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HIGHLIGHTS

1,359,100

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS ON QRL PLATFORMS.

17,220

MAROON MEMBERSHIP INCREASED BY 22%.

61,963

TOTAL NUMBER OF PLAYERS REGISTERED TO PLAY CLUB RUGBY LEAGUE IN QUEENSLAND.

5763

OUR REGISTERED FEMALE CLUB PARTICIPATION NUMBERS GREW BY 24%.



1.1M

PEAK TELEVISION AUDIENCE FOR THE INAUGURAL HOLDEN WOMEN'S STATE OF ORIGIN MATCH.

220,559

TOTAL NUMBER OF FANS WHO ATTENDED HOLDEN STATE OF ORIGIN SERIES MATCHES IN MELBOURNE, SYDNEY AND BRISBANE.

\$3,741,428

THE FEMALE FACILITIES FUND ISSUED SIGNIFICANT GRANTS TO EIGHT RUGBY LEAGUE PROJECTS.

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BACK (LEFT TO RIGHT)- Bruce Prescott, Brad Tallon, Darryl Van de Velde, Danny McGuire, Leigh Anderson.
FRONT- Renita Garard, Bruce Hatcher, Robert Moore, Ben Ikin.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

I AM HONOURED TO SUBMIT THIS REPORT AFTER A GROUND-BREAKING YEAR OF ACHIEVEMENTS.

Our results have been made possible by the work of many, including my fellow Directors, the entire team at the QRL, and of course the wider rugby league community.

MAROONS PROVIDE INSPIRATION

We have said farewell to several Queensland rugby league icons over the past few seasons.

Cameron Smith, Billy Slater and Cooper Cronk are among an illustrious group of Maroons who have worn the state's colours for the final time.

Their commitment to the team and the Queensland cause has been immense; and on behalf of the QRL, we congratulate these outstanding rugby league players and role models on extraordinary careers.

This year's Holden State of Origin Series was an extremely close affair with little separating two quality teams.

Head coach Kevin Walters, his support team and the selectors set a high standard for which we are most grateful for.

VICTORY REINFORCES PATHWAY STRENGTH

It was a privilege to watch Queensland lift the Under 20s Origin shield for the first time.

Coach Justin Hodges did an outstanding job with this team, which hit the ground running with precision and enthusiasm following the QAS camp in January.

The QAS Rugby League program is pivotal to our future success, and with more and more of our young male and female players benefiting from exposure to this program, we are excited about the future.

A primary focus within our strategic plan is the creation and sustainability of elite pathways and high-performance programs for players and coaches.

What excites me is the number of players progressing from the Intrust Super Cup to the NRL and State of Origin arena.

POSITIVE PEOPLE AND RELATIONSHIPS

While we captured some great results in 2018, we did so with heavy hearts following the passing of Terry Mackenroth.

As a former Deputy Premier and Treasurer, Terry brought a unique skill set and vast knowledge and experience to the Board.

Terry served as a director for 11 years and among his many achievements, he was instrumental in the establishment of the Australian Rugby League Commission in 2012.

Few could work a room like Terry and he is dearly missed by all.

His extensive contribution has provided a strong foundation; and I'm encouraged by the early impact of new directors Renita Garard and Ben Ikin.

Part of our charter is to build healthy relationships with stakeholders and we would not be able to deliver the key components of our game without the backing of the Australian Rugby League Commission and NRL clubs.

We acknowledge the support of Queensland-based clubs the Brisbane Broncos, Gold Coast Titans and North Queensland Cowboys, as well as the Melbourne Storm.

With regards to the ARLC, we're pleased to share that the state bodies now have a voice at the table to understand the financial decision making of the NRL.

THE FUTURE DIRECTION

When I reflect on 2018, I look back at some of my own positive experiences at local league grounds around the state.

From watching regular Intrust Super Cup fixtures, junior league games and grand finals of the Mal Meninga Cup and Hastings Deering Colts, the level of talent and spirit is inspiring.

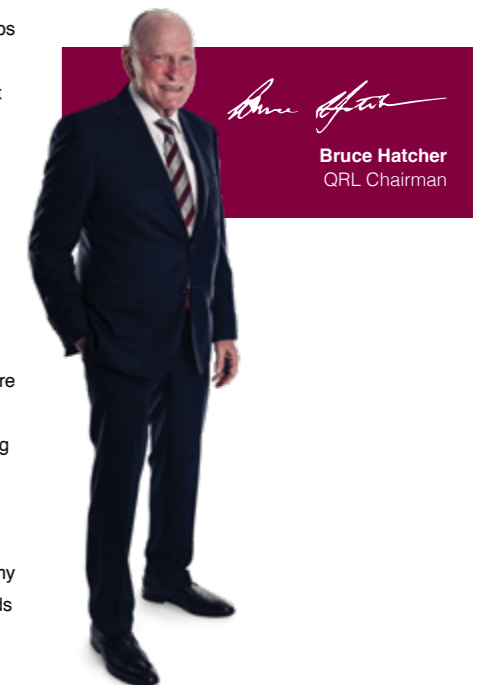
Our future is bright, and for that we are indebted to our proud partners, including XXXX, Auswide Bank, Intrust Super, ISC Sport, Harvey Norman and Hastings Deering, who all share our passion for the game.

We will be bold and innovative, with a focus on improving male and female participation and retention rates.

To do this, we must constantly look at different ways to deliver the game, whether it be non-contact formats and new entry-level programs for those taking up the sport for the first time.

As custodians of the game, we must be better as well, and I firmly believe we have made some outstanding progress this year with the realignment of the Senior Leadership Team and several key appointments.

We look forward to 2019 with the knowledge that additional ARLC funding will enable further investment into our three QRL Regions via a broad range of projects and initiatives.



MANAGING DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

I'M PROUD TO SAY THAT 2018 WAS A SUCCESSFUL YEAR WHICH WILL SET UP OUR GAME FOR A STRONG, SECURE FUTURE.

This excellent publication will highlight the many on-field success stories as well as key progress made off the field.

It has once again been a pleasure to work alongside my fellow Directors, led admirably by Chairman Bruce Hatcher; as well as our innovative Senior Leadership Team and our dedicated Head Office and Regional staff.

DRIVING OUR CORE BUSINESS

As we reflect on the year that was, our core business should be the focal point of discussions.

To be clear, our core business is participation – from increasing the number of male and females who play, to improving retention rates and delivering new and improved versions of the game.

We are committed to the growth of our elite pathways and representative programs, as well as the sustainability of competitions like the Intrust Super Cup.

While we are a not-for-profit organisation, profitability is important as revenue streams are directed back into the game.

Our commercial targets are to maximise traditional revenue streams, secure an acceptable model between QRL and NRL; and increase our own sourced revenue.

EMBRACING A NEW DIRECTION

With more resources, time and energy to be devoted to our elite pathways in 2019, we look forward to another strong representative campaign.

While the Maroons narrowly missed a fourth-straight series victory this year, we can draw many positives.

We saw the emergence of some of the brightest young talent in the game, including Kalyn Ponga, yet another graduate of our long-standing QAS Rugby League program.

With a young squad, Kevin has embraced new methods and has already freshened up his coaching and management personnel ahead of the 2019 series.

NUMBERS HIGHLIGHT ACHIEVEMENTS

Our achievements were many and varied in 2018.

From bringing six matches to remote and rural Queensland through the 'Get in the Game' Country Week initiative, to the excellent gains made with the Maroon Membership program.

I'm proud to touch on some of these achievements, which have been driven by the work of many, including directors, staff, clubs, participants and other stakeholders.

Our registered female club participation numbers grew by 24% this year, with 5763 women and girls now playing the game throughout the state.

With the introduction of the National Championship, NRL Women's Premiership and State of Origin clash, we kicked some enormous pathway goals for female participants.

Underpinning those achievements is the community focus, driven by our strategic alignment with all tiers of Government.

Eight rugby league projects received \$3.7 million in grants from the Female Facilities Fund to improve facilities and amenities.

Throughout the year, many of the inspirational on and off-field moments were captured and shared by QRL Digital, the best performing team across the NRL Digital Network for users, page views and sessions.

We're determined to excite and inspire more fans, and through initiatives like the Maroon Membership program, our supporters are closer and more connected to the team than ever before.

This membership program increased by 22% this year, with 17,220 members now riding every play with the Maroons.

SHARING OUR TARGET

Our goal is for rugby league to be the No. 1 sport in Queensland.

We believe we have the product, vision and desire to achieve this target across a range of metrics.

As we have already touched on, increasing our participation and retention numbers is a priority.

That's why the game has invested heavily in the Player Development Framework, an exciting whole-of-game initiative that aims to ensure rugby league is a sport of choice for more families.

Of course, we simply cannot function or grow without the support of volunteers; and we look forward to providing vital education and resources to our network of club and local league delegates at the QRL Admin Conference in the new year.

If we are to achieve our goal each year, we must continue to inspire.

We've been blessed to have some of the greatest players of all time in the maroon colours, including Cameron Smith and Billy Slater, who leave a wonderful legacy for the people of Queensland.



Robert Moore
Robert Moore
Managing Director

A WORD FROM THE COACH

FIRST AND FOREMOST, I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE EFFORTS OF THE PLAYERS WHO GO TO EXTRAORDINARY LENGTHS FOR THE TEAM AND THE PEOPLE OF QUEENSLAND.

To our team staff, the QRL, Major Partners and fans – I thank you for your commitment to the Maroons and rugby league in Queensland.

THE 2018 ORIGIN SERIES

Credit where credit is due – congratulations to New South Wales on a well-deserved series victory.

They played a smart and aggressive game to open the series. I thought we were tremendous in many aspects of our play in Game II at ANZ Stadium. We jumped out of the gates and put enormous pressure on the Blues.

Unfortunately, the rub of the green didn't go our way – and when the clutch moments presented themselves, we weren't quite good enough to get the job done.

Our players responded brilliantly to earn a terrific victory in Game III, and one that no doubt made thousands of Queenslanders extremely proud of their team as they left Suncorp Stadium that night.

A LEARNING FOR US ALL

As a lot of people have said, not much went our way in 2018.

We lost perhaps the greatest player of the modern era in our captain Cameron Smith just a few weeks out from the start of the series.

And then we went into the opening game without Billy Slater, another big game player whose presence was sorely missed.

As our fans lamented, the 50 /50 calls in tight situations didn't go our way. But that's rugby league – and we're not here to make excuses.

The better team won this series and we must collectively learn from it and be better. In hindsight – which is always a wonderful thing

as they say – we were burdened by a long injury list at the start of our camp.

It certainly had a bearing on our preparation and moving forward, it was a situation that we can all learn from.

FAREWELL TO OUR GREATS

It has been an absolute pleasure to work alongside Cameron and Billy, two of Queensland's finest ever players.

Both are proud and humble Queenslanders who have given so much to the jersey and I'm sure their achievements will inspire many more future Maroons.

While at the time I would have done anything to have Cameron available for one more campaign, I fully accepted and understood his reasons for calling time on his representative career.

Billy played his last game like he did his first – he absolutely ripped in and did everything he could for his teammates and Queensland.

Both players leave a wonderful legacy as we look to navigate our way through a challenging period of transition.

I would also like to thank Trevor Gillmeister and Tony Spencer for their many years of outstanding service to the Maroons.

PATHWAYS KEY TO SUSTAINED SUCCESS

This year I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to watch and work with some of our aspiring male and female talent.

The Mal Meninga Cup, Hastings Deering Colts and Intrust Super Cup competitions produced some outstanding football.

I was also impressed with the commitment and passion displayed by participants involved in our Emerging Origin programs.

My message to our emerging talent is simple – work hard, play consistent football and enjoy what you're doing. Do that, and your opportunity will come.

That's exactly how it panned out for our leading female players who grabbed their opportunity with both hands this year in the inaugural Holden Women's State of Origin match.

A NEW CHALLENGE AWAITS

Bring on 2019 ... I can't wait.

Together with our High-Performance personnel, we're working hard to ensure our Queensland teams will be well prepared for next year.

I'm particularly excited about the opportunity to try and win back the Origin shield after this year's close loss.

It's an exciting challenge, but one we will be ready for – starting with the opening match at Suncorp Stadium on June 5.

As I often say, our goal is to ensure the 50,000 Queenslanders inside that stadium are extremely proud of their team when they leave the ground.

There really is no better feeling than going into battle against the Blues and I look forward to everyone coming along with us for the ride.

Kevin Walters
Queensland Maroons Coach



A FRAMEWORK FOR ALL



FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

WE WERE PROUD TO MAKE FURTHER SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS INTO MAJOR COMPETITIONS AND PEOPLE IN 2018.

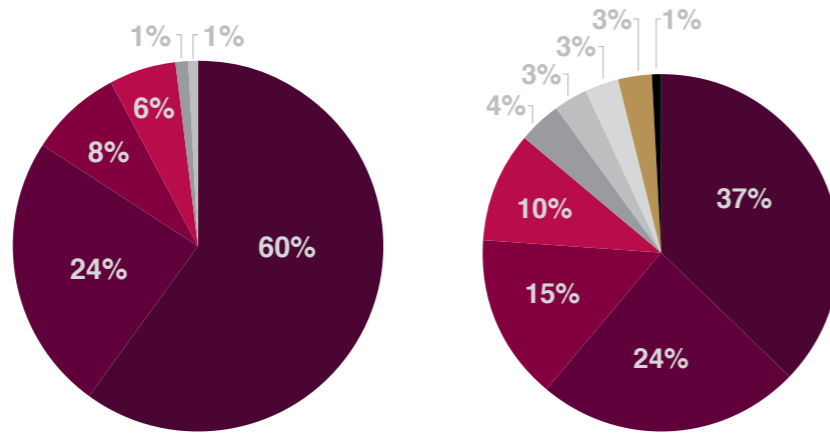
Nearly \$4 million was invested into Intrust Super Cup club sustainability and the inaugural Hastings Deering Colts within QRL Major Competitions.

And with additional investment into people across the state (\$589,000), we are better equipped than ever before to service the game throughout Queensland.

The QRL increased its investment and support of representative programs, including the inaugural Women's State of Origin and female pathways.

All Regions and Head Office beat budget through careful cost control to achieve a consolidated breakeven result in a year which included a significant management restructure.

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2018 Revenue

- ARLC Funding
- Sponsorship
- Commercial Revenue
- Sundry Revenue
- Other Grants and Subsidies
- Interest

2018 Expenses

- Competitions & Club Funding
- Employee Costs
- Representative Teams
- Administration Expenses
- Grants to Clubs and Schools
- Commercial Expenses
- Sponsor Servicing Costs
- Referee Development
- Development Expenses



GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIPS

THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT SHARES OUR PASSION, STRATEGY AND VISION FOR THE GAME IN THE SUNSHINE STATE.

Through this alliance, we believe rugby league is in a position of strength.

Facility upgrades, greater opportunities for female participants and a focus on rugby league in regional Queensland through initiatives like 'Get in the Game' Country Week are some of the positive outcomes from these partnerships.

Spearheading the push to improve facilities across the state is the Queensland Footy Facilities Fund, a joint initiative of the NRL, QRL and the Queensland Government, via the Sport and Recreation department.

This program will provide more than \$1,275,000 over two funding rounds to improve the quality, access and condition of community rugby league facilities across Queensland.

West's Juniors (Purtell Park) and Central Highlands (Alan McIndoe Park) have been successful in their applications.

Additionally, eight rugby league projects have been issued grants through the Queensland Government Female Facilities Fund.

In total, \$3,741,428 has been allocated to construct and upgrade amenities at the following clubs / bodies:

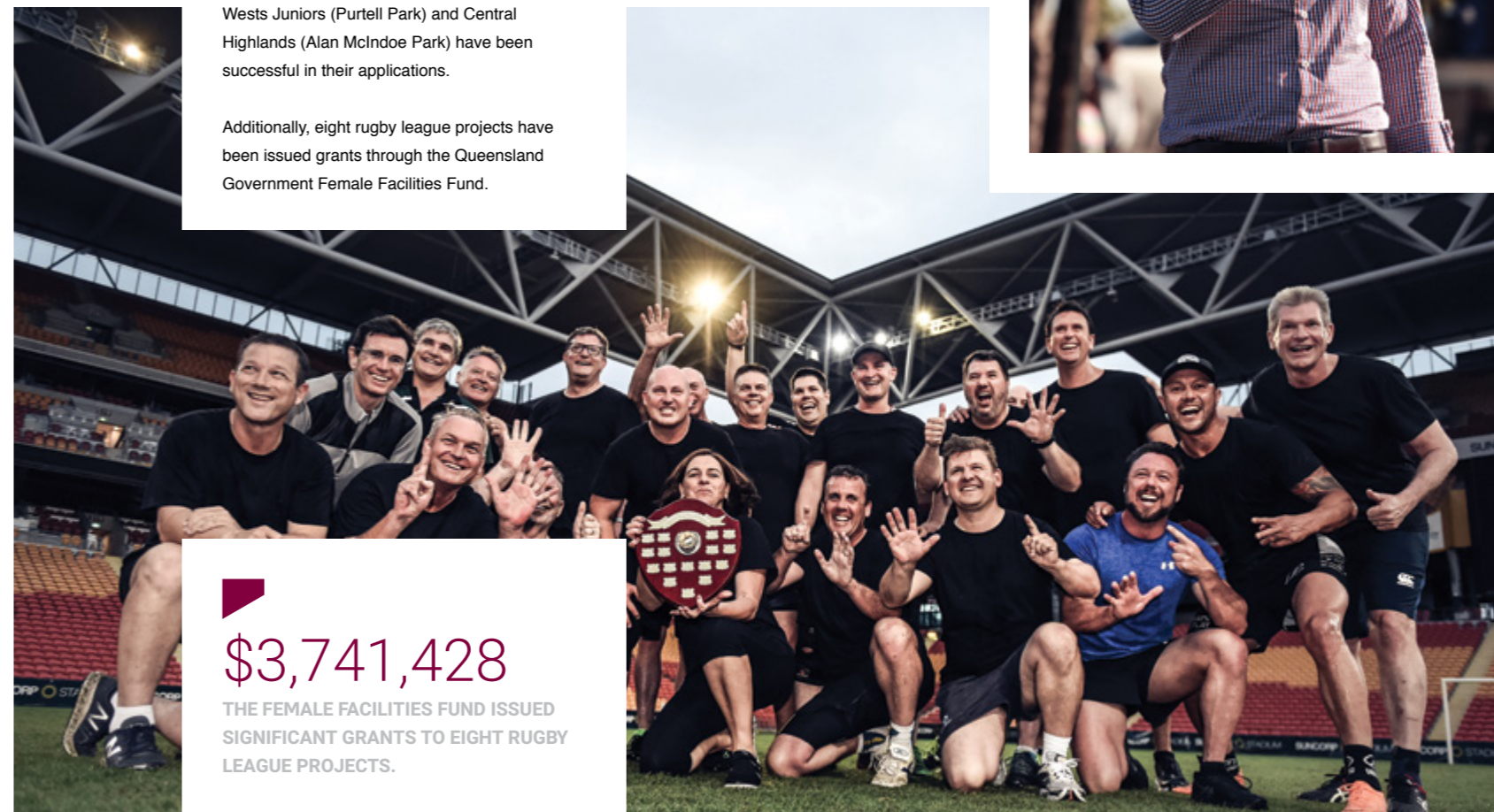
- Across The Waves Sports Club
- Beenleigh Multisports Association
- Burleigh Heads Rugby League Football Club
- Cairns Regional Council
- Capalaba District Junior Rugby League Football Club
- Inala Wangarra
- Rochedale Tigers Rugby League Football Club
- Palm Island Aboriginal Council

We worked closely with the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ), the peak body for local government in Queensland.

