

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

QUEENSLAND TOUCH FOOTBALL



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Queensland Touch Football respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the lands on which we gather and work across Queensland.

We acknowledge their continuing connection to lands and waterways and pay our respects to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders both past and present.



CHAIRMAN'S *message*

The 2022/23 period witnessed our sport's remarkable resurgence following the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and significant weather events. We are proud of the growth in participation numbers across the state and the return to pre-pandemic levels of engagement in our events.

Such resilience, however, is not a stroke of luck; it is the result of unwavering dedication and collective efforts. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our regions, affiliates, tireless volunteers, dedicated referees, and passionate players who have played pivotal roles in securing the ongoing success of our beloved sport.

The framework of this success has been driven by our team's diligent work plans strongly aligned with our overarching strategic vision. These accomplishments are a testament to the teams unwavering commitment to our core mantra of Unite, Inspire and Grow.

Our staff and boards steadfast dedication to these principles has yielded strong results, and we eagerly anticipate the opportunities and challenges that the continued dedication to our strategic plan will bring as we chart a course towards our new strategic plan cycle. I would like to highlight a few of these significant achievements:

- All QTF Development Officers coming under the management of the QTF led by Katie Geiger
- Historic Junior State Cup Hosting agreement signed with Rockhampton Regional Council
- Expansion of the Festival of Touch to include relaunched QTF Awards Night
- Strong growth in our sport partners including health initiatives with Qld Health at our Events

These achievements have firmly established a robust foundation for QTF, enabling us to continue to strengthen our financial position. This, in turn, positions us for continued investment into our sport during the upcoming year 2023/24.

As my tenure as chair comes to a close, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to the entire Queensland Touch Football sporting community for their unwavering support throughout my years on the board. I extend my sincere appreciation to all my fellow board members, with whom I have had the privilege to serve with during my tenure.

To the remarkable QTF team, I want to convey my deepest thanks for your tireless efforts and for making it an absolute pleasure to collaborate with you. Your unwavering dedication to our sport is a testament to your collective strength as a team.

I would also like to offer a special acknowledgment to our CEO Greg Denny, who has consistently demonstrated exceptional leadership within the team and the sport as a whole. His strength and humility have been instrumental in the success of QTF.



As I step down from this role, I am filled with gratitude for the incredible individuals and teams that have made our sport thrive, and I look forward to witnessing its continued growth and success.

Troy Morgan
Chairman

CEO *report*

Queensland Touch Football (QTF), our Regions and Affiliates continued to bounce back after significant weather events caused disruptions to facilities, venues, competitions, and events over the past 12 months. The year presented substantial challenges and many highlights, including the return of the Queensland Touch Football Awards as part of the annual Festival of Touch.

The Junior State Cup event attracted a record number of 233 teams in 2022. Unfortunately, due to weather this event was cancelled. This decision was not taken lightly and was a disappointing outcome for all involved.

On a positive note, the 2022 State of Origin Series was a success in Coffs Harbour in August 2022. The series was the closest in recent years, with Queensland celebrating victory in all Opens Divisions (Men's, Women's and Mixed), and Men's 20s; however, the overall result alluded Queensland again, falling short by 1 division win.

Following the February 2022 floods, impacting the QTF office and storage facility, QTF staff relocated back into the Milton Office in October.

QTF continued to deliver our "Unite, Inspire, and Grow" Strategic Plan; with many great initiatives delivered throughout the year, none more so, than the return of the QTF Awards Night. The QTF Awards celebrate and recognise the achievements of our volunteers, coaches, officials, administrators, organisations, teams and athletes who have contributed to Touch Football's growth, development and success.

During the year we have seen the departure of several long-standing Queensland Touch Football staff, and it is timely to acknowledge their significant contributions to the Association and sport. We thank Tristan Mana, Terry McSweeney and Fiona Meggitt sincerely for their respective legacies they leave on the departure from QTF.

Tristan Mana's contribution across development and performance pathways has been integral to the ongoing development and success of touch football in Queensland at regional and state level. Tristan's influence and values remain evident through the entire QTF Game Development team that continues to thrive. Terry McSweeney retired following a 20-year involvement in touch football, including roles at national, regional and state level. QTF acknowledged Terry's contribution at the QTF Awards night as we celebrated many years of service. Fiona Meggitt also departed after 4+ years, and QTF is forever grateful for her contribution and patience during her tenure as Finance and Business Manager.

Our Game Development team continued to expand across Queensland, providing ongoing support for affiliates and schools which is paramount to ensuring continuing growth in Queensland. Participation increased by 30% with junior and school participation remaining a key priority. Junior participation continued its growth trajectory from last year, with an 8% increase in both participants and teams.

We continue to look forward to working with our stakeholders, as we strive to live our Shared Values – these being Forward Thinking, Stronger Together, Passionately Proud, Leading with Humility and Fostering Fun.



Finally, I would like to thank and acknowledge our many stakeholders, our regions, affiliates, boards, volunteers and staff, who each and every day, work hard to ensure the future for touch football in Queensland remains prosperous.

Greg Denny
CEO,
Queensland Touch Football

2023/23 highlights



Hosted successful **State of Origin Series**
Winning Open Men's | Women's | Mixed

Beyond the Break media consultancy
to **maximise media engagement & exposure**

TFA Media Rights Agreement with Kayo Sports
2022 QLD State Cup | 2023 Junior State Cup | 2023 QLD State Cup

Returned to head office in Milton (QRL Building) post February 2022 flooding

Total participation in Queensland increased by 30% across all Participation Categories

Announced **10-year Partnership** with Rockhampton Regional Council Host of Junior State Cup biennially in 2023 | 2025 | 2027 | 2029 | 2031

Successful in securing a **\$175,000 School Sport Program funding** from Queensland Government to enhance the quality and quantity of school sport

Successfully secured Sports Australia **'Women Leaders in Sport Grant'** and delivered the QTF 'Women Leaders in Touch Football' program to encourage, support and enable females in leadership roles

School Delivered Programs increased by **23%**

Relaunched the **QTF Awards Night** celebrating and showcasing excellence

New Partnerships!

Event participation increased by **25%**

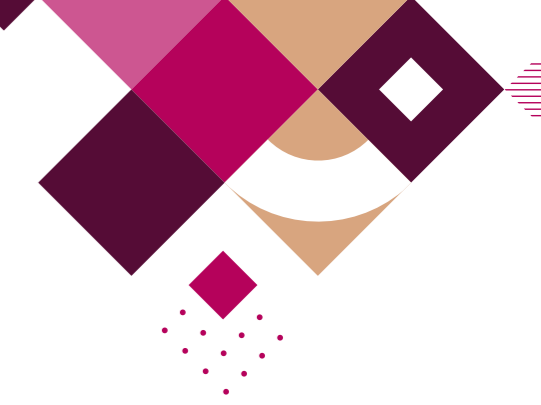
Rolled out **Coach and Referee Developer programs** to further support & encourage coaches and officials

Program participation **increased by 48%** with the introduction of new programs in recent years

Implemented a **new brand strategy** aligned with QTF Strategic Plan, Vision and Values



BOARD OF directors



BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE 2022/23



Troy Morgan
Chairperson
Member Elected Director
Meetings attended 5/5



Dennis DiBartolo
Director
Meetings attended 5/5



Rohan Ballon
Director
Meetings attended 5/5



Adam Page
Director
Meetings attended 2/5



Terani Inoke
Director
Meetings attended 4/5



Dave Zanette
Director
Meetings attended 5/5



Haylene Grogan
Director
Meetings attended 1/2



Lily Quinlivan
Director, Casual Vacancy
Meetings attended 2/2

QTF *staff*

GREG DENNY	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	
FIONA MEGGITT	BUSINESS & FINANCE MANAGER	<i>ceased employment March 2023</i>
TONY BRYANT	BUSINESS & FINANCE MANAGER	<i>commenced employment March 2023</i>
JANE SADLER	FINANCE OFFICER (P/T)	
TRISTAN MANA	DEVELOPMENT MANAGER	<i>ceased employment January 2023</i>
KATIE GEIGER	DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR / GAME DEVELOPMENT OFFICER NORTH QLD	
SAM HEATH	SPORT OPERATIONS MANAGER	
RACHAEL HARPUR	MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER (P/T)	
TARYN COLES	MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR	
MATTHEW SCOTT	EVENTS MANAGER	<i>ceased employment September 2022</i>
CHARLIE GRIFFITHS	EVENTS MANAGER	<i>commenced employment October 2022</i>
MIA JESSON	EVENTS & PROJECTS COORDINATOR	
JACK WHITELOCK	PROGRAMS AND ADMINISTRATION COORDINATOR	<i>ceased employment October 2022</i>
LUKE GIACCA	PROGRAMS AND ADMINISTRATION COORDINATOR	<i>commenced employment November 2022</i>
RACHAEL STACEY	PARTNERSHIPS MANAGER	
SAM MCMANUS	PARTNERSHIPS MANAGER	<i>maternity leave cover commenced employment June 2023</i>
PETER SHALLCROSS	PREMIER CITY TOUCH COMPETITION MANAGER	
GWENDOLINE BEHRENDORFF	PREMIER CITY TOUCH COMPETITION ADMINISTRATOR	<i>ceased employment December 2022</i>
MELITA WATTS	PREMIER CITY TOUCH COMPETITION & ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR	<i>commenced employment January 2023 and ceased employment May 2023</i>
JASMYN MURPHY	PREMIER CITY TOUCH COMPETITION & ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR	<i>commenced employment June 2022</i>
DARREN QUINLAN	PREMIER CITY TOUCH REFEREE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER (P/T)	
STEPHEN SWAN	AFFILIATE SERVICES MANAGER BRISBANE	
LAUREN DAYBERG-MUIR	AFFILIATE SERVICES MANAGER SQBD	<i>commenced employment August 2022 and ceased employment April 2023</i>
LEE ROSSOW	AFFILIATE SERVICES MANAGER SQBD / REFEREE DEVELOPMENT & PROGRAMS COORDINATOR SQBD	
JAYDEN BENBOW	GAME DEVELOPMENT OFFICER CENTRAL QUEENSLAND	
CANDICE HIGGINS	GAME DEVELOPMENT OFFICER (P/T) CENTRAL QUEENSLAND	
DAN SARMIENTO	GAME DEVELOPMENT OFFICER BRISBANE	
LAUREN AVSEC	GAME DEVELOPMENT OFFICER SOUTH QUEENSLAND	
TERRY MCSWEENEY	GAME DEVELOPMENT OFFICER SOUTH WEST QLD	<i>ceased employment January 2023</i>
BRENDAN TAYLOR	GAME DEVELOPMENT OFFICER SOUTH WEST QLD	<i>commenced employment January 2023</i>
DEBORAH MORTIMER	GAME DEVELOPMENT OFFICER (P/T) NORTH QLD	<i>commenced employment July 2022</i>
MADDIE CREMA	GAME DEVELOPMENT OFFICER (P/T) NORTH QLD	<i>commenced employment February 2023</i>

LIFE *members*



Paul Eggers
Life Member Since 1986



Russell Mowles
Life Member Since 1986



Bill Pierce
Life Member Since 1987



Peter McNeven
Life Member Since 1992



Ray Eustace
Life Member Since 1992



Barry Doyle
Life Member Since 1987



Richard Munro
Life Member Since 1993



Alan Satchell
Life Member Since 2000



Pat Carroll
Life Member Since 2010



Bill Kerr
Life Member Since 1996

STRATEGIC *framework*

UNITE, INSPIRE AND GROW.

WE DO THIS BY PROVIDING PATHWAYS AND STRUCTURES THAT AIM TO UNITE, INSPIRE AND GROW THE SPORT OF TOUCH FOOTBALL THROUGH ALL COMMUNITIES WE SUPPORT.

WE STRIVE IN ALL WE DO TO PROVIDE FUN, MEMORABLE, AND INCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES THROUGH THE GREAT SPORT OF TOUCH FOOTBALL.

FORWARD THINKING | STRONGER TOGETHER | LEADING WITH HUMILITY | PASSIONATELY PROUD | FOSTERING FUN



PILLARS OF *Success*

BUSINESS SUPPORT

- Successfully relaunched the QTF Awards to celebrate and recognise the achievements across 20 Award categories attended by a record 250+ Passionately Proud touchies.
- Streamlined Affiliate and Sports Performance Conferences into single day with focus on leadership, innovation and collaboration.
- Successful in attaining Sport AUS Women in Sport leadership Organisation Grant to support participants who wish to advance their leadership capabilities.

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Engaged Public Relations consultancy to maximise media engagement, opportunities and reach to enhance the profile of touch football.
- Implemented new Brand Strategy that is synonymous with our core values across the QTF brand and sub brands.
- Increase social media engagement and promotion of our touch football communities.

COMMERCIAL ASSETS

- Continued to invest in the development of improved customer service and competition experiences focusing on ongoing support and training of venue organisers; and improved social media engagement.
- Continue to foster a well-trained, highly qualified referees' team that support and enhance competition delivery.

SPORT DEVELOPMENT

- QTF secured \$170K in School Sport Program Funding supporting Qld School Representative Sport and participation; focus on Professional Development, Regional Schools Events, Inclusion, and School Liaisons.
- QTF Game Development Staff employed across all regions in QLD Priorities Junior & School Participation.
- Juniors participation increased 9.5%.
- Schools & Juniors participation increased 48%.

PROGRAMS

- Piloted Referee Mentoring Program, as an extension of School Sport Program, to invest in the development of Referee Mentors contributing back to Associations.

PERFORMANCE PATHWAYS

- Celebrated State of Origin as Premier performance pathway winning Men's Open, Women's Open, Mixed Open and Men's 20s Divisions. NSW defeated QLD 9-8 to win 2022 SOO Series.
- Re-alignment of QLD State Cup competition framework through the introduction of Performance, Competitive and Participation pathways to foster and enhance competition diversity.

EVENTS

- Secured long-term partnership with Rockhampton Regional Council to host Junior State Cup (5 years biennially from 2023).
- Define the purpose of QTF major events to clearly understand our Why? that drives our planning, promotion and delivering of events.
- Junior State Cup: Our purpose is to 'Develop a Love of Touch Football for Life'.
- QLD State Cup: Our purpose is to Celebrate all things Touch Football has to offer".

PARTNERSHIPS

- Launched new partnerships with Star Outdoor, Budy Smuggler – QSC event partner and The Fit Lab – Presenting Partner of Q Youth Academy.
- Announced Kayo Sport partnership for Qld State Cup & Junior State Cup events.

