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# 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

## QUEENSLAND REDS

- The Reds finished fifth in Super Rugby Pacific, falling to eventual champions, the Crusaders, in the qualifying final in Christchurch.
- The Reds beat the Highlanders in Dunedin for the first time since 2013 and toppled the Blues, the 2024 champions, at Suncorp Stadium on Anzac Day.
- The 65 tries was the second most scored by a Reds team since Super Rugby began in 1996, behind only the 69 scored in 2024.
- The Reds retained the Templeton Cup with two wins over the NSW Waratahs (35-15 and 28-21).
- The Reds played the British & Irish Lions at Suncorp Stadium in front of the biggest crowd (46,435) to a Reds' game since the Lions' previous tour in 2013.



2025 saw the Queensland Reds face the British & Irish Lions for the first time in 12 years

- A new (uncapped) three-round Super Rugby AUS competition was introduced in September. A hat-trick of Tim Ryan tries set up a 36-26 win over the ACT Brumbies at Ballymore. A 47-19 loss to the NSW Waratahs in Narrabri followed before a 47-22 win over the Western Force in Perth.
- The Reds finished second in the Super Rugby Women's competition after finishing last the season before.
- The Reds women played their 100th match since 1996 against the ACT Brumbies in Canberra.
- Filippo Daugunu won the Stan Pilecki Medal as Reds male Player of the Year.
- Eva Karpani won the Shannon Parry Medal as Reds female Player of the Year.
- Dre Pakeho and Faythe Manera were named the Reds Rookies of the Year.
- Lachie Anderson and Tiarna Molloy were honoured with Spirit of the Reds Awards.
- Tate McDermott and Shalom Sauaso were named Attacking Players of the Year.
- Fraser McReight and Tiarah Minns were named Defensive Players of the Year.
- Tom Robinson was named Buildcorp Academy Player of the Year.
- Lachie Anderson was awarded the Frank Ivory Medal as Player of the Match against the Fijian Drua as Queensland Rugby celebrated its 14th annual Indigenous Round.
- Harry Wilson made 20 carries and 20 tackles in Round 4 against the Crusaders to become the first player to achieve this twice since Opta began collecting the data in 2011.
- Tom Lynagh was the most accurate goalkicker in Super Rugby Pacific at 87 per cent (41-of-47).
- Lachie Anderson's four tries against the Fijian Drua was a first for the Reds in the professional era of Super Rugby. He topped the Reds' tryscoring (eight).
- Fraser McReight was fourth in the competition for Turnovers Won (19) and seventh for Tackles (198).
- Josh Canham was third in the competition for Lineouts Won (78).



Reds duo Lori Cramer (left) and Bree-Anna Browne (right) celebrate after making the 2025 Super Rugby Women's Grand Final

- Seventeen players made debuts for the Queensland Reds:
  - » Nick Bloomfield #1410 v Hurricanes
  - » Aidan Ross #1411 v British & Irish Lions
  - » Tom Robinson #1412 v Tonga
  - » Trevor King #1413 v Tonga
  - » Will McCulloch #1414 v Tonga
  - » Theo Fourie #1415 v Tonga
  - » Charlie Brosnan #1416 v Tonga
  - » Ollie Harris #1417 v Tonga
  - » Xavier Rubens #1418 v Tonga
  - » James Martens #1419 v Tonga
  - » Vaiuta Latu #1420 v Tonga
  - » Treyvon Pritchard #1421 v Saitama Panasonic Wild Knights
  - » Zac Hough #1422 v Saitama Panasonic Wild Knights
  - » Jack Brady #1423 v Saitama Panasonic Wild Knights
  - » Finn Mackay #1424 v Saitama Panasonic Wild Knights
  - » Harrison Usher #1425 v Saitama Panasonic Wild Knights
  - » Graham Urquhart #1426 v Saitama Panasonic Wild Knights
- Ten players made debuts for the Queensland Reds women's team:
  - » Faythe Manera #270 v Fijian Drua
  - » Layne Morgan #271 v Fijian Drua
  - » Sky-Yvette Faimalie #272 v Fijian Drua
  - » Bella Nasser #273 v Fijian Drua
  - » Jiowana Sauto #274 v Fijian Drua
  - » Kahli Henwood #275 v Fijian Drua
  - » Teagan Levi #276 v Fijian Drua
  - » Charlotte Caslick #277 v NSW Waratahs
  - » Dillyn Blackburn #278 v NSW Waratahs
  - » Piper Flynn #279 v ACT Brumbies

\* Debut

# 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

- Fourteen players represented the Wallabies:
  - » Lukhan Salakaia-Loto #914
  - » Filipo Daugunu #931
  - » Hunter Paisami #932
  - » Harry Wilson<sup>^</sup> #933
  - » Tate McDermott #936
  - » Fraser McReight<sup>^</sup> #937
  - » Zane Nonggorr #966
  - » Matt Faessler #969
  - » Josh Flook #972
  - » Tom Lynagh #977
  - » Josh Nasser #979
  - » Josh Canham #987
  - » Aidan Ross\* #994
  - » Kalani Thomas\* #995
- Six players represented the Wallaroos:
  - » Eva Karpani #171
  - » Lori Cramer #172
  - » Layne Morgan #188
  - » Bree-Anna Browne #193
  - » Tiarah Minns #217
  - » Charlotte Caslick\* #220
- Seven players represented Australia A against Japan XV in Osaka:
  - » Lachie Anderson
  - » Joe Brial
  - » Josh Canham
  - » Matt Faessler
  - » Harry McLaughlin-Phillips
  - » Tim Ryan
  - » Seru Uru
- The Queensland Rugby Union Hall of Fame welcomed new inductees:
  - » Former Wallabies forward Patrick Murphy
  - » Former Wallabies fullback Roger Gould
  - » Former Wallabies lock James Horwill, Captain of the Reds team than won the 2011 Super Rugby title
  - » Cheyenne Campbell, a former Reds women's captain and Wallaroo
- Jeff Miller was elected as an Honorary Life Member of the QRU.

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## ELITE PATHWAYS

- The Buildcorp Reds Academy operated across three tiers, catering for the state's elite developing talent from 16 to 20-years-old.
- Ballymore hosted a successful KDL Property Group Emerging Reds Cup in September with more than 200 of the state's best young players competing over three days on the main field in U14s and U16s.
- Brisbane Grey won the U16s and South-East Queensland White made an undefeated 3-0 sweep of the Under-14s.
- The Queensland U19s had a single 59-50 win over the Western Force in the Super Rugby U19s after losses to the Brumbies (26-17) and Waratahs (57-17) in November.
- The Queensland U16s fell 57-34 in Sydney in the Super Rugby U16s final.
- The Queensland U15s won a strong 39-26 decision in Sydney to split their two-game series against the Waratahs at one-all after gaining redemption for a late 38-37 loss at Ballymore.
- In the two-game U18s series, the Reds beat the Waratahs 32-24 in Sydney to reverse a 50-33 loss at Ballymore a week earlier.
- Seven players were selected for the Australia U20s for the World Rugby U20s Championships in Italy:
  - » Charlie Brosnan
  - » Trevor King
  - » James Martens
  - » Dre Pakeho
  - » Jonah Rangiwai
  - » Tom Robinson
  - » Xavier Rubens

*\* Debut*

*<sup>^</sup> Harry Wilson and Fraser McReight both captained the Wallabies*

# 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

- Thirteen players were selected in the Australia U18s squad for a memorable series in Canberra. Centre Treyvon Pritchard scored three tries across the 81-48 and 55-33 wins over NZ Secondary Schools.
  - » Alfie Bowman
  - » Nicholas Conway
  - » Oscar Donovan
  - » Tito Hamala
  - » Finn Mackay
  - » Archie Mesritz
  - » Treyvon Pritchard
  - » Jonah Rangiwai
  - » Isaac Rauluni
  - » Will Ross
  - » Levi Slater
  - » Taione Taka
  - » Kingsley Uys
- Nine players were selected in the Australian Schoolboys squad that twice beat Fiji in Canberra.
  - » Denver Bradford
  - » Moses Faleafa
  - » Noah Gaffney
  - » Jeremiah Kite
  - » James Smith
  - » Nate Te Whitu
  - » Henry Willis



Kids from the Brisbane Grammar School and St Joseph's Gregroy Terrace compete at the GPS Under 11 Gala Day

# CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



## BRETT CLARK AM

**Last year's phenomenal series against the British and Irish Lions kicked off rugby's Golden Decade. The performance of the Queensland Reds against the Home Nations' best players before a packed Suncorp Stadium showcased the ability rugby has to excite and inspire all Queenslanders.**

The legacy of the Lions tour is not just in extra fans or an improved financial result. The QRU has been able to leverage the success of the Lions tour through a three-year \$450,000 State Government investment in delivering rugby to State Primary schools across Queensland. It demonstrates how we as a game can leverage the major global rugby events coming to Australia, the 2027 and 2029 men's and women's Rugby World Cups and the 2032 Brisbane Olympics.

The recent announcement of the 2027 Rugby World Cup games, with 14 games in Queensland – the most non-finals matches of any State – has also ignited fans. It is the QRU's challenge to take advantage of this renewed interest in our game.

This year's inaugural Nations Championship is another opportunity to leverage the elite games to provide a legacy for our clubs and thousands of grassroots players.

The QRU's renewed strategic vision to be the best rugby province in the world is ambitious, but no team plays to come second. It is also achievable. The QRU remains one of only a handful of profitable provincial unions in the world. Our prudence and progress with the commercialisation of Ballymore has put the union on a sustainable financial footing, with the seventh consecutive operating profit.

Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) improved to \$813,997 (2024: \$199,832). The result was assisted by a focus on costs and improved match-day revenues, including the British and Irish Lions tour game. This allowed the QRU to increase investment in community rugby game development by 15 per cent.

The QRU reported a statutory loss of \$1,110,425, due to the significant depreciation charge of \$1,760,856 across Ballymore precinct assets, including the BMS National Rugby Training Centre (NRTC). This compares to 2024's reported statutory loss of \$1,647,196, which included depreciation charges of \$1,704,693.



Suncorp Stadium drew its biggest crowd for a Queensland Reds game since 2013 against the British & Irish Lions

## QUEENSLAND REDS

The Reds once again finished fifth, falling to the Crusaders in an away quarter final. It was the third year in a row of losing an away quarter final and highlighted the QRU's goal of needing to make the top three in Super Rugby to secure a home quarter final.

The energy coach Les Kiss has brought to the team was evident last year, and Les was the standout candidate to be selected as the Wallabies' 18th coach, starting after this season. It is again evidence of the strength of Queensland rugby's off-field pathway, with the chair of World Rugby, the chair of Rugby Australia and now the Wallaby coach all coming from Queensland.

Two Reds made their debut for the Wallabies in 2025, Aidan Ross (#994) and Kalani Thomas (#995). Aidan Ross (All Black #1202) joins a small and distinguished group as just the fifth player to represent both nations – three of them Queenslanders. Harry Wilson and Fraser McReight were named Australia's 91st and 92nd captains of the Wallabies.

The match against the touring British and Irish Lions continued the QRU's objectives of having the Reds play more matches against touring sides following 2024's match against Wales. While the Lions tour was always going to have a Reds game, the QRU is determined that all touring sides consider a match against the Reds as an essential part of their tour, not just a luxury.

The Reds also toured Tonga for the second year in a row, this year falling short 38-19 against a Tongan

side bristling with Test stars. The Reds continued their clean sweep against Japan's League One finalists the Saitama Panasonic Wild Knights, winning 36-26 at Ballymore.

Our international engagement included a pre-season tour of the UK and Northern Ireland, with games against Bristol and Ulster. It was the first time the Reds had toured Europe since 1990. This year the Reds will tour the north again, playing Benneton in November in Italy. These tours are important for building partnerships between clubs and opportunities for our players. The Reds loaned hooker Richie Asiata, flanker John Bryant and scrum-half Louis Werchon to Benneton, all returning with invaluable northern hemisphere experience.

The Reds women – boosted by the debut of Olympic Sevens stars Charlotte Caslick, Bella Nasser, Kahli Henwood and Teagan Levi – saw the team improve from wooden spooners to Super W runners-up. The QRU this year focused on providing more resources - and more games – to the women's squad.

Charlotte Caslick made her debut as Wallaroo #220, adding to a stellar career which includes Olympic and Commonwealth Gold, but was unfortunately ruled out of the 2025 Rugby World Cup through injury. Four Reds played for the Wallaroos at the World Cup - Bree-Anna Browne, Lori Cramer, Eva Karpani and Layne Morgan. Tiarah Minns and Caitlin Urwin were named in the squad but did not play.

Congratulations to Reds winger Filipo Daugunu who won the Pilecki Medal for Reds Men's Player of the Year, centre Dre Pakeho for Men's Rookie of the Year, and winger Lachie Anderson, who won the Men's Spirit of the Reds Award.

# CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

## BRETT CLARK

In Super W, Reds prop Eva Karpani won the Shannon Parry Medal for the Reds Women's Player of the Year and hooker Tiarna Molloy was awarded the Women's Spirit of the Reds award. Centre Faythe Manera was named women's Rookie of the Year.

Queensland continues to dominate the women's Olympic Sevens program, demonstrating the benefit of more than a decade of targeted investment by the State Government and the Queensland Academy of Sport.

This year the Sevens team showcased their talents at Toowoomba against the Black Ferns and the USA Rugby Sevens teams in the Downs International Festival of Rugby. The festival included a game between the Reds and Saitama Panasonic Wild Knights and was another example of using our top talent to promote the game in regional Queensland. This year the Reds will return for the third Santos Festival of Rugby in Roma, which is expected to inject almost \$3 million into the local economy.

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### QUEENSLAND COUNTRY

The Queensland Country Championships were hosted in Townsville for the first time since 2002 and attracted more than 1200 participants from across the State. The event showcased the depth of talent across Country Queensland and reinforced the importance of regional rugby as a key contributor to the broader Queensland and national pathway.

Congratulations to the Queensland Country men's Heelers, who retained the Australian Rugby Shield and Border Cup, while the women's Orchids achieved a historic milestone by winning the President's Trophy for the first time.

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### COMMUNITY

Bond University snatched a last-minute 27-25 victory from Brothers in one of the most exciting Store Local Hospital Cup finals in memory. It was a double for Bond, taking out the women's Store Local Founders Cup the day before over Easts 32-29.

It was an incredible weekend of finals rugby to showcase the growth and depth of the game across our State. The QRU now has 87,000 players in Queensland across clubs and Schools, with about 23,000 female players. Our goal is to reach 100,000 players by 2030.

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### FOUNDATION

The QRU Foundation has been transformative to our game. It has now raised more than \$6 million of funds towards rugby in Queensland in less than five years. Donor support has made a true difference to the QRU and we thank everyone for joining us on the journey to becoming the best rugby province in the world.

In recent years, the QRU Foundation's areas of impact have included training equipment, high-performance coaching specialists, development officers, and women's rugby.

We are truly seeing the impact of that generous support, with young Academy players who were developed with the assistance of the Foundation now making their mark in the senior team.

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### BOARD

I would like to personally thank former QRU directors Catherine Clark and Boyd Curran for their service. Catherine resigned with the QRU's support to take up a position as a Director of Super Rugby Pacific, while Boyd retired after serving the QRU for nine years.

The QRU Board appointed April Cavanagh, an experienced non-executive director from Toowoomba, to the Board in August.

Thank you also to Libby Nankivell, who retired as honorary Vice President of the QRU. Libby helped redefine the role of Vice President and was a tireless force for growing women's rugby throughout the entire State.



Reds Co-Captain Ivania Wong poses for a photo ahead of the 2025 Super Rugby Women's season



Junior kids

# CEO'S MESSAGE



## DAVID HANHAM

**The next six years are a once-in-a-generation time for our game. A men's Rugby World Cup in 2027 and the women's RWC in 2029 will be capped off by showcasing Sevens at the 2032 Olympics in Queensland.**

It is an opportunity the Queensland Rugby Union is now poised to take full advantage of. From arguably the lowest point in the game since World War One, the QRU is now one of the only financial provincial unions in the world.

Less than a decade ago the QRU was \$9 million in debt, with a decaying stadium at Ballymore and with a Reds team winning just 25 per cent of its games.

We needed to shift, to change, and grow. Those decisions, made in the toughest of times, have become the building blocks of our long-term vision. We know challenges will always come, they are part of sport, but we no longer see them as threats to survival. We see them as opportunities to grow stronger and build sustained success for Queensland Rugby.

The turnaround of the QRU isn't just a financial story. It's a story of shared sacrifice, resilience and belief in what Queensland Rugby can become.

This has been made possible not just by the QRU staff, but by the thousands of volunteers and club officials throughout the State who give their time and effort.

In the last five years we have:

- Eliminated that debt
- Been a consistent finals team year on year
- Delivered seven consecutive operating profits
- Revitalised Ballymore with the world-class National Rugby Training Centre.
- Established the QRU Foundation, which has raised a philanthropic investment of \$6m
- We now have one of the strongest partnerships bases in Australian Sport
- Queensland has the talent and we are proud



Reds fly half Harry McLaughlin-Phillips meets the fans after a home game

# CEO'S MESSAGE

of our contribution to the game

- » Wallabies captain
- » Next Wallabies Coach
- » Current RA Chair
- » Current 7s Captain & Coach
- » World Rugby Chair

We now have a clear vision, quality people who care, and are connected and challenged to be better every day in every action.

***Our vision is to be the best rugby province in the world.***

We know this vision isn't achieved overnight but over the past seven years we have built an incredibly strong platform to launch from.

We have enough to move closer to that measure of success Queensland enjoyed in the 80s, 90s, and 2011. We have the quality of people within our game.

With more than 84,000 participants, a thriving club and school pathway, a world-class high-performance facility and the quality of players and coaches across Queensland, we are committed to striving for excellence and continual improvement in everything we do.

We are determined to deliver sustained on-field success by creating an environment where both our men's and women's teams consistently compete for Super Rugby finals and ultimately in this five-year period can bring a Super Rugby Pacific title to Queensland.

We know this performance will be critical to igniting our Reds fans to build a fortress at Suncorp Stadium. Creating memorable experiences for fans and members is a major part of our ambition to host average crowds of over 25,000.

These strengths are our unfair advantage against our competitors.

It is time to be bold and move Queensland Rugby back to the top.

Our new strategic plan highlights what success looks like for us in 2030:

- 100,000 participants playing rugby
- Winning Super Rugby titles for both our men's and women's teams
- 18,000 members and average crowds

of 25,000 at Suncorp Stadium

- Finalising the transformation of Ballymore, the pride of Australian Rugby

I am proud of what we have achieved, we are determined to ensure we reach that goal.

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## GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

The Queensland Rugby Union acknowledges the generous support of the State and Federal Governments in assisting the growth of the game.

This support includes:

### FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

- Play Our Way participation funding, driving the growth of Rugby Sevens among young girls through our "Girls Can Tackle Anything" program.
- The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade assists the Queensland Reds' ongoing engagement with our Pacific partners, including touring Tonga and coach exchange programs.
- The Department of Veterans Affairs has funded a future memorial at Ballymore to recognise the 62 Queensland representative players who served their nation in war, and the 12 who were killed in action.

### STATE GOVERNMENT

- Active Industry Base Fund assists State Sporting Organisations to provide essential governance and participation support to our grassroots clubs.
- Get Into Rugby funding recognises the legacy of the British and Irish Lions tour, this three-year funding program has introduced thousands of primary school children to rugby.
- Active Women and Girls funding delivered essential training for female coaches and volunteers.
- Skilling Queenslanders for Work trains young Queenslanders to enter the workforce through groundskeeping work and education at Ballymore. These trainees also assisted several Premier Rugby clubs during the season.



# QUEENSLAND REDS

## SEASON IN REVIEW

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### ROUND 1 BYE

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### ROUND 2 V MOANA PASIFIKA

#### REDS 56 D MOANA PASIFIKA 36

##### SUNCORP STADIUM

After an impressive 21-0 start, the Reds had to adapt to sudden rain, three yellow cards and the dynamic counter-punching of their rivals to complete the win. The Reds scored eight tries and Tom Lynagh added sweet goalkicking (seven-from-seven). The Reds sparkling attack was backed by starchy defence in their own quarter when forced to defend with 14 men for 30 minutes. Prop Massimo De Lutiis, at 21, had a fine 50-minute introduction to Super Rugby with his strong defence and scrum work.

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### ROUND 3 V WESTERN FORCE

#### REDS 28 D WESTERN FORCE 24

##### HBF PARK - PERTH

A last-gasp try by winger Filippo Daugunu inside the final 40 seconds wrestled a pulsating 28-24 victory. With just over 90 seconds to play, vice-captain Fraser McReight elected to go for the win with a kick to touch rather than opt for a shot at penalty goal that might have levelled the scores. Stout defence repelled numerous Force surges in the Reds quarter. Centre Josh Flook scored two tries in the match as the Reds pegged back an early 14-0 deficit.

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### ROUND 4 V CRUSADERS

#### CRUSADERS 43 D REDS 19

##### APOLLO PROJECTS STADIUM - CHRISTCHURCH

The Reds scored three good tries but paid a high price for not treasuring the ball enough and handing the Crusaders a lot of momentum. The Reds were down 12-0 before a superb bounce-back try over 80m started by Massimo De Lutiis swooping on a loose-ball turnover. A Fraser McReight offload, a bumping 40m Josh Canham run and a final Harry Wilson pass put over Filippo Daugunu. Teenage back Frankie Goldsbrough got his first taste of Super Rugby in the final 15 minutes.

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### ROUND 5 V NSW WARATAHS

#### REDS 35 D NSW WARATAHS 15

##### SUNCORP STADIUM

A classic 80m strike for a try by fullback Heremaia Murray ignited the Reds. He caught a kick inside his own quarter, took off and stabbed a left-foot kick. Murray swooped on the bouncing ball and dashed over. It signalled the start of a 35-3 surge that swamped the visitors over the middle period. The Templeton Cup was won in front of an excellent crowd of 20,072. The Reds changed gears expertly. Before half-time, a well-won lineout became an unstoppable 20m rolling maul for a Richie Asiata try.