LGAQ is a not-for-profit association set up solely to serve the state's 77 councils and their individual needs.

Our sport has a strong footprint across these areas and we will continue to work with all stakeholders for the betterment of the game.

The Parliamentary Friends of Rugby League initiative again flourished this year. Events included the Season Launch, Women in League acknowledgement and City v Country touch football game.



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QAS RUGBY LEAGUE PROGRAMS

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE QUEENSLAND ACADEMY OF SPORT, WE INTRODUCED MORE ATHLETES TO OUR RUGBY LEAGUE PROGRAMS.

For many, including rising women's star Rhiannon Revell-Blair, the exposure to these high-performance squads would prove to be a major step towards elite representative selection.

In an extraordinary achievement, 17-year-old Revell-Blair represented Queensland in the inaugural Women's Origin match after a

breakthrough year which included selection in the Under 18 QAS program.

This was the first female high-performance program for this age group, following on from the successful introduction of the Under 15s camp in 2017.

In total, 150 athletes were involved in QAS Rugby League camps this year.

Along with the girls Under 15 and Under 18 squads, male talent was identified to work with our leading coaches and performance specialists in the Under 15s, 16s, 18s and 20s.

In January, 11 players on the cusp of Origin selection were invited to spend the weekend with Maroons coach Kevin Walters and his team staff on the Gold Coast.

This group included Felise Kaufusi, Jai Arrow and Kalyn Ponga, an immensely talented trio who all made their State of Origin debuts for the Maroons later in the year.

Camps are tailored to achieve a range of outcomes, including:

- Ingraining the Queensland culture
- Identifying and developing the next group of leaders

- Reinforcing critical elements of elite performance - preparation, consistency and resilience.

- Providing consistent positional coaching over all age groups with specialised coaching staff, many of whom are Former Origin Greats

Next year, the Under 15 QRL / QAS boys program will change to a regional program, with Northern, Central and SEQ to each hold separate camps.

This structure aims to deliver greater opportunities for participants, while at the same time providing access to leading coaches and mentors.

150

THE NUMBER OF MALE AND FEMALE PLAYERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN QUEENSLAND ACADEMY OF SPORT RUGBY LEAGUE PROGRAMS THIS YEAR.



PATHWAYS

OUR GAME IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING STRONG AND SUSTAINABLE PATHWAYS FOR MALE AND FEMALE PARTICIPANTS.

For an excellent example of a standout men's player who has risen through numerous programs and representative teams, look no further than prodigious talent David Fifita.

Introduced to the game by his grandfather, Fifita started out with the Inala Panthers before moving to Souths Acacia Ridge.

His talent was quickly recognised by the South East Queensland Poinsettias, who selected him for the QRL Junior State Championships in 2013.

From there, he has played for Queensland at the ASSRL Championships and represented the Queensland Murri and Queensland Origin Under 16 teams.

He also starred for Souths Logan's Cyril Connell Cup team, before stepping up for the Magpies in the Mal Meninga Cup this year just a few months after honing his skills at the QAS Emerging Origin camp.

After playing eight games in the Meninga Cup, including the Magpies' grand final victory, Fifita donned the maroon colours for the Under 18 Origin match against the Blues. He was then put to the test against the men in the Intrust Super Cup, where he played four matches for the Magpies.

In Round 16 of this year's NRL season, Fifita was named to make his top-grade debut for the Brisbane Broncos.

He would go on to play 11 NRL games for Brisbane, a stunning achievement for an 18-year-old whose season started in the Meninga Cup.

Like Fifita, Ipswich product Ali Brigginsshaw has scaled the heights of the women's game.

Brigginsshaw, who played her club football with Brothers in this year's SEQ Women's Division 1 competition, gained selection in the Queensland City team to contest the inaugural Harvey Norman Women's National Championships.

It was then off to North Sydney Oval to represent Queensland in the historic Origin match.

And if that wasn't enough, Brigginsshaw would soon realise a childhood dream when she signed a contract to play in the first ever Women's National Rugby League with the Brisbane Broncos.

Throw in a Test match for the Jillaroos, and it was a year to remember for the girl who first fell in love with the game while playing against the boys for Northern Suburbs in Ipswich.



DAVID FIFITA – IN PROFILE 2018

Commonwealth Championship	
Australia	Games: 5
Mal Meninga Cup (U18)	
Souths Logan	Games: 8
National Final (U18)	
Souths Logan	Games: 1
U18 State of Origin	
Queensland	Games: 1
Intrust Super Cup	
Souths Logan	Games: 4
National Rugby League	
Brisbane Broncos	Games: 11

ALI BRIGGINSHAW – IN PROFILE 2018

Commonwealth Championship	
Australia	Games: 4
SEQ Division 1	
Brothers Ipswich	Games: 14
National Championship	
Queensland City	Games: 3
Women's State of Origin	
Queensland	Games: 1
Women's National Rugby League	
Brisbane Broncos	Games: 4
Test Match	
Australian Jillaroos	Games: 1

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

THE PLAYER DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK IS AN EXCITING WHOLE-OF-GAME INITIATIVE THAT AIMS TO ENSURE RUGBY LEAGUE IS A SPORT OF CHOICE FOR MORE FAMILIES.

In collaboration with major stakeholders, representatives from across the game formed a steering group to drive the project.

In 2019, we are pleased to share the South East Region will enter a testing phase to further explore some of the key findings in the Framework.

This is a crucial step towards improving retention rates among those who play and to entice new participants to the sport.

We applaud the South East Region for its vision and commitment to the long-term future of the game.

THIS IS A CRUCIAL STEP TOWARDS IMPROVING RETENTION RATES AMONG THOSE WHO PLAY AND ENTICING NEW PARTICIPANTS TO THE SPORT.

THE KEY CHANGES INCLUDE:

- The game's youngest players being taught safe tackling techniques before being introduced to contact;

- An 18-month registration window to enable juniors born in the second half of the year to play in the age group below, and;

- No finals until Under 13s to ensure the focus for younger players is on fun and learning skills.

OBJECTIVES

Attract & Retain Participation

- Offer safe, enjoyable, community friendly participation opportunities in various formats that are effective in recruiting and retaining players.

- Provide various game models and registration policies to cater for all development stages, minimising the impact of relative age effect and variances in stages of maturation.

- Offer a consistent delivery model and competition structures to be implemented nationally.

- Encourage players to transition into coaching, officiating, administration and volunteering roles, while promoting life-long participation in the sport.

Foster Personal Development

- Place an emphasis on personal development and well-being within the rugby league community.

- Create an environment that fosters camaraderie, respect, self-esteem, patience, dedication, teamwork, selflessness and resilience.

- Cultivate an environment of belonging that values inclusion, confidence, and a sense of community.

- Provide valuable experiences and life lessons that will assist participants in their personal lives and deliver positive contributions to the broader community.

Transition & Nurture Performance

- Nurture players' socio-emotional, physical, technical and tactical skills appropriate to age, skill and aspiration.

- Enhance player development outcomes to increase the number and quality of elite players in the system.

- Deliver an appropriate balance of deliberate play and practice activities to optimise longer term development and performance.

- Provide aspirational players the opportunity to elect into the performance pathway.

- Offer multiple entry points designed to accommodate variances in stages of maturation and late developers.



STAKEHOLDER FORUMS

WE FACILITATED NUMEROUS STAKEHOLDER FORUMS TO EXPLORE THE CHALLENGES FACED BY RUGBY LEAGUE IN RURAL AND REMOTE AREAS THIS YEAR.

Convened by Central and Northern Region Operations Managers, the events aimed to:

- Encourage positive discussion and proactive steps around player retention and club sustainability.

- Explore new ideas and solutions to the way we deliver the game.

As a game, we are facing complex issues in many regional areas that are at the mercy of much bigger forces related to the economy, demographics and changes in social preferences.

The forums reinforced the need for rugby league and local communities to adapt and welcome change.

Importantly, the working groups generated new ideas and discussed solutions, building vital confidence and hope for the future.

One of the best attended forums was held in Cairns, where stakeholders from across the Cape York and Torres Strait regions came together in November.

The meeting provided an overview of all rugby league activities and offered consultation into the future for remote areas rugby league competitions.

Representatives expressed their passion for the game, with input from the QRL, NRL, Torres Strait Youth and Recreational Sporting Association, Torres Shire Council and Sport & Recreation Queensland, Tagai College and Queensland Education teachers.

They joined Three Rivers Rugby League, NPA Rugby League, Cape Peninsula Rugby League, Zenadth Kes RL and Mulga Tigers RL at the historic event.

Agenda items discussed on the day included new player pathways, school programs and NRL Development, women's rugby league, Indigenous carnivals, referees, resourcing and facilities.

THE FORUMS REINFORCED THE NEED FOR RUGBY LEAGUE AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO ADAPT AND WELCOME CHANGE.



PLAYING OUR GAME



PARTICIPATION

FEMALE CLUB REGISTRATIONS GREW BY 24% THIS YEAR.

While there are now more women and girls playing the game than ever before, we acknowledge the significant amount of work that needs to happen before the female game reaches its full potential.

Together with all stakeholders, we'll continue to work hard to create and drive sustainable women's pathways like the National Championships, State of Origin and NRL Premiership.

Overall, the combined female and male participation numbers show that rugby league is holding its own in a competitive sporting and social landscape.

This year, 61,963 male and female players were registered to play club rugby league, an increase of close to 2% on the 2017 figures.

In a bid to attract and retain players, as well as foster personal development and transition, the game's stakeholders have invested heavily in a whole-of-game strategic project.

In 2019, the South East Region will enter a testing phase of the Player Development Framework.

We acknowledge the willingness of the South East Region to evolve and offer new experiences for participants.

The testing phase includes the introduction of a Tackle Safe competition and program for our youngest participants upon entry to the game, as well as the 18-month registration window.



Total Registered Participants	2017 Total	2018 Total	Difference	%Change
Up to 7 Years	7033	7323	290	4.12%
8-9 Years	8134	8315	181	2.23%
10-12 Years	13,155	13,361	206	1.57%
13-15 Years	10,775	10,740	-35	-0.32%
16-18 Years	7160	7100	-60	-0.84%
19+ Years	14,600	15,124	524	3.59%
TOTAL	60,857	61,963	1106	1.82%

Male Registered Participants	2017 Total	2018 Total	Difference	%Change
Up to 7 Years	6594	6824	230	3.49%
8-9 Years	7724	7829	105	1.36%
10-12 Years	12,502	12,493	-9	-0.07%
13-15 Years	9732	9504	-228	-2.24%
16-18 Years	6448	6142	-306	-4.75%
19+ Years	13,211	13,408	197	1.49%
TOTAL	56,211	56,200	-11	-0.02%

Female Registered Participants	2017 Total	2018 Total	Difference	%Change
Up to 7 Years	439	499	60	13.67%
8-9 Years	410	486	76	18.54%
10-12 Years	653	868	215	32.92%
13-15 Years	1043	1236	193	18.50%
16-18 Years	712	958	246	34.55%
19+ Years	1389	1716	327	23.54%
TOTAL	4646	5763	1117	24.04%

WOMEN & GIRLS



WE WITNESSED ANOTHER YEAR OF GROUND-BREAKING FIRSTS IN WOMEN'S RUGBY LEAGUE.

New events, competitions and programs included:

- Harvey Norman Women's National Championships, held on the Gold Coast in June.
- Holden Women's Premiership, contested by four teams.
- Holden Women's State of Origin, played at North Sydney Oval.
- QAS Rugby League camps for Under 15s and Under 18s.

There were personal firsts as well, highlighted by Queensland halfback Ali Briggingshaw who guided the Jillaroos to a thrilling win over the Kiwi Ferns in her first Test match as captain.

For pure excitement and theatre though, the inaugural Origin match was undoubtedly the highlight of the year.

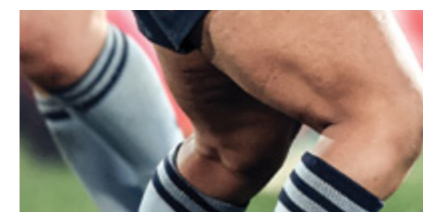
Played as a standalone game at North Sydney Oval, the match produced some outstanding rugby league.

While Queensland fell agonisingly short of victory, the game was about much more than the result.

Nearly 7000 fans streamed through the gates on a cold night, with many young girls rushing onto the field after the game to get photos and autographs from players in both teams.

A peak television audience of 1.1 million tuned in on the live broadcast across Channel 9 and FOX Sports, adding further interest and hype leading into the inaugural NRLW competition.

Featuring the top talent from both Australian and New Zealand domestic competitions, the Brisbane Broncos went all the way to secure the title in dominant fashion.



Briggingshaw held the trophy aloft on NRL grand final day after the Broncos defeated the Sydney Roosters.

Earlier, Queensland vice-captain Brittany Breayley claimed the Dally M for her near faultless performances during the competition.

The dynamic combination of Briggingshaw and Breayley are inspiring more and more girls across Queensland to play rugby league.

And with the game investing heavily in female pathways and programs, there are now more opportunities for women and girls to play the game they love; be it at club level or with their school via competitions such as the Karyn Murphy Cup.

This year, Tagai State School (off the northern tip of the state) qualified for the finals at Redcliffe to show that the next generation of female stars could come from anywhere in the state.

In November, we announced a new QAS Women's Development Camp to help upskill players from local competitions who have not previously experienced elite programs.



SNAPSHOT

- Statewide schoolgirls competition, the Karyn Murphy Cup, grew from 170 teams last year to 230 in 2018.
- Thirteen Queensland representatives played in the NRLW grand final – (Broncos 10, Roosters 3).
- Burleigh Bears won their fourth-straight SEQ title v Wests Panthers at Cbus Super Stadium (televised live on FOX Sports).

FOR PURE EXCITEMENT AND THEATRE THOUGH, THE INAUGURAL ORIGIN MATCH WAS UNDOUBTEDLY THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR.

INDIGENOUS

WE STRENGTHENED OUR CONNECTION TO INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES WITH SEVERAL KEY INITIATIVES IN 2018.

Before Game I of the Origin series, new Maroons skipper Greg Inglis unveiled the inaugural Maroons Indigenous Training Jersey in Queen Street. (Read more in Marketing, Brand & Apparel)

Queensland players, coaches and support staff wore the jersey with pride at numerous sessions throughout the series.

That 'pride in the jersey' sentiment surfaced again just a few months later during the revamped Murri Carnival formats.

For the first time, the Queensland Murri Carnival was split into two events; with the Junior Carnival taking place at an earlier time and different venue from the Senior Carnival.

The Junior Carnival was staged at the home of the Redcliffe Dolphins, with the senior component held at the Townsville Sports Reserve in October.

As always, the carnivals were anchored around better life outcomes for the community.

Both were presented as alcohol, smoke, drug and sugar-free events, where players met stringent criteria – including health checks and 90% school attendance for juniors.

This year, following the tragic passing of Jim Stevens – the much loved and respected Under 16 Queensland Murri coach at the age of 42 – all coaches and officials completed the health check.

In another first for Queensland, the Junior Carnival included an Under 17 Girls division to help build a pathway to senior football for female players.

The juniors took part in workshops where they learned more about Indigenous culture, mental health and relationships.

On the field, the action was simply breathtaking with some brilliant tries and exciting passages of play across the junior and senior games.

Earlier in the year, the Queensland Murri Under 16 team turned on the entertainment in their outstanding 36-26 victory over NSW Koori.

The match was played before the annual Charity Shield game between South Sydney and St George Illawarra at Mudgee.

One of the game's great success stories this year played out in the Gulf, where the Northern Region facilitated the birth of the Gulf competition.

With the help of a dedicated group of volunteers and spirited communities, the Gulf competition got off the ground with Doomadgee, Kowanyama, Mornington Island, Burketown and Normanton taking the field.

A total of 162 men and 41 women were registered to play in the competition, a stunning result given the logistics involved in bringing remote communities together.

The communities combined to form the Gulf Brumbies at the Far North Queensland Challenge in another wonderful result for the game.

203 REGISTERED PLAYERS IN THE GULF COMPETITION, WHICH GOT OFF THE GROUND THANKS TO THE EFFORTS OF THE NORTHERN REGION AND DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS.



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PLAYING OUR GAME

HOLDEN STATE OF ORIGIN



THE 2018 HOLDEN STATE OF ORIGIN SERIES WAS ONCE AGAIN ONE OF THE MOST ANTICIPATED AUSTRALIAN SPORTING CONTESTS OF THE YEAR.

More than nine million viewers tuned in across the three matches, with the opening clash in Melbourne the highest rating show on television this year.

The electric atmosphere at the MCG for Game I set the tone for the series, as 87,000 supporters soaked up the occasion from the iconic venue.

Across the three games, more than 220,000 fans enjoyed rugby league's greatest rivalry from the grandstands in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane.

The MCG encounter belonged to Brad Fittler's NSW Blues, who fielded a new-look team in their bid to break Queensland's recent dominance under Kevin Walters.

Unfortunately for Walters, the Maroons suffered a major setback just days out from the all-important opening game when star fullback Billy Slater succumbed to a hamstring injury.

It was a big blow for a Queensland team which was already adjusting to life without its record-breaking former captain Cameron Smith, who announced his representative retirement before the series.

The Maroons put in a whole-hearted performance, only to fall short 22-12 against the James Tedesco-inspired Blues.

With the series on the line in Game II in Sydney, Slater produced a vintage performance to inspire Queensland in the opening half.

But the rub of the green and several tight calls went against the Maroons, and the Blues were good enough to capitalise and hold off a late Queensland rally to clinch the series with an 18-14 win.

With the NSW media and fans baying for a clean-sweep, the Maroons had their backs against the wall in Game III.

But in true Queensland style, Walters rallied his charges to deny the Blues in front of more than 50,000 fans at Suncorp Stadium.

A double from the speedy Valentine Holmes and a brilliant performance from returning halfback Daly Cherry-Evans provided the spark as the Maroons got home 18-12 in an epic contest.

It was arguably the most entertaining and intense match of the series, proving once and for all there is no such thing as a 'dead rubber' in Origin.

Queensland fans got to send Slater out a winner, with the mighty fullback chaired off the ground after playing his 31st and final match in his beloved maroon colours.

Smith was also giving a rousing reception from fans in a moving pre-game ceremony.



BUT IN TRUE QUEENSLAND STYLE, WALTERS RALLIED HIS CHARGES TO DENY THE BLUES IN FRONT OF MORE THAN 50,000 FANS AT SUNCORP STADIUM.



INTRUST SUPER CUP



THE INTRUST SUPER CUP CONTINUES TO PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ELITE PLAYERS.

We acknowledge the support of the National Rugby League clubs, many of whom invest considerable time and resources into this outstanding pathway competition.

Importantly, the Intrust Super Cup remains a fantastic competition in its own right, maintaining a strong connection to its historical ties while adapting to a changing landscape.

This year, 14 clubs started the pre-season with the common goal of qualifying for the September 23 grand final at Suncorp Stadium.

