developing referees
- A strong financial management result



It is with great pleasure that I provide the following analysis of the financial position of the Association to the members.

The 2016 financial report will note some extensive changes from the previous period, due to, for the most part the acquisition of the Premier and City Touch competitions. The acquisition was funded through both capital and debt and is the most significant investment the Association has made.

The impact of this investment will see a short to mid-term impact to the Income and Expenditure Statement through the amortisation of intangible assets, and the one-off

acquisition costs relating to due diligence reports has reduced this period's surplus.

There will also be noticeable differences to the Balance Sheet as the use of cash to fund the acquisition transferred some of our assets from current to non-current; and the addition of both current and non-current liabilities associated with the debt facility provided by Touch Football Australia are also now a feature.

The longer term benefits to the financial health of this organisation are many; increases in revenue will take pressure off other high risk areas and the returns generated by the competitions will allow for further investment to be made into the sport.

1. Members Equity

2016 saw another surplus leading to growth in Members Equity to \$750,255. The consistent growth over the past four periods provides a high degree of confidence for the organisation; however, the growth has slowed somewhat over 2015 and 2016.

The surplus for 2016 has been impacted by a number of accounting factors that are noteworthy.

- The acquisition of Premier and City Touch featured one-off fees for legal and financial due diligence reports which has impacted the net result by \$42,000.

- The inventory which has remained on the balance sheet for a length of time has been written off and allocated across both merchandise and course expenses on the income and expenditure statement. This has a negative effect on the surplus by \$21,241.
- The amortisation of the intangible assets from the acquisition will take place over a period of five years and will impact the income and expenditure statement for that period. The effect on 2016 was \$11,090.

Members Equity



Figure 1 - Members Equity

2. Revenue

An analysis across the key revenue areas of the Association highlights a number of notable points for consideration.

- As expected membership revenue was relatively steady against the previous periods. A 6.5% increase in junior affiliation offset a minor decline in senior affiliation and led to a slight increase overall;
- There is significant uplift in event income for this period due to the biennial State of Origin Series and the movement of the Junior Tour from December 2015 to January 2016. This sees a significant variation occur with no revenue accounted for in 2015.

- Sport Operations increased against the previous period primarily due to the Sporting Schools program being operational for a full period;
- The most notable increase across the revenue lines was to Commercial Activity. The acquisition of Premier and City Touch is a key driver of this. The absorption of Brisbane Touch Football operations has also had a marked impact on commercial revenue;
- Interest shows a zero value in this graph as it has been transferred to Other Income. Refer to Note 7 of the financial statements.

Key Revenue Areas

■ 2016 ■ 2015 ■ 2014

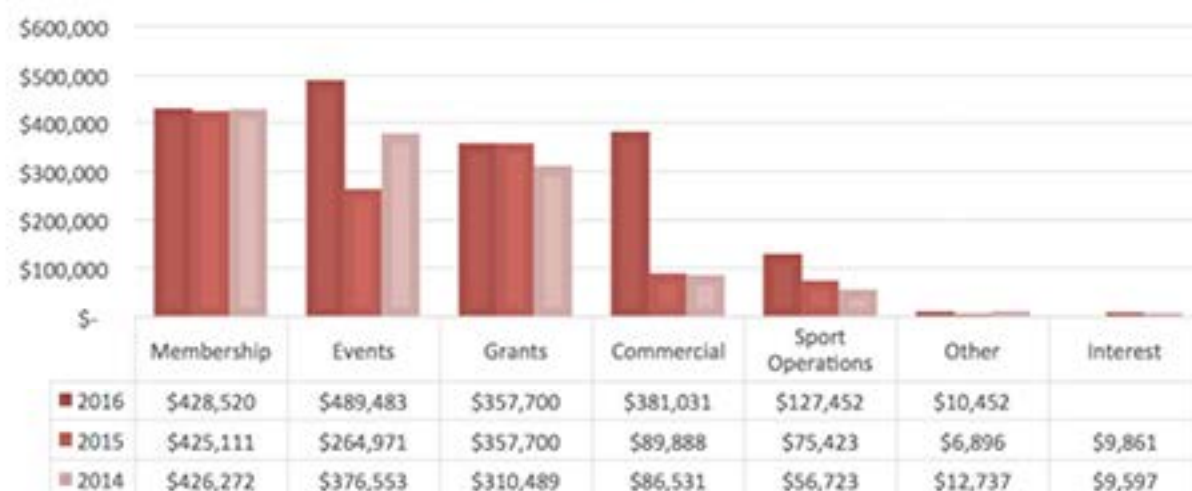
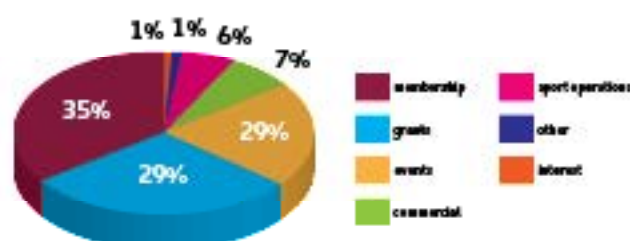


