



ANNUAL REPORT 2022

QUEENSLAND RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE LIMITED

2022 HIGH-LIGHTS

Rugby league thrived across all levels of the game during another memorable season for the Queensland Rugby League.



4.75%

INCREASE IN QUEENSLAND RUGBY LEAGUE PARTICIPATION

Across community rugby league and statewide competitions clubs, a total of 64,566 players signed on to play the game in 2022.



192,255

THE OFFICIAL STATE OF ORIGIN SERIES ATTENDANCE

Fans turned out in massive numbers in Sydney, Perth and Brisbane for the 2022 men's State of Origin series.



70

THE NUMBER OF HOSTPLUS CUP PLAYERS WHO HAVE TRANSITIONED INTO THE NRL SINCE 2017

Another 11 players stepped up to the national competition this year, and all eight teams who contested the opening week of the 2022 NRL finals featured line ups with former Hostplus Cup players and coaches.



\$15,000

THE GROUND-BREAKING PAYMENT FOR ELITE FEMALE PLAYERS

Players who took part in camps and played for the Harvey Norman Queensland Maroons received this figure – the same amount as Queensland men's Origin players following the QRL's increased investment into female rugby league.



\$255,000

FUNDING ALLOCATED FROM THE GAME'S RELIEF FUND TO GET QUEENSLAND COMMUNITY CLUBS BACK ON THEIR FEET FOLLOWING THE DEVASTATING FLOODS

This significant financial assistance was made possible by the establishment of the QRL-led relief fund, announced in March by the National Rugby League, to support the many clubs affected.



3.2 million

MINUTES WATCHED VIA THE QPLUS.TV STREAMING PLATFORM

443 games were livestreamed as fans enjoyed more access than ever before.



146,000

THE NUMBER OF FANS WHO PASSED THROUGH THE GATES TO WATCH HOSTPLUS CUP GAMES

A crowd of 7304 created an electric atmosphere at the 2022 grand final at Moreton Daily Stadium as the competition's overall attendance figure surged past 140,000.



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THE TENDER AGE OF BARCALDINE SANDGOANNAS CAPTAIN / COACH MANNIX HUNT

The community rugby league "feelgood story" of the year after the courageous teenager guided the Sandgoannas to a grand final victory, just months after they faced the possibility of folding.

RISE

2830

THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS WITHIN THE RISE RUGBY LEAGUE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

22 development programs were run across the South East, Central and Northern regions.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Rugby league in Queensland thrived throughout another highly entertaining and engaging season across all levels.

I am honoured to share my thoughts on the season that was and acknowledge the many people and organisations that have contributed to a successful 2022.

There was once again an abundance of highlights and talking points, but few could top the incredible performance of the Queensland Maroons as one of the most memorable moments of the year.

What stood out most during the Maroons' 2-1 series victory was the connection between the team and the people of Queensland.

You could genuinely feel that connection at each training session and game, particularly the series decider at a packed Suncorp Stadium.

The passion for the Maroons was evident leading into that game when Maroons coach Billy Slater and his team travelled to Warwick to meet fans and community leaders over two days.

This was a fabulous experience for all and it set the tone for the team's outstanding performance against New South Wales.

I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate Billy and his staff, as well as the players who produced a monumental performance under immense pressure that evening.

The final result was a reward for the many months of planning and hard work, all linked to the pre-season when Billy astutely identified prospective Queensland talent spread throughout the National Rugby League.

Players were reminded they had to earn the right to represent their state, and this

underpinned the 2022 campaign where high standards were continually reached by all involved.

While our Harvey Norman Queensland Maroons didn't get the result they were craving, coach Tahnee Norris and her players fought valiantly against a strong and aggressive NSW team.

It is most heartening to witness the rise in performance and professionalism as we continue to invest more funding and resources into our female pathways and competitions.

I was encouraged to see the collaboration between the men's and women's programs with both Billy and Maroons great Cooper Cronk involved on the training field with our female stars.

In the years to come, we're determined to raise the bar and produce more players and coaches who have the potential to perform at this level.

However, the key to this and our future success is going to be a more open and transparent relationship with the Australian Rugby League Commission (ARLC).

As part of our contractual relationship with the ARLC, the QRL is responsible for running intrastate competitions and driving development opportunities and pathway programs for aspirational players.

As custodians of the game in Queensland, we are acutely aware of this responsibility and have worked diligently to put strategies in place to develop more players, coaches and match officials of premiership, State of Origin and international standard.

The origins of this strategy are linked to community football and the semi elite level of our Hostplus Cup and BMD Premiership competitions.

Both of these competitions unearthed many

future stars of the game in 2022. However it must be said that the continued support of the ARLC in funding these competitions is critical to achieving outcomes that will only strengthen the game in Queensland.

The Hostplus Cup's annual Country Week round provided another shining example of the positive impact rugby league has on communities, particularly those in regional and outback Queensland.

During Country Week, I had the pleasure of attending Ken Brown Oval on Thursday Island, and what an experience it was.

From early morning to sunset, we watched many enthusiastic boys and girls play their hearts out.

Another uplifting story in 2022 was the long-awaited return of the Papua New Guinea Hunters to their homeland.

With the support of the Australian Government, the Hunters were able to play on home soil for the first time since 2019.

There were many more incredible stories this year and these wouldn't have been possible without the tireless efforts of our volunteers from around the state.

I extend my gratitude to all volunteers, along with club and league administrators.

Thank you as well to my fellow QRL directors for your loyalty, dedication and innovative vision for our game.

The diversity within our board is another measure of strong governance and it ensures we are evolving as an organisation that is here to promote rugby league as a game for all.

I would also like to thank CEO Rohan Sawyer, his leadership team and QRL staff for their efforts throughout a challenging year.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge our platinum partners – XXXX, Auswide Bank and Puma – for their immense contribution.

We have also been blessed to have the backing of Harvey Norman, a valued partner who shares our passion for ensuring there are opportunities for all women's and girls players, coaches, administrators and volunteers.

BMD further complemented this support in 2022 by coming on board as the naming rights partner of our senior women's competition.

We thank BMD for this increased investment, as well as all of our partners for supporting us across each level of the game.

It was refreshing to see an increased focus on community in these partnerships, and the impact many outstanding activations had on grassroots rugby league.

With this team of dedicated partners behind our own driven team, we are eager for 2023 to take shape and provide another season of unrivalled entertainment.



Bruce Hatcher | QRL Chair





CEO REPORT

I was asked to nominate my favourite moment of the season on more than one occasion in 2022.

Naturally, there were many to choose from given the reach of rugby league in Queensland and the immense talent of those who play and support the game.

But the highlight that resonated most with me was the inspirational story of Barcaldine Sandgoannas captain / coach Mannix Hunt, who guided his senior club to the Central West premiership at the tender age of 18.

In a story that would capture national headlines, Hunt stepped into the role when the Sandgoannas were struggling to find a coach and faced the very real possibility of folding.

This amazing journey sums up everything that is great about rugby league – the challenges that surface regularly, the opportunities that present and the impact the game has on Queensland communities.

Challenges, opportunity and community are all words that feature heavily in the pages of this Annual Report, which I am honoured to share following a successful 12 months.

The testing times arrived hard and fast at the start of 2022 when continued COVID-19 restrictions and widespread flooding had a heavy impact on the business.

With direction from the Senior Leadership team and QRL Board, we moved swiftly to ensure our operations and services continued with efficiency into the new normal.

Almost as quickly as the floodwater had receded, opportunity knocked and we were proud to initiate the game's flood relief fund to help clubs and leagues get back on their feet.

In September, we announced \$250,000 had

been allocated to support the recovery efforts of 26 community clubs as well as the Brisbane Referees' Association.

Despite the impacts of the floods and the pandemic, we achieved year on year participation growth, and who would have thought that any sport would be in such a position when the world was shutting down in 2020.

Yet now we are nudging 65,000 community players following a 4.75 per cent increase, and this growth is testament to the dedication of staff and volunteers across the game.

2022 was a successful period off the field as well for the QRL, with numerous initiatives, projects and dedicated working groups achieving great outcomes to help set the game up for the future.

This included the launch of the QRL Strategic Framework (2023-27), progress made by the QRL's Corporate and Social Responsibility Committee; and the development of the QRL Infrastructure Strategy (QRLIS).

The QRLIS is set to be launched in early 2023 and will provide the rugby league community and its stakeholders with a clear framework and strategic priorities for infrastructure improvement throughout Queensland.

The QRL was also a leader in the digital, content and broadcast space, following the launch of our subscription live streaming platform, QPlus.tv.

A total of 443 games were livestreamed as fans enjoyed more access than ever before, including quality coverage of the Hostplus Cup and BMD Premiership.

Both of these statewide competitions went from strength to strength this year, with outstanding finals series and grand finals captivating fans across the state.

Another 11 players transitioned from the Hostplus Cup to the National Rugby League, further demonstrating the importance of Queensland pathway competitions and programs.

Female pathways in Queensland have never been stronger as well, with the BMD Premiership and the Harvey Norman Under 19s providing opportunities for aspirational players across the state.

Some of the players who have embarked on this journey in recent seasons reached highpoints of their careers in 2022 – selection in the Harvey Norman Queensland Maroons and Australian Jillaroos teams.

And for the first time, players who took part in Queensland camps and played in the State of Origin game for the Maroons received remuneration that was equal to the men's.

As custodians of the game, we are immensely proud of being able to make such a difference to the lives of our talented female players, who have shared their inspirational story in a brilliant documentary.

A League of Her Own premiered in December, and if you're yet to catch it, I strongly encourage you to sit back and enjoy the incredible insights into their journey on the ABC's iView app.

What stood out for me was the passion of our players and the quality of our leaders, especially head coach Tahnee Norris.

Norris and Billy Slater led their respective Origin campaigns superbly in 2022. Whether fans were watching from the stands or the comfort of their living rooms, it was obvious that they were extremely proud of the performances of our men's and women's teams.

The manner in which both teams connected to fans in the lead up to games was refreshing, particularly in the wake of the difficulties

presented by COVID-19 restrictions.

The sight of more than 3000 supporters lining the main street of Warwick to meet their men's Origin heroes on a cold and rainy day was another example of community pride and the strong connection between the Maroons and the people of Queensland.

With these images in mind, it was no surprise that membership numbers reached a new record in 2022.

More than 28,000 Queensland fans supported our elite teams through ticketed and non-ticketed memberships, an outstanding result that sets a strong foundation heading into 2023.

As we formally sign off on 2022, I'd like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the amazing efforts of our volunteers across the state and the work of all QRL staff who consistently aim up.

On a personal and professional level, I would also like to thank the Senior Leadership Team and the QRL Board of Directors for their input and leadership.

The dynamic and innovative decision making in the most challenging of circumstances has ensured the game has continued to grow.

I look forward to working with you all again in 2023, as we collectively strive to meet new challenges and create further opportunities that unite and excite all Queenslanders.

Rohan Sawyer | QRL Chief Executive Officer

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Senior Leadership Team galvanised the workforce during a challenging start to a year in which both COVID-19 and widespread flooding had significant impacts on the organisation.

With the pandemic extending into the start of 2022, the SLT made an ongoing commitment to ensure a safe workplace for all employees, contractors and volunteers.

When the February floods impacted many parts of Queensland, including QRL Head Office in

Brisbane, the SLT moved swiftly to secure a temporary office, the first of two relocations before a return to Milton in late October.

Despite these unprecedented challenges, the QRL continued to operate 'into the new normal'.

Importantly, the QRL was able to deliver services across the state for its clubs and leagues, while also playing an integral role in the game's flood relief project that saw \$250,000 allocated to community clubs to help get them back on their feet.

SLT once again invested heavily in people, with QRL staff coming together in October on the Sunshine Coast to focus on the theme 'strong past, bright future'.

The conference sessions had a strong emphasis on inclusivity and cultural awareness – both areas the QRL continues to invest heavily in across Queensland communities through a refined strategic approach.

The leadership team went through a period of transition in 2022 with the appointments of Gemma Davidson (General Manager – People, Capability and Safety) and Susan Moore (Risk & Compliance and Company Secretary).

Next year's SLT team will evolve again following the appointment of Anthony Ireland-Jones as General Manager – Commercial and Consumer Engagement.

Ireland-Jones grew up on the Sunshine Coast and is ready to return to Queensland after working as the Head of Partnerships and Sales at the Paramatta Eels.

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Chief Executive Officer



Graham Maher
Chief Financial Officer



Gemma Davidson
General Manager – People, Capability and Safety



Glenn Ottaway
Acting General Manager – Commercial and Consumer Engagement



Adam Vanzanten
Acting General Manager – Community Rugby League and Competitions



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General Manager – Risk & Compliance and Company Secretary



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SETTING THE FOUNDATIONS

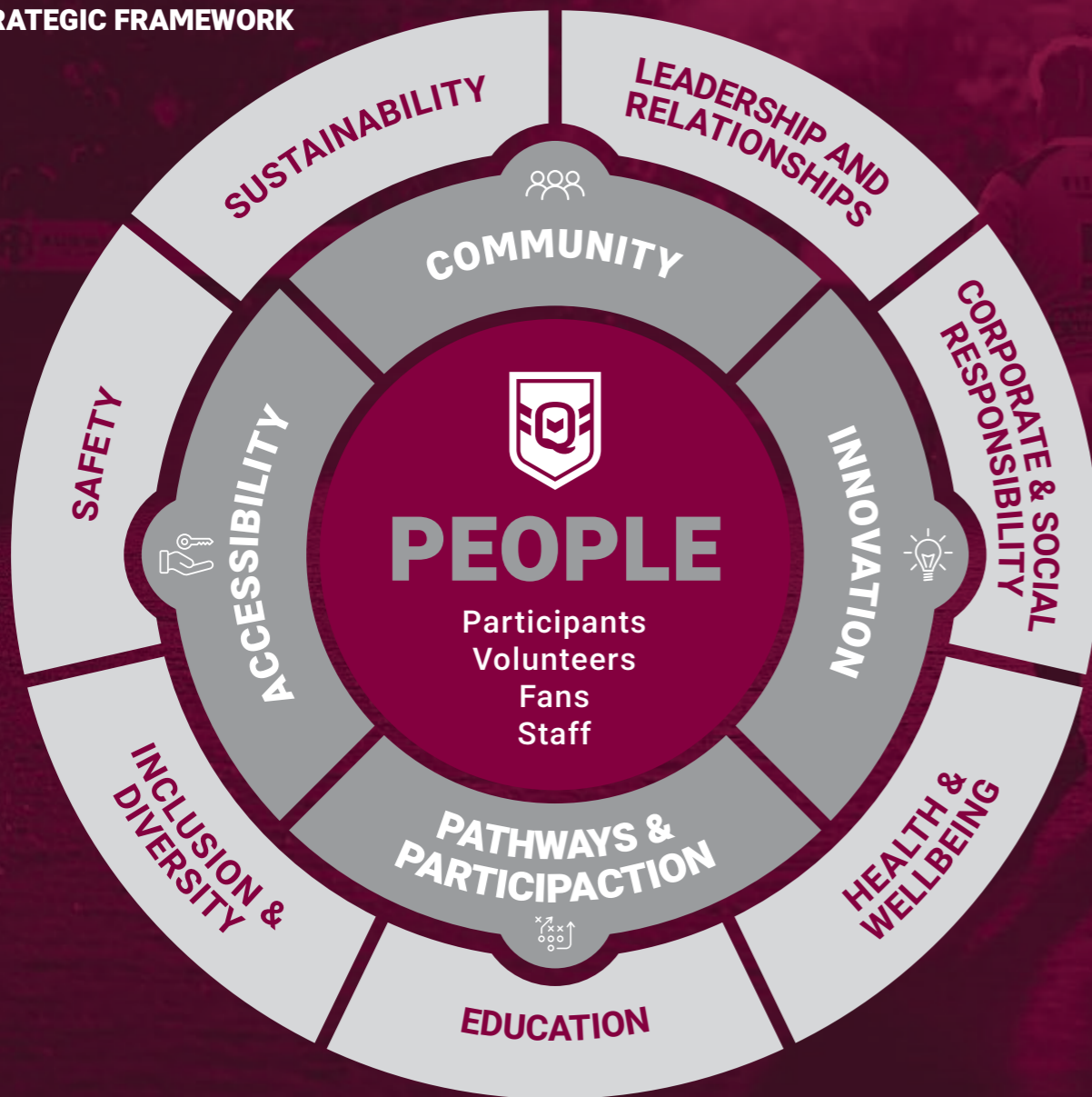
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STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

OUR VISION

A game that unites, excites and inspires all Queenslanders to have a deep connection to rugby league and their community.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK



THE STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK HAS THREE ELEMENTS:

FOUNDATION - THE PEOPLE

The participants, volunteers, fans and staff involved in rugby league in Queensland are the foundations of what drives the success of the game in this great state. The QRL will continue to encourage, support and build the capabilities of all people involved with our communities and our organisation.