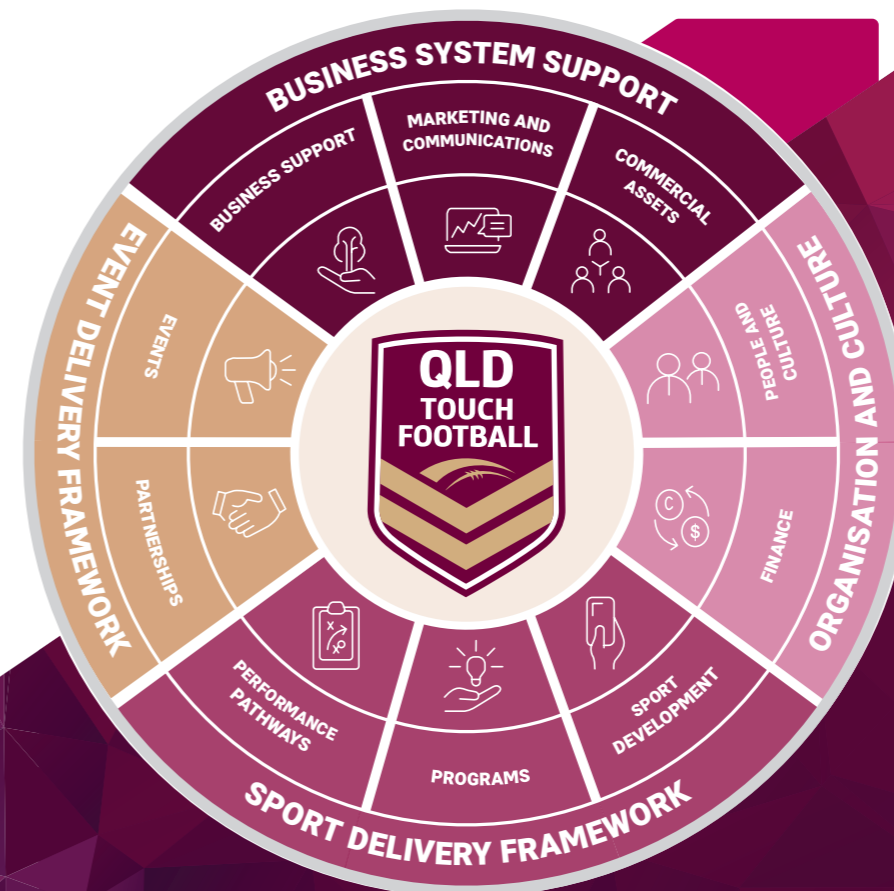
FINANCE

- Implementation of Calxa (Xero plug-in) to improve budgeting and financial reporting.
- Improved Department/Event budgeting and financial accountability to support across all business units.
- Finalised outstanding debt repayment to Touch Football Australia.

PEOPLE AND CULTURE

- Implemented a Gender Equity Plan to encourage Board diversity and improve accessibility to Board and Leadership positions.
- Launched Women in Touch Leadership program to support 14 female stakeholders to advance their leadership capabilities to create a supportive environment in which everyone is valued and can thrive.
- Established the QTF Fun & Wellbeing Committee to foster fun and develop stronger connections for QTF team and families.

Strategic Pillars



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GROW.**

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QTF AWARD *winners*

Volunteers are the lifeblood of grassroots sporting communities and touch football in Queensland wouldn't be possible without the diligent work of our volunteers – our passionate army of administrators, parents, coaches, officials, fundraisers and supporters who seek to mobilise and grow the game every day.

Re-established in 2022, the Queensland Touch Football Awards celebrate and recognise the achievements of our volunteers, coaches, officials, administrators, affiliates, schools, regions, teams and athletes who have contributed to the growth, development and success of Touch Football in Queensland

Close to 250 attendees, attended touch footballs' night of nights and was back in full force to celebrate the amazing year that was 2022. With 20 awards presented throughout the evening, QTF celebrated the endless commitment of our touch football community.

WE CONGRATULATE AND RECOGNISE OUR 2022 QTF AWARD WINNERS.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Melissa Lonergan
Hounds Graceville Touch Association

ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

Mitch Alexander
Palm Beach Touch Association

LARGE AFFILIATE OF THE YEAR

Brisbane Metropolitan Touch Association

SMALL/MEDIUM AFFILIATE OF THE YEAR

Hounds Graceville Touch Association

JUNIOR AFFILIATE COACH OF THE YEAR

Tim Gall
Brisbane Metropolitan Touch Association

AFFILIATE COACH OF THE YEAR

Renee Murphy
UQ Rebels Touch Football Association

ELITE COACH OF THE YEAR

Renee Murphy
UQ Rebels Touch Football Association

JUNIOR REFEREE OF THE YEAR

Ella Grant
Brisbane Metropolitan Touch Association

RICK BORG REFEREE OF THE YEAR

Brett Freshwater
Brisbane Metropolitan Touch Association

COMMUNITY PROGRAM OF THE YEAR

Chinchilla Fast 4s
Chinchilla Touch Association

TOUCH FOOTBALL SCHOOL OF THE YEAR

All Hallows' School

INCLUSION IN TOUCH FOOTBALL

UQ Rebels Touch Football Association

JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE TEAM OF THE YEAR

SWQ Swans 16 Boys
2022 National Youth Championships

REPRESENTATIVE TEAM OF THE YEAR

SQBD Sharks Women's Open
2022 National Touch League

OPEN MALE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Drew Price
Caboolture Touch Football Association

OPEN FEMALE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Catherine Sargent
Caboolture Touch Football Association

SENIOR MALE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Aaron Jones
Gold Coast Touch Association

SENIOR FEMALE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Marlie Phillips
Palm Beach Touch Association

JUNIOR MALE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Jai Charlton
Gold Coast Touch Association

JUNIOR FEMALE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Madeline Mathews
Townsville Touch Football Association

QTF SERVICE AWARD

Terry McSweeney
For Service and Dedication to Queensland Touch Football.



Queensland Touch Football AWARDS




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2022/23 PARTICIPATION highlights

29.8% 
TOTAL PARTICIPATION INCREASED

9.5% 
FULL ACTIVE JUNIORS INCREASED 40,291

52% **MALE** 48% **FEMALE**
FULL ACTIVE MEMBER


SCHOOLS AND JUNIOR PARTICIPATION INCREASED 
 48.2% 


EVENT PARTICIPATION INCREASED 25.2%


7028 TEAMS

25,492+ 
SCHOOL PARTICIPANTS INVOLVED IN SCHOOL DELIVERED

 168.6% **SCHOOL MANAGED COMPETITIONS INCREASED 43,233**

PARTICIPATION CATEGORY	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	% VARIANCE YOY
1. Full Active Member - Adult	49,703	48,559	32,652	34,618	35,936	32,889	-8.5%
2. Full Active Member – Junior	31,500	31,624	33,345	33,165	36,802	40,291	9.5%
3. Program Participants	8,185	9,769	5,171	7,995	7,243	10,774	48.8%
4. Event Participants	25,667	29,184	17,032	15,951	20,290	25,406	25.2%
5. School Delivered Programs	18,152	15,471	20,152	23,962	20,639	25,492	23.5%
6. School Managed Competitions	12,903	9,315	9,086	13,214	16,097	43,233	168.6%
7. Accredited Volunteer Participants	1,349	1,322	775	1,491	1,098	1,304	6.40%
TOTAL PARTICIPATION	147,459	145,244	118,213	130,396	138,105	179,389	29.8%
SCHOOLS AND JUNIORS	62,555	56,410	62,583	70,341	73,538	109,016	48.2%

PARTICIPATION glossary

FULL ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP – ADULT AND JUNIOR

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.

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.

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.

SCHOOL MANAGED COMPETITIONS

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.

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.

ACCREDITED VOLUNTEER PARTICIPANTS

Participants who participate in recognised sport education courses that receive formal accreditation.



ADULT participation

3,759
TOTAL
ADULT TEAMS

32,889
FULL ACTIVE
MEMBERSHIP

61%
MALE
39%
FEMALE

JUNIOR participation

3,269
TOTAL
JUNIOR TEAMS

40,291
FULL ACTIVE
MEMBERSHIP

45%
MALE
55%
FEMALE



ADULT TEAMS
9.4%
INCREASE



ADULT TEAMS
8.6%
INCREASE



JUNIOR TEAMS
23.7%
INCREASE



JUNIOR TEAMS
16.4%
INCREASE

REGION	SENIOR AFFILIATION							VARIANCE	%
	S2 2021	S1 2022	2021-22 TOTAL	S2 2022	S1 2023	2022-23 TOTAL			
Brisbane	318	229	547	320	234	554	7	1.3%	
Central Qld	216	209	425	241	224	465	40	9.4%	
North Qld	376	458	834	349	416	765	(69)	-8.3%	
South Qld	307	300	607	319	286	605	(2)	-0.3%	
South West Qld	103	175	278	142	160	302	24	8.6%	
Sunshine Coast	325	257	582	297	295	592	10	1.7%	
Premier City Touch	332	203	535	288	188	476	(59)	-11.0%	
Total	1,977	1,831	3,808	1,956	1,803	3,759	(49)	-1.3%	

REGION	JUNIOR AFFILIATION							VARIANCE	%
	S2 2021	S1 2022	2021-22 TOTAL	S2 2022	S1 2023	2022-23 TOTAL			
Brisbane	422	336	758	557	381	938	180	23.7%	
Central Qld	309	136	445	351	167	518	73	16.4%	
North Qld	338	53	391	330	59	389	(2)	-0.5%	
South Qld	466	350	816	464	393	857	41	5.0%	
South West Qld	304	51	355	306	64	370	15	4.2%	
Sunshine Coast	154	100	254	128	69	197	(57)	-22.4%	
Total	1,993	1,026	3,019	2,136	1,133	3,269	250	8.3%	

COACH & REFEREE

courses

COACH COURSES (BY REGION/LEVEL)

REGION	COURSES	PARTICIPANTS
Brisbane	8	67
Foundation Coach	6	46
Talent Coach	2	21
Central Queensland	9	28
Foundation Coach	7	24
Talent Coach	2	4
North Queensland	8	62
Foundation Coach	8	62
South West QLD	5	77
Foundation Coach	4	69
Talent Coach	1	8
SQBD	14	122
Foundation Coach	12	111
Talent Coach	2	11
SCFBD	2	13
Foundation Coach	2	13
TOTAL	46	369

REFEREE COURSES (BY REGION/LEVEL)

REGION	COURSES	PARTICIPANTS
Brisbane	24	268
Level 1	17	218
Level 2	3	31
Level 3	2	8
Foundation Ref Coach	1	5
Talent Ref Coach	1	6
Central Queensland	10	90
Level 1	8	80
Level 2	1	8
Level 3	1	2
North Queensland	22	209
Level 1	16	167
Level 2	5	36
Level 3	1	6
South West QLD	9	105
Level 1	8	100
Level 2	1	5
Level 3	1	9
Foundation Ref Coach	1	9
SCFBD	2	13
Level 1	2	13
TOTAL	97	1119



REFEREE

development

The efforts, commitment and dedication by referees must be acknowledged in attending Affiliate, Region, State, National duties as the expectation from the sport is to have the best referees available to officiate the game.

The cancellation of the 2022 Queensland Junior State Cup impacted on referee advancement for referees seeking their Level 3 Referee badge and will be a key focus in the next reporting period.

26 REFEREES
2022 STATE OF ORIGIN

76 REFEREES
2022 NYC

69 REFEREES
2023 NTL

QTF Awards

Junior Referee of the Year: Ella Grant
Rick Borg Referee of the Year: Brett Freshwater

2022 State Cup

Male Referee of the Championship: Matt Lavery
Female Referee of the Championship: Zoe Genrich
Junior Referee Encouragement: Dylan Bryant and Isabell Watt

2022 NYC

Referee of the Tournament: Will Schatz
Leading Female Referee: Zoe Genrich
Leading Junior Male Referee: Zac Schelberg
Leading Junior Female Referee: Ella Grant

2023 NTL

Referee of the Tournament: Jordan Randle

TFA Service Awards

Lachlan Freshwater – 10years Joe Lo Grande – 25 years
Neill Obrien – 10years Dave Field – 25 years
Brad Smith – 20 years

Referee Upgrades

TFA Referee Badge Level 3

Jason Neumann
Harrison Walters

TFA Referee Badge Level 4

Riley Gleich
Izaiah Lomax
Dylan Bryant
Matt Waetford
Joceylyn Eaton
Stacey Steinhardt (Senior)

TFA Referee Badge Level 5

Zoe Cornish
Jacob Gregg
Matthew Sheppard
Lachlan Carey
Sam Priestley
Alec Williams
Rebecca Buzacott (Senior)
John Camilleri (Senior)
Ben Horner (Senior)

TFA Referee Badge Level 6

James Roe
Will Shatz
Riley Woton
Levi Yeaman
Charlise Falconer
Shoban Moore (Senior)
Damien Miller (Senior)

I must thank the many volunteers assisting at Affiliate, Region and State level with referee development over the past year. The Referee Management Team and State Referee Panel have also been instrumental through their support, knowledge and coaching in supporting the achievements of referee's goals.

I also wish to thank the QTF Staff for their continued support to the referee arm of our sport.

Dave Field

Director of Referees
Queensland Touch Football

FIRST TRY

sporting schools

QTF continues to promote and deliver the First Try Sporting Schools program, enabling a first point of contact for prospective participants with the sport in schools across Queensland.

QTF farewelled QTF Programs and Administration Coordinator Jack Whitelock late in Term 3 2022 and welcomed Luke Giacca who took over delivery of the First Try program.

First Try programs delivered in Term 3 and 4 2022 exceeded 2021 numbers. After the strong start to the reporting period for First Try Sporting Schools programs, Term 1 and 2 2023 saw a decline, resulting in a 13.6% reduction in programs delivered over the reporting period.

2022-2023 SPORTING SCHOOLS

2022-23 Sporting Schools	Term 3 2022	Term 4 2022	Term 1 2023	Term 2 2023	Total	Variance
Programs (by School)	63	33	29	34	159	-13.6%
Sessions (by School)	788	297	184	203	1472	-19.7%
Participants (by Program)	6438	1869	1826	2075	12208	-12.9%

SPORTING SCHOOLS - SCHOOLS BY REGION

Region	T3 2022	T4 2022	T1 2023	T2 2023	REGION TOTAL	% per REGION
Brisbane Region	12	5	1	8	26	16.5%
Central Queensland	8	1	2	2	13	8.2%
North Queensland	7	9	5	10	30	19.0%
South Queensland	14	6	9	10	39	24.7%
South West Queensland	15	10	12	2	39	24.7%
Sunshine Coast	7	2	0	2	11	7.0%
QUEENSLAND TOTAL	63	33	29	34	159	100%

Whilst the implementation of the new fee structure in late 2022 has provided some challenges, QTF will continue to prioritise the First Try program to ensure we optimise opportunity to promote touch football in schools across Queensland, in particular in non-traditional touch football schools.

QTF would like to thank everyone involved in the program, including the 50+ casual Field Officers that so proudly represent and deliver our First Try programs in schools.



WOMEN LEADERS

in Touch

Funded by the Australian Sports Commission Women Leaders in Sport Grant the Queensland Touch Football 'Women Leaders in Touch Football' program was launched in 2023, giving QTF the opportunity to support female representatives who wish to advance their leadership capabilities within their local affiliate, regional or state body.

With two primary objectives:

1. To encourage, support and enable females in leadership roles across the sport of Touch Football.
2. To attract, develop and retain women within leadership positions in sport, and create a supportive environment in which everyone is valued and can thrive.

Fourteen (14) participants took part in the 6-week program, representing a range of female leaders across the state. This included Coaches, Referees, Affiliate Committee members and administrators, as well as QTF Board and staff members, guided by the support of the program facilitator Sue Cormack, a well-known leadership consultant with an impressive 30+ years' experience in sport and recreation.