Figure 2 - Key Revenue

In 2015, the organisation highlighted some of the risks associated with a reliance on the three main revenue streams. The investment into commercial competitions, despite the competitions only trading for the October to December quarter, has diversified the revenue considerably and reduced our risk.

Membership has reduced from 35% to 24% and revenue from grants has reduced by 9%. Under a full period of commercial competition revenue, the percentage of these traditional revenue lines will decrease further and along with it our reliance upon them.

2015 Revenue Breakdown



2016 Revenue Breakdown

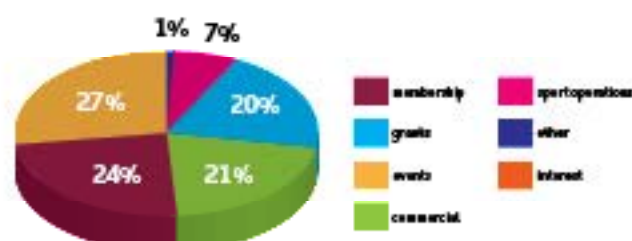


Figure 3 - 2015 v 2016 Revenue Chart

3. Expenditure

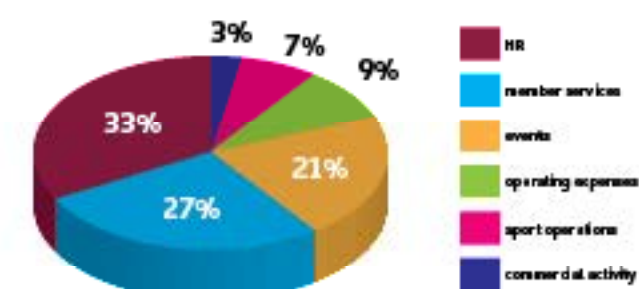
Generally, an increase in revenue is accompanied by an increase in expenses and that has been the case for the Association over this period.

A brief analysis of the 2016 expenditure follows:

- An increase in operating expenses is a natural occurrence given our growth. The relocation to the new Rugby League Central building and the increase in staff increases our operational expense. There are two additional noteworthy features of the operating expenses. The first is the inclusion of depreciation for this period where previously it has been accounted for as a stand-alone item. The second is the inclusion of an amortisation expense relating to the acquisition of the commercial competitions which has been noted previously and further explained in the Notes to the Financial Statements.
- The increase across Human Resources has been a result of a number of factors. The largest has been the reclassification of QTF employed development staff previously accounted for in Member Services. This correction along with the inclusion of Brisbane Touch Football and Premier and City Touch staff account for the increases against 2015. While an increase in expense has occurred, the percentage allocated to this area remains steady at 33% of expenditure.
- Event expenses primarily relate to the inclusion of the Junior Tour and State of Origin, neither of which were featured in the 2015 period. There is also a notable increase in Elite 8 expenses which has two parts. The first is the treatment of contra from sponsorship which was previously excluded from the activity's expense; this is offset by an equal increase in sponsorship revenue. The second is an investment decision by the organisation to increase resources and support for the program.

- The decline in Member Services is caused by the reclassification of QTF employed development staff, as noted above. The Member Services category represents grants directly allocated to NQTA, CQTA and SCFBDTA for the development of the sport in those regions by those regions and are consistent with previous years;
- Commercial activity expenses relate solely to the inclusion of Brisbane Touch Football and the Premier and City Touch competitions for the first time.