PRIORITIES

<p>COMMUNITY </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Leverage our unique footprint and profile to create a positive impact on communities. 	<p>INNOVATION </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Deliver our game in the best possible way whilst adapting to meet the ever-evolving community needs.
<p>ACCESSIBILITY </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Deliver experiences and programs that enable everyone the opportunity to be involved in our game. 	<p>PATHWAYS AND PARTICIPATION </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Positively engage participants across all levels of the game, and ensure they are developed to remain in the game long term.

ENABLERS

Our enablers will connect into the operational rollout of the Priorities and Opportunities within the Strategic Framework and Game Plan, to ensure we are achieving our goals whilst maintaining alignment.





COMMUNITY

Leverage our unique footprint and profile to create a positive impact on Queensland communities.

OBJECTIVES

1. Maximise the role of rugby league within Queensland communities to positively impact the health, safety and wellbeing of Queenslanders.
2. Celebrate our volunteers and tell the stories of our game that have a positive impact.
3. Drive greater engagement and inclusivity in culturally diverse communities.
4. Build stronger relationships and connections between all rugby league stakeholders in Queensland.

MEASURE OF SUCCESS

- › An annual average NPS score of 20+ from volunteers, fans and stakeholders.
- › Delivery of a centralised 'resource hub' for community stakeholders and volunteers.



INNOVATION

Deliver our game in the best possible way whilst adapting to meet ever-evolving community needs.

OBJECTIVES

1. Adopt change and new technology to make our game easier, prioritising continuous improvement for our stakeholders.
2. Offer amazing experiences to engage fans across Queensland, both on and off the field, and through sharing the game as widely and freely as possible.
3. Diversify our business to ensure commercial growth and long term sustainability through new products and partnerships.
4. Engage with rugby league on a global stage, with a focus on Brisbane 2032 as a significant opportunity.

MEASURE OF SUCCESS

- › Delivery of a whole of game Data Strategy that provides administrators and volunteers with the tools they need to make on the ground decisions that improves their experience.
- › A strong portfolio of owned assets, investments and partnerships.



ACCESSIBILITY

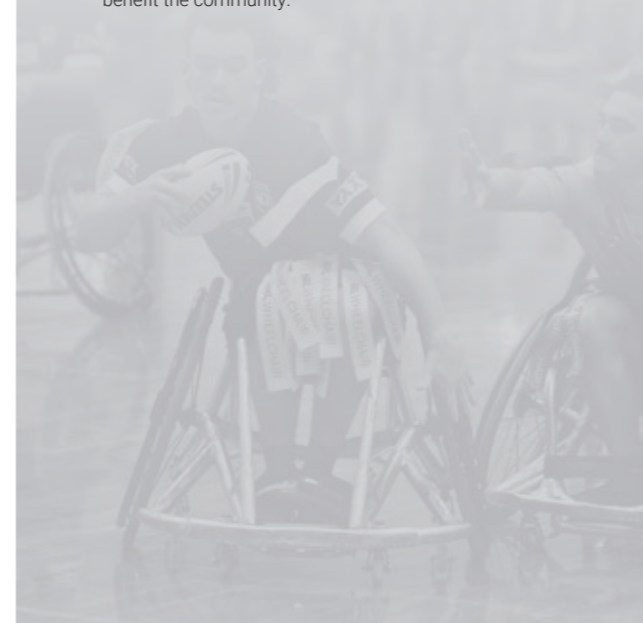
Deliver experiences and programs that enable everyone the opportunity to be involved in our game.

OBJECTIVES

1. Ensure programs, competitions and roles prioritise access to our game at all levels and across all abilities.
2. Attract new participants through changing the perception of rugby league and adopt new forms of the game supporting inclusion, diversity and wellbeing.
3. Educate the rugby league community on the inclusion and diversity strategies which the QRL has in place, ensuring their wide-spread adoption and support.
4. Establish future infrastructure investment to improve more places for Queenslanders to play the game.

MEASURE OF SUCCESS

- › Updated and embedded targeted strategies focusing on inclusion and diversity and the female game.
- › Embedded QRL Infrastructure Strategy, delivering projects with a targeted 10 to 1 multiple on QRL's investments to benefit the community.



PATHWAYS AND PARTICIPATION

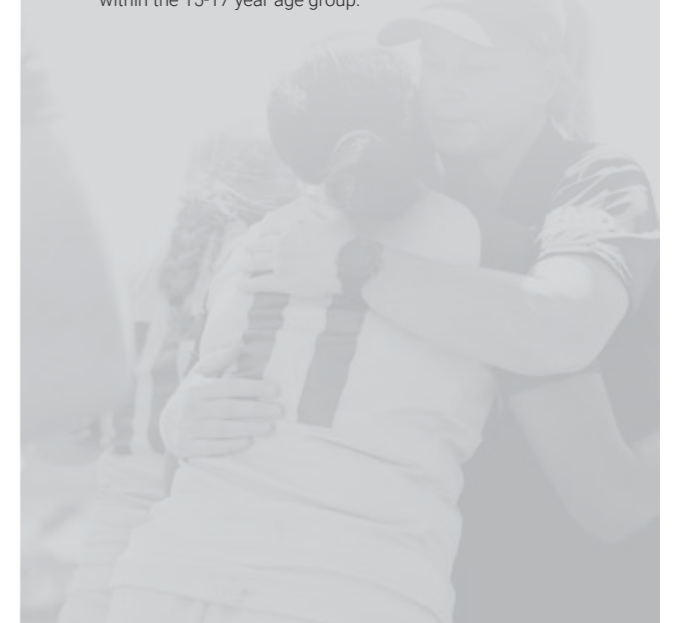
Positively engage participants across all levels of the game and ensure they are developed to remain in the game long term.

OBJECTIVES

1. Champion rugby league as a game for life.
2. Nurture talent both on and off the field to grow the game and increase retention across all formats – tackle, touch and tag.
3. Increase female participation through continued growth and professionalisation of competitions.
4. Inspire the youth by celebrating the elite and their pathways to the NRL and NRLW – for players, officials, coaches and administrators.

MEASURE OF SUCCESS

- › 75,000 registered participants across the state by 2027, with an increased focus on improving retention of players across the game.
- › A new statewide competition to support the female game within the 15-17 year age group.



INFRASTRUCTURE

In 2022, Queensland Rugby League identified its major infrastructure priorities to sustain and grow the game in communities across the state.

These priorities were set out in the QRL Infrastructure Strategy (QRLIS) 2022-2030, a key piece of work that provides the rugby league community and its stakeholders with a clear framework and strategic priorities for infrastructure improvement throughout Queensland.

The strategy is designed to work collaboratively with stakeholders to create safe and inclusive spaces for participation in sport, particularly rugby league.

The QRLIS has the potential to be a game-changer for the rugby league communities of Queensland, especially those in regional areas where rugby league is a way of life.

The release of this strategy in January 2023, signals the QRL's intention to work with local councils, State Government and other key stakeholders to improve sporting facilities across the state.

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Upon release, club representatives will be encouraged to reach out to QRL League and Club Co-ordinators or Area Managers to ensure they receive the necessary support from the QRL.

The QRL has made a commitment to meet the ever-changing needs of the rugby league community through this framework, which seeks to guide future infrastructure investment to ensure the long-term interests of the game are maintained and enhanced.

It is also about providing stakeholders with the confidence to increase and allocate their investments in rugby league infrastructure, ensuring clubs and leagues can provide the best possible opportunities for more people of all ages, genders, cultural backgrounds, and abilities to participate in the game.

The release of the QRLIS follows a successful 2022 season that saw community club participation grow by 4.75 per cent to nearly 65,000 players.

QRL participation data was one of five "key inputs" into the development of the strategy with the other areas being:

- QRL facilities audit and infrastructure data
- Community club, local council, and state government data
- Queensland population and demographic data
- External expert analysis and market insights

Five tiers of infrastructure and facilities exist within the strategy, with a set of guidelines outlined for each tier.

Queensland currently has 265 rugby league venues with 520 playing surfaces, the majority of which are in the 'Local', or tier 4 category.

The comprehensive strategy also explores changing community, cultural and environmental factors that are impacting rugby league infrastructure demands across Queensland.

Key trends identified include an increase in demand for night-time participation, as well as an increase in non-traditional participation segments including female rugby league and all-abilities.

With a vision to enable continued growth in rugby league participation in Queensland at all levels through fit for purpose infrastructure and facilities, five strategic pillars have been defined.

These include a focus on sustainably maintaining existing capacity, creating additional capacity and inclusive facilities, and the improvement of facilities to support talent pathways.

CORPORATE & SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Queensland Rugby League made further advancements with its strategy to connect and inspire communities this year.

Significant progress was achieved through the support and guidance of the QRL's Corporate and Social Responsibility Committee (CSRC).

Committee members provided input into the development of an overall strategy for co-ordinating, growing and leveraging rugby league's community and social impact across Queensland.

The CSRC was also tasked with making recommendations to the QRL Board on key strategies that have a positive community impact, including matters relating to health and wellbeing, inclusivity and diversity; and respectful relationship awareness and education.

This strong connection to communities was guided by the development of partnerships between the QRL, leagues and clubs.

Throughout the year, there were numerous themed rounds and events that linked to significant dates in the calendar.

These included Harmony Week, Anzac Day, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Reconciliation Week, National Volunteer Week and NAIDOC Week.

Some of these initiatives corresponded with themed rounds of QRL statewide competitions, including Respectful Behaviours Round, Indigenous Round, Turn to Me Round and Women in League Round.

All of these rounds showcased the connection the game has to the community and the enormous part rugby league, and in particular the game's volunteers and participants, play in providing safe and friendly places to visit and be involved at.





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PARTICIPATION

Queensland Rugby League reported significant participation growth across all demographics in 2022, with player registrations up by nearly five per cent.

Across community rugby league and statewide competitions clubs, a total of 64,566 (+4.75%) players signed on to play the game this year.

Driving the increase was the QRL's ability to deliver on national participation strategies, as well as rugby league's appeal to new families settling in growing local government areas including the Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast and Moreton Bay.

The work of volunteers, leagues and regions throughout the state also contributed immensely to the growth across all demographics – male, female, senior and junior.

This year 55,121 male players registered to play the game – the highest recorded number since 2018.

Female rugby league flourished with 9455 players in 2022, an increase of 20 per cent.

The adoption of key initiatives within the Player Development Framework further supported participation growth.



DEVELOPMENT COMPETITIONS (AGES 6-12)

Playing participation numbers were **29,221**, representing **5.24 per cent growth**. This number represented the highest playing participation for this demographic in the past five years.



TAG RUGBY LEAGUE (AGES 4-7)

Playing participation numbers were **7215**, representing **5.17 per cent growth** and supported by the Tackle Ready program led across the state by the NRL Game Development teams.



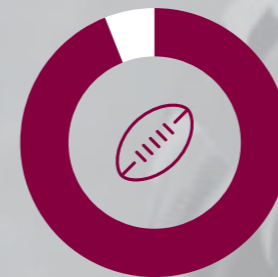
18-MONTH REGISTRATION WINDOW

The total number of players in Queensland participating via the 18-month registration window was **1473**. These numbers continue to grow year on year.

RISE

RISE nominations for 2022 reached **2830**. The program has also engaged and educated 243 coaches, 30 wellbeing coaches, 29 strength and conditioning coaches and 20 program managers.

OVERALL PLAYERS



64,566 (+4.75%)

MALE PLAYERS



55,121 (+2.43%)

FEMALE PLAYERS



9445 (+20.72%)

JUNIOR PLAYERS



49,746 (+5.82%)

SENIOR PLAYERS



14,820 (+1.31%)

STATEWIDE COMPETITIONS



1208 (+12.58%)

All data presented is based on the national reporting system as at June 27, 2022.

STATEWIDE COMPETITIONS

Six QRL statewide competitions provided exceptional opportunities for players, coaches and support staff in 2022.

Once again, the standard of play in the premier senior male and female competitions – the Hostplus Cup and BMD Premiership – impressed many good judges and thrilled fans across the state.

In the Hostplus Cup, the Norths Devils went back to back after beating the Redcliffe Dolphins 16-10 in yet another epic grand final at Moreton Daily Stadium.

The Devils overcame the mid-season departure of head coach Rohan Smith to the English Super League to qualify for their second-straight grand final.

With co-coaches Kevin Neighbour and Ben King assuming the reins, the Devils upstaged the Burleigh Bears and Sunshine Coast Falcons in the semi-finals.

They held their nerve against the fast finishing Dolphins to lift the Hostplus Cup and book a shot at New South Wales Rugby League champions the Penrith Panthers on NRL grand final day.

The Panthers ultimately prevailed, but the Devils lost no admirers following another courageous effort.

Courage was on display throughout the BMD Premiership grand final as well, with the North Queensland Gold Stars pulling out a late try with just seconds remaining to break the hearts of the Central Queensland Capras.

The Shaniah Power try handed the Gold Stars a 14-12 win and a result that looked highly unlikely after the Capras led 12-10 with the clock winding down.

The Hastings Deering Colts premiership was won by the Townsville Blackhawks, who put the disappointment of the previous year's golden point loss to Wynnum Manly behind them with a strong performance.

The Blackhawks, inspired by their pre-season theme of "anyone, anytime, anywhere", lifted in the second half to overrun the Dolphins 46-32.

It wasn't to be for the Blackhawks in their Auswide Bank Mal Meninga Cup grand final, with the Souths Logan Magpies prevailing 38-26.

2022 RESULTS



HOSTPLUS CUP

Premiers: Norths Devils

Grand Final:

Norths Devils 16 def
Redcliffe Dolphins 10



BMD PREMIERSHIP

Premiers: North Queensland Gold Stars

Grand Final:

North Queensland Gold Stars 14 def
Central Queensland Capras 12



HASTINGS DEERING COLTS

Premiers: Townsville Blackhawks

Grand Final:

Townsville Blackhawks 46 def
Redcliffe Dolphins 32



HARVEY NORMAN UNDER 19s

Top standings after Round 4:

Burleigh Bears (8), Townsville Blackhawks (8),
Sunshine Coast Falcons (7),
Western Clydesdales (7)



AUSWIDE BANK MAL MENINGA CUP

Premiers: Souths Logan Magpies

Grand Final:

Souths Logan Magpies 38 def
Townsville Blackhawks 26



CYRIL CONNELL CHALLENGE

Top standings after Round 5:

Redcliffe Dolphins (10), Ipswich Jets (10),
Townsville Blackhawks (8),
Central Queensland Capras (8)



CUP TO ORIGIN

With its strong regional presence, the QRL's Hostplus Cup continues to provide a pathway for players to achieve their dream of playing NRL and State of Origin for the Queensland Maroons.

Eighteen members of the Maroons' Game I squad have played in the Cup competition (394 games in total).

NAME	CUP GAMES	LAST PLAYED
Cobbo	10	2021
Gagai	10	2012
Coates	3	2020
Munster	46	2015
Cherry-Evans	21	2010
Fa'asuamaleaui	28	2019
Hunt	11	2017
Papalii	1	2014
Capewell	53	2015
Kaufusi	45	2016
Cotter	16	2020
Grant	41	2019
Carrigan	25	2019
Nanai	7	2021
Dearden	10	2021
Arrow	22	2017
Flegler	15	2018
Taulagi	30	2021
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QUEENSLAND MAROONS

The Queensland Maroons captured the hearts and minds of the sporting world with an incredible Game III performance to claim the 2022 State of Origin series against the New South Wales Blues.