- Tamara Miller – Highfields Hurricanes Touch Football
- Alita DeBrincat – Whitsunday Touch Association
- Bree-Ann Lo Grande – Gordonvale Touch Association
- Tammy Banks – Toowoomba Touch Association
- Therese Gordon – Hounds Graceville Touch Association
- Lily Quinlivan (Singh) – UQ Rebels Touch Football
- Megan Kruger – Chinchilla Touch Association
- Melissa Lonergan – Hounds Graceville Touch Association
- Rebecca Buzacott – Brothers Touch Association
- Jodie Clarke – Brothers Touch Association
- Rachael Harpur – Queensland Touch Football
- Rachael Stacey – Queensland Touch Football
- Katie Geiger – Queensland Touch Football
- Sam Heath – Queensland Touch Football

QTF thanks and acknowledges the Australian Sports Commission for this opportunity, as well as the women who committed to their personal development through the 2023 QTF Women Leaders in Touch Football program.

"The Australian Sports Commission manages the Women Leaders in Sport program through the support of the Office for Women".



Women
LEADERS
IN TOUCH FOOTBALL



QTF *academies*



ACADEMIES

DISCOVERY DEVELOPMENT PERFORMANCE

With over 740 participants across 43 programs in 2022-23, the QTF Academies continue to grow in popularity. Whether it is the Discovery Phase of fun and excitement through touch football games and activities through to the dynamic sport of touch football providing development and pathway opportunities for players who are aspiring to play touch football at an elite level. Academies also assist in the development of coaches, where key learnings and skills can be applied across both Touch Football and the NRL.

Affiliate uptake of these programs throughout the region were encouraging.



6 PROGRAMS | 111 PARTICIPANTS
Q DISCOVERY/ HOLIDAY
2 PROGRAMS | 18 PARTICIPANTS
Q DEVELOPMENT



5 PROGRAMS | 130 PARTICIPANTS
Q DISCOVERY/ HOLIDAY
3 PROGRAMS | 78 PARTICIPANTS
Q DEVELOPMENT



6 PROGRAMS | 96 PARTICIPANTS
Q DISCOVERY/ HOLIDAY
9 PROGRAMS | 146 PARTICIPANTS
Q DEVELOPMENT



5 PROGRAMS | 62 PARTICIPANTS
Q DISCOVERY/ HOLIDAY
4 PROGRAMS | 30 PARTICIPANTS
Q DEVELOPMENT



3 PROGRAMS | 71 PARTICIPANTS
Q DISCOVERY/ HOLIDAY

WOMEN *in touch*

The Women in Touch program was launched early 2022 with funding from Queensland Government ActiveKit program with the vision of increasing the physical activity of insufficiently active females through touch football. Whilst feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with 100% of participants saying they would happily recommend the Women in Touch program to family and friends, it also indicated they wanted more.

Revisiting the purpose of the Women in Touch program, QTF Game Development staff developed the Women In Touch – Game Ready program to provide the next step, bringing participants further along in their journey toward the transition from inactivity to active participation in Touch Football. This second program further develops and builds upon skills gained from the initial Women in Touch program, and help assist in women returning to Touch Football after time away.

Through these programs, QTF hopes to continue to boost confidence, provide skill development and game knowledge to assist and support women of all ages and abilities to enjoy the wonderful game of Touch Football and to provide a pathway into an affiliated competition, establishing a lifelong commitment to getting active and having fun.



WOMEN *intouch*

SCHOOL SPORT *program*

The School Sport Program was a funding initiative of the Queensland Government with Queensland Touch Football successful in receiving a \$175 000 grant for 2022-23. The focus of the School Sport Program was to improve and expand our support of schools, enhance the quality and quantity of school sport performance pathways and create positive participation experiences for students, coaches and officials across Queensland.

The QTF School Sport Program focussed on three key initiatives outlined in the grant.

Representative School Sport Pathways

- Formalising an MOU with Queensland School Sport Touch to School Pathways
- Providing coach mentoring and player education for School State Representative Teams
- Providing coach and referee support of Queensland School Sport District Trials

School State Representative Teams

- Assisting with operations and marketing support for regional Primary and Secondary All Schools Touch Football events
- Partnering with Lifestream to include All Abilities Touch Football within the school sport pathway
- Expanding the number of Touch Football Australia endorsed schools

Sport Participation in Schools

- Supporting the delivery of Schools District Cup providing quality competitions, coaching and referee development
- Engaging School Liaison Officers within local associations to encourage the growth of new junior competitions
- Upskilling teachers and school support staff through sport specific training in the Teacher Professional Development program

The School Sport Program provided opportunities for QTF to establish and develop relationships with teachers across Queensland and share knowledge, skills and resources to build confidence and support better outcomes for students. Queensland Touch Football acknowledged the ongoing commitment of the Queensland Government's 10-year strategy Activate! Queensland and is thankful for the opportunity provided through receipt of this funding.



STATE *of origin*

2022 State of Origin Series

19-20 August 2022
C. Ex Coffs International Stadium, Coffs Harbour

State of Origin remains the pinnacle of domestic touch football in Australia. The 2022 State of Origin series coincided with the 50th Anniversary of New South Wales Touch, making this series a very special event.

Queensland Touch Football hosted the State of Origin Series at the fantastic C. Ex Coffs International Stadium on 19-20 August 2022, in partnership with Coffs Harbour City Council, with competing across 18 Divisions in three match series.

The Queensland contingent of 306 players, coaches and managers were officially welcomed to the event at the Qld Jersey Presentation. Joined by special guests **QLD Women's Maroons Coach Tahnee Norris and QLD Maroon's Coach Billy Slater**, this was an amazing opportunity for our team to hear from two super star coaches who shared their experience and insights in managing the expectations when wearing the QLD jersey and representing their state.

It was also special time for a number of players who were pulling on the maroon for the very first time in the Open Men and Women's divisions, having their jersey presented by QLD touch football royalty **Scott Notley and Tanya Sewter**: Bailey Assay, Hayden Moffat, Olivia Goodsell, Rachel Walsh.

Across town the Event Referees were celebrated at the official Referee meeting.

The atmosphere at the venue was electric for the more than 2500 spectators who attended the 2 day event. 45 Referees officiated over 54 high quality games between the two states, culminating in the nail biting Open Men's on Saturday night.

It was amazing contest between the two states with the following results;

- Men's Open QLD 2-1**
Player of Series: Corey Russell (QLD)
- Women's Open QLD 2-1**
Player of Series: Catherine Sargent (QLD)
- Mixed Open QLD 2-1**
Player of Series: James Hegedus (QLD)
- Men's 20's QLD 2-1**
Player of Series: Jai Charlton (QLD)
- Women's 20's NSW 2-1
- Women's 27's QLD 2-1**
Player of Series: Courtney Trenerry (QLD)
- Men's 30's NSW 2-1
- Women's 35's NSW 2-1
- Men's 35's NSW 3-0
- Women's 40's NSW 2-1
- Men's 40's QLD 3-0**
Player of Series: Aaron Jones (QLD)

- Women's 45's NSW 3-0**
- Men's 45's QLD 2-1**
Player of Series: Craig Madders (QLD)
- Women's 50's QLD 3-0***
Player of Series: Rebecca Dale (QLD)
- Men's 50's QLD 2-1**
Player of Series: Troy Morgan (QLD)
- Men's 55's NSW 2-1
- Men's 60's NSW 2-1
- Mixed Senior NSW 2-1

* Invitational – not counted toward championship points.

It was a great achievement from our state to bounce back so strongly from a disappointing 2020 campaign to claim 4 out of the 5 high performance divisions, winning the Men's Open, Women's Open, Mixed Open and Men's 20 divisions. This highlights the depth and talent that QLD possess and the exciting times ahead for the state.

New South Wales defeated Queensland 9-8 (across 17 divisions), in a nail-biting finish, one of the closest in Origin history to retain the State of Origin Shield.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the 2022 campaign, including the High Performance support team John Singh, Phil Gyemore, Peter Bell, Neil Ward, Brenda Rackemann and Tristan Mana; QTF Medical team headed by Emma Armfield, all of the Coaches, Managers, Referees, Players and Team Qld staff.

We look forward to bringing home the shield in next campaign!



STATE of origin



2022 QUEENSLAND STATE OF ORIGIN TEAMS

MENS OPEN

Adam Pryde, Bailey Assay, Corey Russell, Damon Moore, Harry Griffin, Hayden Moffat, Jake Notley, James Courtney, Jayden Benbow, Justin Cridland, Malcolm Kenny, Peter Norman, Tim Baartz, Liam Bauer. Head Coach – Jason Boyd; Assistant Coach – Nic Pecchiar; Manager – Gary Benbow.

WOMENS OPEN

Ashleigh Kearney, Catherine Sargent, Georgina Rackemann, Hayley Maddick, Hinerangi Andreassend, Kim Sue See, Lucia Fildes, Marama Thomas, Olivia Goodsell, Paige Markey, Rachel Walsh, Rebecca Mi Mi, Sammy-Jo Curtis, Tiarni Bryce. Head Coach – Renee Murphy, Assistant Coach – Leasha Thouard, Manager – Kellie Curtis.

MIXED OPEN

Adam Russell, Andrew Searle, Bella Fildes, Drew Price, James Price, James Hegedus, Jaymon Bob, Katee Maller, Katherine Stevens, Leesa Mi Mi Rebecca Goulding, Sam Carmody, Tyler Ward, Wilson Groth. Head Coach – Michael Baartz, Assistant Coach – Danny Goodwin, Manager – Jodie May.

MEN'S 20S

Alex Condon, Blaise Prendergast, Caleb Madders, Connor Rolfe, Filisi Frost, Jai Charlton, Jardel Bob, Jayden Ambichi, Kaiyah Castles, Khye Russell, Patrick Crow, Ryan Ward, Shameus Edwards, Zayne Cox. Head Coach – Chris Loth, Assistant Coach – David Parker, Manager – Brad Shine.

WOMENS 20S

Amelia Chadburn, Caitlyn Blade, Charlotte Graham, Charlott Vandermeer, Chloe Sawtell, Chloe Tunks, Demi Ashurst, Emily Ward, Hannah Forbes, Madeline Mathews, Remi Hinckesman, Sharni Vilila, Sinead Murphy, Tayla Sykes. Head Coach – Paul Cobham, Assistant Coach – Leanne Bauer, Manager – Melanie Flesser.

WOMENS 27S

Belinda McCormack, Breanna Eales, Courtney Trenerry, Emma Sen, Haylee Murphy – Evans, Jenna Rowsell, Jess Johnston, Kahli Seymour, Kelly Jones, Marlie Phillips, Natasha Adams, Nikki Fields, Rebecca Oliver, Sarah Keleher. Head Coach – Geoff Hooper, Manager – Rebecca Herbert.

MEN'S 30S

Ben Weiczorek, Cody Green, Dave Zanette, David Sen, James Sharp, Josh Smart, Ken Adams, Kristian Congoo, Lawrence Oberleuter, Michael Rasmussen, Ryan Shibasaki, Shaun Francis, Tom Quinlivan, Trevor Moran. Head Coach – Damien Kelso, Assistant Coach – Jordan Seeto, Manager – Mark Wilde.

SENIOR MIXED

Amanda Powell, Cassandra Vincitorio, Davina Galetto, Grace Griffin, Jaya Callinan, Justin Otto, Kelly Goodwin, Khanui Cox, Mitchell Higgins, Patrick Horgan, Scott Prince, Steven Louttit, Tim Glazebrook, Tom Eyles. Head Coach – Gavin Shuker, Assistant Coach – Blake Hornbrook, Manager – Katrina Grant.

WOMENS 35S

Amanda Obst, Cristie McTaggart, Emily Hennessey, Kelly Kennedy, Kirsti Le Gay Brereton, Kirsty Gibbs, Kym Waugh, Lauren Dayberg-Muir, Melinda Kidd, Missy Shaw, Pia Galon, Serena Albert, Stacey Hancock, Teena Mcilveen. Head Coach – John Bourke, Assistant Coach – Billy Dorrick, Manager – Lisa Baisden.

MEN'S 35S

Ben Geldart, Brad Powell, Campbell McIntosh, Chris Jordan, Dean Taylor, Hamish Jones, James Harrington, Jasbir Bhullar, Jesse Green, Josh McCormack, Mark Cecil, Richie Bin Dol, Taki Luke, Ty Russell. Head Coach – Mark Edwards, Assistant Coach – Levi Te Namu, Manager – Greg Taylor.



WOMENS 40S

Clare Johnson, Jasmine Spittal, Kate Barker, Katie Geiger, Katrina McHerron, Kellie Ryan, Kellie Piltz, Kerry Hokianga, Kristie Smith, Kylie Bellingham, Mai Peregrina, Rebecca Clydesdale, Therese Gordon, Zara Hartley. Head Coach – Chris Swaddle, Assistant Coach – Mel Smitch, Manager – Mark Phillips.

MEN'S 40S

Aaron Jones, Callin Overton, Chris Farrow, Kane Stack, Leon Skinner, Mahuta Teika, Nathan Jones, Remus Gentles, Stephen Swan, Steve Murray, Tristan Mana, Troy Clarke, Troy Skinner, Troy Nichols. Head Coach – John Morris, Assistant Coach – David Bonser, Manager – Moses Choy.

WOMENS 45S

Angela Trenerry, Christie Hendrie, Debbie Grylls, Helen Bower, Jodie Gair, Jude Bust, Leanne Brookes, Lisa Miller, Maria Griffin, Melissa Lonergan, Natalie Lynch, Simone Hepburn, Tanya Bougoure, Vicki Wood. Head Coach – Basil Cutmore, Assistant Coach – Glyn Mathers, Manager – Debra Seymour.

MEN'S 45S

Adam Page, Alex Hinch, Craig McHerron, Craig Madders, Damien Hofmeyer, Jason Kaiwai, Jason Campbell, Jason Ryder, Justin Loomans, Matt Bowe, Robert Vella, Robert Cox, Steele Tallon, Tony Klein. Head Coach – Tim Vallalba, Assistant Coach – Joe Schweitzer, Manager – Wayne Butcher.

MEN'S 50S

Brent Saddler, Bruce MacDonald, Cameron Foster, Chris Davidson, Craig Neilan, Gerard O'Keefe, Ian Jordan, Matt Barclay, Paul Thommasson, Robin Day, Shane Rigby, Troy Hastie, Troy Morgan, Willy Nathan. Head Coach – Scott Notley, Assistant Coach – Ash Heiniger, Manager – Tony Hawthorn.

WOMENS 50S INVITATIONAL*

Cathy Farrelly, Haylene Grogan, Jenelle Trenerry, Jennine Gyemore, Leandra Tuck, Leanne Cramer, Lexia Wilmington, Loren Wilkinson, Natalie Parker, Rebecca Dale, Renee Randall, Stacey Grant, Tina Taylor, Wendy Blakeney. Head Coach – John Collins, Assistant Coach – Karleigh Little, Manager – Nick Manicott.



MEN'S 55S

Glen Millard, Jeffery Garrick, Kenneth Ball, Kevin McCarthy, Michael Boyd, Peter Sheppard, Peter Owen, Rod Plimmer, Ron Keleher, Scott Balanda. Shane Tibbs, Stephen Womersley, Terrence Moore, Tim Griffin. Head Coach – Kevin Flett, Assistant Coach – Wayne Holder, Manager – Graham Russell.