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### ROUND 6 V HIGHLANDERS

#### REDS 29 D HIGHLANDERS 23

##### FORSYTH BARR STADIUM - DUNEDIN

The Reds won for the first time since 2013 in Dunedin. The Reds fought back from a 20-12 deficit with 30 minutes to play after leading 12-0 lead. "That's very special. We talked about it all week that it's been since 2013. We want to be a side that rewrites those history books," captain Harry Wilson said. Halfback Kalani Thomas was superb in the absence of Wallaby Tate McDermott. The starting scrum and the pack loaded with replacements in the second half bulldozed the Highlanders.

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### ROUND 7 V WESTERN FORCE

#### REDS 28 D WESTERN FORCE 24

##### SUNCORP STADIUM

The Queensland Reds sat atop the table for the first time since 2012 after a gritty, late win at a rain-soaked stadium.

The Force were ahead 24-21 until a big-moment player stepped up for the Reds. Replacement halfback Tate McDermott scooted over from the back of a rolling maul in the 73rd minute. Trademark defensive steel, in two periods with just 14 men, and decisive scrummaging were other key elements.



Tom Lynagh was named Man of the Match against the Blues

# QUEENSLAND REDS

## SEASON IN REVIEW

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### ROUND 8 V CHIEFS

#### CHIEFS 27 D REDS 15

WAIKATO STADIUM - HAMILTON

The Reds were locked 10-all at half-time when playing their top-of-the-table clash in a downpour. The match was in the balance entering the final 10 minutes with some brilliant defence from the Queenslanders. It was three tries apiece with the five-from-five goalkicking of All Blacks flyhalf Damian McKenzie proving the difference. Flanker Joe Brial, who chased his own kick ahead 35m for a try and saved another on the line with a tackle, was a standout.

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### ROUND 9 V ACT BRUMBIES

#### ACT BRUMBIES 39 D REDS 26

SUNCORP STADIUM

The Reds squandered a fast 14-0 lead with a disappointing performance in the wet. It wasn't the win he desired but skipper Tate McDermott was honoured by teammates, fans and family for his 100th game for the Reds. Centre Hunter Paisami opened with a chip kick-and-regather for the first try while hooker Richie Asiata's driving maul try to open the second half for the Reds was as close as they were to get at 21-19 behind. Hooker Matt Faessler (50) and prop Zane Nonggorr (50) also posted milestone appearances.

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### ROUND 10 - BYE

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### ROUND 11 V BLUES

#### REDS 35 D BLUES 21

SUNCORP STADIUM

The Reds powered to a convincing 35-21 victory over the 2024 champions in a rousing Anzac Day result. The Reds led 14-0 inside the opening 10 minutes through two Tom Lynagh tries. Flyhalf Lynagh was honoured as the Player of the Match when presented with the first Sellars Dixon Medal. As important was a remarkable 11-minute period in the first half when the Reds twice held up the Blues over the tryline as well as forcing a penalty from a 5m scrum. A classic Tate McDermott try swung the

game early in the second half when he scooted 35m from the ruckbase.

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### ROUND 12 V FIJIAN DRUA

#### FIJIAN DRUA 36 D REDS 33

HFC BANK STADIUM - SUVA

There was heartbreak in the final seconds in Suva with a last-gasp loss to the Fijian Drua. The Reds were desperately clinging to a 33-29 lead after thinking they may have done enough when replacement hooker Max Craig scored at the tail of a rolling maul in the 72nd minute. Instead, an absorbing spectacle with six lead changes came down to a bobbling loose ball in the final seconds which the Fijians seized to produce the decisive try.

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### ROUND 13 V NSW WARATAHS

#### REDS 28 D NSW WARATAHS 21

ALLIANZ STADIUM - SYDNEY

The Reds pulled off a gritty 28-21 victory, from 14-0 down, when winger Lachie Anderson produced a late match-winner. With time running out, centre Filippo Daugunu dabbled a perfect cross-field kick which bounced just right for Anderson to grab and scoot away for the winning try. The Reds had hit the front for the first time with four minutes to play. Flanker Fraser McReight had a fine game with his defence, his 14 ball carries and key turnovers.

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### ROUND 14 V ACT BRUMBIES

#### ACT BRUMBIES 24 D REDS 14

GIO STADIUM - CANBERRA

Scores were locked 7-all at half-time and the match was still up for grabs when the Brumbies led 21-14 with just over 20 minutes to play. The Brumbies were more clinical. After just six minutes, a darting Tate McDermott put winger Tim Ryan over for the try and a 7-0 jump. Replacement hooker Josh Nasser scored at the back of a well-executed maul to exemplify the punch from the bench. No.8 John Bryant had a fine match.



Reds Co-Captain Tate McDermott (centre) celebrated his 100th Queensland cap against the Brumbies in Round 9

## ROUND 15 V HURRICANES

### HURRICANES 31 D REDS 27

SUNCORP STADIUM

The Reds produced an excellent two-try rally from 26-13 down at half-time to take the lead 27-26. Losing a thriller left all frustrated that a 10-minute loss of concentration before half-time cost them. Halfback Tate McDermott and backrower Joe Brial scored the two bounce-back tries. After 20 phases of pressure, Brial's leg drive powered him through three defenders to score from 15m out. There was a debut for Easts prop Nick Bloomfield, 21, a late inclusion on the bench.

## QUALIFYING FINAL V CRUSADERS

### CRUSADERS 32 D REDS 12

APOLLO PROJECTS STADIUM - CHRISTCHURCH

The Reds came up short to a clinical Crusaders side after the Kiwi side put on the opening four tries for a 27-0 lead. A pre-game downpour had made wet, slippery conditions tricky for both teams in five degree temperatures. Pressure and disruption from the Crusaders generated tries close to the line for their first half jump to 12-0. Skipper Tate McDermott probed as a runner with nine efforts while prop Zane Nonggor's 19 tackles showed the team's determination as well.

## ROUND 16 V FIJIAN DRUA

### REDS 52 D FIJIAN DRUA 7

SUNCORP STADIUM

A four-try blitz from winger Lachie Anderson earned him a spot in the record books at a rain-soaked stadium. He became the first Reds player to score four tries in a Super Rugby game since the professional era kicked off in 1996. It was a polished mixed bag from the Frank Ivory Medal-winner...speed on the edge, collecting a Lynagh crosskick and a low-drive in close with the forwards. Backrowers Fraser McReight, Harry Wilson and Joe Brial had 30 ball carries between them.



Reds flanker Seru Uru carries the ball during a Super Rugby Pacific match at Suncorp Stadium

# QUEENSLAND REDS

## STAN PILECKI MEDAL

### PILECKI MEDAL TOP 10

<b>1st - FILIPO DAUGUNU</b>	<b>236</b>
2nd - Harry Wilson	185
3rd - Fraser McReight	159

#### ROUND 1 BYE

#### ROUND 2 V MOANA PASIFIKA (H)

Filipo Daugunu	48
Fraser McReight	33
Tom Lynagh	18

#### ROUND 3 V WESTERN FORCE (A)

Tate McDermott	39
Josh Flook	32
Filipo Daugunu	22

#### ROUND 4 V CRUSADERS (A)

Harry Wilson	30
Filipo Daugunu	20
Fraser McReight	15

#### ROUND 5 V WARATAHS (H)

Harry Wilson	27
Alex Hodgman	25
Seru Uru	22

#### ROUND 6 V HIGHLANDERS (A)

Harry Wilson	38
Filipo Daugunu	37
Kalani Thomas	27

#### ROUND 7 V WESTERN FORCE (H)

Filipo Daugunu	41
Dre Pakeho	29
Tom Lynagh	23

#### ROUND 8 V CHIEFS (A)

Joe Brial	43
Filipo Daugunu	27
Harry Wilson	25

#### ROUND 9 V BRUMBIES (H)

Dre Pekho	59
Hunter Paisami	36
Lachie Anderson	16

4th - Tate McDermott	149
5th - Lachlan Anderson	143
6th - Joe Brial	135
7th - Tom Lynagh	135
8th - Dre Pakeho	133
9th - Seru Uru	91
10th - Josh Flook	90

#### ROUND 10 BYE

#### ROUND 11 V BLUES (H)

Tom Lynagh	52
Tate McDermott	30
Dre Pakeho	20

#### ROUND 12 V FIJIAN DRUA (A)

Jeffery Toomaga-Allen	41
Seru Uru	38
Ryan Smith	15

#### ROUND 13 V WARATAHS (A)

Fraser McReight	42
Filipo Daugunu	29
Lachie Anderson	36

#### ROUND 14 V BRUMBIES (A)

John Bryant	52
Lachie Anderson	22
Fraser McReight	22

#### ROUND 15 V HURRICANES (H)

Joe Brial	46
Tate McDermott	28
Harry Wilson	22

#### ROUND 16 V FIJIAN DRUA (H)

Lachie Anderson	53
Jock Campbell	17
Tom Lynagh	17

#### SEMI FINAL V CRUSADERS (A)

Josh Flook	42
Harry Wilson	24
Ryan Smith	18

### SPIRIT OF THE REDS AWARD

Lachie Anderson

### ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Dre Pakeho



Versatile back Filipo Daugunu claimed his first Stan Pilecki Medal

# QUEENSLAND REDS

## STATISTICS

ROUND	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
OPPOSITION	MOANA PASIFIKA	FORCE	CRUSADERS	WARATAHS	HIGHLANDERS	FORCE	CHIEFS
DATE	21/2/2025	1/3/2025	9/3/2025	15/3/2025	22/3/2025	29/3/2025	4/4/2025
CITY	Brisbane	Perth	Christchurch	Brisbane	Dunedin	Brisbane	Hamilton
VENUE	SUNCORP	HBF PARK	APOLLO PROJECTS	SUNCORP	FORSYTH BARR STADIUM	SUNCORP	FMG
FULL TIME SCORE	56-36 Reds	28-24 Reds	43-19 Crusaders	35-15 Reds	29-23 Reds	28-24 Reds	17-15 Chiefs
Lachie Anderson	23	14	14	14	14	14	14
Richie Asiata	2			16	2	2	16
George Blake	17	17	17		16	17	
Angus Blyth	19	5	19	19	5	19	
Joe Brial	20		20	20	20	8	6
John Bryant					7	7	20
Jock Campbell	15						23
Josh Canham	4	19	4	4	4		4
Max Craig							
Filipo Daugunu	11	11	13	13	13	13	11
Massimo De Lutiis	3	18	3		18	3	
Sef Fa'agase	1	1		1	1		17
Matt Faessler	16	2	2	2			2
Josh Flook	13	13					
Matt Gibbon							
Jude Gibbs							
Frankie Goldsbrough			23				
Mason Gordon							
Isaac Henry							
Alex Hodgman			1	17	17	1	1
Trevor King							
Tom Lynagh	10	10		10	10	10	22
Will McCulloch							
Tate McDermott	9	9	9	9		21	9
Harry McLaughlin-Phillips	22	22	10	22	22	22	10
Fraser McReight	7	7	7	7			7
Heremaia Murray		15	15	15	15	15	15
Josh Nasser		16	16			16	
Zane Nonggorr	18	3		3	3		18
Hunter Paisami	12			12	12		12
Dre Pakeho		12	12	23	23	12	13
Tim Ryan	14	23	11	11	11	11	
Lukhan Salakaia-Loto					19	5	5
Ryan Smith	5	4	5	5		4	19
Kalani Thomas	21	21	21	21	9	9	21
Jeffery Toomaga-Allen			18	18		18	3
Seru Uru	6	6		6	6	6	
Connor Vest						20	
Louis Werchon			22		21		
Harry Wilson	8	8	8	8	8		8
Liam Wright		20	6				
				KEY	Captain	Debut	Injured

9	11	12	13	14	15	16	Play-Off
BRUMBIES	BLUES	FIJIAN DRUA	WARATAHS	BRUMBIES	HURRICANES	FIJIAN DRUA	CRUSADERS
12/4/2025	25/4/2025	3/5/2025	9/5/2025	17/5/2025	23/5/2025	31/5/2025	6/6/2025
Brisbane	Brisbane	Suva	Sydney	Canberra	Brisbane	Brisbane	Christchurch
SUNCORP	SUNCORP	HFC BANK	ALLIANZ	GIO	SUNCORP	SUNCORP	APOLLO PROJECTS
39-26 Brumbies	35-21 Reds	36-33 Drua	28-21 Reds	24-14 Brumbies	31-27 Hurricanes	52-7 Reds	32-12 Crusaders
14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
16	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
	16						
19	19	5	20	19	19	19	19
8	8	8	21	6	6	6	6
20	21		8	8	20	20	20
23	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
4	4	19	4	4	4	4	4
		16					
			13	13	11	23	11
	18	18	18	18			
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						13	13
22							
17	17						
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9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
		10	23	10	22	22	
7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
15	23	23		23			
			16	16	16	16	16
3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
12	12	12		12	12	12	12
13	13	13	12	22	13		22
11	11	11	11	11	23	11	23
5	5	20	5				
	20	4	19	5	5	5	5
21	22	21	22	21	21	21	21
18		17	17	17	17	17	17
6	6	6	6				
				20			
					8	8	8

# QUEENSLAND REDS WOMEN'S

## SEASON IN REVIEW

**The triumph of 2025 for the Reds women's program was appreciating how far they had come in 12 months rather than losing a grand final.**

The rebuild from last place in 2024 was methodical, well-planned, not without speedbumps, and always full of spirit as fitness, skills, cohesion and confidence grew.

Head Coach Andrew Fraser, alongside women's high-performance chief Nico Andrade, added invaluable organisation to make the most of the buy-in from co-captains Jemma Bemrose and Ivania Wong and the playing squad.

The Reds women benefitted from four trials before the Super Rugby Women's competition. Weekly opposed training sessions early in the season against the Brisbane Grammar First XV also lifted intensity.

Andrade's mission to integrate Australian sevens players with Queensland's best 15-a-side players paid dividends with Charlotte Caslick, Bella Nasser, Kahli Henwood and Teagan Levi all making their Reds debuts.

The match played against the ACT Brumbies was a milestone...the 100th match for the Reds women since the first in 1996.



Winger Piper Flynn was among the Reds to make their debut in 2025



Winger Caitlin Urwin was among those included in Wallaroos squads throughout the 2025

### ROUND 2 V FIJIAN DRUA

#### REDS 22 D FIJIAN DRUA 19

##### CHURCHILL PARK - LAUTOKA

The Reds earned their success over the 2022 and 2023 Super Rugby Women's champions with an upset in humid conditions. It was worthy reward. The Reds could have withdrawn from the match but, instead, flew out two days early because of Cyclone Alfred disrupting flights out of Brisbane.

"We wanted to represent and make everyone back at home proud so we hope we did that, especially with what our state is going through right now," co-captain Ivania Wong said.

The performance was full of urgent defence, superior technical work at the breakdown, smart tactical play and three well-taken tries to silence a big Fijian crowd. The Reds led 22-0 after 67 minutes before the rumbling strength of the Drua forwards earned three late tries.

The Reds had made the perfect start with co-captain Jemma Bemrose scooting 35m for the opening try after just four minutes.

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## ROUND 3 V NSW WARATAHS

### NSW WARATAHS 36 D REDS 14

#### BALLYMORE STADIUM

Rugby sevens star Charlotte Caslick made a 28-minute debut in the loss to the Waratahs.

The Reds scored two excellent first half tries when trailing 19-14 at half-time. The try scored by the Reds after seven minutes for 7-0 was a beauty with teenage centre Shalom Sauaso surging 30m with three big right-foot sidesteps. Kahli Henwood crossed for the try when the raid was continued.

Winger Henwood was the pick of the four Australian sevens players in action. Not only was she strong with her carries, her ankle-high tackling was highly effective.

Three-time Olympian Caslick entered the game off the bench at fullback.

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## ROUND 4 V ACT BRUMBIES

### REDS 26 D ACT BRUMBIES 22

#### GIO STADIUM - CANBERRA

Rugby Sevens converts Charlotte Caslick and Faythe Manera were amongst the standouts in a hard-fought win.

It was a rocks and diamonds performance from the Reds, with some set piece stumbles and poor discipline at times making the task tougher than some of the sparkling interplay and physical carries deserved.

The experience of Eva Karpani, Lori Cramer and Layne Morgan was telling on an historic day which celebrated the 100th match played by the Reds women.

Young Easts winger Piper Flynn scored with her first touch in Super Rugby Women's when the beneficiary of a sublime double cut-out pass from Caslick.

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## ROUND 5 V WESTERN FORCE

### REDS 47 D WESTERN FORCE 10

#### BALLYMORE STADIUM

Prop Eva Karpani had a field day with a hat-trick of tries and a string of powerful charges to go with a strong scrummaging effort in a decisive win.

Flanker Zoe Hanna, a late call-up to the starting side, had an outstanding afternoon at Ballymore Stadium. If she wasn't cutting down Force runners in defence, she was swooping on a loose

ball or positioning herself perfectly in support for a strong run.

The Reds had romped to a 42-10 lead when Wallaroos prop Karpani galloped 20m for her second try just 45 seconds into the second half.

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## SEMI-FINAL V FIJIAN DRUA

### REDS 54 D FIJIAN DRUA 40

#### BALLYMORE STADIUM

The Queensland Reds rode a thrilling 14-try rollercoaster to win the semi-final after weathering a second half fightback which ate up their 42-5 half-time lead.

There were stars aplenty for the Reds starting with 17-year-old centre Shalom Sauaso. If Sauaso wasn't bumping through tackles in midfield, rugby sevens superstar Charlotte Caslick was veering, making a trysaving tackle or throwing the last pass for the key Jemma Bemrose try.

Two-try prop Eva Karpani, halfback Layne Morgan, hooker Tiarna Molloy and flanker Carola Kreis were other standouts in a fine team performance.

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## FINAL V NSW WARATAHS

### NSW WARATAHS 43 D REDS 21

#### NORTH SYDNEY OVAL

The Reds' bold bid for their first Super Rugby Women's trophy came up short in the grand final.

The Reds found themselves down 12-0 midway through the first half before a spirited rally. The Reds were in it at 29-21 with 18 minutes to play after the second half opened with a quick-tap try to halfback Layne Morgan and replacement prop Cristo Taufua crashing over.

Teenage centre Shalom Sauaso was again one of the Reds' best with her tackle-bending runs. Morgan and prop Eva Karpani were outstanding in the finals.



Reds halfback Layne Morgan in action against the Fijian Drua

# QUEENSLAND REDS WOMEN'S

## SHANNON PARRY MEDAL

### PARRY MEDAL TOP 5

1st - EVA KARPANI	102	4th - Carola Kreis	73
2nd - Shalom Sauaso	90	5th - Lori Cramer	71
		6th - Zoe Hanna	56

### ROUNDS

#### ROUND 2 V FIJIAN DRUA (A)

Eva Karpani	31
Carola Kreis	20
Tiarah Minns	17

#### ROUND 3 V NSW WARATAHS (H)

Kahli Henwood	56
Shalom Sauaso	32
Vineta Teutau	25

#### ROUND 4 V BRUMBIES (A)

Eva Karpani	62
Carola Kreis	43
Charlotte Caslick	37

#### ROUND 5 V WESTERN FORCE (H)

Zoe Hanna	71
Eva Karpani	68
Vineta Tuetau	54

#### SEMI FINAL V FIJIAN DRUA (H)

Eva Karpani	89
Carola Kreis	86
Shalom Sauaso	68

#### GRAND FINAL V NSW WARATAHS (A)

Layne Morganm	102
Ivanig Wong	90
Eva Karpani	73



Eva Karpani claimed the 2025 Selena Worsley Medal in his first season with Queensland

### SPIRIT OF THE REDS AWARD

Ivania Wong

### ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Faythe Manera

# QUEENSLAND REDS WOMEN'S STATISTICS

ROUND	2	3	4	5	Semi Final	Grand Final
OPPOSITION	FIJIAN DRUA	NSW WARATAHS	ACT BRUMBIES	WESTERN FORCE	FIJIAN DRUA	NSW WARATAHS
DATE	3/8/2025	16/3/25	22/3/25	30/3/25	4/6/2025	4/12/2025
CITY	Lautoka	Brisbane	Canberra	Brisbane	Brisbane	Sydney
VENUE	Churchill Park	Ballymore Stadium	Viking Park	Ballymore Stadium	Ballymore Stadium	North Sydney Oval
FULL TIME SCORE	19-22	14-36	22-26	47-10	54-40	43-21
Jemma Bemrose	6	6	6		6	
Dillyn Blackburn		19				20
Bree-Anna Browne	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lori Cramer	15	15	10	10	10	10
Michelle Curry						
Carys Dallinger	10	10	22	22	22	22
Briana Dascombe						
Sarah Dougherty						
Sky-Yvette Faimalie	16					
Piper Flynn			23	23	23	23
Zoe Hanna			8	6	20	6
Ariana Hira						
Charli Jacoby		18	18	18	18	18
Eva Karpani	3	3	3	3	3	3
Carola Kreis	7	7	7	7	7	7
Faythe Manera	13	22	13	13	13	13
Tiarah Minns	5	5	4	4	4	4
Tiarna Molloy	2	2	2	2	2	
Layne Morgan	9	9	9	9	9	9
Renaë Nona						
Sarah Riordan	8	8		8	8	
Deni Ross	4		5	19	19	19
Shalom Sauaso	12	12	12	12	12	12
Jiowana Sauto	18					
Zophonria Setu		16	16	16	16	16
Cristo Tofa	17	17	17	17	17	17
Vineta Teutau	19	4	19	5	5	5
Maraëa Tupai			20	20		8
Caitlin Urwin	14	14	14	14	14	14
Melanie Wilks						
Ivania Wong	11		11	11	11	11
Natalie Wright	21	21	21	21	21	21
Isabella Nasser	20	20				
Kahli Henwood	22	11				
Teagan Levi	23	13				
Maddison Levi						
Charlotte Caslick		23	15	15	15	15
				<b>KEY</b>	Captain	Debut



# COMMUNITY RUGBY

St Joseph's Nudgee College makes a line break during the GPS Under 11  
Gala Day in Tennyson



# COMMUNITY RUGBY

## PARTICIPATION & PROGRAMS

**Participation rose across Queensland, with increases in events and school participation offsetting a small overall decline in registered club players. There was a 2% increase in club player registrations in regular XV's season with the biggest increases in female club participation with an 8% increase in Juniors and an 18% increase in seniors.**

The biggest increases in schools were in Rugby 7s competitions with both boys and girls. There was a 17% increase in registered coaches with 49% increase in registered female coaches..

