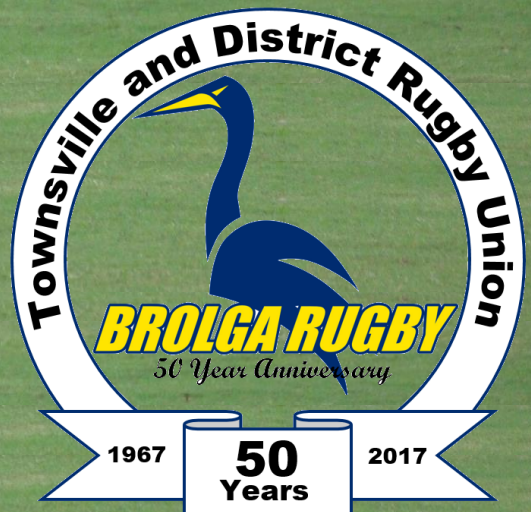




2016 TDRU ANNUAL REPORT



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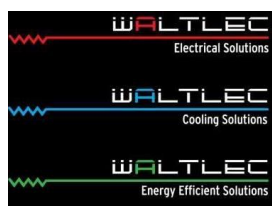
TOWNSVILLE AND DISTRICT RUGBY UNION 1ST 50

This years "Brolgas 1st 50" fundraising initiative received a great response with more members added in 2016. The 1st 50 not only represented a great networking opportunity with other North Queensland business owners, but also provided a significant marketing and promotional prospect that is one of the best value for money partnerships in North Queensland.

Below are the 2016 1st 50 members and the winners of the members draw.

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Another season has concluded and it seems we only have time to blink before 2017 will be well and truly upon us.

As was the case in 2016, our focus throughout the year was very much on the growth of Juniors, Teenage Girls and our Women's competitions. Hopefully the success of the Australian women in Rio will be motivation to increase participation in the women's ranks next year.

Unfortunately, our Under 19s took a bit of battering this year, so we will be placing an increased focus on this part of competition in 2017. So, a quick rap on the highs and lows of 2016 are as follows:

Juniors and Seniors

2016 saw a total of 83 compete across our Junior and Senior competitions continuing the strength of previous years. A well contested season resulted in all clubs were well represented throughout the junior and senior finals. My congratulations to the 2016 Junior Club Champions Brothers and Teachers West the Senior Club Champions. A special mention must go to Teachers West A grade for securing back to back premierships. We are looking forward to the continual growth and success of the Junior and Senior club competition in 2017.

Townsville Brolgas

In July, 92 of Townsville and the surrounding district's finest junior players travelled to the Gold Coast to take part in the Queensland Junior State Championships at The Southport School. Brolgas Teams in the Under 12, Under 13, Under 14 and Under 16 divisions competed fiercely throughout the tournament against the state's best young talent. After the tournament three players were selected in the U16 Queensland Country Team, and one in the U13 team. This is truly a great result for our players.

All Senior Brolgas teams remained undefeated at the 2016 North Queensland Championships held in Cairns. In total, 28 players were selected to represent North Queensland at the QLD Country Championships.

The support for our annual games against Army was again overwhelming. Games were played on ANZAC day (senior men and women) and similarly on Remembrance Day we fielded Men, Women and Masters teams.



NQ and Queensland Country Heelers

Townsville's strong performance at the NQ championships led to them dominating the selections in both the men's and under 19 NQ teams. These NQ teams travelled to Ballymore to compete in the Queensland Country Championship. The under 19 squad containing 14 Brolgas defeated South Queensland 36-22 to win the Country Championship. The Men's side went down in a hard-fought match. A total of nine under 19s were selected in the Queensland Country u20 team. Three senior players were selected in the Queensland Country Heeler's whom toured New Zealand and defeated NSW country in a traditional interstate derby 29-27.

Sevens

Each year our annual Sevens competition continues to grow. This year we featured:

42 teams in the teenage 7's (u13s, u15s, u17s, Boys and Girls)

21 teams in the primary 7's (u10s, u11s, u12s, Boys and Girls)

25 teams in the Senior 7'S (u20s, Men's, Women's)

This is a great sign of growth for our festival of 7's. Townsville is proud to hold one of Queensland's strongest competitions and I look forward to how it continues to develop into the future.

Sponsors

Thank you once again to our corporate partners - Mike Carney Toyota, The Good Guys and A. Gabrielli Constructions. Their continued support underpins the success and sustainability of the rugby community. We were proud to celebrate 20 years with Mike Carney, whose support has been unwavering throughout this time.

Administration and Supporters

As always, I would again like to acknowledge our Staff and Administration, and all our volunteers whose efforts underpin the growth and success of our competition. Thanks also to the TDRU Executive Committee for your support and direction throughout 2016

For those that don't already know, in 2017 we will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the TDRU. Please keep your ears and eyes open for updates on the various celebrations throughout the year as we have some truly great events planned. If you have any stories you would like to share or memorabilia you would like to gift or loan to the TDRU we would love to hear from you.

Lachlan Bell
President



TDRU MASTER PLAN

The Master Plan for the future of Townsville and District Rugby Union outlines how the game can develop and prosper over the next decade.

Rugby is growing strongly in Townsville but unfortunately, the facilities at Hugh Street are aging, operating beyond capacity and landlocked for future development. We have worked with local researchers to investigate possible new locations and contracted Architects Conrad Gargett to prepare a master plan for the redevelopment.



NEW DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

A Negotiated Decision Notice was approved by Townsville City Council on 22 December 2015 for the development of a shopping complex on our Hugh Street site. The approval was sought by Parkside Developments.

Subsequent to the Approval, an Appeal was lodged in the Planning and Environment Court and the matter was heard in September this year. A decision on the appeal is due in December, but there are no certainties or obligations with regards to timing of the decision.

In the meantime, the TDRU has been developing the masterplan in anticipation of a favourable outcome in the Planning and Environment Court. We have advanced the conceptual design to better capture the development costs and budgets of the redevelopment, which will enable more robust discussions with potential stakeholders, various levels of government and the greater rugby community. It is anticipated that the redevelopment will gather much greater momentum throughout 2017 and we look forward to sharing this vision as it evolves.

WHO IS THE TOWNSVILLE AND DISTRICT RUGBY UNION?

Established in 1968, the Townsville and District Rugby Union has been a reputable organization in the North Queensland community for over 40 years.

The Townsville and District Rugby Union comprises of 2000 registered players in our local junior and senior competitions and are also heavily involved in the organization of internal competitions at the Army Barracks and James Cook University.

Our Vision statement:

"To provide a complete rugby umbrella for all persons from juniors to golden oldies, in a way that the community recognizes the Townsville & District Rugby Union as the leading sporting association in their region."

The TDRU has a strong representative Rugby Program, the Brolgas, which spans from the First Grade, Women's and Under 19's in the Seniors to the U16 to U12 in the Juniors. The Seniors compete in the NQ division of Queensland Country State Championships which is played over a weekend in May. The Juniors compete for a chance to represent NQ at the Queensland Junior Rugby Union State Championships which is a three-day carnival.

The Townsville and District Rugby Union encompass the north coast area between Ingham in the north, the Burdekin to the South and Charters Towers to the West.

We have worked diligently to expand the game of Rugby Union by developing and supporting the grass roots of Rugby, which is the juniors who become the players, coaches and supporters of the future.

TDRU Management Committee.

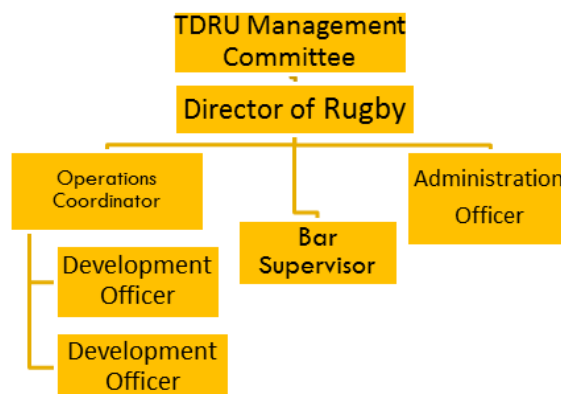
The 2016 Townsville and District Rugby Union Management Committee:

President – Lachlan Bell
Senior Vice President – Richard Lehmann
Junior Vice President – Grant Barrie/Ian Mintern
Secretary – Bruce Shepherd
Treasurer – Sonia Viero-Malone
Grounds – Adrian Gabrielli
Juniors – Peter Cavallo
Committee - Gary Lewis
Committee – Charles Papale



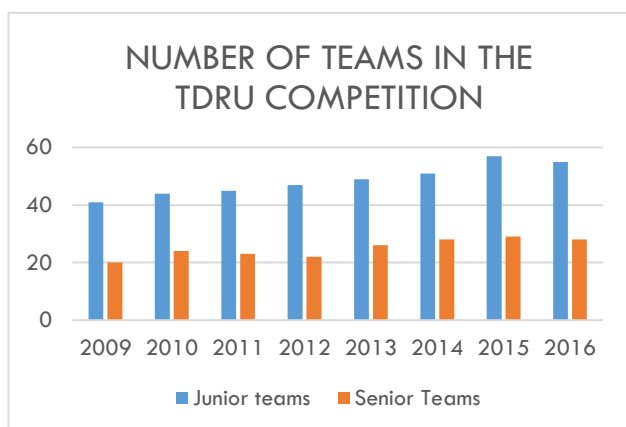
TDRU Staff

Director of Rugby - Terry Shiells
Operations Coordinator - Daniel Withers
Administration Officer - Denise Dewhurst
Development Officer – Angus Small
Development Officer – Samuel Keane
Rugby Club (Bar Supervisor) – Hannah Eriksen

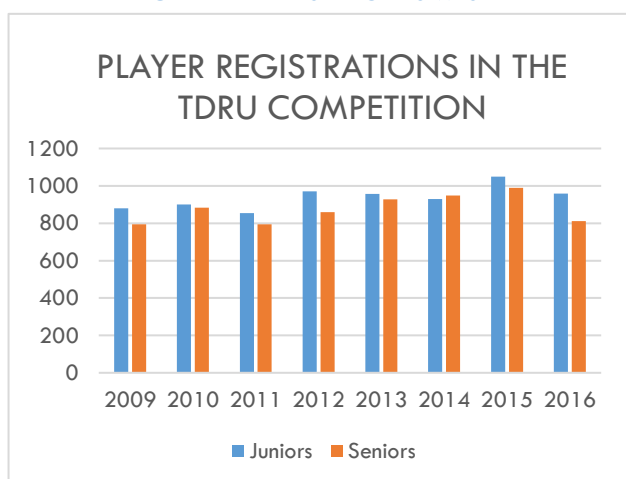


TDRU COMPETITION

The current numbers of teams playing in the 2016 TDRU competition are: 55 junior teams and 28 senior teams. As seen below (see chart 1) The total numbers of juniors playing in the TDRU competition for 2016 were 958 and seniors were 811. The growth in the Women's Grade to a 6 team division has had a positive impact on the player numbers as well as the strong growth in the 3rd grade competition.