After a heavy Game II loss in Perth, the Maroons lifted to defeat the Blues in front of more than 50,000 fans at Suncorp Stadium.

It was a win for the ages, with the Maroons overcoming early injury setbacks to beat the Blues 22-12 on the back of a Kalyn Ponga masterclass and a superb overall team performance.

Fittingly, Maroons utility Ben Hunt had the final say on the epic 2022 series when he charged down a Nathan Cleary kick in the 78th minute and sprinted 70 metres to end the Blues' fightback.

The result capped an extraordinary series for new coach Billy Slater, who developed a vision that connected the players with the history of the Maroons and rugby league-loving communities throughout Queensland.

Slater was also calm under pressure, particularly in Game III when the Maroons lost Cameron Munster and Murray Taulagi to positive pre-game COVID-19 tests.

Tom Dearden and Corey Oates stepped up to play pivotal roles in the victory. Dearden was one of seven players who donned the maroon colours for the first time in the 2022 Origin series.

Selwyn Cobbo, Reuben Cotter, Patrick Carrigan and Jeremiah Nanai all made an impact while on debut in the gritty Game I victory in Sydney.

That performance earned the Maroons an opportunity to wrap up the series at Optus Stadium in Perth, however it wasn't to be as the Blues finished with a flurry of points to level the series.

Taulagi was the only Maroons debutant in that match, which was quickly put to bed by the Queensland coaching team as the focus turned to Game III preparations.

Tom Gilbert joined late inclusion Dearden as the new faces in the Maroons line-up for the decider.

And what a finale it was as the Maroons forward pack stood up to set the platform for a stunning victory that was celebrated long into the night by ecstatic Queensland fans.



TEAM LISTS

GAME I

1. Kalyn Ponga
2. Selwyn Cobbo
3. Valentine Holmes
4. Dane Gagai
5. Xavier Coates
6. Cameron Munster
7. Daly Cherry-Evans (c)
8. Tino Fa'asuamaleaui
9. Ben Hunt
10. Josh Papalii
11. Kurt Capewell
12. Felise Kaufusi
13. Reuben Cotter

Interchange:

14. Harry Grant
15. Lindsay Collins
16. Patrick Carrigan
17. Jeremiah Nanai

19. Jai Arrow

QUEENSLAND MAROONS 16 def
NEW SOUTH WALES BLUES 10
at Accor Stadium, Sydney

GAME II

1. Kalyn Ponga
2. Selwyn Cobbo
3. Valentine Holmes
4. Dane Gagai
5. Murray Taulagi
6. Cameron Munster
7. Daly Cherry-Evans (c)
8. Lindsay Collins
9. Ben Hunt
10. Josh Papalii
11. Kurt Capewell
12. Felise Kaufusi
13. Tino Fa'asuamaleaui

Interchange:

14. Harry Grant
15. Jai Arrow
16. Patrick Carrigan
17. Jeremiah Nanai

18. Tom Dearden

NEW SOUTH WALES BLUES 44
def **QUEENSLAND MAROONS 12**
at Optus Stadium, Perth

GAME III

1. Kalyn Ponga
2. Selwyn Cobbo
3. Valentine Holmes
4. Dane Gagai
5. Corey Oates
6. Tom Dearden
7. Daly Cherry-Evans (c)
8. Lindsay Collins
9. Ben Hunt
10. Josh Papalii
11. Kurt Capewell
12. Jeremiah Nanai
16. Patrick Carrigan

Interchange:

13. Tino Fa'asuamaleaui
14. Harry Grant
15. Jai Arrow
17. Tom Gilbert

18. Thomas Flegler

QUEENSLAND MAROONS 22 def
NEW SOUTH WALES BLUES 12
at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane

RECOGNITION



Queensland Sport Team of the Year: Queensland Maroons State of Origin team
Ron McAuliffe Medal / Wally Lewis Medal: Patrick Carrigan
FOGS Peter Jackson Memorial Trophy: Ben Hunt



2022 QUEENSLAND MAROONS GAME 1 SQUAD

Front: Harry Grant, Dane Gagai, Reuben Cotter, Daly Cherry-Evans (Captain), Billy Slater (Coach), Cameron Munster, Ben Hunt, Valentine Holmes, Tom Dearden.
Middle: Kalyn Ponga, Jeremiah Nanai, Selwyn Cobbo, Tino Fa'asuamaleaui, Felise Kaufusi, Murray Taulagi, Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow, Josh Papalii.
Back: Jai Arrow, Thomas Flegler, Xavier Coates, Lindsay Collins, Patrick Carrigan, Kurt Capewell.

HARVEY NORMAN QUEENSLAND MAROONS

The anticipated women's State of Origin contest between the Harvey Norman Queensland Maroons and New South Wales Sky Blues again lived up to its billing after the interstate rivals delivered another thrilling game.

Neither side led by more than six in a seesawing affair that included two dramatic no tries for both sides in the final 15 minutes.

In the 65th minute, Maroons centre Shenae Ciesiolka crashed over the try line to level the scores with the conversion to come.

However, the try was denied after Queensland winger Julia Robinson was correctly ruled off-side by the match officials.

The ruling meant NSW maintained their 16-12 advantage, and in a crushing blow for the Maroons, Sky Blues star Isabelle Kelly would soon cross to close out a 20-14 victory.

While it was a devastating finish for the Maroons, coach Tahnee Norris and her entire

squad could be immensely proud of their efforts throughout the willing contest.

Queensland never backed down and defended bravely against a NSW team that enjoyed long periods of possession.

The result brought an end to the Maroons' two-year stranglehold on the State of Origin shield.

However, the Maroons are well placed to hit back in 2023 with Norris leading a progressive female pathways program that continues to develop exciting new talent.



- TEAM LIST**
1. Tamika Upton
 2. Emily Bass
 3. Evania Pelite
 4. Shenae Ciesiolka
 5. Julia Robinson
 6. Tarryn Aiken
 7. Ali Briggishaw (c)
 8. Chelsea Lenarduzzi
 9. Brittany Breayley-Nati
 10. Shannon Mato
 11. Tallisha Harden
 12. Tazmin Gray
 13. Destiny Brill

Interchange:

14. Lauren Brown
15. Jessika Elliston
16. Steph Hancock
17. Tiana Raftstrand-Smith
18. Zahara Temara

NEW SOUTH WALES SKY BLUES 20 def
HARVEY NORMAN QUEENSLAND MAROONS 14
 at GIO Stadium, Canberra.



RECOGNITION



Annie Banks Medal: Ali Briggishaw
 Renae Kunst Medal: Sarah Walker



2022 HARVEY NORMAN QUEENSLAND MAROONS SQUAD
Front: Emily Bass, Lauren Brown, Ali Briggishaw (Captain), Tahnee Norris (Coach), Shannon Mato, Julia Robinson, Destiny Brill.
Middle: Tarryn Aiken, Sara Sautia, Evania Pelite, Brittany Breayley-Nati, Steph Hancock, Tazmin Gray, Tiana Raftstrand-Smith, Shenae Ciesiolka, Keilee Joseph.
Back: Romy Teitzel, Tamika Upton, Chelsea Lenarduzzi, Jessika Elliston, Tallisha Harden, Zahara Temara, Karina Brown.

QUEENSLAND UNDER 19 - MEN



New South Wales playmaker Jonah Pezet starred with four try assists as the young Blues defeated Queensland 32-4 in their Under 19s Origin clash at Leichhardt Oval.

Pezet had the ball on a string with both his kicking and passing games to put Queensland on the back foot in a man-of-the-match display.

Early in the clash, Queensland winger Jacob Mene opened the scoring after he swooped on a grubber from halfback Thomas Duffy to give the visiting Maroons the lead.

The Blues hit back through their Canberra connection with centre Brad Morkos setting up Utuloa Asomua with some silky hands for the winger to give NSW the advantage.

Bulldogs youngster Paul Alamoti then ran through a hole to finish off a perfectly timed pass from Pezet.

Thomas Weaver made it two goals from two attempts to give NSW a handy 12-4 lead.

Pezet then produced a freak kick off the outside of his boot to send Jack Bostock over for the Blues' third-straight try.

Pezet had another try assist with a classy grubber kick, this time for his halves partner Weaver to touch down inches before the dead ball line as the Blues took a commanding 24-4 lead.

Queensland hooker Blake Mozer was sin-binned for a lifting tackle on Pezet that saw both teams come together in a scuffle, allowing Weaver to extend the lead to 26-4.

Pezet capped a stunning display with his fourth try assist with a brilliant cut out over the top for Asomua to grab a double and seal the strong win.

TEAM LIST

1. Isaiah Longi
2. Jacob Mene
3. Sosefo Fifita
4. Robert Toia
5. Xavier Chatfield-Mooka
6. Harradyn Wilson
7. Thomas Duffy
8. Xavier Va'a (c)
9. Blake Mozer
10. Paul Bryan
11. Edward Hampson
12. Jack Howarth
13. Luke Jack

Interchange:

14. Jye Gray
15. Benjamin Te Kura
16. Josiah Pahulu
17. Kulikeyu Finefeuiaki

18. Kaleb Ngamanu

Coach: Kurt Richards

NEW SOUTH WALES 32 def QUEENSLAND 4
at Leichhardt Oval, Sydney



Front: Geoff Eggert (Trainer) Harradyn Wilson, Isaiah Longi, Kaleb Ngamanu, Kurt Richards (Coach) Xavier Chatfield-Mooka, Luke Jack, Jye Gray, Richard Duff (Manager).
Middle: Brad Davis (Assistant Coach), Shaun Packer, Thomas Duffy, Angus Hinchey, Tane Kiriona, Xavier Va'a (Captain) Ragarive Wavik, Robert Toia, Josiah Pahulu, Jarrod Hoare (Strength & Conditioner).
Back: Edward Hampson, Kulikeyu Finefeuiaki, Jacob Mene, Jack Howarth, Benjamin Te Kura, Sosefo Fifita, Paul Bryan, Blake Mozer, Ben Heidenreich (Physiotherapist)

QUEENSLAND UNDER 19 - WOMEN



New South Wales struck the first blow on a weekend of Origin rivalry in June with a 22-6 win over Queensland Under 19s at Leichhardt Oval.

After claiming last year's clash on the Sunshine Coast, the Blues made it back-to-back victories thanks to excellent efforts from centre Andie Robinson and fullback Jada Taylor.

Robinson crossed for a hat-trick and Taylor a double as the Blues turned a narrow half-time lead into a strong victory.

After a cautious start from both sides, it was NSW who struck first when Robinson finished off some great lead-up work by five-eighth Losana Lutu and Taylor.

As one of the Blues' two "marquee" under 20s players, Robinson lived up to her billing with a swerving 30-metre run to post the game's first four-pointer before the Maroons answered back through one of their marquees.

Classy Queensland playmaker Jada Ferguson got into dummy half on the last tackle and saw an opportunity down the short side, putting winger Jetaya Faifua away down the left wing before taking the return pass to score.

Six minutes later the Blues had a second try when Taylor powered over from dummy half to make it 8-6.

A loose pass by the Maroons in the 38th minute opened the door for the Blues and they capitalised through Robinson, who crossed from close range after Lotu had bamboozled the defence with some sweet stepping.

Reuben Cherrington then piloted a tough conversion to make it 14-6 to the Blues.

Robinson completed her hat-trick in the 47th minute when Monalisa Soliola, Leilani Wilson and Jules Kirkpatrick combined well.

Taylor then iced the win with a stunning 105-metre try.

TEAM LIST

1. Chantay Kiria-Ratu
2. Jetaya Faifua
3. Emmanita Paki
4. Felila Kia
5. Helen Uitulagi
6. Jada Ferguson
7. Jayde Herdegen
8. April Ngatupuna
9. Lily-Rose Kolc
10. Fiona Jahnke
11. Otesa Pule
12. Hannah Larsson (c)
13. Georgina Tuitaaliii

Interchange:

3. Jasmine Peters
4. Montana Mook
5. Lavinia Kitai
6. Jacinta Carter

18. Ellie Williamson

Coach: Ben Jeffries

NEW SOUTH WALES 22 def QUEENSLAND 6
at Leichhardt Oval, Sydney



Front: Felila Kia, Lillian Yarrow, Chantay Kiria-Ratu, Hannah Larsson, Jacinta Carter, Tessa Hart, Sunny Gerard.
Middle: Bushra Mir (Physiotherapist), Ben Jeffries (Head Coach), Ellie Williamson, Jetaya Faifua, Jasmine Peters, Montana Mook, Jada Ferguson, Georgina Tuitaaliii, Lily-Rose Kolc, Helen Uitulagi, Deanna Turner (Assistant Coach), Tammy Quirke (Manager).
Back: Liam Bartlett (Strength & Conditioner), Jayde Herdegen, Emmanita Paki, April Ngatupuna, Lavinia Kitai, Fiona Jahnke, Tahlia Marshall, Atlanta Peters, Meg Ward (Assistant Coach), Tandia Wood (Strength & Conditioner).

QUEENSLAND UNDER 17 CITY V COUNTRY - BOYS

Queensland Country ran away with a strong victory in their representative match against City, with prop De La Salle Va'a and winger Rayzarlin Pearson both scoring doubles.

In a seesawing game, Country five-eighth Lyhkan King-Togia produced a great run out of nothing, busting through tackles before flinging the ball backwards for fullback Muta Brown to scoop it up and open the scoring in the sixth minute.

The City defence stiffened when Country twice deployed their right-hand side attack, but on both occasions, they were held up.

However, they went the old fashioned route to add to their score, changing direction to their left, and finding a hard-charging Va'a who crashed over to extend the lead.

With 16 minutes to go in the half, City prop Michael Waqa responded in kind with a powerful run of his own close to the line, getting the ball down for the first points in the half for his side.

As the first half wore on, errors started to creep into the games of both sides, with neither able to fully execute their attacking plays or make the most of their opportunities.

City were able to get their second try however with just under four minutes left in the half after stretching the Country defence on their edge, before throwing the ball back inside to captain Stanley Huen who ran straight and hard to the line.

Keahn Skipps slotted his second conversion to bring the score to 12-12.

However, Country were able to sneak ahead 14-12 at the break, thanks to a penalty goal which was successfully made by Kai Simon.

Multiple errors to Country to start the second half gave City the chance to post the first

points of the second half, and they took their opportunity, with centre Devonte Vaivela showing his strength to score the opening points of the half, with Skipps adding the extras for an 18-14 lead.

City went further in front with a penalty goal, however Country were right back in the game when Va'a charged in for his second try of the match in what was a close resemblance to his first, with Simon's successful conversion seeing the score levelled again at 20-20.

Pearson went over in the left-hand corner to break the deadlock while City had a player in the sin bin, before Country went further in front when Xavier Kerrisk crossed untouched from dummy half.

It was back-to-back for Country as Pearson streaked away and ran the length of the field to post his double and wrap up a 38-20 win.



TEAM LISTS

QUEENSLAND CITY

1. Jeremy Trappett
2. Tyreece Tait
3. Devonte Vaiavela
4. Will Semu
5. Israel Leota
6. Keahn Skipps
7. Stanley Huen (c)
8. Michael Waqa
9. Cameron Bukowski
10. Rene Bagon
11. Beni Allen
12. Lewis Symonds
13. Isaiah Scanlan

Interchange:

14. Xavier Atoa
15. Jett Jackson
16. Larry Siala
17. Mikael Ibrahim

Coach: David Staggs

QUEENSLAND COUNTRY

1. Mutua Brown
2. Rayzarlin Pearson
3. Kai Simon
4. Tariq Tanner
5. Tekelu Mene
6. Lyhkan King-Togia
7. Jaxon Purdue
8. Jamal Shibusaki (c)
9. Xavier Kerrisk
10. De La Salle Va'a
11. Connor Hinds
12. Bud Smith
13. Mason Kira

Interchange:

14. Hoani Harris
15. Tyler Peckham-Harris
16. Brock Thomas
17. Tulloch McLellan

Coach: Antonio Kaufusi

QUEENSLAND COUNTRY 38 def
QUEENSLAND CITY 20 at Moreton Daily Stadium



Front: Mitchell Rogers, Keahn Skipps, Cameron Bukowski, David Staggs (Coach), Xavier Atoa, Stanley Huen, Isaiah Scanlan.
Middle: Devonte Vaivela, Jeremy Trappett, Lewis Symonds, Michael Waqa, Mikael Ibrahim, Will Semu.
Back: Ben Allen, Jett Jackson, Rene Bagon, Larry Siala, Israel Leota, Tyreece Tait.