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### WOMEN IN RUGBY

Female participation continues to improve with growth in both junior and senior club registered players and school participation. Females now make up 20% of all registered participants which is an increase from 18.75% in 2024.

There were strong increases in the number of registered female coaches and match officials.

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### SCHOOLS RUGBY

School Rugby 7s competitions continued to provide strong engagement opportunities across Queensland in 2025, with growth in event delivery, regional representation and internal school team depth across several key competitions.

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### Q7S

The Q7s program continued to provide accessible, carnival-based Rugby 7s opportunities for schools across Queensland in 2025.

Delivery remained a shared model between Queensland Rugby Union, schools and local associations, with strong engagement across both metropolitan and regional areas.

In 2025, a total of 36 tournaments were conducted across the state, comprising:

- 22 Queensland Rugby Union delivered tournaments
- 14 externally delivered tournaments

Across these events, 187 schools participated throughout the year, highlighting the continued demand for flexible, one-day Rugby 7s formats within the school system.

The sustained number of externally delivered tournaments reflects increasing capability and confidence within school and regional partners to manage local Rugby 7s competitions while remaining aligned with the broader Q7s framework. This model continues to support participation growth while building local ownership and long-term sustainability.

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### ALL SCHOOLS 7S

In 2025, the All Schools 7s tournament transitioned to the Brisbane Grammar School Northgate facility, providing access to five quality playing fields within a single venue footprint. The move significantly enhanced event delivery, scheduling efficiency and overall participant experience.

Divisions contested in 2025 included:

- Under 14 Boys & Girls
- Under 16 Boys & Girls
- Under 18 Boys & Girls

A total of 96 teams from 26 schools competed across the tournament. Team participation increased from 87 teams in 2024 to 96 teams in 2025, reflecting strong engagement and deeper internal program depth within participating schools.

The consolidation to a five-field venue reinforced All Schools 7s as a key statewide Rugby 7s showcase event within the Queensland school calendar.

#### 2025 Divisional Champions

- Under 14 Girls – King's Christian College
- Under 14 Boys – Brisbane Grammar School
- Under 16 Girls – King's Christian College

- Under 16 Boys – Ipswich Grammar School
- Under 18 Girls – The Glennie School
- Under 18 Boys – Ipswich Grammar School

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## WESTERN 7S

The Western 7s tournament once again brought together schools from across Western Queensland, providing both primary and secondary students with the opportunity to compete in a high-quality Rugby 7s environment.

In the Primary School competition, 22 teams from 12 schools participated, demonstrating strong engagement at the grassroots level.

The Secondary School competition featured 37 teams from 12 schools, highlighting the continued growth and commitment to Rugby 7s participation throughout regional Queensland.

The event continues to play an important role in strengthening Rugby presence across Western Queensland, fostering regional connection and providing valuable competitive opportunities.

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## BRISBANE CATH ED 7S

The Brisbane Catholic Education (BCE) 7s program continued to provide strong participation opportunities for primary school students across multiple regions in 2025.

The tournaments were delivered across five regional events, maintaining the distributed model that allows schools to compete locally while remaining aligned to the broader Queensland Rugby framework.

In 2025, 56 schools participated across the BCE 7s tournaments. A key development this year was the return of the Gold Coast region, strengthening overall geographic representation and re-engaging schools within that region.

The consistency in format and regional alignment continues to provide stability for schools while supporting sustainable participation growth within the Catholic Education system.

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## BALLYMORE CUP

The 2025 Ballymore Cup was once again delivered at South Pine Sports Complex, continuing in its established three-day format.

## In 2025

- 15 schools participated
- 29 teams competed
- Divisions contested: Under 14, Under 16 and Under 18 Boys

The tournament structure remained consistent, providing a clear divisional pathway across age groups while maintaining strong competitive integrity.

## 2025 Divisional Champions

- Under 14 Boys – St Laurence’s College
- Under 16 Boys – Rockhampton Grammar School
- Under 18 Boys – Ipswich Grammar School

The Ballymore Cup remains a key event within the school Rugby calendar, providing valuable development and representative exposure opportunities.

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## QUEENSLAND COUNTRY RUGBY UNION

The QCRU Championships were held in Townsville for the first time in over 20 years. Over 1,000 players contested competition in 13, 14, 16, 20 and open male competition and 14, 16, 18 and open female competition.

## QCRU Championship Winners

- 13 Boys » Gold Coast
- 14 Boys » Gold Coast
- 14 Girls » Gold Coast
- 16 Boys » Gold Coast
- 16 Girls » Townsville
- 18 Girls » South Queensland
- 20 Men » South Queensland
- Open Men » South Queensland
- Open Women » North Queensland

Players were then selected to represent Queensland Country at a range of events.

## City v Country

- 13 Boys » Game 1 - Country 17 def City 15  
» Game 2 - City 22 def Country 13
- 14 Boys » Game 1 - City 17 def Country 13  
» Game 2 - Country 20 def City 15
- 14 Girls » Game 1 - Country 29 def City 17  
» Game 2 - Country 39 def City 17

The Under 14 and 16 QCRU boy's teams also competed in the Emerging Reds Cup.

The Under 16 QCRU boys and girls and the Under 18 QCRU girls completed in the National Scholls and Junior Championships held in the Sunshine Coast.

The QCRU Heelers and Orchids competed in the Australian Rugby Shield held in Newcastle. The Heelers were successful in winning the ARS, defending their title from 2024, while the Orchids achieved an historic milestone by winning the President's Trophy for the first time.

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## INDIGENOUS PROGRAM

Naomi Buchanan and Lakciarna Fisher together designed the 2-25 Queensland Reds Indigenous jersey. Naomi is a proud Wadja Wadja and Butchulla woman and Lakciarna is a proud Wakka Wakka woman, both girls attended The Glennie School in Toowoomba.

### State Teams

- 24 First Nation players attending Queensland state champs in November.
- 24 new players who are not registration players in club Rugby
- Under 15's QRU Indigenous Program Team finished 3rd place
- Under 17's QRU Indigenous Program Team Finished 3rd Place
- 15 girls talent identified by Qld Reds 7s trials for Queensland Reds 7s program (10 trailed)
- 6 players picked for Qld in battle of boarder (Under 16's – 3 / Under 18's – 3)
- Lowitja Institute Sponsorship both First Nation Team to attend Queensland State Champs Rugby 7s

### National Team

- Queensland had 18 young girls competing at National Schoolgirl 7s Championship
- Under 16's had 9 girls pick for to "Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team for national
- Under 18's had 9 girls pick for to "Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team for national
- We had 2 girls Queensland Girls picked for Aus Merit Team (Aamire Renouf, Taliah Anderson)
- We had 1 girl from Queensland picked for Aus Merit Team (Aaliyah Frescon-Sheppard)
- We had 1 girl from Queensland girl picked for Aussi Schoolgirl Camp (Jaeda Morato)
- We had 2 girl in Parko Aus youth squad (Reese Orcher, Rhani Hagan)

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## REDS GENERATION NEXT PROGRAM

The Reds Generation Next Program continues to operate for First Nations students in years 11 & 12 by providing ongoing support throughout the final years of schooling. This year saw 14 additional students join the Reds Generation Next program following their respective graduations from the Future Indigenous Leaders Program.

The program continues into 'year 13' which continues to support students following their graduation and aids in the transition into the workforce and/or tertiary education. In 2023, the program ran across 14 schools.

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## QUEENSLAND ACADEMY OF SPORT 7S

2024 was another successful year for the Queensland Academy of Sports 7s program, which included several players being provided opportunities to play in national pathway teams and national teams.

The QAS squad consisted of 25 players, including several talent transfer athletes from the U432 Program run by the QAS, which saw players join from sports such as touch, netball, and football.

Kahli Henwood gained Olympic selection directly from the program which was a highlight. Kahli and Amahli Hala were rewarded with National Full Time Contracts for their performance in the program.

Players within the squad represented Australia A in tournaments in France, Japan, Samoa, and Dubai as well as the pre-Olympic tournament at Ballymore. In total 10 players represented Australia.

Players within the squad represented Australian U18 at the Global Youth 7s Tournament. Rhani Hagan captained this team alongside 5 other QAS athletes.



Sunshine Coast Rugby Union were among the winners at the 2025 State 7s Championships



# QUEENSLAND PREMIER RUGBY

Bond University won its first StoreLocal Hospital Cup in 2025, defeating Brothers in a tight Grand Final



# QUEENSLAND PREMIER RUGBY

## MEN'S 2025 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

### Some last-gasp magic by replacement Dion Samuela delivered a dream first premiership to Bond University in a classic StoreLocal Hospital Cup grand final.

The Bull Sharks snatched a 27-25 win that left Brothers with the numb feeling that a hat-trick of premierships had been missed by a whisker.

“Unreal. I’ve been at the club for six seasons without even making the grand final. Now this,” enthused Bond University captain Tyler Campbell, the Tony Shaw medallist as the best on field.

Another of the heroes of this pulsating, eight-try grand final was replacement back Samuela when Bond were down to 14 men for the final 10 minutes at Ballymore.

Samuela found himself at halfback, spotted a gap from the ruckbase and took off. When cornered, he dinked a kick to the right touchline.

Speedster Hamish Roberts swooped to rope in the ball without breaking stride and dived into history with his five-pointer.

Incredibly, Bond defied the disadvantage of three yellow cards to dig as deep as any club could. It was the first premiership by a Gold Coast-based club since the Gold Coast Breakers’ success in 2004.

Bond’s Queensland Reds lock Josh Canham was immense. He set up the opening try and dominated the lineouts with his catch for the George Blake rolling maul try.

Brothers had heroes themselves. Livewire winger Will Cartwright scored three tries with his pace, footwork and skill in the air.

Bond University stunned minor premiers Wests (34-0) in the minor semi-final and beat Easts (47-14) in the preliminary final to advance to grand final day.

Easts halfback Eli Pilz (21 points) was a clearcut winner of the Alec Evans Medal as Player of the Year ahead of Brothers forward Brad Hemopo (13) and Campbell (12).

StoreLocal, an Australian-owned and operated storage company, were an active naming rights partner of the Hospital Cup.



Easts won the 2025 Caslick Cup



Players pose ahead of the 2025 Queensland Premier Rugby season

## TROPHIES

### TOP POINT SCORER

Eli Pilz, Easts (153 points)

### TOP TRY SCORER

Quentin Raravula, GPS (18 tries)

### ALEC EVANS MEDAL (HOSPITAL CUP BEST AND FAIREST)

Eli Pilz, Easts

### TONY SHAW MEDAL (GRAND FINAL PLAYER OF THE MATCH)

Tyler Campbell, Bond University

### TRY OF THE YEAR

Bas Hanna, Brothers

### THOMAS WELSBY MEMORIAL CUP (CHAMPION CLUB OF FIRST ROUND OF HOME AND AWAY)

Brothers

### KEITH HORSLEY MEMORIAL TROPHY (MINOR PREMIERSHIP)

Brothers

### DOUGHTY SHIELD (CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP)

Wests

### GEOFF "BUNTER" SHAW CHALLENGE CUP (BUNTER BOWL)

Wests

### UNDER-20S PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Xavier Rubens, Souths

### ANDREW COLE MEDAL (REFEREES)

James Palmer

## FINALS RESULTS

### STORELOCAL HOSPITAL CUP

MAJOR SEMI-FINAL | 17/08/2025 | SUNNYBANK RUGBY CLUB

Brothers 38 d Easts 28

MINOR SEMI-FINAL | 17/08/2025 | SUNNYBANK RUGBY CLUB

Bond University 34 d Wests 0

PRELIMINARY FINAL | 24/08/2025 | EASTS RUGBY CLUB

Bond University 47 d Easts 14

GRAND FINAL | 31/08/2025 | BALLYMORE STADIUM

Bond University 27 (Dylan Loader, Tyler Campbell, George Blake, Hamish Roberts tries; Cons: Luke Depiazzi 2. Pen: Luke Depiazzi) def Brothers 25 (Will Cartwright 3, Dre Pakeho; Con: Will Cartwright. Pen: Will Cartwright)

### SECOND GRADE

MAJOR SEMI-FINAL | 16/08/2025 | GPS RUGBY CLUB

Brothers 39 d GPS 22

MINOR SEMI-FINAL | 16/08/2025 | GPS RUGBY CLUB

Bond University 26 d Easts 24

PRELIMINARY FINAL | 24/08/2025 | EASTS RUGBY CLUB

Bond University 21 d GPS 12

GRAND FINAL | 31/08/2025 | BALLYMORE STADIUM

Brothers 41 d Bond University 17

# QUEENSLAND PREMIER RUGBY

## THIRD GRADE

MAJOR SEMI-FINAL | 16/08/2025 | GPS RUGBY CLUB

Brothers 33 d Wests 24

MINOR SEMI-FINAL | 17/08/2025 | SUNNYBANK RUGBY CLUB

GPS 35 d Easts 29

PRELIMINARY FINAL | 23/08/2025 | NORTHS RUGBY CLUB

Wests 34 d GPS 33

GRAND FINAL | 30/08/2025 | BALLYMORE STADIUM

Wests 33 drew with Brothers 33 (Wests Win as Minor Premiers)

## FOURTH GRADE

MAJOR SEMI-FINAL | 16/08/2025 | GPS RUGBY CLUB

Sunnybank 33 d Brothers 31

MINOR SEMI-FINAL | 17/08/2025 | SUNNYBANK RUGBY CLUB

Wests 20 d GPS 18

PRELIMINARY FINAL | 23/08/2025 | NORTHS RUGBY CLUB

Brothers 64 d Wests 22

GRAND FINAL | 30/08/2025 | BALLYMORE STADIUM

Brothers 29 d Sunnybank 26

## FIFTH GRADE

MAJOR SEMI-FINAL | 16/08/2025 | GPS RUGBY CLUB

Sunnybank 29 d Brothers 10

MINOR SEMI-FINAL | 17/08/2025 | SUNNYBANK RUGBY CLUB

Wests 63 d University of Queensland 15

PRELIMINARY FINAL | 23/08/2025 | NORTHS RUGBY CLUB

Brothers 29 d Wests 24

GRAND FINAL | 30/08/2025 | BALLYMORE STADIUM

Sunnybank 14 d Brothers 12

## SIXTH GRADE

GRAND FINAL | 30/08/2025 | BALLYMORE STADIUM

Wests 10 d Brothers 7

## COLTS 1

MAJOR SEMI-FINAL | 16/08/2025 | GPS RUGBY CLUB

Easts 39 d Bond University 35

MINOR SEMI-FINAL | 16/08/2025 | GPS RUGBY CLUB

Wests 47 d University of Queensland 7

PRELIMINARY FINAL | 24/08/2025 | EASTS RUGBY CLUB

Wests 36 d Bond University 21

GRAND FINAL | 31/08/2025 | BALLYMORE STADIUM

Wests 31 d Easts 22

## COLTS 2

MAJOR SEMI-FINAL | 17/08/2025 | SUNNYBANK RUGBY CLUB

Brothers 53 d Wests 19

MINOR SEMI-FINAL | 16/08/2025 | GPS RUGBY CLUB

Easts 41 d Souths 19

PRELIMINARY FINAL | 23/08/2025 | NORTHS RUGBY CLUB

Easts 31 d Wests 17

GRAND FINAL | 30/08/2025 | BALLYMORE STADIUM

Brothers 19 d Easts 17

## COLTS 3

MAJOR SEMI-FINAL | 16/08/2025 | GPS RUGBY CLUB

Brothers 22 d Wests 12

MINOR SEMI-FINAL | 17/08/2025 | SUNNYBANK RUGBY CLUB

GPS 23 d Easts 21

PRELIMINARY FINAL | 23/08/2025 | NORTHS RUGBY CLUB

GPS 30 d Wests 24

GRAND FINAL | 30/08/2025 | BALLYMORE STADIUM

Brothers 24 d GPS 8

# QUEENSLAND PREMIER RUGBY

## WOMEN'S 2025 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

**Bond University held off a gallant Easts 32-29 to celebrate a fourth successive premiership by winning the newly-named StoreLocal Founders Cup.**

Replacement flyhalf Zara Colless took home the Cheyenne Campbell Medal as Player of the Grand Final after scoring a try and nailing two conversions and a penalty goal.

She helped turn the momentum after Easts had led 19-5 at half-time, dotting down under the posts untouched just three minutes into the second half with another from flyer Dianne Waight quickly following.

Colless and forwards Lucy Thorpe, Elisha Godsiff and Jemma Bemrose were amongst Bond's best while experienced backs Renae Nona and Piper Flynn were standouts for Easts.

West's centre Briana Dascombe won the Selena Worsley Medal as women's Player of the Year.

The original women's premiership trophy became the Founders Cup to honour the pioneering women responsible for the first women's competition in 1994. The Fortune Shield, for the Minor Premiership, was introduced and named in honour of former Reds and Wallaroos player Mieke Fortune.

Dascombe's impressive season for minor premiers Wests was a tonic after a crushed bone in her hand from a training collision had wiped out her Super Rugby Women's season for the Queensland Reds.

"I literally found my love for the game again with Wests this season. It was so much fun playing with the girls," Dascombe said.

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### TROPHIES

#### TOP POINT SCORER

Abbi Spooner, Easts (64)

#### TOP TRY SCORER

Dianne Waight, Bond University (8)

#### FORTUNE SHIELD

Minor Premiership, Wests

#### SELENA WORSLEY MEDAL

Briana Dascombe, Wests

#### CHEYENNE CAMPBELL MEDAL

Zara Colless, Bond University

### FINALS RESULTS

#### MINOR SEMI-FINAL | 17/08/2025 | SUNNYBANK RUGBY CLUB

Easts 46 d Sunnybank 29

#### MAJOR SEMI-FINAL | 17/08/2025 | SUNNYBANK RUGBY CLUB

Bond University 22 d Wests 12

#### PRELIMINARY FINAL | 23/08/2025 | NORTH'S RUGBY CLUB

Easts 24 d Wests 10

#### GRAND FINAL | 30/08/2025 | BALLYMORE STADIUM

Bond University 32 (Tries: Jemma Bemrose, Zara Colless, Dianne Waight, TJ Murray, Lucy Thorpe; Conversions: Zara Colless 2, Penalty Goal: Zara Colless)

def Easts 29 (Tries: Renae Nona, April Ngatupuna, Leilani Hills, Silila, Dreu, Conversions: Abbi Spooner 2)



Bond University's Grace Baker celebrates the club's fourth straight Premiership in the StoreLocal Founders Cup



# REDS INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM



Reds trio Harry Wilson, Fraser McReight and Liam Wright pose in London during the 2025 preseason tour of the United Kingdom

# REDS INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

## TOUR TO BRISTOL AND BELFAST

### REDS TOUR TO BRISTOL AND BELFAST

The Reds opened 2025 by embarking on the first full-cap tour to Europe by a Queensland team since 1990.

The ground-breaking tour by 34 players positioned matches against Bristol in Bristol (January 31) and Ulster in Belfast (February 7) as the key preparation for the Super Rugby Pacific season. The Reds took away a strong squad with 17 Wallabies in their ranks.

#### REDS 82 D BRISTOL 21 ASHTON GATE, BRISTOL

Six tries in each half propelled the Reds to an 82-21 victory over English Premiership side Bristol Bears at Ashton Gate in fresh seven degree conditions.

Jock Campbell scored a second half hat-trick and Filippo Daugunu scored a double in his first game for Queensland in eighteen months.

Flanker Fraser McReight also scored a double while replacement halfback Kalani Thomas scored with his first touch in his 50th game for Queensland.

Flyhalf Tom Lynagh kicked superbly out of hand and from the tee, nailing seven from seven with the majority from out wide.

"It was good fun out there, a great first hitout for the year. It's beautiful playing in these conditions and this stadium is arguably one of the best I have ever played in. It was great to hear our travelling supporters when we scored," fullback Jock Campbell said.

#### QUEENSLAND REDS 82

Try: Asiata (7), McReight (12, 28), Daugunu (16, 46), McDermott (25), Flook (40), Thomas (43), Campbell (58, 65, 77), Murray (67). Con: Lynagh 7/7, Thomas 0/1, McLaughlin-Phillips 4/4

Def

BRISTOL BEARS 21



Tate McDermott in action during Queensland's 38-31 win over Ulster at the Kingspan Stadium in Belfast

#### REDS 38 D ULSTER 31 RAVENHILL STADIUM, BELFAST

A quickfire try double from winger Tim Ryan around the hour mark swung a high-quality, physical contest in Belfast against Irish province Ulster. The Reds claimed a 38-31 victory after repelling a final Ulster assault on the tryline.

The brass band at Ravenhill kept the masses entertained in four-degree conditions whenever there was a stoppage. They even added Waltzing Matilda to their repertoire as Ulster celebrated 100 years of rugby at Ravenhill Stadium.

"It's very cool to wear the Queensland jersey on the world stage and it's not something many teams get to do. All of the Wallabies boys who returned to pre-season were just so excited to get back in the Queensland group and rip in, and touring this time of the year has been awesome for our connection," Reds No.8 Harry Wilson said.

Reds captain and halfback Tate McDermott scored under the posts to finish the first half at 19-14 on the 3G (artificial) turf. Ulster rallied to lead 24-19 at the 50-minute mark. The Reds rose under pressure.

#### QUEENSLAND REDS 38

Tries: Faessler (8), Wilson (24), McDermott (36), Ryan (59, 61), Murray (68) Cons: McLaughlin-Phillips 2/3, Lynagh 2/3

Def

ULSTER 31

# REDS INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

## BRITISH & IRISH LIONS

**The biggest crowd (46,435) at a Queensland Reds game since 2013 packed Suncorp Stadium when the British & Irish Lions visited on July 2. The match was the highlight of an upbeat series of matches against international opponents in 2025 to fast-track experience and team-building.**

The tour to Tonga which followed was part of the ongoing support by the Australian Government, Rugby Australia and the Reds through the PacificAus Sports-funded Australia-Pacific Rugby Union Partnership (APRUP).

The QRU hosted Japan's Saitama Panasonic Wild Knights for a two-game tour to continue their successful partnership. The first match was a successful staging in Toowoomba. A thank you is also extended to Quest Kelvin Grove for their support as presenting partner of the tour.