MEN'S 60S

Brett Arrowsmith, Steve Garton, David Brown, Mike Thoars, Shane Beale, Grant Russell, Greg Young, Peter Hawes, John Pattison, Mark Jansson, Mark Blakeney, Peter Feldman, Peter Topp, William Mclean. Head Coach – Kevin Hickey, Manager – John Seymour.

SOO PERFORMANCE PANEL

Peter Bell, Craig Morrow, Mitch Smith, Neil Ward, Brenda Rackemann, Mitch Alexander, John Singh

REFEREES

David Bowtell, Linda Buchanan, Darren Couper, Brett Freshwater, Lachlan Freshwater, Zoe Genrich, Zac Genrich, John Hamstra, Miriam Hansen, Adam Hogan, Michael Landsberg, Matt Lavery, Michael Littlefield, Bree-Ann Lo Grande, Douglas Mackie, Campbell Muir, Marcus Muller, Matthew Prendergast, Fiona Quinn, Jordan Randle, Trev Schelberg, Aaron Searston, Brad Smith, Paul Sullivan, Chelsey Wilks.

REFEREE PANEL

Dave Field, Joe Lo Grande, Luke McKenzie.



Q YOUTH academy



Q Youth Academy

10-12 February 2023
Gold Coast Performance Centre Runaway Bay

The 2023 Q Youth Academy was held at the Gold Coast Performance Centre with over 160 junior athletes, 12 junior referees in the QTF JETS program and 24 Qld Pathway coaches in attendance.

This year's Q Youth Academy was based on 'Learning to be a Leader', focussing heavily on not only learning new skills on the touch field but on learning what is required of an Elite athlete off the field.

Friday afternoon athletes and coaches undertook an education session with The Fit Lab about hydration, nutrition, rest and recovery. The QTF Development team and The Fit Lab led athletes in night time rotations, focussing on Defensive Profile, Ruck Dominance, Attack vision and the quickie platform footwork. JETS Referees met with QTF Referee Mentors to support development and discuss trends of the game. During these night time rotations The Fit Lab tested agility and speed, returning some impressive results.

Saturday saw a big day of touch football for the athletes, referees and coaches with teams going through endurance testing with Fitlab, then moving in to the first round of games and recovery sessions. The ever popular Mixed games tapped off on Saturday afternoon.

Saturday night the kids were treated to a fun team building session with the QTF Development team while our coaches enjoyed the Coach Masterclass with current Queensland Open Men's Coach Jason Boyd, who shared his immense knowledge of the game with our coaches. Jason's session was very well received, with coaches commenting that strategies presented could be used across many levels of the game, from grassroots to elite.

Players, coaches and referees finished off the weekend with some final games and recovery sessions, concluding with lunch & preparation of feedback by coaches.

The Q Youth Academy again provided a top-class weekend full of 'Learning how to be an Athlete' for our future stars of the game which was a great way for these participants to start the year off in Touch!



PERMIT Teams



COWBOYS			
14 Girls	14 Boys	16 Girls	16 Boys
Azalia Smith	Jaidyn FERRIS	Brooke Johnston	Lucas Lane
Summer-Rose Phair	Carter Isaac	Ellie Jenkins	Sean Weir
Lily DeBrincat	Mathew John Marjoram	Layla Enoch-Heard	Luke Swain
Madison Mooney	Archie KEHL	Skye Barba	Mitchell Maher
Layla Jenkins	Kynan Rogers	Tarla Condon	Cameron Wood
Erica Round	Oliver Hinds	Madeline Lew	Ben Butcher
Caitlin Brennan	Luke JOHNS	Tahlia Hayes	Riley Earnshaw
Sophie Barnes	Isaac DAHLER	Tamzyn Hogarth	Flynn Campbell
Demi Sandilands	Trent Martin	Freya Hansen	Tyler Ash
Adelaide Seierup	Klay Graham	Madeline Doring	Jake Veach
Ellie Goodwin	Riley CARBONE	Lacey Welfare	Riley Fagg
Layne Jenkins	Tamiana FATIAKI	Kiera Wallace	
Hannah McCrohon	Oliver Spyve		
	Harrison Fuller		
Coach - Willam Gilbert	Coach - Blake Hornbrook	Coach - Maddie Crema	Coach - Lachlan Walker
Coach - Bree Le Grande	Coach - Ben Veronese	Coach - Bobbie McMinn	Coach - Tony Hutchinson

TITANS			
14 Girls	14 Boys	16 Girls	16 Boys
Mikayla Robinson	Devahn Tekii	Ella Watkins	Kyan Oats
Harper Eldridge	Tyler Erickson	Makayla Isedale	Jack McAlpine
Isabella Narain	Darcy Halloran	Sommer Robinson	Patu Kara-Pitman
Kate Johnstone	Murphy Phillips	Reese Rigby	Kyran Broderick
Lacey McLaren	Kai Agyik	Natalia Hickling	Josh Te Amo
Maeya Collie	Quatez Topine	Brianna Barrett	Charlie Aston
Mia Davy	Jai Komene	Indianna Kelly	Toby Falconer
Mackenzie Clarke	Chevy Ryan	Molly Van Heerden	Cooper Cavell
Maggie Walker	Lachlan Hillman	Holly Simmons	Hayden Delaney
Carla Nobbs	Jackson Winnet	Millie Evans	Xaiver Davey
Ebony Lewington	Mitchell Hetherington	Grace Johnston	
Tayla Kauter	Theo Aston	Laura Fry	
Ava Kowitz	Junior Patterson	Shontal Subritzky	
Issy Johnstone	Max Murphy	Sophie Brennan	
Jessica Fraser			
Coach - Karleigh Little	Coach - Harry McNamara	Coach - Jaya Callinan	Coach - Connor Cowley
Coach - Grace Griffin	Coach - Mark Delaney	Coach - Damien Webster	Coach - Brendan Taylor

BRONCOS			
14 Girls	14 Boys	16 Girls	16 Boys
Jesse Pauling	Rico Ngatai	Mia Hopkins	Tarai Cherry
Baylee Fox	Jai Hughes	Ava McGowan	Baxter Fiedler
Sienna Hilton	Isaac Richter	Layla White	Isaac Brand
Ellie Walker	Eli Brownrigg	Stephanie Lawrence	Jared Jackson
Tiahna Boothby	Jontaye Brown	Charlotte Goding	Willem Poulus
Callie Trace	Oliver Peregrina	Mille Stanton	Harry Curness
Indi Cumner	Hayden Madders	Elise Toohey	Rhett Baker
Rzaria Williams	Lucas Curtis	Kameryn Bray	Rory Crumpton
Arahi Walker	Max Carriage	Isabella Nasalio	John Eacott
Millicent Watson	Angus Goves	Jasmine Smart	Nickolas Streader
Malia Ruri	Benjamin Chubb	Jasmine Gin	Jackson Streader
Ella Denny	Hayden Corbet	Jessica Preston	Macsen Cunningham
Charlotte Keki	Lachlan Britten	Gabriella Johnson	
Aria Chadburn	Hayden Anderson	Krystal Meehan	
Taylor Martin	Tully Bastable		
Coach - Mel Lonergan	Coach - Nick Manikot	Coach - Jenna Rowsell	Coach - Luke Duncan
Coach - Drina Brady	Coach - Lloyd Celere	Coach - Rebecca Thomsen	Coach - Ropati Nassalio

JETS REFEREE program



The Junior Emerging Talent Squad (JETS) was established in January 2007 to provide a pathway for youth referees, our stars of the future. This program is for referees that display the potential to progress to the elite level and will underpin referee participation at youth events at a local, state and national level.

The JETS program is an initiative of Queensland Touch Football and the Queensland Referee Management Team, who saw the need to identify young referees that demonstrate the ability to become one of Queensland's best referees.

The key objective of the JETS program is to provide a structured pathway for young referees to achieve their goals with the help of coaching and support from other referees, coaches, players and mentors. The program provides the opportunity for junior referees to participate at Queensland's Youth Academy held in February annually.

JETS Referees

- Riley Gleich (Central Queensland)
- Dylan Bryant (Brisbane)
- Isabel Watt (Central Queensland)
- Timothy Rae (South Queensland Border Districts)
- Jasper Bowtell (South West Queensland)
- Ashton Sykes (Brisbane)
- Ella Grant (Brisbane)
- Solomon Tucker (Sunshine Coast, Fraser & Burnett Districts)
- Sarah Butwell (South Queensland Border Districts)
- Tameka Dyne (South West Queensland)
- Samuel Chittleborough (North Queensland)
- Jake Elias (Brisbane)

A huge thanks to Acting JETS Coordinator, Lee Rossow, QTF Junior Development Coordinator Ivan Giammarco, Referee Coaches Joe Lo Grande, Ivan Giammarco, Lee Rossow, and Referee Mentors Campbell Muir, Linda Buchanan, David Bowtell, Levi Yeaman and Deb Mortimer.



QTF events



JUNIOR STATE CUP

7-9 July 2022
Hervey Bay

The annual Junior State Cup (JSC) was set to be held at the brand-new state of the art Fraser Coast Sports Precinct holding 22 fields and an abundance of space for activations, partners, vendors, parking and much more. **233 teams registered for this event across 29 affiliates as far North as Cairns and as far South as the Gold Coast. Registrations up from 185 teams in 2021.**

Unfortunately, QTF had to make the difficult decision to cancel the 2022 event due to the ongoing unprecedented amount of rainfall the region had been receiving in the months leading up to the event. This resulted in many of the playing fields to be deemed unsafe and not capable to withstand 560 scheduled games for this event.

Despite the cancellation, the QTF Touch Football Showcase proceeded on the beach at the local SLSC which was well received with around 300 participants and their families attending. This was a great opportunity to bring the touch football community together and create a positive atmosphere and showcase the sport to the region through numerous games, activations and activities.

The decision was made to relocate the flagship Junior State Cup event to Rockhampton biennially from 2023.

QTF would like to acknowledge and thank Fraser Coast Regional Council and Hervey Bay Touch Association's commitment and support of the event over the past 12 years.

FESTIVAL OF TOUCH

The Festival of Touch once again celebrated all things Touch Football across the Gold Coast over ten days in November / December. Kicking things off with a successful QLD State Cup after a one-year hiatus.

This was followed by the Affiliate Conference and Sport Performance Conference which provided valuable professional development opportunities for administrators, coaches, and teachers. The midway point of the week saw the return of the highly anticipated QTF Awards Nights, which grew the Festival of Touch programme to six events in 10 days in 2022. Unfortunately, poor weather caused the cancellation of the SEQ Gala Day, however, despite this we were still able to round out the week with a successful QLD All Nations.

The support of the Major Events Gold Coast and the City of Gold Coast elevates this festival from a regular touch tournament to a celebration of touch football on the Gold Coast aimed to Unite, Inspire and Grow our sport.



QTF events



QLD STATE CUP

25- 27 November 2022
Coomera Sport Park

AFFILIATES	24
TEAMS	103
INCLUSIVE TEAMS	7
GAMES	311
PLAYERS	1,445
REFEREES	115
COACHES & MANAGERS	169



The QLD State Cup is an annual 3-day Touch Football tournament held in November that brings participants from across Queensland, interstate and internationally to the picturesque Gold Coast.

After the abandonment of 2021 due to a weather event, QLD State Cup bounced back with 18 divisions contested across the 3 day event. While numbers were slightly down, the event was still a fantastic experience bolstered by our partnership with Kayo, allowing us to deliver our amazing event and sport to a wider audience.

2022 also saw the return of The Fit Lab Inclusion Division which didn't miss a beat, having 7 teams compete, the same as registered for the 2021 event.

A special thanks to our Event Partners, Tourism and Events Queensland and Major Events Gold Coast for their ongoing support of the QLD State Cup.

AFFILIATE CONFERENCE & SPORTS PERFORMANCE CONFERENCE

28 November 2022
Gold Coast

ATTENDEES	124
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The 2022 QTF Sports Performance and Affiliate Conferences were held at Mantra on View, Surfers Paradise. Previously held over two days, the conferences were combined this year to provide opportunities for professional development and networking and to Unite and Inspire our touch community. True to the theme of the Conferences, "Leading with Humility", an impressive line up of guest speakers shared their experiences and knowledge. Lucas O'Ceallachain Coach Development Lead at Australian Institute of Sport inspired attendees with his presentation on the Coach Developer program, and the Deputy General Manager of Industry Capability - Sport Division Australian Sports Commission Kate Corkery spoke about Sport Australia's Community Coaching Framework.

Conference attendees were then split in order to provide content relevant to their fields. Kate Corkery addressed the Affiliate Conference with Affiliate governance & Game Plan Resources, and Michael Connolly conducted a facilitated workshop on how to build a thriving affiliate including volunteer recruitment, retention and strategic planning, creating a culture of belonging and problem solving. The Affiliate Conference finished with sessions from Beyond the Break's Lauren Ryan and National Education & Policy Manager James Sharp covering the National Integrity Framework.

Meanwhile the Sports Performance Conference attendees received a presentation on building leadership within a team from Tony Trad and Priority Coaching from Peter Bell. QTF Head of Medical Emma Armfield provided a medical update, covering important issues including concussion. The characteristics of the Touch Athlete were detailed by Steve Nance from the FitLab and Polar covered how best to use GPS data to train smarter. Current trends of the game were expertly detailed by Chris Loth.

The highlight of the day was special guest speaker Trevor Hendy, who shared the highs and lows of his career as a champion Iron Man in an entertaining and moving presentation, perfectly illustrating what "Leading with Humility" truly means



SEQ SCHOOLS BEACH GALA DAY

1 December 2022
Gold Coast

SCHOOL TEAMS	60
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Catered for school years 7 and above, the Southeast Queensland School Gala Day is a celebration of touch football open for the enjoyment of all secondary schools in Queensland. The day includes a mixture of fast, speedy, four-on-four games as well as skill challenges and activations in between games supported by our partners Gold Coast Titans, National Rugby League (NRL), Surf Lifesaving, and The Fit Lab.

Unfortunately, due to weather, the event was abandoned in 2022.



QLD ALL NATIONS

3-4 December 2022
Coomera Sport Park

QLD MAORI CHAMPION NATION

NATIONS	10
TEAMS	112
GAMES	327
PARTICIPANTS	1393
REFEREES	81



After postponing the 2021 QLD All Nations due to weather, this was our second QLD All Nations for 2022.

The Queensland All Nations is a celebration of the many cultures that create our diverse nation. The event utilizes the sport of Touch Football to bring people together to share and represent their heritage and culture.

With it being the second of the year, and another event occurring across the same weekend, we saw a decrease in participants. However, the feedback from those attending and involved touted the carnival as one of the most enjoyable they have attended.

Highlights of the event were the smoking ceremony and welcome to country on the Saturday morning with each nation being welcomed to the event. Followed in the afternoon by the cultural performances where each nation performed a dance which reflected their culture and heritage. Cultural identity is a focal point of the event with all teams representing their community under their traditional nation, with uniforms adorned with symbols of their nation, supported by a cultural performance.

The two-day event brought in over 8,000 participants and spectators from across QLD, Australia and Internationally.



QTF events



BUNDABERG CUP

4-5 February 2023
Greg Duncan Fields, Bundaberg

TEAMS	69
GAMES	186
PARTICIPANTS	845
REFEREES	75
SPECTATORS	1500



The Bundaberg Cup is a social Touch Football tournament offering a prize pool of \$20,000 and is one of Australia's Richest Touch Football events! 'Bundy Cup' as it is affectionately known, offers a chance for elite and social players to compete in the open divisions, as well as development opportunities for junior players and teams.