Front: Hoani Harris, Tulloch McLellan, Mutua Brown, Antonio Kaufusi (Coach), Tyler Peckham-Harris, Xavier Kerrisk, Jaxon Purdue.
Middle: Lyhkan King-Togia, Tekelu Mene, Bud Smith, Tariq Tanner, Jayden Smith, Harrison Schwenke, Rayzarlin Pearson, Jamal Shibusaki (Captain).
Back: Brock Thomas, Connor Hinds, De La Salle Va'a, Kai Simon, Mason Kira.

QUEENSLAND UNDER 17 CITY V COUNTRY - GIRLS

Queensland City produced a dominant display to beat Queensland Country 40-6 at Moreton Daily Stadium.

City winger Aspen Nakao was the first to score in the corner in the sixth minute, putting her foot down to outrun the Country defence.

Not to be outdone, fellow City winger Ebony Raftstrand-Smith – Maroons star Tiana Raftstrand-Smith's younger sister – ran most of the field to score under the posts.

Fullback Kiarah Siauane added to City's tally and not long after, Nakao grabbed her second try of the day seven minutes before half-time.

Ariana Henderson followed suit for City, making the half-time score 22-0.

City, captained by Sienna Lofipo, were first to score in the second half, continuing City's domination of the game, with Estanoa Faitala winning the ball in the air to drop for a try.

Country's Marissa Nicholson crossed for a try to put Country on the scoreboard but Lofipo went over not long after to make it 30-6.

City's Tavarna Papalii leapfrogged a Country player to find her way to the try line and put City even further in front, and City's Patricia Wani scored the final try of the game to close out a 40-6 victory.

City coach Deanne Turner was thrilled with her side, which went into the match with only three reserves on the interchange bench.



TEAM LISTS

QUEENSLAND CITY

1. Kiarah Siauane
2. Aspen Nakao
3. Estanoa Faitala
4. Ebony Raftstrand-Smith
5. Ariana Henderson
6. Sienna Lofipo
7. Kaylah Maloney
10. Rilee Jorgensen
9. Nadia Windleborn
17. Jaydah Tofae
12. Malaela Su'a
16. Hayley Bush
13. Tavarna Papalii

Interchange:

14. Diantae Savage
15. Patricia Wani
18. Relna Hosea

Coach: Deanne Turner

QUEENSLAND COUNTRY

1. Mariah Brown
2. Elenoa Regunamada
3. Jennifer Kimber
4. Ally Ramsay
5. Rebecca Sepon
6. Makeilla Gibson
7. Jessica Barnes
8. Mackenzie Stephens
9. Sienna Norris
10. Katelyn Collie
11. Nancy Sullivan
12. Mackenzie Zeller
13. Lily Peacock

Interchange:

16. Caitlin Tanner
15. Tori Dakin
16. Lenniece Wright
17. Anna-Mina Bin Awel

18. Marissa Nicholson

Coach: Amanda Ohl

QUEENSLAND CITY 40 def QUEENSLAND COUNTRY 6 at Moreton Daily Stadium



Front: Diantae Savage, Aspen Nakao, Tavarna-Jade Papalii, Deanne Turner (Coach), Sienna Lofipo, Relna Hosea, Nadia Windleborn.
Middle: Patricia Wani, Ebony Raftstrand Smith, Hayley Bush, Jaydah Tofae, Rilee Jorgensen, Malaela Su'a.
Back: Tiresa Elika, Kiarah Siauane, Ariana Henderson, Matekino Gray, Estanoa Faitala, Kaylah Maloney.



Front: Mariah Brown, Caitlin Tanner, Mackenzie Zeller, Amanda Ohl (Coach), Sienna Norris, Rebecca Sepon, Marissa Nicholson.
Middle: Anna-Mina Bin Awel, Markeilla Gibson, Alley Ramsey, Nancy Sullivan, Elenoa Regunamada, Jennifer Kimba.
Back: Mackenzie Stephens, Katelyn Collie, Tori Dakin, Lenniece Wright, Lily Peacock, Jessica Barnes.

MATCH OFFICIALS

Match officials across Queensland made an immense contribution to the running of club, school and representative matches in 2022.

With a focus on balance, trust and accountability, the QRL High Performance Unit (HPU) set the tone throughout the state.

The unit made a conscious effort to place a greater value on the achievements of those who officiated in statewide competitions, particularly the Hostplus Cup.

An example of this was the match officials' dressing room on grand final day, where the achievements of past and present match officials were highlighted on the walls.

Further recognition for match officials was created through an initiative led by senior members, who helped to facilitate the inception of a number of awards for the HPU.

Loyal member Steve Kanowski was recognised for 25 seasons of on-field involvement with the HPU.

In a highly productive year, the State Match Officials team strengthened the relationship with National Rugby League Elite Officiating and the national organisation's education and development department.

The Queensland team created an inclusive working environment for the state-based NRL Referee Development Officers to be involved in all strategies, development and education opportunities.

The team also did the groundwork for the launch of a 2023 Northern Region coach mentor program in collaboration with the NRL.

Other important off-field developments included the formation of a Recruitment and Retention Working Group, which formulated four broad priorities encompassing a number of smaller initiatives to be rolled out from community to statewide competition level over the next two years.

These priorities were shared at the QRL Conference and at a number of regional meetings, further encouraging buy-in and support from a wider range of stakeholders across the game.

In another progressive development, the State Match Officials team established new connections with Queensland Secondary Schools Rugby League to assist with the facilitation of games through school-based programs.



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MILESTONES

- Nick McEwan – John Topp Medal
- Jarrod Cole – Nic Euclid Medal

Match officials who transitioned into the NRL in 2022:

- Nick Pelgrave – 20 games NRL touch judge
- Tori Wilkie – NRLW touch judge
- Kailey Beattie – NRLW touch judge
- Marcus Fitzgerald – NRLW touch judge
- Jack Klein – NRLW touch judge
- Vic Collins – NRLW match-day coach

2022 achievements:

- Jacob Whitehouse – 50 Hostplus Cup games
- Nick Morel – 100 NRL touch lines

GRAND FINAL APPOINTMENTS:

Hostplus Cup

Referee: Jarrod Cole
Touch Judges: Dan Munroe, Steve Kanowski

BMD Premiership

Referee: Isaac Freeman
Touch Judges: Emma Maguire, Jakob Funk

Hastings Deering Colts

Referee: Lachlan Sutton
Touch Judges: Cody Kwik, Isaac Freeman

Auswide Bank Mal Meninga Cup

Referee: Nick McEwan
Touch Judges: Cameron Wegner, Dylan Lawrence

NRLW

Touch Judges: Jordan Morel, Torie Wilkie

NRL State Championship Final

Touch Judge: Dan Munroe

XXXX Challenge Final

Referee: Josh Eaton
Touch Judges: Guy Millar, Nik Inthout

AWARDS

Central Queensland Capras captain **Mariah Storch** and exciting Burleigh Bears fullback **Taine Tuapiki** were acknowledged as the premier players in their respective competitions at the 2022 Queensland Rugby League Awards.

Storch was announced as the Steph Hancock BMD Premiership Player of the Year after leading the Capras into this year's grand final, while Bears flyer Tuapiki was presented with the Petero Civoniceva Medal as the Hostplus Cup's best and fairest.

Players from both QRL statewide competitions polled points (3-2-1) throughout the season, with the final standings formally unveiled in front of more than 350 guests at Brisbane City Hall.

The BMD Premiership Player of the Year award went right down to the wire – just like the grand final in which Storch's Capras team were pipped on the bell by the North Queensland Gold Stars.

This time though it was better news for Storch, who edged out grand final rival Emma Manzelmann to claim the award.

Both players tallied eight points, however Storch was declared the winner as she received points in more games than Manzelmann and was therefore deemed the most consistent.



Petero Civoniceva Medalist **Taine Tuapiki** and Steph Hancock Medalist **Mariah Storch** celebrate their respective wins.

The rejuvenated Capras had plenty to celebrate at the awards, with head coaches Amanda Ohl (BMD Premiership) and Lionel Harbin (Hostplus Cup) named as the premier coaches in their respective competitions.

Capras rising star Emmanita Paki was the BMD Premiership Rookie of the Year.

She was also named in the Team of the Year alongside teammates Tamika Upton and Storch.

Along with the leading performers from this year's statewide competitions, the awards also celebrated the immense contribution of community rugby league participants and volunteers.

Miles Devils seniors were the XXXX Community Club of the Year, and Northern Districts were rewarded for their commitment to all abilities rugby league (Auswide Bank Community Program of the Year).

“ The BMD Premiership Player of the Year award went right down to the wire. ”

Burleigh's Sophie Buller also tallied eight points but was deducted a point for an on-field charge.

Storch was also named in the BMD Premiership Team of the Year.

The Civoniceva Medal was dominated by Tuapiki, who scorched the rest of the field with 24 points, well clear of Trey Browne (18), Tyson Smoothy (17), Lindon McGrady (16), Trai Fuller (14) and Nick Lui-Toso (13).

In addition to the prestigious Civoniceva Medal, Tuapiki took out Rookie of the Year and was announced as the premier fullback in the Hostplus Cup Team of the Year.

STATEWIDE COMPETITIONS AWARDS

STEPH HANCOCK MEDAL

Mariah Storch, Central Queensland Capras

PETERO CIVONICEVA MEDAL

Taine Tuapiki, Burleigh Bears

BMD PREMIERSHIP COACH OF THE YEAR

Amanda Ohl, Central Queensland Capras

HOSTPLUS CUP COACH OF THE YEAR

Lionel Harbin, Central Queensland Capras

BMD PREMIERSHIP ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Emmanita Paki, Central Queensland Capras

HOSTPLUS CUP ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Taine Tuapiki, Burleigh Bears

HOSTPLUS CUP LEADING POINTS SCORER

PRESENTED BY STRUDDYS

Josh Rogers, Burleigh Bears

HOSTPLUS CUP LEADING TRY SCORER

PRESENTED BY STRUDDYS

Alofiana Khan-Pereira, Burleigh Bears

HASTINGS DEERING COLTS

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Jonah Glover, Brisbane Tigers

AUSWIDE BANK MAL MENINGA CUP

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Jye Gray, Souths Logan Magpies

COMMUNITY AWARDS

AUSWIDE BANK

COMMUNITY PROGRAM OF THE YEAR

Walk With Me 4 Autism All Abilities Rugby League Experience, Northern Districts

XXXX COMMUNITY CLUB OF THE YEAR

Miles Devils Senior Rugby League Club

XXXX LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

Townsville

SHELL V-POWER VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Shelly Robertson, Ipswich Rugby League

HARVEY NORMAN

FEMALE CONTRIBUTION AWARD

Jacintha McAvoy-Geia, Valley Diehards

NED WHISKY

COMMUNITY COACH OF THE YEAR

Bradley Hulm, Emerald Junior Tigers

BMD PREMIERSHIP TEAM OF THE YEAR

FULLBACK

Tamika Upton,
Central Queensland Capras

WINGER

Lauren Moss,
North Queensland Gold Stars

CENTRE

Emmanita Paki,
Central Queensland Capras

FIVE-EIGHTH

Sarah Field,
North Queensland Gold Stars

HALFBACK

Tahlulah Tillet,
North Queensland Gold Stars

PROP

Essay Banu,
Wynnum Manly Seagulls

HOOKER

Emma Manzelmann,
North Queensland Gold Stars

SECOND ROWER

Mariah Storch,
Central Queensland Capras

SECOND ROWER

Romy Teitzel,
North Queensland Gold Stars

LOCK

Destiny Brill,
North Queensland Gold Stars

HOSTPLUS CUP TEAM OF THE YEAR

FULLBACK

Taine Tuapiki,
Burleigh Bears

WING

Alofiana Khan-Pereira,
Burleigh Bears

CENTRE

Valynce Te Whare,
Redcliffe Dolphins

FIVE-EIGHTH

Josh Rogers,
Burleigh Bears

HALFBACK

Guy Hamilton,
Burleigh Bears

PROP

Nick Lui-Toso,
Northern Pride

HOOKER

Tyson Smoothy,
Sunshine Coast Falcons

SECOND ROWER

Nixon Putt,
Central Queensland Capras

LOCK

Sam Coster,
Burleigh Bears



QUEENSLAND RUGBY LEAGUE ANNUAL REPORT 2022

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PARTNERS

A long-awaited return to “normal” operating post COVID-19 meant 2022 was filled with opportunities for partners to engage communities and fans once again on and off the field.

Activations included the Harvey Norman clinic series in Far North Queensland, Auswide Bank Road Show in Central Queensland; and Harvey Norman Women’s Fan Day on the Gold Coast.

In a welcome development following the easing of restrictions that had been put in place to ensure the safety and wellbeing of Queenslanders, many partners chose to get on the road and connect with fans at a grassroots level.

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

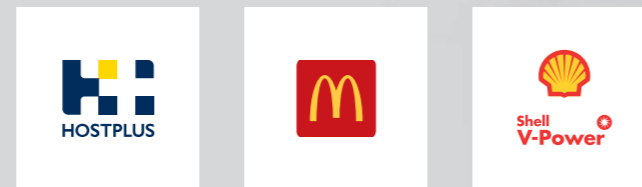
- › A new partnership with Containers for Change led to an activation in front of thousands of fans who were encouraged to recycle and support sustainable communities.
- › XXXX created a unique and inspiring campaign that saw the brand give up their sleeve on the Maroons jersey and replace it with postcodes representing communities all across the state.
- › BMD expanded their investment in the game to include naming rights support of the senior women’s competition, the BMD Premiership.
- › A full season of Hostplus Cup delivered strong exposure across the QRL’s broadcast platform, connecting partners with fans who tuned in to follow their team all season.

These engaging initiatives and events have set a strong foundation leading into 2023, where the partnership family is set to experience further growth with the extension of long-term partners and the launch of new partnerships with businesses like rebel who proudly reach all corners of the state.

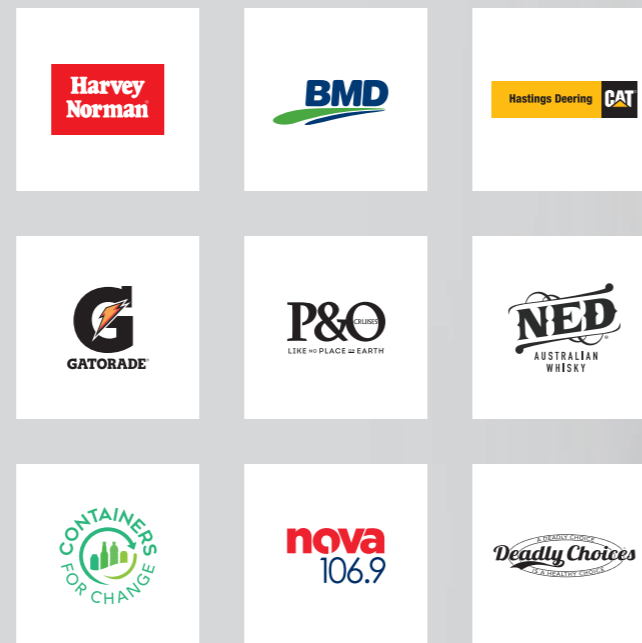
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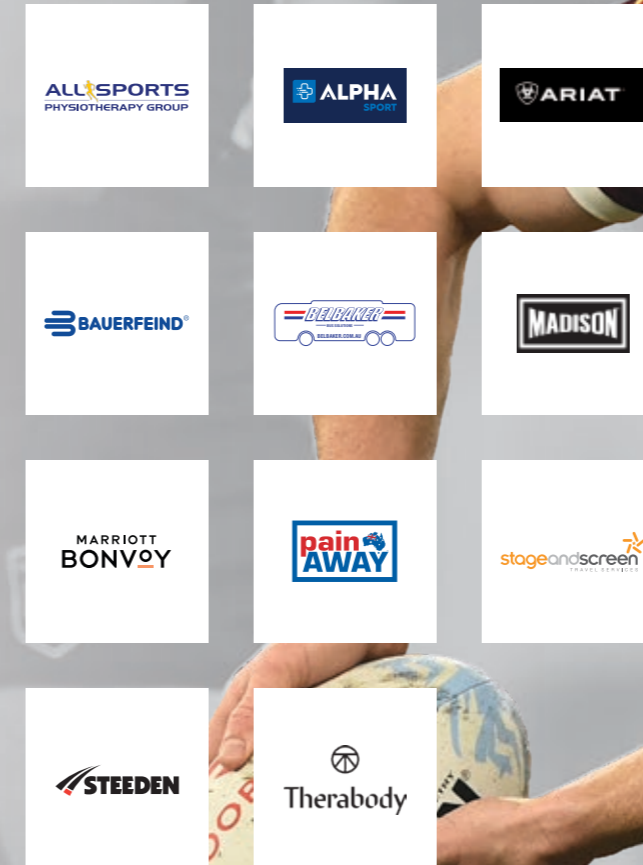
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DIGITAL, CONTENT AND BROADCAST

The launch of the QRL's own subscription live streaming platform, QPlus.tv, was a successful addition to the product suite in 2022.