Redcliffe Dolphins, Burleigh Bears, Townsville Blackhawks, Northern Pride, Easts Tigers and the Ipswich Jets filled the top six spots at the end of an action-packed regular season.

The Pride and Blackhawks were eliminated in the opening week of the finals, leaving Easts and Ipswich to play-off for a preliminary final berth. Easts prevailed after a polished performance in front of their home fans, setting up a preliminary

final blockbuster against Burleigh for the right to play Redcliffe in the decider.

The Tigers continued their winning ways, providing long-time fans with hope that a breakthrough Intrust Super Cup premiership was there for the taking.

However, Redcliffe held the upper hand for most of the grand final and came away with a 36-22 victory to raise the Cup for the first time since 2006.

Unfortunately, the Dolphins couldn't wrestle the Intrust Super National Championship back off the NSWRL premiers, with the Bulldogs proving too slick at ANZ Stadium on NRL grand final day.

Once again, Queensland's premier competition delivered quality entertainment for fans throughout the state.

Pleasingly, all clubs stepped up and engaged with their local communities and key stakeholders to delivery many positive outcomes.

Highlights throughout the year included the successful Season Launch and QRL Awards Dinner, where Ipswich's Nathaniel Neale was

presented with the inaugural Petero Civoniceva Medal as the best and fairest player in the Intrust Super Cup.

During the year, the clubs and QRL supported many initiatives and carried out numerous awareness rounds, including:

- XXXX Rivalry Round
- ANZAC Weekend Round
- Indigenous Round – NAIDOC Week
- Men of League Round
- 'Get in the Game' Country Week
- Harvey Norman Women in League Round
- 'Turn to Me' Round

150,000

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF POINTS SCORED, SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE STATEWIDE COMPETITION IN 1996, TICKED OVER THIS FIGURE IN ROUND 4.



FINAL INTRUST SUPER CUP STANDINGS

Team	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	Bye	For	Against	Points
Redcliffe Dolphins	23	16	1	6	1	600	382	35
Burleigh Bears	23	16	0	7	1	589	427	34
Townsville Blackhawks	23	15	0	8	1	571	348	32
Northern Pride	23	13	1	9	1	474	404	29
Easts Tigers	23	13	0	10	1	576	503	28
Ipswich Jets	23	13	0	10	1	554	505	28
PNG Hunters	23	13	0	10	1	444	418	28
Norths Devils	23	11	0	12	1	516	553	24
Souths Logan Magpies	23	10	0	13	1	534	499	22
Sunshine Coast Falcons	23	10	0	13	1	453	464	22
Tweed Heads Seagulls	23	9	1	13	1	435	634	21
Wynnum Manly Seagulls	23	9	0	14	1	472	593	20
CQ Capras	23	7	0	16	1	390	576	16
Mackay Cutters	23	4	1	18	1	386	688	11

FINALS RECAP

WEEK 1

IPSWICH JETS 32 (Michael Purcell 2, Marmin Barba, Billy McConnachie, Wes Conlon tries; Marmin Barba 6 goals) def **TOWNSVILLE BLACKHAWKS 12** (Andrew Davey, Corey Jensen tries; Levi Dodd 2 goals) at Jack Manski Oval.

EASTS TIGERS 32 (Josh Ralph 3, Marion Seve, Shane Neumann, Sam Kasiano tries; Brayden Torpy 4 goals) def **NORTHERN PRIDE 0** at Stan Williams Park, Cairns.

WEEK 2

EASTS TIGERS 50 (Marion Seve 3, Shane Neumann 2, Brayden Torpy 2, Scott Drinkwater, Linc Port tries; Brayden Torpy 7 goals) def **IPSWICH JETS 20** (Tyson Lofipo, Isimeeli Hafoka, Michael Purcell, Billy McConnachie tries; Wes Conlon 2 goals) at Suzuki Stadium, Langlands Park.

REDCLIFFE DOLPHINS 13 (Tom Opacic, Josh Beehag tries; Bryce Donovan 2 goals; Bryce Donovan field goal) def **BURLEIGH BEARS 6** (Sami Sauluma try; Jamal Fogarty goal) at Dolphin Stadium.

PRELIMINARY FINAL

EASTS TIGERS 36 (Patrick Kaufusi, Tino Fa'asuamaleaui, Jake Foster, Linc Port, Chris Ostwald, Conor Carey tries; Brayden Torpy 6 goals) def **BURLEIGH BEARS 26** (Dylan Phythian, Luke Page, Kurtis Rowe, Joshua Berkers, Jai Whitbread tries; Jamal Fogarty 2, Matt White goals) at Pizzey Park.

GRAND FINAL

REDCLIFFE DOLPHINS 36 (Trai Fuller 2, Jeremy Hawkins, Kotoni Staggs, Nathan Watts, Tom Opacic tries; Kotoni Staggs 6 goals) def **EASTS TIGERS 22** (Conor Carey, Marion Seve, Jake Foster, Scott Drinkwater tries; Brayden Torpy 3 goals) at Suncorp Stadium
Duncan Hall Medal: Toby Rudolf (Redcliffe Dolphins).



HASTINGS DEERING COLTS



AN EXCITING NEW CHAPTER FOR THE STATE'S EMERGING TALENT COMMENCED IN MARCH WHEN THE FIRST BALL WAS KICKED IN THE HASTINGS DEERING COLTS.

Fifteen teams contested the revamped statewide format, which importantly offers players the opportunity to represent their home club or region without having to move away from home.

Naming rights partner Hastings Deering went above and beyond with their support for the Under 20s competition, providing a strong foundation for future growth.

We thank Hastings Deering for sharing our vision and further strengthening the pathways in Queensland.

With most teams directly aligned to an Intrust Super Cup club, the competition on the field was intense from the opening round. By the end of the regular season, Townsville Blackhawks emerged as the team to beat, claiming the minor premiership from the Norths Devils.

The two teams would ultimately face off in the grand final at Suncorp Stadium, where the Devils prevailed 20-16.

The inaugural 2018 Hastings Deering Colts carried an interstate flavour with the Victorian Thunderbolts qualifying for the finals in their final season before returning to the NSWRL.

GRAND FINAL

NORTHS DEVILS 20 (Joseph McGuire, Nesta Watene, Liam Horne, David Faudt tries; Gerome Burns 2 goals) def **TOWNSVILLE BLACKHAWKS 16** (Duarne Dempsey, Tom McCagh, Ben Condon tries; Adam Cook 2 goals) at Suncorp Stadium

1289

THE NUMBER OF TRIES SCORED IN THE FIRST SEASON OF THE INAUGURAL HASTINGS DEERING COLTS.



MAL MENINGA CUP



QUEENSLAND'S LEADING UNDER 18 PLAYERS COMPETED IN THE MAL MENINGA CUP THIS YEAR.

Named in honour of one of Queensland's greatest ever players and coaches, the Meninga Cup featured seven action-packed rounds and a two-week finals series.

Fittingly, it was Meninga's former club, the Souths Logan Magpies, who claimed the title after a pulsating 18-16 grand final win over the Norths Devils.

With Meninga watching on, the Magpies lifted to overcome the talented Devils in a thrilling contest at Bishop Park.

The Magpies beat Tweed Heads Seagulls 40-22 in their semi-final clash to book a showdown with Norths Devils, who knocked over the Mackay Cutters 32-24 on the same weekend.

It set up a fascinating grand final contest between two teams laced with some of the best young talent in the state.

Norths held the ascendancy for large parts of the match, but it was the Magpies who got in front on the scoreboard when it counted thanks to a double from Fanitesi Niu.

The victory handed Souths Logan a shot at the National Final, only for the Penrith Panthers to prove too strong 38-32.

Next year's competition will be known as the Auswide Bank Mal Meninga Cup.

WITH MENINGA WATCHING ON, THE MAGPIES LIFTED TO OVERCOME THE TALENTED DEVILS IN A THRILLING CONTEST AT BISHOP PARK.

MAL MENINGA CUP GRAND FINAL

SOUTHS LOGAN MAGPIES 18 (Fanitesi Niu 2, Cruise Ten tries; Tanah Boyd 3 goals) def **NORTHS DEVILS 16** (Jack Paterson, Ethan Le Blanc, Jordan Riki tries; Cory Paix 2 goals) at Bishop Park.

UNDER 18 NATIONAL FINAL

PENRITH PANTHERS 38 (Zachary Cini 2, Maurice Trindall, Chase Chapman, Matt Burton, Stephen Crichton, Ethan Clark-Wood tries; Stephen Crichton 4, Shawn Blore goals) def **SOUTHS LOGAN MAGPIES 32** (Ezra Coulston 2, Fanitesi Niu, Vincent Takataka, David Fifita, Vahai Finau tries; Tanah Boyd 4 goals) at Dolphin Stadium.



QRL STATE CARNIVAL

ONE OF RUGBY LEAGUE'S STRENGTHS IS ITS ABILITY TO PROVIDE REPRESENTATIVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PLAYERS OF ALL LEVELS.

The QRL State Carnival is a prime example of the pathways available for motivated club players.

Our best male and female local league talent contested this year's carnival on the Gold Coast, with players ultimately vying for Queensland berths.

For the first time, the 2018 event was played in conjunction with the Harvey Norman Women's National Championships.

Like the National Championships, the state matches produced a high standard of play, with the South East Queensland Women taking the overall honours.

Kazzia Lammon raced in a hat-trick of tries as South East beat Northern 28-0 on the final day of the carnival to seal title honours.

The Poinsettias claimed the spoils in the Men's A Grade division, after sealing the title with a strong win in the final game over rivals South East Queensland.

Bailey Butler landed the player of the carnival honours after a superb weekend for the eventual winners.

FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE 2018 EVENT WAS PLAYED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HARVEY NORMAN WOMEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

WOMEN'S WRAP

FINAL POINTS:

South East Queensland 15, Central 8, Northern 1

QRL DIVISIONAL TROPHY WINNER:

South East Queensland

PLAYER OF THE CARNIVAL:

Kazzia Lammon (South East Queensland)

MEN'S WRAP

FINAL POINTS:

SEQ Poinsettias 16, Northern 10, South East Queensland 6, Central 0

QRL DIVISIONAL TROPHY WINNER:

SEQ Poinsettias

PLAYER OF THE CARNIVAL:

Bailey Butler (SEQ Poinsettias)



QRL STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

QUEENSLAND'S MOST PROMISING JUNIORS CONVERGED ON RUGBY LEAGUE HEARTLAND IN MACKAY FOR THE STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

With more than 260 talented boys and girls taking the field, the carnival brought an influx of visitors to the North Queensland city.

All three Regions – SEQ Water Dragons, Central Crows and Northern Marlins – were represented in Under 14 and Under 16 Boys and Girls divisions across four days of competition at the Mackay Junior Rugby League Fields.

The Queensland Under 16 Boys team to play New South Wales was selected from the carnival, while our talent identification teams kept a keen eye on the Under 14 age groups for future Queensland Academy of Sport squads.

SEQ made it a title-clean sweep after a string of impressive performances.

History repeated itself in the Under 14 Boys grand final when another 16-16 draw was recorded, this time featuring both SEQ sides.

Both Water Dragons' teams also faced off for the Under 16 Boys honours once again, however last year's result was reversed with White claiming a comprehensive 30-18 win.

In the Under 14 Girls division, SEQ reclaimed the Heather Ballinger Shield after the Central Crows' maiden victory last year.

SEQ also successfully defended their title once again in the Under 16 Girls division, the third year in a row the Water Dragons have dominated in the age group.

SHIELD WINNERS

UNDER 14 BOYS SHIELD:

SEQ Green and White Water Dragons (tied)

HARVEY NORMAN UNDER 14 GIRLS

HEATHER BALLINGER SHIELD:

SEQ Water Dragons

UNDER 16 BOYS:

SEQ Green Water Dragons

HARVEY NORMAN UNDER 16 GIRLS KARYN

MURPHY SHIELD:

SEQ Water Dragons

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

UNDER 14 BOYS AWARD:

Jye Gray (SEQ White #6)

UNDER 14 GIRLS VERONICA WHITE AWARD:

Jaydah Tofae (Central #13)

UNDER 16 BOYS PETER GRAY AWARD:

Matamatagi (Lukas) Ripley (SEQ Green #6)

UNDER 16 GIRLS STEPHANIE HANCOCK

AWARD:

Tiana Raftstrand-Smith (SEQ #6)



IN THE UNDER 14 GIRLS DIVISION, SEQ RECLAIMED THE HEATHER BALLINGER SHIELD AFTER THE CENTRAL CROWS' MAIDEN VICTORY LAST YEAR.

QRL SENIOR PREMIERS

BRISBANE RUGBY LEAGUE – IN SAFE HANDS CUP

Seagulls 28 def Dolphins 20.

SEQ SENIOR WOMEN'S – DIVISION 1

Burleigh Bears 14 def West Brisbane Panthers 0.

RUGBY LEAGUE IPSWICH

Fassifern Bombers 32 def Norths Tigers 10.

RUGBY LEAGUE GOLD COAST – Q TOP A GRADE

Runaway Bay 36 def Tweed Heads 10.

TOOWOOMBA RUGBY LEAGUE – HUTCHIES A GRADE CUP

Valleys Roosters 24 def Wattles Warriors 22.

ROMA & DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUE

Chinchilla Bulldogs 28 def Red Bulls 14.

CENTRAL WEST RUGBY LEAGUE

Blackall Magpies 22 def Ilfracombe Scorpions 8.

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS RUGBY LEAGUE – PURCELL'S ENGINEERING MEN'S COMPETITION

Blackwater Crushers 24 def Bluff Rabbitohs 16.

ALLIED PICKFORDS WOMEN'S COMPETITION

Blackwater Crushettes 22 def Emerald Cowgirls 16.

SUNSHINE COAST RUGBY LEAGUE – VANTAGE HOMES DIVISION 1 CUP

Maroochydore Swans 22 def Beerwah Bulldogs 20.

SUNSHINE COAST WOMEN'S MAUDSLEY EXCAVATIONS CUP

Caboolture Snakes 38 def Kawana Dolphins 20.

SOUTH BURNETT RUGBY LEAGUE

Nanango Stags 48 def Kingaroy Red Ants 0.

CENTRAL BURNETT RUGBY LEAGUE

Gayndah Gladiators 30 def Mundubbera Tigers 10.

NORTHERN DISTRICTS RUGBY LEAGUE

Miriam Vale Magpies 18 def South Kolan Sharks 12.

BUNDABERG RUGBY LEAGUE

Waves Tigers 23 def Wallaroos 20.

BUNDABERG WOMEN'S

Brothers 32 def Waves 6.

ROCKHAMPTON RUGBY LEAGUE

Rockhampton Brothers 40 def Yeppoon Seagulls 14.

INTER CITY WOMEN'S

Tannum 14 def Brothers 12.

MACKAY DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUE – CONNOLE CARLISLE A GRADE CUP

West's Tigers 34 def Moranbah Miners 16.

MACKAY AIRPORT WOMEN'S COMPETITION

Brothers 26 def Moranbah 12.

TOWNSVILLE & DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUE A GRADE

Centrals 46 def Brothers 22.

CAIRNS & DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUE A GRADE

Mossman Port Douglas 36 def Tully Tigers 12.

MOUNT ISA RUGBY LEAGUE

Town 50 def Cloncurry Eagles 8.



OUTBACK

THIS YEAR, THE GAME BROUGHT TOGETHER SOME OF THE MOST REMOTE COMMUNITIES ONE CAN IMAGINE.

Doomadgee, for instance, is a 34-hour drive from Brisbane, nestled deep within the Gulf of Carpentaria region.

Players from this region were given the opportunity to participate in matches and cluster days for selection in representative teams, including North Queensland United.

In mid-July, North Queensland United travelled to the Sunshine Coast to play Queensland Outback, another group of players brought together from widespread rural communities.

Outback prevailed 40-16 in a match which shared the same stage as the Intrust Super Cup fixture between the Sunshine Coast Falcons and Wynnum Manly Seagulls.

Players gained selection in the Queensland team following the Outback Carnival in Barcaldine, while junior players from rural communities came together in Blackall earlier in the year.

Junior Queensland Outback teams were selected to compete in the Glyn Rees City / Country Cultural Exchange.

The senior Outback Carnival is a significant event for players like Craig Logan, a proud Indigenous man who, away from footy, loves to hunt everything from goannas, turkeys and echidnas to turtles, boars and kangaroos.

Logan was a player in the very first Outback Carnival in 2004, when he was just 19 years of age.

In all, he went on to represent Outback five times, playing his football either with the Doomadgee Dragons or Normanton Stingers.

With support from QRL Operations Managers, including the Central Region's Peter Rafter, we are committed to providing opportunities for participants from remote and rural communities.

38%

THE OVERALL GROWTH IN OUTBACK JUNIOR REGISTRATIONS WITHIN THE CENTRAL REGION FROM 2016-2018.

This can be a difficult and extremely challenging task, given the extreme travel demands and the economic downturn in many regional towns and cities.

However, we are pleased to report some major success stories, including 38% growth in outback junior registrations within the Central Region from 2016-2018.

The Adrian Vowles Cup, held annually in Charleville, is also expected to grow by a further 25% in 2019.

CENTRAL REGION - REGISTERED OUTBACK PLAYERS

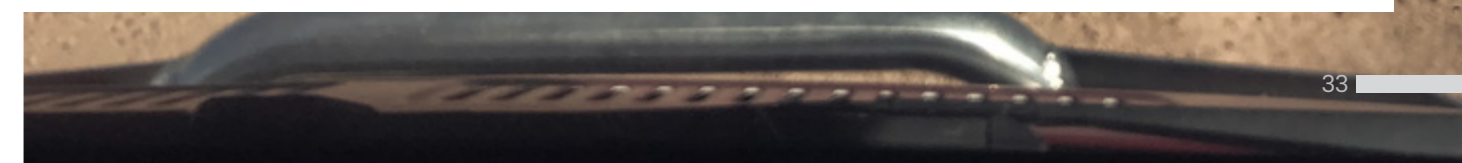
	2015	2016	2017	2018	%
Balonne Barwon Juniors	216	212	213	238	10
Central West Juniors	150	200	214	279	86
Central West Seniors	168	170	122**	149**	-11
Western League Juniors	180	201	209	244	35
Western League Seniors	97	97	93	70#	-27
Roma Juniors	330	347	398*	427	29
Roma Seniors	587	542	475***	531	-9
Western Downs Juniors	321	381	415	452	40
TOTAL	2049	2150	2139	2390	16.6

Western League fielded two teams in 2018.

* Roma Juniors changed from schools to club in 2017.

** Central West Seniors reduced from five teams to four in 2017 and 2018.

*** Roma Seniors - Chinchilla U16s moved to South Burnett. We are now starting to see the benefits of a competitive Under 14s thanks to the Central Outback Broncos Under 14 Challenge.



MATCH OFFICIALS

WE ARE COMMITTED TO PROVIDING OUR MATCH OFFICIALS WITH CUTTING-EDGE TRAINING, COACHING AND RESOURCES TO ASSIST THEM IN THEIR RUGBY LEAGUE JOURNEY.

This journey is now more exciting and rewarding than ever before, with a myriad of opportunities available for those officiating in our competitions, from grassroots through to the elite.

Leading this progress is the QRL Referees' High-Performance Unit, which oversaw many significant achievements in 2018.

Under the guidance of strength and conditioning trainers, HPU squads trained two nights a week from November to the end of February; and then once a week from March to September.