A GRADE PREMIERS TEACHERS WEST



2016 MINOR PREMIERS AND PREMIERS

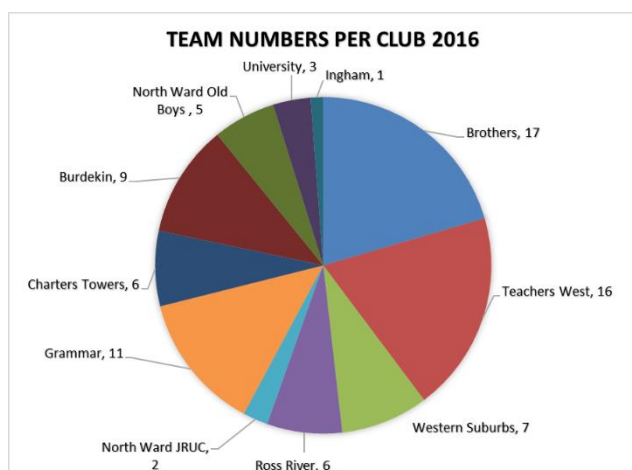
GRADE	MINOR PREMIERS	PREMIERS
1 st Grade	Teachers West	Teachers West
2 nd Grade	Teachers West	Teachers West
3 rd Grade	Ingham	Charters Towers
Women's	University	University
U19	Brothers	Brothers
U17	Charters Towers	Charters Towers
U16	Brothers	Brothers
U15	Brothers	Brothers
U14	Teachers West	Teachers West
U13	Brothers	Teachers West
U12	Brothers	Western Suburbs
U11	Brothers White	Teachers West
U10	Brothers Blue	Brothers Blue
U8	No finals for Under 8's – for participation	

2016 COMPETITION PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

GRADE	NAME	CLUB
U10	Joshua Carman	Teachers West
U11	Dominik Arrate	Burdekin
U12	Cody Sadler	Brothers
U13	Matthew Mckellar	Charters Towers
U14	Jye Davies	Grammar
U15	Ryan Kinbacher	Brothers
U16	Harry Willocks	Teachers West
U17	Bernard Chong	Grammar
U19	Flynn Willocks	Teachers West
Ladies	Chloe Davies	Teachers West
3rds	Josh Robins	Charters Towers
2nds	Brendan Bowring	Teachers West
1sts	Andrew Kennedy	Burdekin

TDRU AFFILIATED CLUBS

The Townsville and District Rugby Union has 12 affiliated clubs including the referee's association. All clubs show an eagerness to assist with the TDRU in managing their responsibilities, remembering that all club committee members are made up of volunteers and have their own work and family commitments.



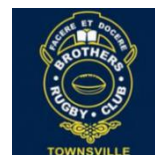
2016 Club Presidents

<u>Club</u>	<u>President</u>
Burdekin RUC	Charlie Papale
Ingham RUC	Peter Bishop
Charters Towers RUFC	Len Knuth
Brothers Juniors	Sev Andreassen
Brothers Seniors	Edward McGovern
Teachers West	Brendan Hume
North Ward Old Boys	Chris Caleo
North Ward Sandcrabs	Wayne McDonald
Western Suburbs	Martin Budai
Ross River Redskins	Gordon Allen
Grammar School	Giles Derrett
University	Peter Beale
Referee's	Alan Hunt

Club Presidents Reports

BROTHERS RUC

2016 was an exciting year for Brothers Rugby. We had a new crop of talented energetic players come through from our Juniors into the U19s side, and after many years absence, Brothers Rugby returned to the senior women's competition once again. With a mix of new and existing coaches, we started the season with high goals. Whilst we thought the demons of 2015 were behind us, an injury toll through the season tested playing groups and coaches alike and we commend them for their perseverance and tenacity in the face of these challenges with upwards of 40 players starting for A-Grade through the season and the flow on effect testing the other grades. This did however create opportunities for many of our talented U19s and fringe players to test themselves through the grades and the signs are there for some future club stars.



Our women's team proved inseparable at times and the sense of comradery was strong from the outset, aiding the team reach the finals but ultimately fall one game short of a grand final, suffering the same fate as our A-Grade side. Both teams will be hungry for redemption in 2017. Our Reserve Grade side went through to the Grand Final again, making it 10 successive Reserve Grade Grand Finals and their 30th appearance in 31 seasons since 1986. A true measure of club depth and longevity. Unfortunately, the team would fall short in the big dance. Our U19s lived up to potential with coaches Darren Moody and Todd Cooper shaping their raw talent into a formidable side that went on to take out the minor premiership and premiership.

Our senior sides remain strong, reaping the rewards of our inclusive and successful junior teams who went on to represent the club over grand final weekend in every grade. All our committee members, coaches, team managers, parents and volunteers should be proud of their efforts through the season and we look forward to seeing all the clubs on the paddock in 2017 as Townsville Rugby celebrates its 50th Anniversary.

Eddie McGovern
President

BROTHERS JUNIOR RUC

Brothers Junior Rugby Union would like to thank this year's sponsors. Without their valuable contributions, we would not have the amenities and equipment on offer to our players and supporters.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank our coaches and managers for all the work and time they've given to Brothers this year. The way the players conducted themselves so well throughout the year is a testimony to their commitment and dedication. I encourage the parents to consider volunteering to help out in the club as it can be very rewarding. To the player's, congratulations on a successful year, measured not only in the number of games that were won or points scored but also how you handled yourselves on the field.



It's good to see players that were complete strangers at the start of the year become good mates as the season progressed. And that is what the core of rugby is about. The true essence of rugby is a culture that enriches mateship, requires dedication, applauds commitment, demands sportsmanship, encourages growth and acceptance, and recognises ability. It's a

culture that has everyone in the team on an equal standing regardless of size, ability or position.

Brothers Junior Rugby Union fielded twelve teams this year in the TDRU competition, nine of whom made their Grand Final with three of those winning. This was our fourth year that we have fielded U 8 teams and this was seen as a great success. The smaller children undoubtedly enjoyed playing this year. All indications are that most of these players will be back in 2017 moving into older age group teams.

This year saw some Junior clubs grow while some slipped back in numbers which was disappointing to see. However, I'm sure that all the clubs agree, that we must keep working extremely hard to offer kids wishing to play, a safe and enjoyable environment that will see the code continue to grow, slowly but surely. We would like to thank all the other clubs for a great season and the TDRU for making it possible.

Sev Andreassen
President

BURDEKIN CANETOADS RUC

In the 2016 Rugby season the Burdekin Rugby Union Club fielded 7 junior teams and 2 senior teams. It was a successful year for the Toads with all eligible teams playing finals footy but only the



A Grade to make a grand final appearance. I must congratulate Teachers West on their A Grade win and look forward to changing the result next season as player retention has begun in all grades. If success can be measured both on and off the field by the clubs attendance of supporters and strong volunteer workforce at home and away games each week one can say that 2016 was a successful season. All coaches, managers, sponsors and volunteers involved should be commended for an outstanding season in all grades. A highlight during the season was our annual Old Boys Day where players from the past commented on the clubs depth of players and watched our U8s playing Rugby at home in the Toads colours these young players are our future senior players, coaches and volunteers.

The Burdekin Rugby Union Club would like to thank Terry Shiells and his development team for their continued support of the Burdekin and the TDRU competition. We are currently working toward fielding teams in all junior grades next season and recruiting an U19 team and possibly moving toward a Third Grade side as well. The club would also like to thank the TDRU Referees and TDRU President Lachlan Bell and the executive committee for another successful season and we are looking forward to the 2017 season.

Charles Papale
President

CHARTERS TOWERS RUFC

The year 2016 started out with a little of the unknown, the departure of Ted Vinson and his deputy Chris Kirkwood left a massive hole to be filled, but we elected a committee of volunteers who has driven the Club to a successful 2016 on and off the field. AGM day was also sign on day and it was very successful with the Bulls nominating 1 senior and 5 junior sides, under 10, 13, 14, 16 and 17's. All the Bulls sponsors, coaches, managers, trainers, assistants, first aiders and bus drivers have to be congratulated on their efforts that put quality teams on the field week in week out, teaching the players the ways of rugby and what was expected of them on and off the field, playing the game to a high standard, respecting the officials and the opposition, and enjoying Rugby with great sportsmanship shown in all areas of the game. Our biggest day of the year the John Fry Memorial game and Ladies day combined was celebrated in style – it was the 20th Anniversary of the John Fry played between Brothers and the Bulls which saw the return to the town of the entire Fry family to see the Bulls hold on to the trophy and put on exciting game of rugby in front of a large crowd filled with old Bulls players.

The club once again ran a successful Walla program in an effort to drive junior numbers and skill for the future. Our Annual Local School Tens Carnival held in October was a resounding success, thanks to TDRU for their



support and attendance and thanks to the Charters Towers Regional Council for their support in helping us provide a well watered field for the event. We've made some major advances in improving our field and facility for the enjoyment of all. Thank you to the teams who travelled to play in Charters Towers this year – your patronage is appreciated.

Again, I would like to thank everybody for their help, especially Cathy West, whose dedication to Bulls Rugby is unmatched, shouldering a major workload. Last but not least, I'd like to thank the supporters who watch and enjoy the games and do it in the spirit of Country Rugby.

Thank You all.

Len Knuth
President

GRAMMAR SCHOOL JUNIOR RUC

Grammar fielded 11 teams with 192 registered players across the Junior competitions this year and was again well represented come finals time with teams in nearly all age groups. We finished a credible 3rd overall in the Junior Club Competition. Our most successful team this year was the Under 15s who reached the Grand Final of their competition although the U16 and U17 teams also made it through to the elimination semi-final



stage. We were particularly proud of two players who were acknowledged by the Townsville and District Rugby Union referees for being 'Best and Fairest' across their respective competitions: U14 – Jye Davies and U17 - Bernard Chong.

2017 brings the possibility of an overseas tour for our senior players to the UK. We will also continue to encourage our players and coaches to nominate at a representative level, whether through the Townsville Brolgas or North Queensland Schools pathways.

On behalf of the club, registered players and supporters, we thank the coaches and managers for their commitment to our teams. We also thank Terry, Dan and the TDRU development team for their support of rugby both at our club and across the Townsville region.

Giles Derret
President

TEACHERS WEST RUFC

Teachers West had another strong season in 2016 both on and off the pitch. A focus on skill development and enjoyment has been well rewarded with some good results for teams, but most importantly many happy faces from players, coaches and supporters.



The club continues to develop its coaching programs to deliver the best possible use of time and resources. This takes a significant effort from all our volunteers, but has been paying dividends with a happier volunteer base and some positive response from players and parents.

A Senior Club Championship was the goal of the senior group at the outset of 2016, and this was secured early in the fourth round of matches, and the hard work of the senior playing group was rewarded with Grand Final appearances in U19, Ladies, Second and First Grade. 2016 was the first time the First Grade Premiership had been defended by a Bulldog's team, which was a great outcome for the many supporters who watched on. The Second Grade team also managed to go one better than 2015 with a strong victory in the Grand Final.

The Junior Club also had some successes with most teams contesting finals, four teams going on to the Grand Final match resulting in three premierships to the U11, U13 and U14 teams.



2016 saw many Teachers West players and coaches represent Townsville, North Queensland and Queensland Country in senior and junior rugby.

Some other highlights of 2016 included the famous Smokin' Dogs BBQ which made an appearance at Warrina Park for home games, a C&W Themed bus-trip to Charters Towers, and the U8 Bus Trip to Burdekin. It's terrific to remember why we're involved in the sport and the memories from these trips will last a lifetime.

Brendan Hume
President

INGHAM RUGBY UNION

2016 has been an interesting year for the Ingham Cutters Rugby Club with a solid performance in the competition despite never reaching potential. The club saw a lot of players cycle through the club with injuries and player movements being a common trend.



Perhaps the most positive aspects were the gain of a few of the local Rugby League players to try their hand at the code and see the benefits of what Rugby has to offer. The number of local players also expanded allowing training to improve and exposure of the sport in our community. The local paper contributed to

promoting the club with stories featuring consistently across the season. In the off season the club is endeavouring to get some school Rugby 7s going between the local high schools in the district with the aim students to get a taste of the code. On behalf of Ingham Rugby I would like to thank all who contributed to the Townsville and Districts Rugby Union 2016 season whether it be playing, organising, officiating, volunteering or supporting.

Peter Bishop
President

NORTH WARD OLD BOYS

Following a strong season 2015 much was expected in 2016 however it became obvious very early that our player numbers were going to be down even further than how we had finished the year before. Retirements and carry over injuries left the senior grades very short and with most of our 19's moving up to senior grade numbers there were also looking a bit short. Nevertheless we fielded teams in all senior men's grades, Under 19's and the Ladies comp.



First grade had a tough year victories few and far between. Our depth, particularly in key positions, was challenged as the season progressed. Many players were selected in A grade either straight out of colts or

early in their rugby careers and our inexperience showed at crucial times. The core of the team worked hard but was cruelled by injuries and results were a reflection of the revolving door of players particularly late in the season. The development of many players who had predominantly only lower grade experience into first graders was a season highlight and should bode well for 2017. The pressure on availability for A grade was felt across the senior grades resulting in inconsistent team selections for Reserve grade and Thirds.