QTF launched the inaugural Touch Football Showcase on Friday to kick off a weekend. The beach activation, held at Nielsons Beach, Bargara showcased Touch Football to the wider Bundaberg community and encourage locals to give "touch a try". The free event featured touch football beach activities for people of all ages and abilities, with the support of Surf Life Saving Queensland.

The 2023 Bundy Cup was the largest in the events history, with a record 69 teams participating in 10 divisions across 2 days. The competition ranges from under 12's Boys and Girls through to Open Men's & Mixed and Social Men's & Mixed Divisions.

A special thanks to Bundaberg Regional Council for their ongoing support of Bundaberg Cup and also to Tourism and Events Queensland for support through the Queensland Destination Events Program.



CAS CUP

17-18 March 2023
Casuarina

TEAMS	44
GAMES	160
PARTICIPANTS	500
REFEREES	35
SPECTATORS	800



Cas Cup is a social Adult Touch Football Tournament held annually in Casuarina. Cas Cup was held on the 17th and 18th of March, open to Men's, Women's, Mixed and Masters Divisions. 2023 saw sweltering conditions, with extreme heat and humidity across the 2-day tournament.

Despite the conditions, participant numbers were on the rise with a 160% increase in team numbers for the Mixed Social Division. The event hosted 44 teams from around the South-east region of Queensland and NSW with competitors even travelling from as far away as Victoria and Tasmania.

2023 saw the introduction of the Elder-Read Shield. A perpetual shield dedicated to Dorrie Elder and Di Read, two people integral in shaping nearly two decades of Cas Cup tournaments.

Cas Cup remains a shining example of the passion for community Touch Football.



TFA REPRESENTATIVE events



NATIONAL YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

28 September - 1 October 2022
Kawana Stadium, Sunshine Coast

Queensland was represented by two Qld QSST Fire teams and 57 Regional teams at the 2022 Touch Football Australia Door Dash National Youth Championships on the Sunshine Coast.

A record 111 teams participated in the 30th edition of the NYC. All divisions were hotly contested, with NSW regions attending after Covid restrictions forced their exclusion over the past 2 years.

Queensland teams dominated the event, claiming 5 of a possible 8 championship titles, whilst Queensland Secondary School Touch (QSST) made a clean sweep of both 18 Boys & Girls titles. They were joined on the Champions podium by the South West Qld Touch Swans winning the 16 Boys division for the second year running and Brisbane Touch Football Cobras 16 Girls and 12 Girls winning their respective divisions.

A huge thanks to the Queensland Referees who officiated at NYC, as events of this scale simply cannot exist without your support. The Queensland Referee team brought home 4 of the 5 Referee awards.

Brisbane Cobras, QLD

Champion Entity

*Back to back titles!

- Male Referee of the Tournament: Will Schatz – Toowoomba, South West QLD
- Female Referee of the Tournament: Zoe Genrich – BMTA, Brisbane Touch Football
- Junior Male Referee of the Tournament: Zac Schelberg – Dalby, South West QLD
- Junior Female Referee of the Tournament: Ella Grant – BMTA, Brisbane Touch Football



2022 NYC Results – Queensland Regions

Boys 12's	Girls 12's
3. South Queensland Sharks A	Player of the Final: Tiana
6. South West Queensland Swans	Keke – Brisbane Cobras
7. Brisbane Cobras	1. Brisbane Cobras A
8. South Queensland Sharks B	2. South Queensland Sharks A
9. North Queensland Cyclones	3. Central Queensland Bulls
10. Sunshine Coast Pineapples	7. South West Queensland Swans
	8. North Queensland Cyclones
	9. Sunshine Coast Pineapples
	10. South Queensland Sharks B
	11. Brisbane Cobras B

Boys 14's	Girls 14's
2. South Queensland Sharks A	2. South Queensland Sharks A
3. Brisbane Cobras	3. Central Queensland Bulls
4. North Queensland Cyclones A	4. North Queensland Cyclones A
5. South West Queensland Swans	5. Brisbane Cobras A
6. Central Queensland Bulls A	6. South Queensland Sharks B
7. South Queensland Sharks B	9. South West Queensland Swans
9. Sunshine Coast Pineapples	10. Sunshine Coast Pineapples
10. Central Queensland Bulls B	11. Central Queensland Bulls B
11. North Queensland Cyclones B	13. Brisbane Cobras B
	14. North Queensland Cyclones B

Boys 16's	Girls 16's
Player of the Final: Bailey Deakin - South West QLD Swans	Player of the Final: Anika Te Namu - Brisbane Cobras
1. South West Queensland Swans	1. Brisbane Cobras
2. Brisbane Cobras	2. Central Queensland Bulls
3. South Queensland Sharks	3. South Queensland Sharks
4. Central Queensland Bulls	4. South West Queensland Swans
6. North Queensland Cyclones	5. North Queensland Cyclones
9. Sunshine Coast Pineapples	6. Sunshine Coast Pineapples

Boys 18's	Girls 18's
Player of the Final: Jai Charlton - QSST	Player of the Final: Rhani Hagan - QSST
Player of the Series: Jardel Bob - CQ Bulls	
1. QSST	1. QSST
2. Brisbane Cobras	3. South West Queensland Swans
4. Central Queensland Bulls	4. Brisbane Cobras
7. South Queensland Sharks	5. Central Queensland Bulls
8. South West Queensland Swans	9. North Queensland Cyclones
9. North Queensland Cyclones	10. South Queensland Sharks
12. Sunshine Coast Pineapples	13. Sunshine Coast Pineapples

NATIONAL TOUCH LEAGUE

8 – 11 March 2023
C. Ex Coffs International Stadium, Coffs Harbour

The 2023 Inferno National Touch League (NTL) once again provided an incredible 4 days of touch football action with 138 teams competing across 17 divisions.

For the second year running the Men's Open title went to the Central Queensland Bulls, in an action-packed grand final against the Hunter Western Hornets in an 8-5 victory.

Congratulations to our Queensland Teams!

Men's Open	Women's Open
Champions: Central Queensland Bulls Player of the Final: Jaymon Bob - CQ Bulls Player of the Series: Harry Griffin - CQ Bulls	Player of the Series: Tiarni Bryce - SQ Sharks
Mixed Open	
Champions: SQ Sharks Player of the Final: Jesse Leituvae - SQ Sharks	
Men's 20's	Women's 20's
Runners Up: South Queensland Sharks	Runners Up: Brisbane Cobras
Men's 30's	Women's 27's
Champions: South Queensland Sharks Runners up: Brisbane Cobras Player of the Final: Khanui Cox – SQ Sharks	Champions: Brisbane Cobras Runners up: Sunshine Coast Pineapples Player of the Final: Emily Hennessey – Brisbane Cobras
Men's 40's	Women's 40's
Champions South Queensland Sharks Champions: Brisbane Cobras Player of the Final: Aaron Jones - SQ Shark	Champions: Brisbane Cobras Player of the Final: Renee Woodrick - Brisbane Cobras
Men's 50's	Women's 45's
Champions South Queensland Sharks Player of the Final: Bruce MacDonald - SQ Sharks	Champions: Brisbane Cobras Player of the Final: Melissa Lonergan - Brisbane Cobras
Men's 60's	Women's 50's
Runners Up: Brisbane Cobras	Runners Up: Brisbane Cobras
All Abilities Tier 1	All Abilities Tier 2
Champions: Brisbane Cobras Player of the Final: Jackson Kettleby – BrisbaneCobras	Runners Up: South Queensland Sharks



SCHOOL events

GOLD COAST TITANS ALL SCHOOLS

5-8 October 2022
Gold Coast Performance Centre Runaway Bay

PARTICIPANTS	6,200
TEAMS	460
GAMES	OVER 1,800
FIELDS	30
REFEREES	298



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THE CATHEDRAL COLLEGE (ROCKHAMPTON) CHAMPION SCHOOL

The GCTAS, the largest touch football competition in the world, made a stunning return to the Gold Coast, with more than 460 teams going head to head in a battle for state honours. After starting in 1983 with 18 participating schools, this year's tournament saw the 40th anniversary of the event.

In August, we conducted the official GCTAS launch at Cbus Super Stadium, prior to a Titans v Manly NRL match. The program included an 18 girls touch exhibition game played between two local schools that compete in the carnival, Keebra Park SHS and Palm Beach Currumbin SHS. Representatives from our partners participating in the launch included Avril Harris from Major Events Gold Coast, Dennis Watt Chairman of the Gold Coast Titans, Steve Mitchell CEO Gold Coast Titans, Greg Denny CEO Queensland Touch Football, and Peter Bell GCTAS Tournament Director.

A snapshot of our digital audience:

Website Page views: 121,817

Livestream views: 60,005

YouTube hours: 9,186

Facebook impressions: 807,057

Instagram Impressions: 175,023

*All figures are organic with no boosted or paid content.

Congratulations to all the 2022 Gold Coast Titans All Schools Touch winners:

13 Boys – Miami State High School (Gold Coast)

13 Girls – The Cathedral College (Rockhampton)

15 Boys – St Mary's College (Toowoomba)

15 Girls – Palm Beach Currumbin State High School (Gold Coast)

18 Boys – Ignatius Park College (Townsville)

18 Girls – St Aidan's Anglican Girls School (Brisbane)

18 Mixed – Emmaus College (Rockhampton)



QLD SPECIAL EDUCATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

9 June 2023 (Week 8/Term 2)

Pinklands Sporting Complex, Redlands

The 2023 Queensland Special Education Championships (QSEC) is an annual free event for schools where athletes with disabilities gather at the to develop their communication, teamwork, and physical literacy skills in a fun environment.

All students can access the day as no experience is necessary, with three divisions on offer: Social, Recreational and Competitive, to suit all ability levels. The event continues to grow, with the 2023 edition playing host to the largest Touch Football competition for athletes with a disability in Queensland. Over 32 teams from 21 mainstream and special education schools converged on Redlands from across the Sunshine Coast, South West, Brisbane and South Queensland and Border District regions.

The Redcliffe Dolphins attended the event to foster the fun with QTF Game Development staff. The club provided a merchandise pack for each school to recognise the player who best celebrates the spirit of the event, by encouraging creativity and personal development by harnessing positive energy and engaging with others within the tournament.

2023 Winners

Social: Kuraby Special School

Recreational: Nerang State High School

Competitive: Mancel College

The competition would not be possible without the support of the following schools by providing referees on the day. We thank:

- Southport State High School
- Keebra Park State High School

Congratulations to all players, referees, coaches, and officials who participated and supported the event. Every individual should be proud of their accomplishments, and we recognised the talents and enthusiasm students bring to make the event as successful as it is.

With the biggest event year to date in 2023, QSEC will move to Redlands Touch Association in 2024 to accommodate for the growth of the competition.



PARTNERSHIPS

Thank you to our valued Queensland Touch Football partners of 2022/23.

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Highlights in 2022/2023:

- Budy Smuggler – QLD State Cup & Bundaberg Cup Event Partner
- Star Outdoor – Official Supplier
- The Fit Lab – Presenting Partner of the Q Youth Academy
- TFA Media Rights Agreement with Kayo Sports



BRAND & marketing



The marketing strategy for 2022-2023 continues to focus on digital engagement, better promotion of the sport as a whole and streamlining procedures to work smarter. Some underpinning key principles that continue to drive the marketing department, includes:

- Driving participation and growth
- Celebrating our sport
- Working smarter and creating efficiencies

We continue to look at innovative ways we can appeal to a wider audience, showcase our programs, events and our sport!

The 2022 State of Origin campaign piggy backed off the 2020 campaign focused on bringing players together to unite as Queenslanders.

Origin Greats Sharyn Williams and Greg Young quotes (plus more) featured throughout the origin campaign and brought to life a unique Queensland culture that created unity.

DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT

	21,885 FOLLOWERS		15,460 FOLLOWERS
	3,231 SUBSCRIBERS 90.5K VIEWS		836 FOLLOWERS

*Decrease in views due to broadcast agreement



BROADCAST & media

TFA Media Rights Agreement with Kayo Sports saw the Queensland State Cup broadcast to a wider sporting audience in 2022. With this agreement in place there has been a heightened focus on establishing a professional and knowledgeable Touch Football Commentary Team to support the promotion of our sport and supporting commercial agreements.

QTF engaged a third party PR Consultancy Beyond the Break to support media efforts across the organisation, further promoting touch football beyond our existing audience. Most notably the media exposure of our State of Origin Campaign, reaching an audience of

over **537,000.**



COMMERCIAL COMPS

111
PCT REFEREES

2,083
REGISTERED PREMIER PLAYERS

3,583
GAMES

2,175
REGISTERED CITY PLAYERS

86% DUAL/TRIPLE RATE
REFEREE COVERAGE
*2 or more referees per game

111
REFEREES

4,258
REGISTERED PLAYERS



TEAM NUMBERS

COMPETITION	TEAMS
Premier Spring 2022	90
City Summer 2022/23	127
Premier Summer 2022/23	76
Premier Autumn 2023	81
City Winter 2023	107
Total	481



93,709 REACH
6,373 FOLLOWERS



21,037 REACH
1,621 FOLLOWERS

Premier and City Touch (PCT) had another successful year, facilitating over 3500 games in 23 commercial comps across 11 unique venues. This success was driven by the local communities with 17 venue organisers and over 110 referees making up the PCT team across the grounds.

In the office, PCT farewelled Gwen Behrendorff in November 2022 after a year in the Competitions and admin role. Melita Watts then came on board as Competition and Engagement Coordinator for PCT. Melita commenced in February 2023, in time to help deliver a successful Cas Cup event, before finishing up in May 2023. PCT welcomed Jasmyrn Murphy to the Competition and Engagement Coordinator position in June 2023.

Due to this staffing turnover, Marketing of the Premier Touch and City Touch Brands was up and down through 2022/2023. Key metrics such as followers and reach also saw good growth through season lead ins but fell again mid-late season.

Premier Touch venues at Bellbowrie and Mt. Gravatt continued to see good growth in team numbers, driven by the great engagement from the community. City Touch Newmarket continues to lead the way with over 210 teams competing in the Summer and Winter seasons held on Monday and Wednesday nights.

2022-23 brought stability in Referee appointments at PCT with over 86% of the 3500 games being covered by 2 or more referees. This increase in coverage helped provide a higher quality refereeing performance and a more enjoyable experience for PCT Players. This was evident from the consistent increase in the referee approval ratings drawn from the PCT end of season surveys.

PCT continued to develop working relationships with several business partners such as Inspire Health Services, who were integral to the delivery of a successful Cas Cup in 2023.

Peter Shallcross
PCT Competition Manager

BRISBANE



AFFILIATES	9
JUNIOR PARTICIPATION	8,732
SENIOR PARTICIPATION	6,498

VOLUNTEERS	88
COACHING COURSE PARTICIPANTS	59
REFEREE COURSE PARTICIPANTS	269

Following on from a great year in 21/22 with the increase after the preceding year challenges of the global pandemic, BTF has had a huge year. A combination of an increase in registered teams, with one (1) new and one (1) reengaging affiliate and the positive results from the 2022 DoorDash National Youth Championships and 2023 Inferno National Touch League.