In a win for fans, every statewide competition fixture was live streamed to the platform in addition to a number of community, regional and representative carnivals.

The total number of games covered was 443, totalling more than 500 hours of live content.

These figures confirmed a significant uplift for viewers in a move that was celebrated across clubs and the game in Queensland.

QPlus.tv recorded 2100 subscribers in the first year with an additional 6200 round passes purchased.



Those viewers combined for more than 3.2 million minutes of live games being watched, with an average watch time of 28 minutes.

These numbers exceeded expectations in QPlus.tv's first year and are measures that indicate a strong appetite from viewers.

Each club received a share of 30 per cent of the advertisements shown on QPlus.tv for their own use, establishing a new revenue stream or benefit to strengthen their sponsorship offering.

More than 9000 ads were shown in QPlus.tv live streams as part of this club allocation. In the future, clubs and community leagues that appear in QPlus.tv are expected to benefit from a revenue share from subscription revenue.

Relationships with key broadcast partners in Fox Sports, Kayo Sports and Channel Nine saw an increase in coverage across their properties throughout the year.

This included complete coverage of the Hostplus Cup finals, coverage of City v Country representative fixtures, Auswide Bank Mal Meninga Cup finals, Hastings Deering Cup finals and BMD Premiership finals.

The increased reach from this coverage complemented the strategy of QPlus.tv.

DIGITAL PLATFORMS – CONTENT AND SOCIAL MEDIA

QRL's primary website (QRL.com.au) and the Hostplus Cup app, supported by the contribution of the content team, acquired top spot on the NRL Digital Network for users and sessions.

Video views across these platforms and social media saw record growth, especially during the State of Origin period.

A fresh video content strategy was adopted and the content team partnered with top creatives

across Australia to offer fans a fresh view of the men's and women's Maroons camp.

The strategy was to be genuinely fan-first, to bring the Maroons camp to the fans in formats that they want.

A highlight from this strategy was a post-session clip of Jonathan Thurston attempting a long-range kick – this simple yet effective insight which fans crave generated 1.4 million views and more than 50,000 engagements.

In addition to the number of video views, Instagram in particular was a stand out with the channels recording 53 per cent more interactions than the previous series and adding a further 49,700 net followers to the account.

More than 10,000 fans of QRL's major competitions accessed the Hostplus Cup app through the year, but these fans were more engaged than ever, recording 24 per cent more screen views than the prior season.

The QRL manages multiple brand accounts across the major platforms – Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and TikTok. There are now 1,836,200 followers on these accounts combined.

More than 10,000 fans of QRL's major competitions accessed the Hostplus Cup app through the year, but these fans were more engaged than ever, recording 24 per cent more screen views than the prior season.

The app's most popular feature is the match centres for each game and fans who have selected their favourite team are notified at kick off and as scores change through the game.

A LEAGUE OF HER OWN DOCUMENTARY

After a year on hold due to COVID-19 protocols impacting production, A League of Her Own premiered at the Brisbane International Film Festival and then nationally on ABC in late-2022.

The documentary follows the 2021 Harvey Norman Queensland Maroons as they strive to achieve success in one of the most physically demanding games of the year – State of Origin.

The production was in partnership with Screen Queensland, Wildbear Entertainment and ABC.

As part of Screen Queensland's strategy, the documentary was produced by an all-female crew, providing credit opportunities and experience to talented up-and-coming creatives while addressing the under representation of women in the screen industry.

At the time of publishing, ABC confirmed more than 229,000 viewers tuned in across Australia which will grow through the year with the documentary available free and on-demand via ABC's iView app.

USERS

2022	3,112,956
2021	2,977,674
2020	1,357,602

PAGE IMPRESSIONS

2022	16,199,212
2021	16,271,927
2020	5,737,179

SESSIONS

2022	5,782,960
2021	6,201,663
2020	3,153,147

VIDEO VIEWS

2022	40,806,418
2021	34,180,423
2020	37,900,000

BRAND AND MARKETING

For the first time in 2022, both the men's and women's Queensland Maroons jerseys were launched through an aligned campaign that highlighted the meaning of the jersey to players, both past and present.

Origin greats Paul Vautin, Trevor Gillmeister and Brent Tate reflected on the significance of the jersey, while Maroons women's coach Tahnee Norris and current players Steph Hancock and Ali Briggshaw spoke intimately about their passion for the state.

This Maroons jersey launch was one of numerous initiatives led by the brand and marketing team, which facilitated a unique experience inside Camp Maroon for eight junior rugby league players who were selected off the back of an initial community marketing campaign in late 2021.

Maroons players embraced the juniors, who ran water during the training sessions. Coaches Billy Slater, Johnathan Thurston and Tahnee Norris also spent time with the excited junior players.

The Maroons brand received international exposure via the hit animated television series Bluey! when the men's and women's teams received a sneak peek prior to 'The Decider' episode airing.



2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- › The Queensland Maroons' Net Promoter Score (NPS) increased across all age groups (from 80 per cent to 89 per cent). Queensland Maroons Members held an even higher NPS score, sitting at 92 per cent.
- › The 'Statewide Scoop', a weekly newsletter previewing the rounds ahead, was successfully introduced with fans enjoying the opportunity to catch up on all the latest news from their inbox.
- › Marketing efforts were rolled out across owned and paid channels with the assistance of media partners to help promote the broadcast of statewide competitions.
- › Maroons Shop experienced another strong year through sales of the official Queensland Maroons PUMA and 47 Headwear ranges. Average spend per transaction increased by 43 per cent, and the average transaction total was up 39 per cent from 2021 to 2022.
- › Equipment Hub saw an uptake with clubs across the state ordering through the site as well as the introduction of products from partners Madison and Alpha Sport.
- › Membership numbers reached a new record in 2022 with 28,052 Queensland fans supporting Queensland's elite teams through ticketed and non-ticketed memberships.
- › 2022 saw the reinvigoration of Kane the Cane Toad, the Queensland Maroons mascot. Kane's Crew, the state's newest membership option, was named after him and sold out to almost 1000 fans at Suncorp Stadium for Game Three.





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WELLBEING

 **11,266**

The number of participants who were exposed to key messages from the QRL Wellbeing team.

Queensland Rugby League expanded its wellbeing programs this year with the launch of the QRL Support Squad, a network of volunteers who made a positive difference in community rugby league across the state.

Squad members, identified by their purple shirts, were empowered with knowledge, resources and education to help foster strong and rewarding relationships within their local community.

This year, 141 squad members received their Mental Health First Aid accreditation and they completed training with delivery partner ALIVE.

The QRL Wellbeing team facilitated the inaugural Support Squad lunch at Wynnum Manly Leagues Club in September.

Guest speakers included former Queensland Maroons representatives Darius Boyd and Meg Ward.

As a team, QRL Wellbeing attended:

- › 38 clubs
- › 36 schools, and
- › 18 gala days / events, including RISE carnivals, Adrian Vowles Cup and activations in remote and regional leagues

The team also responded to 15 critical incidents and presented to more than 11,000 participants throughout the year.

Key messages and topics in these education sessions included:

- › Mental health awareness
- › Vulnerability
- › Gratitude
- › Resilience
- › Pride
- › Mindfulness
- › Positive behaviour
- › Social media
- › Drugs and alcohol
- › Positive mindset

QRL Wellbeing has already made a commitment to engage with more participants in 2023 through specific needs-based programs.



VOLUNTEERS

 **20,000+**

The number of volunteers in Queensland who once again laid the foundations for the game to prosper.

People from all walks of life dedicated their time and effort to the game at community level this year.

Through the QRL Awards and NRL Community Awards, some of these tireless workers, mentors, trailblazers, clubs and future leaders were deservedly recognised for their achievements.

Toowoomba's Ethan Garton was a shining example of an emerging leader who continually made a difference, leading to the Highfields Eagles member receiving recognition for his outstanding contribution to his club and community.

Garton was named the NRL's 2022 Young Person of the Year for his exceptional efforts as a volunteer.

Garton wore a number of different hats from player, referee, league safe, water runner and ball boy, all of which he completed with great enthusiasm and a smile.

The QRL was also proud to announce five community award recipients in 2022.

COMMUNITY AWARDS

**AUSWIDE BANK
COMMUNITY PROGRAM OF THE YEAR**
Walk With Me 4 Autism All Abilities Rugby League Experience, Northern Districts

XXXX COMMUNITY CLUB OF THE YEAR
Miles Devils Senior Rugby League Club

XXXX LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP
Townsville

**SHELL V-POWER
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**
Shelly Robertson, Ipswich Rugby League

**HARVEY NORMAN
FEMALE CONTRIBUTION AWARD**
Jacintha McAvoy-Geia, Valley Diehards

**NED WHISKY
COMMUNITY COACH OF THE YEAR**
Bradley Hulm, Emerald Junior Tigers



2022 Shell V-Power Volunteer of the Year, **Shelly Robertson.**

SPECIAL EVENTS



QUEENSLAND MAROONS FAN DAY

The Queensland Maroons provided an uplifting experience for the people of Warwick and surrounding areas a week out from the State of Origin series decider. The team attended a community fundraising dinner which sold out within a few days. Maroons coaches Billy Slater, Johnathan Thurston, Josh Hannay and Cameron Smith also attended a community breakfast on the morning of the fan day, with this event and the dinner combining to raise \$9600 for Warwick Rugby League clubs.

Despite the rain, fans lined the main street of Warwick to see the Queensland Maroons during the street parade. Fans had the opportunity to collect signing cards from their favourite players and coaches and took pictures as they progressed through the street. Fans were also able to watch a full Maroons training session at the Warwick Cowboys club, which was buzzing with activity following a junior coaching clinic with more than 300 participants. Former Maroons Ethan Lowe and Darius Boyd participated in numerous community visits in Warwick.



QUEENSLAND MAROONS LONG LUNCH

For the first time, this event presented and hosted the Queensland Maroons and representatives of the successful 2021 Harvey Norman Queensland Maroons squad ahead of their 2022 campaign. Corporate partners, rugby league fans and State of Origin players were among the 600 guests who attended the Long Lunch at the Royal International Convention Centre. Renowned poet Rupert McCall set the tone for the afternoon with a passionate recital of 'Blood and Bone Maroon'.



HARVEY NORMAN QUEENSLAND MAROONS FAN DAY

Kurrawa Park on the Gold Coast was transformed into a Queensland Maroons hub as the women's team prepared for their clash against New South Wales. The Maroons squad participated in a coaching clinic with more than 130 juniors. Fans got to meet their favourite players at the signing session, while some chose to relax at the Harvey Norman "chill out" zone on the beach.



SHELL V-POWER BREAKFAST WITH THE STARS

The QRL hosted 240 guests at the inaugural Shell V-Power Breakfast with the Stars on the morning of Game III. A huge line up of stars, including league great Wally Lewis and motorsport identity Anton de Pasquale, took to the stage. Guests were also treated to an insight into the Queensland Maroons camp by Nate Myles and Christian Welch.



WELLBEING IN FOCUS BREAKFAST

This event provided a meaningful insight into wellbeing in sport. It also shared the developments the QRL have made in this area, as well as the importance of opening conversations around wellbeing. Presented by radio partner SENQ, the event was hosted by Michael Atkinson who interviewed Michael Morgan, Meg Ward, Darius Boyd, Leisel Jones, Dr Robyn Littlewood and Glenn Ottaway.



QRL AWARDS

Clubs across the state joined QRL partners, administrators and members of the wider rugby league community to celebrate the many achievements of the 2022 season. More than 400 guests were present at Brisbane City Hall, where Queensland Maroons coach Billy Slater announced the men's State of Origin awards, while Petero Civoniceva, Steph Hancock, Annie Banks and Renae Kunst all presented awards in their name. The main auditorium stage was lined with LED panels which saw award nominees and winners' names featured across the afternoon. The event also recognised retiring players, coaches and officials, as well as NRL debutants and those we lost throughout 2022.



STATEWIDE COMPETITIONS GRAND FINALS

A 'Super Saturday' of rugby league at Moreton Daily Stadium featured four huge games, including the showpiece Hostplus Cup grand final between the Redcliffe Dolphins and Norths Devils. This match was broadcast live on Channel Nine. Fans also turned up in force, with more than 7300 fans spectators coming through the gates over the course of the day. Numerous activations entertained fans before and after games, including the Containers for Change conversion challenge, Gatorade Bolt and Shell V-Power kick for cash. The QRL also facilitated a 50-50 charity raffle that raised \$4023 for Ronald McDonald House.

SOUTH EAST REGION

South East Region focused on building capacity, capability and engagement across the region's rugby league network in 2022.

At the core of this engagement was the region's partnerships with key stakeholders and the unique connection to communities.

The start of the season saw some sort of normality return following two years of disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, clubs and volunteers soon faced a different challenge early in the season following the vast flooding that occurred throughout the region.

Despite this latest challenge, the 2022 season saw more new players take the field to play rugby league.

The region's female participation grew by 19 per cent with more than 3000 participants, a new benchmark for the South East.

The figure contributed to marginal growth in overall participation, with 26,500 players registered in 2022.

The Tackle Ready Program – which prepared all young players for full-contact football in the safest way possible – was a hallmark of the year.

By the time the players finished the program,

they were excited and armed with the correct skills to tackle, and this aspect was captured best by the digital team's "mic'd up kids" video that went viral on social media.

The Positive Environment Program was also introduced this year with supporters and parents working together to create a better environment for everyone.

Brisbane Rugby League celebrated its 100th year in 2022 with celebrations including the unveiling of the Team of the Century at Victoria Park Golf Club.

The selected team featured some of the all-time greats with league Immortals Wally Lewis (Valleys, Wynnum Manly), Mal Meninga

(Souths) and the late Arthur Beetson (Redcliffe) among the many legends named.

In another highlight, Cbus Super Stadium played host to all junior and senior competition grand finals for Rugby League Gold Coast this year.

The staging of these matches at a quality NRL venue ensured a great experience for both spectators and participants featuring in these games.

These opportunities allowed for further growth and connection between the Titans and clubs throughout the local community.

Rugby League Ipswich set its focus on strategic

development for the expansion of rugby league within the region.

Ipswich is situated within one of the largest residential growth areas within Australia which provides a genuine opportunity to establish a rugby league footprint throughout the developing suburbs of Deebing Heights, South Ripley, White Rock, Redbank Plains and Spring Mountain into the future.

Female participation was a highlight for 2022 with growth of 12 per cent across all ages from under sixes through to open women.



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CENTRAL REGION



From the incredible story of the 18-year-old rookie coach who led the Barcardine Sandgoannas to a remarkable premiership to the underdog tales at this year's 47th Battalion, the Central Region had plenty to celebrate in 2022.

Central Region finals also wrapped up amongst a wave of excitement that saw large crowds in attendance across many venues.

Pleasingly, player and crowd behaviour was in line with the game's values and this has set a strong platform heading into 2023.

As clubs take a break and recharge, the region would like to acknowledge the many volunteers, some of whom have been recognised in official state and national awards.