Ultimately only Reserve grade made it through to the finals, but our campaign ended early with the team battling cohesion and player availability. Possibly the less said about the u19's competition the better, it was disappointing, but my hat off to the boys who struggled on despite regularly having only 10 players or less. Certainly the highlight for us was the resurgence of the ladies team, who really came home with a charge and only just missed out on the finals. The ladies were soundly beaten early in the season, but found fitness and form to challenge well over the last half, well done. We now look forward to rebuilding in 2017.

Thanks to all at the TDRU for your hard work. I wish you all a safe off season and look forward to seeing you next year as we celebrate 50 years of the TDRU

Chris Caleo
President

ROSS RIVER REDSKINS

We started at our new home grounds, which gave the club a good feeling. By early March we had secured a 30-year lease in partnership with Southern Cross Catholic College, providing us with a venue for growth and long term stability.



The next major goal for our club was to put Redskins Juniors sides back in the competition. At season kick off we nominated U8's, U10's and U12's. A fantastic start to our Junior plans, with fantastic support from Fairfield Shopping Centre. Our juniors enjoyed a great season, always enjoying their time on the field.

On the senior's front, we fielded 4 teams in the beginning of the season, Ladies, 1st Grade, 2nd Grade and 3rd Grade. 3rd Grade played the First round before the club made the decision to remove them and focus on 1st and 2nd grade. 2nd grade toiled hard in every match, however struggled for continuity with different faces taking the field on a weekly basis. 1st grade was competitive all year, being in the hunt in most matches until the final 15-20 minutes. A loss in the knockout ended our rugby season.

Our ladies had a hard year with changing coaches fluctuating player numbers. To their credit they never gave up and continued to put in until the very last game, even after some very hard matches. Full credit to our ladies for the efforts this season.



As a club, our home games set some new challenges for us and became a learning curve within the club to see how people stood up and worked with each other. As the season progressed the support and teamwork off the field strengthened each and every time. We were very proud of how our club banded together and lifted for their part.

We are now planning to work with all surrounding school in our area on helping them grow their rugby knowledge and skill for the juniors in Townsville.

Gordon Allen
President

JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY

University fielded three teams this Year in the Third Grade, Second Grade and Ladies Divisions. The 2nd and 3rd Grade sides both put



in effort each game and were competitive throughout the entirety of the season. The Ladies side were once again Premiers in the competition this year solidifying themselves as a powerhouse in the TDRU competition.



TOWNSVILLE REFEREE'S

For the year 2016 as an association, we appointed referees to over 750 junior and senior games as well as assistant referees for 200 games. We also appointed over 100 officials to the JCU Fisher Shield competition and other JCU sponsored games. Our referees also officiated in school, both primary and secondary, competition games as well as Army Unit games and 7s competitions. This made for a total of more than 1150 appointments. At times our referee stocks were seriously stretched with games in 3 separate outlying centres or home games away from Hugh St. A big thank you must go to those referees who officiated in multiple games on a day, sometimes consecutive or at different venues.



Our numbers were consistent with last year, starting with member numbers in the low forties. We welcomed new senior referees from out of town and recruited new senior and junior referees. To cope with the future development of the game in Townsville, we need to promote and recruit more senior referees. Junior

referees continue to step up to volunteer. The proposal by TDRU Management Committee to have clubs nominate Referee and Assistant Referee candidates when nominating teams for the 2017 season is seen as a positive move to ensure referee growth.

Development this year revolved around a Foundation (Level 1) Referee Course and Referee Coach (Level 1) course. A number of those participants have gone on to complete the Law Exam and accrue the prerequisite number of field reports to be fully accredited. The Referee coaches were used during the year to observe and report on referee development.

Two of our referees and four Assistant Referees were appointed to representative games in the Junior Gold Competition games held in Townsville. Senior referees were invited to officiate at the Port Douglas and Hughenden carnivals. One of our referees has been selected in a training squad of state referees under the supervision of Rohan Hoffmann, Queensland Referee Development Manager. One of our junior referees received an Australian Referees Scholarship which saw him referee at the Queensland Junior State Championships as well as age championships.



Our association would like to thank our sponsors – A. Gabrielli Constructions, Cueldee Clothing, Riverview

Tavern and Australian Patrol Vehicles for their new or continued support of the association this year.

Alan Hunt
President

WESTERN SUBURBS

In 2016 the Western Suburbs Rugby Union Club entered 7 teams in the TDRU completion, under 8's, Under 11's, Under 12's and under 13's in the Juniors and Open Ladies, 3rd



Grade and A Grade in the Senior competition.

2016 had its ups and downs, in the Juniors, we struggled for numbers in the 10s and 11s age group so made the decision to combine them and have 11s, although these kids did not win a game, they enjoyed every moment and will hopefully build to be a good team in 2017. Our Under 12s won the Grand Final against a team that they had never beaten in 4 years, Brothers. This was a great milestone for them and will hopefully give them all the encouragement that they need to return next year. The 8s and 13s both had a year full of fun and encouragement which is all that we really ask for when training kids.

Our Senior Teams had a much improved year compared to the last with A Grade winning their first game, a great milestone, and then going on to win 4 more. A Grade proved this year that they were no longer the easy beats and that you would have to turn up to play Rugby if you wanted to beat them. Our Ladies made it to the elimination final between 3rd and 4th but unfortunately, the green monster had its usual affect at

that time of year taking a significant number of our players away. 3rd grade managed to get a couple of wins, however the social aspect of the team seemed to get the better of them in most matches throughout the season.

This aside, the club pulled together and entered teams in the new teenage girls comp and multiple teams in the numerous 7s tournaments where we had a reasonable amount of success taking out a couple of the trophies. This was a great way to finish what was a hit and miss year.

The club and committee are now focused on next season where we hope to grow that little bit more into becoming a force in the TDRU competition.

Martin Budai
President

NORTH WARD SANDCRABS

The 2016 season has seen some of the most significant challenges for the North Ward Junior Rugby Club (Sandcrabs). Our club participation rate dropped to nearly unsustainable levels. Despite running sign on days sequentially over 4 weeks at the beginning of the season, we were only able to nominate an under 8 team and an under 10 team, with only 3 registered players for the under 10.

Through the hard work of a small but devoted group of parents, we managed to field teams in both divisions



each week. The under 10 team had 1 forfeit for their early match in Charters Towers.

Gradually throughout the season our player numbers increased. By the end of the season we could have managed to field 2 under 8 sides and were managing to field a full under 10 side with reserves. A total of approximately 25 registered players.

Both teams displayed amazing courage, resilience and determination. Wonderful qualities to develop in children, and qualities that can only be gained through team sport. The children that we attracted to our club who were new to our sport, enjoyed their experience and hope to return. Their parents also enjoyed their time with our club. We hope to retain most families for next season. Results were not a priority for our club this season.

Our under 10 side came away with 2 wins and 1 draw for the season. It was beautiful to watch them achieve these results and you could not have witnessed a prouder group of kids or parents.

The season has proved to be a soul searching experience for those of us still affiliated with the club. We have chosen to consolidate our losses and not dwell on the "what happened?". We, as a club, have reviewed our processes, our committee and our structure moving forward. We look forward to 2017. We have developed our marketing program. The Club is deep in discussions with the North Ward Old boys regarding amalgamation. In 2017 we hope to nominate again in the younger grades, u8, u10 and u11 and rebuild our club from there.

I would like to thank the TDRU for their ongoing support for us this season. Without their help, encouragement and advice this report may never have been written and the Sandcrabs may have slipped from the annual report. A special thank you as well to the small, but loyal group of parents and committee members who have continued to play a role in the Sandcrabs in 2016

Jane Wilkinson
NWJRC

REPRESENTATIVE COMPETITIONS

Queensland Country Under 20

The Queensland Country Under 20 Team travelled to Adelaide in February to compete in the Southern States Championships. Country housed ten Townsville players in the 25 man squad providing a strong representation from the region. The team met in Brisbane on Thursday to have a training run before heading down to Adelaide that evening. On Friday morning the Country boys were up early for a morning yoga session and swim to freshen their body's up for the game against South Australia that evening.



2016 UNDER 20 SOUTHERN STATES CHAMPIONS QUEENSLAND COUNTRY

Queensland Country vs South Australia

The first game of the tournament against South Australia was one that showed the promise and potential strength of the Queensland Country side while also showcasing some rust and expected errors of a team playing their first game. The Queensland Boys took the lead early on with tries to Lachlan Howell and Atama Tahana to give the team a good start. Great goal kicking by Josh Lamb as well as a third try extended the lead to 21-0 at the half time break. A number of changes were made at half time, with new combinations being tested. The Country forwards muscled up and were able to gain momentum for the team, however unforced errors meant that the team was unable to convert their opportunities into points. The South Australian team defence held on strong against the Queensland Country team and through opportunistic play were able to score, bringing the game to 21-7. Queensland Country quickly

responded to extend the lead to 26-7 with ten minutes to go. The scrum was dominant and two tightheads near the end of the match proved Queensland Country's superior strength fitness. In a game that showed glimpses of brilliance marred with a few errors Queensland Country came away with an overall positive result, winning 26-7.

Queensland Country vs New South Wales Country

The second and last game of the tournament saw traditional rivals Queensland Country and New South Wales (NSW) Country clash in the game of the tournament on Sunday Morning. With New South Wales comfortably dispatching South Australia the night before, the stage was set for another tough Country derby. With a game played to shake off the cobwebs Queensland started the game off more crisp and to a game plan. The Queensland outfit played more expansive than the first game which opened holes to run through. They took advantage of this to score two tries starting off strong once again to lead 14-0. The NSW side struck back however and with strong running from the forwards, were dotted over the try line to make the game 14-5. It was at this point the Queensland side showed their Championship winning attributes, as they forced NSW Country straight onto the back foot and continued to dominate possession and territory. The Queensland side did not allow another point from NSW Country and added on three tries to win the game comfortably 37-5, capping off a successful campaign for the Queensland Country outfit.

2016 QUEENSLAND COUNTRY UNDER 20 REPRESENTATIVES

Name	Club
Samuel Keane	Teachers West
Aniello Nastasi	Brothers
John Vinson	Teachers West
Tom Audas	Brothers
Curtis Rayment	Teachers West
Colby Mason	Teachers West
Aaron Coleman	Redskins
Joshua Lamb	Teachers West
Hugh Huppatz	Teachers West
Martin Brennan	Teachers West

TOWNSVILLE BROLGAS

The 2016 Townsville Representative season saw an Under 19 and Senior Brolgas Men and Women team travel to Cairns for a 3-day Carnival over April and May. The Senior Brolgas faced off against Mackay, Mt Isa and Cairns and were undefeated in those games, taking out the 2016 North Queensland Championship. The Under 19's played against Cairns and Mackay winning that winning both those games, also being crowned North Queensland Champions. It was a three from three for The Townsville sides as The Women came away undefeated against Cairns and Mackay teams. As a lead up match to the Carnival the Senior Brolgas played in the annual Anzac Day Game against a fit 3rd Brigade Army team. The Third Brigade brought a strong team to play The Brolgas and offered a stirring challenge although unable to beat the Townsville Senior side, The Brolgas winning 20 – 12.

Listed below are the 2016 Townsville Brolgas Teams and Coaches Report:

BROLGAS UNDER 19

Name	Club
Ngatai Campbell	Ross River
Brandon Luta	Western Suburbs
Marcus Ryan	Western Suburbs
Trent Owen	Teachers West
Angus Small	Teachers West
Luke Olzard	Brothers
Connor Morgan	Brothers
Chandler Starr	Teachers West
Matthew Huppatz	Teachers West
Joey Cram	Teachers West
Dan Cooper	Brothers
Flynn Willocks	Teachers West
Martin Brennan	Teachers West
Joseph Munro	Western Suburbs
Tom Wells	Teachers West
Matthew Hosking	Teachers West
Billy Bulley	Brothers
Lachlin Smith	Burdekin
Frank Ray	Teachers West
Jack Bullard	Teachers West
Lachlan Vest	Teachers West
Ethan Blain	Brothers
Daniel Niven	Brothers

2016 saw The Brolgas Under 19's travel up to Cairns along with the opens men and women's sides to take part in the 2016 North Queensland Championships.

On Saturday the 30th of May, The Under 19 Brolgas took on the Cairns Thunder in the first match of the championship. Townsville was dominant from the get go with a powerful scrum and smooth backline play having

the score blowout to 33-0 to Townsville as the final whistle was blown. Man, of the match was awarded to Townsville number 8 Joseph Cram.