## BRITISH & IRISH LIONS

### SUNCORP STADIUM

**The Queenslanders were overpowered 52-12 after showing what they were made of in the opening 25 minutes with a 12-7 lead.**

Prop Jeffery Toomaga-Allen speared over from close range off a Kalani Thomas pass. To follow up, centre Josh Flook ran a superbly timed line to score from a smart grubber kick ahead from Thomas.

Flook had a strong game before being replaced with an ankle injury. Likewise, Paisami stood tall with his runs into the defence. Backrower Brial continued his fine season.

Replacement locks Angus Blyth and Ryan Smith both played more than 20 minutes off the bench in their final appearances for the club.

### BRITISH AND IRISH LIONS 52

Def

### QUEENSLAND REDS 12

Tries: Jeffery Toomaga-Allen, Josh Flook  
Conversion: Harry McLaughlin-Phillips



# REDS INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

## TONGA



Trevor King scored his first Queensland try against Tonga

### TONGA

#### TEUFAIVA SPORT STADIUM

**The Reds were beaten by a Tongan national side bristling with Test stars recently returned from Europe, Japan and New Zealand.**

Standout halfback Kalani Thomas kept his team in the contest but the Reds found themselves down 31-14 before Josh Canham scored the try of the match after an 80m raid started by a James Martens' quick tap.

Reds Head Coach Les Kiss ran on eight players for their Queensland debuts and was rewarded with some highly promising signs.

Starting flanker Tom Robinson put in a huge shift in defence to christen his Reds career with an error-free hour at just 19.

Making debuts off the bench were try-scoring prop Trevor King, hooker Theo Fourie, halfback Martens, centre Xavier Rubens, prop Ollie Harris, utility forward Charlie Brosnan and fullback Will McCulloch.

### TONGA 38

Defeated

### QUEENSLAND REDS 19

Tries: Trevor King, Josh Canham, penalty try  
Conversion: Harry McLaughlin-Phillips



Hooker Theor Fourie in action against Tonga in Nuku'alofa



Queensland retained the Saitama-Queensland Shield for the fourth straight time, winning 36-26 at Ballymore

# REDS INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

## SAITAMA PANASONIC WILD KNIGHTS

### SAITAMA PANASONIC WILD KNIGHTS BALLYMORE STADIUM

**The Reds won a 36-26 decision over their Japanese rivals in a free-flowing spectacle.**

The scores were locked at 19-all early in the second half before 18-year-old schoolboy Treyvon Pritchard scored the tie-breaking try on his Reds debut.

The nine-try afternoon brought cheers from the crowd of more than 2000 as the Reds held onto the Saitama Queensland Shield for a fourth straight year.

The match was the high point of a day that included Japanese food and craft stalls and drum-beating cultural performances.

Vaiuta Latu produced a try on his Reds debut when a big scrum drove to the tryline and he grounded it from No.8.

Off the bench, lock Jack Brady, flanker-hooker Zac Hough, halfback Graham Urquhart, prop Harrison Usher and flyhalf Finn Mackay also made Reds debuts in the second half after Latu and Pritchard had done so as starters.

The match followed an uncapped match between the same sides a week earlier in Toowoomba when the Reds won 59-19. Mackay threw the final pass for three tries and pinpoint kicks produced another two that day.

#### QUEENSLAND REDS 36

Tries: Dre Pakeho, Lachie Anderson, Vaiuta Latu, Treyvon Pritchard, James Martens

Conversions: Harry McLaughlin-Phillips 4

Penalty Goal: Finn Mackay

**Def**

**SAITAMA PANASONIC WILD KNIGHTS 26**



Nick Bloomfield in action steams away against the Saitama Panasonic Wild Knights



Reds halfback James Martens made his first start for Queensland against the Saitama Panasonic Wild Knights in October

# MEN'S STATISTICS

OPPOSITION	BRITISH & IRISH LIONS	TONGA	WILD KNIGHTS (UNCAPPED)	SAITAMA QLD SHIELD
DATE	15/32/7/2025	15/8/2025	18/10/2026	25/10/2025
CITY	Brisbane	Nuku'alofa	Toowoomba	Hamilton
VENUE	SUNCORP	TEUFAIVA	CLIVE BERGHOFER	BALLYMORE
FULL TIME SCORE	52-12 Lions	38-19 Tonga	59-19 Reds	36-26 Reds
Lachie Anderson	14	14		14
George Blake	17	2	1	1
Angus Blyth	20			
Joe Brial	8	8		
John Bryant	7			
Jock Campbell	15	15		
Josh Canham	4	5		
Max Craig				16
Sef Fa'agase	18	1		
Matt Faessler	2			
Josh Flook	13			
Isaac Henry	23	13	13	13
Trevor King		18		
Will McCulloch		23		
Harry McLaughlin-Phillips	10	10		10
Heremaia Murray			14	23
Josh Nasser	16			
Hunter Paisami	12			
Dre Pakeho		12	12	12
Tim Ryan	11	11		
Lukhan Salakaia-Loto	5			
Ryan Smith	19			
Kalani Thomas	9	9		
Jeffery Toomaga-Allen	3		18	18
Seru Uru	6	6		6
Connor Vest	21	4		
Louis Werchon	22			
Hamish Muller		20	20	5
Theo Fourie		16	2	2
Ollie Harris		17	24	
Nick Bloomfield		3	3	3
Aidan Ross	1			
Tom Robinson		7	6	
Charlie Brosnan		19	4	4
James Martens		21	9	9
Xavier Rubens		22	11	11
Vaiuta Latu			8	8
Zac Hough			16	20
Kohan Herbert			7	7
Jack Brady			5	19
Graham Urquhart			21	21
Finn MacKay			10	22
Treyvon Pritchard			15	15
Harrison Usher			17	17
Tom Howard			22	
Josh Takai			23	
Angus Kelly			26	
		<b>CAPTAIN</b>	<b>DEBUT</b>	<b>INJURED</b>

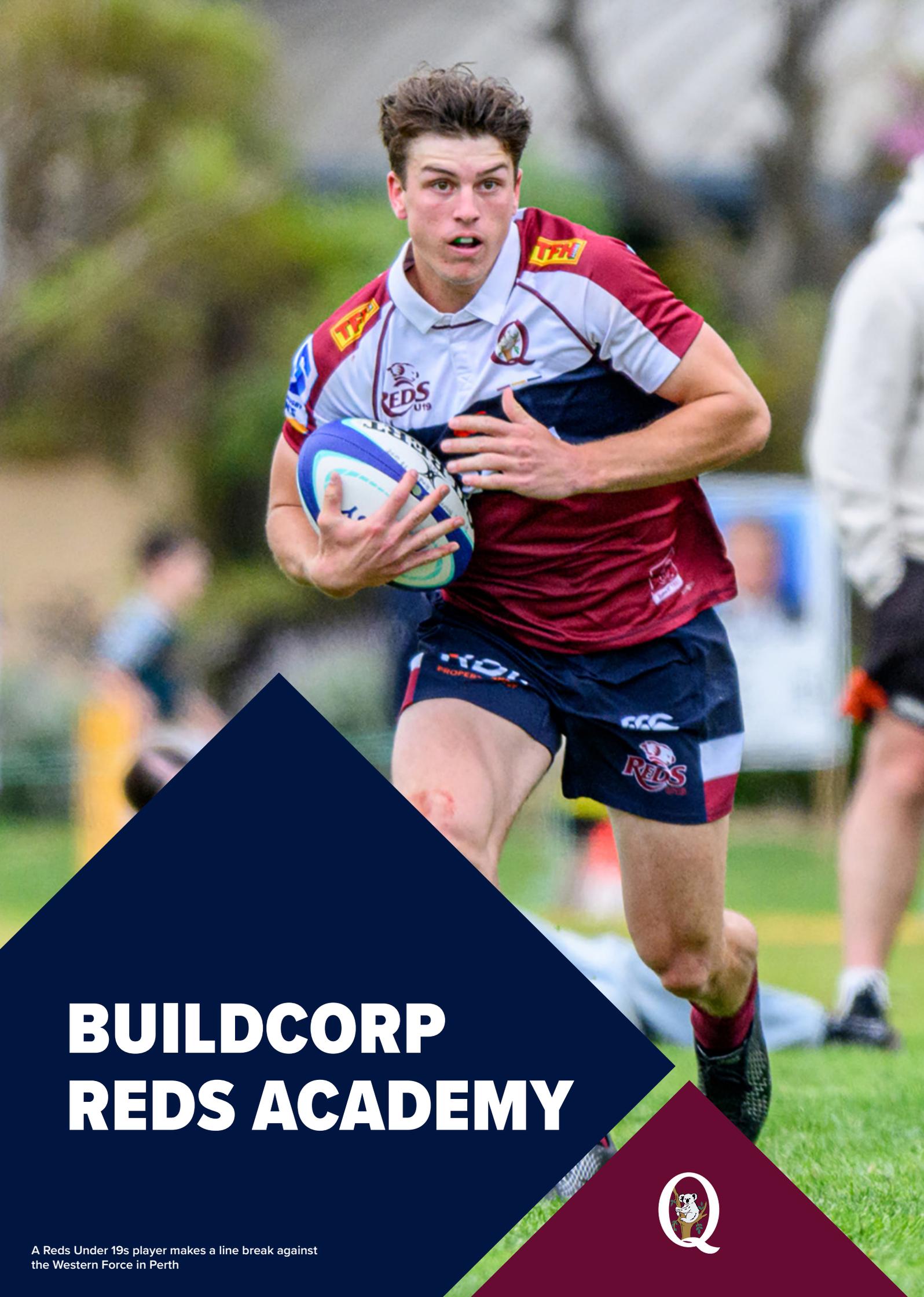
OPPOSITION	BRISTOL BEARS	ULSTER
DATE	31/1/2025	7/2/2025
CITY	Bristol	Belfast
VENUE	ASHTON GATE	RAVENHILL
FULL TIME SCORE	82-21 Reds	38-31 Reds
Lachie Anderson	14	
Richie Asiata	2	
George Blake		17
Angus Blyth		5
Joe Brial	20	
John Bryant		20
Jock Campbell	15	15
Josh Canham	4	
Filipo Daugunu	11	13
Massimo De Lutiis	18	3
Sef Fa'agase	17	1
Matt Faessler	16	2
Josh Flook	13	
Mason Gordon		23
Alex Hodgman	1	
Tom Lynagh	10	22
Tate McDermott	9	9
Harry McLaughlin-Phillips	22	10
Fraser McReight	7	7
Heremaia Murray	23	11
Josh Nasser		16
Zane Nonggorr	3	18
Hunter Paisami	12	12
Tim Ryan		14
Lukhan Salakaia-Loto	5	19
Ryan Smith	19	4
Kalani Thomas	21	
Seru Uru	6	
Connor Vest		6
Louis Werchon		21
Harry Wilson	8	8



Kalani Thomas in action for the First Nations & Pasifika XV team which faced the British & Irish Lions in Melbourne



Lukhan Salakaia-Loto (left) Co-Captained the AUNZ Invitational XV against the British & Irish Lions in Adelaide



# BUILD CORP REDS ACADEMY

A Reds Under 19s player makes a line break against the Western Force in Perth



# BUILDCORP REDS ACADEMY & PATHWAYS PROGRAMS

## **The Buildcorp Reds Academy guided the development of 18 of the state's best young talents in the Tier One program in 2025.**

The 2025 program prepared prop Nick Bloomfield for a Super Rugby Pacific debut against the Hurricanes. Tom Robinson, Charlie Brosnan, Xavier Rubens, James Martens, Vaiuta Latu, Finn Mackay and Treyvon Pritchard took the step up to full Queensland Reds debuts in the international matches against Tonga and Japan's Saitama Panasonic Wild Knights.

The Academy players were involved in opposed training sessions with the full Reds squad during the season.

Buildcorp Reds Academy Head Coach Dale Robeson stepped up as Australia U18s coach to guide a two-game whitewash of NZ Secondary Schools in Canberra in September-October.

Alfie Bowman, Archie Mesritz, Levi Slater, Taione Taka, Nicholas Conway, Finn Mackay, Treyvon Pritchard, Will Ross and Kingsley Uys were Tier One Academy players selected in the Australia U18s match-day 23 for those landmark victories.

Slater, Taka, Conway, Mackay, Pritchard, Ross and Uys had been signed on multi-year deals to continue their development at the Queensland Reds in the months before the U18s campaign as a sharp tick for talent ID. Lock Bennett Armistead was signed as well but injury prevented any Australia U18s involvement.

"There is real enjoyment in seeing the progress of young guys like this," Roberson said.

"I get great satisfaction in seeing that next step from the Reds Academy to the Reds squad.

"Consistently, the Academy is doing its job of delivering players to the top squad. Guys like Tim Ryan, John Bryant, Dre Pakeho and Harry McLaughlin-Phillips have taken that step. In 2025, the likes of Tom Robinson, Vaiuta Latu, Xavier Rubens, James Martens, Charlie Brosnan and Treyvon Pritchard did so in starting roles against Tonga and the Wild Knights. It's helping to 'Close The Gap' as (Reds head coach) Les Kiss refers to bringing the levels closer together.

"Finn Mackay is a player who has benefitted in the pathways from Australia U16s to now. He's progressed to play Premier Grade with Souths as a teen this year. You could see the benefits of his kicking training through the Academy to continue his improvements as a young 10."

The Tier One group trained together over the course of the year with recognition in the Australia Under-20s coming for Brosnan, Martens, Robinson, Rubens, Conway, King and Jonah Rangiwai.

Will Cartwright was a member of the 2025 Academy group when selected for his Australian Sevens debut and being named in the full-time squad.

A Tier Two group, made up of the state's best players under the age of 18, came together before the start of the school and club seasons. Tier Three assembled the best U16 talent for a training block.

A Queensland Development XV assembled in the early part of the season which also provided playing opportunities for Academy players mixed with Reds squad members.

Pathways staff also ran the highly-successful KDL Property Group Emerging Reds Cup for more than 200 of the state's best U14s and U16s at Ballymore over three days in September.

Running of the state teams at U15, U16, U18, U19 and U20 level is also co-ordinated through the Academy and Pathways team.

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## **STAFF**

Head Coach - Dale Roberson

Head of Talent Management – Paul Carozza

Pathways Co-ordinator – Callum Robertson

Athletic Performance Coach – Will Brown

Physiotherapist – Ashleigh Graves

Doctor – Neil Stevenson

Analyst – Steve Chapman

# BUILDCORP REDS ACADEMY & PATHWAYS PROGRAMS

## REDS UNDER 15'S

Billy Gough - Anglican Church Grammar School  
C'ezar-mayn Leota - St Joseph's Nudgee College  
Connor Glen - Ipswich Grammar School  
Daniel De Swardt - Ipswich Grammar School  
Digby Ioane - Brisbane State High School  
Elijah Nosa - Anglican Church Grammar School  
Hugh Stanbury - St Joseph's College  
Hugo Vukovich - St Joseph's Nudgee College  
Jerome Whippy - Brisbane State High School  
Joseph Keke - St Joseph's Nudgee College  
Joshua Andrews - St Joseph's Nudgee College  
Kaiya Tafea - The Southport School  
Kane Kinnaird - Anglican Church Grammar School  
Kolby Walters - Anglican Church Grammar School  
Lachlan Webster - Marist College Ashgrove  
Levi Afu - Keebra Park State High School  
Marcus Grehan - St Joseph's Nudgee College

Nelsoni Takai - Brisbane State High School  
Oliver Potts - St Patrick's College  
Oliver Smith - St Joseph's Nudgee College  
Ormond Cowman - St Mary's College Toowoomba  
Poasa Kingston Logova - St Joseph's Nudgee College  
Sam Samson - Marsden State High School  
Siosifa Helu - Brisbane State High School  
Stanley Grellman - Marist College Ashgrove  
Tavai Siaunuua - Anglican Church Grammar School  
Thomas Gibb - St Joseph's Nudgee College  
Thomas Nasser - St Joseph's College  
Thor Welfare - St Joseph's Nudgee College  
Toby Bretherton - Ipswich Grammar School  
William Jessiman - The Southport School  
Zac Zeremes - St John's College



The Reds U15 in action against the NSW Waratahs at Ballymore Stadium in October



The Reds finished second in Super Rugby U16s in 2025

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## REDS UNDER 16'S

Charlie Grieves - Nudgee College

Charlie Meredith - Sunshine Coast Grammar

Chilli Tonelli-Smith - Nudgee College

Darcy Kerr - Villanova College

Denver Bradford - Nudgee College

Dylan Goodwin - Nudgee College

Fraser Boakes - BSHS

Harry Dowling - The Southport School

Harry O'Hare - Nudgee College

Henry Willis - BSHS

Iverson Anitema - BSHS

Jack Phinney - BSHS

James Smith - The Southport School

James Tulikaki - Toowoomba

Jeremiah Kite - BBC

Karter Iva - BSHS

Kyron Arthy - Redcliffe State High

Lucas Humphrys - Padua College

Matti Gill - BSHS

Mitch Wallis - St Patricks' Shorncliffe

Mitchell Durrheim - BSHS

Moses Faleafa - BBC

Nate Kerin-Bird - Sunshine Coast Grammar

Nate Te Whitu - Toowoomba Grammar

Nathan Van Huyssteen - BBC

Noah Gaffney - Brisbane Grammar

Ralph Labor - Brisbane Grammar School

Ryker Smith - Noosa Dolphins

Sangwani Chinula - Brisbane Grammar

Seth Chapman - Toowoomba Grammar

Tom Tugai - Kirwin State High

Viliani Tuli - Ipswich Grammar

Will Robinson - TSS

Xander Chisholm - Gregory Terrace

Xavier Hill - Nudgee College

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## AUSTRALIAN UNDER 16'S

Denver Bradford - Nudgee College

Henry Willis - Brisbane State High

James Smith - The Southport School

Jeremiah Kite - Brisbane Boys College

Moses Faleafa - Brisbane Boys College

Noah Gaffney - Brisbane Grammar School

# BUILDCORP REDS ACADEMY & PATHWAYS PROGRAMS

## REDS UNDER 18'S

Adam Latham - Wests  
Alfred (Alfie) Bowman - ACGS  
Andres Ayache - BBC  
Angus Tagicakibau - BSHS  
Bennett Armistead - Nudgee College  
Brock Coombes - IGS  
Charles (Charlie) Hollyman - GT  
Clay Hindmarsh - Bond  
Cyrus Suniula - BSHS  
Damon Humphrys - Padua  
Ezalle Matautia - Wests  
Finn Mackay - Souths  
Gray O'Neill - BBC  
Harper Enasio - BGS  
Harrison Asi - BBC  
Hayden Keldie-Genner - Bond  
Hemi Rakuita - IGS  
Isaac Kefu - BBC  
Isaac Rauluni - Nudgee  
Jack Calleja - IGS  
Jack Randall - BBC  
Jake Leck - Bond  
Jonah Rangiwai - Bond  
Junior Latu - BSHS  
Kingbenjamin Swerling-Fina'ipepe - UQ  
Kingsley Uys - TSS  
Koby Kelland - Siena  
Levi Slater - Nudgee  
Luka Smith - SLC  
Luke Thornton - BSHS  
Myles Rosemond - TGS  
Nicholas (Nick) Conway - Wests

Oliver (Ollie) Nasser - GT  
Oscar Donovan - BBC  
Pierre Poluleuligaga - Nudgee  
Sam Elms - TGS  
Taione (Tai) Taka - BBC  
Tavita Loughland - BBC  
Teauariki (Riki) Siaoloa - AB Patterson  
Teina Graham - Nudgee  
Trent Picot - BSHS  
Treyvon-Kwaku Pritchard - ACGS  
William Ross - Padua



Reds back Tom Howard in action

# BUILDCORP REDS ACADEMY & PATHWAYS PROGRAMS

## AUSTRALIAN UNDER 18'S

Finn Mackay - Souths Rugby Club  
 Nicholas Conway - Wests Rugby Club  
 Kingsley Uys - The Southport School  
 Isaac Rauluni - Nudgee College  
 Levi Slater - Nudgee College  
 Taione Taka - Brisbane Boys' College  
 Tito Hamala - Nudgee College  
 Jonah Rangiwai - Bond University  
 Treyvon Pritchard - Anglican Church Grammar School  
 Will Ross - Padua College



Reds wingers Nicholas Conway in action for the Australia U18 v Australian Schools Rugby Union in Canberra

## REDS UNDER 19'S

Angus Kelly - UQ	Keanu Rasch - Bond	Oliver Aleman - Norths	Trent Picot - Souths
Avery Thomson - GPS	Kiyan Gunerwedene - Sunnybank	Preston O'Brien - Souths	Viliame Lacudru - Souths
Ben Davis - Souths	Lucas Oxley - Souths	Reuben Downes - GPS	Will Pascoe - Wests
Blaze Moana - Bond	Mattias Agent - Sunnybank	Ryan Heaton - Norths	William Kartello - Easts
Charlie Bird - Wests	Mitchel Waldon - UQ	Salesi Kali - Wests	
David Colaivalu - Wests	Netani Lesimaikimatuku - Sunnybank	Stanley Keats - Wests	
Harry Solofa - Wests		Thomas Lambo - Easts	
Ilan Cloete - Easts		Tom Howard - UQ	
Jackson Hill - Brothers			
Jackson Jury - Bond			
Jacob Job - Wests			
Jake Leck - Bond			
James Prole - GPS			
Jayden Solien - Norths			
Joe Stoddart - Easts			
Josh Takai - Brothers			
Jude Knapp - GPS			
Kenneth Harris - Bond			



Reds back Tom Howard in action during the Super Rugby U19s



# BALLYMORE

Ballymore Stadium continued to host a myriad of events in 2025. Pictured here is the StoreLocal Hospital Cup Grand Final



# BALLYMORE

**The 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games provides an unprecedented opportunity to continue the transformation of Ballymore into a world-class high-performance and community precinct.**

The decision by the State Government to build the new Olympic Stadium at neighbouring Victoria Park means Ballymore will be near the heart of the new Games Precinct.

The Games Independent Infrastructure Coordination Authority (GIICA) has recommended Ballymore be considered as an option for use during the Games. While Ballymore was initially considered as a hockey venue, the QRU believes the venue – and rugby – will benefit more as a centre for training Olympians for Brisbane and beyond, rather than just as a venue with temporary infrastructure for the month of the Olympics.