2015 Expenditure Breakdown



2016 Expenditure Breakdown

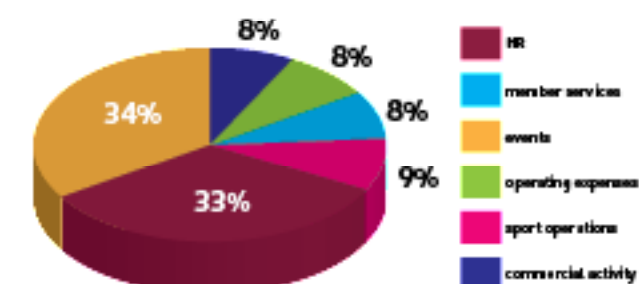


Figure 5 - 2015 v 2016 Expenditure Chart

Key Expenditure Areas

■ 2014 ■ 2015 ■ 2016



Figure 4 - Key Expenditure

4. Financial Performance and Health

To further detail the current financial health and performance of the Association over the period a number of ratios, accompanied by explanatory notes, are included for consideration.

	2016	2015	2014	2013
Operating Result	\$12,513	\$94,969	\$176,819	\$186,579
Members Equity	\$750,255	\$737,742	\$642,774	\$465,955
Cash at Bank	\$530,842	\$790,954	\$602,668	\$384,928
Trade Debtors	\$70,792	\$54,221	\$86,038	\$133,598
Trade Creditors	\$168,439	\$166,794	\$6,620	\$77,653

Table 1 - Financial Performance

Table 1 highlights a smaller surplus against the previous three periods highlighting the association's investment strategy. The use of capital for the acquisition of Premier and City Touch has seen a decline in the Cash at Bank against the previous period with all other indicators remaining consistent with the last period.

	2016	2015	2014	2013
Revenue	\$1,794,638	\$1,229,850	\$1,119,264	\$1,116,696
Expenditure	\$1,782,125	\$1,134,881	\$1,022,445	\$930,116
Surplus	\$12,513	\$94,969	\$176,819	\$186,579
Return	0.7%	7.72%	15.8%	16.7%

Table 2 - Financial Return

Table 2 reflects on the return of the Association against past periods.

A 7.72% return was achieved in 2015 and further decline in the return has occurred in 2016, down to 0.7%. However, as noted in previous notes there are a number of one-off transactions and accounting corrections that have impacted the overall return for this period.

Current Ratio	Financial Period	Ratio
	2016	2.31:1
Current assets	2015	4.22:1
Current liabilities	2014	7.14:1
	2013	5.34:1

Table 3 - Current Ratio

The Current Ratio in Table 3 outlines the Association's capacity to meet its current obligations.

A lower ratio than previous periods is to be expected as the cash investment into Premier and City Touch transitioned our assets from current to non-current.

The ratio of 2.31 remains a healthy one and shows the Association has considerable capacity to meet its obligations; for every \$1 of current debt the Association has \$2.31 in current assets.

Debt to Equity	Financial Period	Ratio
	2016	0.69
Total liabilities	2015	0.28
Total equity	2014	0.15
	2013	0.21

Table 4 - Debt to Equity

Table 4 outlines the Association's Debt to Equity ratio.

The increase in the ratio from 0.28 to 0.69 again relates to the investment into the acquisition and the use of a debt facility provided by Touch Football Australia for that purpose. For every \$1 of Members Equity the Association holds \$0.69 in Total Liabilities.

As the debt reduces over the term of the loan so too will the Debt to Equity ratio.

Return on Equity	Financial Period	% Return
	2016	1.67%
Net Income	2015	12.9%
Members equity	2014	27.5%
	2013	40%

Table 5 - Return on Equity

Table 5 explains the Association's Operating return on Members Equity.

It measures the net income against the equity held by the Association for the period and shows the operating activities returned 1.67% on the member's \$750,255 equity.

In 2015, the Association highlighted a need to see this ratio decline to 'ensure that the appropriate level of investment is made back into the sport'. Whilst it was appropriate for substantial returns to be achieved in recent periods it is equally appropriate for the Association to bring these back to a more realistic percentage as the financial health of the Association continues.