A day of rest proved valuable for the young Brolgas as they faced the Mackay Stingers on Sunday the 2nd of April in their last game of the tournament. In a great display of rugby from the Townsville team they came out with a victory 53 points to 5. The Brolgas youngsters started the game with a silky blindside move involving the forwards sending Ngatai Campbell over in the corner. It was a sign of things to come with tries coming a plenty as outside back Matthew Hosking and second rower Chandler Starr both bagged doubles. Angus Small, Billy Bulley, Lachlan Vest and Jack Bullard rounded out the nine tries to one victory.

This strong showing from the under 19 Brolgas is a good sign for things to come for rugby in Townsville and once again proved that Townsville is a dominant force in country rugby. A big thank you must go the FNQ Rugby Union for hosting such a great tournament.

Daniel Withers

Head Coach



BROLGAS SENIOR LADIES

Name	Club
Olivia Anderson	Teachers West
Emma Harnas	North Ward Old Boys
Jessica Clifford	North Ward Old Boys
Clare Lawton	North Ward Old Boys
Eleanor Mowle	University
Ali Cranston	University
Samille Pagden	University
Seini Palu	Western Suburbs
Gagie Namok	Western Suburbs
Brianne Rossato	University
Gabby Carsten	Brothers
Kristy Bolton	Teachers West
Tianna Fry	Western Suburbs
Steph Ullman	Teachers West
Crystal Emile	Brothers
Aggie Solomon	Dragons
Angie Solomon	Dragons
Rhiannon Busch	North Ward Old Boys
Kuramea Vaeau	Ross River Redskins
Fasheena Nevell	Western Suburbs
Ellie Gray	Western Suburbs
Althea Bowden	Brothers

2016 saw another major leap forward for women's rugby in Townsville. With six teams now in the local competition, the selection pool for representative duties was dramatically increased. The 2016 representative side would become one of the strongest Townsville had seen in many years and with the return of familiar faces in the coaching and management space, the excitement was building.

The first game of the season saw us take to the field against the Army in our traditional Anzac Day clash with one subtle difference, that being 15 a side rugby. That transition brought us back to traditional rugby and the focus was simple, "run the ball". As usual, a great show was put on, and the Townsville side kept their winning streak alive by defeating the Army in a match that saw club team mates line up against each other.

A great advancement in pathway rugby saw the ladies then compete at the NQ champs in Cairns. We would battle against Cairns and Mackay for the honour. The first game saw us take on the arch nemesis, Cairns, and after what can only be described as an amazing battle, Townsville came out on top. The weekend was rounded out with victory over Mackay and the title was Townsville's to take home.

An undefeated representative season was just reward for the effort the women have put in throughout the year. A focus on player development from the coaching staff has allowed the representative side to be strong and full of depth. We continue to be appreciative of the TDRU and their support. And with more of our ladies being selected for higher honours, it would appear the message is out there – Townsville breeds brilliant rugby players.

As head coach, I'd like to thank Campbell Yates and Krystal Kirkman for being beside me once again. To all the ladies in the completion, thank you for your commitment and drive to be number one. The challenge now is to stay there.

Matt Rigano
Head Coach



BROLGAS SENIOR MEN

Name	Club
Samuel Keane	Teachers West
Russell West	North Ward Old Boys
LeWayne Barrett	Teachers West
Kris Nielsen	Teachers West
Josh Mayhew	Burdekin
Rob McNamara	Burdekin
Seamus Huppertz	Teachers West
Tubby Heron	Burdekin
Apaitia Matalau	Ross River Redskins
Hugh Huppertz	Teachers West
Kit Horwood	Teachers West
Daniel Carman	Teachers West
Malakai Taufu	Brothers
Winiata Barrett	Ross River Redskins
Jeff Sullivan	Burdekin
Ross Rickards	Burdekin
Josh Fletcher	Teachers West
Andrew Kennedy	Burdekin
Colby Mason	Teachers West
Ryan Furnell	Burdekin
Chris Wellington	Burdekin
Jeff Searle	Burdekin
Shane Kennedy	Burdekin
Hugh Huppertz	Teachers West

2016 saw another successful year for the Senior Brolgas Team. The season started in the pre-season with a game against the touring Australian Stockman XV which featured players from across the state. A young team was selected mixing players from last year and players coming up from The Under 19s. It was a high quality entertaining fixture with a tight fought win ensured at the death by outstanding scrambling defence.

On Anzac day we once again played the 3rd brigade army team and this year it was a fixture much closer affair than previous years. Despite lacking cohesion in attack it was good to see us holding on against a spirited army XV. A week later we went away for the North Queensland Championships in Cairns. In wet

conditions we played Cairns in the opening game and secured a tight victory, once again secured with scrambling defence. In wet conditions it was a high quality fixture with both teams prepared to throw the ball again and it was remarked by many that it was one of the best games of country rugby seen in recent years past.

The tournament was rounded out with victories against Mt Isa and Mackay which both ended up fairly heavily in our favour. In summary, it was good to see so many players selected then in the North Queensland team as a result of their form at the carnival but probably more importantly it was good to see so many players step up to senior representative football for the first time. It was obvious that it was the depth of our squad that proved defining in taking out the tournament again. Congratulations should go to Daniel Carman on being awarded the representative player of the year, our captain Seamus Huppertz on being Best Forward and Ryan Furnell Best Back

In September, we had the additional opportunity of a fixture against a touring Northern Territory Mosquitoes team. An under 21 selection played them first and it was an outstanding sign of the young talent in the district and the determination of those players in that they achieved a fantastic home victory. Two days later the Senior side minus our under 21 players took on the tourists and found themselves against a determined opposition that unfortunately led to a heavy defeat. 9 players, did make their Brolgas representative debut in this game though and again it was good to see some of those take that opportunity. It is hoped that the fixture against the NT team will remain on the calendar with a tour to Darwin in 2017 in the pipeline.

Trent Johnston Head Coach



NORTH QUEENSLAND AND QUEENSLAND COUNTRY

NQ UNDER 19

Name	Club
Angus Small	Teachers West
Brandon Luta	Western Suburbs
Connor Morgan	Brothers
Daniel Niven	Brothers
Flynn Willocks	Teachers West
Frank Ray	Teachers West
Joseph Cram	Teachers West
Joseph Munro	Western Suburbs
Lachlan Smith	Burdekin
Martin Brennan	Teachers West
Ngatai Campbell	Ross River Redskins
Tom Audas	Brothers
Tom Wells	Teachers West
Trent Owen	Teachers West

NQ SENIOR MEN

Name	Club
Apaitia Matalau	Ross River Redskins
Colby Mason	Teachers West
Daniel Carman	Teachers West
Jeff Sullivan	Burdekin
Jeffrey Searle	Burdekin
Joshua Fletcher	Teachers West
Kit Horwood	Teachers West
Kris Nielsen	Teachers West
Malakai Taufa	Brothers
Ross Rickards	Burdekin
Ryan Furnell	Burdekin
Samuel Keane	Teachers West
Seamus Huppatz	Teachers West
Shane Kennedy	Burdekin

Townsville had a strong showing in the championships with 28 players representing North Queensland in their respective teams. This year's Queensland Country Heelers and Under 19 squads were selected after the Queensland Country Championships in The Gold Coast in June. Unfortunately, due to weather conditions both the teams' first games against Central Queensland were forced to be cancelled. They played the next day, against South Queensland with The Under 19 side winning and claiming three championships in a row, solidifying the region as a rugby powerhouse. A strong South Queensland side backed up a big win against Central Queensland a couple of days' prior with a victory over the North Queensland outfit in the senior division. From the Championships, a number of players were selected in the Queensland Country Opens and Under 20 Squads. The Queensland Country Senior team travelled to New Zealand for a tour of the Canterbury region. They played against Ellesmere and North Canterbury winning one and losing one before making the trip back across the Tasman to face NSW Country in Toowoomba. Queensland Country won the game with the last play going up against the Traditional Rivals. The Queensland Country Under 20 side will assemble next year for games to be confirmed.

SENIORS QUEENSLAND COUNTRY HEELERS

Name	Club
Kit Horwood	Teachers West
Kris Nielsen	Teachers West
Shane Kennedy	Burdekin



UNDER 20 QUEENSLAND COUNTRY

Name	Club
Martin Brennan	Teachers West
Angus Small	Teachers West
Brandon Luta	Western Suburbs
Tom Audas	Brothers
Daniel Niven	Brothers
Joseph Cram	Teachers West
Joseph Munro	Western Suburbs
Lachlan Smith	Burdekin
Ngatai Campbell	Ross River Redskins

GIRLS/WOMEN'S RUGBY

This year saw an increase to our Junior Girls program with our Monday night competition increasing to 9 consistent teams over the 5 week block. The TDRU once again held a Come & Try day attended by many Girls aged 13 - 17 that have never played the game before. The 5-week competition ran over July and August with more than 100 players participating a considerable increase over last year. The competition was another great success with all teams improving noticeably over the period. Plans are now being put in place for a Girls division to become part of the regular weekend club competition next year, further solidifying Female rugby in Townsville. The Women's Brolgas team competed in the North Queensland Championships for the first time, playing games against Cairns and Mackay. The Brolgas won the Championships, further cementing Townsville as a powerhouse in North Queensland Rugby.



UNIVERSITY RUGBY

Rugby Union was once again one of the biggest sports on the JCU calendar 2016 and the sport continues to go from strength to strength at the university. The Fisher Shield competition for students living on campus was again a highlight of the year, with the women's 7's teams improving rapidly. Saints college is home to a number of representative Rugby girls and they swept the competition undefeated, with two players in Lydia Ogden and Phoebe Shirlow joining our university games team and being further selected to represent at Australia in the world University games green and gold team next year. The men's competition was incredibly close with University Hall taking out the final narrowly over John Flynn college. We again took on the army for the Chancellor's and Commander's Cup's, with the JCU women winning their match but the men going down. We are looking forward to another big year of Rugby at JCU in 2017.

Tim Frazer



DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

2016 saw a number of students and schools visited by the TDRU development team, as part of the continual promotion and development of Rugby Union at a Grassroots level across Townsville and the surrounding districts. Running the updated Rugby Education Program at certain schools and implementing the exciting new ARU “Game On” program at others.

The REP sessions continued to prove itself as an effective format for introducing students to the game of Rugby Union. Providing participants with a basic introduction and understanding of the game as well as a chance to develop key rugby skills, specifically the catch, pass and kick. The program gave students an insight into Rugby Union and they are provided with the necessary information to continue the sport in an organised club environment if they wish to.



2016 also witnessed the introduction of the “Sporting Schools” program, a nationwide government funded program aimed at getting more kids involved in sports. The ARU branch of this initiative was known as the “Game On” program. The TDRU were able to deliver this program throughout schools in the Townsville District. Taking a similar format to the REP program the “Game On” setup designated a longer block of sessions at schools, allowing for further contact and development with the students. Registered schools were provided with federal funding to book in Sporting organisations through the Sporting Schools program, this allowed the TDRU to obtain a small but welcome profit for school visits. The TDRU are looking forward to see how this program grows in the years to come.

These sessions, whether REP or “Game On”, as well as assemblies and after school trainings are the main driving force behind the promotion of Rugby Union as a

sport in the Townsville District as well as promoting clubs within the TDRU.

These sessions and visits aid in strengthening school and junior rugby events and carnivals. Events such as The Development Cup and Junior Sevens nights would not have been successful without our REP sessions. The REP and Game On sessions themselves wouldn’t have been as successful if it weren’t for the continued support of the TDRU clubs, who recognize the importance of advertising their clubs through these visits. This strengthens the attraction as students now have a direct pathway into playing club rugby. This is one of the primary reasons why the programs’ remains one of the best in the Queensland Rugby region.

With the continued support of the TDRU clubs and the experience of the TDRU Development staff, the programs will continue to occur across the region, producing and developing our players, parents and volunteers of the future.