The Miles Devils senior rugby league club took out the XXXX Community Club of the Year, while Emerald Tigers coach Bradley Hulm was the deserved recipient of the Ned Whiskey Community Coach of the Year.



Coaches of the Year, **Amanda Ohl** and **Lionel Harbin**.

Central Region was also home to the Auswide Bank Community Program of the Year, with the Northern Districts' Walk With Me 4 Autism All Abilities Rugby League Experience formally celebrated at the QRL awards.

These awards also reflect the dedication and hard work of Central staff, who combined to ensure rugby league remained a key focus for all cities and towns.

Staff helped deliver numerous events, including the 47th Battalion carnival where Rockhampton won the men's division for the first time against the usual heavyweights in Toowoomba and the Sunshine Coast.

The Central Queensland Capras exceeded expectations and were presented with the Club Championship at the QRL awards.

Bundaberg was not far behind either, coming in as runners up to further demonstrate the strength of the carnival and competition.

In the women's draw, Toowoomba were far too strong, putting in outstanding performances across the weekend.

This year also saw the resurrection of the Wide Bay women's competition.

The Wide Bay Bulls are now an incorporated association, and this club will drive the statewide competition teams from this area.

The statewide competitions level was a memorable one for Central in 2022.

The Central Queensland Capras exceeded expectations and were presented with the Club Championship at the QRL awards.

In a further feather in the cap for both the Capras and the Central Region, Lionel Harbin and Amanda Ohl won their respective male and female Coach of the Year awards.

The performances of the Sunshine Coast Falcons didn't go unnoticed either after the club made it through to the preliminary finals.

The Central presence will be raised again next year with the Western Clydesdales admitted to the Hostplus Cup in 2023.

NORTHERN REGION



Aided by the fine tuning of governance practices, North Queensland had more participants playing the game than ever before.

The region placed a strong focus on participation and accessibility, while ensuring the game promoted an inclusive, safe and fun environment for all.

Region leaders were immensely proud of the commitment displayed by volunteers from leagues and clubs, who combined to ensure a smooth delivery of competitions and programs for participants to enjoy.

Far North Queensland Rugby League (FNQRL), Rugby League Townsville & Districts (RLTD) and Rugby League Mackay & Districts (RLMD) were led by incredibly passionate and hard-working boards.

Northern continued to endorse and support many carnivals, including the XXXX League Championship final in which Townsville defeated the Gold Coast.

Co-coached by Townsville great Roy Baira and Queensland Maroons legend Matt Bowen, Townsville displayed their class across the park to beat the Coast 32-6.

Another success story was the RISE program, which engaged the region's highest number to date with more than 600 aspirational participants benefiting from their involvement across four programs.

TackleReady continued to bring many positive outcomes, while there was a strong emphasis on the delivery of the Player Development Framework.

Pleasingly, Remote Areas competitions kicked off in Cook Shire, Weipa, Northern Peninsula and the Torres Strait.

Northern continued to proudly embrace the QRL's Diversity and Inclusion framework through events like the all-abilities competition in Mackay and Townsville which culminated in a carnival for participants.

Northern continued to endorse and support many carnivals, including the XXXX League Championship final in which Townsville defeated the Gold Coast.

Additionally, these teams were able to experience a game against each other at Queensland Country Bank Stadium prior to a North Queensland Cowboys NRL match.

Match officiating continued to evolve through recruitment and retention strategies. It is hoped the establishment of a one governance model will further boost efficiencies and processes for current referees and those looking to support the next generation.



XXXX League Championship winners, **Townsville**.

GROWING AND SUPPORTING RUGBY LEAGUE IN PNG

Queensland Rugby League delivered on its commitment to grow and support rugby league in Papua New Guinea in 2022.

In partnership with PacificAus Sports (Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade - DFAT), Papua New Guinea Rugby Football League (PNGRFL) and the PNG Hunters, the QRL committed its expertise and resources for the program's third year.

The 'Growing and Supporting Rugby League in Papua New Guinea' program is an Australian Government initiative connecting people, communities and organisations with the Pacific through sport.

The partnership delivered many positive outcomes, including:

MELANESIAN BOWL

- A trial match between the PNG Hunters and Fiji Silktails was organised in February. Unfortunately, heavy rain forced the cancellation of the highly-anticipated match. A ceremony to celebrate the coming together of both nations involved in Australian-based competitions went ahead. Plans are underway to include the event in the 2023 pre-season schedule.

PNG HUNTERS - WELLBEING SUPPORT

- The program provided funding for the appointment of a PNG Hunters wellbeing manager. Additional wellbeing resources were also provided to support players and staff during the 2022 Hostplus Cup season through a partnership with the Wellbeing Science Institute.

COMMERCIAL MANAGER APPOINTMENT AT PNG HUNTERS

- Fulfilled by a local Papua New Guinean who has successfully developed partnerships and sponsor engagements, this role continues to provide significant support to the Hunters.

HIGH PERFORMANCE COACHING SUPPORT FOR PNG HUNTERS

- High Performance coaching support was delivered by Wayne Bennett to Hunters coaches and players. This initiative led to a new partnership with NRL newcomers The Dolphins.

HUNTERS HOMECOMING

- The program provided financial support to assist the Hunters with the staging of their first home game in PNG since 2019. The emotional homecoming game in August at the Santos National Football Stadium in Port Moresby attracted 5000 fans, who celebrated when the Hunters scored a late try to clinch a thrilling win over the Mackay Cutters.

DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PNGRFL HIGH PERFORMANCE PLAN

- PNGRFL made giant strides to improve their male and female High Performance pathways following the creation of three key leadership positions – General Manager of High Performance, Manager for Performance and People; and Competitions Manager.

In preparation for the 2022 Rugby League World Cup, PNG national squads received High Performance support with the appointment of two co-ordinators who worked across both male and female pathways.

During the development of the PNGRFL High Performance Plan, it was identified that the PNGRFL required the assistance of a commercial manager and an appointment was made in November 2022.

PNG ORCHIDS ROAD TO WORLD CUP COMPETITIONS

- A Tri Series that featured 52 female players across four confederates in PNG was introduced in 2022. This event provided an opportunity for coaches to shortlist 34 players who took part in the Santos PNG Orchids trial match.

Twenty three players were selected for the World Cup, in which the gallant PNG team played their way into the semi-finals for the first time.



VALE

The rugby league community sadly farewelled an incredibly talented and group of men.

From respected administrators to an array of former Queensland representatives, coaches and Hostplus Cup stars, the league community came together to celebrate their respective contributions to the game.



Bob Bateman



Tiger Emere



Johnny Gleeson



Paul Green



Liam Hampson



Don Lancashire



Barry Muir



Stu Pankoff



Bill Pearson



Bruce Prescott



Michael Purcell



Colin Quinn



Vaea Taavale

HISTORY

The QRL History Committee worked diligently to promote and preserve the game's rich history in 2022.

Members responded to numerous requests from the public for information about matches, players, officials and loved ones involved with the code.

The year was not without its challenges after a range of historic rugby league items were lost when floodwaters swept through the QRL office in February.

QRL staff tried valiantly to move valuable items, but it was a race against time, and ultimately a race the fast-rising waters were always destined to win.

Committee archivist Paul Hayes helped with the clean-up operation, and assessed the damage and losses, a task he undertook with diligence over four days in testing conditions.

Hayes was able to save a number of damaged items, including books, DVDs and some of the first Queensland women's representative jerseys.

Many of the items on display on the ground floor had been donated by members of the public, and had been showcased in four cabinets, two of them 'rescued' from the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Not only were jerseys, trophies, programs and photographs damaged beyond repair, but the cabinets were also rendered useless.

Fortunately, many historic items were in safe storage. The committee is now working with the QRL to ensure memorabilia is displayed and stored in such a way that history does not repeat.

When the committee was established, following the Centenary of the Game in 2008, one of its

key aims was to lobby for the establishment of a museum at Suncorp Stadium, the home of rugby league.

While that remains one of the committee's objectives, it also has indicated it will support any moves for a Queensland Sport Museum, ahead of the 2032 Olympic Games.

While it was sad to see so much history lost in the floods, the committee had the honour of helping create a notable piece of history, by selecting the Brisbane Rugby League Team of the Century, at the invitation of the BRL Board.

The team was unveiled at a function at Victoria Park Golf Club. History Committee members held a number of meetings with BRL officials, and deliberated over several months before naming the playing squad of 18.

Committee members only considered players who had spent a minimum of three years in the BRL.



THE BRL TEAM OF THE CENTURY

Norm Pope; Lionel Morgan, Mal Meninga, Tom Gorman, Cec Aynsley, Wally Lewis (c), Barry Muir; Harold 'Mick' Crocker, Arthur Beetson, Peter Gallagher, Duncan Hall, John Lang, Brian Davies. Reserves: Des Morris, Greg Veivers, Johnny Gleeson, Bill Tyquin, Gene Miles. Coach: Bob Bax.

Administrator: Peter Scott Snr. **Referee:** Eddie Ward.

Photo: Wally Lewis in action for the Wynnum Manly Seagulls.



Johnny Gleeson's sons, Joe and Terry, Johnny's brother, Joe, with Reg Cannon and Steve Ricketts at the Queensland Maroons captain's run.

The 13th Annual Ross Livermore Memorial Lecture was delivered by former Jillaroo and 2022 Harvey Norman Queensland team manager, Jo Barrett, a niece of former QRL director John Barrett.

Jo, a teacher at Brisbane's Nudgee College, was the first female to make the presentation, which was live streamed by the QRL digital team.

Barrett detailed the rise of the female game, the struggles of the pioneers, and the hopes for the future.

Former Australian centre Tony Currie will deliver the 2023 lecture. Currie played seven Tests for Australia and toured New Zealand with the Kangaroos in 1989.

He also played 14 matches for Queensland and won premierships with Canterbury-Bankstown (1988), Brisbane Broncos (1992) and Brisbane Wests (1993).

A successful businessman, Currie has maintained close ties with Wests Panthers, and has been a fine ambassador for Indigenous people.

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- › Family members of the late Johnny Gleeson attended Queensland Maroons training at Suncorp Stadium to meet members of the squad. This was done with the assistance of the QRL, team management and former Queensland player Reg Cannon, a friend of the Gleeson family. Johnny Gleeson, who played 10 Tests for Australia and 25 games for Queensland, died on Christmas Day, 2021.
- › North Queensland committee member Greg Shannon helped set-up the historic mural (1914-94) in the North Queensland Cowboys' new Centre of Excellence in Townsville. Shannon also regularly contributed a QRL History column to the Wet Tropic Times, and was a guest on ABC Grandstand's North Queensland edition at different times. He also represented the committee, and spoke at the launch of the History of the Burdekin Rugby League.
- › Paul Hayes assisted Brisbane Tigers with the establishment of their historical display, while the committee also provided information and photographs to Michael Hancock from the Broncos to assist him with a tribute to the club's late recruitment chief Cyril Connell.

QRL History Committee

Chair: Steve Ricketts

Members: John McCoy, Paul Hayes, Greg Shannon, Steve Haddan, Greg Adermann, Peter Betros, Michael Pease, Colleen Edwards, Rebecca Trimble.



QUEENSLAND RUGBY LEAGUE ANNUAL REPORT 2022

GOVERNANCE & FINANCIALS

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report together with the financial report of Queensland Rugby Football League Limited ("QRL" or the "Company") for the year ended 31 October 2022 and the auditor's report thereon.

DIRECTORS NAMES

The names of the directors in office at any time during or since the end of the year are:

B.M. Hatcher

L.W. Anderson

S.D. Bliss (Independent Director appointed: 15 November 2021)

B.W. Canavan

C.P. Cronk

R.M. Garard

N.S. McCarthy

B.D. McGuire

D.J. Van De Velde

P.C. Daley (Alternate director for B.W. Canavan)

S. Hawkins (Alternate director for L.W. Anderson)

P.D. Hunt (Alternate director for B.D. McGuire)

M. Peters (Alternate director for D.J. Van de Velde)

The directors have been in office since the start of the year to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated.

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

The net loss after tax of the Company for year ended 31 October 2022 was \$1,264,202 (2021: profit of \$3,076,408).

As at 31 October 2022, the Company's net assets were \$8,745,099 (2021: \$10,009,301).

OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES

The QRL's objectives are to:

- increase male and female player participation numbers from junior through to elite levels of rugby league throughout Queensland,
- maintain the State of Origin teams performance,
- foster, develop and extend rugby league from the junior through to elite levels throughout Queensland; and
- take such action as may be considered to be in the best interests of rugby league in Queensland.

To ensure the objectives of the QRL are being met, the Company will:

- Promote and communicate the achievements of the QRL within Queensland communities and amongst the stakeholders of rugby league in Queensland,
- Continue to support and resource the Queensland State of Origin programs,
- Pro-actively identify and develop future Origin players.
- Organise, conduct, and develop competitions within Queensland from junior through to elite levels.
- Conduct player camps and be responsible for the education of coaches, first aid officers and other officials within the game's development structures and produce a range of resources to assist in this regard,
- Co-operate, with organisations administering the game in other states of Australia and other countries, in the fostering and development of the game,
- Subscribe to, become a member of, and co-operate with any other club, association, or organisation, whether incorporated or not, whose objectives are altogether or in part similar to those of the QRL,
- Enter into any arrangement with any government or authority, supreme, municipal, local, or otherwise that may be conducive to any or all of the QRL's objectives,
- Regulate the operation of all member bodies and affiliates; and
- Make grants by way of gift and to render other financial assistance to clubs and other persons and bodies connected with the game.

The KPIs of the QRL are reviewed by the Chief Executive Officer, Senior Leadership Team, and the Board of Directors on a regular basis to ensure relevance at any particular point in time.

The QRL's performance is constantly measured against:

- Demographic analysis of participation numbers, potential players, and lost players;
- Feedback from member clubs and other key stakeholders; and
- Budget.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

Queensland Rugby Football League Limited ("QRL") is a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee with any surplus income or property applied to promote its principal activities.

The QRL's principal activities are the promotion, development, and governance of rugby league at all levels in Queensland, from grassroots to elite.

The QRL is a member of the Australian Rugby League Commission (ARLC), the national body for rugby league in Australia, and works closely with the ARLC, National Rugby League and its officers to develop and deliver strategies to improve participation in rugby league programs.

Given the significant distances across remote and regional Queensland, the QRL's resources are located to support community rugby league and talent pathways across the state, working closely with various local and regional leagues and clubs. In recent years, the QRL has focused on building participation in the game for female athletes and athletes from diverse cultural and social backgrounds.

The QRL also continues to focus upon building the support and engagement with fans through the male and female State of Origin teams, the Maroons. This focus continues to deliver improved revenue outcomes through partnership, hospitality, membership, and e-commerce programs to fund the objectives of the QRL.

INFORMATION ON DIRECTORS

**B.M. HATCHER****CHAIRMAN** | BCom FCA FAICD

A QRL Director for over 14 years, Bruce was re-appointed as Chair of the QRL at the Annual General Meeting held on 31 January 2020. Bruce is a specialist family business consultant to BDO Chartered Accountants and a Director of the Brisbane Markets Ltd.

**L.W. ANDERSON****NORTHERN REGION CHAIR**

Leigh's involvement in the game dates back to the mid 1960's through his playing days as a Townsville junior. Over the last four decades, Leigh has undertaken a myriad of roles in rugby league, from club coach to club President in junior and senior clubs, as a District and Leagues Club Board member, and as Independent Finance Director for the Northern Region. A Life Member of Townsville Brothers Rugby League and Townsville & District Junior Rugby League, Leigh is currently Chair of the QRL Northern Region and a member of the QRL's Corporate & Social Responsibility Committee.

**S.D. BLISS****INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR** | GradCertBus (Appointed: 15 November 2021)

A respected Indigenous community leader Samantha Bliss was appointed to the QRL Board as an Independent Director in November 2021. Having forged a career in the Queensland Police Service for close to 30 years, Bliss is a former Queensland and Australian rugby league representative who has a genuine desire to promote and develop rugby league in Queensland. A specialist in child protection and family support with senior management experience, Samantha chairs the QRL's Participation Committee and will contribute to the QRL's child safety and member protection frameworks, and work related to the QRL's Female Strategy, Diversity and Inclusion Framework and Reconciliation Action Plan.