The National Youth Championships hosted 10 Brisbane Cobras teams across the 8 Divisions with the following teams were crowned National Champions; 12 Girls and 16 Girls with our 16 Boys and 18 Boys finishing runners up. The Brisbane Cobras were also crowned Champion Entity at the National Youth Championships for our 2nd year in a row. This is an amazing achievement.

The 2023 Inferno National Touch league saw 19 Cobras teams across the 19 divisions, a huge showing in the semi-finals with 12 teams represented. The Women's 27s, Women's 40s, Women's 45's and the Tier 1 All Abilities teams were crowned National Champions with the Women's 20's, Men's 30s, Women's 50s and Men's 60's coming runners-up. With another 3 of our teams finishing 3rd. Brisbane Touch Football were runners up in the Golden Boot.

Brisbane Primary All Schools had 28 teams participate across 2 divisions (boys and girls – no mixed division this year), while the Brisbane Secondary All Schools held in June (2022) was moved to August (2023) to better align with the Queensland (Secondary) All Schools held in October annually.

We also had several changes to the board with Ash Synnott (Independent Member) and Ross Pugliese (Southpine Touch) stepping down and with Conor Orłowski (Southpine Touch) stepping in. Redcliffe Touch replaced Geoff Hooper with Richard O'Connor. We had a vacant independent position which was filled by Carla Clayton. Corey Nolan (BMTA) and Melissa Lonergan (Independent Member) were nominated and duly elected to the board. Melissa Lonergan was subsequently elected as President after Ash Synnott's decision to step aside.

Brisbane based affiliates featured heavily in the winners list from the QTF Volunteer Awards that were held in November 2022. The List of award winners from the Brisbane region include:

- Inclusion in Touch - UQ Rebels
- Referee of the Year – Brett Freshwater, BMTA
- Junior Referee of the Year – Ella Grant, BMTA
- Elite Coach of the Year – Renee Murphy, UQ Rebels
- Affiliate Coach of the Year – Renee Murphy, UQ Rebels
- Junior Affiliate Coach of the Year – Tim Gall, BMTA
- Small/Medium Affiliate of the Year – Hounds Touch Football
- Large Affiliate of the Year - BMTA
- Volunteer of the Year – Melissa Lonergan, Hounds Touch Football

Congratulations to the following representatives from the Brisbane region that were selected for the inaugural Qld Touch Football 'Women Leaders in Touch Football' program

Therese Gordon, Rebecca Buzzacot, Melissa Lonergan, Jodie Clarke, Lily Quinlivan.

The 6-week Women Leaders in Touch program required participants to invest time in a full day workshop followed by 5 weekly sessions and to commit to learning, growth and self-reflection. Expertly facilitated by Sue McCormack topics covered included governance, conversations worth having, emotional intelligence, pathways to influence, team and capacity building, project logic, implementation and monitoring. The following representatives from the Brisbane region successfully completed the program

Brisbane Touch Football (BTF) would like to acknowledge our affiliate volunteers for their continuous efforts and support given to touch football.

We had several of our affiliates attend the QTF Affiliates Conference during the festival of touch festivities. We also had several Brisbane Schools attend the Sports Performance Conference.

Melissa Lonergan
Chairperson

CENTRAL QUEENSLAND



Central Queensland Touch Association has had another successful year at grassroots level and on the representative scenes.

A big congratulations to all our volunteers who are on our affiliate's committees. Your time, effort, and dedication to deliver touch to our members is second to none. Transferring to player online registrations has not been easy but you have all come on board successfully. Thankyou.

To our sponsors and partners, Movement and Improvement, 9 Mile Investments and Nationwide Machinery Sales and Hire, your support gives opportunity for our juniors in the region a chance to fulfill their dream of playing touch football at a high level.

To our Technical Directors thank you. We often talk about the players, but we have seen growth in referees and coaches in the region.

Referees Report:

It is pleasing to report that a number of strategies that have been put in place in the past few years by the CQTA Board are starting to reap rewards for our referees in the region. This is a reflection of the many people that support referee development throughout the region.

TFA Referee Badge Courses:

- 3 x L1
- 1 x L2
- 1 x L3

Events Supported

- TFA National Youth Championships 2022 (11 Referees)
- QTF State Cup 2022 (12 Referees)
 - Female Referee Encouragement Award – Isabel Watt
 - Grand Finals Appointments -Tim Steinhardt – M60, Riley Gleich – M50, Samuel Woodman – W40
- 2023 Bundaberg Cup
- 2023 CQTA Junior Championships
- 2023 QRS 18yrs State Championships
- 2023 QRS 15yrs State Championships
- 2023 QTF JSC - Female Referee Encouragement Award – Jamieson Bush Referee Badge Upgrades
 - TFA L3 – Harrison Walters
 - TFA L4 – Riley Gleich
 - TFA L4 Snr – Stacey Steinhardt
- TFA Service Award (25 years) - Dave Field

Coaching Report:

Coaching activities in the regions are very well supported by our General Manager Development, Tracy Upton, her band of volunteers, parents and by our senior representative players who continue to volunteer their time to give back to the game to coach and develop our region.

Our goal continues to be to appoint a coaching staff of 3 to each of our representative teams to best share the roles and responsibilities of coaching and team management.

The 3 roles - Lead Coach, Support Coach and Support Coach/Manager, is a proven way to maximise the skills of the coaching group and to also allow for the development of emerging coaches.

Our two key events of the representative year are the NYC in September and the NTL in March.

In consultation with the General Manager, Development and other members of the technical panel, the Coaching Director assists with the lead-up selection events, which also allows a good opportunity to identify emerging coaches.

NYC – September 2022

The coaching director attended as many of the coaching sessions as possible in the lead up to the event and the event itself. Formal and informal coaching observations and feedback is provided to the coaches.

This is a very busy lead up and event with up to 8 teams preparing for the tournament.

NTL – March 2023

The lead up to the NTL is similar to the NYC however with less teams, more experienced players and coaches in place, there is more need for observation and less for feedback with the NTL.

In addition to more usual duties, the role of Director of Coaching at this event can be as varied as liaising with Event Officials, to arranging medical treatment and assisting with player recovery.

Courses and Clinics

Courses continue to be operated online via "The Nest" although "hands on" clinics and course are requested by the affiliates. The past 12 – 24 months has seen courses and clinics run in Theodore, Longreach, Emerald, Rockhampton, Yeppoon, Gladstone, Bundaberg and Rockhampton. Many of these are arranged and attended to by Tracy Upton, and other senior coaches in their own time.

Finalising accreditation via "The Nest" can be problematic and we recommend that each individual coach follows up their accreditation and is aware of their renewal dates so that their accreditation does not expire. Also keep an eye on your Blue Card status.

In Summary, we continue to be very proud of the commitment and the ability of our home grown and self-developed coaches. They continue to be willing to seek out improvement and are open to investigate better ways to coach. Above all they continue to produce thinking players.

They are second to none in the state and we wish them well as they undertake future development opportunities and coaching appointments.

Our representative space has been another successful year. We have had numerous players debut for Australia in the youth and the open divisions. All the hard work that these players have put in has been rewarded.

Our special moment was watching our CQ Open Men's team become back-to-back champions at the National Touch League. To Garry Dan and Trevor thank you, your professionalism and hard work ethic has been brought into our team. To our players, congratulations, your dedication has been rewarded. We have growth in our juniors playing because of you all.

To Greg, Sam and the Qld Staff as well as the Qld Board, we have enjoyed working with you all and hope to continue delivering touch to our region and the state.

Finally, to the CQ Board members, thank you for the year, working together to better our region from the beach to the boarders.

Cameron Upton
President



NORTH QUEENSLAND

AFFILIATES	21
JUNIOR TEAMS	389
SENIOR TEAMS	765
VOLUNTEERS (10 ADMINISTRATIVE 24 COACHES)	34
COACHING COURSE PARTICIPANTS	76
REFEREE COURSE PARTICIPANTS	172

North Queensland Touch Football strategic focus for this year has been coach and player development along with increasing participation. We have supported these key strategies through our tours and events, particularly with our junior players and coaches.

In July 2022, we hosted the North Queensland All Schools and the event grew from 45 teams to 55 teams across 9 divisions. NQ All Schools is a great participation event and serves as an entry event to Queensland All Schools. As always, we are very appreciative of our volunteers who assist with both events to make them a success.

At the 2022 National Youth Championships we increased the number of teams to 10 with the inclusion of 14 Boys and 14 Girls development teams and the inclusion of four developing coaches to provide experience at the high level. This proved successful and we will look to expand this in 2023. Congratulations to the 14 Boys and 14 Girls who both made the semi-finals.

Finishing positions for NYC 2022 are

- 18 Boys 9th
- 18 Girls 9th
- 16 Boys 6th
- 16 Girls 8th
- 14 Boys 4th
- 14 Boys B 13th
- 14 Girls 4th
- 14 Girls B 14th
- 12 Boys 9th
- 12 Girls 8th

NQL 2023 saw only two team travel from North Queensland, 60's men and 55's Men. Both teams acquitted themselves well both finishing in 6th position. Moving forward we will continue to send regional teams as well as look to support our affiliates in the revamped format for NQL.

Junior State Cup Northern was held in April 2023 and attracted 86 teams across 9 divisions making this the largest event to date. One of our key strategies is to improve the level of coaching and in turn the standard of play. This event provides an opportunity for all affiliates to come and play at a higher level and for coaches to attend our Coaches Forum and interact with QTF staff through the Coach Developer program.

This year we recognised the following players and officials for their contributions to Touch:



- Sportswoman of the Year – Maddie Matthews
- Sportsman of the Year – Terry Moore
- Coach of the Year – Tony Hutchinson
- Referee of the Year – Michael Littlefield
- Sue Salter Service Award – Maria Crema

NQ Touch Football has been assisted by our three QTF Game Development Officers, Katie Geiger, Deb Mortimer and Maddie Crema. The relationship between the GDO's and the affiliates is having a positive impact.

In May, we saw a change of President and welcomed Renee Marsh to the Board. We take this opportunity to thank our outgoing Board Members Tony Parsons, President and Kelly Condon, Vice President, your years of service are appreciated. Thanks to Yvonne, Nicole, Maddie and Josh in the office. We have gone through a period of change and your ongoing contribution is appreciated.

As always we save our biggest thank you for all the volunteers throughout North Queensland who keep each and every affiliate on track and help at our events and tours so that we can all play this great game.

Renee Marsh
President



SOUTH QUEENSLAND & BORDER DISTRICT

AFFILIATES	10
JUNIOR TEAMS	857
SENIOR TEAMS	605
VOLUNTEERS	68
COACHING COURSE PARTICIPANTS	113
REFEREE COURSE PARTICIPANTS	425

Junior participation in Touch football continues to grow in Southeast Queensland. SQBD is seeing this in both affiliated participation as well as in program participation.

The amazing work off our affiliates is a major factor in this result. Our SQBD staff in Lee Rossow and Lauren Avsec have led the way in Referee, Coach and Program development. Both Lauren and Lee do far more for the sport than they are paid to do, and their work requires our deep gratitude. Documenting new programs, delivering on connecting programs to affiliates, connecting with the school systems delivering programs. The work that Lee and Lauren have accomplished in 2022/23 is truly outstanding.

One example of this is that this year saw not only our Region Primary and Secondary All Schools events, featuring a total of 54 teams, but also Schools Cups events in Logan, Redlands and the Gold Coast which featured 80 teams in total.

The Festival of Touch returned to the Gold Coast, featuring Queensland State Cup, the SEQ Beach Gala Day and Queensland All Nations. The last two are events run collaboratively by SQBD and QTF staff which saw 59 and 117 teams respectively. We would like to thank schools for their involvement in this fun day and acknowledge the work of Nation Leaders in providing, what we believe, was the best Queensland All Nations event thus far.

As we continue to focus on development, we have had our Region Director of Referees, Lee Rossow, design our referee development programs: One Step Ahead (OSA) and MAKOs (Junior Referee Development Program). We would like to acknowledge the efforts of Matthew Sheppard, Region Junior Referee Development Lead and Joshua Harmer, MAKOs Coordinator, in volunteering their time to provide quality support to members of the MAKOs squad. Collectively, these three gentlemen have created a strong program for our youth referees to strive for, providing avenues for playing referees as well as career referees.

Through our player pathways, we have offered Women in Touch programs at Palm Beach, Gold Coast and Yarrabilba; Touch Football Specialised programs at Redlands and Gold Coast; Under 6 activation programs at Palm Beach, Gold Coast, Redlands and Northern Gold Coast; a range of Academy Programs, including: Q Discovery at Palm Beach, South Tweed, Northern Gold Coast and Yarrabilba, Q Development at Palm Beach, Northern Gold Coast and South Tweed, and Q Performance at Trinity College Beenleigh and Gold Coast Christian College.



Through our school sport programs, we have offered achieved an additional 2 TFA Endorsements (King's Christian College and Beenleigh SHS), as well as run 3 Teacher Professional Development (TPD) days at South Queensland, Upper Coomera State College, South Coast, providing the opportunity to further support and connect with schools throughout the South Queensland region. These TPD days support school curriculum, Touch Football program specifics, and provide teachers with important CPD hours. A total of 213 hours have been signed off through this program with 67% of participants opting in to complete their Foundation Coach Course at the same time.

Our junior participation numbers are continuing their upward trend and with Season 1 2023 under wraps, it is remarkable to see the happy faces of so many young people enjoying our sport. Thank you to the volunteer coaches and developmental support of our referees with our U8s and U10s. It is this collaborative work that is helping us continue to offer a quality product and experience at a relatively low cost to participants.

We saw consistently strong results at National level, finishing 2nd entity at the 2022 NYC and 2023 NTL, with most Men's teams finishing divisional champions at NTLs, as well as having Matt Lavery and Lee Rossow receive Grand Finals at both events.

Committing to oversee all of the work done in the region is the SQBD Board: David Parker, Leigh-Ann Wilson, Mel Smith, Russell Thompson, Scott Hogan and myself. Thank you for the time you give to this great sport, and our region specifically.

To our Affiliate Boards, administrators and volunteers, thank you for your community spirit and for sharing your love of Touch Football with your communities. Also, to our partner in Sport, QTF, Greg, Tony, and the team; thank you for helping us keep people playing the sport we love.

With season 2 2023 just around the corner, we look forward to seeing even more participants enjoying our great game and an increase in coaching development with our referee and player coach leaders working together as one team.

Mathew Gilbertson
President

SOUTH WEST QUEENSLAND

AFFILIATES 8

During 2022/23 South West Queensland Touch Association has again enjoyed a hectic, but extremely satisfying year of showcasing our sport. We continue to service our 8 affiliates, with an expansive network that covers some 400, 000 square kms.

We again continued to upskill our players and coaches by holding numerous developmental opportunities for our members, via development and Elite Player Clinics. We recognise the invaluable position our referees hold and subsequently ran several Level 1 and 2 Referee courses, along with numerous Foundation coaching courses. We also held a Talent course allowing many in our region to increase their level of accreditation.

Our SWQ Primary & Secondary All Schools events continued to grow, and was again well supported with 29 Primary School Teams and 44 Secondary School Teams participating. In 2022 we also introduced a new School-based event called Swans Schools Cup. It was extremely well supported with 51 teams entering the 6 week event. 2022/2023 saw a huge success engagement wise with 3500 children and 3200 adults participating in affiliated competitions across our region.