JUNIOR ACADEMY’S

In 2016 the TDRU held 2 school holiday Brolga Academy’s over the Easter and Winter breaks. The academies were open to junior players aged 7-12 years old. The aims of the clinics were to develop vital rugby skills in Townsville’s junior players, introduce junior players to the important ethos of rugby, and to give kids the chance to interact with and make new friends with players from across different clubs. The Academies gave players an opportunity to work on more advanced skills through specialised drills and games ran by the TDRU development staff and select volunteers. During the holiday clinics the players are encouraged to socialise and befriend people from other clubs that they wouldn’t otherwise have interacted with. This is accomplished by splitting the group into 4 random teams who compete in rugby orientated games throughout the afternoon. The 2016 Brolga Academies had strong numbers with over 120 players signing up for the two clinics. The TDRU would like to extend its thanks to junior and senior players Daniel Conn, Jack Andreassen, Jesse Keating, Chandler Starr and Kane Evernden for their help with making the Academies such a success.

SCHOOL COMPETITION

PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORT

2016 proved to be another year of growth for junior rugby in Townsville with over 200 primary school students across 16 teams competing in the annual "Development Cup" gala day. The Gala Day open to all primary schools across the region was held on the 27th of May and was enjoyed by all. The competition again showed it is an effective format for getting more primary school students involved in rugby union and potentially joining a club in the future. Some of the success of the primary aged 7's later in the year can be



accredited to the popularity of this development cup. A big congratulations must go to St Joseph's School the Strand who took out both the junior and senior titles on the day. Thank you to all the parents, teachers and volunteers who were involved in making the 2016 Development Cup such a success. We are looking forward to holding the Development Cup next year as it grows in quality and participation.

NORTHERN SCHOOLS UNDER 12

This year the Northern U12 squad travelled to Toowoomba on the 4-7th of August for the U15 Rugby Union Schoolboy State Championships. Being Northern Inaugural year in this particular championships, there was much anticipation and excitement around the camp. Placed into a pool with Met West, Met East, Darling Downs and Sunshine Coast we knew we were going to be in for a week of hard fought football.

Results on day one of the carnival were not ideal, losing to Met West and Sunshine Coast. In both games the

boys had periods in the game where they strung together many phases and played an enterprising style of football, however, just could not manage to take full advantage of the scoring opportunities they had. Day two continued to be a tough ask on the boys and unfortunately once again we were defeated by Darling Downs and Met East. Again, throughout the game the boys dug deep and defended with much heart although the size, strength and skill of the opposition was too much. Despite this, over the four games of football a lot of the players had already displayed a lot of improvements personally in their football skills.

As a result of the pool game defeats we would be required to play the Chairman's XV on day three of the carnival in four Sevens games. This was an opportunity for the boys to play the Olympic version of Rugby Union. The boys were successful in all four games and therefore were rewarded with the "Sevens Cup" for the tournament, which was a much needed moral boost for all of the effort the boys had put in to the carnival.

On the final day of the championships the Northern squad played off for 9th and 10th against the Chairman's XV in the traditional 15 a side format. This was a great game where a culmination of the skill development and confidence from the pool games and



the 7's cup lead to Northern being the eventual winners of the match 24-0. During this game the team played cohesively and in a free flowing game displayed good skill across the park. This meant that Northern finished in 9th position.

It was great to see Cody Sadler awarded the QRFSU Lifetime Achievement Award on behalf of the squad for his efforts on and off the field at the championships. Whilst all pool matches were lost the coaching staff cannot fault the effort and commitment the boys put in. We hope that the group of players will continue playing Rugby and we hope to see them representing again in the future

Finally, thanks must be given to Terry Shiells and the TDRU staff. Without their assistance the district and regional trials wouldn't have been as successful as they were. Also we thank the TDRU for the use of their facility. We now look forward to the 2017 12 years state championships that will be held on the Sunshine Coast and we look forward to working with our next generation of Rugby players.

Chris Finlay
Head Coach

TOWNSVILLE SECONDARY SCHOOL COMPETITION

The Townsville Secondary School Rugby competition ran again in 2016 with schools from across the region competing in the under 13's, 15's and open's divisions. It was another strong year of interschool rugby, with a wide array of schools participating. Local rugby schools Cathedral and Ignatius Park were well represented across all divisions, with Ignatius Park having a first and second XV in the opens competition. The quality of rugby was high across all ages a good sign for the growth of interschool rugby union in Townsville. Old rivalries were contested and newer schools had the chance to assert their strength in the competition. The growing strength of the local secondary school competition bodes well for the future North Queensland representative sides and junior club rugby in the region. Thank you to all those involved in making the competition such a success and we hope to see it



continue and grow in quality and size over the coming years.

NORTHERN SCHOOLBOYS UNDER 15

This year the Northern U15 squad travelled to Ipswich on the 28-31st of July for the U15 Rugby Union Schoolboy State Championships. Placed into a tough pool of Peninsula, Met North, Met East and Met West, it was important to start well; however, this was not to be the case. Results on day one of the carnival were not ideal, losing to Peninsula 7-10 and Metro North 0-39. In both games the boys had their chances, yet lacked certain skills to make the most of their opportunities. Day two was always going to be tough against Met East and Met West. While the boys made significant improvements on their defensive line and work rate off the ball, both games resulted in defeats (Met East 0-29, Met West 5-33).

As a result of the pool game defeats we would be required to play Wide Bay on day three of the carnival in four Sevens games. This was an opportunity for the boys to play the Olympic version of Rugby Union. The boys were successful in all four games and therefore were rewarded with the "Sevens Cup" for the tournament. It was great to see the boys rewarded for their efforts and to gain some Sevens experience.



On the final day of the championships the Northern squad played off for 9th and 10th finishing positions against Wide Bay in a 15 a side game. Unfortunately, too many mistakes at crucial times and poor skill sets resulted in Wide Bay winning a tight game 10-15. This meant that Northern finished in 10th position, the lowest position that Northern has finished in many years.

It was great to see Zachary Thompson awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award on behalf of the squad for his efforts on and off the field at the championships. In all, while the scores didn't reflect the effort the boys put in, it is hoped that they will look fondly upon the experience and use it as a springboard to improving their individual skills and physical attributes.

A big thank you must go to The TDRU for their support and in particular to Daniel Withers for sharing his knowledge and experience at various training sessions throughout our preparation. With Townsville hosting the State Championships next year, I'm sure that Northern will have a squad very motivated to do well at home and improve on this year's efforts.

Scott O'neil
Head Coach

NORTHERN OPEN SCHOOLBOYS

Following the successful tour to Japan the majority of boys continued training in the Northern Region under 18 team to compete in the Queensland Secondary Schools Championship at Sunnybank rugby club 5 - 8 May.

The team played very well throughout the carnival consistently displaying excellent skills. They finished second in their pool with 3 wins and 1 loss: 15- 7 v Met East, 13-10 v Darling Downs, 15-5 v Wide Bay and a 12-20 loss to South Coast.

The boys played a very good Sunshine Coast team in the semi finals and lost 5-38. They leaked points in the second half playing "catch up" after an evenly matched first half. The boys thus played South Coast again in the 3 v 4 playoff and narrowly lost a very exciting game 13-15.

The team should be proud of their efforts and their commitment to each other. Dylan Knuth, Kane Fuller and Jacob Day were selected in the Chairman's team to participate in the Queensland trials. Many other boys were unfortunate not to be selected.

I look forward to following the careers of another group of very talented Townsville and District rugby players in future years.

John Rauch
Head Coach



TOURS/STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

QUEENSLAND JUNIOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2016 Queensland Junior State Championships held in the Gold Coast over June proved a success with all teams recording wins in each of their respective grades. For many of the players it was their first time representing Townsville at a State Championships and they couldn't have done themselves prouder, representing the region extremely well. The Championships were also a pathway for higher honours with Queensland Country selections at stake to play against City in the curtain raisers for the Reds vs Chiefs. Congratulations to the players that were selected.

Day One Game 1 - Great start to the day at the QRU Junior State Champs with the Junior Brolgas winning three out of the four grades in their first games at The Southport School on the Gold Coast.

Under 16 - Townsville 24 def FNQ Rugby 0
Under 14 - Townsville 10 def FNQ Rugby 7
Under 13 - Brisbane Green 32 def Townsville 8
Under 12 - Townsville 19 def FNQ Rugby 12

Day Two Game 2 - A tough task for the Brolgas after many left their home at 3:30am Friday morning. But the TDRU players toughed it out and competed well in all games. Everyone is looking forward to Day 2.

Under 12 - Brisbane Red 33 def Townsville 0
Under 13 - Darling Downs 10 def Townsville 0
Under 14 - Brisbane Green 55 def Townsville 12
Under 16 - Central Qld 38 def Townsville 0

Day Two Game 1 - At the QRU Junior State Champs saw the tough games for the Brolgas, with many of the teams facing opposition from the South East. Great wins for the Under 12s and 13s over CQ after battling hard on day 1. Whilst the U16s lost in the dying seconds against Brisbane Blue in a fantastic game that they were unlucky to lose. Well done Brolgas.

Under 12 - Townsville 14 def CQ 5
Under 13 - Townsville 14 def CQ 10

Under 14 - Brisbane 29 Def Townsville 0

Under 16 - Brisbane Blue 12 def Townsville 10

Day Two Game 2 - Tough afternoon for the Junior Brolgas at the QRU State Champs yesterday with only the 12s bagging a win against Darling Downs. There were some flashes of brilliance in all teams yesterday with the players showing a never say die attitude that the Brolgas jersey has become accustomed to showing. The teams are pumped to put in today on the final day of the carnival ahead of traveling back tonight.

Under 12 - Townsville 7 def Darling Downs 0
 Gold Coast 40 def Townsville 0

Under 13 - Brisbane Gold 44 def Townsville 0

Under 14 - Sunshine Coast 50 def Townsville 0

Under 16 - Gold Coast 27 def Townsville 0

Day Three - The Brolgas have put in some solid performances after a very early wake up for some. Congratulations and well done to all the players and their management. Thanks also to the many Brolgas supporters who came along and cheered loudly. Great Rugby, great Weather and great to see the Brolgas back at the State Titles.

Under 12 - Sunshine Coast 45 def Townsville 0
 Brisbane 35 def Townsville 0

Under 13 - Townsville 26 def FNQ Rugby 0

Under 14 - Townsville 10 def CQ Bushrangers 5
 Northern Territory 15 def Townsville 0

Under 16 - Brisbane Red 19 def Townsville 5

2016 QUEENSLAND COUNTRY SELECTIONS

Under 16

Samuel Warner

Trai McDermott

Jack Andreassen

Under 13

Johnathon Van Aswegen



JAPAN TOUR 2016

The 2016 Japan Tour saw 26 Under 18 Townsville Brolgas players travel to the Kyushu region of Japan on a 14 day Rugby tour. The team played 4 games in total against local High School select teams in the area. The squad had been preparing for the tour since October 2015 and as a result they were all excited when the day to depart came along.



The team departed by bus from Townsville Airport on the morning of Good Friday headed for Sydney to board the international flight to Singapore and then Fukuoka - Japan. Upon arriving at Fukuoka Airport the team travelled by bus to the city of Kitakyushu in the Northernmost part of island of Kyushu, Kitakyushu is a harbour city with a population of close to one million people. After checking out the local 'Space World' theme park the team spent the first night in accommodation as a team before meeting their host families, the opposition and other dignitaries at a welcome function the next day following a training session. But first a visit to Kokura Castle at the peak of Hanami (The festival of the Cherry Blossoms) was planned and the players enjoyed mingling with locals and trying many of the food stalls, it proved to be one of the best afternoons of the tour on this day with the Cherry Blossoms close to full bloom.