Post-game reviews were conducted at RLCQ and included the 'week in review' visual presentations.

The interactive sessions utilised the latest technology, allowing regional, Victorian and NZ match officials and coaches to be involved.

In partnership with the NRL, experienced coaches Neil Henry and Terry Matterson assisted with training and post-match reviews, while skills coaches and physiotherapists added further expertise.

1679

THE NUMBER OF ACTIVE REFEREES IN QUEENSLAND.

QRL REPRESENTATIVE & MAJOR COMPETITIONS APPOINTMENTS:

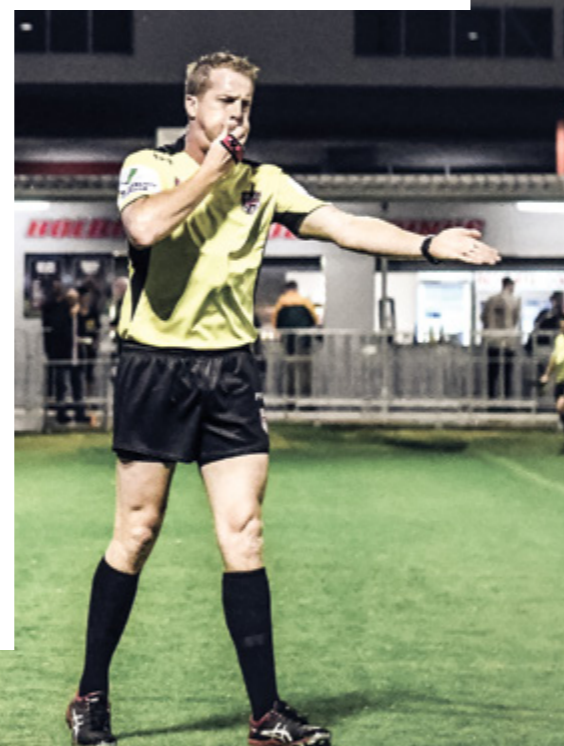
- Liam Kennedy became the 150th NRL match official and the first outside the full squad to officiate as an Assist Referee in Round 18.
- Intrust Super State Championship: Assist Referee – Liam Kennedy (Brisbane), Touch Judge – Jarrod Cole (Gold Coast)
- Intrust Super Cup Grand Final: Referee – Chris Anderson (Mackay), Assist Referee – Liam Kennedy (Brisbane), Touch Judges – Jarrod Cole (Gold Coast), Dan Munroe (Brisbane)
- Residents: Assist Referee – Liam Kennedy (Brisbane)
- NRL Holden Women's Premiership Grand Final: Touch Judge – Wyatt Raymond (Townsville)
- Under 20 State of Origin: Referee – Ben Watts (Brisbane), Touch Judges: Ethan Menchin (Brisbane), Dan Munroe (Brisbane)
- Under 16 State of Origin: Referee – Jordan Morel (Brisbane), Touch Judges – James Harbidge, Marcus Fitzgerald (both Sunshine Coast)
- Hastings Deering Colts Grand Final: Referee – Daniel Schwass (Gold Coast), Touch Judges – Jordan Morel (Brisbane), Nik Inthout (Brisbane)
- National U18 Final: Referee – Jack Ebert (Townsville), Touch Judges – Daniel Schwass (Gold Coast), Dylan Cassidy (Sunshine Coast)
- Mal Meninga Cup: Referee – Daniel Schwass (Gold Coast), Touch Judges – Sam Swift (Gold Coast), James Harbidge (Sunshine Coast)

INTRUST SUPER CUP – STATISTICS & MILESTONES:

- 15 referees appointed to 242 games as referees (single / 2 referee games)
- Two NRL referees appointed to three games and 13 QRL referees appointed to 239
- Seven different lead referees (one NRL and six QRL) appointed in two-referee games
- Chris Anderson refereed his 150th game to become the fifth referee to achieve 150 Cup games or more.
- Michael Gordon refereed his 100th game to become the 13th referee to achieve 100 Cup games or more.

HASTINGS DEERING COLTS & MAL MENINGA CUP – STATISTICS & MILESTONES:

- 24 different referees (12 debutants) appointed to 149 Hastings Deering Colts games
- 20 different referees (13 debutants) appointed to 50 Mal Meninga Cup games



AWARDS

BILLY SLATER WAS CHAIRED OFF SUNCORP STADIUM IN AN EMOTIONAL FAREWELL TO THE STATE OF ORIGIN ARENA FOLLOWING THE MAROONS' SPECTACULAR GAME III WIN.

Fittingly, the retiring Slater was in everything as the Maroons charged to an impressive 18-12 victory to fend off a Blues whitewash in the final game of the Holden State of Origin Series.

Shortly after embracing teammates and his family, Slater took centre stage on the field once more to collect the prestigious Wally Lewis Medal for player of the series.

While some south of the border questioned the decision, there can be no disputing Slater's impact for Queensland following his return from injury in Game II of the series.

He was voted Queensland's Players' Player in the second and third games; and was subsequently named as the recipient of the Ron McAuliffe Medal.

In the Intrust Super Cup, impressive Ipswich Jets captain Nathaniel Neale received the inaugural Petero Civoniceva Medal.

Neale produced an outstanding season for the Jets, cementing his reputation as one of the competition's best forwards.

He was overcome with emotion as he accepted the medal from former international Civoniceva, who lavished praise on his "fellow front-rower".

IN THE INTRUST SUPER CUP, IMPRESSIVE IPSWICH JETS CAPTAIN NATHANIEL NEALE RECEIVED THE INAUGURAL PETERO CIVONICEVA MEDAL.

STATE OF ORIGIN

WALLY LEWIS MEDAL:

Billy Slater (Overall Player of the Series)

RON MCAULIFFE MEDAL:

Billy Slater (Maroons' Player of the Series)

PLAYERS' PLAYER:

- Game I: Greg Inglis

- Game II: Billy Slater

- Game III: Billy Slater

QRL AWARDS

HASTINGS DEERING COLTS MINOR PREMIERSHIP, PRESENTED BY HASTINGS DEERING: Townsville Blackhawks

JOHN 'CRACKER' MCDONALD MINOR PREMIERSHIP:

Redcliffe Dolphins

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP:

Norths Devils

XXXX REPRESENTATIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:

David Fifita (Queensland Under 18s)

HARVEY NORMAN WOMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:

Steph Hancock

LEADING POINTS SCORER PRESENTED BY STRUDDYS:

Guy Hamilton (Souths Logan Magpies)

LEADING TRY SCORER PRESENTED BY STRUDDYS:

Daniel Ogden (Wynnum Manly Seagulls) & Michael Purcell (Ipswich Jets)

QRL VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR:

Barry Beswick

QRL WOMEN IN LEAGUE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:

Mei-Lin Dean

QRL GRASSROOTS CLUB OF THE YEAR:

Blackall RLFC

PEDRO GALLAGHER AWARD FOR ROOKIE OF THE YEAR, PRESENTED BY THE CARBINE CLUB:

Jake Clifford (Northern Pride)

MAL MENINGA CUP PLAYER OF THE YEAR:

David Fifita (Souths Logan Magpies)

HASTINGS DEERING COLTS PLAYER OF THE YEAR:

Shannon Gardiner (Wynnum Manly Seagulls)

PETERO CIVONICEVA MEDAL PRESENTED BY STAGE AND SCREEN TRAVEL SERVICES:

Nathaniel Neale (Ipswich Jets)

TEAM OF THE YEAR, PRESENTED BY STAGE AND SCREEN TRAVEL SERVICES:

FULLBACK: Scott Drinkwater (Easts Tigers)

WING: Kalifa Faifai-Loa (Townsville Blackhawks)

CENTRE: Kotoni Staggs (Redcliffe Dolphins)

FIVE-EIGHTH: Billy Walters (Easts Tigers)

HALFBACK: Jake Clifford (Northern Pride)

PROP: Nathaniel Neale (Ipswich Jets)

HOKKER: Pat Politoni (Burleigh Bears)

SECOND ROW: Patrick Kaufusi (Easts Tigers)

LOCK: Jamil Hopoate (Redcliffe Dolphins)

COACH: Ty Williams (Northern Pride)



MILESTONES

IN LATE JULY, WE CONGRATULATED POPULAR SOUTHS LOGAN STALWART PHIL DENNIS ON HIS RECORD-BREAKING ACHIEVEMENT IN THE INTRUST SUPER CUP.

At the age of 34, Dennis took the field in Round 20 to eclipse Troy Lindsay's record of most appearances (270) in the statewide competition.

With family, friends and club mates forming a guard of honour as he left the field, an emotional Dennis savoured the special moment.

This year was his 16th consecutive season in the Intrust Super Cup, a stunning achievement given the demands of balancing a high standard of rugby league with work and family commitments.

It was fitting that Dennis broke the all-time record for most games played on Souths Logan's Old Boys Day.

Dennis first appeared on the Cup scene in 2003 with Wests, before switching to the Easts Tigers for the 2004/05 seasons.

He has been a mainstay in the Magpies' first grade team since walking through the gates at Davies Park in 2006.

The talented ball-player quickly established himself as a leader, and in 2009 he took over the captaincy.

Highlights include the club's 2008 premiership and the bond he has formed with so many, from

club administrators Jim and Barb McClelland to the many coaches, players and supporters who have been part of the journey.

He has played more Cup games for Souths Logan than any other player, a record he holds close to his heart.



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RETIRING CLASS

THIS YEAR WE PAID TRIBUTE TO TWO OF OUR MOST CELEBRATED ORIGIN PLAYERS, MAROONS GREATS CAMERON SMITH AND BILLY SLATER.

Having given everything to the Maroons cause over 15 consecutive seasons, Smith announced his retirement from representative football before the start of the 2018 series.

Fortunately, fans got to see Slater in his beloved maroon colours for one final series, although he did miss the opening game due to a hamstring injury.

The two champions of the game were acknowledged before Game III of the series at Suncorp Stadium, where Slater played a starring role in Queensland's superb victory.

While the dynamic duo's presence will be dearly missed by the Maroons, their legacy will inspire generations of Queenslanders in the years to come.

Smith's rugby league journey is one of inspiration.

In 2002, he emerged from humble beginnings with Logan Brothers and Norths Devils to receive a start in the NRL with the Melbourne Storm.

He was thrust into the Origin arena the following year, playing the first of his 42 games against the Blues in Game III of the 2003 series.

Smith made the No. 9 jersey his own for more than a decade, and in Game I of the 2017 series, he became the first player in Origin history to reach 40 games.

He has received numerous individual awards, including four Wally Lewis Medals (2007, 2011, 2013, 2016) as the best player in the series and four Ron McAuliffe Medals (2005, 2007, 2013, 2015) as Queensland's players' player.

Smith is also the proud recipient of the Dick "Tosser" Turner Medal (20 games) and Statesman's Award (30 games).

He played in 11 series wins for Queensland and captained his state on 21 occasions.

A three-time Dally M Representative Player of the Year, Smith played 56 Test matches for Australia and fittingly led the Kangaroos to World Cup glory at Suncorp Stadium last year.

Slater blazed a similar trail to Smith, embarking on a decorated professional career after joining the Norths Devils from Innisfail.

From the Devils, he linked with the Storm where he went on to play 319 games for the NRL powerhouse.

He represented his state on 31 occasions and played 30 Test matches for the Kangaroos, collecting a swag of individual awards along the way.

Another Queensland great, former Bronco Sam Thaiday, has joined Slater in retirement after 16 seasons in the NRL.

Thaiday played 308 games for Brisbane and was a mainstay in the Maroons' decade of dominance, amassing 29 Origin matches throughout a golden era for the state.

We would also like to acknowledge Darius Boyd's contribution to the Maroons and Kangaroos.

Between 2008 and 2017, the current Broncos captain played 28 State of Origin games for Queensland and 23 Test matches for his country.

He scored twice on debut for the Maroons and when he called time on his representative career this year, he sat behind only the great Greg Inglis as the most prolific try-scorer in Origin history with 17 to his name.

CAMERON SMITH

- State of Origins 42 (2003-17)
- Tests 56 (2006-17); 33 Tests as captain (2007-17)
- Wally Lewis Medallist (2007, 2011, 2013, 2016)
- Dally M Representative Player of the Year (2007, 2011, 2013)
- Most State of Origin appearances – 42
- Most State of Origin wins – 24
- Most State of Origin series wins – 11
- Second most Tests for Australia – 56

BILLY SLATER

- State of Origins *31 (2004-2018)
- *Presented Statesman's Award in 2018 for 30 games
- Tests 30 (2008-17)
- 319 NRL / Storm games (190 career tries)
- Third most games played in Storm history
- Wally Lewis Medallist (2010, 2018)
- Dally M Player of the Year (2011)
- Dally M Representative Player of the Year (2010)
- Golden Boot (2008)

SAM THAIDAY

- State of Origins 29 (2006-2017)
- Tests 32 (2006-2017)
- 308 NRL / Broncos games (40 career tries)
- Indigenous All Stars (2010-2016)
- Prime Minister's XIII
- RLIF Second Rower of the Year (2011)
- Indigenous Australian Rugby League Team of the Century



DELIVERING OUR GAME



PARTNERS

WE WELCOMED FIRST-YEAR PARTNER HASTINGS DEERING WHO PROVIDED A SIGNIFICANT BOOST TO OUR PATHWAY COMPETITIONS.

By backing the inaugural Under 20s statewide competition, now known as the Hastings Deering Colts, the future is bright for our emerging talent in 2019 and beyond.

The Hastings Deering partnership extended to the sponsorship of the Intrust Super Cup player of the match award during the Channel 9 broadcast.

The partnership was launched in style, with Hastings Deering and the QRL coming together to produce an impressive digital campaign.

Titled "Where Legends Are Born", the initiative was supported by an outdoor billboard campaign in each of the Hastings Deering Colts club locations.

Additionally, we kicked off a new partnership with U&U Recruitment Partners, who will work with the QRL on the expansion of our corporate presence, collaborating to host a range of business networking events.

Our first leadership business breakfast was held in September, in front of an audience of 120 organisations. We intend to host a further three events in 2019, providing a platform to communicate more broadly about QRL programs.

Our 2019 strategy involves an extended focus on integrated partnerships, capitalising on the brand association with the Queensland Maroons, but importantly engaging and seeking opportunity to utilise our grassroots and membership audience to maximise all that rugby league in Queensland has to offer.

Next year will also see a focus on the monetisation of our digital assets and platforms to capitalise on the significant footprint which has been generated over the past few years.

This will be an opportunity to provide access to partners, but also to work with third parties which may act as a stepping stone to further partnerships.

In November, we launched a new partnership with Auswide Bank, a financial institution at the heart of regional Queensland.

Auswide Bank will be the front of jersey partner of the Queensland Maroons for the next three years; and will be supporting the next generation of Maroons via association with the Auswide Bank Mal Meninga Cup and Queensland U18s.

ELITE PARTNERS



MAJOR PARTNERS



OFFICIAL PARTNERS



SUPPLIERS



DIGITAL

WE RECORDED SIGNIFICANT GROWTH ACROSS IMPORTANT AREAS OF PERFORMANCE IN 2018, MARKING A STEP FORWARD IN BEING THE PRIMARY SOURCE OF TRUTH FOR RUGBY LEAGUE IN QUEENSLAND.

In summary, 2018 digital highlights include:

- 38% growth in page views
- 13,590,000 video views
- No. 1 in the NRL Digital Network for users, page views and sessions
- 1,359,100 social media followers
- 2,868,400 social media interactions
- 4652 social media posts and 2977 pieces of content on QRL.com.au

The Digital team increased its focus on amplifying the positive stories from rugby league communities across the state.

Additionally, the team is aware of the value fans place on QRL digital channels being recognised as truthful and trustworthy.

Late last year saw the launch of the NRL Digital Network, a brand-new digital experience for rugby league fans.

The Network is a mobile-first responsive website and dedicated app for mobile and tablet with a uniform user experience across all 16 NRL clubs, NSWRL, NRL.com and QRL.

Additionally, a centralised data warehouse, video management system, content management system, digital advertising technologies, match data functionality and access to economies of scale in development are important advances for all.

Our Correspondents Network took a great step forward in providing a truly statewide content service. Leads were appointed for North Queensland, South East Queensland and Central Queensland, paving the way for increased coverage and future growth of our digital footprint.

In partnership with the QUT Creative Industries department, 'Living League' was launched in time for Round 1 of QRL Major Competitions.

Three enthusiastic students hosted weekly content featuring off-field stories such as a rare interview with Rita Langer, the mother of Ipswich league great Allan.

Brands took full advantage of the opportunity to connect with our digital audience in 2018 and every QRL commercial partner implemented at least one campaign using digital channels to drive their business outcomes throughout the year.

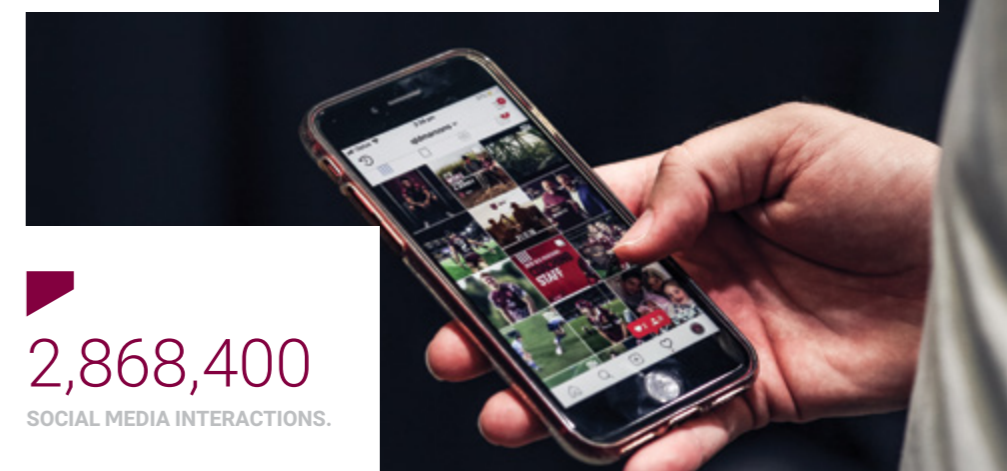
QRL digital channels were also used to drive business outcomes for the organisation, including Maroon Membership growth and sales on the Maroons online store.



	2017	2018
Page Impressions	8,158,731	11,301,173
Users	1,574,095	1,686,452
PV/U	5.18	6.7
Sessions	-	5,996,163

• Aggregate of QRL.com.au and QRL Live

	FACEBOOK	INSTAGRAM	TWITTER
QLD Maroons	931,200	202,900	94,300
Intrust Super Cup	64,800	27,800	9500
QLD Rugby League	28,700	-	-



2,868,400
SOCIAL MEDIA INTERACTIONS.

MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

QRL MEDIA STRIVES TO HELP SHAPE AND ENHANCE THE ORGANISATION'S PUBLIC PROFILE THROUGH THE DELIVERY OF PROACTIVE AND REACTIVE MESSAGING.

Throughout 2018, our department worked closely and efficiently with the QRL Digital team, as well as external media across the country.

We extend our thanks to the Digital team and media for the ongoing investment in our game.

In particular, we would like to acknowledge the editors, producers and reporters who shared inspirational community stories to our fans and the wider audience.