The geographical diversity of our catchment area is, although challenging, also a source of pride. We continue to meet the issues of distance, maintaining financially viable competitions, a competitive sporting market where new sports are entering and confronting us with further challenges, and maintenance and upgrading of facilities. Many sports are facing dwindling numbers of volunteer support; however, we are blessed by the loyalty of those who give so much of their time. Our appreciation is very deepfelt. Supporting the future growth of Affiliates and sustainable competitions continues to remain a priority of SWQ Touch, and we look forward as always to working with our membership to support their endeavours at grass roots level each year.

SWQ was well represented at national events in 2022/2023. At NYC held on the Sunshine Coast, we enjoyed a strong campaign, again building on previous years. Standout performers were our 18 girls, who finished the highest ranked regional team in 3rd place, and our 16 Boys were crowned National Champions for the second year in a row and as an entity we finished 5th overall. We consider this a successful carnival given our numbers and are grateful to all the Coaches, Managers, parents, and players who volunteer their time. Our continue success is dependent upon the strength of our affiliates, our attractiveness as a sport and the continued desire to grow our skill and knowledge base.

Seven SWQ teams competed at NTL, building on last year. We were able to assemble some of the strongest Open Men & Women teams in recent times. Our women narrowly missed a semi-final spot going down in a drop



off to Cobras in the Quarter. Our Open Men's team progressed to the semi-finals, falling to eventual winners CQ Bulls. This is a huge improvement from our Opens teams, where only a few years ago we failed to even reach the QF stage. Our 20s men went down in the Quarters as to our Open Mixed team. Women's 50s performed strongly, finishing 3rd. This year we sent 2 All-Abilities teams to NTL, testing themselves in T1 & T2 divisions.

Players from our region also featured heavily in the representative arena. Youth players, and coaches attended the Queensland Youth Academy (Titans). Numerous referees were invited to participate in the Jet's referee program. South West Qld had several players represent Qld at Origin. We also featured in the coaching, managing and refereeing ranks, which was great reward for many. Post Origin, 15 SWQ Swans players were selected in Australian teams for the Asia Pacific Youth Touch Cup & Opens Trans-Tasman series. This representation is something we are extremely proud of as a region.

SWQTA re-elected our entire board at our AGM in March. We finalised a new strategic plan and constitution. We have identified a focus on the development of a regional coaching strategy. We're aware that quality Coaches, Assistant Coaches and support staff for our representative teams are not always easily attained, therefore a plan needs to be implemented around this. The last 2 years have seen SWQ strengthen their junior coaching ranks through consistency and a unified and inclusive culture.

A shift in focus for SWQ toward educating and providing support to coaches in Affiliates will continue to be a positive avenue for the organisation to have an impact on grass roots player development. Paired with new and varied opportunities for players to participate, we saw an increase in players accessing development activities during the year.

The SWQTA Board would like to again acknowledge and thank our Administration Officer, Jodie May for her commitment to and love of the region which has turned the board's recommendations into positive realities. To our SWQ volunteers, affiliate committees, coaches, referees, managers, players and supporters we offer our genuine acknowledgement and thanks for their continued support and dedication. Their commitment to the growth and development of Touch within our region and their affiliates is greatly appreciated and is shaping SWQ touch via a strong culture and supportive environment.

Toni Notley
President

SUNSHINE COAST, FRASER & BURNETT DISTRICT

AFFILIATES 15

Sunshine Coast Fraser and Burnett District Touch has had a busy and very rewarding 2022/2023 period. The 15 affiliates, from Coast to Country, Caboolture to Mundubbera to Childers jam packed everything from a region forum to referee courses, opening of new clubhouses, to "Women in Touch", to All Schools all into the last 12 months.

A regional forum was held in January with our committee members, coaches and referees invited to hear from an expert panel including Shane Morris from NRL Redcliffe Dolphins and Troy Morgan, the QTF Chairperson. This was an exciting opportunity to hear from expert speakers, share knowledge and form connections within our Region. Secondary and Primary All Schools had over 1300 players, with new and old rivals taking the field to battle it out. 'Women in Touch' program is proving to be successful, with a number of these women playing at their local affiliate and for the Region at a representative level this year.

The development and pathways cultivated from our affiliates welcomed teams across all divisions at NYC and a number of our senior players travelled to Coffs Harbour to play at NTL. Six of the SCFBD teams made it into the Finals round at NTL with the Womens 27 team coming Second. The Queensland State of Origin teams and the Australian Emus teams had players and coaching staff from SCFBD, all representing the region with skill, confidence, and humility. SCFBD will be continuing to foster the development of our junior and senior players to keep the opportunity of representative touch football available.

Referee and coaching courses, as well as junior development within our 15 affiliates, will be a focal point as we move forward in the 2023/2024 season. We are excited to grow our knowledge and development by utilising the opportunity of Queensland Touch Football development officers across the Region.

This year has seen an end of an era for SCFBD, with Nattalie De Rossi stepping down as Regional Manager. We are excited to have Marnie Fiedler join us as the new Regional Manager for SCFBD. Marnie is no stranger to touch football and has been a player with the Sunshine Coast Pineapples through the junior and senior ranks. This year, SCFBD has also welcomed two new board members, Brent Chambers and Phil Gyemore. Both new board members bring with them a wealth of touch knowledge and experience and are working hard to share this with the board and the wider Sunshine Coast Fraser and Burnett District community.

The Board would like to thank our affiliate committees, coaching staff, referees, players, supporters and volunteers for the commitment and support of the Sunshine Coast Fraser and Burnett District community.

Amanda Dwyer
Chairperson
Sunshine Coast Fraser and Burnett Districts



FINANCIAL COMMENTARY

The QTF team continues to show agility, creativity and resilience during the 2022-23 financial year while adapting to multiple external challenges. The team has remained committed to provide opportunities to our Touch Community through greater representation in regional areas. The 2022-23 results showed a profit of \$145,714 which will be used to further support the development of the sport over the next 12 months.

A multifaceted program was delivered to develop greater support from QTF for the Queensland School Sport space including representative pathways, expanding and complementing existing activities such as District School Cups and linking school participants with local affiliates.

Senior affiliation numbers have remained steady but are still lagging behind pre pandemic years by approximately 370 teams. Juniors in the Brisbane, Central Qld and South Qld & Border District regions, have shown notable increases. North Qld and South West Qld regions have remained steady while Sunshine Coast Fraser & Burnett region has had a significant drop in junior team numbers.

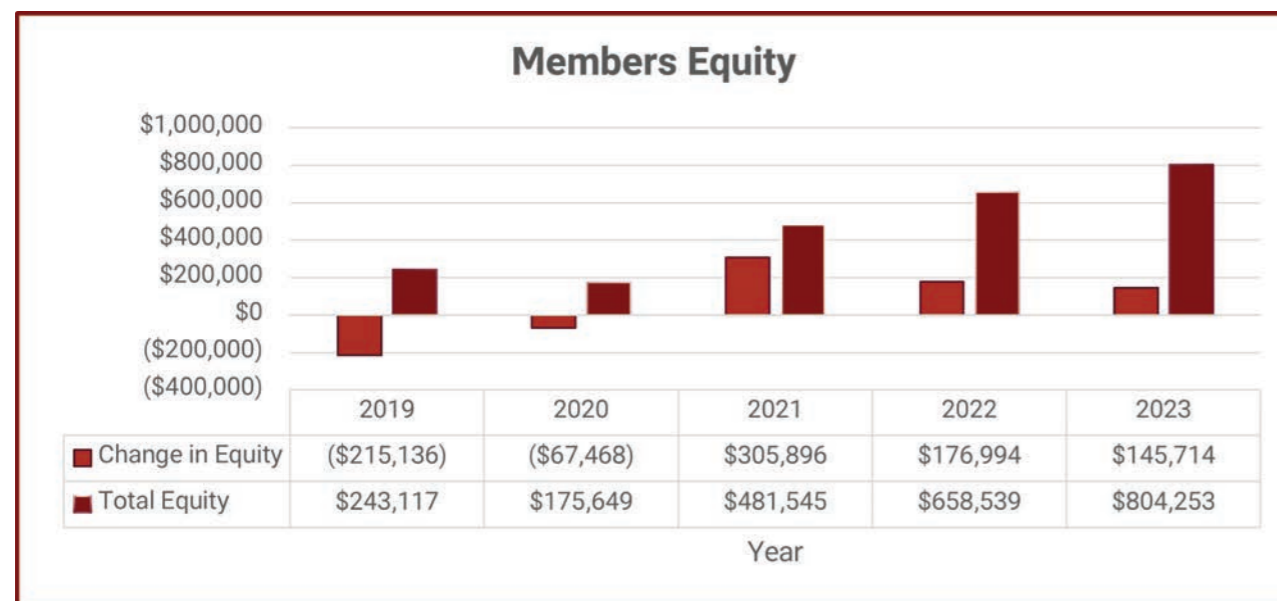
Disappointingly, the 2022 QLD Junior State Cup event was cancelled due to significant rainfalls, however all other events were able to proceed as planned, with great success. 2022 State of Origin was hosted by QTF in Coffs Harbour in August, and QTF move back to the Milton office in November.

Participation numbers in the Premier and City competitions have tracked lower than anticipated due to the carry over impacts of unseasonal rainfall, and increased competition in the social sport market. Premier and City Touch continue to focus on providing quality competitions, enhanced support and development for referees, and improvements to fields and lighting.

After several stable years, there were some staff movements during the 2022/23 year, particularly in Event related positions. Other notable changes included the employment of 2 additional Development Staff to support and grow our regions, a marketing assistant, and a part time Partnerships Manager.

MEMBERS EQUITY TOUCH

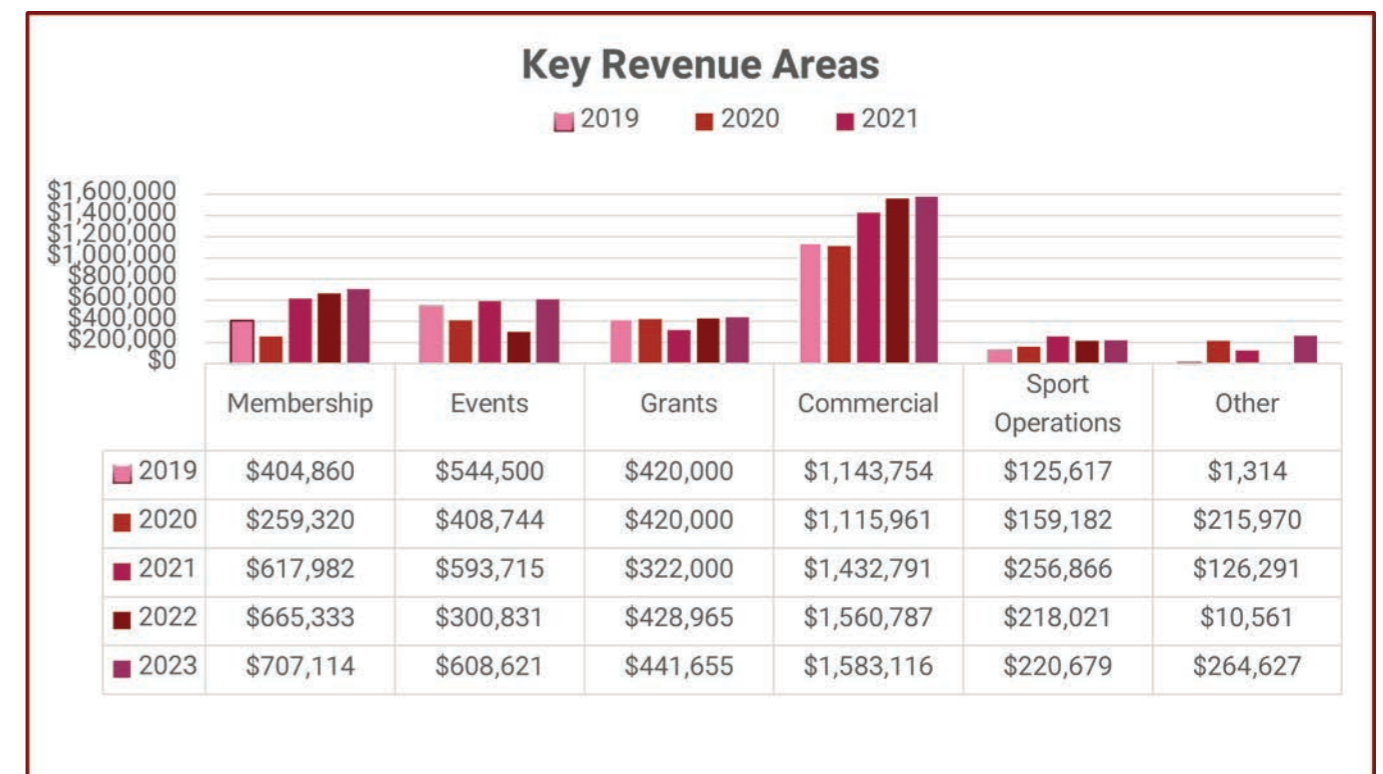
Despite the challenges at the beginning of the 2022-23 financial year, QTF was able to deliver a positive result for its members. The continual growth of overall affiliation team numbers, particularly in Juniors, had a significant positive impact as well. The regions will continue to benefit from this success with additional development resources being invested to grow and support touch football outside the Southeast corner during 2023-24.



REVENUE

Overall revenue for the 2022-23 year has increased by \$641,314, slightly lower than the increase in expenses. An analysis across the key revenue areas of the Association highlights several notable points for consideration.

- Senior competitions team numbers have remained steady and junior teams have seen a 7.5% increase across the State compared to the 2022 financial year. An increase in event affiliation has also contributed to increased membership fees.
- Event income was up in 2022-23 due to the State of Origin event being held during the year and Qld State Cup being run this year (previously cancelled in 2021).
- Additional government grant funding was secured to support School Sport development and pathways.
- Commercial revenue continues to grow. There was strong growth in the regional events and affiliation as well as an increase in sponsorship revenue. This was partially offset by Commercial competitions where team numbers have continued to struggle.
- Sport Operations numbers are positive. The Sporting Schools Program remained strong despite registrations being lower than 2021-22. The Q Academies delivered through affiliates and schools have been gaining some momentum.
- Other income related to grants and insurance coverage from the rain events early in the year.