2016 has been a watershed year for the Association as it embarked on an investment for growth phase. This has had an immediate and short term impact on the financial position but is projected to have long-lasting benefits for the sport.

Jamie O'Connor
Chief Executive Officer

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The directors submit the financial report of Queensland Touch Association for the financial year ended 31 December 2016.

Directors

The names of the directors throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

- Gavin Shuler
- Mami McGrath
- Kevin Lockyer
- Frank McDonnell
- Vince McDonald
- Troy Morgan
- Peter Tong

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were: Administration of Touch Football in Queensland.

Operating Result

The surplus after providing for income tax for the 2016 financial year amounted to \$12,513 (2015: \$4,988)

Significant Changes

In 2016, Queensland Touch Association purchased two commercial competitions, Premier Touch and City Touch. The competitions are 100% owned and operated by QTF. The acquisition solidifies the sport's position in the Brisbane market adding more than 850 teams and 10,000 participants to the sport. The competitions will provide a new and diverse revenue stream ensuring the ongoing viability of the organisation. The profits generated by these competitions will be invested back into the sport to ensure benefits are provided to all our members.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors of the Board.



Gavin Shuler



Mami McGrath

Date: 8 May 2017

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

	Notes	2016 \$	2015 \$
Revenue:			
Membership	2	428,520	425,111
Events	3	488,483	284,971
Grants	4	357,700	357,700
Commercial Activity	5	381,031	88,888
Sport Operations	6	127,452	75,423
Other	7	10,452	18,757
		<u>1,794,638</u>	<u>1,229,850</u>
Less Expenditure:			
Operating Expenses	8	150,488	108,342
Human Resources Expenses	9	582,488	373,048
Member Services	10	145,852	305,582
Event Expenses	11	800,128	237,881
Sport Operations	12	143,747	77,583
Commercial Activity	13	148,340	34,854
		<u>1,782,125</u>	<u>1,134,881</u>
Net Current Year Surplus:		<u>12,513</u>	<u>94,969</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

ASSET AND LIABILITIES STATEMENT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2015

	Notes	2016 \$	2015 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	14	530,842	780,054
Trade Debtors		70,782	71,224
Inventory		-	21,423
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		601,624	872,699
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, Plant and Equipment	15	45,538	63,371
Intangibles	21	618,010	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		663,548	63,371
TOTAL ASSETS		1,265,172	936,070
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other Payables	16	188,430	166,505
Tax Liabilities	17	18,028	20,278
Employee Entitlements		39,368	22,448
Borrowings	18	38,500	-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		284,326	209,231
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Borrowings	18	255,500	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		255,500	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES		539,826	209,231
NET ASSETS		725,346	726,839
EQUITY			
Retained Earnings		737,742	642,774
Net Profit for the Year		12,513	84,065
TOTAL EQUITY		750,255	726,839

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act of Queensland 1981. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated specifically, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise, have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements.

(a) Property, Plant and Equipment

Leasehold improvements and office equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all PPE with the exception of Leasehold Improvements is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

(b) Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the committee reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value in use, to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised in the income and expenditure statement.

(c) Employee Provisions

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee provisions have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

(d) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

(e) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash on hand includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

(f) Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors

Accounts receivable and other debtors include amounts due from members as well as amounts receivable from donors. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

(g) Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Interest Income

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument. Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established.

Grant and Donation Income

Grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

If conditions are attached to the grant that must be satisfied before the association is eligible to receive the contribution, recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied, which is generally at the time of receipt.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

Event Income

Event income is recognised when the events are performed. If fees are received in advance for events, it will be recorded as a deferred revenue amount net of the expenses and revenue in the balance sheet.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax.

(h) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the assets and liabilities statement.

(i) Trade and Other Payables

Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period, which remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

(j) Income Tax

The association is exempt from income tax under the provisions of Section 50-6 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

(k) Customer Intangibles

Customer intangibles acquired as part of a business combination are recognised separately from goodwill. The customer intangibles are carried at their fair value at the date of acquisition less accumulated amortisation and impairment losses. Amortisation is calculated based on the timing of projected cash flows over their estimated useful lives, which currently are estimated at five years.