**B.W. CANAVAN****SOUTH EAST REGION CHAIR** | BHumanMovSt

Born in Warwick Queensland, Brian was educated in schools on the Darling Downs and Brisbane, completing his tertiary studies at the University of Queensland. He played and coached in the Brisbane Rugby League competition with the Fortitude Valleys club for a period of 12 years before joining the Brisbane Broncos in their inaugural year in the national competition. Following a 10-year teaching career, Brian became involved in rugby league, working with Queensland and National Rugby League clubs, Queensland's State of Origin team and rugby league's governing bodies. His involvement in the sport has covered the areas of management, coaching, strength and conditioning and junior participation development. In recent times, Brian has held senior management positions, including NRL governing body head of football and NRL club chief operating officer, chief executive officer and director of football. Brian is Chair of QRL South East Region, is a member of the QRL's Audit & Risk Committee, and currently works as a special projects consultant.

**C.P. CRONK****INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR** | GAICD

A former Queensland and Australian halfback, Cooper was appointed to the QRL Board as an Independent Director in August 2021. As the Chair of the QRL Pathways & Performance Committee, Cronk is passionate about 'giving back' to the game and helping Queensland produce elite players of the future. Cronk played his junior rugby league with the Souths Acacia Ridge club, before going on to play with the Norths Devils in the then Queensland Cup. His talent and work ethic saw him become a member of the Melbourne Storm, where he played 325 games between 2004 and 2017. Cronk capped off an incredible professional career with consecutive grand final wins at the Sydney Roosters, and has since established himself as one of the most respected voices in the game through his work as a presenter with Fox Sports.

**R.M. GARARD****INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR** | BBus FCA GAICD

Renita Garard AM was appointed as an Independent Director to the QRL Board in June 2017. She is a dual Olympic gold medallist, having been a member of the Australian Women's Hockey team from 1993 to 2000, while off the sporting field, she has fulfilled board roles with both the International Hockey Federation and Hockey Australia. She is currently a Board Member of the Queensland Academy of Sport and Board Chair of the 4 Aussie Heroes Foundation Limited. Renita is Chair of the QRL's Audit & Risk Committee.

**N.S. MCCARTHY****INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR** | BSc GAICD

Former Australian water polo representative Naomi McCarthy OAM was appointed to the QRL Board as an Independent Director in January 2020. McCarthy represented Australia at two Olympic Games, as vice-captain of the gold medal winning team at the Sydney 2000 Olympics, and as captain of her country at the 2004 Olympics in Athens. She has remained heavily involved in sport since her retirement, previously serving as a board member of the Queensland Academy of Sport and as a director of Womensport Queensland. McCarthy is currently the Manager Sport Engagement at Griffith University, where she works closely with many professional and Olympic/Paralympic Sports and their elite athletes. Naomi is Chair of the QRL's Corporate & Social Responsibility Committee.

**B.D. MCGUIRE****CENTRAL REGION CHAIR** | DipT

As Chair of the QRL Central Region, Danny McGuire is serving his second stint on the QRL Board. He previously served on the Board from 2006-2009 and joined again in 2013. He had been Chair of the Wide Bay Region for nine years. Danny has been a coach and administrator with Sunshine Coast junior club Kawana (Life Member) and has served as Chair of the Sunshine Coast Rugby League. In 2010, he was inducted into the Sunshine Coast University Sports Hall of Fame for administrators. Danny is a member of the QRL's Participation Committee and also serves as Chair of the QRL Outback Committee.

**D.J. VAN DE VELDE****STATEWIDE COMPETITIONS DIRECTOR**

Through his role as the Statewide Competitions Clubs Director, Darryl Van de Velde is actively involved in the development of Queensland's premier competition – the Hostplus Cup. A well-known and respected rugby league identity, Darryl brings a wealth of experience to the position as a former professional rugby league footballer, coach and administrator. Darryl played club football in Queensland for Easts, Souths and Redcliffe and represented his state on one occasion in 1977. He coached Castleford and Warrington in England and was the Chief Executive Officer of the South Queensland Crushers club. Darryl is a member of the QRL Pathways & Performance Committee.

INFORMATION ON DIRECTORS CONT.

DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

DIRECTORS	DIRECTORS' MEETINGS		AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE MEETINGS		PATHWAYS & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS		CORPORATE & SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY COMMITTEE MEETINGS		PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS	
	Number eligible to attend	Number attended	Number eligible to attend	Number attended	Number eligible to attend	Number attended	Number eligible to attend	Number attended	Number eligible to attend	Number attended
B.M. Hatcher	6	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
L.W. Anderson	6	6	-	-	-	-	5	3	-	-
S.D. Bliss	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5
B.W. Canavan	6	6	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
C.P. Cronk	6	6	-	-	6	6	-	-	-	-
R.M. Garard	6	6	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
N.S. McCarthy	6	6	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	-
B.D. McGuire	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5
D.J. Van de Velde	6	5	-	-	6	5	-	-	-	-

Each of the QRL Board Committees is chaired by an independent director and includes another appointed QRL director, members of the QRL Senior Leadership Team, and external members with relevant skills and experience representing QRL stakeholder interests.

MEMBERS' GUARANTEE

The Company is incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001 and is a company limited by guarantee. If the Company is wound up, the Constitution states that each member is required to contribute to a maximum of \$20 each towards meeting any outstandings and obligations of the Company. At 31 October 2022, the number of members was 9 (2021: 8). The combined total amount that members of the Company are liable to contribute if the Company is wound up is \$180 (2021: \$160).

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit for the financial year is provided with this report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors.



B.M. HATCHER
Chairman
25 January 2023

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION TO THE DIRECTORS OF QUEENSLAND RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE LIMITED

As lead auditor for the audit of the financial report of Queensland Rugby Football League Limited for the financial year ended 31 October 2022, I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit;
- no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit; and
- no non-audit services provided that contravene any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



ERNST & YOUNG



MATTHEW TAYLOR
Partner
25 January 2023

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS & OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

	NOTES	2022	2021
REVENUE FROM CONTRACTS WITH CUSTOMERS	4.1	34,626,448	36,872,447
Other income	4.2	1,022,700	1,659,488
Finance income	4.3	67,004	5,573
Less: Expenses			
Employee benefits expense	4.4	(11,338,424)	(10,647,756)
Competitions		(11,000,735)	(9,551,545)
Representative teams		(5,017,461)	(5,605,713)
Grants to clubs and schools		(367,661)	(554,437)
Sponsor servicing		(1,537,000)	(1,802,911)
Referee development expenses		(832,885)	(842,028)
Development expenses		(223,761)	(402,888)
Commercial expenses		(2,490,234)	(2,261,310)
Administration expenses		(3,722,471)	(3,016,404)
Depreciation and amortisation	4.5	(400,490)	(656,668)
Finance costs	4.6	(49,232)	(119,440)
Total expenses		(36,980,354)	(35,461,100)
(Loss)/profit for the year		(1,264,202)	3,076,408
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		(1,264,202)	3,076,408

The above statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2022

	NOTES	2022 \$	2021 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	11,485,620	11,207,091
Trade and other receivables	6	2,864,132	2,038,360
Inventories	7	89,014	166,192
Prepayments		481,318	504,516
Total current assets		14,920,084	13,916,159
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Trade and other receivables	6	159,000	159,000
Plant and equipment	8	336,936	329,320
Right-of-use assets	9	1,487,165	1,895,305
Total non-current assets		1,983,101	2,383,625
Total assets		16,903,185	16,299,784
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	10	2,331,968	2,306,008
Contract liabilities	11	2,565,712	340,458
Lease liabilities		534,622	490,562
Employee benefit liabilities	12	1,074,414	1,085,006
Total current liabilities		6,506,716	4,222,034
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Lease liabilities		1,312,496	1,765,215
Employee benefit liabilities	12	338,874	303,234
Total non current liabilities		1,651,370	2,068,449
Total liabilities		8,158,086	6,290,483
Net assets		8,745,099	10,009,301
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		8,745,099	10,009,301
Total equity		8,745,099	10,009,301

The above statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

	RETAINED EARNINGS \$	TOTAL EQUITY \$
As at 1 November 2021	10,009,301	10,009,301
Loss for the year	(1,264,202)	(1,264,202)
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive loss for the year	(1,264,202)	(1,264,202)
As at 31 October 2022	8,745,099	8,745,099
At 1 November 2020	6,932,893	6,932,893
Profit for the year	3,076,408	3,076,408
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive loss for the year	3,076,408	3,076,408
As at 31 October 2021	10,009,301	10,009,301

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

	NOTES	2022	2021
		\$	\$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from customers		41,749,062	35,807,476
Payments to suppliers and employees		(41,090,601)	(33,605,896)
Interest received		29,116	5,573
Interest and borrowing costs paid		(49,232)	(119,440)
Net cash flows from operating activities	5	638,345	2,087,713
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts on disposal of plant and equipment		61,140	5,604
Purchase of plant and equipment	8	(173,305)	(110,208)
Repayment of loan received		14,000	45,000
Loans to associated parties		-	(5,000)
Net cash flows used in investing activities		(98,165)	(64,604)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Lease principal repayment		(261,651)	(512,604)
Net cash flows used in financing activities		(261,651)	(512,604)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		278,529	1,510,505
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 November		11,207,091	9,696,586
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 October	5	11,485,620	11,207,091

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

1. CORPORATE INFORMATION

The financial report of Queensland Rugby Football League Limited (the "QRL" or "Company") for the year ended 31 October 2022 was authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the directors on 25 January 2023.

The Company is a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee, incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

The registered office and principal place of business of the Company is Rugby League Central - Queensland, 83 Castlemaine Street, Milton, QLD 4064.

The nature of the operations and principal activities of the Company are described in the directors' report.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in compliance with the requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and *Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures*. The Company is a not-for-profit entity for the purposes of preparing these financial statements.

The financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2022 are the first financial statements the Company has prepared in accordance with the *Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures*. The adoption of the *Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures* has no significant impact in the financial statements because the Company's previous financial statements were prepared in full compliance with the recognition and measurement requirements of Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial report covers Queensland Rugby Football League Limited as an individual entity.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis and are based on historical costs, unless otherwise stated in the notes.

The following are the significant accounting policies adopted by the Company in the preparation and presentation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

2.2 CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES, DISCLOSURE, STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS

New and amended standards and interpretations

The new and amended Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations that apply for the first time in 2022 do not materially impact the financial statements of the Company.

Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued but not yet effective

Certain Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations have recently been issued or amended but are not yet effective and have not been adopted by the Company for the annual reporting year ended 31 October 2022. The directors have not early adopted any of these new or amended standards or interpretations. The Company intends to adopt these new and amended standards and interpretations, if applicable, when they become effective.

2.3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Revenue from contracts with customers

Revenue from contracts with customers is recognised when control of the goods or services are transferred to the customer at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the Company expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The Company has generally concluded that it is the principal in its revenue arrangements.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax ("GST").

Commercial revenue

Corporate hospitality and merchandise revenue are recognised at a point in time when control of the asset is transferred to the customer, generally on delivery of the goods. The normal credit term is 30 to 90 days upon delivery.

Membership subscriptions are recognised over the period the income relates.

Grant income

Grants from the Australian Rugby League Commission Limited ("ARLC") are recognised as revenue in the period in which the ARLC funding relates to the extent that expenditure has been incurred in accordance with the terms and conditions attaching to individual program funding and grants.

Partnership

Partnership and other revenue receipts are recognised in the profit or loss when the revenue is earned or when the fee in respect of the services have been rendered.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2.3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

b) Other income

Government grants

Government grants are recognised where there is reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and all attached conditions will be complied with. When the grant relates to an expense item, it is recognised as income on a systematic basis over the periods that the related costs, for which it is intended to compensate, are expensed. When the grant relates to an asset, it is recognised as income in equal amounts over the expected useful life of the related asset.

When the Company receives grants of non-monetary assets, the asset and the grant are recorded at nominal amounts and released to profit or loss over the expected useful life of the asset, based on the pattern of consumption of the benefits of the underlying asset by equal annual instalments.

JobKeeper payment scheme

The Federal Government's JobKeeper payment scheme was a subsidy for businesses significantly affected by COVID-19. JobKeeper payments that were received by the Company in the prior financial years were recognised as other income.

c) Finance costs

All finance costs are expensed in the period in which they occur.

Finance costs consist of interest and other costs that an entity incurs in connection with the borrowing of funds.

d) Finance income

Interest revenue is recognised when it becomes receivable on a proportional basis taking in to account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

e) Current versus non-current classification

The Company presents assets and liabilities in the statement of financial position based on current/non-current classification. An asset is current when it is:

- Expected to be realised or intended to be sold or consumed in the normal operating cycle
- Held primarily for the purpose of trading
- Expected to be realised within twelve months after the reporting period, or

- Cash or cash equivalent unless restricted from being exchanged or used to settle a liability for at least twelve months after the reporting period

All other assets are classified as non-current.

A liability is current when:

- It is expected to be settled in the normal operating cycle
- It is held primarily for the purpose of trading
- It is due to be settled within twelve months after the reporting period, or
- There is no unconditional right to defer the settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting period

The Company classifies all other liabilities as non-current.

f) Taxes

Income tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the Company is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

Goods and services tax

Revenues, expenses and purchased assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Tax Office. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

g) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position comprise cash at bank and on hand and short-term deposits with a maturity of three months or less, which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

h) Inventories

Inventories held for sale are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2.3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

i) Financial instruments

(i) Financial assets

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets are classified, at initial recognition, as subsequently measured at amortised cost.

The classification of financial assets at initial recognition depends on the financial asset's contractual cash flow characteristics and the Company's business model for managing them. With the exception of trade receivables that do not contain a significant financing component or for which the Company has applied the practical expedient, the Company initially measures a financial asset at its fair value plus, in the case of a financial asset not at fair value through profit or loss, transaction costs. Trade receivables that do not contain a significant financing component or for which the Company has applied the practical expedient are measured at the transaction price determined under AASB 15. Refer to the accounting policies in Note 2.3(a) Revenue from contracts with customers.

In order for a financial asset to be classified and measured at amortised cost, it needs to give rise to cash flows that are 'solely payments of principal and interest (SPPI)' on the principal amount outstanding. This assessment is referred to as the SPPI test and is performed at an instrument level.

Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Loans and receivables are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate (EIR) method.

Loan receivables are initially recognised at fair value, carry no interest and are repayable on demand.

Trade and other receivables

A receivable represents the Company's right to an amount of consideration that is unconditional (i.e., only the passage of time is required before payment of the consideration is due). Trade receivables, which generally have 30-60 day terms, are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the EIR method, less an allowance for expected credit losses (ECLs). All trade receivables held by the Company are measured at amortised cost.

The Company's business model for managing financial assets refers to

how it manages its financial assets in order to generate cash flows. The business model determines whether cash flows will result from collecting contractual cash flows, selling the financial assets, or both.

Subsequent measurement

Financial assets at amortised cost (debt instruments)

This category is the most relevant to the Company. The Company measures financial assets at amortised cost if both of the following conditions are met:

- The financial asset is held within a business model with the objective to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows; and
- The contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding

Financial assets at amortised cost are subsequently measured using the EIR method and are subject to impairment. Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss when the asset is derecognised, modified or impaired.

The Company's financial assets at amortised cost includes trade and other receivables.

Derecognition

A financial asset (or, where applicable, a part of a financial asset or part of a group of similar financial assets) is primarily derecognised (i.e., removed from the Company's statement of financial position) when the rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired.

Impairment of financial assets

The Company recognises an allowance for expected credit losses (ECLs) for all debt instruments not held at fair value through profit or loss. ECLs are based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the Company expects to receive, discounted at an approximation of the original effective interest rate. The expected cash flows will include cash flows from the sale of collateral held or other credit enhancements that are integral to the contractual terms.