While there were numerous examples in 2018, one that stood out was the heart-warming story of Down Syndrome athlete Thomas Ross-Buzza, who made his A Grade debut for the Caloundra Sharks.

Channel Seven and QRL Digital brought this incredible story to life in August, bringing tears of joy to many.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS:

- QRL Media prepared and distributed more than 100 Media Releases and Alerts on all levels of the game, from grassroots participation to Origin.
- We liaised with players, coaches and other key stakeholders to achieve significant media coverage of the 2018 Holden State of Origin Series. We also worked closely with broadcasters Channel 9 and Fox Sports to facilitate additional coverage of the Maroons' Origin campaign.
- The inaugural Holden Women's State of Origin match received extensive pre and post-match media coverage. The players and coaching team were extremely active in the week leading up to the match, with QRL Media facilitating daily media opportunities.

- Our team assisted metropolitan and regional media with their coverage of Queensland's premier competition, the Intrust Super Cup. Events which attracted significant media coverage included the Season Launch, 'Get in the Game' Country Week, Grand Final and the inaugural presentation of the Petero Civoniceva Medal.

- We devoted considerable time and resources to recognise and celebrate the achievements of our on-field warriors, including Intrust Super Cup stalwart Phil Dennis. The Courier-Mail, Channel Nine, ABC Grandstand and QRL Digital all captured the emotion surrounding his record-breaking match in the Intrust Super Cup.

5019

THE NUMBER OF INTRUST SUPER CUP ONLINE NEWS MENTIONS BETWEEN JANUARY 1 AND NOVEMBER 1, 2018. SOURCE: MELTWATER.



MAROON MEMBERSHIP

OUR MAROON MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM GREW TO 17,220 MEMBERS IN 2018.

This ongoing program allows us to engage with fans across the country to bring them closer to the team in a concerted effort to provide a unique sense of belonging.

THIS YEAR, MAROON MEMBERSHIP INCLUDED:

- Ticketed & Non-Ticketed memberships
- Exclusive quality merchandise
- Invitations to member-only events
- Priority access to State of Origin match tickets and selected NRL matches
- Discounts and special offers from Queensland Maroons partners
- Behind-the-scenes access during Camp Maroon, including dressing shed tours and training sessions
- Access to Queensland Maroons competitions, prizes and giveaways

OUR 2018 MAROON MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM FEATURED MORE THAN 18 DIFFERENT TYPES OF PACKAGES, INCLUDING A RANGE OF MERCHANDISE, SUCH AS:

- Welcome pack including message from the coach, member card and lanyard
- ISC merchandise including beanie and scarf to collect on game day for ticketed members
- Limited edition signed Kevin Walters football
- ISC apparel gift cards

22%

MAROON MEMBERS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY THIS YEAR.

DUAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Dual Cowboys memberships – both Ticketed and Non-Ticketed – were offered for the second year.

- XXXX memberships were introduced for the first year. This new offering included access to Origin events in Rockhampton, Mackay and Townsville. These evenings were hosted by Former Origin Greats with live music, food, and complimentary XXXX Gold to watch the Holden State of Origin Series on a big screen.

MARKETING

Influencer campaign

We aligned with prominent sports personalities to promote the excitement of the Queensland Maroons in the lead up to this year's series.

The campaign was in market from mid-March until early July; and carried the primary campaign message – "Proud to be a Maroon Member".

Ambassadors included:

- Chris Lynn – Australian cricketer
- Jamie Whincup – Supercar driver
- Jeff Horn – Boxer
- Yvonne Sampson – Sports presenter/personality

ACTIVATIONS & EVENTS

The Membership team facilitated events and activations in Townsville, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Hervey Bay, Melbourne and Sydney.

For the first time, members were offered the opportunity to attend the last open training session of the series at Sanctuary Cove on the Gold Coast.

Members were invited to enter a competition, where 50 winners received the opportunity to ride the team bus to the training field and have access to an exclusive members area to watch the training session with a free BBQ and drinks.

Other initiatives in 2018 included locker room tours, run-through banners and opportunities to enjoy the Members Bar and experience the pre-game entertainment on the field.



BRAND & MARKETING

WE DELIVERED SOME CUTTING-EDGE MARKETING CAMPAIGNS SUPPORTED BY OUR TALENTED CREATIVE TEAM IN 2018.

Utilising the latest in design techniques, our Marketing and Brand team brought to life several exciting initiatives, including:

ISC & MAROONSSHOP.COM

Following the introduction of ISC as the official apparel partner of the Queensland Maroons, we launched the official Maroons shop – maroonsshop.com

Launched in December 2017, maroonsshop.com has generated significant sales in its first year of operation, offering Maroon Members discounts and benefits. Fans could also access exclusive apparel such as the Billy Slater and Cameron Smith testimonial jerseys and shirts. The online shop recorded further growth following the release of the 2019 Maroons jersey in November.

QUEENSLAND MAROONS INDIGENOUS TRAINING JERSEY

We unveiled the inaugural Maroons Indigenous Training Jersey in a major milestone for the Maroons brand. A collaboration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander design, the striking jersey was unveiled in Brisbane's CBD in National Reconciliation Week. Captain Greg Inglis and teammates Dane Gagai and Will Chambers joined artists Jyi Lawton and Ronald Henry-Monaei to discuss the meaning behind the design and its significance for Indigenous communities.

ORIGIN – HONOURING OUR CAPTAINS

Our Origin campaign carried the theme "Honouring our Captains". The retirement of long-standing Maroons captain Cameron Smith made this theme particularly relevant for the series ahead. Our creative design team ensured all captains were recognised across dressing room signage, the team bus, Series Launch theming and digital content which included interviews and inspirational quotes from our past and present leaders. The Captain's Run jersey was also a significant apparel item for the team as it was designed internally by our Creative & Design Lead, who extended the "Honouring our Captains" theme with a modern twist on a historic Queensland Maroons playing jersey.

INTRUST SUPER CUP – FINALS SERIES

The creative for the Intrust Super Cup finals series campaign highlighted the teams in the running for the grand final with iconic landmarks awash with the teams' colours – a tribal campaign promoted across geo-targeted outdoor assets. The grand final event attracted a healthy crowd with a strong presence of Tigers and Dolphins fans attending the Suncorp Stadium match.



TELEVISION RATINGS

DESPITE AN AUDIENCE DECREASE, THE HOLDEN STATE OF ORIGIN SERIES CONTINUES TO HOLD THE TOP PERFORMING SPOTS IN AUSTRALIAN TELEVISION.

All three matches feature in the top 10 programs from January 1 to July 31.

In fact, both Game I and Game II occupied the top two spots in this period, while Game III was only surpassed by the Commonwealth Games opening ceremony.

HOLDEN STATE OF ORIGIN SERIES

AUDIENCES BY GAME IN 2018.

3,404,000

GAME I.

3,158,000

GAME II.

2,657,000

GAME III.

9,219,000

TOTAL AUDIENCE (-14%).

HOLDEN WOMEN'S STATE OF ORIGIN MATCH

1.1M

PEAK AUDIENCE TUNED INTO THE LIVE BROADCAST BY CHANNEL 9 AND FOX SPORTS.

INTRUST SUPER CUP

122,600

VIEWERS (-12%).

GRAND FINAL - REDCLIFFE V EASTS (COMBINED BRISBANE AND REGIONAL AUDIENCE).

CHANNEL NINE VIEWER NUMBERS DECREASED IN 2018 FOLLOWING A CHANGE FROM THE PREFERRED SUNDAY AFTERNOON TIME SLOT TO SATURDAY.

BOTH GAME I AND GAME II OCCUPIED THE TOP TWO SPOTS IN THIS PERIOD, WHILE GAME III WAS ONLY SURPASSED BY THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES OPENING CEREMONY.



ATTENDANCES

HELPED BY A FIXTURE AT THE ICONIC MELBOURNE CRICKET GROUND, THE OVERALL ATTENDANCE FIGURE FOR THE 2018 HOLDEN STATE OF ORIGIN SERIES INCREASED 19%.

The highly-anticipated MCG clash attracted 87,000 fans, the highest of the series.

Another 80,000-plus crowd witnessed a thrilling spectacle in Sydney, before 51,214 supporters packed into Suncorp Stadium to watch the Maroons win Game III.

Across the three games, 220,559 people soaked up rugby league's greatest rivalry from the grandstands in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane.

The inaugural Holden Women's State of Origin match was extremely well supported, with a crowd nudging 7000 generating a superb atmosphere at North Sydney Oval.

In September, the Redcliffe Dolphins lifted the Intrust Super Cup premiership trophy in front of 7500 fans at Suncorp Stadium.

HOLDEN STATE OF ORIGIN SERIES

ATTENDANCES BY GAME IN 2018.

87,122

GAME I - MELBOURNE CRICKET GROUND.

82,223

GAME II - ANZ STADIUM.

51,214

GAME III - SUNCORP STADIUM.

HOLDEN WOMEN'S STATE OF ORIGIN

6824

HARVEY NORMAN QUEENSLAND V NEW SOUTH WALES. NORTH SYDNEY OVAL.

INTRUST SUPER CUP

GRAND FINAL 2018.

7504

REDCLIFFE DOLPHINS V EASTS TIGERS. SUNCORP STADIUM.



A COMMUNITY FOCUS



VOLUNTEERS

OUR DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS ARE THE CORNERSTONE OF RUGBY LEAGUE.

Without those on the ground, our game simply would not exist. From coaches to sports trainers and groundskeepers to club committees, this volunteer network is at the forefront of the game's operations.

Through the appointment of QRL Operations Managers and events like the QRL Leadership Conference, we will continue to support those who serve our grassroots clubs and leagues.

We must also continually strive to recognise and celebrate the people who go to extraordinary lengths to help others.

This year, QRL Regions were asked to put forward nominees for three significant awards – Volunteer of the Year, Women in League Achievement Award and Grassroots Club of the Year.

We received a host of quality nominations in each category, but unfortunately there could only be three winners.

The recipients were guests of the QRL at the annual Awards Dinner at City Hall in September.

Edmonton's Barry Beswick was named Volunteer of the Year, while South Burnett girls co-ordinator Mei-Lin Dean was the recipient of the Women in League Achievement Award.

Blackall Magpies were announced as the QRL and National Grassroots Club of the Year in a stunning achievement.

As a small club in a tiny outback town in the Central West, the Magpies pride themselves on their relationship with the local community.

The club is involved in several community initiatives, such as volunteering at the Blackall Anglican Flower Show, the town's Better Than 60s day and supporting the Australian Anti-Ice Campaign.

The Magpies also dig deep to fundraise more than \$20,000 every second year for a charity of their choice – and this year the money was donated to a breast and prostate cancer support group in central Queensland.

HONOUR BOARD

- QRL Volunteer of the Year: Barry Beswick (Edmonton)
- QRL Women in League Achievement Award: Mei-Lin Dean (South Burnett)
- QRL & National Grassroots Club of the Year: Blackall Magpies RLFC

QRL REGISTERED VOLUNTEERS

2018	9.87K
2017	9.39K
2016	8.45K



SPECIAL EVENTS

OUR TEAM WORKED EFFICIENTLY TO STAGE AND FACILITATE NUMEROUS SPECIAL EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

Initiatives like the Maroons Fan Day, 'Get in the Game' Country Week and the Drought Relief Tour delivered many positive outcomes for communities, including enormous social and economic benefits.

These events reinforced rugby league's unique ability to bring communities together and inspire participants and fans of all generations.

MAROONS FAN DAY

More than 6000 fans attended the Fraser Coast Fan Day at Seafront Oval in Hervey Bay before Game III of the Origin series.

Showing just how passionately invested those from the Fraser Coast are towards rugby league, the oval was a sea of maroon as the Origin team bus rounded the corner for its final destination.

New captain Billy Slater received a huge cheer when he emerged from the team bus, with a dense crowd stretching from the road to the event stage, where a formal welcome was given by the Indigenous community and Fraser Coast Mayor George Seymour.

High fives were coming in thick and fast to all players as they emerged through the throng, with Dane Gagai on hand to deliver a special gift in the form of a Maroons Indigenous jersey.

Autograph signings and skills clinics then commenced, with the queue to meet members of the Maroons team stretching far.

After two hours, the Queensland squad then set out to attend a community luncheon, raising valuable funds for local rugby league in the Fraser Coast area.

'GET IN THE GAME' COUNTRY WEEK

Six Queensland towns welcomed the Intrust Super Cup for the first time as part of 'Get in the Game' Country Week fixtures in July.

In a landmark weekend for the game in remote and rural communities, rugby league's footprint was spread far and wide across the state.

Goondiwindi, Maryborough, Cooktown, Normanton, Bowen and Hughenden were the locations for the historic round.

Every town was a hive of activity over the course of the weekend, with community events running in conjunction with development opportunities for junior participants, coaches and referees.

As revealed by Sports Minister Mick de Brenni, Goondiwindi hosted the televised match between the Redcliffe Dolphins and Easts Tigers.

In Maryborough, early competition front-runners the Burleigh Bears clashed with the Central Queensland Capras.

The unspoilt beauty of the Cape York Peninsula provided a stunning backdrop to the match in Cooktown, 328km north of Cairns, between the Northern Pride and Ipswich Jets.

Traditional suburban rivals Souths Logan and Wynnum Manly travelled to Normanton, a rural town 40km south-east of the mouth of the Norman River on the Gulf of Carpentaria.

The Whitsunday Region welcomed the Sunshine Coast and Mackay Cutters to Bowen's Denison Park, while Tweed Heads and Townsville Blackhawks clashed in Hughenden, a town located on the Flinders Highway, 376km west of Townsville.

DROUGHT RELIEF GOODWILL TOUR

Together with ISC Sport, we raised more than \$4000 for Australian farmers.

The fundraising campaign was run in conjunction with our Drought Relief Goodwill Tour of Central Queensland in October.

With support from FOGS and the Men of League, ex-Maroons Chris Walker, David Shillington and

Michael Crocker joined Cronulla Sharks star Kurt Capewell for a tour of the CQ region.

They spent time in Longreach, Blackall, Charleville, St George and Roma, stopping in at local schools and watering-holes, thanks to the generosity of XXXX.

While the touring group was busy lifting the spirits of locals, a variety of Queensland jerseys from ISC's extensive range were snapped up on maroonshop.com.

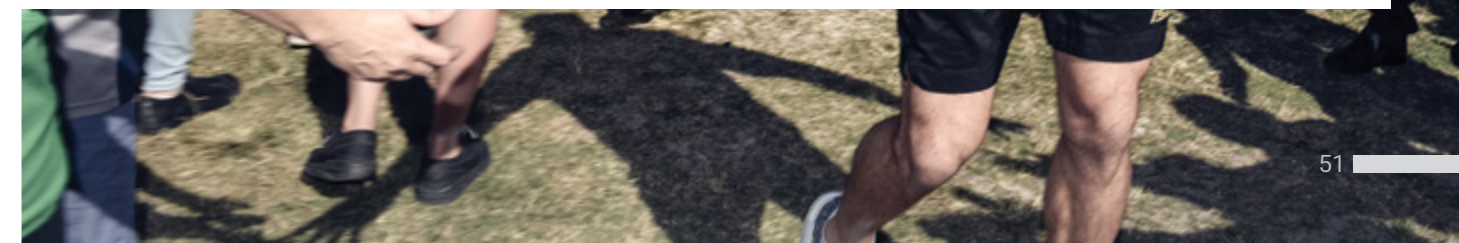
Eighty-two jerseys were sold in total, with \$50 from each purchase committed to drought relief partners.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the efforts of everyone involved in this initiative, including the players, Central Region, FOGS, Men of League, NRL Game Development, XXXX, Steeden and Vanguard Blinds.



\$100,000

PROFIT GENERATED BY CLUBS AND LEAGUES WHO HOSTED 'GET IN THE GAME' COUNTRY WEEK MATCHES.



WELLBEING & EDUCATION

THE GAME'S WELLBEING AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS ARE PROVIDING GREATER OPPORTUNITIES, EXPERIENCES AND ADVICE FOR PLAYERS AWAY FROM THE FIELD.

Queensland programs servicing players and coaches flourished in 2018, courtesy of grants to the Intrust Super Cup clubs.

While our clubs accept the wellbeing space is of enormous importance, there is still scope for further investment and improvement across the game.

As custodians of the game, we have recognised this as well and have appointed wellbeing managers in the three QRL Regions to service local leagues.

The newly-appointed wellbeing managers, together with staff at Intrust Super Cup clubs, have conscientiously performed their duties across the state.

SEMI-PRO DAY

Two separate Semi-Pro days were conducted for the 2018 season in Brisbane and Townsville to provide cutting-edge resources and support for participants.

Representatives from the NRL, RLPA and QRL combined to present a 'Semi-Pro Day' Wellbeing Resource Expo for players and club officials participating in the Intrust Super Cup and Hastings Deering Colts competitions.

Participants took part in an engaging program delivered by experienced professionals, who covered a range of topics including mental health, cultural awareness and resilience.

SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL LEAGUES

The three QRL Regional Wellbeing Managers conducted numerous programs and initiatives throughout the state with assistance from NRL staff. These included:

- Career Wise presentations for Under 18 and Under 16 representative players.
- Education sessions on Resilience, State of Mind and Respectful Relationships.
- Grassroots presentations to clubs across SEQ.
- Development camp presentations.
- Social media presentations at Emerging Women's camps.
- Crisis support education.
- RizeUp awareness and fundraising initiatives.

- In Safe Hands group presentations to junior clubs.
- Week-long State of Mind and Voice Against Violence Tour to Ayr, Charters Towers, Ingham and Townsville.

“WHILE OUR CLUBS ACCEPT THE WELLBEING SPACE IS OF ENORMOUS IMPORTANCE, THERE IS STILL SCOPE FOR FURTHER INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENT ACROSS THE GAME.”



QRL HISTORY COMMITTEE

WAYNE BENNETT DELIVERED THE ANNUAL ROSS LIVERMORE LECTURE TO MARK THE BRONCOS' 30TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON.

Such was the response from the public, the event was shifted to Suncorp Stadium's more expansive facilities, after the 2017 address was held at Rugby League Central - Queensland.

Committee member and MC on the day, John McCoy, was instrumental in acquiring Bennett's services.

The committee has confirmed former Queensland State of Origin and Newcastle Knights premiership-winning coach Michael Hagan as guest speaker for 2019.

Hagan will speak on his experiences, and those of other players and coaches, in English Rugby League.

John Lang, another former premiership-winning coach, has agreed to deliver the 2020 lecture on the 40th anniversary of his unique 1980 season, in which he represented New South

Wales, Queensland (in the first Origin match) and Australia, as well as playing in a Sydney grand final for Easts.

History Committee members played a vital role in the selection of the latest induction of Australian Rugby League Hall of Fame members, and the naming of five new Immortals.

Steve Haddan was part of the screening process for 'The Immortals', while secretary, Steve Ricketts and North Queensland representative Greg Shannon were judges for the Hall of Fame.

The historical exhibition at RLCQ is always changing, with the latest innovation a club-by-club tribute, with Brisbane foundation club Fortitude Valley Diehards the first to be invited to display memorabilia.

Committee member Paul Hayes has been tireless in procuring and providing items for the Diehards' display cabinet.

Committee Chairman Kevin Brasch met with Stadiums Queensland representatives in January

to advance the committee's goal of a museum and storage space in Suncorp Stadium.