(l) Goodwill

Goodwill is not amortised but it is tested for impairment annually, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that it might be impaired, and is carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses.

Goodwill is allocated to cash-generating units for the purpose of impairment testing. The allocation is made to those cash-generating units or groups of cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the business combination in which the goodwill arose. The units or groups of units are identified at the lowest level at which goodwill is monitored for internal management purposes.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

NOTE 2: MEMBERSHIP FEES

Senior Team Affiliation
Junior Team Affiliation
Event Affiliation

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Senior Team Affiliation	320,175	324,827
Junior Team Affiliation	101,160	84,584
Event Affiliation	7,185	5,900
	<u>428,520</u>	<u>425,111</u>

NOTE 3: EVENTS INCOME

State Event Income
Junior Tour Income
Elite B Income
State of Origin Income

State Event Income	131,187	187,535
Junior Tour Income	107,388	-
Elite B Income	75,844	87,438
State of Origin Income	175,084	-
	<u>489,483</u>	<u>284,971</u>

NOTE 4: GRANTS

Government Grants
Touch Football Australia Funding

Government Grants	277,700	287,700
Touch Football Australia Funding	80,000	70,000
	<u>357,700</u>	<u>357,700</u>

NOTE 5: COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY

Management Fees
Merchandising
Sponsorship
Premier and City Touch Income
BTF Event Income
BTF Affiliation

Management Fees	10,000	18,484
Merchandising	1,036	42,923
Sponsorship	47,273	28,481
Premier and City Touch Income	287,040	-
BTF Event Income	28,373	-
BTF Affiliation	29,309	-
	<u>381,031</u>	<u>89,888</u>

NOTE 6: SPORT OPERATIONS

Development
Course Income

Development	78,879	23,952
Course Income	48,573	51,471
	<u>127,452</u>	<u>75,423</u>

NOTE 7: OTHER INCOME

Reimbursement Income
Interest Income

Reimbursement Income	4,310	8,898
Interest Income	8,142	8,981
	<u>10,452</u>	<u>18,757</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

	2016 \$	2015 \$
NOTE 8: OPERATING EXPENSES		
IT Expenses	5,580	14,345
Office Expenses	81,032	25,728
Meeting Expenses	27,303	17,533
Marketing and Promotions	2,939	7,388
Professional Fees	7,094	4,898
Vehicle Expenses	11,734	17,904
Bank Fees	1,339	1,288
Reimbursement Expenses	4,310	-
Depreciation	18,067	13,729
Amortisation Expense	11,080	-
Other Expenses	-	3,551
	<u>150,488</u>	<u>106,342</u>
		-
NOTE 9: HUMAN RESOURCES EXPENSES		
Wages & Salaries	520,650	318,195
Other Employment Expenses	14,381	16,458
Superannuation	54,382	38,368
FBT Expense	3,076	-
	<u>592,489</u>	<u>373,040</u>
NOTE 10: MEMBER SERVICES		
Grants	145,952	282,891
Administration	-	3,351
Sponsorship	-	1,818
Forums	-	7,732
	<u>145,952</u>	<u>305,592</u>
NOTE 11: EVENT EXPENSES:		
State Event Expenses	115,483	149,149
Elite B Expenses	140,888	94,530
Junior Tour Expenses	123,943	985
State of Origin Expenses	219,835	-
Other Event Expenses	-	3,007
	<u>600,129</u>	<u>237,681</u>
NOTE 12: SPORT OPERATIONS		
Course Expenses	52,854	-
Development Expenses	80,731	26,202
Performance Pathways	3,107	39,227
Referee Performance	7,255	12,134
	<u>143,747</u>	<u>77,563</u>
NOTE 13: COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY		
Merchandise	18,873	34,854
BTF Expenses	31,671	-
Premier and City Expenses	88,796	-
	<u>140,340</u>	<u>34,854</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