On the third day the team arrived at Honjo Athletic Park for a training session run by the Townsville coaches who also included the local players from the Kitakyushu Select team, the session went well and the touring players mingled in well with the local players. Following the session, the team had a reception with the mayor of

2016 JAPAN TOUR SQUAD

Name	Club
Kane Fuller	Charters Towers
Terance McCosker	Charters Towers
Andre Stagnitta	Teachers West
Jesse Kyle	Charters Towers
Christian Batic	Brothers
Jim Burgess	Teachers West
Lachlan Buchanan	Teachers West
Mitchell Terz	Teachers West
Sam Lyttle	Teachers West
Thomas Wright	Townsville Grammar
Hayden Moore	Teachers West
Jacob Day	Charters Towers
Harrison Hughes	Townsville Grammar
Caleb Knuth	Charters Towers
Edward Pokary	Teachers West
Nathaniel Evans	Teachers West
Thomas Arnold	Townsville Grammar
Dexter Anderson	Brothers
Matt Rauch	Brothers
Declan Maguire	Brothers
Josh Figg	Western Suburbs
Michael Kepper-Owens	Teachers West
Samuel Warner	Brothers
Finn Kaesehagen	Townsville Grammar
Dylan Knuth	Charters Towers
Josh Newman	Teachers West

Kitakyushu City at the council chambers. The affair was very formal and the team, dressed in their formal gear were filmed by a local TV news station which proved to be a theme of the trip, the team and its players received regular airtime on local Television. The Mayoral reception went well and the next day the team met at the ground for their first match. The game started in see sawing fashion with the Brolgas struggling to keep up with the pace of Japanese Rugby. The tourists though soon took control with Winger Sam Warner (Brothers) making inroads down the left wing and it was Warner who scored first with a well-placed grubber from Matthew Rauch finding him in the in goal. Further tries

to Harrison Hughes (Grammar), Dylan Knuth (Charters Towers) and Sam Warner again saw the Brolgas lead at half time 26 points to nil.



The locals came out firing in the second half with a few line breaks resulting from some fast paced Japanese rugby. But the Brolgas finished strong with tries to Jesse Kyle (Charters Towers), Josh Figg (Brothers) and a double to replacement Following the successful tour to Japan the majority of boys continued training in the Northern Region under 18 team to wing Finn Kaesehagen (Grammar School) seeing the Brolgas run out victors 53 points to nil with Centre Dylan Knuth named Man of the Match by the opposition. The full time whistle was followed with a rush of photos with opposition players and host families as the Townsville team said their good byes to their emotional friends in Kitakyushu and departed for Nagasaki.

Upon arrival in Nagasaki the Townsville team was greeted by the Host families and spent the night with them, the team reunited the next day for another joint training session in the morning before visiting the Nagasaki Peace Park and Atomic Bomb museum in the afternoon. It was an incredibly interesting and moving place to visit and the players enjoyed the experience. The Peace Park was built directly under the Hypocentre

of the Atomic Bomb Blast and commemorates the lives lost as a result of the bomb.

The next day the team met at the venue for the game in preparation for kick off. The Team was met and addressed by former Japan National Team Centre Akira Yoshida who played in two Rugby World Cups for the Blossoms. The game was played in wet conditions with drizzling rain in the early stages and the Brolgas struggled to adjust their game plan. The Nagasaki team put on a display of fearsome low tackling that the Japanese are famous for and the Brolgas struggled to create inroads with ball in hand. Nagasaki scored the first two tries of the match through great defensive pressure turning the Brolgas mistakes into tries. At the break the brolgas were behind 14 points to nil ruing some missed opportunities.

The second half was a much better effort from the tourists with early pressure leading to a Sam Lyttle try converted by Matthew Rauch, many inroads were made in the Nagasaki defence however dropped ball and missed opportunities proved costly. In the end the Nagasaki Select team proved too classy finishing the match with runaway tries to win 25 points to 7. The post-match function was held at the ground and the Brolgas enjoyed the company of the opposition, even singing a song to the host players and their coaches.

The following day the Players departed Nagasaki for Kumamoto with an emotional goodbye from their Nagasaki host families with many players again showered with gifts. Upon arrival in Kumamoto the Brolgas were greeted by their new host families before training and travelling to Mt Aso which is the largest active volcano in Japan and one of the largest in the World. The team enjoyed the sights overlooking the valleys as well as visiting the local Japanese Macaque monkeys.

The next day the team travelled the Kumamoto Prefectural Athletic Park for their third game against the Kumamoto Select High School team. After their humbling loss to Nagasaki and following a great talk with the coaching staff the team were keen to make up for their mistakes from their previous encounter. As a result of this

change in attitude the Brolgas came out firing in their third game of the tour. Early line breaks from Number eight Mitchell Terz resulted in two close range tries being scored in the corner by winger Michael Kepper-Owens. Dominance in territory saw another try scored by a darting scrum half Dexter Andersen with fly half Declan Maguire converting all three tries to lead 21 nil at half time.

The second half saw the locals hit back with a well worked try putting Kumamoto on the board to make it 21 points to 7. But the Brolgas hit back immediately with a well worked lineout maul being shifted wider to see Maguire (playing fullback) slicing through a hole and scoring to the left of the uprights. The try was converted by replacement fly half Matthew Rauch and the Brolgas were now ahead 28 points to 7. The Brolgas rode a wave of momentum following the kick off with a Maguire line break being passed back inside to Kepper-Owens and then again to centre Eddie Pokary to score untouched. It wasn't long after this a great break up the middle and some great pace saw flanker Harrison Hughes score under the sticks. Kumamoto weren't done yet with a great attacking movement sending their winger over in the corner to see the score line finish 42 points to 12 in favour of the Brolgas. The after match function was a wonderful affair featuring representatives from the Kumamoto city council speaking about the Rugby World Cup 2019 being held in Japan with games planned around Kyushu Island.

The final day in Kumamoto the players fare welled their host families before doing some sightseeing including a stunning Kumamoto Castle with its surrounding Cherry Blossom Lane in full bloom. Following a stop at the Castle the team visited a local shopping centre before departing to their final stop in Fukuoka City. The team were welcomed with open arms to their final stop at Fukuoka City where they would play against the leading provincial area on the Island of Kyushu.

After meeting at the ground for a brief captains run the Brolgas were raring to go to win their final game of the tour. The team started strongly with a dominant scrum and the boot of Matthew Rauch giving them an early 3 nil lead before a Dexter Andersen break lead to an

Eddie Pokary try next to the uprights. Rauch converted the points for the Brolgas to lead 10 nil. Andersen broke the line again from a scrum base move advancing the ball deep into the Fukuoka red zone before pressure at the breakdown soon turned into another three points off the boot of Rauch for the Brolgas to lead 13 nil. A mistake from the kick off and some poor tackling saw the opposition's second rower score next to the uprights to take the pressure off the home team and get them on the board. The Brolgas found themselves deep in their own 22 under the pump before a Jim Burgess line break up the middle of the field, where the ball was tossed over the top of Fukuoka defenders to winger Finn Kaesehagen to finish it off under the posts. It wasn't long after this that a few well worked lineout mauls resulted in tries to prop Terence McCosker who peeled off and scrambled over the try line and Mitchell Terz in similar fashion. The Brolgas lead Fukuoka at half time 32 points to 12.

With all the hard work done in the first half the Brolgas were coasting in the second stanza but to their credit the locals went on the attack to bring themselves within ten points before a Jesse Kyle try put the result beyond doubt with the final score finishing up at 39 points to 31. The team wound the tour down in Fukuoka taking in the sights and experiences before boarding the plane home. Standout players of the trip were rewarded with a small presentation before departing Japan. Congratulations to Mitchell Terz on his Best and Fairest Award, Jim Burgess on his awards for Players Player and Best Forward and Dylan Knuth who received the best back award.

Daniel Withers
Coach/Manager



TOWNSVILLE RUGBY 7'S

PRIMARY 7'S

This year the TDRU hosted its first ever "Festival of Sevens". This entailed 3 weekends over October where Primary, Secondary and Senior 7's took place. On the 21st of October the primary aged 7's was held. The event attracted 20 school and clubs team over three divisions (Under 10, 11 and 12). All divisions were hotly contested with all finals being close matches. Blazing Brothers and Holy Spirit took to the field for the Under 10 Final. Blazing Brothers got out to a hot start taking an early lead that stretched into half time before Holy Spirit mounted their comeback. Blazing Brothers were able to hold on however to claim the win in the division. The Flat Tyres won the Under 11 division outright after going undefeated in all games played while both Dragons teams, Green and Red. Dragons Red took out the Under 12's securing the win through a coast to coast try, securing them the trophy. Well done to all teams involved.

FINAL RESULTS

Under 10: Blazing Brothers

Under 11: The Flat Tyres

Under 12: Dragons Red

TEENAGE 7'S

A Massive turnout was had in our Teenage 7's tournament with 42 teams competing over 5 divisions (Under 13 Boys, Under 15 Girls, Under 15 Boys, Under 17 Girls and Under 17 Boys). For the second year running we included Girls divisions and had an increase to 11 teams in the 2 divisions. This was a great result for Female Rugby and followed on from a very successful Teenage Girls competition held earlier in the year.

After the pool stages in the Under 13's Sensational 7's and Thunder Down Under topped their respective Pools. Thunder Down Under would then progress through to the final, defeating Cathedral in their Semi Final. The Raging Bulls qualified for the final after winning against Sensational 7's through aggregate, which set them up for a Final rematch. The first half was tight, with both teams showcasing the skills that got them in the final, Thunder Down Under going into the break with the lead.

The second half saw Thunder Down Under take control and win the title.



The Under 15 Girls had a 6 team Round Robin competition which featured teams from as far south as Mackay. The girls showed some great skill and with each game they played improvement was apparent. WS Dragons went undefeated and won the division with some great athleticism and skill presented.

The Under 15 Boys age group saw 10 teams compete in one of the closest tournaments yet with games going down to the wire in both pools. Walkabout's and Brothers finished the top of their pools with strong showings in all their games. This set up a final between the two undefeated teams. The game proved to be tight in the early stages with both teams defending well to hold their line. The second half then opened up and as per tradition, some scintillating tries were scored. Walkabout's just edged Brothers to take The Under 15 Cup.

The Under 17 Girls featured 5 teams with plenty of the girls having played previously in our Teenage Girls Competition. With promising players in each team there was plenty of running action. The Cathedral School were firm favourites after the round robin stage winning all their games. This set up a Final against United Brumbies, one of the hardest hitting teams in all the Grades. Cathedral however put on a clinical performance to beat the Brumbies and take out the Championship.

With a massive 13 teams, The Under 17 division made for exciting competition at all levels. With a great mix

of School and Club teams it pitted many former teammates against each other. After pool matches, the top half moved into the quarter Finals while the bottom half moved into playoff Qualifiers.

Newcomers to the Tournament, LFT were the hot team to beat, favourites going into the finals and making it to the big stage. The Cathedral School also made it through to the final setting up an intriguing Final between the two teams. A 14-12 half time score line left plenty to play for however, an LFT try near the end of the match put it out of reach for Cathedral, LFT gaining first place honours.

FINAL RESULTS

Under 13 Boys: Thunder Down Under 41 Defeated The Raging Bulls 0

Under 15 Boys: Walkabout's 19 Defeated Brothers 14

Under 15 Girls: WS Dragons won outright

Under 17 Boys: LFT 21 Defeated The Cathedral School 12

Under 17 Girls: The Cathedral School 27 Defeated United Brumbies



SENIOR 7'S

Labour Day weekend saw Mike Carney Toyota Park host the annual Townsville Senior 7's in what was a feast of fast paced running Rugby action. The highest quality carnival to date saw great numbers of teams coming competing for top spot in their respective divisions. Teams came from far and wide including Brisbane, Central Queensland and Mackay in what was a great weekend event.

The Womens competition was hotly contested with travelling team UQ taking out the cup against a Kodiettes team that was unable to keep up with the fast pace of the Brisbane based team. Another out of town team in The Pilchers Mackay Stingers went through to the final and were able to knock off the previously unbeaten Sailor Jerry's Pirates in a thrilling game that went down to the wire. Island Breeze made their return to The Townsville 7s and their impact was immediately felt, topping Pool A and heading into the Finals as firm favourites. Average Joes, Nango Sharks and Sailor Jerry's Pirates also topped each of their respective pools and looked strong going into Day Two of Action. At the end of the day it was Island Breeze and SMC facing off in the Cup Final, SMC ready to enact revenge over their first match up on Day One. In a see sawing affair that saw both teams score some scintillating tries, it was Island Breeze claiming their 5th Townsville 7's title and in turn the \$3000 Cash Prize.

A thanks must go to all those involved in making the weekend such a success whether they be teams, volunteers, referees, support staff or all those who came down to support their team. The efforts of all resulted in a fantastic carnival of Rugby 7's.