The committee is affiliated with the Royal Historical Society of Queensland; and is the exemplar for other sports in the state. The Men of League Foundation has recognised this by providing space in their magazine for a column written by Greg Shannon.

During the year, The Courier-Mail published an 11-part series compiled by Steve Ricketts on the state of rugby league in Queensland before the Broncos.

The committee also assisted England-based author, Roger Grime, who is writing a book about French rugby league in the 1960s, including France's three visits to Queensland in 1960, '64 and '68.

QUEENSLAND RUGBY LEAGUE HISTORY COMMITTEE

Chairman: Kevin Brasch AM

Secretary: Steve Ricketts.

Members: Greg Adermann, Steve Haddan, Paul Hayes, John McCoy, Greg Shannon

VALE

IN LATE APRIL, THE QUEENSLAND RUGBY LEAGUE PAID TRIBUTE TO FORMER INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR TERRY MACKENROTH, WHO PASSED AWAY AGED 68.

Terry was a passionate supporter of the game who loved to watch his grandchildren play junior footy and was a regular at Langlands Park where he cheered on his beloved Easts Tigers in the Intrust Super Cup.

He was a respected voice around the QRL board room table following his appointment as an Independent Director in 2006.

Having completed a notable parliamentary service that spanned nearly 30 years, the former Deputy Premier and Treasurer brought a unique skill set and vast knowledge and experience to his role with the QRL.

Terry finished his time on the QRL Board in late 2017 after 11 years of service.

Among his many achievements, he was instrumental in the establishment of the Australian Rugby League Commission in 2012.

As the chair of the QRL's Business Development Committee, Terry worked closely with QRL head office staff and key stakeholders, including the Major Competition clubs.

QRL Chairman Bruce Hatcher said Terry had many special qualities that made him a valuable contributor to the game.

"One thing about him, I've never seen a bloke work a room like he did," Hatcher said.

"He also had an ability to make people feel comfortable. He'd never leave a person sitting in the corner, he'd go over and have a chat to them and bring them into the conversation.

"He was a very good mentor to managers and staff within the organisation."

Hatcher said Terry's "broad experience" with government and governance processes had been an asset to the QRL.

"His contribution to the game at all levels was quite significant," Hatcher said.

"He had an interest in grassroots, right through to the elite level of the game. He was a patron at Easts and regularly attended their games.

"Terry was always supportive of the Intrust Super Cup and provided strong leadership in resolving many club-based issues.

"He resolved a lot of issues between rugby league and the State Government, and he was instrumental in the re-development of Suncorp Stadium."

REPRESENT - 'THE QUEENSLAND WAY'



QUEENSLAND MAROONS



GAME 1

14. Michael Morgan
2. Valentine Holmes
3. Greg Inglis (c)
4. Will Chambers
5. Dane Gagai
6. Cameron Munster
7. Ben Hunt
8. Dylan Napa
9. Andrew McCullough
10. Jarrod Wallace
11. Gavin Cooper
12. Felise Kaufusi
13. Josh McGuire
19. Anthony Milford
15. Josh Papalii
16. Coen Hess
17. Jai Arrow
- 18th Man: Tim Glasby

Coach: Kevin Walters

NEW SOUTH WALES 22 (James Tedesco, Tom Trbojevic, Latrell Mitchell, Josh Addo-Carr tries; James Maloney 3 goals) def **QUEENSLAND 12** (Valentine Holmes, Dane Gagai tries; Valentine Holmes 2 goals) at the MCG

Crowd: 87, 122



GAME 2

1. Billy Slater
2. Valentine Holmes
3. Greg Inglis (c)
4. Will Chambers
5. Dane Gagai
6. Cameron Munster
7. Ben Hunt
8. Dylan Napa
9. Andrew McCullough
10. Jarrod Wallace
11. Gavin Cooper
12. Felise Kaufusi
13. Josh McGuire
14. Kalyn Ponga
15. Josh Papalii
16. Coen Hess
17. Jai Arrow
- 18th Man: Tim Glasby

Coach: Kevin Walters

NEW SOUTH WALES 18 (Josh Addo-Carr, Boyd Cordner, Latrell Mitchell tries; James Maloney 3 goals) def **QUEENSLAND 14** (Valentine Holmes, Dane Gagai, Will Chambers tries; Valentine Holmes goal) at ANZ Stadium

Crowd: 82,223

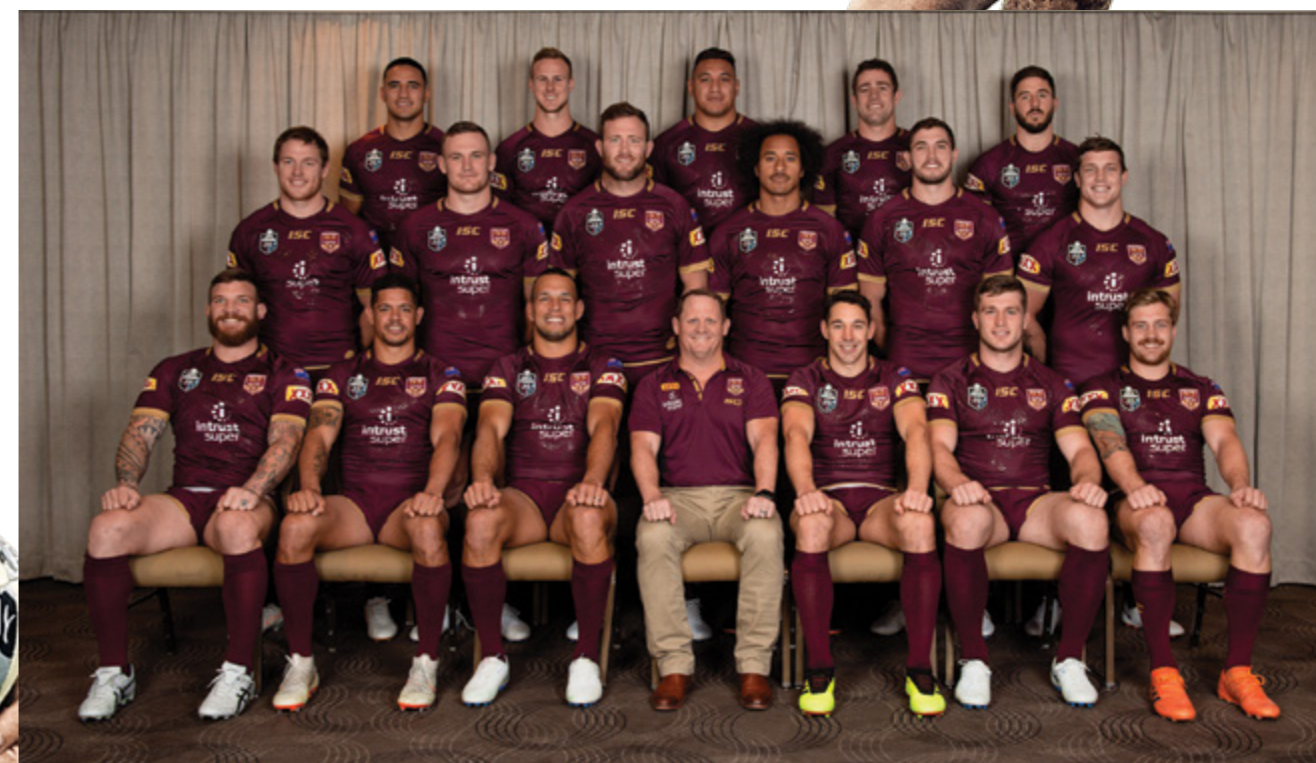
GAME 3

1. Billy Slater (c)
2. Valentine Holmes
3. Dane Gagai
4. Will Chambers
5. Corey Oates
6. Cameron Munster
7. Daly Cherry-Evans
8. Jai Arrow
9. Andrew McCullough
10. Josh Papalii
11. Gavin Cooper
12. Felise Kaufusi
13. Josh McGuire
14. Ben Hunt
15. Jarrod Wallace
16. Coen Hess
17. Tim Glasby
- 18th Man: Christian Welch

Coach: Kevin Walters

QUEENSLAND 18 (Valentine Holmes 2, Daly Cherry-Evans tries; Valentine Holmes 2 goals) def **NEW SOUTH WALES 12** (Tom Trbojevic, James Tedesco tries; Nathan Cleary 2 goals) at Suncorp Stadium.

Crowd: 51,214



Game III

Front: Josh McGuire, Dane Gagai, Will Chambers, Kevin Walters (Head Coach), Billy Slater (Captain), Jai Arrow, Cameron Munster
Middle: Tim Glasby, Coen Hess, Gavin Cooper, Felise Kaufusi, Corey Oates, Jarrod Wallace
Back: Valentine Holmes, Daly Cherry-Evans, Josh Papalii, Andrew McCullough, Ben Hunt

HARVEY NORMAN QUEENSLAND WOMEN



THE INAUGURAL HOLDEN WOMEN'S STATE OF ORIGIN MATCH PRODUCED AN EPIC CONTEST, WITH CLOSE TO 7000 FANS WITNESSING THE HISTORIC ENCOUNTER AT NORTH SYDNEY OVAL.

Spectators and the massive television audience were treated to a quality spectacle that went right down to the final few minutes.

New South Wales struck first via centre Isabelle Kelly, before Queensland captain Karina Brown brought the game alive with a sliding try in the opposite corner of the field just four minutes later.

In the process, she became the first Queensland woman to etch her name in the scorebooks under the Origin banner.

Emu Park teenager Rhiannon Revell-Blair almost became the second in the final moments before the halftime hooter, but her diving attempt to ground a crossfield kick came up just short.

One figure who was inspirational towards the end of the opening stanza was veteran forward Steph Hancock.

Hancock was coaxed out of retirement by Queensland coach Jason Hetherington and provided a similar guiding, intimidating hand that Arthur Beetson did in Origin's seminal moment.

The tightness of the match extended to the second period, where Nakia Davis-Welsh stepped inside the cover defence to score for NSW in the 38th minute.

But again, it was not long before a response came, with captain Brown once more breaching the tryline after being set up by half Ali Briggishaw.

Chelsea Baker's conversion from out wide this time hit the posts and it was 10-all with 13 minutes left to play.

Everywhere-woman Brown looked to have secured a place in legend with two try-saving tackles in a row at the death, including one on a runaway Lavina O'Mealey.

However, Kelly ended the game the hero for NSW with a scything run that wrong-footed Queensland's right-side sliding defence for the second time in the half.

Her try was converted and the first-ever Women's Origin ended 16-10 in favour of the Blues.

ONE FIGURE WHO WAS INSPIRATIONAL TOWARDS THE END OF THE OPENING STANZA WAS VETERAN FORWARD STEPH HANCOCK.



Front: Rhiannon Revell-Blair, Amelia Kuk, Karina Brown (Captain), Jason Hetherington (Head Coach), Brittany Breayley, Rona Peters, Annette Brander
Middle: Meg Ward, Freida Seu, Kody House, Zahara Temara, Ali Briggishaw, Chelsea Baker
Back: Maitua Feterika, Mariah Storch, Tallisha Harden, Heather Ballinger, Tazmin Gray, Steph Hancock



NEW SOUTH WALES 16 (Isabelle Kelly 2, Nakia Davis-Welsh tries; Maddison Studdon 2 goals) def **QUEENSLAND 10** (Karina Brown 2 tries; Chelsea Baker goal) at North Sydney Oval.

TEAM LIST

1. Chelsea Baker
2. Karina Brown (c)
3. Amelia Kuk
4. Meg Ward
5. Rhiannon Revell-Blair
6. Zahara Temara
7. Ali Briggishaw
8. Rona Peters
9. Brittany Breayley
10. Heather Ballinger
11. Tazmin Gray
12. Maitua Feterika
13. Annette Brander
14. Mariah Storch
15. Stephanie Hancock
16. Kody House
17. Tallisha Harden

Coach: Jason Hetherington

XXXX QUEENSLAND RESIDENTS

THE XXXX QUEENSLAND RESIDENTS WERE OUTPLAYED BY A TALENTED NEW SOUTH WALES TEAM IN THE ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVE MATCH AT ANZ STADIUM.

Queensland went into the game with high hopes of emulating last year's superb win, but little went right as an ankle injury cut short halfback Jamal Fogarty's evening.

The home team was in command for most of the night, racing out to a dominant 36-4 advantage.

In true Queensland spirit though, Jon Buchanan's team finished with a flurry of late points to cut into NSW's final winning margin (36-20).

NSW Residents led 30-0 at halftime, with two tries in three minutes by the hard-running Dean Britt delivering the killer blow.

The second stanza began with promise as Kalifa Faifai-Loa dived acrobatically into the corner in the 44th minute, but NSW shot back through an equally impressive try at full-stretch to winger Tony Satini.

Queensland hooker Pat Politoni was then sidelined momentarily as he took a blow to the eye and was removed from the field for a head injury assessment.

He was cleared to play on, but the score was 36-4 until the final seven minutes when Queensland ran in three successive tries.

Billy Walters and Scott Drinkwater combined first to send over skipper Blake Leary with an entertaining play that covered plenty of territory.

Fullback Drinkwater was pinpointed before the game by Buchanan as a key player and he lived up to that billing, going solo only 90 seconds later to beat three men to the try line.

Finishing a tough evening on a high note, Faifai-Loa crossed again following a break started by Walters and then a chip-kick by the five-eighth on the very next play.

NSW RESIDENTS 36 (Dean Britt 2, Kyle Flanagan, Luke Garner, Sean O'Sullivan, Tony Satini tries; Kyle Flanagan 6 goals) def **XXXX QUEENSLAND RESIDENTS 20** (Kalifa Faifai-Loa 2, Blake Leary, Scott Drinkwater tries; Kalifa Faifai-Loa 2 goals) at ANZ Stadium.

TEAM LIST

1. Scott Drinkwater
2. Jonus Pearson
3. Marion Seve
4. Gehamat Shibusaki
5. Kalifa Faifai-Loa
6. Billy Walters
7. Jamal Fogarty
8. Nat Neale
9. Pat Politoni
10. Sam Anderson
11. Patrick Kaufusi
12. Blake Leary (c)
13. Patrick Mago
14. Mitch Cronin
15. Patrick Carrigan
16. Lachlan Timm
17. William Bugden

Coach: Jon Buchanan

QUEENSLAND UNDER 20

AFTER PATIENTLY WAITING AS 18TH MAN FOR QUEENSLAND RESIDENTS, JAKE CLIFFORD MADE THE MOST OF HIS OPPORTUNITY TO FINALLY SLIDE ON THE MAROONS JERSEY, STEERING THE STATE TO A GROUND-BREAKING 30-12 UNDER 20S VICTORY.

The result marked the first time since the Under 20s fixture began in 2012 that Queensland ended on the positive side of the ledger.

It was fast, frantic and – at times – feisty football as the best young players from the two states went head-to-head.

With the cooperation of NRL clubs, the two sides were peppered with players on the fringe of first grade, including Northern Pride spearhead and future North Queensland Cowboys playmaker Clifford.

While not wanting to overstate just how much impact one player can have in a team performance, it was a standout contribution from the young halfback.

Queensland was the first to score as Clifford slid over from close range in the seventh minute.

The Blues deserved a share of the spoils and got it when Brian Too scored a spectacular somersaulting try in the corner that had to be applauded, no matter which team you barrack for.

With 10 minutes left in the first half, rampaging lock Corey Horsburgh crashed over and the Maroons took a 12-6 lead into the break, with Clifford converting both tries.

While the Tully Tigers product is known for his sharp attack, Clifford also shone in defence and made a tackle just on halftime which stopped a much bigger opponent from crashing over.

It's likely those contributions were valued just as much by his coach Justin Hodges as his second try in the 38th minute, and a sublime cut-out pass that put Tristan Sailor across in the corner.

Clifford also featured in the lead-up to a try by centre Kurt Wilshire as the Maroons notched four tries in succession to clinch the contest.

QUEENSLAND 30 (Jake Clifford 2, Corey Horsburgh, Kurt Wiltshire, Tristan Sailor tries; Jake Clifford 5 goals) def **NEW SOUTH WALES 10** (Brian Too, Billy Smith tries; Kyle Flanagan goal) at Suncorp Stadium

TEAM LIST

1. Corey Allan
2. Murray Taulagi
3. Gehamat Shibusaki
4. Kurt Wiltshire
5. Tristan Sailor
6. AJ Brimson
7. Jake Clifford
8. Thomas Flegler
9. Harry Grant
10. Patrick Carrigan (c)
11. Louis Geraghty
12. Beau Fermor
13. Corey Horsburgh
14. Lachlan Lam
15. Tino Fa'asuamaleaui
16. Sam Johnstone
17. Reed Mahoney

Coach: Justin Hodges



Front: Damian Coccione (Physiotherapist), Jamal Fogarty, Pat Politoni, Sam Anderson, Jon Buchanan (Head Coach), Blake Leary (Captain), Billy Walters, Kalifa Faifai-Loa, Wayne Treleaven (Assistant Coach)
Middle: Jamie Dowse (Team Manager), Mitchell Cronin, Patrick Carrigan, Will Bugden, Gehamat Shibusaki, Patrick Mago, Jake Clifford, Dean Arbutnot (Sports Trainer)
Back: Scott Drinkwater, Lachlan Timm, Patrick Kaufusi, Chris Muckert (Strength & Conditioner), Jonus Pearson, Marion Seve, **Absent:** Nathaniel Neale



Front: Graham Adams (Trainer), Lachlan Lam, Harry Grant, AJ Brimson, Justin Hodges (Head Coach), Patrick Carrigan (Captain), Tristan Sailor, Reed Mahoney, Paul Dyer (Team Manager)
Middle: Ben French (Physiotherapy), Corey Allan, Corey Horsburgh, Gehamat Shibusaki, Murray Taulagi, Louis Geraghty, Jake Clifford, Lote Tuqiri (Mentor)
Back: Beau Fermor, Sam Johnstone, Tino Fa'asuamaleaui, Logan Bayliss, Thomas Flegler, Kurt Wiltshire, Scott Prince (Assistant Coach), **Absent:** Matthew Barradeen (Head Trainer)

QUEENSLAND UNDER 18

NEW SOUTH WALES TOOK THE HONOURS 16-10 IN A NAIL-BITING UNDER 18 CLASH AT THE ICONIC MELBOURNE CRICKET GROUND.

Played before the opening match of the Holden State of Origin Series, it took a late try to powerful forward Stefano Utoikamanu to seal the match for the young Blues.

In the opening half, Queensland absorbed the pressure and were on the board when Gympie's Tino Fa'asuamaleui crossed in just the eighth minute.

The try came after some good lead-up play, with Cory Paix involved in getting the ball to the big forward who took four players over with him to score.

With Tanah Boyd's conversion, Queensland held a 6-0 lead at the halftime break.

In the second half, NSW wasted little time regaining the momentum, with Bronson Xerri crossing in the first minute.

David Fifita, Ethan Bullemor and McKenzie Baker were in everything as the two teams traded tries for a 10-10 score line.

Overall, it was an entertaining match with both sides forcing the other into errors, before Utoikamanu claimed the match-winner after a strong run from a standing start.

Queensland did their best to try and square the ledger at the death with the fleet-footed Boyd tackled just before the try line.