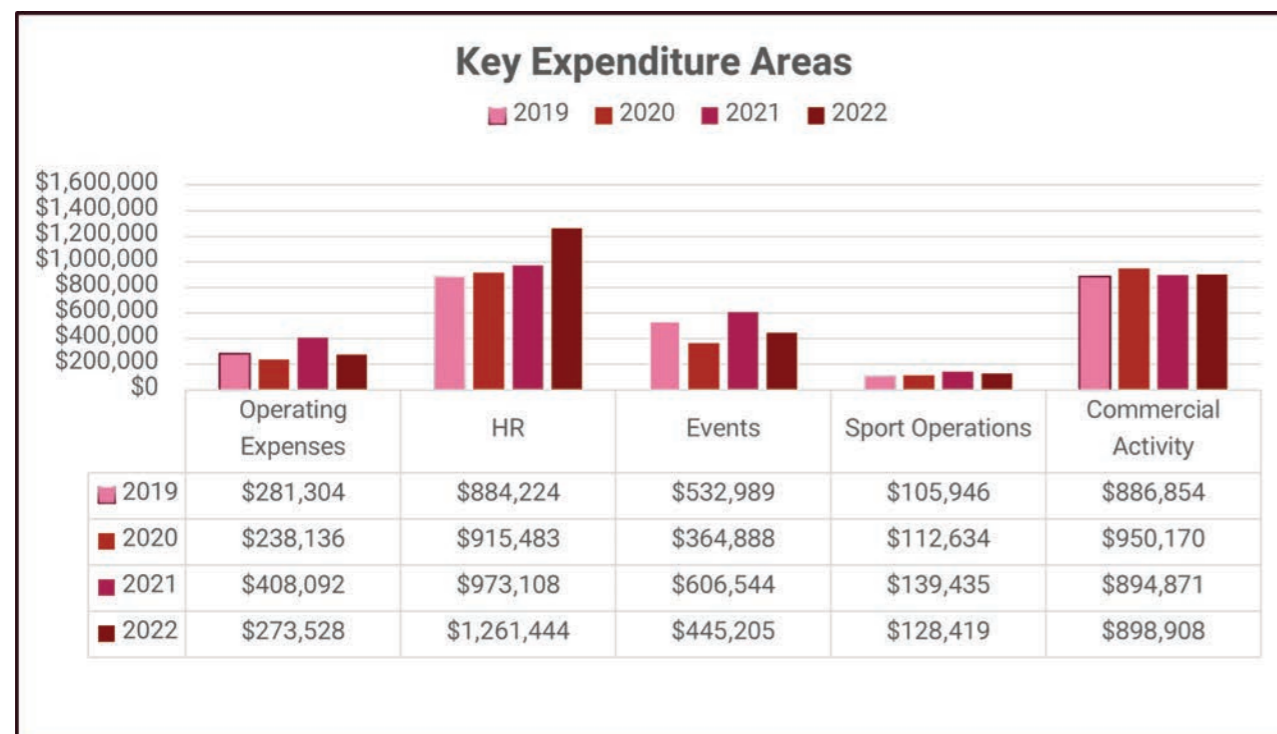


FINANCIAL COMMENTARY

EXPENDITURE

Overall expenditure for the 2022-23 financial year has increased by \$672,594. A brief analysis of the 2023 expenditure follows.

- Operating expenses includes the associated costs and depreciation charge for two vehicles purchased the prior year. This was partly offset by the reduction in level of bad debts.
- There was a notable increase in human resources expenses for the year mainly due to the employment of several new positions including additional development officers in Central Queensland and North Queensland along with School Liaison Officers to support the government grant received.
- Event expenses were higher than last year due to Qld State Cup and State of Origin events not being run the previous year.
- Expenditure on Commercial Activity has remained steady to support sponsorship activity, Premier and City Touch as well as region management.



FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

To further detail the current financial health and performance of the Association over the period several tables, accompanied by explanatory notes, are provided for consideration.

TABLE 1 - FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Operating Result	(\$215,136)	(\$67,468)	\$305,896	\$176,994	\$145,714
Members Equity	\$243,117	\$175,649	\$481,545	\$658,539	\$804,253
Cash at Bank	\$270,424	\$63,738*	\$965,434	\$1,067,395	\$557,288
Trade Debtors	\$126,971	\$204,612	\$195,224	\$356,991	\$284,755
Trade Creditors	\$346,337	447,205	\$106,169	\$111,582	\$143,508

*Cash at Bank at the end of the FY 2020 reflects the Association had received no revenues for the period March – June 2020 due to COVID-19 lock downs. It is noted that Qld Government Funding due to be received on 1 October 2020 was brought forward to 1 July 2020 to assist State Sporting Organisations with the financial impact of Covid-19. During FY 2023 \$250,000 was moved to Term Deposits which are not recognised as Cash at Bank.

The 2023 FY had a stable financial performance and further supported the results of the 2022 FY (as shown in Table 1) and Capital included in Cash at Bank is registration revenue received in advance in relation to the 2023 Junior State Cup (scheduled for July 2023) as well as sponsorship and grant income received in advance for QLD State Cup and a School Sport Program. Trade Debtors includes event related prepayments and advance invoicing for events.

TABLE 2 - FINANCIAL RETURN

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Revenue	\$2,640,046	\$2,579,177	\$3,349,645	\$3,184,498	\$3,825,812
Expenditure	\$2,855,182	\$2,646,644	\$3,043,749	\$3,007,504	\$3,680,098
Surplus/Loss	-\$215,136	-\$67,468	\$305,896	\$176,994	\$145,714
Return	-8.1%	-2.6%	9.1%	5.6%	3.8%

Table 2 provides a snapshot of the growth of the Association over the past five reporting periods. Noting that 2021 onwards includes full year of financials for South QLD & Border Districts and Brisbane regions under QTF management.

QTF remains in a stable financial position and is well positioned for a successful 2023-24 and beyond.

Greg Denny
Chief Executive Officer

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The directors submit the financial report of Queensland Touch Association for the 12 months ended 30 June 2023.

Directors

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

- Troy Morgan
- Dennis DiBartolo
- Adam Page
- Rohan Ballon
- Dave Zanetti
- Terani Inoke
- Haylene Grogan (appointed August 2022, resigned January 2023)
- Lily Quinlivan (appointed April 2023)

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 12 months ended 30 June 2023 amounted to \$145,714 (12 months ending 30 June 2022 surplus \$176,994)

Significant Changes

There were no significant changes during the year.

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



Troy Morgan



Dennis DiBartolo
Director

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	Notes	12 Months Ended 30 June 2023	12 Months Ended 30 June 2022
Revenue:			
Membership	2	707,114	665,333
Events	3	608,621	300,831
Grants	4	441,655	428,965
Commercial Activity	5	1,583,116	1,560,787
Sport Operations	6	220,679	218,021
Other Income	7	264,627	10,561
		<u>3,825,812</u>	<u>3,184,498</u>
Less Expenditure:			
Operating Expenses	8	292,037	273,528
Human Resources Expenses	9	1,548,647	1,261,444
Event Expenses	10	856,271	445,205
Sport Operations Expenses	11	112,115	128,419
Commercial Activity Expenses	12	871,028	898,908
		<u>3,680,098</u>	<u>3,007,504</u>
		<u>145,714</u>	<u>176,994</u>
Net Current Year Surplus/(Deficit):			

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

	Notes	30 June 2023	30 June 2022
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	13	557,288	1,067,395
Trade Debtors		110,934	232,189
Accrued Revenue		12,641	5,000
Other Current Assets	14	423,821	124,802
		<u>1,104,683</u>	<u>1,429,386</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, Plant and Equipment	15	142,810	171,714
Intangibles	20	274,562	279,807
		<u>417,372</u>	<u>451,521</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>1,522,055</u>	<u>1,880,907</u>
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and Other Payables	16	562,521	816,921
Tax Liabilities	17	57,809	101,368
Employee Entitlements		97,472	98,493
Current Borrowings	18	-	64,000
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>717,802</u>	<u>1,080,782</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Non-Current Borrowings	18	-	141,586
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>-</u>	<u>141,586</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>717,802</u>	<u>1,222,368</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>804,253</u>	<u>658,539</u>
EQUITY			
Retained Earnings		658,539	481,545
Net Profit for the Year		145,714	176,994
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>804,253</u>	<u>658,539</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

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 Board 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.

(b) Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the association 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 recognised at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the incorporated association is expected to be entitled in exchange for transferring goods or services to a customer. For each contract with a customer, the incorporated association: identifies the contract with a customer; identifies the performance obligations in the contract; determines the transaction price which takes into account estimates of variable consideration and the time value of money; allocates the transaction price to the separate performance obligations on the basis of the relative stand-alone selling price of each distinct good or service to be delivered; and recognises revenue when or as each performance obligation is satisfied in a manner that depicts the transfer to the customer of the goods or services promised.

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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

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

Other Income

Other revenue is recognised when it is received or when the right to receive payment is established.

Grant and Donation Income

Grant revenue is recognised in profit or loss when the incorporated association satisfies the performance obligations stated within the funding agreements. 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.

Sponsorship Income

Revenue from sponsorship contracts is recognised wholly within the period to which the sponsorship contract relates. Typically sponsorship contracts are tied to events.

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.

(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 50-5 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.

(m) New Accounting Standards and Interpretations

The Entity has adopted all new Australian Accounting Standards effective as at reporting date except for AASB 16 *Leases*.

(n) New Accounting Standards and Interpretations not yet adopted

Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have recently been issued or amended but are not yet mandatory, have not been early adopted by the association for the annual reporting period ended 30 June 2023.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

NOTE 2: MEMBERSHIP FEES

	12 Months Ended 30 June 2023 \$	12 Months Ended 30 June 2022 \$
Senior Team Affiliation	432,772	418,013
Junior Team Affiliation	264,028	240,480
Event Affiliation	10,314	6,840
	<u>707,114</u>	<u>665,333</u>

NOTE 3: EVENTS INCOME

Registration Income	551,583	252,509
Other Event Income	57,038	48,322
	<u>608,621</u>	<u>300,831</u>

NOTE 4: GRANTS

Government Grants	440,988	418,965
Touch Football Australia - Rent Contribution	667	10,000
	<u>441,655</u>	<u>428,965</u>

NOTE 5: COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY

Sponsorship	369,569	344,748
Premier and City Touch Income	502,078	543,770
Regional Event Income	457,578	428,473
Regional Affiliation	253,890	243,796
	<u>1,583,116</u>	<u>1,560,787</u>

NOTE 6: SPORT OPERATIONS

Sport Operations	34,879	34,650
Performance Pathways	-	-
Sporting Schools	147,806	155,279
Course Income	37,994	28,092
	<u>220,679</u>	<u>218,021</u>

NOTE 7: OTHER INCOME

Interest Income	5,100	106
Other Income	259,527	10,455
	<u>264,627</u>	<u>10,561</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	12 Months Ended 30 June 2023 \$	12 Months Ended 30 June 2022 \$
NOTE 8: OPERATING EXPENSES		
IT Expenses	24,511	21,021
Office Expenses	107,467	87,357
Meeting Expenses	5,664	10,703
Marketing and Promotions	45,095	42,088
Professional Fees	36,306	20,129
Vehicle Expenses	15,969	19,055
Bank Fees	1,737	1,195
Maintenance	1,610	170
Bad Debts Expense	(3,229)	9,000
Interest Expense	-	-
Depreciation	51,838	35,479
Amortisation Expense	5,069	16,015
Impairment Write Down	-	11,316
	<u>292,037</u>	<u>273,528</u>
NOTE 9: HUMAN RESOURCE EXPENSES		
Wages & Salaries	1,328,435	1,100,246
Other Employment Expenses	26,158	20,992
Superannuation	135,000	106,167
Mileage	22,421	13,316
FBT Expense	5,505	3,171
Payroll Tax	18,880	3,147
Professional Development	12,248	14,405
	<u>1,548,647</u>	<u>1,261,444</u>
NOTE 10: EVENT EXPENSES		
Event Expenses	<u>856,271</u>	<u>445,205</u>
	<u>856,271</u>	<u>445,205</u>
NOTE 11: SPORT OPERATIONS		
Course Expenses	6,925	6,443
Sporting Schools	88,207	102,628
Performance Pathways	-	-
Referee Performance	-	2,021
Development Expenses	16,983	17,327
	<u>112,115</u>	<u>128,419</u>
NOTE 12: COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY		
Regional Expenses	410,446	427,636
Sponsorship Expenses	29,310	33,863
Premier and City Expenses	431,272	437,409
	<u>871,028</u>	<u>898,908</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	12 Months Ended 30 June 2023 \$	12 Months Ended 30 June 2022 \$
NOTE 13: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash Reserve	506,325	501,241
Cheque Account	44,469	560,657
Debit Cards	6,494	5,497
	<u>557,288</u>	<u>1,067,395</u>
NOTE 14: OTHER CURRENT ASSETS		
Prepayments	170,821	110,472
Bonds - TFA Permits	3,000	14,330
Term Deposits	250,000	-
	<u>423,821</u>	<u>124,802</u>
NOTE 15: PROPERTY PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Plant and Equipment	94,617	73,566
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(44,735)	(27,336)
	<u>49,882</u>	<u>46,230</u>
Office and Computer Equipment	72,113	64,683
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(48,291)	(34,762)
	<u>23,822</u>	<u>29,921</u>
Motor Vehicle	103,045	145,034
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(33,939)	(49,471)
	<u>69,106</u>	<u>95,563</u>
	<u>142,810</u>	<u>171,714</u>
NOTE 16: TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES		
Trade Creditors	302,710	271,837
Income in Advance	259,811	513,780
Superannuation Payable	-	31,304
	<u>562,521</u>	<u>816,921</u>
NOTE 17: TAX LIABILITIES		
GST	36,677	78,545
PAYG Withholdings Payable	21,132	22,823
	<u>57,809</u>	<u>101,368</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

NOTE 18: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties unless otherwise stated.

	12 Months Ended 30 June 2023 \$	12 Months Ended 30 June 2022 \$
<u>Current</u>		
Touch Football Australia Loan	-	64,000
<u>Non-Current</u>		
Touch Football Australia Loan	-	141,586
	<u>-</u>	<u>205,586</u>

NOTE 19: OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

<u>Minimum Lease Payments</u>		
Payable within one year	52,367	71,900
Payable within two year and five years	89,495	141,862
Total Contracted at Balance Date	<u>141,862</u>	<u>213,762</u>

NOTE 20: INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Goodwill	260,000	260,000
Goodwill Impairment	-	-
	<u>260,000</u>	<u>260,000</u>
Premier and City Touch Customer Contracts	220,000	220,000
Accumulated Amortisation	<u>(220,000)</u>	<u>(220,000)</u>
	-	-
Intangible	35,740	35,740
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(21,178)</u>	<u>(15,933)</u>
	<u>14,562</u>	<u>19,807</u>
	<u>274,562</u>	<u>279,807</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.

NOTE 21: BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND GOING CONCERN

The financial report has been prepared on a going concern basis, which contemplates the continuity of business activities and the realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities in the ordinary course of business.

As at 30 June 2023, the association's current assets exceeded its current liabilities by \$386,881. Management has determined that there is no material uncertainty that casts doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern.

STATEMENT BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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 outlines in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Board the Income and Expenditure Statement, Balance Sheet and Notes to the Financial Statements:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of Queensland Touch Association Inc. as at 30 June 2023 and its performance for the 12 months 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.

Troy Morgan

Troy Morgan
Chairman

24 October 2023

Date Signed

Dennis DiBartolo

Dennis DiBartolo
Director

24 October 2023

Date Signed

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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 balance sheet as at 30 June 2023 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 30 June 2023 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting described in note 1.

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 (including Independence Standards)* (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 the Entity to meet the requirements of The Associations Incorporations Act 1981. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

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, and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the requirements of The Associations Incorporations Act 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

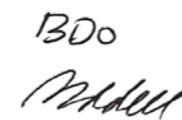
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that 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_responsibilities/ar4.pdf

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

BDO Audit Pty Ltd



R J Liddell
Director

Brisbane, 24 October 2023



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