The QRU has continued discussions with the State Government – supported by Rugby Australia – to replace the ageing Eastern Stand with a new high-performance centre housing RA's Olympic Sevens programs. The QRU has strongly advocated this is an appropriate legacy from rugby's Golden Decade, acknowledging the significant economic impact of the Lions tour, the 2027 and 2029 Rugby World Cups and the Olympics.

The proposed National Olympic Sevens Centre will complete Stage Two of the Ballymore redevelopment and provide a catalyst for Stage Three, the commercialisation of the precinct as an allied health and sport hub. This planned commercialisation is intended to underpin a sustainable financial footing for the QRU, well into the future, providing stable rental and commercial income. This will help to decouple the QRU's finances from the uncertainty of relying on year-to-year team performance.

The Ballymore commercialisation is already having a positive impact on finances, with rental income moving the precinct ever closer to break-even, down from a loss of almost \$1 million five years ago. This is a significant improvement in the QRU's financial position, which allows for a greater reinvestment into the game.



Reds winger Treyvon Pritchard dives for a ball in front of a packed Ballymore Stadium

# QUEENSLAND RUGBY FOUNDATION

**The QRU Foundation has now raised more than \$6 million of funds towards rugby in Queensland. Donor support has made a true difference to the QRU and we thank everyone for joining us on the journey to becoming the best Rugby province in the world.**

Since establishment in 2021, the QRU Foundation's areas of impact have included training equipment, high-performance coaching specialists, development officers, and womens rugby.

More recently, our philanthropic focus has shifted towards the Reds Academy which is critical to driving future success. Each year, Academy players are advanced into the senior teams, playing a key role in pre-season and of course on the field when their chance to debut arrives.

Securing players at Under-18s and Junior Wallabies level who have been identified and advanced in our pathways is a competitive environment, with many being constantly approached by other codes or nations. Increased funding must be maintained to secure the next generation of players, whilst simultaneously continuing to provide a high-quality development environment.

Thank you to all the generous donors who supported us in 2025.

Tax-deductible gifts can be made to the QRU Foundation via the ASF, all gifts regardless of size are welcomed and greatly appreciated.

If you would like to learn more about the QRU Foundation, please contact Ben Thurlow, Head of Foundation at [benjamin.thurlow@reds.rugby](mailto:benjamin.thurlow@reds.rugby)



The victorious Reds Super Rugby Next Gen Champions

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## BOND UNIVERSITY

### SEASON SUMMARY

BURC has enjoyed its most successful on field results in its short history with dual men's and women's First Grade Premierships.

BURC has maintained six teams, plus an Under 18 team in the Lightning Series.

The womens program, and the talent identified in womens rugby, continues to be the leading program within the club.

Colts and U18 numbers are very healthy with more Colts coming from TSS each year.

First and Second grade enjoyed immense success on the field, however Third grade was poorly attended.

### CLUB PERFORMANCE

Since the successful premierships in First Grade and Womens, three new sponsors have come on board.

Negaotiations are on going with a sponsor for a pathways program on the Gold Coast and Far North Coast.

BURC and GCDRU Cyclones maintain a strong connection through sponsorship and will continue to develop this partnership which should guarantee log term success for both.

### SEASON ACHIEVEMENTS

- First Grade Hospital Cup Premiers
- Womens Founders Cup Premiers
- Second Grade Runners Up
- Colts1 Minor Premiers

### INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

- Zane Ngongorr
- Aiden Ross
- Josh Canham

### STATE REPRESENTATIVES

- Harrison Usher
- Paris Mohr

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## BROTHERS

The 2025 season reaffirmed Brothers Rugby Club as a high-performing, culturally grounded organisation with strong pathways, community connection and competitive success across junior and senior programs.

On the field, the senior program delivered outstanding results: Second Grade and Fourth Grade claimed premierships, while Colts 2 and Colts 3 were crowned Premiers. Strong depth across the club saw First Grade, Third Grade, Fifth Grade and Sixth Grade all finish as runners up, reflecting consistent competitiveness from top to bottom.

The Women's Premier team secured the Aiken-Kairi Cup for the first time, and Rugby 7s performances improved across both programs. First Grade also retained an exceptional suite of challenge trophies, reinforcing pride in the Butcher Stripes. While the Doughty Shield narrowly eluded the club, it remains a clear strategic focus for 2026.

Pathways were strengthened through a more individualised elite development program, integration of Junior Colts into senior preseason, and multiple players progressing to Queensland Reds and Australian 7s contracts. The club's commitment to welfare continued, supporting overseas players with employment and accommodation.

Off the field, culture and connection remained central through mental health workshops, cultural events, community engagement initiatives and moments of unity following the passing of Leapuna Havili. The junior program grew to 52 teams, introduced the U6–U9 Metro Hub and Tri-Tag, achieved premiership success at U14 and Junior Colts levels, and hosted an international Japanese development camp.

Despite challenges with grading, field access and weather disruptions, proactive communication and strong partnerships ensured continuity. The season concluded with a clear leadership focus on strengthening pathways, refining recruitment, developing coaches and ensuring every member understands they are part of something bigger than rugby.

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## CLUB PERFORMANCE

A challenging year with a number of staff and role changes throughout 2025. Tino (JP) Poluleuligaga was appointed Head of Rugby in late 2024 and had a great first year in the role. Four full time staff resigned throughout 2025 with no replacements. A number of board changes also. Redevelopment process was slow. Late 2025 the club moved to a new project manager and things are now tracking well. Demolition and construction to commence August 2026. A strong year commercially thanks to our sponsors and a number of successful events such as Ladies Day, Test Match Lunch and Monty's Christmas Lunch.

## SEASON ACHIEVEMENTS

- 1st Grade – Runners Up
- 2nd Grade – Premiers
- 3rd Grade – Runners Up
- 4th Grade – Premiers
- 5th Grade – Runners Up
- 6th Grade – Runners Up
- Colts 2 – Premiers
- Colts 3 – Premiers

## INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Harry Wilson - Wallabies  
Fraser McReight - Wallabies  
Matt Faessler - Wallabies  
Josh Flook – Wallabies  
Tim Ryan – Aus A  
Matt Faessler – Aus A  
Bree-Anna Browne – Wallaroos RWC  
Bree-Anna Browne – Aus A  
Maria De Graf – Brazil Womens RWC  
Nat Jonck – Brazil Womens RWC  
Will Cartright – Aus 7s  
Charlie Brosnan – Aus U20s  
William Ross – Aus 18s  
Treyvon Pritchard – Aus 18s  
Angus Tagicakibau – Aus Schoolboys  
Denver Bradford – Aus 16s

## AUSTRALIAN SERVICES

Women:  
Faalalotonga Samaila  
Yolanda Forsyth  
Ella Hopper  
Deni Ross  
Sarah Riordan

## STATE REPRESENTATIVES

Harry Wilson – Captain  
Fraser McReight  
Matthew Faessler – 50th Queensland Cap  
Ryan Smith  
Joshua Flook  
Timothy Ryan  
Dre Pakeho  
William Cartright  
Hamish Muller  
Jude Gibbs (Cap No. 1409)  
Theo Fourie (Cap No. 1415)  
Charlie Brosnan (Cap No. 1416)  
Vaiuta Latu (Cap No. 1420)  
Treyvon Pritchard (Cap No. 1421)  
Graham Urquhart (Cap Np. 1426)  
Zane Hilton (Asst. Coach)

## QUEENSLAND XV (UNCAPPED):

William Ross

## QUEENSLAND REDS WOMEN:

Sarah Dougherty  
Cristo Taufua  
Deni Ross  
Vineta Teutau  
Tiarna Molloy  
Sarah Riordan – Captain  
Carys Dallinger  
Bree-Anna Browne

## QUEENSLAND XV WOMEN (UNCAPPED):

Ella Hopper

## ACT BRUMBIES WOMEN:

Ella Hopper

## QUEENSLAND 7'S WOMEN:

Carys Dallinger

## QUEENSLAND U19:

Joshua Takai Jackson Hill

## QUEENSLAND U18:

William Ross  
Harrison Asi  
Angus Tagicakibau

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Pierre Poluleuligaga (unavailable due to injury)

## **QUEENSLAND U16:**

Denver Bradford  
Noah Gaffney  
Kyron Arthy

## **QLD UNDER 15:**

Oliver Potts

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## **EASTS**

The 2025 season marked another step forward for the Easts Rugby Union senior rugby program, building on the progress made in the previous year and delivering improved overall results. While performance outcomes varied across grades, the majority of teams achieved better results than in 2024, reflecting steady development across the program.

A key highlight was the club's rise in the Doughty Shield standings, moving from 6th place in 2024 to 3rd in 2025. Strong performances were recorded by Premier Men's, Premier Women's, Colts 1 and Colts 2 teams, all of whom finished within the top three of their respective competitions.

Across the season, several players earned representative selection at State and National levels, reinforcing the strength of Easts' player development pathways. With 414 registered players in the 2025 season the numbers in participation remained strong and consistent with the previous year, demonstrating continued engagement and commitment from the playing group.

The club also expanded its relationships with higher-level rugby organisations, most notably through the formalisation of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Fijian Drua. Hosting Drua players during the season added significant value to the program and strengthened cross-club development opportunities. This partnership provides a strong platform for future pathways for both men's and women's senior players and will be further developed in 2026.

Senior Rugby's success would not be possible without the dedication of players, coaches, management, volunteers, and the ongoing support of sponsors. The club also acknowledges the QRU, fellow clubs, and all contributors who support the game.

Some of these recent successes can be attributed to the outgoing General Manager of Easts Rugby, Tony Macgahan, who instilled a more professional outlook within the club during his short tenure. With preseason planning and recruitment already underway, the program is well positioned for another successful year in 2026.

## **SEASON ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Hospital Cup Premier Grade – Semi Finalist  
3rd Place
- Women's Premier Grade – Runners Up
- Premier Colts – Runners Up
- 3rd Grade Semi Finalist
- 2nd Grade Semi Finalists
- Colts 2 – Runners Up
- Colts 3 Semi Finalists

## **INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES**

Piper Flynn - Australia A  
Carys Dalingler - Australia A  
April Ngatupuna - Cook Islands  
Noah Rauluni - U/20's Fiji  
PJ Sua - U/20's Samoa

## **STATE REPRESENTATIVES**

Piper Flynn  
Carys Dalingler – 7's, Reds Squad  
Renaë Nona  
April Ngatupuna  
Nick Bloomfield  
Max Craig  
Liam Wright  
Simon Craig (U/19's & Reds Women's Assistant Coach)

## **QLD U/19'S**

Craig Rowsel  
Joe Stoddart  
Ilan Cloete  
Tom Lambo  
Will Kartelo

## **REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES**

Raynor Guildford (QLD Police)  
Sam Kirk (QLD Police)  
Letticia Whalan (QLD Police)  
Jorja Smith (QLD Police)

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Lelani Hills (QLD Police)  
Alex Inwood (QLD Police)  
Maggie Glasscock (QLD Police)

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## GPS RUGBY CLUB

### SEASON SUMMARY

In the senior grades, GPS fielded 10 teams, and participated in five semi-finals, with our Colts 3 team losing the grandfinal. Our first grade team finished seventh. GPS qualified for semi-finals in 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 6th Grade, while Colts 3 reached the Grand Final. Reaching five semi-finals is a positive reflection of depth across the program. GPS did not have a Premier women's team this year and this will be rectified in 2026. Our juniors fielded 1125 players in 2024, up from 1026 in 2023. This includes 950 GPS Juniors, 120 Pony Club players, 25 All Abilities Apollos, 25 Junior Girls 7s, and 31 Junior Colts (U18s).

### CLUB PERFORMANCE

The club's principal partner in 2025 was Height4Hire along with major sponsors including Australian Early Learning Colleges, Karmo Car Plans, Meat At Billys, O'neills, Withces Falls Wine Makers and XXXX. The club held a few fundraising events during the year including the British and Irish Lions Corporate Lunch and Ladies Day. The club also received a Government grant to put towards items that could not be finished from the clubhouse redevelopment in 2023. These items included lockers for changerooms, poxy flooring in changerooms, updating the honour board and a new trophy cabinet.

### SEASON ACHIEVEMENTS

- Hospital Cup premier Grade – 7th position
- Women's Premier Grade - not applicable
- Second Grade – 2nd position
- Third Grade – 3rd position
- Fourth Grade – 3rd position
- Fifth Grade – 6th position
- Sixth Grade – First position
- Colts 1 – 7th position
- Colts 2 – 6th position
- Colts 3 – 3rd position
- Colts 4 – 5th position

## INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

James Martens (Australia U20)

## STATE REPRESENTATIVES

**QLD U19s** – James Prole, Avery Thomson, Jude Knapp, Riley Canavan.

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## NORTH BRISBANE RUGBY CLUB

2025 was another positive season for Norths and represented the first season as a merged club, with Norths Seniors and Juniors merging in late 2024.

The year started strongly with our Men's 7's team winning the State Championships at Ballymore in a tough grand final against Bond.

In the XV's season, our Premier Women's team took significant strides forward this year with four wins in the Challenge Cup and an improved Founders Cup performance.

Our Premier Mens team spent the first third of the season in the top four before injuries and representative commitments took their toll. Finishing with five wins (including over eventual Premiers Bond, and only two points outside of fifth place was an improved performance on 2024.

Our Second Grade men's team finished just outside the top four, going down by three points to Bond in the final game of the season, where a win would have secured a finals berth.

Our lower grades and most Colts teams improved results from the prior year in what was a positive year for the Club's Senior Rugby program. We also saw a significant increase in playing numbers with the addition of a fourth and fifth Grade and Colts 3 team in 2025.

Our Norths Juniors continued to perform strongly with our U13 and U15 Boys both winning premierships, and our U16 Boys and U17 Girls finishing runners up. Earlier in the year our U16 girls also finished runners up in the Gem Series and our girls U13, U15 and U17 all made the 7's finals for another successful year in Norths Junior Rugby.

# AFFILIATE REPORTS

## CLUB PERFORMANCE

2025 was a significant year of progress for Norths off the field. After successfully merging Norths Seniors and Norths Juniors the club then completed its masterplan for its 4ha site - the largest of any Brisbane Premier Rugby club. This sets out a series of projects in a staged approach, intended to be completed over the next 10 to 15 years. In 2025, Norths completed several early stage projects including a new merchandise store, a new storage shed and an upgrade of our change rooms which is underway at the time of writing – a total investment of just over a half a million dollars funded in combination by the club's own finances and State Government and Brisbane City Council grants.

We also started our first ever Womens Rugby Academy thanks to sponsorship from the Full Moon Hotel, to compliment the Mens Academy we commenced in 2024.

Another significant milestone was the appointment of Phil Mooney as Director of Rugby. There are not many people in rugby with the depth and breadth of experience as Phil and we are excited that he decided to join us as we continue to strive for improvement in our rugby program into 2026.

Thank you to our tribe of dedicated sponsors, including our major sponsors:

- Accelerate Communications
- Sonia Jones Travel
- Brisbane Racing Club
- Cooke & Hutchison Solicitors
- Hello Creative Agency
- Tangalooma Island Resort
- Big Country Electrical
- The Full Moon Hotel
- Easy Times Brewery
- Trace Project Management

## SEASON ACHIEVEMENTS

- Mens 7's State Champions
- Boys U15 Premiers
- Boys U13 Premiers

## STATE REPRESENTATIVES

Jeff Toomaga-Allen (Reds)  
Will McCulloch (Reds)  
Ollie Harris (Reds)

Ryan Heaton (Qld U19, Captain)  
Ollie Aleman (Qld U19)  
Jayden Solien (Qld U19)  
Emily Eglen (Qld 7's)

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## SOUTHS RUGBY UNION

### SEASON SUMMARY

The 2025 season was defined by significant progress and growth for Souths Rugby Club.

The club secured premiership titles for the Sixth Grade. While the Premier Grade team came agonisingly close on many occasions, they just missed out on a top-four finish. Crucially, the club experienced substantial development in participation.

The women's program saw a massive leap forward, growing from a loyal handful of players to over 30 registered Premier Womens players.

Souths extends its sincere gratitude and acknowledgment to the immense commitment shown by all dedicated coaches, managers, and administrative staff across the entire program.

A sincere thank you goes to Garrick Morgan, Rama Chand, Jason Jones, Ray Thomas, and Paul "Taffy" Longman. Your collective dedication and expertise have been instrumental in shaping not only the teams you coached but also the enduring character and culture of Souths Rugby. As we farewell you, the club extend our deepest gratitude and very best wishes for your future endeavours.

The club acknowledges the tireless efforts and operational excellence of rugby administrators Alex McArdle and Paul Boyland were absolutely crucial in ensuring the seamless operation of the entire rugby program throughout the season.

The Club recognise the vital contributions of our medical and performance staff. Our sincere thanks go to Dr. Marianna Zukiwskyj, Senior Club Doctor, and Dr. Pat Clancy, Junior Club Doctor. Jacob Lawrence and his team of physiotherapists and sports trainers and the Strength and Conditioning (S&C) Team, led by Oscar Munro, for their essential work in player preparation.

# AFFILIATE REPORTS

## CLUB PERFORMANCE

Notable milestones were achieved off the field including the club celebrating its 50th year of the Souths Juniors' Coogee Tour. Furthermore, we marked a significant 50-year partnership with major sponsor, The Index Group. Thank you to Jeff Maclean and the Maclean family.

Souths are especially proud to acknowledge and sincerely thank our major sponsors, whose significant commitment was instrumental to our success: Hannay Lawyers, Lifestyle Injury Lawyers, Nelson Australia, Double Dare, Gilbert, XL Metal, CG Property, and The Index Group.

The club celebrated the completion of Stage 1 of the clubhouse renovations at the start of the season. Following this milestone, Stage 2 commenced in September and is progressing strongly. A special mention goes to Chris Hourigan and Simon McNeven for securing stakeholder approvals and significant community grant funding, which has reached an incredible \$2,075,000 since 2020. We thank the Queensland Government for their support and anticipate welcoming everyone to the new clubhouse next season.

## SEASON ACHIEVEMENTS

- 6th Grade Premiership

## INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Lukhan Salakaia-Loto

Australia U20: Xavier Rubens, Trevor King,

Australia U18: Finn MacKay, Kingsly Uys.

## STATE REPRESENTATIVES

John Bryant, Connor Vest, Kohan Herbert, Sera Uru, Trevor King, Xavier Rubens, Finn Mackay, Lukhan Salakaia-Loto

**Queensland U19:** Lucas Oxley, Trent Picot, Ben Davis, Preston O'Brien.

**Queensland U16:** James Smith, Mitchell Durrheim, Harry Dowling, Matti Gill, Fraser Boakes, Henry Willis

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## SUNNYBANK RUGBY

2025 focused on building for the future, with a continued focus on the development of both our playing and coaching depth though all our rugby programs. Our Senior and Junior Dragons teams both had strong participation by numbers.

### JUNIOR CLUB

- 335 registered players for junior boy's and girl's across both XV's and 7's competitions.
- Several junior teams progressed through to play in finals with our U16 Girls winning the Gem Series and our U13 Girls Green team winning the BJRJ 7's.

### SENIOR CLUB

- 384 registered players with the senior club fielding 10 teams including five senior men's teams, two senior women's teams and three colts teams.
- Four of our senior teams played in finals with our QPR Men's Fourth and Fifth Grade sides playing Grand Finals against Brothers. Our Fifth Grade side went on to win the premiership whilst our Fourth Grade side lost by the narrowest of margins.
- Both our QPR Senior Women's teams progressed to Semi-Finals but unfortunately did not progress through to Grand Finals after successful home and away seasons.
- Our men's high-performance teams continue to improve across the competitive landscape with green shoots evident with several Colts age players debuting at QPR 1st grade level.

### CLUB PERFORMANCE

Sunnybank also welcomed our new Director of Rugby, Brad Harrington who joins our club after having an extensive high-performance background in both Australian and International rugby programs.

We continue to invest in development of our coaching program and are pleased to announce the appointment long term Sunnybank player and coach Rex Tapuai as our QPR First Grade coach for the 2026 season. We have also recently appointed Joshua Bray and Steve Kefu into respective roles of Colts One Head Coach and Colts Pathways Development Manager.

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Sunnybank has also appointed Kiri Barker as our Pathways Manager – Women and Girls, committing and investing into the future of women’s rugby.

2025 also saw the completion of our extensive capital works program to improve our administration facilities, gymnasium and spectator viewing areas. Our rugby precinct continues to have first-class playing, administration and training facilities which can support every player’s rugby ambition.

I would like to thank our players, supporters, sponsors, life members, Committee and Board members, staff, and volunteers for their efforts during the 2025 season. I look forward to welcoming everyone back for a promising 2026 season.

## SEASON ACHIEVEMENTS

- QPR Men’s Fifth Grade – Premiers
- QPR Men’s Fourth Grade – Runners Up
- Women’s QPR Founders Cup – Semi Finalists
- Women’s SEQ Cup – Semi Finalists

## INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Madisen-Jade Iva – Manusina – WRWC ‘25

Ana Afuie – Manusina WRWC ‘25

Filipo Daugunu – Wallabies

## STATE REPRESENTATIVES

Richie Asiata – Reds

Sef Fa’agase – Reds

Filipo Daugunu – Reds

Ivania Wong – Reds Super W

Sky-Yvette Faimaile – Reds Super W

Jiowana Sauto – Reds Super W

Ana Afuie – Western Force Super W

Netani Lesimaikimatuku – Reds U19s

Kiyan Gunewardne – Reds U19s

Mattias Agent – Reds U19s

## UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

### SEASON SUMMARY

The 2025 season was a challenging one for the University of Queensland Rugby Club on the field, but it also marked an important period of growth and consolidation for our programs.

With 14 teams across Men’s, Women’s and Colts and more than 450 registered senior players, the club continues to be one of the largest player bases in the competition. A historic milestone was reached as UQ fielded two women’s sides for the first time, strengthening our commitment to the women’s game and broadening development pathways.

While we were disappointed with a 4th-place finish in the Doughty Shield—our lowest result since 2007—the club still qualified three teams for finals, with Sixth Grade winning the Premiership. Our Premier Grade side finished 6th in the Hospital Cup after an inconsistent season marked by injuries and a significantly younger squad.