UNDER 20 CUP FINAL

Pilchers Mackay Stingers 33 defeated Sailor Jerry's Pirates 24

WOMEN'S CUP FINAL

UQ 34 defeated Kodiettes 0

MEN'S CUP FINAL

Island Breeze 22 defeated SMC 12

MEN'S PLATE FINAL

Nango Sharks 31 defeated CQ Dingoes 21

MENS SPOON FINAL

J.A.M Youngerjacks 24 defeated Centenary Centaurs 15

UNDER 20 BOWL FINAL

Beach Boys 26 defeated J.A.M Lumberjacks 5

TOWNSVILLE AND DISTRICT RUGBY UNION LIFE MEMBERS

NEW INDUCTEES/TDRU PATRON



Life Member Daniel Morton

Dan Morton's connection with Rugby began with the Brothers Rugby club where he built a reputation as a fiery red headed back rower who went on to Represent the Brolgas and North Queensland in Age Grade and Seniors divisions. Danny joined the TDRU Executive in a Matches and Grades role in 1997 before a short hiatus serving his club. Danny re-joined the TDRU Executive in the new millennium in roles of the Junior Vice President, Senior Vice President and President from mid-2008 until 2010. Danny has also served on the Board of the Queensland Country Rugby Union for a number of years and has been the president since 2011. The announcement for Morton came as a shock to him as he was advised he was at the meeting to discuss other matters, he was taken aback but was extremely humbled to be in the accompaniment of some of the other life members in the room.



Life Member Bruce Shepherd

Bruce Shepherd's involvement in the TDRU began in 1997 as a secretary on the Junior Rugby Sub-committee, this was during the very beginnings of Junior Rugby in Townsville which featured only a handful of teams, in its current day nearly 20 years on, the Junior Competition has close to 1000 players in over 80 teams. Bruce was also involved heavily in the Junior Brolgas Representative teams that travelled away to the QJRU State Championships between 1998-2007 and has served on the TDRU Executive as Secretary from 2006 onwards. Bruce informed the constituents at the meeting that he isn't slowing down and intends to continue his contribution to Rugby for a few more years.



TDRU Patron Colin Harkness

Col's contribution to the Rugby Community extends well beyond his role as a founding father of Townsville's Modern Rugby era. Col also served as the Vice President of Queensland Rugby in the late 1960s to the Mid 1970s and as a board member between 2005 and 2010. He also served as President of Queensland Country Rugby Union in 1974 and 1984. Col is also a life member of both the TDRU and the Ross River Redskins club.

Col's role as Patron of the TDRU will see him act as the champion of the organisation ensuring its long-term sustainability and profile is strong within the Townsville and North Queensland community. He will also serve on the Sub-Committee charged with organising the TDRU's 50th Anniversary Celebrations in 2017.

TOWNSVILLE AND DISTRICT RUGBY UNION LIFE MEMBERS

B Smith (dec)	C Harkness
P Ryalls	D Jones (dec)
A Reddy	J Sullivan (dec)
R Barnes (dec)	R Jones
R Spillane	B Shepherd
J Tracey (dec)	D Morton



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO MEMBERS

**TOWNSVILLE & DISTRICT
RUGBY UNION INCORPORATED**

ABN 14 606 528 142

SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT
for the year ended 30 September 2016

Townsville & District Rugby Union Incorporated
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Townsville & District Rugby Union Incorporated
Statement of comprehensive income
For the year ended 30 September 2016

	Notes	2016 \$	2015 \$
Revenue from continuing operations	2	388,612	427,636
Other income	3	281,827	251,854
Administration		(17,284)	(24,234)
Advertising		(15,477)	(16,234)
Club rebates		-	(15,600)
Depreciation	4	(33,615)	(37,663)
Development – Academy		(3,884)	(2,961)
Employee benefits		(263,009)	(271,713)
Finance costs	4	(1,768)	(165)
Game expenses		(24,503)	(30,799)
Grounds expenses		(71,352)	(93,905)
Insurance		(59,173)	(33,392)
Motor vehicle		(9,352)	(10,515)
Other		(9,856)	(8,164)
Player expenses		(49,616)	(80,064)
Players levies		(73,910)	(75,195)
Tour expenses – Japan		(64,646)	(6,820)
Loss before income tax		(27,006)	(27,934)
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		(27,006)	(27,934)

Townsville & District Rugby Union Incorporated
Statement of financial position
As at 30 September 2016

	Notes	2016 \$	2015 \$
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	142,808	119,691
Trade and other receivables	6	<u>28,267</u>	<u>43,813</u>
		<u>171,075</u>	<u>163,504</u>
Total current assets		<u>171,075</u>	<u>163,504</u>
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	7	<u>471,500</u>	<u>505,115</u>
Total assets		<u>642,575</u>	<u>668,619</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	8	24,700	41,954
Borrowings	9	2,400	384
Provisions	10	<u>88,031</u>	<u>88,887</u>
		<u>115,131</u>	<u>131,225</u>
Total current liabilities		<u>115,131</u>	<u>131,225</u>
Non-current liabilities			
Provisions	11	303	11,386
Borrowings	12	<u>28,139</u>	<u>-</u>
Total non-current liabilities		<u>28,442</u>	<u>11,386</u>
Total liabilities		<u>143,573</u>	<u>142,611</u>
Net assets		<u>499,002</u>	<u>526,008</u>
EQUITY			
Retained earnings	13	<u>499,002</u>	<u>526,008</u>
Total equity		<u>499,002</u>	<u>526,008</u>

Townsville & District Rugby Union Incorporated
Statement of changes in equity
For the year ended 30 September 2016

	Retained earnings \$	Total equity \$
Balance at 1 October 2014	553,942	553,942
Total comprehensive loss for the year	<u>(27,934)</u>	<u>(27,934)</u>
Balance at 30 September 2015	<u>526,008</u>	<u>526,008</u>
 Balance at 1 October 2015	 526,008	 526,008
Total comprehensive loss for the year	<u>(27,006)</u>	<u>(27,006)</u>
 Balance at 30 September 2016	 <u>499,002</u>	 <u>499,002</u>

1 Summary of significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial report are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented, unless otherwise stated. The financial statement includes separate financial statements for the Townsville & District Rugby Union Incorporated as an individual entity.

(a) Basis of accounting

This is a special purpose financial report that has been prepared for the sole purpose of complying with the financial requirements of the Association and to distribute to its members. The committee members have agreed that the accounting policies adopted are appropriate to meet the needs of the members.

The Association is not a reporting entity because, in the Management Committee's opinion, it is unlikely that users exist who are unable to command the preparation of reports tailored to satisfy, specifically, all of their information needs.

Historical cost convention

The financial report is prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention. Unless otherwise stated, the accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous year. Comparative information is reclassified where appropriate to enhance comparability.

(b) Revenue recognition

As a sporting club, revenue is derived from activities such as affiliation fees, gate takings for match attendance, sponsorship and donations, grants and subsidies from various providers. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable with amounts disclosed as revenue are net of returns, trade allowances, rebates and amounts collected on behalf of third parties.

The Association recognises revenue when the amount of revenue can be reliably measured, it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the entity and specific criteria have been met for each of the Association's activities as a sporting club. The Association bases its estimates on historical results, taking into consideration the type of transaction and the specifics of each arrangement.

(c) Income tax

The Association is exempt from the payment of income tax under Section 50-10 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

(d) Trade receivables

Trade receivables are recognised initially at fair value. Trade receivables are generally due for settlement within 30 days.

Collectability of trade receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts which are known to be uncollectible are written off by reducing the carrying amount directly. An allowance account (provision for impairment of trade receivables) is used when there is objective evidence that the Association will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables. Significant financial difficulties of the debtor, probability that the debtor will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation, and default or delinquency in payments (more than 30 days overdue) are considered indicators that the trade receivable is impaired. The amount of the impairment allowance is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows.

The amount of the impairment loss is recognised in the profit or loss within other expenses. When a trade receivable for which an impairment allowance had been recognised becomes uncollectible in a subsequent period, it is written off against the allowance account. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against other expenses in profit or loss.

The carrying amount of the asset is reduced through the use of an allowance account and the amount of the loss is recognised in the income statement within 'other expenses'. When a trade receivable is uncollectible, it is written off against the allowance account for trade receivables. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against other expense in the income statement.

(e) Trade and other payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Association prior to the end of financial year which are unpaid. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

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(f) Borrowings

Borrowings are initially recognised at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred. Borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption amount is recognised in the income statement over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method. Fees paid on the establishment of loan facilities, which are not incremental costs relating to the actual draw down of the facility, are recognised as prepayments and amortised on a straight line basis over the terms of the facility.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the Association has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period.

(g) Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs are recognised as expenses in the year in which they are incurred, except where included in the cost of qualifying assets. Borrowing costs include interest in bank overdrafts.

(h) Employee benefits

(i) Short-term obligations

Liabilities for wages and salaries and annual leave expected to be settled within 12 months after the end of the period in which the employees render the related service are recognised in respect of employees' services up to the end of the reporting period and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. The liability for annual leave is recognised in the provision for employee benefits. All other short-term employee benefit obligations are presented as payables.

(ii) Other long-term employee benefit obligations

The liability for long service leave and annual leave which is not expected to be settled within 12 months after the end of the period in which the employees render the related service is recognised in the provision for employee benefits and measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the end of the reporting period using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the end of the reporting period on national government bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

(i) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST, unless the GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority. In this case it is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

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 taxation authority is included with other receivables or payables in the balance sheet.

2 Revenue

	2016 \$	2015 \$
From continuing operations		
<i>Sales revenue</i>		
Club income	49,045	48,054
Grants	6,462	31,639
Ground income	106,915	107,081
Player income	226,190	240,862
	<u>388,612</u>	<u>427,636</u>

Townsville & District Rugby Union Incorporated
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3 Other income

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Australian Rugby Union levies	50,604	55,764
Fundraising	-	10,109
Insurance levies	54,000	50,040
Other	13,781	14,182
Rugby club	54,497	54,682
Sponsorship	54,266	55,677
Tour income - Japan	54,679	11,400
	<u>281,827</u>	<u>251,854</u>

4 Expenses

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Surplus before income tax includes the following specific expenses:		
<i>Depreciation</i>		
Depreciation expense	33,615	37,663
<i>Finance costs</i>		
Interest paid	1,768	165

5 Current assets - Cash and cash equivalents

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>142,808</u>	<u>119,691</u>

6 Current assets - Trade and other receivables

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Net trade receivables		
Trade receivables	4,654	20,200
(Less) Provision for doubtful receivables	<u>(2,922)</u>	<u>(2,922)</u>
	1,732	17,278
Prepaid expense	<u>26,535</u>	<u>26,535</u>
	<u>28,267</u>	<u>43,813</u>

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7 Non-current assets - Property, plant and equipment

	Land \$	Buildings and Improvements \$	Plant and equipment \$	Total \$
At 1 October 2014				
Cost	205,931	1,019,203	235,456	1,460,590
Accumulated depreciation	-	(712,372)	(236,523)	(948,895)
Net book amount	<u>205,931</u>	<u>306,831</u>	<u>3,074</u>	<u>515,837</u>
Year ended 30 September 2015				
Opening net book amount	205,931	306,831	3,074	515,837
Additions	-	3,199	23,743	26,942
Depreciation charge	-	(33,342)	(4,321)	(37,663)
Closing net book amount	<u>205,931</u>	<u>276,688</u>	<u>22,496</u>	<u>505,115</u>
At 30 September 2015				
Cost	205,931	1,022,402	263,341	1,491,674
Accumulated depreciation	-	(745,709)	(240,845)	(986,559)
Net book amount	<u>205,931</u>	<u>276,693</u>	<u>22,496</u>	<u>505,115</u>
Year ended 30 September 2016				
Opening net book amount	205,931	276,693	22,496	505,115
Additions	-	-	-	-
Depreciation charge	-	(24,562)	(9,053)	(33,615)
Closing net book amount	<u>205,931</u>	<u>252,131</u>	<u>13,443</u>	<u>471,500</u>
At 30 September 2016				
Cost	205,931	1,022,402	263,341	1,491,674
Accumulated depreciation	-	(770,271)	(249,898)	(1,020,174)
Net book amount	<u>205,931</u>	<u>252,131</u>	<u>13,443</u>	<u>471,500</u>

8 Current liabilities - Trade and other payables

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Trade payables	8,798	26,007
Other payables	15,902	15,947
	<u>24,700</u>	<u>41,954</u>

9 Current liabilities – Borrowings

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Secured		
Bank loans	2,400	384

(a) Security and fair value disclosures

Information about the security relating to each of the secured liabilities and the fair value of each of the borrowings is provided in note 12.