For trade receivable, the Company applies a simplified approach in calculating ECLs. Therefore, the Company does not track changes in credit risk, but instead recognises a loss allowance based on lifetime ECLs at each reporting date. The Company has established a provision matrix that is based on its historical credit loss experience, adjusted for forward-looking factors specific to the debtors and the economic environment.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2.3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

i) Financial instruments (continued)

(ii) Financial liabilities

Initial recognition and measurement

Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables are initially recognised at fair value and are subsequently carried at amortised cost. Due to their short-term nature they are not discounted. They represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Company prior to the end of the financial year that are unpaid and arise when the Company becomes obliged to make future payments in respect of the purchase of these goods and services. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

Financial liabilities are classified, at initial recognition, as financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, loans and borrowings, payables, or as derivatives designated as hedging instruments in an effective hedge, as appropriate.

All financial liabilities are recognised initially at fair value and, in the case of loans and borrowings and payables, net of directly attributable transaction costs.

The Company's financial liabilities include trade and other payables.

Subsequent measurement

For purposes of subsequent measurement, financial liabilities are classified as financial liabilities at amortised cost (loans and borrowings).

Derecognition

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled or expires. When an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as the derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability. The difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

j) Plant and equipment

Each class of plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all plant and equipment is depreciated over their estimated useful lives commencing from the time the asset is held available for use, consistent with the estimated consumption of the economic benefits embodied in the asset.

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

Class of fixed asset	Depreciation rates	Depreciation basis
Leasehold improvements at cost	10%	Straight-line
Plant and equipment at cost	10% - 50%	Diminishing value

k) Contract Liabilities

A contract liability is recognised if a payment is received or a payment is due (whichever is earlier) from a customer before the Company transfers the related goods or services. Contract liabilities are recognised as revenue when the Company performs under the contract (i.e., transfers control of the related goods or services to the customer).

l) Leases

The Company assesses at contract inception whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. That is, if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

Company as a lessee

The Company applies a single recognition and measurement approach for all leases, except for short-term leases and leases of low-value assets. The Company recognises lease liabilities to make lease payments and right-of-use assets representing the right to use the underlying assets.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2.3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

l) Leases (continued)

(i) Right-of-use assets

The Company recognises right-of-use assets at the commencement date of the lease (i.e., the date the underlying asset is available for use). Right-of-use assets are measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities. The cost of right-of-use assets includes the amount of lease liabilities recognised, initial direct costs incurred, and lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received. Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term and the estimated useful lives of the assets, as follows:

• Property	10%
• Motor vehicles	33%

If ownership of the leased asset transfers to the Company at the end of the lease term or the cost reflects the exercise of a purchase option, depreciation is calculated using the estimated useful life of the asset.

(ii) Lease liabilities

At the commencement date of the lease, the Company recognises lease liabilities measured at the present value of lease payments to be made over the lease term. The lease payments include fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments) less any lease incentives receivable, variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, and amounts expected to be paid under residual value guarantees. The lease payments also include the exercise price of a purchase option reasonably certain to be exercised by the Company and payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the Company exercising the option to terminate. Variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate are recognised as expenses (unless they are incurred to produce inventories) in the period in which the event or condition that triggers the payment occurs.

In calculating the present value of lease payments, the Company uses its incremental borrowing rate at the lease commencement date because the interest rate implicit in the lease is not readily determinable. After the commencement date, the amount of lease liabilities is increased to reflect the accretion of interest and reduced for the lease payments made. In addition, the carrying amount of lease liabilities is remeasured if there is a modification, a change in the lease term, a change in the lease payments (e.g., changes to future payments resulting from a change in an index or rate used to determine such lease payments) or a change in the assessment of an option to purchase the underlying asset.

(iii) Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets

The Company applies the short-term lease recognition exemption to its short-term leases of machinery and equipment (i.e., those leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less from the commencement date and do not contain a purchase option). It also applies the lease of low-value assets recognition exemption to leases of office equipment that are considered to be low value. Lease payments on short-term leases and leases of low-value assets are recognised as expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

m) Employee benefit liabilities

Short-term employee benefit obligations

Liabilities arising in respect of wages and salaries, annual leave and any other employee benefits (other than termination benefits) expected to be settled wholly before twelve months after the end of the annual reporting period are measured at the (undiscounted) amounts based on remuneration rates which are expected to be paid when the liability is settled. The expected cost of short-term employee benefits in the form of compensated absences such as annual leave and accumulated sick leave is recognised in the provision for employee benefits. All other short-term employee benefit obligations are presented as payables in the statement of financial position.

Long-term employee benefit obligations

The provision for other long-term employee benefits, including obligations for long service leave and annual leave, which are not expected to be settled wholly before twelve months after the end of the reporting period, are measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflow to be made in respect of the services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Expected future payments incorporate anticipated future wage and salary levels, durations of service and employee turnover, and are discounted at rates determined by reference to market yields at the end of the reporting period on high quality corporate bonds that are denominated in the currency in which the benefits will be paid, and that have terms approximating to the terms of the related obligation. For currencies in which there is no deep market in such high quality corporate bonds, the market yields (at the end of the reporting period) on government bonds denominated in that currency are used. Any remeasurements for changes in assumptions of obligations for other long-term employee benefits are recognised in profit or loss in the periods in which the change occurs.

Other long-term employee benefit obligations are presented as current liabilities in the statement of financial position if the entity does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, regardless of when the actual settlement is expected to occur. All other long-term employee benefit obligations are presented as non-current liabilities in the statement of financial position.

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3. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

The Company evaluates estimates and judgements incorporated into the financial report based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the Company. Key estimates and judgements impacting the financial statements are as follows:

Recoverable amount of loan receivables

As at 31 October 2022, the Company had outstanding loan receivables with various rugby league clubs. As at the reporting date, management have assessed that these loans are not impaired other than as provided for.

Leases - Estimating the incremental borrowing rate

The Company cannot readily determine the interest rate implicit in the lease, therefore, it uses its incremental borrowing rate (IBR) to measure lease liabilities. The IBR is the rate of interest that the Company would have to pay to borrow over a similar term, and with a similar security, the funds necessary to obtain an asset of a similar value to the right-of-use asset in a similar economic environment. The IBR therefore reflects what the Company 'would have to pay', which requires estimation when no observable rates are available (such as for subsidiaries that do not enter into financing transactions) or when they need to be adjusted to reflect the terms and conditions of the lease (for example, when leases are not in the subsidiary's functional currency). The Company estimates the IBR using observable inputs (such as market interest rates) when available and is required to make certain entity-specific estimates (such as the subsidiary's stand-alone credit rating).

Determining the lease term of contracts with renewal options - Company as lessee

The Company determines the lease term as the non-cancellable term of the lease, together with any periods covered by an option to extend the lease if it is reasonably certain to be exercised, or any periods covered by an option to terminate the lease, if it is reasonably certain not to be exercised.

The Company has several lease contracts that include extension options. The Company applies judgement in evaluating whether it is reasonably certain whether or not to exercise the option to renew the lease. After the commencement date, the Company reassesses the lease term if there is a significant event or change in circumstances that is within its control and affects its ability to exercise or not to exercise the option to renew.

The Company did not include the extension option as part of the lease term of premises. Renewal options for leases of motor vehicles are not included as part of the lease term because the Company typically leases motor vehicles for not more than three years and, hence, is not exercising any renewal options.

4. REVENUE AND EXPENSES

4.1 DISAGGREGATED REVENUE INFORMATION

Set out below is the disaggregation of the Company's revenue from contracts with customers:

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
TYPE OF GOODS OR SERVICE		
Partnership	9,657,098	12,102,539
ARLC funding	20,905,758	20,923,331
Other grants and subsidies	1,312,906	1,149,994
Commercial revenues	2,750,686	2,696,583
Total revenue from contracts with customers	34,626,448	36,872,447

GEOGRAPHICAL MARKETS

Australia	34,626,448	36,872,447
Net cash flows used in financing activities	34,626,448	36,872,447

TIMING OF REVENUE RECOGNITION

Goods transferred at a point in time	34,626,448	36,872,447
Total revenue from contracts with customers	34,626,448	36,872,447

Revenues in FY21 were impacted by the renegotiation of QRL partnership agreements following the COVID pandemic of 2020 and the timing of the 2020 State of Origin series.

4.2 OTHER INCOME

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Federal Government - JobKeeper payment	-	1,050,450
Other revenue	1,022,700	609,038
Total other income	1,022,700	1,659,488

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4.3 FINANCE INCOME

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Interest income	67,004	5,573

4.4 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS EXPENSE

Included in employee benefit expense is superannuation expense of \$1,088,796 (2021: \$917,260).

4.5 DEPRECIATION AND AMORTISATION

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Depreciation of plant and equipment (Note 8)	139,358	127,161
Depreciation of right-of-use assets (Note 9)	261,132	529,507
	400,490	656,668

4.6 FINANCE COSTS

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Interest expense on lease liabilities	49,232	119,440

5. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Cash at bank and on hand	6,174,929	5,897,075
Short-term deposits	5,310,691	5,310,016
	11,485,620	11,207,091

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise the above.

	2022	2021
Cash flow reconciliation		
(Loss)/profit after tax	(1,264,202)	3,076,408
Profit after tax		
<i>Adjustments for non-cash items:</i>		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	400,490	656,668
Bad debts written off	19,179	5,062
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(34,809)	(1,110)
<i>Changes in assets and liabilities:</i>		
Increase in trade and other receivables	(858,951)	(224,699)
Decrease in prepayments	23,198	1,374,914
Decrease/(increase) in inventories	77,178	(24,572)
Increase in trade and other payables	25,960	668,393
Increase in employee benefit liabilities	25,048	205,943
Decrease in other provisions	-	(61,646)
Increase/(decrease) in contract liabilities	2,225,254	(3,587,648)
Net cash flows from operating activities	638,345	2,087,713

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6. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Trade receivables	2,824,414	1,966,110
Allowance for expected credit losses	(18,532)	-
Loan receivables	58,250	72,250
	<u>2,864,132</u>	<u>2,038,360</u>
Non-Current		
Loan Receivables	<u>159,000</u>	<u>159,000</u>

Trade receivables are non-interest bearing and are usually paid within 30 days.

7. INVENTORIES

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Merchandise for sale	<u>89,014</u>	<u>166,192</u>

Cost of inventories sold to customers amounting to \$381,512 was recognised as an expense during the year (2021: \$247,676).

8. PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS	TOTAL
	\$	\$	\$
Cost			
At 1 November 2021	1,096,313	272,509	1,368,822
Additions	173,305	-	173,305
Disposals	(127,469)	-	(127,469)
At 31 October 2022	<u>1,142,149</u>	<u>272,509</u>	<u>1,414,658</u>
Accumulated depreciation			
At 1 November 2021	894,253	145,249	1,039,502
Depreciation charge for the year	111,079	28,279	139,358
Disposals	(101,138)	-	(101,138)
At 31 October 2022	<u>904,194</u>	<u>173,528</u>	<u>1,077,722</u>
Net Book Value			
At 31 October 2022	<u>237,955</u>	<u>98,981</u>	<u>336,936</u>
At 31 October 2021	<u>202,060</u>	<u>127,260</u>	<u>329,320</u>

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9. LEASES

Company as a lessee

The Company has lease contracts for various items of property and motor vehicles used in its operations. Leases of property have lease term of 10 years, while motor vehicles generally have lease terms of 3 years. The Company's obligations under its leases are secured by the lessor's title to the leased assets.

The Company also has certain leases of premises with lease terms of 12 months or less and leases of office equipment with low value. The Company applies the 'short-term lease' and 'lease of low-value assets' recognition exemptions for these leases.

Set out below are the carrying amounts of right-of-use assets recognised and the movements during the period:

	PROPERTY	MOTOR VEHICLES	TOTAL
	\$	\$	\$
At 1 November 2021	1,754,760	140,545	1,895,305
Restatement of opening balance	(417,583)	-	(417,583)
Additions	-	270,575	270,575
Depreciation charged for the year	(129,581)	(131,551)	(261,132)
As at 31 October 2022	1,207,596	279,569	1,487,165

Presented below is a maturity analysis of future lease payments:

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Not later than 1 year	655,047	588,996
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	1,430,918	1,915,601
	2,085,965	2,504,597

The amount of expense relating to short-term leases and leases of low-value assets recognised in profit or loss during the year ended 31 October 2022 was \$290,255 (2021: \$177,713).

10. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Current		
Trade creditors	1,058,835	1,412,690
Sundry creditors and accruals	1,063,734	716,923
GST payable	209,399	176,395
	2,331,968	2,306,008

11. CONTRACT LIABILITIES

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Current		
Contract liabilities	2,565,712	340,458

Contract liabilities in FY22 comprise grant funding received from government partners of Queensland Rugby Football League Limited prior to 31 October 2022 which relate to the financial year ending 31 October 2023.

12. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT LIABILITIES

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Current		
Annual leave	803,898	803,506
Long service leave	270,516	281,500
	1,074,414	1,085,006
Non-current		
Long service leave	338,874	303,234

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13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Key management personnel compensation

Compensation expense of key management personnel amounted to \$1,639,337 during the year ended 31 October 2022 (2021: \$1,784,009).

The following were key management personnel of the Company at any time during the reporting period, and unless otherwise indicated were key management personnel for the entire period:

Name	Appointment/resignation details
Directors	
B.M. Hatcher	Chairman
L.W. Anderson	Northern Region Chair
S.D. Bliss	Independent Director appointed 15 November 2021
B.W. Canavan	South East Region Chair
C.P. Cronk	Independent Director
R.M. Garard	Independent Director
N.S. McCarthy	Independent Director
B.D. McGuire	Central Region Chair
D.J. Van De Velde	State-wide Competitions Director
Senior Leadership	
R.P. Sawyer	Chief Executive Officer
G.Z. Davidson	General Manager – People, Capability & Safety (appointed 17 January 2022)
E.J. Graham	General Manager – Commercial & Consumer Engagement (appointed 17 January 2022, resigned 26 July 2022)
G.F. Maher	Chief Financial Officer
S.E. Moore	General Manager – Risk & Compliance and Company Secretary (appointed 4 July 2022)
G.F. Ottaway	Acting General Manager – Commercial & Consumer Engagement (seconded to role on 12 September 2022)
J.L. Shand	Chief Human Resource Manager (resigned 3 December 2021)
A.J. Vanzanten	Acting General Manager – Community Rugby League & Competitions (seconded to role 12 September 2022)

14. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Commitments

The Company did not have any commitments at 31 October 2022 (2021: \$nil).

Contingencies

The directors are not aware of any contingent assets or contingent liabilities that have arisen in respect of the Company during the year (2021: \$nil).

15. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

The Company is dependent upon the Australian Rugby League Commission Limited (“ARLC”) providing funding which is used in fostering and further developing the game of rugby league in Queensland.

16. MEMBERS' GUARANTEE

The Company is incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001 and is a Company limited by guarantee. If the Company is wound up, the Constitution states that each member is required to contribute to a maximum of \$20 each towards meeting any outstandings and obligations of the Company. At 31 October 2022, the number of members was 9 (2021: 8). The combined total amount that members of the Company are liable to contribute if the Company is wound up is \$180 (2021: \$160).

17. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

There have been no significant events occurring after the balance date which may affect either the Company's operations or results of those operations or the Company's state of affairs.

18. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

The auditor of Queensland Rugby Football League Limited is Ernst & Young (Australia).

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
<i>Amounts received or due and receivable by Ernst & Young (Australia) for:</i>		
An audit or review of the financial report of the Company	38,900	33,500
Compilation of financial statement	7,850	6,400
	46,750	39,900

DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

In accordance with a resolution of the directors of Queensland Rugby Football League Limited, I state that:

In the opinion of the directors:

- (a) the financial statements and notes of Queensland Rugby Football League Limited for the financial year ended 31 October 2022 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - (i) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 October 2022 and its performance for the year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*; and
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

On behalf of the Board of Directors



B.M. HATCHER
Chairman

25 January 2023

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF QUEENSLAND RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE LIMITED

OPINION

We have audited the financial report of Queensland Rugby Football League Limited (the Company) which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 October 2022, the statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Company is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 October 2022 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

BASIS FOR OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

INFORMATION OTHER THAN THE FINANCIAL REPORT AND AUDITOR'S REPORT THEREON

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information obtained at the date of this auditor's report is the directors' report accompanying the financial report.

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

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

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

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE FINANCIAL REPORT

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF QUEENSLAND RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE LIMITED (CONTINUED)

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

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

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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Partner

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25 January 2023





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