Despite the on-field challenges, UQ players continued to shine at representative level, earning recognition across Super Rugby, national programs, and international teams.

### CLUB PERFORMANCE

Off the field, 2025 was an exceptionally strong year for UQ Rugby.

The club secured 27 commercial partners, reaffirming our position as one of the strongest commercial programs in Australian club rugby. In particular, Buildcorp’s multi-term commitment provides stability and alignment as we build toward a major period of growth.

We welcomed a new committee member, Erin Hatton, bringing renewed energy and professional capability to key operational and governance functions.

A major milestone was the signing of an MOU with The University of Queensland to jointly fund a new clubhouse facility. Planning is well progressed, with construction targeted to commence at the completion of the 2026 season. This partnership represents a generational step forward for student-

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athletes, alumni and the broader UQ sporting community.

Off-field development remained a core focus. Throughout 2025, the club delivered programs centred on leadership, mental health, professional development, and career insights, ensuring our student-athletes continue to excel beyond rugby. We also proudly recognised the contribution of Frank McGloughlin, inducted as the club's newest Life Member.

## SEASON ACHIEVEMENTS

### GRADES

- Hospital Cup (Premier Grade) – 6th
- Second Grade – 3rd
- Third Grade – 5th
- Fourth Grade – 5th
- Fifth Grade – 3rd
- Sixth Grade – Premiers
- Mens 7's (Stannard Cup) – Runners Up

### COLTS

- Colts 1 – 4th
- Colts 2 – 5th
- Colts 3 – 5th
- Colts 4 – 8th

### WOMEN'S

- Women's Founders Cup – 5th
- Womens 2 - 5th
- Women's 7's (Caslick Cup) – Runners Up

### CLUB AWARDS

- Doughty Shield (Club Championship) – 4th

### INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

#### Wallabies

Tate McDermott  
Tom Lynagh  
Josh Nasser  
Kalani Thomas

#### Walloos

Nat Wright  
Lori Cramer  
Tiarah Minns  
Caitlin Urwin

#### Australia A

Jock Campbell  
Joe Brial

#### Junior National Programs

Tom Robinson – Australia U20

#### Sevens

Ethan McFarland  
Isabella Nasser  
Caitlin Urwin  
Kaitlin Shave  
Sidney Taylor

#### Australian Steelers (Wheelchair Rugby)

Chris Bond  
Damon Mortaud  
Josh Nicholson

### STATE REPRESENTATIVES

#### Queensland Reds / Super Rugby

Joe Brial  
Mac Grealy  
Jock Campbell  
Josh Nasser  
Tom Lynagh  
Kalani Thomas  
Zack Hough  
Jack Brady  
Lachie Anderson  
Tom Robinson

#### Super W / Women's Programs

Nat Wright  
Lori Cramer  
Tiarah Minns  
Caitlin Urwin  
Roni Setu

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## Junior State Programs:

Tom Robinson – Queensland U18 / U19  
Kingbenjamin Swerling Reds 18's  
Angus Kelly Reds 19s  
Mitchel Waldon Red 19's  
Mitchell Moss Reds 19's  
Tom Howard

## Board Representatives

David Muir (president) Ian Grambower (VP) Hugh Nalder (treasurer) Kate Turner (KT), Pat Morrey, Con Foley, Tom Perkins, Andrew Hay, Digi Asako, Tom Murphy, Erin Hatton, James Hanson

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## WESTERN DISTRICTS

In 2025 Wests won the Doughty Shield Club Championship for the first time since 2000. This was the highlight of a very successful year for the club and was a key goal after finishing a close second last year.

All teams, with the exception of Second Grade, qualified for finals which is a remarkable effort and demonstrates the depth across the club.

We congratulate our Premiership winning teams for 2025 – Third Grade, Colts 1, Sixth Grade and Womens Second Grade.

## OTHER WESTS ACHIEVEMENTS INCLUDE

- Geoff "Bunter" Shaw Challenge Cup (Bunter Bowl)
- Stannard Shield in the 2025 Rugby Sevens State Championships

Player participation across Men's, Women's, and Colts teams was strong in 2025. The club fielded seven men's teams, two women's teams, and four Colts teams.

Wests also benefited from the dedication of over 70 coaches, managers, trainers, and support staff, whose tireless efforts were instrumental in the teams' on- and off-field success. A heartfelt thank-you goes to all our volunteers and support staff for their invaluable contributions throughout the season.

In 2025, Wests along with all Premier Clubs, undertook to ensure provide a welcoming, inclusive and safe space. We agreed to support a number of endeavours to improve the standard of behaviours across our rugby community, especially towards referees.

I am proud to report Wests achieved a high standard in this regard during 2025, and we will continue to work on lifting standards in the future.

Congratulations to our individual award winners for 2025: Briana Dascombe won the Selena Worsley Medal for Best and Fairest in Founders Cup and Jo Staples was awarded Rugby Australia's Nick Farr-Jones Spirit of Rugby Award for her dedication to the sport over many years

## CLUB PERFORMANCE

The 2025 season has been both rewarding and challenging.

Participation continues to grow. While this is positive for player depth, talent and subscription revenue, it does stretch resources in terms of playing fields and availability of coaches/volunteers. During the year Wests regularly hired additional field space to relieve wear and tear on our home fields.

Revenue from food and beverage was below budget for 2025 due to a number of factors. Attendance for senior games was impacted early in the year by wet weather, and there is an on-going negative impact from TV coverage with some supporters preferring to watch from home. In addition, attendance at some key club functions and revenue raising events has been lower than expected.

Overall costs continue to rise and given the revenue impacts mentioned above, this resulted in the club reporting a small operating loss in 2025. There has been several consecutive years of operating losses incurred, which has required the management committee to make some difficult decisions to ensure we move forward on a more sustainable footing. This included making the Director of Rugby role redundant. Wests would like to sincerely thank Phil Mooney for his dedication and congratulate him on his success during the past two years.

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## OTHER SIGNIFICANT ISSUES DURING 2025 INCLUDE

- Adoption of a new 5 Year Strategy
- Growth in sponsorship due to a new Principal Partner agreement with Outkast Group. We would like to thank all our major sponsors for their loyalty and support
- Continued progress on our Diversity and Inclusion programs including Women in Leadership and Welcome to Wests program.
- Received Government endorsement of our Reconciliation Action Plan
- Successful awarding of a Grant to upgrade Lighting on our fields

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## BRISBANE JUNIOR RUGBY UNION

2025 was another great year of rugby with many opportunities and achievements for our very talented players in the Brisbane region.

The season kickstarted with another successful U18 Junior Colts Lightning Series. We implemented the newly revised non-contact offerings from Rugby Australia (Get Into Rugby Walla and Tri-Time with tag belts) for the 4–7 year olds.

2025 for 15-a-side has shown an overall decrease of 6.7 per cent in player numbers from last year in the traditional U6–U18 competition, with a loss of 446 players. This number excludes the participants of the Little Rugby program (three-year olds), Get Into Rugby Walla (4–5 year olds), the Modified Rugby Players and the female players registered to our clubs (in U10–U18), playing in the Girls 12s, XV's and 7s competitions.

Our expanded programs provide an ever-changing picture of how participants are choosing to experience rugby in much greater variation than just the traditional form of the game. Rugby is becoming more inclusive with different formats of the game, and it is certainly a game for all.

Gathering these numbers for registered players indicates a total of 7916 participants in some form of junior rugby offered by our clubs in 2025.

We've run successful and fun development carnivals in three age groups (u10, u11 and u12) to create extra development for players keen to development and learn in a positive environment.

It is imperative that we continue to be proactive in reviewing our offerings and formats to ensure that rugby continues to move forward and offers its participants a product they want to play. The continual review of the competition and its components enable the opportunity for the BJRU to recognise areas in which the game can be improved and adapted to suit an ever-changing marketplace. Whilst we continue to work and develop new ways to increase participation and community involvement, we must be reminded that governance structures are in place to ensure the safety, consistency and quality of the sport. The rugby community needs to ensure that they and their members are continually educated about the policy changes that are presented and the basic reasons why children play the code we love.

Thank you to all clubs that are working together as an integral part for the establishment of development programs, combined sides, and shared facilities to ensure that no child misses out on an opportunity to participate in our code.

We continued and improved our representative selection processes in 2025. BJRU returned participating in the Country Champs in Townsville in 2025. We've sent the following teams: 2 x U13 Boys, 2 x U14 Boys, 2 x U16 Boys, 1 x U14 Girls, 2 x U16 Girls and 1 x U18 Girls. The National Championship was held at Bokarina, Sunshine Coast this year with the following teams invited to participate: U16 Boys City, U16 Girls City and U18 Girls City teams respectively.

We continued our annual City vs Country Games with our U13 Boys, U14 Boys and U14 Girls playing 2 games vs Country at Caboolture and Albany Creek respectively and our U16 Boys, U16 Girls and U18 Girls played the scheduled game at Nationals vs Country.

Qld State 7s expanded their competition to include U15 Boys for the first time. We had the following teams competing: U15 Boys, U17 Boys, U15 Girls and U17 Girls

We would like to thank our loyal rugby community, the volunteers, selectors, coaches, managers, trainers, players and parents who have made a positive contribution to the sport. We know that the strength of grass roots flows throughout all levels of rugby, and we at BJRU want to continue to cultivate a strong junior community game.

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## SUB-UNION PERFORMANCE

We've been fortunate to secure several sponsors for our competitions and representative programs in 2025. We thank the following sponsors for their contributions and trust in our programs:

Bond University, Wahu, AMP'D Services Group, SCSC, Karmo, Gilbert, Advantage Line Sports Performance, Prime, Vending First, Infront Security Services, Qld Government, BCC

To John Miller our President who stepped down after 15 years, thank you for your leadership, guidance and support over the years. Wishing you all the best for the future.

We welcome new board members: Ben Marczyk President, Brett Cluley Vice-President, Nicola Frey South Region Chair, Brooklyn Manu and Holly Hope as additional committee members in 2026.

## NEW INITIATIVES FOR 2026

- Introduction of a Competition Advisory group to review Competition rules, advise on grading process, dispensations and girls rugby.
- Establish a coaches' forum to oversee representative rugby.
- Appoint a Competitions co-ordinator (staff) to oversee the Under 6 to Under 9 competitions.
- Introduce a business unit to increase our revenue.
- Provide clear roles and responsibilities to elected Committee members portfolios.

## STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

### KEY FOCUS AREAS OF OUR NEW STRATEGY INCLUDE:

- Having clear and direct communication channels with clubs – currently messaging and resourcing are not necessarily received or translated well between all parties.
- Secondary school rugby and its impact on the wider club eco system.
- Better enable clubs to work together – rugby will benefit most from having strong club networks and not just one strong club at the expense of 3 or 4 around it.
- The ethos for the betterment of rugby needs to be enshrined with clubs at the heart of finding solutions and supporting one another to thrive.

## SEASON PREMIERS

- Under 18 Jnr Colts Lightning Series - Brothers
- Navy Under 18 Boys Representative Game(s) - BJRU Dream Team
- Under 16 Div 1 - Easts Tigers Blue
- Under 16 Div 2 - Souths Black
- Under 16 Div 3 - Logan Saints Blue
- Under 15 Div 1 - Logan Saints Blue
- Under 15 Div 2 - Ipswich Rangers Green
- Under 15 Div 3 - Wynnum White
- Under 15 Div 4 - Norths Maroon
- Under 14 Div 1 - Easts Tigers Blue
- Under 14 Div 2 - Brothers Navy
- Under 14 Div 3 - Redlands
- Under 14 Div 4 - GPS White
- Under 13 Div 1 - Norths Blue
- Under 13 Div 2 - GPS Blue
- Under 13 Div 3 - Caboolture Grey
- Under 13 Div 4 - Easts Tigers Gold

## U12 SEASON END TOP OF THE TABLE

- Under 12 Div 1 - Logan Saints Blue
- Under 12 Div 2 - GPS Blue'
- Under 12 Div 3 - GPS Green
- Under 12 Div 4 - Easts Tigers Gold
- Under 12 Div 5 - Wynnum Red

## GIRLS XV'S (GEM SERIES)

- Under 12 Girls XV a side - Topaz
- Under 14 Girls XV a side - GCDRU Sapphires
- Under 16 Girls XV a side - Onyx

## GIRLS 7S

- Under 17 Div 1 Term 3 Girls 7s - Marist Ryze
- Under 15 Div 1 Term 3 Girls 7s - Wests A
- Under 15 Div 2 Term 3 Girls 7s - Albany Creek Brumbies
- Under 13 DIV 1 Term 3 Girls 7s - Marist Ryze
- Under 13 DIV 2 Term 3 Girls 7 - Sunnybank Black
- Under 11 Term 3 Girls 7s - Easts Blue

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## REPRESENTATIVE RUGBY QLD COUNTRY - JNR/ SNR CHAMPIONSHIPS @ TOWNSVILLE

- U18 Girls - 2nd Place shared with South Queensland
- U16 Girls Navy - 3rd Place
- U16 Girls Red - 6th Place
- U14 Girls Navy - 2nd Place shared with GCDRU
- U16 Boys Navy - 2nd Place shared with GCDRU
- U16 Boys Red - 3rd Place
- U14 Boys Navy - 2nd Place shared with GCDRU
- U14 Boys Red - 3rd Place
- U13 Boys Navy - 3rd Place
- U13 Boys Red - 4th Place

## RUGBY AU JUNIOR RUGBY UNION CHAMPIONSHIPS @ BOKARINA SUNSHINE COAST

- U16 Boys City - 2nd Place
- U16 Girls City - 4th Place
- U18 Girls City - 5th Place

## GIRLS/BOYS – 7-A-SIDE – STATE CHAMPIONSHIP @ BALLYMORE

- U15s Grls - 2nd Place
- U17s Girls - 5th Place
- U15s Boys - 2nd Place
- U17s Boys - 3rd Place

## BOYS / GIRLS – CITY VS COUNTRY

- U13 Brisbane City Boys - Champions
- U14 Brisbane City Boys - Runners Up
- U16 Brisbane City Boys - Runners Up
- U14 Brisbane City Girls - Runners Up
- U16 Brisbane City Girls - Runners Up
- U18 Brisbane City Women - Runners Up

## EMERGING REDS CUP

**U14** - Runners Up

**U12 SIMON ABUBAKAR Development Carnival**  
- GCDRU Cyclones

**U14 Karmo Invitational Cup** - BJRU Karmo Talent  
ID XVs

**U16 AMP'D Invitational Cup** - Melbourne Academy

## QUEENSLAND SUBURBAN RUGBY UNION

The Queensland Suburban Rugby Union (QSRU) enjoyed one of its strongest seasons in 2025. The successful introduction of the North and South Divisional structure significantly reduced travel burdens for clubs, while the popular Friday night fixture schedule maintained high attendance and engagement. For the first time since pre-COVID, the Scotney Cup competition was reintroduced for teams finishing outside the top four in each division, extending the season by three weeks and ensuring every registered player experienced finals rugby – a move widely praised by clubs and participants alike.

The season culminated in blockbuster finals days at Ballymore, with Redlands Rugby Union claiming the Barber Cup and Wests 2nd securing the SEQ Cup. The Gold Coast Eagles, competing in their first season since reformation, produced an exceptional campaign to reach the SEQ Cup final, highlighting the depth and competitiveness of the comp.

The Friday night competition continues to go from strength to strength, offering a blend of social, emerging and experienced players, and fostering a vibrant community atmosphere that supports player development and club sustainability.

Off the field, QSRU's commitment to growth and inclusivity was demonstrated through its successful entry of both Men's and Women's representative teams into the Australia Shield national suburban championship. This provided a clear and exciting pathway for suburban players to test themselves against the best from NSW, ACT, SA and Tasmania. The third inclusion since 2023 in the Shield is a testament to the suburban competition's progression and sets a strong benchmark for future seasons.

## SUB-UNION PERFORMANCE

Administration remained strong and stable throughout the 2025 season, with no changes to the board. Under the steady leadership of President Philip Coates and the executive team, there was a significant focus on enhancing representative pathways and refining the overall competition structure. This strategic effort came to fruition during the Australia Shield campaign, where the QSRU proudly fielded two strong teams at the Newcastle tournament, providing invaluable experience and exposure for our suburban players

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against some of the best talent from across the country.

Notably, club facilities continued to see progressive upgrades, with Redlands leading the way in improving their infrastructure better to support players, volunteers and the local rugby community.

The number of volunteers remained robust, and their ongoing commitment was instrumental in the successful reintroduction of the Scotney Cup finals. This addition not only increased engagement and excitement across all clubs but also ensured every registered player enjoyed the thrill and challenge of finals rugby.

Looking ahead, the QSRU Committee will establish a dedicated Representative Subcommittee in 2026, comprising individuals with substantial experience in representative rugby, both as players and support staff. This subcommittee will be tasked with developing and organising a comprehensive season-long representative campaign, with the aim of further elevating team standards and providing maximum benefit and enjoyment to all selected participants.

On behalf of the QSRU, sincere thanks are extended to the entire committee and all QSRU representative staff for their tireless and voluntary efforts. Your unwavering dedication, passion and support for grassroots rugby make our ongoing success possible and ensure the continued growth and vitality of our rugby community.

## SEASON ACHIEVEMENTS

- Barber Cup (Division 1 Premiers): Redlands Rugby Union
- Normanby Cup (Division 2 Premiers): Souths Rugby Union Club
- Wyatt Cup (Division 3 Premiers): Wests Bulldogs Rugby Union Club
- Scotney Cup (Division 4 Premieres): UQ
- SEQ Cup (Division 2 Premiers) Wests Bulldogs Rugby Union Club
- SEQ Plate (Division 3 Premiers) Brisbane Irish Rugby Union

## REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

### QSRU MENS

Brayden Boylan  
Harrison Bungate

Samuel Christian-Greenwood  
Oliver Connaughton  
Liam Culhane  
Sebastian Dutton  
Manu Ora Heke  
Faa Lafaitale  
Eli Junior Latu  
Bailey Macdonald  
Jack McGraw  
Josiah Norton  
Willem Pienaar  
David Priestman  
Vincent Quigley  
Joshua Rayner  
Tyson Sialeipata  
Joshua Tremain

### QSRU COACHES & STAFF

Philip Coates - Manager  
Jason Dutton - Manager, Medical/First Aid Attendant  
Jake Howlett - Coach, Assistant Coach  
Andrew Kirk - Coach  
Paula Watkins - Manager

### QSRU KELPIES WOMENS

Phoebe Linder-Patton  
Alecia Pienaar  
Chantelle Latu  
Petesa Taunofoa  
Charlene Vaigafa-Malu  
Sarah Pearce  
Kalesi Natadra  
Jaimee Lee  
Tamar McHugh  
Mary Ledger  
Aaliyah Stanbury  
Samara Costanzo  
Molly Kennedy  
Georgia Blanchette  
Rebekah Pulea  
Jorja Smith  
Nicola Munday  
Emily McNulty  
Baylee Kovarik  
Callie Winsor  
Kate Cagalingan  
Ilaisaane Fanguna  
Cassandra Ryan  
Jemma Stokes  
Shay Mangisi

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## **QSRU KELPIES**

Paula Watkins - Manager

Matthew Moynihan - Coach

Greg Sampson - Coach

Alecia Pienaar - Coach, Manager

Philip Coates - Game Day manager

Significant emphasis was placed on regional engagement throughout 2025, with board members and staff travelling extensively across country Queensland. Visits to regions such as Cloncurry, Mount Isa, Biloela and many others were warmly received and reinforced the organisation's commitment to being visible, accessible and genuinely invested in grassroots rugby.

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## **QUEENSLAND COUNTRY RUGBY UNION**

The 2025 season was a highly successful year for Queensland Country Rugby Union, highlighted by strong participation, competitive performance across age groups, and the continued strengthening of representative pathways.

The Queensland Country Championships were hosted in Townsville for the first time since 2002 and attracted more than 1,200 participants from across the state. The event showcased the depth of talent across Country Queensland and reinforced the importance of regional rugby as a key contributor to the broader Queensland and national pathway.

Queensland Country teams performed strongly across multiple competitions, including the Australian Rugby Shield, City v Country fixtures, National Juniors and age-group championships. The Heelers retained the Australian Rugby Shield and Border Cup, while the Orchids achieved a historic milestone by winning the Presidents Trophy for the first time. Junior representative programs continued to produce competitive outcomes and provided meaningful development opportunities for players from regional and remote areas.

The Colts program successfully returned to interstate touring for the first time since pre-COVID, playing against NSW Country and NSW Suburban teams. Feedback from players, coaches and stakeholders was overwhelmingly positive, with strong support to expand the program in 2026.

Overall, the 2025 season reinforced Queensland Country Rugby Union's role in delivering inclusive, competitive and aspirational rugby pathways for players across regional Queensland.

### **SUB-UNION PERFORMANCE**

Off the field, Queensland Country Rugby Union continued to strengthen its governance, financial position and engagement with sub-unions and regional communities.

Social media continued to be a key engagement platform, delivering strong exposure for Country rugby, local clubs and regional success stories. In 2025, Queensland Country achieved more than 3.5 million views across platforms, over 54,000 content interactions and continued growth in followers, helping promote positive stories from all corners of the state.

Volunteer support remains the backbone of Country rugby, with coaches, referees, managers, medical staff and club volunteers contributing enormous time and effort to deliver competitions and representative programs throughout the year.

### **SEASON ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Queensland Country Championships hosted in Townsville for the first time since 2002
- Over 1,200 participants across junior and senior championships
- Australian Rugby Shield Champions – for the second year in a row. Queensland Country Heelers
- Border Cup retained by the Heelers
- Queensland Country Orchids – Presidents Trophy winners (first time)
- Successful return of the Colts interstate touring program
- U/16 Boys Champions at the NJRUC in July of this year
- U/18 Girls team played NSWCRU for the first time at the Santos Festival of Rugby
- Strong results across junior age groups at Country Championships and National Juniors
- Continued growth in social media engagement and regional visibility

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## RUGBY BUNDABERG

The 2025 Spring Cup season was conducted from October through to the end of the year and proved to be a very successful competition for rugby in Bundaberg. The competition featured four teams: Waves Falcons, Brothers Turtles, West Barbarians and Fraser Coast Mariners. Despite being a shorter spring season, player numbers were strong across all clubs and, importantly, the competition was completed with no forfeits, which has been a significant challenge in previous years.