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10 Current liabilities – Provisions

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Provision for annual leave	38,857	50,799
Provision for long service leave	49,174	38,088
	<u>88,031</u>	<u>88,887</u>

11 Non-current liabilities – Provisions

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Employee benefits - long service leave	<u>303</u>	<u>11,386</u>

12 Non-current liabilities – Borrowings

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Secured		
Bank loans	<u>28,139</u>	<u>-</u>

(a) Security and fair value disclosures

The secured loan is held with the Bank of Queensland. The loan is secured by a registered mortgage unregulated over commercial premises and vacant land situated at 165 Hugh Street Currajong QLD 4812. A guarantee and indemnity (unregulated) in amount is provided by the Rugby Club (Townsville) and a fixed and floating charge unregulated provided by the Rugby Club (Townsville) Ltd over the whole of the assets and undertakings, both present and future including uncalled capital, book debts and F/P/A.

The association has an overdraft facility with the Bank of Queensland. The limit of the overdraft is \$50,000. At 30 September 2016, the overdraft was not utilised.

13 Retained earnings

(a) Retained earnings

Movements in retained earnings were as follows:

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Balance 1 October	526,008	553,942
Net Loss for the year	(27,006)	(27,934)
Balance 30 September	<u>499,002</u>	<u>526,008</u>

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14 Remuneration of auditor

During the year Paragon Business Services was paid or payable \$3,000 (2015: \$3,000) for services provided for the audit and review of the financial statements as auditor of the association. No other services were provided to the association during the year, or the prior year, outside of audit services.

15 Economic dependency

To a significant extent, the continued operation of the association depends on the support of the Queensland Rugby Union through grants and subsidies and the local community through fundraising activities, donations, gate takings and match support. This funding is received on a year by year basis. The association requires continued future support from these bodies in order to maintain its present level of activities and commitments.

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Committee members' declaration
30 September 2016

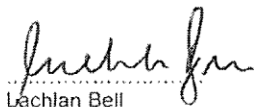
As stated in note 1(a) to the financial statements, in the committee members' opinion, the Association is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial reports. This is a special purpose financial report that has been prepared to meet the *Association Incorporations Act (QLD) 1981* requirements.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with accounting policies to the extent described in note 1(a).

In the committee members' opinion:

- (a) the financial statements and notes set out on pages 1 to 10:
 - (i) comply with Note 1 to the financial statements as detailed above; and
 - (ii) present fairly the Association's financial position as at 30 September 2016 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the committee.



Lachlan Bell
President

Townsville
23 November 2016



Sonia Viero - Malone
Treasurer

Townsville
23 November 2016



Independent auditor's report to the members of the Townsville & District Rugby Union Incorporated

Report on the Financial report

I have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of the Townsville and District Rugby Union Incorporated ("Association"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 September 2016, the statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended and statement of changes in equity for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information and the committee members' declaration.

Committee's responsibility for the financial report

The committee of the Association are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act (QLD) 1981* and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibility also includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on my audit. I have conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that I comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Association's preparation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting my audit, I have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.

Electronic publication of the audited financial report

It is my understanding that the Association intends to electronically present the audited financial report and auditor's report on its internet website. Responsibility for the electronic presentation of the financial report on the Association's website is that of those charged with governance of the Association. The security and controls over information on the website should be addressed by the Association to maintain the integrity of the data presented. The examination of the controls over the electronic presentation of the audited financial report on the Association website is beyond the scope of the audit of the financial report.

Independent auditor's report to the members of the Townsville & District Rugby Union Incorporated (continued)

Qualification

Basis for qualified opinion

It is not practicable for the Association to establish accounting control over all sources of income prior to its receipt and accordingly it is not possible for my examination to include audit procedures to the extent beyond the amounts of income recorded in the accounting records of the Association.

Therefore I am unable to express an opinion on whether revenue obtained by the Association is complete.

Basis of accounting and restriction on distribution

Without modifying my opinion, I draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Management Committee financial reporting responsibilities under the constitution and the *Associations Incorporation Act (QLD)* 1981. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Qualified opinion

In my opinion (except for the effects on the financial report of such adjustments, if any, as might have been required had the limitation on my audit procedures referred to in the Basis for qualified opinion paragraph not existed), the financial report of the Townsville & District Rugby Union Incorporated presents fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the financial position of the Association at 30 September 2016 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.



Jodi Davison
Certified Practising Accountant

Principal
Paragon Business Services

Dated this 23 day of November 2016

TDRU HONOUR ROLL

	A GRADE	RES GRADE	UNDER 19	CLUB CHAMPIONS
1967	University	-	-	-
1968	6 RAR Lavarack	6 RAR Mt Stuart	-	-
1969	University	4th FLD RGT	-	-
1970	Brothers	4 RAR	-	-
1971	Army	University	-	-
1972	Brothers	Brothers	City	-
1973	Brothers	Brothers	Brothers	Brothers / City
1974	City	West	University	Brothers
1975	University	Brothers	Brothers	Brothers
1976	Teachers West	City	Brothers	Brothers
1977	Brothers	City	Brothers	Brothers
1978	University	Brothers	Brothers	Brothers
1979	Teachers West	Brothers	City	Brothers
1980	Brothers	Brothers	City	Brothers
1981	Brothers	Brothers	City	Brothers
1982	Brothers	Brothers	Souths Kiwis	Brothers
1983	Brothers	Charters Towers	Souths Kiwis	Brothers
1984	Brothers	Charters Towers	Brothers	Brothers
1985	Brothers	University	University	Brothers
1986	Burdekin	Brothers	Ross River	Brothers
1987	Teachers West	Brothers	University	Brothers
1988	Burdekin	Brothers	University	Brothers
1989	Brothers	University	Brothers	Brothers
1990	Teachers West	Brothers	Teachers West	Brothers
1991	Brothers	Brothers	Teachers West	Teachers West
1992	Brothers	Brothers	Teachers West	Teachers West
1993	Teachers West	Brothers	Brothers	Brothers
1994	Burdekin	Brothers	University	Brothers
1995	University	Brothers	Burdekin	Brothers
1996	Teachers West	Brothers/Burdekin	Grammar	Burdekin
1997	Brothers	Teachers West	University	Brothers
1998	Ross River	Brothers	Brothers	Brothers
1999	Teachers West	Teachers West	University	Brothers
2000	Brothers	Teachers West	University	Brothers
2001	Brothers	Brothers	Grammar	Brothers
2002	Brothers	Brothers	Brothers /Uni	Brothers
2003	Teachers West	Brothers	University	Brothers
2004	Brothers	Brothers	Brothers	Brothers
2005	Teachers West	Brothers	Teachers West	Brothers
2006	Brothers	Teachers West	Brothers	Brothers
2007	Brothers	Brothers	-	Brothers
2008	Teachers West	University	-	Brothers
2009	University	Brothers	Teachers West	Teachers West
2010	Brothers	Burdekin	Teachers West	Teachers West
2011	Brothers	Teachers West	Charters Towers	Brothers
2012	Brothers	Brothers	Burdekin	Brothers
2013	Burdekin	Brothers	Brothers	Brothers
2014	Brothers	North Ward Old Boys	Teachers West	Brothers
2015	Teachers West	Brothers	Teachers West	Teachers West
2016	Teachers West	Teachers West	Brothers	Teachers West

TDRU HONOUR ROLL

	PLAYER OF THE YEAR	COLT OF THE YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER
1967	-	-	D F Jones	C O Harkness	I Straughan
1968	-	-	D F Jones	C O Harkness	J Rooney
1969	-	-	D F Jones	C O Harkness	J Rooney
1970	-	-	C O Harkness	C J Crossland	I Beattie
1971	-	-	C O Harkness	C J Crossland	I Beattie
1972	-	-	C O Harkness	C J Crossland	I Beattie
1973	-	-	R J Barnes	C J Crossland	T Saddington
1974	-	-	R J Barnes	E T Robinson	A Taylor
1975	-	-	R J Barnes	E T Robinson	R Butler
1976	-	-	E C Williams	C J Crossland	I McLean
1977	-	-	M J Cocks	J Joseph	R J Barnes
1978	-	-	M J Cocks	P Williams	R J Barnes
1979	-	-	W Rolfe	P Williams	A Fraser
1980	-	-	P J Rivett	R Fuller	P Cook
1981	-	-	P J Rivett	P Lowth/J	B Schafferius
1982	-	-	R Fuller	J Sullivan	B F Smith
1983	A Short (TW)	-	R Fuller	J Sullivan	B F Smith
1984	J McGann (UNI)	-	P J Rivitt/R Fuller	J Sullivan	B F Smith
1985	D Marshall (BUR)	-	J McAloney	J Sullivan/G	B F Smith
1986	J Mc Mahon (BRO)	S Scott Young (BRO)	J McAloney	G Crossland	B F Smith
1987	D Marshall (BUR)	G Tonner (BRO)	R F Jones	D J Ivers	B F Smith
1988	S Nightingale (BUR)	P Weir (UNI)	R F Jones	D J Ivers	B F Smith
1989	I Martineau (CT)	A Gold (UNI)	P A Ryalls	G Wease	B F Smith
1990	A Gold (UNI)	L Weir (UNI)	P A Ryalls	G Wease	B F Smith
1991	T Shiells (TW)	T Hall (BRO)	P A Ryalls	G Wease/P	B F Smith
1992	A Bourke (TW)	D Ogg (RRR)	K B Lynch	J Gable	B F Smith
1993	S Freeman (TW)	B Casey (BUR)	K B Lynch	I Baxter	B F Smith
1994	M Marson (BUR)	G Scarff (RRR)	K B Lynch/T Edmonds	I Baxter	B F Smith
1995	M Steene (RRR)	D McKellar (BUR)	T Edmonds	G Harris	S F Fraser
1996	G Barrie (TW)	A Vasta (BUR)	T Edmonds	G Harris	C Jones
1997	C Lago (BUR)	S McCarthy (BUR)	T Edmonds	G Harris	C Jones
1998	M Morton (BRO)	H Keyes (BRO)	T Edmonds	S Jones	R Darbyshire
1999	G Barrie (TW)	S Christopher (BRO)	T Edmonds/A M Reddy	S Jones	P Cavallo
2000	S McCarthy (BUR)	T Reddy (BRO)	A M Reddy	S Jones/C	D Cunningham
2001	G Lewis (RRR)	L Halls (TW)	A M Reddy	L Faithful	D Cunningham
2002	G Lewis (RRR)	M Wright (UNI)	A M Reddy	L Faithful	D Cunningham
2003	C Lago (BUR)	B Abbott (BUR)	A M Reddy	L Faithful	D Cunningham
2004	R Rickards (BUR)	D Sexton (BUR)	A M Reddy	C Bamblett	D Cunningham
2005	S McCarthy (BUR)	D Withers (GOB)	C J Stack	C Bamblett	D Cunningham
2006	A Martin (BRO)	J Kirkland (BRO)	C J Stack	A M Reddy	A E Burke
2007	F Lando (BUR)	B Douglas (BRO)	C J Stack	B Shepherd	A E Burke
2008	T Poole (UNI)	N Douglas (BRO)	D J Morton	B Shepherd	A E Burke
2009	S Barclay (TW)	R Aguirre (BUR)	D J Morton	B Shepherd	A E Burke
2010	S O'Neill (NWOB)	S Namoa (NWOB)	D J Morton	B Shepherd	J Doyle
2011	J Sullivan (BUR)	R West (CT)	L Bell	B Shepherd	P Cavallo
2012	J Taina (TW)	A McClymont (TW)	L Bell	B Shepherd	P Cavallo
2013	T Vinson (TW)	B Morgan (BRO)	L Bell	B Shepherd	P Cavallo
2014	A Parker (BRO)	D Carman (TW)	L Bell	B Shepherd	S Viero-Malone
2015	J Vinson (TW)	C Rayment (TW)	L Bell	B Shepherd	S Viero-Malone
2016	A Kennedy (BUR)	F Willocks (TW)	L Bell	B Shepherd	S Viero-Malone

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