	2016 \$	2015 \$
NOTE 14: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash Reserve	390,867	852,404
Cheque Account	138,501	134,441
Debit Cards	1,474	4,109
	<u>530,842</u>	<u>990,954</u>
NOTE 15: PROPERTY PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Plant and Equipment	88,945	72,080
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(49,516)	(48,455)
	<u>17,129</u>	<u>22,564</u>
Office and Computer Equipment	1,533	3,024
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(1,210)	(2,505)
	<u>323</u>	<u>518</u>
Motor Vehicle	41,980	41,980
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(13,806)	(4,544)
	<u>28,094</u>	<u>37,446</u>
Leasehold Improvements	-	4,514
Less Accumulated Depreciation	-	(1,889)
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,615</u>
	<u>45,536</u>	<u>83,371</u>
NOTE 16: TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES		
Trade Creditors	132,850	188,505
Income in Advance	33,538	-
Superannuation Payable	2,051	-
	<u>168,439</u>	<u>188,505</u>
NOTE 17: TAX LIABILITIES		
FBT Payable	3,076	-
GST	478	8,744
PAYG Withholdings Payable	12,474	11,532
	<u>16,028</u>	<u>20,276</u>
NOTE 18: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS		
Board Member Related Entities		
Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties unless otherwise stated.		
During the 2016 financial period, the association made payments in the amount of \$82,285 (2015: \$46,810) to Inferno Sports for services. Inferno sports is a clothing company part owned by Chairman, Gavin Shulter. All transactions are entered under normal commercial terms.		

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

NOTE 19: BORROWINGS

As part of the acquisition of Premier Touch and City Touch, Queensland Touch Association has borrowed \$282,000 from Touch Football Australia. \$250,000 was used for the purchase of the two operations whilst the remainder was used for other direct costs such as due diligence and legal fees. The rate per annum is variable and calculated on the TFA Fixed Cash Term Deposit Rate. The facility expires 30 September 2021.

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Current		
Touch Football Australia Loan	30,500	-
Non-current		
Touch Football Australia Loan	255,500	-
	<u>282,000</u>	<u>-</u>

NOTE 20: OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

Minimum Lease Payments:
Payable within one year
Payable within one year and five years
Total Contracted at Balance Date

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Payable within one year	50,000	-
Payable within one year and five years	200,000	-
Total Contracted at Balance Date	<u>250,000</u>	<u>-</u>

In 2016, Queensland Touch Football entered into a new arrangement with the Australian Rugby League Commission Ltd to lease space at the Rugby League Centre.

NOTE 21: INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Goodwill	<u>410,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>410,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Premier and City Touch Customer Contracts	<u>220,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Accumulated Amortisation	<u>(11,080)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>208,910</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>618,910</u>	<u>-</u>
Movements during the year		
Opening balance	-	-
Premier and City Touch Business Combinations	220,000	410,000
Amortisation	(11,080)	-
Balance at 31 December 2016	<u>208,910</u>	<u>410,000</u>

Impairment tests for goodwill

Goodwill is monitored by management at the Association level for Premier and City Touch.

The association tests whether goodwill has suffered any impairment on an annual basis. The recoverable amount of a cash generating unit (CGU) is determined based on value-in-use calculations which require the use of assumptions.

The calculations use cash flow projections based on financial budgets covering a five-year period.


Cash flows beyond the five-year period are extrapolated using the estimated growth rates. These growth rates are consistent with forecasts included in industry reports specific to the industry in which each CGU operates.

Statement by Directors
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

The Board has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Board the Income and Expenditure Statement, Asset and Liabilities Statement and Notes to the Financial Statements:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of Queensland Touch Association Inc. as at 31 December 2016 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.


Gavin Shaker
Chairman


Mami McGrath
Director

Date: 8 May 2017

Independent Auditors Report

To the members of Queensland Touch Association Inc.

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Queensland Touch Association Inc. (the Entity), which comprises the asset and liabilities statement as at 31 December 2016 and the income and expenditure statement for the year then ended, and notes to the financial report, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and statement by committee members.

In our opinion the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the entity as at 31 December 2016 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1 and the financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Incorporations Act of Queensland 1981*.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Entity in accordance with ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of matter – Basis of accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Queensland Touch Association Inc. to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporations Act of Queensland 1981*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information in the Directors report for the year ended 31 December 2016, but does not include the financial report and the auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the Financial Report

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Incorporations Act of Queensland 1981* and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website (<http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>) at: http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_files/ar3.pdf

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

BDO Audit Pty Ltd



T R Mann
Director

Brisbane, 08 May 2017





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