Volunteer numbers were lower than ideal; however, those who did volunteer stepped up and ensured the competition ran smoothly. Their commitment was critical to the overall success of the season. A major improvement on last year was the use of Sunshine Coast refereeing personnel, along with support from Tim McMahan-Smith from QRU. This had a very positive impact on on-field behaviour and game management, particularly when compared to the previous season where games had to be called off due to poor refereeing performance.

All teams played within the spirit of the game, and a noticeable improvement in rugby culture was evident across the clubs. This cultural growth was one of the most positive outcomes of the season. Of particular note was the success of Waves Falcons, a team built largely on local talent and juniors progressing through their own pathways. They went on to win the Spring Cup, defeating teams that relied more heavily on imported players, highlighting the value of sustainable local development.

### SUB-UNION PERFORMANCE

Off the field, the Sub Union made a concerted effort to rebuild and strengthen rugby culture in Bundaberg. This was particularly important given the poor communication between teams in previous years and the strong negative influence of rugby league within the region. While progress was made, the season was not without challenges.

The committee numbers dwindled during the year due to differences in direction following the appointment of a new committee. This resulted in a skeleton board, with many administrative tasks left incomplete while the remaining members focused on managing and promoting the competition.

Compounding this was the President being called away for work commitments for much of the year, which made consistent communication and leadership difficult.

Despite these challenges, the season ended on a positive note. All clubs expressed satisfaction with how the competition was run and showed a strong willingness to continue growing the game in Wide Bay. Looking ahead, the Sub Union intends to place a strong focus on junior development during the winter months. Junior numbers were very low during the spring season resulting in the season cancelling, and growing this area will be critical to the long-term sustainability and success of rugby in the region.

Our main focus this year will be to conduct administrative tasks in line with compliance as this was an area that was neglected due to no one to fill vacated roles on the committee. This is our utmost urgency with our AGM at the end of next month to introduce new personnel in the governance roles.

### SEASON ACHIEVEMENTS

- Waves Falcons won the Spring Cup defeating Brothers Turtles with a last play of the game try to win the game.
- Senior player numbers increased compared to last season, despite one fewer team competing
- The season was completed with no forfeits

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## RUGBY CAPRICORNIA

The Rugby Capricornia 2025 season consisted of both A grade and reserve grade competition and included some clubs fielding an A grade and reserve grade open men's teams. In 2025 we welcomed senior men's team from Blackwater. The open women's 7's competition consisted of 5 teams. The Dawson valley drovers won both senior men's A grade and ladies A grade open 7's competition. Notably men's and ladies A grade teams from drovers went undefeated. On their return to the RCL competition Blackwater basilisks won the reserve grade competition in a thrilling game.

Jack Lloyd QRU regional manager for central QLD has been busy supporting all our clubs providing governance guidance.

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## JUNIORS

Rugby Capricornia Juniors made up over 50 of the selected juniors that played for the CQ bushrangers. Travelled the Townsville for a very well-run Queensland county championships. We look forward to supporting this great event again.

An area of development that RCL continues to work on for our area is the transition of players from Junior to Senior club level. The RCL board will try to address this with the introduction of under 18s lightning rounds in the 2026 season.

## SENIORS

Rugby Capricornia Senior men and women were well represented at the Queensland county championships. With several women selected to play for the QCRU open Orchids and one for the Heelers.

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## DARLING DOWNS RUGBY

The 2025 season marked a year of momentum and foundation-building for Downs Rugby. It was shaped by competitive balance, purposeful innovation, and a strong commitment to inclusive and sustainable participation across all levels of the game.

Teenage Boys and Colts competitions showcased some of the most competitive rugby in recent seasons, reflecting increased depth and rising standards. The Super Schools Cup and South West 7s Schools Competitions once again proved to be powerful entry points, drawing in new schools and first-time players and injecting fresh energy into the participation pipeline. Across the Men's and Women's competitions, consistent, high-quality and fiercely contested matches highlighted the strength of our developing pathways and energised players, coaches, match officials and local communities alike. Teenage Girls rugby remains a key growth area; while increased game time was achieved in 2025, further expansion and competition depth remain priorities.

At the junior level, our regional hub delivery model continued to provide fun, inspiring and age-appropriate environments for our U6–U12 participants, supporting enjoyment, confidence and skill development. In 2025, Downs Rugby also supported the development of the Darling Downs Girls Rugby Hub, offering an all-girls environment

for under 12s. The initiative successfully encouraged first-time participation, built confidence and enhanced skill development, positioning it as a key contributor to the ongoing growth of junior rugby.

Significant effort throughout the season focused on refining competition delivery and strengthening alignment between school, club and representative pathways, positioning Downs Rugby for sustained participation and performance outcomes in 2026 and beyond.

## SUB-UNION ACHIEVEMENTS

Off the field, 2025 proved to be a landmark year, defined by bold, community-focused projects that ignited participation, strengthened partnerships and delivered meaningful regional impact.

A highlight was the Classic Wallabies, Brisbane Brothers, Wests Bulldogs and Downs Team of the Decade "Rumble in the Region" Showcase, which brought national rugby icons, Brisbane premier-grade greats and the game's future leaders, our Colts, to Toowoomba. The high-profile weekend blended elite exposure with grassroots engagement through clinics, exhibition matches and community events, connecting local players with their heroes, energising schools and clubs, and delivering strong exposure for partners while reinforcing the region's capacity to host major collaborative events.

The introduction of the Darling Downs Girls Rugby Hub marked a significant step forward for girls participation. Delivered through all-girls training and game opportunities, the Hub created a welcoming environment that attracted large numbers of first-time players and their families and provided a clear, supportive on-ramp into club rugby. Partnerships with Brisbane clubs, including the Redcliffe Sea Snakes, added aspiration, connection and depth to this growing pathway.

Through our School and First Nations Engagement Project, Downs Rugby strengthened its presence across junior schools in the Darling Downs and South West. Along with prioritising cultural safety, local leadership and meaningful connection, the program delivered important policy development, laying strong foundations for future initiatives and ensuring welcoming, inclusive environments across the Downs.

The year culminated in a truly special celebration of rugby and community, the Downs International Rugby Festival, delivering a once-in-a-lifetime

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lineup of world-class international men's and women's rugby alongside school engagement, coach and volunteer development. The Festival generated lasting social and economic impact, positioning Downs Rugby for continued growth well beyond 2025.

These achievements are built on the continued support of our generous sponsors and committed partners, the leadership of our Board, and the extraordinary dedication of our clubs and volunteers whose time, energy and passion bring rugby to life across the Downs.

## SEASON ACHIEVEMENTS

### JUNIOR CLUB OF THE YEAR

- Toowoomba Bears

### TEENAGE BOYS CLUB XVS

- U13 Winners – Toowoomba Bears
- U14 Winners – Toowoomba UniSQ
- U15 Winners – Toowoomba UniSQ
- U17 Winners – Toowoomba Bears

### TEENAGE GIRLS CLUB XVS

- U14 Winners – Toowoomba Bears
- U16 Winners – Highfields Red Roses

### COLTS LIGHTNING SERIES

- Winners - Gatton Blackpiglets

### DARLING DOWNS SUPER SCHOOLS CUP

- U13 Winners - St Mary's College Toowoomba
- U15 Winners - St Mary's College Toowoomba
- Open Winners - Toowoomba Anglican School

### SOUTH WEST 7S

- U13 Girls Cup - Downlands College
- U13 Girls Bowl - Downlands College
- U13 Boys Cup - Downlands College
- U13 Boys Bowl - Toowoomba Grammar School
- U15 Girls Cup - Downlands College
- U15 Girls Bowl - The Glennie School
- U15 Boys Cup - Toowoomba Grammar School
- U15 Boys Bowl - Assumption College
- U17 Girls Cup - The Glennie School
- U17 Girls Bowl - Downlands College

- U17 Boys Cup - Downlands College
- U17 Boys Bowl - Toowoomba Grammar School

## MEN'S COMPETITIONS

### RDO RISDON CUP | A GRADE PREMIERS

- Gatton Blackpigs

### NUTRIEN AG BILL FLAMSTEED TROPHY B GRADE PREMIERS

- Goondiwindi Emus

### VERIFACT TRAFFIC ES DOONEY HAYES CUP C GRADE PREMIERS

- Goondiwindi Emus

## WOMEN'S COMPETITIONS

### EMILEE CHERRY WOMEN'S 7S COMPETITION WINNER

- Condamine Coddettes

### BLACK ISUZU WOMEN'S XII'S COMPETITION WINNER

- Roma / St George

### SENIOR CLUB CHAMPION

- Goondiwindi Emus

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## FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND RUGBY

### SEASON SUMMARY

The FNQ Rugby Club welcomed two new clubs to the competition this year, with the Tablelands Reds and Penrhyn Sharks joining Reserve Grade. The senior competition comprised six A Grade teams, six Reserve Grade teams, and four Women's teams.

The Junior Competition, held during Term Four, continued to develop with two rounds successfully hosted in Innisfail and Atherton. Several clubs recorded notable increases in player numbers, while others experienced reductions, reflecting

ongoing variations in junior participation across the region.

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At the representative level, the FNQ Thunder men suffered a convincing loss to Townsville, which also impacted the selection of FNQ players for the North Queensland Men's team. The Women's representative team also experienced defeat against Townsville.

Within the junior representative program, the Under 16 and Under 14 Boys performed strongly, although player numbers in the Under 13 age group remained a challenge.

The Under 14 and Under 16 Girls represented FNQ with determination at the Queensland Country Championships. These outcomes indicate that the Junior Representative Program will require review in 2026 to ensure continued development and improved performance.

## SUB-UNION PERFORMANCE

FNQ Rugby Inc consolidated its position in 2025, recording a profitable financial outcome. Hosting the Queensland Country Championships in Townsville significantly reduced tour costs, providing a welcome financial benefit to participating families.

**Senior Players:** 623 (up from 581 in 2024, a 7.4% increase)

**Junior Players:** 603 (down from 628 in 2024, a 3.3% decrease)

There remains a clear need for a paid administrative role within the sub-union, which will be considered further in 2026. FNQ Rugby also continues to explore opportunities to establish an official home for rugby in Far North Queensland.

## SEASON ACHIEVEMENTS

### **RAINFORESTATION CUP A GRADE PREMIERS:**

JCU Mariners – fifth consecutive premiership

### **CAIRNS RSL CLUB CUP RESERVE GRADE PREMIERS:**

Barron Trinity Bulls

### **LJ HOOKER EDGE HILL CAIRNS WOMEN'S PREMIERS:**

Cairns Wanderers – second consecutive premiership

## QUEENSLAND COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES

### **MEN**

Derek Lecher

### **UNDER 16 BOYS**

Tyler Addo  
Denan Anderson  
Jackson Solien  
Becker Fry

### **UNDER 14 BOYS**

Eli Mauro  
Walter English

### **UNDER 14 GIRLS**

Alice Patterson

### **REDS ACADEMY U14**

Eli Mauro

### **ADF WOMEN'S TEAM**

Teresia Horrocks  
Maddy Mathies  
Rayna Ellis  
Monifah See Kee

## QUEENSLAND II SCHOOLBOYS

Harvey Kachel

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## GOLD COAST AND DISTRICT RUGBY UNION

The Senior GCDRU competition experienced significant growth and development across multiple grades.

- **First Grade:** Expanded to a nine-team competition. Hinterland Celtics entered their inaugural season.
- **Second Grade:** Also operated as a nine-team competition, demonstrating stability and competitive balance
- **Third Grade:** Faced challenges following the withdrawal of Helensvale Hogs shortly after the season's commencement. Despite efforts to include a replacement side via a Gold Coast Barbarians team or a team from FNC, the grade struggled to maintain continuity.

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## REGISTRATIONS

### XVS MENS - 632 PLAYERS

The 2026 Senior Season start date has been confirmed and communicated to all clubs (August 2025), with the competition scheduled to commence on 21 March 2026.

### KEY CHALLENGES:

- Excessive wet weather rounds significantly impacted scheduling and competition integrity.
- Limited opportunities for make-up rounds placed pressure on season timelines.
- Competition Rule understanding

### FUTURE FOCUS (2026):

- Ensure inclusion of designated wet weather rounds in the competition draw
- Strengthen team stability across 3rd grade
- Restructure of Competition Rules
- Junior Competition 2025

The 2025 GCDRU Junior Competition experienced another challenging year, marked by a continued decline in team registrations across all age groups. A total of 83 teams participated in the 2025 season, compared to 96 teams in 2024 and 112 teams in 2023, representing a consistent downward trend in participation. One of the key setbacks was the withdrawal of the Sunshine Coast from the Southern Stampede, which led to the cancellation of the U18s competition for the season.

## PARTICIPATION TEAM NUMBERS

AGE	2022	2023	2024	2025
U6	13	16	10	9
U7	13	14	15	12
U8	19	14	13	15
U9	13	14	11	9
U10	10	12	10	10
U11	11	9	9	6
U12	11	9	6	5
U13	4	10	6	5
U14	5	3	7*	5
U16	8	7	6*	7
U18	6	4	3	0

## CHALLENGES

Several factors contributed to the instability and limited growth of the junior competition in 2025:

- Viable teams due to low player numbers across competitive age grades.
- An increased number of forfeits throughout the season.
- Persistent wet weather causing fixture disruptions and scheduling difficulties.

Despite these obstacles, the 6–10 age divisions maintained healthy participation levels, with some grades experiencing slight increases in team numbers. However, overall growth within the junior space remained limited.

## JUNIOR GRAND FINAL WINNERS

Age Grade	Winning Club
Under 12	Colleges Knights
Under 13	Nerang Bulls
Under 14	Surfers Paradise Dolphins
Under 16	Helensvale Hogs

## COMPETITION SUMMARY

Across all GCDRU-affiliated clubs, the 2025 junior competition recorded the following participation statistics:

- 1,192 XVs player registrations (male and female)
- 147 Coaches
- 91 Managers
- 79 Volunteers

While the season presented ongoing challenges, the dedication and commitment shown by players, coaches, managers, and volunteers ensured that junior rugby on the Gold Coast continued to provide valuable opportunities for development, enjoyment, and growth within the game.

## WOMEN'S XV

In 2025, GCDRU proudly supported three teams competing in the Brisbane SEQ Women's XV competition:

- Bond Pirates
- Gold Coast Eagles
- Hinterland Celtics

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Following the Brisbane campaign, GCDRU entered teams into the Store Local Women's Cup, representing:

- Bond Pirates
- Gold Coast Eagles
- Bond University

The continued participation and success of these clubs highlight the growing strength of women's rugby on the Gold Coast.

## REGISTRATIONS

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#### **GIRLS XV**

The 2025 season marked a positive step forward for the GCDRU Girls XV program, expanding participation and competition opportunities.

GCDRU entered three teams into the BJRU Gem Series:

- U12 Girls
- U14 Girls
- U16 Girls

Teams travelled to Brisbane venues on Sundays to compete, with regular training sessions supporting player development and representative selection.

From this program, GCDRU Cyclones U14 and U16 teams were selected to compete at the Queensland Country Rugby Union Championships in Townsville, showcasing the region's emerging female talent.

#### **GIRLS WINTER 7S**

The 2025 Girls Winter 7s program saw strong growth in both team and player numbers across all age divisions: U11, U13, U15, and U17

The competition rotated across four host clubs:

- Palm Beach Currumbin (PBC)
- Bond Pirates
- Surfers Paradise
- Coomera

## CHALLENGES

- Multiple washouts due to poor weather and field conditions, creating difficulties with rescheduling.
- Governance and compliance inconsistencies across host clubs, particularly around:
  - » Team list submissions and draw entries
  - » Game day operations
  - » Communication between managers and coordinators

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Positive club collaboration between Surfers Paradise, Bond Pirates, and PBC, forming combined training and development opportunities.
- Introduction of the "Girls Can Tackle Anything" program, for ages 5-12 — focusing on fun, skill development, and confidence building.

## **CYCLONES REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM**

In preparation for the Queensland Country Championships, Surfers Paradise hosted trial matches for the following divisions:

- U12
- U13
- U14 Boys
- U14 Girls
- U16 Boys
- U16 Girls

The Colts, Open Women's, and Open Men's teams also competed in SEQ fixtures, hosted at Surfers Paradise.

- Despite weather disruptions, all fixtures proceeded successfully. However, player retention within the senior representative squads remains an ongoing challenge.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- The U12 Cyclones won the BJRU Simon Cup, going undefeated and claiming the Grand Final victory.
- A total of 130 GCDRU Cyclones players and staff travelled to Townsville for the Queensland Country Championships — an outstanding campaign resulting in four out of five age-grade titles won by the Cyclones.

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- Over 50 Cyclones players were subsequently selected to represent Queensland Country at the Sunshine Coast Championships.
- GCDRU had multiple coaches and managers selected for Country teams and some even for ARS.

## SCHOOLS

The Schools Rugby Program is identified as a key area for improvement in 2026. Unfortunately, 2025 saw no structured collaboration or activation within the schools space. A strategic focus on rebuilding relationships with local schools will be essential in the coming year.

## SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship support in 2025 was limited, with Bond University serving as GCDRU's sole official partner. Strengthening commercial partnerships and developing long-term sponsorship strategies will be a primary focus moving forward.

## SUB-COMMITTEES

2025 marked the reintroduction of Sub-Committees within GCDRU operations. Presidents and Junior Coordinators actively participated in meetings, addressing the ongoing challenge of communication gaps across clubs.

This renewed structure aims to:

- Improve information flow between GCDRU and affiliated clubs.
- Strengthen alignment across administrative, competition, and development areas.
- Encourage shared accountability and collaboration.

## SEASON LAUNCH 2025

- In 2025, the GCDRU proudly hosted a highly successful Season Launch at the Crowne Plaza. The event brought together representatives from all affiliated clubs, with over 100 attendees coming together to celebrate the commencement of the new rugby season.
- Guests enjoyed an engaging evening that featured insightful presentations from Joe Smit and Mike Kron, whose expertise, experience, and passion for the game set an inspiring tone for the year ahead.
- The GCDRU looks forward to building upon this

success by delivering an even more engaging and motivating Season Launch to kick off the 2026 season, further strengthening unity and enthusiasm across the rugby community.

## SUMMARY

The 2025 season presented growth in our female space and challenges for our Junior and Senior GCDRU Competitions — from expanding competitions in 1st and 2nd grade and representative success to governance and environmental obstacles. With clear plans for 2026, the focus remains on:

- Building strong club collaboration.
- Expanding the women's and girls' game.
- Enhancing competition structures and governance.
- Strengthening engagement through schools and community partnerships.
- Developing strong sponsorship relationships.

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## CENTRAL HIGHLANDS RUGBY UNION

Senior representative rugby union was completed over the long weekend in May in Emerald. Matches were played against Rugby Capricornia and Mackay, with Wide Bay unfortunately being unable to field a team this year.

The matches saw Central Highlands defeat Mackay 34-10 and Rugby Capricornia 17-5, making the Central Highlands, Central Queensland champions for the first time, as well as the first time that anyone could recall beating both Rockhampton and Mackay in the same year. It was a great result for Central Highlands rugby, and shows the quality of rugby in our area when we are able to fit it in more easily around players work commitments. Off the back of this the following players went on to represent Central Queensland - Christian Krause, Adrian Robinson and Xander Armstrong (Capella Cattedogs), Lachlan Stewart, Travis O'Donoghue, Connor Maclennan and Mitchell Moriarty (Emerald Rams).

Four senior teams competed for the Central Highlands Rugby Union Premiership in 2025 – the Capella Cattedogs, Clermont Bushpigs, Emerald Rams & Otufelenite.

Otufelenite continued their premiership-winning

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ways but got tested more regularly throughout the season and weren't able to go undefeated, as they had in the past. This takes them to four Central Highlands Toyota CHRU Premierships in a row, winning the Grand Final over a determined Capella Cattedogs 17-15.

Player of the Year was awarded to Christian Krause of Capella Cattedogs, while Player of the Grand Final went to Samisoni Taufa of Otufelenite.

We would like to sincerely thank Central Highlands Toyota for their continued sponsorship and Nutrien Ag Solutions for coming on board.

Also thank you to Central Highlands Junior Rugby for hosting the CQ Champs for both the 2025 & 2026 season, their work and efforts are greatly appreciated, as well as their continued efforts in growing junior rugby in the region.

Thank you to all the clubs, committees and their volunteers that assisted with the 2025 season your continued work is greatly appreciated. All the best for 2026 season.

## **Cameron Heath**

*President*

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## **MACKAY RUGBY UNION**

Mackay Rugby Union season began on March 29th, 2025, consisting of 3 Grades.

- Men's A grade (6 teams)
- Women's A grade (4 teams)
- Reserve Grade (4 teams, ended with 3)

Season ran for 15 rounds and finals. Brothers were Minor Premiers of the men's comp and Whitsunday for the women's. The Grand Final was held in Airlie Beach at the new Whitsunday Sports Park precinct for the first time, only the second time it's been held out of Mackay.

Mackay City Redmen returned to the competition in 2025 sadly were not able to win a match but praised for making a return.

Colts Cup this season was to attempt both U20S and U18s sadly the 18s failed to get off the ground, but a positive was Bowen managed to get a side together and played a Mackay team in a best of 3 competition.

We fielded three teams at the Central Queensland Championships in May. Men's A, U20s, and Women not as successful as previous years but did have eight sections in CQ Squad, Inc Coaching staff with Lorne Bruning

## **SUB-UNION PERFORMANCE**

MRU trialed a change in direction for governance in 2025 and opted for an extended management committee to oversee the competition rather than the presidents. This proved to be more efficient and less divisive when it came to making decisions for the competition.

## **SEASON ACHIEVEMENTS**

- A Grade Men's Brothers defeating Proserpine Whitsunday by one point in the Grand Final.
- Proserpine Whitsunday won the women's A Grade and capped off an undefeated season
- Slade Point won Reserve Grade for the second year in a row.
- Slade point took out the U20s Colts cup
- Bowen U18s won a best-of-three comp against a Mackay XV.