TEAM LIST

1. McKenzie Baker
2. Sebastian Winters-Chang
3. Jack Paterson
4. Ioane Seiuli
5. Xavier Coates
6. Tanah Boyd
7. Tom Dearden
15. Geordie Brand
9. Cory Paix
10. Ethan Bullemor
11. Tino Fa'asuamaleui
12. David Fifita (c)
13. Tom Gilbert
8. Garrett Smith
14. Fanitesi Niu
16. David Butler
17. Blake Campbell

Coach: Kurt Richards

NEW SOUTH WALES 16 (Bronson Xerri, Jason Saab, Stefano Utoikamanu tries; Jock Madden 2 goals) def **QUEENSLAND 10** (Tino Fa'asuamaleui, David Fifita tries; Tanah Boyd goal) at the MCG.

QUEENSLAND UNDER 16

NEW SOUTH WALES CLAIMED THE UNDER 16 HONOURS WITH A FIVE-TRIES-TO-THREE VICTORY AT SUNCORP STADIUM IN JULY.

In a highly entertaining game, the young Blues were able to wear down the Queenslanders to secure a 28-14 win.

The visitors posted three second-half tries after a tight opening half which finished at 10-all.

With Maroons Origin coach Kevin Walters watching on from the media box, Queensland made the worst possible start, with an error in their opening set handing NSW the ball.

NSW instantly capitalised and put on a nice backline move for Zion Tauasa to cross over in the left corner in just the first minute of play.

The young Maroons were soon able to find their groove, with skipper Reece Walsh and winger Tyrone Sa'u crossing for tries before the Blues hit back to level proceedings going into the break.

In the second half, errors plagued Queensland again as they let in tries to Kao Weekes and Viliami Penisini to start the half, before a four pointer to Keegan Vandenberg kept them in the fight.

NSW would ultimately prove too strong, although there were many encouraging passages of play by the hosts, including the desperate try-saving tackle made by Xavier Savage.

TEAM LIST

1. Reece Walsh (c)
2. Tyrone Sa'u
3. Keegan Vandenberg
4. Tate Roberts
5. Xavier Savage
6. Matamatagi Ripley
7. Henri Stocks
8. Wian Joubert
14. Ediq Ambrosyev
10. Caleb Evans
11. Israel Higgins
12. Brocco Uhrle
13. Brenden Piakura
9. Lachlan Adamson
15. Isai Vailalo
16. Samuel Shannon
17. Byron Parnell

Coach: Mick Roberts

NEW SOUTH WALES 28 (Zion Tauasa, Thomas Cant, Kao Weekes, Viliami Penisini, Noah Griffiths tries; Donovan Boney 4 goals) def **QUEENSLAND 14** (Reece Walsh, Tyrone Sa'u, Keegan Vandenberg tries; Reece Walsh goal) at Suncorp Stadium



Front: Tom Dearden, Cory Paix, David Fifita (Captain), Kurt Richards (Head Coach), Tanah Boyd, Fanitesi Niu, Sebastian Winters-Chang.
Middle: Ben Heidenreich (Physiotherapist), David Butler, Jack Paterson, Thomas Gilbert, Richard Duff (Team Manager), Garrett Smith, Blake Campbell, Jake Simpkin, Joe O'Callaghan (Assistant Coach)
Back: Gerald Thompson (Sports Trainer), McKenzie Baker, Geordie Brand, Xavier Coates, Tino Fa'asuamaleui, Ioane Seiuli, Ethan Bullemor, Geoff Eggert (Strength & Conditioner)



Front: Jamal Esfahani (Strength & Conditioner), Lachlan Adamson, Tyrone Sa'u, Reece Walsh (Captain), Mick Roberts (Head Coach), Ediq Ambrosyev, Henri Stocks, Trezman Banjo, Dave Gatt (Team Manager)
Middle: Greg Cook (Physiotherapist), Byron Parnell, Lukas Ripley, Caleb Evans, Brocco Uhrle, Keegan Vandenberg, Wian Joubert, Allan Petersen (Assistant Coach)
Back: Jharal Yow Yeh (Team Mentor), Xavier Savage, Isaiiah Vailolo, Brenden Piakura, Israel Higgins, Samuel Shannon, Tate Roberts, Jim Wilson (Sports Trainer)

QUEENSLAND MURRI UNDER 16

A TALENTED QUEENSLAND TEAM EARNED A HARD-FOUGHT 36-26 WIN IN AN ENTERTAINING GAME AT MUDGEES GLEN WILLOW SPORTS COMPLEX.

The match began with mutual respect from both teams, with the players shaking hands before kick-off.

There was also a moment of silence for former Murri coach Jim Stevens and respected NSW identity Sol Belleair.

On the field, things did not start well for the Murris as they lost the ball in heavy defence early.

NSW were quick to capitalise and scored via Tyrhys Williams for a 4-0 lead. They were able to take a 14-12 advantage into the halftime break.

Queensland scored the first try upon the resumption courtesy of the hard-running Reece Walsh.

His team pulled further in front when Tuvalli Pereira played to the whistle and found himself over after a messy period of play.

Zac Laybutt, who was flawless with the boot, added the extras for a 24-14 lead.

However, NSW never gave up and were the next over when their big No. 10 crashed through following a scrum.

Queensland skipper Larson Dale-Doyle hit straight back for his team after his side scooped up a loose ball and it was soon 30-20 with eight minutes left to go.

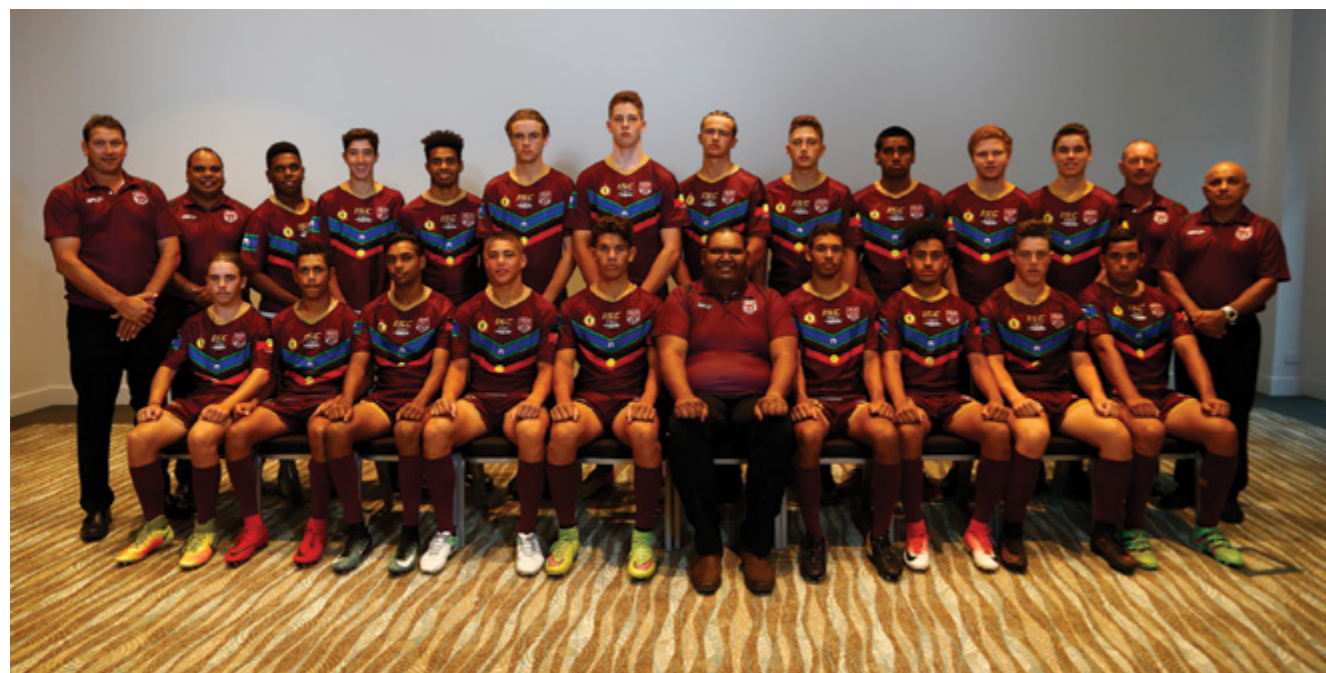
Both teams traded tries in the closing stages as the Queenslanders emerged with a memorable win.

Queensland Murri 36 (Watjerra Briggs 2, Reece Walsh 2, Tuvalli Pereira, Larson Dale-Doyle tries; Zac Laybutt six goals) def **NSW Koori 26** (Tyrone Nean 2, Jayden Murray, Tyrhys Williams, Bowen Foreshaw tries; Isaac Morris, 2, Kobe Bone goals) at Glen Willow Oval, Mudgee.

TEAM LIST

1. Preston Weatherall
2. Carlos Smith
3. Watjerra Briggs
4. Isiah Kawane
5. Alan Motton
6. Zac Laybutt
7. Reece Walsh
8. Jack Beetson
9. Thallis Halliday
10. Nicholas Fenton
11. Tuvalli Pereira
12. Larson Dale-Doyle (c)
13. Coby Fechner
14. Tyson Stevens
15. Ben McKellar
16. Gabriel Mooka
17. Daelan Rolls
18. Tate Roberts
19. Jayden Thurston

Coach: Sammy Reuben / Leo Dynevor



Front: Daelan Rolls, Allan Motton, Preston Weatherall, Reece Walsh, Larson Dale-Doyle (Captain), Sammy Reuben (Head Coach), Watjerra Briggs, Tuvalli Pereira, Coby Fechner, Ben McKellar
Back: Gary Halliday (Team Manager), Leo Dynevor (Assistant Coach), Gabriel Mooka, Thallis Halliday, Isiah Kawane, Zac Laybutt, Jack Beetson, Nicholas Fenton, Carlos Smith, Tate Roberts, Jayden Thurston, Tyson Stevens, Martin McKittrick (Sports Trainer), Ron Tasker (Head Trainer)

XXXX QUEENSLAND RANGERS

A MIX OF SPECTACULAR AND CLINICAL FOOTBALL LIFTED THE XXXX QUEENSLAND RANGERS TO A 46-16 WIN AGAINST THE NSWRL PIONEERS ON THE GOLD COAST.

Redcliffe youngster Trai Fuller notched three eye-catching tries as the Rangers bounced back from a heavy defeat in the same fixture last year to lead 28-0 shortly after halftime.

Rangers started full of vigour, forcing a turnover on the first play of the game with an aggressive tackle from the kick-off.

They dominated proceedings in the opening stanza, though the Pioneers had two good opportunities that went begging when Shane Kiel and Jack Miller spilled balls in decent position.

With the dummy-half service of Rangers captain Tristan Hope a standout feature, young prop Bailey Butler burrowed through three defenders for first points of the match in the 15th minute.

Rangers backed up with a relatively easy try to Townsville-based five-eighth Logan Spaander just three minutes later for a 12-0 advantage.

Then came a spectacular move by electric winger Fuller, beating six defenders and reaching out with one hand to defiantly plant the ball after rolling the dice on a short blindside.

Rounding out a resounding first half, interchange forward Lata Fakalelu received another crisp Hope pass and crashed over to make it a 22-point advantage.

Minutes into the second half, Fuller was defending a dangerous overlap when he managed to tip a Pioneers pass and steal a 90m intercept try that reaffirmed the upper hand.

Despite a second-half double to NSW centre Kiel, who regularly made inroads, the Rangers stayed well and truly in the driver's seat with a sensational try to Lenny Magey capping off a memorable day.

XXXX QUEENSLAND RANGERS 46 (Trai Fuller 3, Bailey Butler, Logan Spaander, Lata Fakalelu, Tristan Hope, Lenny Magey tries; Logan Spaander 7 goals) def **NSWRL PIONEERS 16** (Shane Kiel 2, Jordan Martin tries; Brad Murray 2 goals) at Pizzey Park, Burleigh.

TEAM LIST

1. Brett Kelly
2. Ono So'oialo
3. Jamie Anderson
4. Lenny Magey
5. Trai Fuller
6. Logan Spaander
7. Mitchell Forrest
8. Aidan Day
9. Tristan Hope (c)
10. Bailey Butler
11. Chippie Korostchuk
12. Jesse Dee
13. Jordan Kenworthy
14. Michael Molo
15. Jordan Mago
16. Davin Crampton
17. Lata Fakalelu

Coach: Glen Dreger



Front: Jordan Kenworthy, Logan Spaander, Michael Molo, Glen Dreger (Head Coach), Jamie Anderson, Ono So'oialo, Trai Fuller
Middle: Mark Ross (Assistant Coach), Mitchell Forrest, Jordan Mago, Chippie Korostchuk, Madeline Reimer (Physiotherapist), Taulata Fakalelu, Davin Crampton, Tristan Hope (Captain), Rob White (Team Manager)
Back: Matt Church (Sports Trainer), Bailey Butler, Aidan Day, Lenny Magey, Jesse Dee, Brett Kelly, Michael Barber (Strength & Conditioner)

ON FIELD

AS WE LOOK AHEAD TO 2019 AND BEYOND, WE CAN DRAW INSPIRATION FROM THOSE WHO HAVE ENTERTAINED US ON RUGBY LEAGUE FIELDS ALL OVER THE STATE.

While our elite players in the National Rugby League and representative arenas capture the headlines and spotlight, it is the unsung heroes who lift those around them in smaller communities.

There are tales of courage and class at nearly every rugby league ground in Queensland.

Two extraordinary stories which provide hope and motivation for the future occurred on the Sunshine Coast and in the Gulf this year.

On the coast, local media reported the heart-warming story of Down Syndrome athlete Thomas Ross-Buzza, who made his A Grade debut for the Caloundra Sharks.

The cameras captured the pure joy on Thomas' face as he ran alongside his teammates and a caring opposition team.

It was a poignant moment that showcased inclusiveness, one of the game's great strengths.

In the north, we witnessed rugby league's unique ability to bring communities together with the formation of the Gulf competition.

With help from the Northern Region and passionate volunteers, Doomadgee, Kowanyama, Mornington Island, Burketown and Normanton took the field, with 162 men and 41 women registered to play in the competition.

The communities combined to form the Gulf Brumbies at the Far North Queensland Challenge in another uplifting result for the game.

It must be said, however, that there are some local leagues and regional competitions in decline, with the economic downturn and other social issues contributing factors.

As a game, we must be able to adapt and look at new ways to deliver rugby league, hence the heavy investment in the Player Development Framework as well as regional Stakeholder Forums facilitated by QRL Regions.

Our fastest growing participation segment, women's rugby league, is going from strength to strength with the inclusion of numerous pathway competitions and programs.

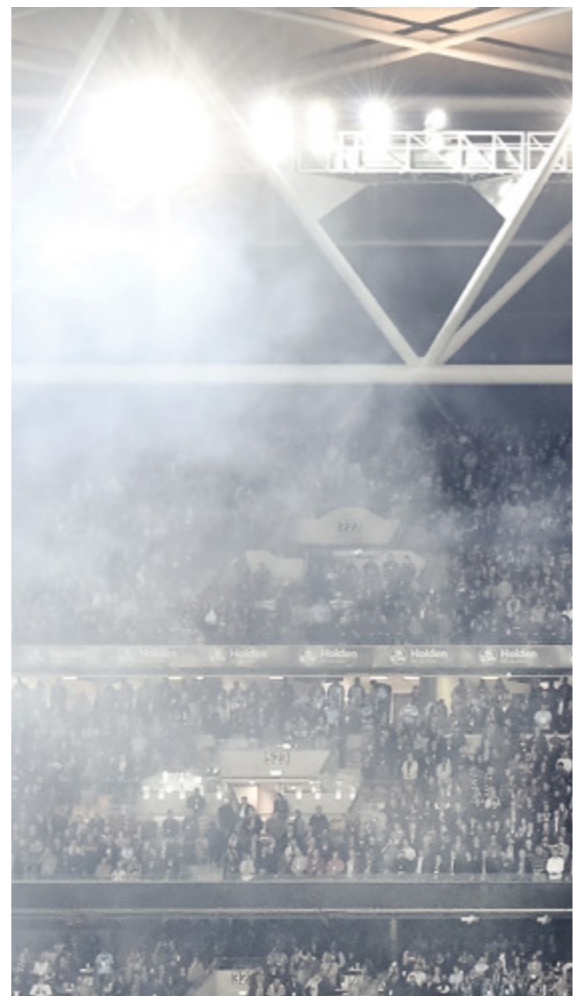
There is still more work to be done, but once again we can draw inspiration from our amazing athletes, including players like Queensland's Ali Brigginsshaw who is fast becoming a household name.

Male competition pathways are the envy of many rival codes, with the Auswide Bank Mal Meninga Cup, Hastings Deering Colts and Intrust Super Cup now entrenched across the state.

With the backing of the QAS and our High-Performance program, we will strive to produce future Maroons who make Queenslanders proud.



THERE ARE TALES OF COURAGE AND CLASS AT NEARLY EVERY RUGBY LEAGUE GROUND IN QUEENSLAND.



OFF FIELD

THE QRL TRANSITIONED THROUGH A KEY PERIOD OF CHANGE THIS YEAR WITH THE REALIGNMENT OF THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM.

These changes were made to ensure we have the capability to perform at a high level in an evolving commercial landscape.

This involved two roles becoming redundant, the introduction of a Chief Operating Officer and, more recently, a Regional General Manager role.

As part of this, we also renamed our Divisions as 'Regions' to remove any perception of divisiveness and take a 'whole of team' approach.

Internally, we have put more resources and time into people and culture; and we are placing additional responsibility on staff to meet KPIs and complete regular performance conversations.

The benefits have been twofold – our workplace is positive, progressive and dynamic, which in turn raises the bar in the level of the service we provide to our participants and key stakeholders.

At Board level we welcomed the insight of Ben Ikin, a former Origin player and media presenter, just 12 months after the appointment of our first female director, Renita Garard.

Our Board's objective is to grow and foster the game of rugby league in Queensland.

To achieve this, the Board has created measurements which fit under three categories – Commercial, Stakeholder and People.

Its aim is to run a progressive and profitable organisation, paving the way for revenue to be invested back into the game.

This year, we increased our grants to leagues, clubs and affiliates as well as representative programs across the state.

We invested heavily in Major Competitions and Women's rugby league, our fastest growing participation sector.

Pleasingly, we were able to produce a breakeven financial result, a fantastic outcome given the significant year of change within the QRL.

All in all, we are well placed off the field to tackle our challenges and invest wisely in key areas to ensure rugby league is the sport of choice for more families.



OUR BOARD'S OBJECTIVE IS TO GROW AND FOSTER THE GAME OF RUGBY LEAGUE IN QUEENSLAND.



GOVERNANCE & FINANCIALS

Queensland Rugby Football League Limited
ABN 65 009 878 013

Financial Report
For the year ended 31 October 2018



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 2018 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	
R.W. Moore	
L.W. Anderson	
R.M. Garard	
B.A.C. Ikin	(Independent Director appointed 25 January 2018)
T.M. Mackenroth	(Independent Director resigned 24 November 2017)
B.D. McGuire	
W.B. Prescott	
B.A. Tallon	
D.J. Van de Velde	
P.C. Daley	(Alternate Director for B.A. Tallon appointed 25 January 2018)
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 appointed 25 January 2018)
J. Rhea	(Alternate Director for B.A. Tallon resigned 25 January 2018)

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

OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW

The net loss of the company for year ended 31 October 2018 was \$7,265 (2017: profit of \$187,436). As at 31 October 2018, the company's net assets were \$6,515,576 (2017: \$6,522,841).

SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES

The QRL's short-term objectives are to increase male and female player participation numbers from junior through to elite levels of rugby league throughout Queensland, and to maintain the State of Origin team performance.

The QRL's long-term objectives are to foster, develop, extend and control rugby league from the junior through to elite levels throughout Queensland and to generally take such action as may be considered to be in the best interests of rugby league in Queensland.

To ensure the short-term 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; and
- Pro actively identify and develop future Origin players through an ongoing association with the Queensland Academy of Sport.

To ensure the long-term objectives of the QRL being met, the Company will:

- 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 controlling the game in other states of Australia and other countries, in the fostering and control 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 and control 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 Managing Director, 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

To carry out the Company's strategies and to achieve its short-term and long-term objectives, the Company engaged in its principal activities during the year of fostering and propagating rugby league in Queensland. There were no significant changes in the nature of these activities during the year.

INFORMATION ON DIRECTORS



B.M. HATCHER

BCom FCA FAICD

Chairman

A QRL Director for over 10 years, Bruce was appointed Chairman of the QRL at the Annual General Meeting held on 27 January 2017. Bruce is a specialist family business consultant to BDO Chartered Accountants. He is a Director of the Brisbane Markets Ltd and a trustee of the MTA Super Fund which is an Industry Super Fund representing the Motor Industry throughout Australia.



R.W. MOORE

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Managing Director

A Human Movements graduate, Robert has held a number of different positions before he received his first role in rugby league administration with the London Broncos. Robert returned to Queensland where he took up a post as the QRL's Education and Development Manager and later accepted a position with the State Government as the Deputy Director-General for Sport and Recreation Services. He returned to the QRL as Managing Director in August 2011. Robert is Chair of the QRL's Game Development Committee and Deputy Chair of QSport.



L.W. ANDERSON

Northern Region Chairman

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.



R.M. GARARD

BBus FCA GAICD

Independent Director

Renita Garard OAM 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 director with international consulting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers, Board Chair of the Port of Townsville Limited ("POTL"), and a Director of the 4 Aussie Heroes Foundation Limited. Renita is Chair of the QRL's People & Culture Committee.



B.A.C. IKIN

Independent Director

Co-host of NRL 360 on Fox Sports, and a rugby league columnist for The Australian, Ben Ikin is one of the most respected voices in rugby league. Appointed to the QRL Board as an Independent Director in January 2018, Ben is a former professional rugby league footballer who first shot to prominence at 18 when he became the youngest player in State of Origin history to represent the Queensland Maroons. A Gold Coast junior, Ben went on to play 17 Origin matches for Queensland and two Tests for Australia. He played 150 top grade matches for the Gold Coast Seagulls, North Sydney Bears and Brisbane Broncos, winning the 2000 premiership with the Broncos.

DIRECTORS' REPORT CONT.

INFORMATION ON DIRECTORS (CONTINUED)



B.D. MCGUIRE

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Central Region Chairman

As Chairman 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 the Chairman 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 the Chairman of the Sunshine Coast Rugby League. In 2010, he was inducted into the Sunshine Coast University Sports Hall of Fame for administrators. Danny is currently working as an IT industry consultant and a member of the QRL's Game Development Committee. Danny also serves as Chair of the QRL Outback Committee.



W.B. PRESCOTT

Independent Director

A legal specialist, Bruce Prescott has been assisting the QRL for many years and was by its side during the tumultuous Super League war. Bruce has a diverse legal background and an excellent understanding of the League's constitution and rules. He has served as an Independent Director on the Board for the past four years after retiring as a partner in law firm HopgoodGanim. Bruce is Chair of the QRL's Audit & Risk Committee.



B.A. TALLON

BEng(Civil) BCom MBA GAICD

South East Region Chairman

As Chairman of the QRL South East Region since 2012, Brad oversees one of the biggest participation zones in the country. He has an abundance of experience, having previously served as the South East Region's Financial Director for 10 years and on the QRL Board for three years between 2007 and 2009. He has held volunteer administrative positions in the game since 1984. Brad is a member of the QRL's Audit & Risk Committee and is an Executive General Manager at Holcim Australia, Chairman of Metromix Pty Ltd and a Director of Harwood Nominees Pty Ltd.



D.J. VAN DE VELDE

Statewide Competitions Director

Through his role as the Statewide Competitions Director, Darryl Van de Velde is actively involved in the development of Queensland's premier competition – the Intrust Super 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 before becoming the Chief Executive Officer of the South Queensland Crushers club. Darryl is the current Chairman of Men of League Queensland and also serves on the respected organisation's National board.

MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

DIRECTORS	DIRECTORS' MEETINGS		AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE MEETINGS		PEOPLE AND CULTURE COMMITTEE MEETINGS		REMUNERATION 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
B.M. Hatcher	11	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
R.W. Moore	11	11	-	-	9	7	1	1
L.W. Anderson	11	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
R.M. Garard	11	10	-	-	9	7	1	1
B.A.C. Ikin	10	9	-	-	-	-	-	-
B.D. McGuire	11	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
W.B. Prescott	11	9	5	4	-	-	1	1
B.A. Tallon	11	11	5	5	-	-	-	-
D.J. Van de Velde	11	9	-	-	-	-	-	-
T.M. Mackenroth	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

COMPANY SECRETARY

G.F. Maher

G.F. Maher has been the Company Secretary of Queensland Rugby Football League Limited for two years. He is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand and a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

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 2017 the number of members was 9. The combined total amount that members of the company are liable to contribute if the company is wound up is \$180.

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

R.W. MOORE
Director

Dated this 22nd day of January 2019

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

As lead auditor for the audit of Queensland Rugby Football League Limited for the financial year ended 31 October 2018, I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- a) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- b) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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MATTHEW TAYLOR
Partner

22 January 2019

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2018

	NOTE	2018 \$	2017 \$
REVENUE	4	29,771,199	26,382,118
Net (loss)/gain on sale of fixed assets		(737)	25,320
Less: expenses			
Employee benefits expense		(7,285,061)	(6,696,086)
Competitions		(11,021,245)	(7,103,650)
Representative teams		(4,547,698)	(4,123,042)
Grants to clubs and schools		(1,095,387)	(917,263)
Sponsor Servicing		(859,290)	(1,324,177)
Referee development expenses		(843,225)	(816,041)
Development expenses		(317,740)	(401,754)
Commercial expenses		(972,620)	(2,059,343)
Administration expenses		(2,835,461)	(2,778,646)
		<u>(29,777,727)</u>	<u>(26,220,002)</u>
(Loss)/profit for the year		(7,265)	187,436
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	-
Total comprehensive (loss)/income		<u>(7,265)</u>	<u>187,436</u>

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 2018

	NOTE	2018 \$	2017 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and short-term deposits	5	6,918,555	9,356,539
Trade receivables	6	2,094,031	1,875,155
Inventories	7	162,531	40,364
Other assets	8	575,505	265,991
Total current assets		<u>9,750,622</u>	<u>11,538,049</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	9	425,765	577,131
Intangible assets	10	41,279	-
Other assets	8	191,250	139,000
Total non-current assets		<u>658,294</u>	<u>716,131</u>
Total assets		<u>10,408,916</u>	<u>12,254,180</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	11	2,322,608	4,006,695
Borrowings	13	-	62,274
Employee benefit liabilities	14	804,549	791,653
Provisions	15	256,322	196,466
Income received in advance	12	314,093	454,693
Total current liabilities		<u>3,697,572</u>	<u>5,511,781</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Employee benefit liabilities	14	195,768	219,558
Total non current liabilities		<u>195,768</u>	<u>219,558</u>
Total liabilities		<u>3,893,340</u>	<u>5,731,339</u>
Net assets		<u>6,515,576</u>	<u>6,522,841</u>
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		6,515,576	6,522,841
Total equity		<u>6,515,576</u>	<u>6,522,841</u>

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 2018

	RETAINED EARNINGS	TOTAL EQUITY
	\$	\$
As at 1 November 2017	6,522,841	6,522,841
Loss for the year	(7,265)	(7,265)
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive loss for the year	(7,265)	(7,265)
As at 31 October 2018	6,515,576	6,515,576
As at 1 November 2016	6,335,405	6,335,405
Profit for the year	187,436	187,436
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	187,436	187,436
As at 31 October 2017	6,522,841	6,522,841

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 2018

	NOTE	2018 \$	2017 \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from customers		33,483,888	30,244,285
Payments to suppliers and employees		(35,933,594)	(30,469,118)
Interest received		198,946	147,854
Finance costs		-	(19,464)
Net cash used in operating activities		(2,250,760)	(96,443)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		73,042	119,764
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	9	(63,213)	(205,845)
Payment of loans to associated parties		(160,000)	(6,500)
Repayment of loans from associated clubs		66,500	28,596
Cash held in term deposit		-	250,000
Purchase of intangible assets	10	(41,279)	-
Net cash (used in) / from investing activities		(124,950)	186,015
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Repayment of finance leases		(62,274)	(70,907)
Net cash used in financing activities		(62,274)	(70,907)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(2,437,984)	18,665
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 November		9,356,539	9,337,874
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 October	5	6,918,555	9,356,539

The above statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2018

NOTE 1: CORPORATE INFORMATION

The financial report of Queensland Rugby Football League Limited (the "QRL" or "Company") for the year ended 31 October 2018 was authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the directors on 22 January 2019.

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.

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements, Interpretations and other applicable authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

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 AASB Interpretations that apply for the first time in 2018 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 2018. The directors have not early adopted any of these new or amended standards or interpretations. The directors are in the process of assessing the impact of the applications of *AASB 9 Financial Instruments* (effective 1 January 2019), *AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers* (effective 1 January 2019), and *AASB 16 Leases* (effective 1 January 2020) and its amendments to the extent relevant to the financial statements of the Company.

2.3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Revenue recognition

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Amounts disclosed as revenue are net of returns, trade allowances and amounts collected on behalf of third parties.

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

Sale of goods

Revenue from sale of goods is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods have passed to the buyer and the costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transaction can be measured reliably. Risks and rewards of ownership are considered passed to the buyer at the time of delivery of the goods to the customer.

Rendering of services

Revenue from the rendering of services is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customers.

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

A) REVENUE RECOGNITION (CONTINUED)

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.

Sponsorship

Sponsorship 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.

Interest received

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

B) 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.

C) 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.

D) CASH AND SHORT-TERM DEPOSITS

Cash and short-term deposits in the statement of financial position comprise cash at banks 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.

E) INVENTORIES

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2018

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

F) FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Classification

The Company classifies its financial assets in the following categories: financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, loans and receivables, held-to-maturity investments, and available-for-sale financial assets. The classification depends on the nature of the item and the purpose for which the instruments are held.

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.

Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities include trade payables, other creditors and loans from third parties.

Non-derivative financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost, comprising original debt less principal payments and amortisation.

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

G) PROPERTY, 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.

Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment is measured on the cost basis.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all property, 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

H) INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Intangible assets acquired separately are measured on initial recognition at cost. Following initial recognition, intangible assets are carried at cost less any accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses. Internally generated intangibles, excluding capitalised development costs, are not capitalised and the related expenditure is reflected in profit or loss in the period in which the expenditure is incurred.

The useful lives of intangible assets are assessed as either finite or indefinite, and amortisation is calculated accordingly once the asset has been set up and is available for use.

I) LEASES

Leases are classified at their inception as either operating or finance leases based on the economic substance of the agreement so as to reflect the risks and benefits incidental to ownership.

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Finance leases

Leases of fixed assets, where substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset, but not the legal ownership, are transferred to the Company are classified as finance leases. Finance leases are capitalised, recording an asset and a liability equal to the fair value or, if lower, the present value of the minimum lease payments, including any guaranteed residual values. The interest expense is calculated using the interest rate implicit in the lease, if this is practicable to determine; if not, the Company's incremental borrowing rate is used. Interest expense on finance leases is included in finance costs in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income. Leased assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives where it is likely that the Company will obtain ownership of the asset, or over the term of the lease. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense for the period in accordance with the EIR method.

Operating leases

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

Lease incentives received under operating leases are recognised as a liability and amortised on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease term.

J) 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.

NOTE 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 2018, 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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2018

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
NOTE 4: REVENUE		
Sponsorship	7,019,209	7,366,777
ARLC funding	18,006,000	13,365,200
Other grants and subsidies	420,000	513,600
Commercial revenue	2,401,663	3,379,737
Interest received	198,946	147,854
Other revenue	1,725,381	1,608,950
	29,771,199	26,382,118

NOTE 5: CASH AND SHORT-TERM DEPOSITS

Cash at bank and on hand	2,171,553	2,749,541
Short-term deposits	4,747,002	6,606,998
	6,918,555	9,356,539

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

Cash flow reconciliation

(Loss)/profit after tax	(7,265)	187,436
Adjustments for non-cash items:		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	140,801	163,228
Net loss/(gain) on disposal of property, plant and equipment	737	(25,320)
Bad debts written off	3,728	16,677
Facilities	(150,000)	-
Licensing reversal	(468,560)	-
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	(222,604)	1,205,658
Increase in inventories	(122,167)	(3,814)
Increase in other assets	(268,264)	(119,916)
Decrease in trade and other payables	(1,065,528)	(769,518)
(Decrease)/increase in employee benefit liabilities	(10,894)	77,823
Increase in provisions	59,856	79,858
Decrease in revenue received in advance	(140,600)	(908,555)
Net cash flows used in operating activities	(2,250,760)	(96,443)

NOTE 6: RECEIVABLES**CURRENT**

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Trade receivables	2,111,831	1,902,155
Provision for doubtful debts	(17,800)	(27,000)
	2,094,031	1,875,155

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

As at 31 October 2018, trade receivables with an initial carrying value of \$17,800 (2017: \$27,000) were impaired and fully provided for.

	TOTAL
	\$
At 1 November 2016	42,795
Charge for the year	16,677
Utilised	(32,472)
At 31 October 2017	27,000
Charge for the year	3,728
Utilised	(12,928)
At 31 October 2018	17,800

NOTE 7: INVENTORIES

Merchandise for sale	162,531	40,364
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NOTE 8: OTHER ASSETS**CURRENT**

Prepayments	511,505	243,241
Loan receivables	64,000	22,750
	575,505	265,991

NON-CURRENT

Loan receivables	191,250	139,000
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NOTE 9: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	PLANT AND EQUIPMENT \$	LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS \$	TOTAL \$
Cost			
At 1 November 2017	1,044,659	250,000	1,294,659
Additions	63,213	-	63,213
Disposals	(209,206)	-	(209,206)
At 31 October 2018	898,666	250,000	1,148,666
Accumulated depreciation			
At 1 November 2017	680,028	37,500	717,528
Depreciation charge for the year	115,801	25,000	140,801
Disposals	(135,428)	-	(135,428)
At 31 October 2018	660,401	62,500	722,901
Net book value			
At 31 October 2018	238,265	187,500	425,765
At 31 October 2017	364,631	212,500	577,131

NOTE 10: INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	SOFTWARE \$	TOTAL \$
Cost		
At 1 November 2017	-	-
Additions under construction	41,279	41,279
At 31 October 2018	41,279	41,279
Net book value		
At 31 October 2018	41,279	41,279
At 31 October 2017	-	-

NOTE 11: TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES CURRENT

	2018 \$	2017 \$
Trade creditors	976,028	1,837,014
Sundry creditors and accruals	1,346,580	2,169,681
	2,322,608	4,006,695

NOTE 12: INCOME RECEIVED IN ADVANCE CURRENT

Income received in advance	314,093	454,693
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Income received in advance is comprised of income received from/invoiced to sponsors and partners of the Queensland Rugby Football League Limited prior to 31 October 2018 which relates to the financial year ending 31 October 2019.

NOTE 13: BORROWINGS CURRENT

Secured liabilities		
Finance lease liabilities	-	62,274

Terms and conditions and assets pledging as security relating to the above financial instruments

All finance lease liabilities are secured by the underlying assets financed. The financing arrangements are typically repaid over 3-5 years. Residual amounts are refinanced at the discretion of the Company.

NOTE 14: EMPLOYEE BENEFIT LIABILITIES CURRENT

Annual leave	582,729	628,259
Long service leave	221,820	163,394
	804,549	791,653

NON-CURRENT

Long service leave	195,768	219,558
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	2018	2017
	\$	\$
NOTE 15: PROVISIONS		
CURRENT		
Lease straight-lining	<u>256,322</u>	<u>196,466</u>

	LEASE STRAIGHT-LINING \$
At 1 November 2016	116,608
Arising during the year	<u>79,858</u>
At 31 October 2017	<u>196,466</u>
Arising during the year	<u>79,858</u>
At 31 October 2018	<u>256,322</u>

	2018	2017
	\$	\$

NOTE 16: RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL COMPENSATION**

Compensation paid to key management personnel	<u>1,733,163</u>	<u>1,430,521</u>
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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
R.W. Moore	Managing Director
L.W. Anderson	QRL Northern Region Chairman
R.M. Garard	Independent Director
B.A.C. Ikin	Independent Director (appointed 25 January 2018)
B.D. McGuire	QRL Central Region Chairman
W.B. Prescott	Independent Director
B.A. Tallon	QRL South East Region Chairman
D.J. Van de Velde	Statewide Competitions Director
T.M. Mackenroth	Independent Director (resigned 24 November 2017)
Senior Leadership	
G.F. Maher	Chief Financial Officer & Company Secretary
G.F. Ottaway	Regional General Manager (appointed 10 September 2018)
R. Sawyer	Chief Operating Officer (appointed 10 September 2018)
J.L. Shand	Chief Human Resources Manager
H.T. Morton	Commercial Manager (position redundant 8 June 2018)
N.F. Wharton	Head of Football (position redundant 4 May 2018)

The amount disclosed in the table are the amounts recognised as an expense during the reporting period related to key management personnel.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2018

	2018	2017
	\$	\$

NOTE 17: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

FINANCE LEASE COMMITMENTS

Payable

- not later than one year	-	67,115
Minimum finance lease payments	-	67,115
Less: future finance charges	-	(4,841)
Total finance lease liability	-	62,274

REPRESENTED BY:

Current liability	-	62,274
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OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

Non-cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements:

Payable

- not later than one year	777,551	731,515
- later than one year and not later than five years	2,788,943	2,673,019
- later than five years	1,741,589	2,438,514
	5,308,083	5,843,048

NOTE 17: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (CONTINUED)

CONTINGENCIES

The directors are not aware of any contingent assets or contingent liabilities that have arisen in respect of the Company during the year (2017: \$nil).

NOTE 18: 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.

NOTE 19: 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 outstanding and obligations of the Company. At 31 October 2018, the number of members was 9. The combined total amount that members of the Company are liable to contribute is the Company is wound up is \$180.

NOTE 20: EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

There has been no matter of circumstance, which has arisen since 31 October 2018 that has significantly affected or may significantly affect:

- the operations, in financial years subsequent to 31 October 2018, of the Company, or
- the result of those operations, or
- the state of affairs, in financial years subsequent to 31 October 2018, of the Company.

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 2018 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 2018 and its performance for the year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements 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



R.W. MOORE
Director

Dated this 22 day of January 2019

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 2018, 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 2018 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements 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 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 – Reduced Disclosure Requirements 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.

The directors of the Company are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

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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Matthew Taylor

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Partner

22 January 2019





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