## **INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES**

### **QLD COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE**

Jordan Thompson – Slade Point

Nico Ovalle – Bowen

Jayden Mattingly – Bowen

Clow Gerhart – Bowen

Greg Mackay - Coach Queensland Country

An improvement on 2024, gaining Mackay City back, and with Brothers able to win a title after 21 years, many of which when they looked like folding. The women's program continues to grow thanks to a lot of hard work from a driven team. Our Colts cup was not as successful as we envisioned but will work closely with MDJRU to work out a plan to go again in 2026.

Finally, thank to the support of the QCRU, QRU and RA to help us work our way through another season.

## **Sam Miller**

*President*

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## SUNSHINE COAST RUGBY

This has been a year of significant transition, achievement, and strategic planning that positions our rugby community strongly for the future. Our participation numbers in 2025 demonstrate both the strength of our competition structure and meaningful growth across our rugby community.

**Junior Rugby:** 1,767 registered participants across ages U4 to U18

**Senior Rugby:** 1,180 registered participants, including 920 men and 260 women.

We are pleased to report growth in both juniors (0.9%) and seniors (5.6%) in 2025, reflecting the hard work of our clubs and the appeal of rugby in our region. Investment in our coaching and officiating workforce remained a priority throughout 2025.

### COACHING DEVELOPMENT

- 22 participants completed Junior Coaching Course
- 22 additional participants enrolled in a postponed course due to weather
- 20 participants in Community Coaching Course
- Referee Recruitment and Development
- 104 people completed referee ready courses, including 50 players from school programs.

Several senior referees, including SCRU staff Oli Lane and Adam Jurisevic, attended Level 2 Match Official courses at Ballymore Review and reactivation of the referee association service agreement, ensuring SCRU continues to support the referee association in their strategic and operational processes.



A junior player in action during the GPS Under 11 Gala Day

## SEASON ACHIEVEMENTS

### SCRU JUNIOR COMPETITION GRAND FINALS WINNERS

AGE	WINNING CLUB	RESULT	RUNNER UP
U12	Noosa	24-17	Saints
U13	Saints	17-12	Brothers
U14	Caloundra	36-14	Sunshine Coast Grammar
U15	Maroochydore	22-0	Sunshine Coast Grammar
U16/17	Noosa	15-10	Sunshine Coast Grammar
U13 Girls 7's	Gympie	17-15	Brothers
U15 Girls 7's	Brothers	22-0	Gympie
U17 Girls 7's	Brothers	15-5	Maroochydore

### SCHOOLS RUGBY

COMP	DIVISION	RESULT
Div 1 Boys	U13	St John's College
Div 1 Boys	U14	Matthew Flinders Anglican
Div 1 Boys	U15	Good Shepherd
2nd XV	Division 1	Pacific Luthern College
1st XV	Division 1	Sunshine Coast Grammar
Div 2 Girls	U14	Pacific Lutheran College
Div 1 Girls	U14	Sunshine Coast Grammar
Div 2 Girls	U16	Victory College
Div 1 Girls	U16	Matthew Flinders Anglican
Div 2 Girls	U18	Mountain Creek SHS
Div 1 Girls	U18	Siena College

### QUEENSLAND COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES

#### UNDER 13 BOYS

Xavier Anderson, Max Coonan, Hudson Bourne, Evan Wood, Nate Goodman

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## **UNDER 14 BOYS**

- La'Kye Filipo, Minto Nalatu, Toby Coglan, Henry Willaton, Bryce Gornall

## **UNDER 16 BOYS**

- Nate Kerin-Bird, Ryker Smith, Rory Ramsden, Charlie Meredith, Devereux Keil

## **UNDER 14 GIRLS**

- Ava Simonek, Mary Graham

## **UNDER 16 GIRLS**

- Lucy Ryan, Jahnessa Talataina

## **UNDER 18 GIRLS**

- Saren Manssen, Maya Uylangco, Jessica Cross, Shelby Beardmore\*, Darcy Evans\*

\*Selected for Combined States Teams

## **COLTS**

- Jack Packer, Cameron Ray, Bodhi Larkin, Sam Human, Isaac Westbrook

## **SENIOR MEN**

- Landry Bezombes, Joey Caputo, Tainui Ford, Luke Kimber, George Loose, Colby Mason, Thomas McKee, Jacob Pickney, Shaq Rangi, Savenaca Ronavuso, Levi Shaw, Shayden Stevens, Isaac Talbot, Kyran Tanuvasa, Levi Wairau, Harry Wright

## **SENIOR WOMEN**

- Ane Mailau, Latisha Stowers, Steivy Te Moana

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## **TOWNSVILLE DISTRICT RUGBY UNION**

The 2025 season was defined by resilience, teamwork and community spirit. Early in the year we were challenged by disruptive weather which impacted pre-season recruitment, trial opportunities and our ability to commence the junior and senior competitions on schedule. Despite this, our clubs adapted quickly and continued to provide quality experiences for players across all grades. What could have halted momentum instead highlighted the strength of our community.

A highlight of the year was the welcome return of the Western Suburbs men's program to Senior Men's rugby. Their reintroduction added depth, tradition and competitive strength back into our premier men's landscape.

A special acknowledgement must go to Wes Grant, whose tireless work on the season draw allowed both Charters Towers and Ingham to compete in 2nd Grade. This required sacrifices in home-game allocations and created logistical challenges, but it ensured broader participation and stronger competitions throughout the season. His work was essential to the success of our senior structure in 2025.

Our Women's and Girls Finals Series was a standout highlight. The quality of rugby, the competitiveness, and the supportive atmosphere created an incredible showcase of female rugby in North Queensland. The energy carried through the wider Grand Final Weekend, which once again delivered an outstanding community event and reaffirmed its place as one of Townsville's premier sporting weekends.

## **QUEENSLAND COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

In 2025, Townsville proudly hosted the Queensland Country Championships, a major logistical and operational undertaking.

To our volunteers, thank you. Your effort and commitment were instrumental. A special mention must go to Krystal Kirkman for her exceptional coordination and organisation throughout the event. While many individuals played important roles, the Championships could only be delivered through the combined effort of our entire rugby community—clubs, staff, parents and supporters.

Our sub-union successfully delivered:

- The Girls Under 16 Champions, and
- The Women's Champions,

Both of which highlighted the high standard of rugby talent coming through our northern pathway. We look ahead to 2026 with optimism as we continue strengthening our ties with Queensland Country Rugby.

## **SUB-UNION PERFORMANCE**

A major milestone in 2025 was the completion of a significant garment and merchandise tender process, undertaken jointly with FNQ Rugby.

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The goal was to improve financial sustainability, streamline ordering, and secure long-term benefits for clubs and representative programs.

Following a competitive process, we awarded a three-year contract to Canterbury / School Locker. Their proposal delivered:

- Savings worth tens of thousands of dollars over the life of the agreement
- Reliable, high-quality garment production and improved turnaround times
- A major financial sponsorship injection into TDRU each year of the deal
- Strong alignment between community rugby values and a professional supplier

This outcome represents a substantial win for the TDRU and for every club that relies on cost-effective apparel solutions. To complement the tender, we also launched a naming-rights partnership proposal.

This strategy significantly strengthens our commercial position heading into 2026 and ensures we continue building long-term financial stability.

The announcement that Townsville will host four matches during the 2027 Rugby World Cup was a landmark moment. The return of world-class rugby to North Queensland will drive participation, boost the local economy, inspire young players, and elevate the profile of our region.

We remain optimistic about also securing fixtures for the Women's Rugby World Cup 2029. The golden decade of rugby in Australia has begun, and Townsville is firmly positioned at its centre.

## **BBC TOUR**

We again welcomed Brisbane Boys' College to Townsville for a development tour which provided invaluable experience for our junior Brolgas. The tour strengthened relationships and delivered a high-performance rugby environment for local juniors.

## **RETURN OF THE U18 BOYS JAPAN TOUR**

After years of absence due to COVID-19, we proudly relaunched the Under 18 Boys Japan Tour—a major success and one of the standout achievements of the year. Players, families and staff all benefited from the international rugby and cultural experience. We look forward to continuing this tradition.

## **INTRODUCTION OF THE CLUB 7s SERIES**

This year marked the inaugural season of the Club 7s Series, which was enthusiastically received by players and clubs. The format delivered exciting rugby, broadened participation, and has now firmly established itself as part of our annual calendar.

## **FESTIVAL OF 7S**

The Zarraffas Coffee Townsville Festival of 7s continued to achieve its dual objectives:

- Recruitment, especially across youth cohorts
- Financial sustainability, supporting clubs through significant fundraising opportunities
- It remains one of the most impactful events on our calendar.

## **FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE**

2025 also saw major improvements to our facilities with upgrades reflecting our ongoing commitment to providing safe, modern facilities for all levels of rugby.

- \$115,000 lighting upgrade, completed thanks to the support of NQ Electrical and Haymans
- Pending outcome of a \$1 million disaster recovery lighting grant, which would create long-term certainty for night rugby
- Completion of the upstairs function room repaint, thanks to Lyndan and the Brilliant Paint Group, significantly improving our community and event spaces.

The 2025 season is one we can all be proud of. It highlighted our resilience, our unity and our shared belief in what rugby brings to Townsville. From returning programs, major events and representative successes to improved facilities and commercial growth — it has been a season of progress.

To our volunteers, referees, coaches, managers, canteen workers, parents, supporters and players — thank you. You are the engine of our sport. To our staff — your professionalism and commitment underpin everything we deliver. To our sponsors and partners — thank you for your continued faith in our vision. And to our clubs — your passion, leadership and community spirit remain the heart of the TDRU.

We look to 2026 with excitement, purpose and momentum. The future of rugby in Townsville is bright, and together, we will continue to grow our game.

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## QUEENSLAND RUGBY FOOTBALL SCHOOLS UNION

In 2025, the Queensland Rugby Football Schools Union (QRFSU) completed its 39th year of operation, delivering a statewide representative rugby program aligned to Queensland School Sport (QSS) and Queensland Rugby Union (QRU) strategic priorities.

QRFSU continues to provide inclusive, aligned and professionally delivered rugby opportunities for students across all regions of Queensland, while strengthening talent pathways into QRU, Reds, and national programs.

### KEY OUTCOMES IN 2025

- Strong participation across five representative pathways
- First-place finishes at national level in multiple girls age groups
- Continued contribution to Australian Schoolboys and Schoolgirls selections
- Reinstatement of a statewide ambassador (delegate) model for Sevens and XV's
- Ongoing collaboration with QRU Community Rugby and Academy programs
- Trialled a different draw for u15's with an earlier seeding concept. Will trial again in 2026.

### STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: DIVERSITY IN LEARNING THROUGH RUGBY

QRFSU programs are delivered through three strategic pillars:

#### Inclusive

- » Access for students from all affiliated Queensland schools
- » Participation across boys' and girls' pathways
- » Representation from all 12 Queensland School Sport regions

#### Aligned

- » Governance alignment with Queensland School Sport
- » Operational alignment with QRU, QRSS, QRAA and Rugby Xplorer
- » National pathway alignment through ASRU Championships

#### Professional

- » High-quality venues and event delivery
- » Accredited officials and safety-first environments
- » Transparent player identification and selection processes

### REPRESENTATIVE PATHWAYS

QRFSU delivered representative opportunities across five established pathways:

- » 17–18 Years Boys XV's
- » 17–18 Years Girls Sevens
- » 15–16 Years Girls Sevens
- » 14–15 Years Boys XV's
- » 11–12 Years XV's

These pathways remain aligned with QRU and national performance structures.

### PARTICIPATION AND CHAMPIONSHIPS

QRFSU delivered multiple regional and state events in 2025, with major carnivals hosted across Northern, Darling Downs, Metropolitan North, Metropolitan East, Sunshine Coast and Metropolitan West regions.

Events delivered at Townsville Sports Precinct, Highfields, Nudgee College and Sunshine Coast venues. Participation ranged from 80 to 276 students per event. Queensland teams competed as Q1 (Maroon) and Q2 (White) at ASRU Championships.

### PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES

At the 2025 Australian Schools Rugby Union Championships, Queensland achieved the following results:

- » Q1 U16 Girls – 1st place
- » Q1 U18 Girls – 1st place
- » Boys and Q2 results – pending confirmation
- » National Representation
- » 10 players selected in the Australian Schoolboys team
- » 17 girls selected across U16, U18 and Open Girls national programs

### AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

#### SUGARMAN – MCLEAN AWARD RECIPIENTS

- Jeremiah Patea – Brisbane State High School (QLD 1)

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- Harvey Kachel – St Augustine’s College, Cairns (QLD 2)
- Matilda Richards – Townsville Grammar School (QLD 1 Maroon)
- Ella Byrnes – The Glennie School (QLD 2 White)
- Angela Nane-Coe – Atherton State High School (QLD 1 Maroon)
- Kya Wills-Rawlings – Matthew Flinders Anglican College (QLD 2 White)
- Brian Peace Award Recipients
- Lane Edmonds – Ipswich Grammar School (QLD 1)
- Isaac Fidock – Somerset College (QLD 2)
- Matilda Vial – Keebra Park State High School (QLD 1 Maroon)
- Rosa-Milan Lefono – Marsden State High School (QLD 2 White)
- Billie Backus – King’s Christian College (QLD 1 Maroon)
- Nadia Amiatu – King’s Christian College (QLD 2 White)

## **NATIONAL TEAM REPRESENTATION**

### **Australian Schoolboys 2025**

Ten Queensland athletes were selected, reinforcing Queensland’s ongoing contribution to national programs.

### **Australian Schoolgirls Sevens**

Queensland athletes were represented across:  
U16 Merit Team

### **Open Sevens Merit Team**

Australian Schoolgirls Open Sevens Team (Global Youth 7s)

## **WORKFORCE AND SERVICE RECOGNITION**

In 2025, QRFSU formally recognised long-serving contributors:

- Todd Wells
- Phil Langley

The executive also reinstated the delegate system as a modernised Ambassador Program to strengthen communication, advocacy and pathway alignment across Sevens and XVs.

## **2026 FORWARD PLANNING**

- QRFSU has confirmed planning for five major carnivals across four dates in 2026, hosted at:
  - Brothers Rugby Club (Albion)
  - Noosa Rugby Club
  - Townsville Sports Precinct
  - Surfers Paradise Rugby Club (Albert Park)
- Programs will continue to align with ASRU Championships and QRU talent pathways, including U15 Reds development opportunities.

## **QRU SUPPORT AND STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT**

- QRFSU seeks continued partnership with QRU in the following areas:
  - Community Rugby Support
  - Event operations and official appointments
  - Accreditation and compliance tracking
  - Competition management support for combined U16/U18 Girls Sevens
  - Player engagement and Reds appearances
  - Strategic alignment opportunities with Super Rugby events
  - Academy Support
  - Access to Ballymore facilities for pre-national training camps
  - Academy coaching support for QLD 1 & 2, U16 and U18 Sevens teams

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

QRFSU acknowledges the ongoing support of Regional Delegates and RSSOs, Queensland Rugby Union, and Queensland School Sport. In particular, QRFSU thanks Gaven Head and Kris Burton for their continued collaboration and support.

## **QRFSU EXECUTIVE – 2025**

**Chair:** Clint Curran

**Executives:** Andrew Rye, Sarah Ridgewell, Rob Enright

**Secretary:** Ben Cramp

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## QUEENSLAND RUGBY REFEREES ASSOCIATION

As I present my fourth and final President's Report, I want to begin by sincerely thanking our entire membership for your continued commitment to the game. From those running out several times each weekend—often on birthdays, Mother's Day, Father's Day and many other inconvenient occasions—to those representing us on the world stage, the QRRRA is unquestionably a shining light in match officiating across the Australian rugby landscape.

Looking back to when I first joined the Management Committee in 2016, there have been countless moments that define "QRRRA" for me. Many of these I am immensely proud of, some have been challenging, and a few I hope no future committee member ever has to face. More than ever, however, I am confident that the QRRRA is a welcoming association that truly feels like our own club. It is particularly encouraging to see so many young members joining our ranks, while at the same time continuing to recognise those who have contributed an extraordinary number of games and years of service to the association.

Recruitment, education and retention remain critical focus areas. In 2025, we took a significant step forward with the Queensland Rugby Union employing a dedicated match official resource for the first time in over a decade. Having Dan Mangin in this role—someone with strong QRRRA ties—has already delivered positive outcomes and provides real confidence for the future. I have also been pleased to see improved support for match officials in relation to inclusiveness and protection from abuse. While incidents still occur, the increased responsiveness and follow-through from the QRU and most competitions has been noticeable and appreciated. Strong stakeholder relationships across senior, junior, subbies and school competitions continue to underpin this progress.

Throughout the season, the QRRRA has been represented at every level of the game. Our professional referees—Nic Berry, Damon Murphy, Jordan Way and Reuben Keane—have again performed consistently at the highest level, alongside Jess Ling's proud representation at the Women's Rugby World Cup. Brett Cronan and Rachel Horton have continued to contribute from the TMO box, while emerging officials regularly feature in Super Rugby and representative

appointments, highlighting the depth of talent within our Association.

Sadly, 2025 also saw the loss of Life Member Geoff Pegg. "Peggy" was a constant presence within Queensland rugby for decades, and his passing was felt deeply across our community. The turnout at his funeral was a testament to the respect and affection held for him. He was passionate, committed, and dedicated to the people of our game. He will be greatly missed.

I would like to sincerely thank our Admin Officer Nick Joseph, Appointments Officers Neill McCann and Scott Chapman, and our squad and performance leaders for their tireless work behind the scenes. I also thank my fellow Management Committee members and our sponsors—Chemist Warehouse, TFH and Canterbury—for their continued support of the QRRRA.

Reflecting on my nine years in committee roles, I am immensely proud of how far the QRRRA has come, both organisationally and on the field. As I step away from the Presidency, I thank those who have supported me throughout this journey and wish everyone in the QRRRA a safe and happy Christmas. With exciting years ahead for Australian rugby, I am confident the QRRRA will continue to play a significant role.

## 2025 GRAND FINAL REFEREE APPOINTMENTS

### QUEENSLAND PREMIER RUGBY

- » **PREMIER** - George Myers
- » **PREMIER WOMEN** - Benjamin Dorrington-Plumb
- » **SECOND GRADE** - Jeremy Markey
- » **COLTS 1** - Charles Marshall
- » **THIRD GRADE** - Daniel Mangin
- » **FOURTH GRADE** - Tom Heffernan
- » **FIFTH GRADE** - Robert Southwood
- » **COLTS 2** - Drew Meehan
- » **COLTS 3** - Hayden McKenzie

### QUEENSLAND SUBURBAN RUGBY UNION

- » **BARBER CUP** - Rory Crombie
- » **SEQ WOMEN'S CUP** - John Hanna
- » **NORMANBY CUP** - Ziggy Day
- » **WYATT CUP** - Matt Campbell
- » **SCOTNEY CUP** - Paul Henwood
- » **TUCKEY CUP** - Ben Henry

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## BRISBANE JUNIOR RUGBY UNION

- » **U16 DIVISION 1** - Adam Burnell
- » **U16 DIVISION 2** - Jack Shay
- » **U16 DIVISION 3** - Moses Limmer
- » **U15 DIVISION 1** - Ethan O'Meara
- » **U15 DIVISION 2** - Matthew Campbell
- » **U15 DIVISION 3** - Andrew Stamp
- » **U15 DIVISION 4** - James Stamp
- » **U14 DIVISION 1** - Felix Styman-Bailey
- » **U14 DIVISION 2** - Lincoln Hicks
- » **U14 DIVISION 3** - Jack Mulvogue
- » **U14 DIVISION 4** - Darren Clayton
- » **U13 DIVISION 1** - Scott Chapman
- » **U13 DIVISION 2** - Finn Crawford-Clayton
- » **U13 DIVISION 3** - Finn Morrison
- » **U13 DIVISION 4** - Harry Woodward

## 2025 REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS

### INTERNATIONAL

- Kirk Astill
  - » Appearances: 3
  - » Roles: Assistant Referee
  - » Competition levels: Super Rugby Women's
- Nicholas Berry
  - » Appearances: 27
  - » Roles: Assistant Referee, Referee
  - » Competition levels: International Test Match, Super Rugby, Super Rugby AUS
- Brett Cronan
  - » Appearances: 38
  - » Roles: FPRO, TMO
  - » Competition levels: International Test Match, Super Rugby
- Ziggy Day
  - » Appearances: 2
  - » Roles: Assistant Referee
  - » Competition levels: Rugby AU U15, Super Rugby U16
- Rachel Horton
  - » Appearances: 24
  - » Roles: FPRO, TMO
  - » Competition levels: HSBC SVNS, International Test Match, Women's Rugby World Cup, Women's Six Nations
- Brayden Hudson
  - » Appearances: 4
  - » Roles: Assistant Referee, Referee
  - » Competition levels: Rugby AU U18, Rugby AU U20, Super Rugby U16, Super Rugby Women's
- Hamish Hunt
  - » Appearances: 3
  - » Roles: Assistant Referee, Referee
  - » Competition levels: Rugby AU U15, Rugby AU U20s, Super Rugby U16
- Zanden Jeh
  - » Appearances: 3
  - » Roles: Referee
  - » Competition levels: Super Rugby Women's
- Cholmondeley Johnson
  - » Appearances: 1
  - » Roles: TMO
  - » Competition levels: Super Rugby Women's
- Reuben Keane
  - » Appearances: 1
  - » Roles: Referee
  - » Competition levels: Super Rugby AUS
- Jessica Ling
  - » Appearances: 17
  - » Roles: Assistant Referee, Referee
  - » Competition levels: HSBC SVNS, International Test Match, Super Rugby Women's, Women's Rugby World Cup
- Daniel Mangin
  - » Appearances: 2
  - » Roles: Assistant Referee
  - » Competition levels: Super Rugby Women's
- Jeremy Markey
  - » Appearances: 22
  - » Roles: Assistant Referee, Referee
  - » Competition levels: Super Rugby, Super Rugby AUS, Super Rugby Men's 19s
- Charles Marshall
  - » Appearances: 1
  - » Roles: Assistant Referee
  - » Competition levels: Super Rugby U19
- Hayden McKenzie
  - » Appearances: 1
  - » Roles: Assistant Referee
  - » Competition levels: Rugby AU U15
- Damon Murphy
  - » Appearances: 24
  - » Roles: Assistant Referee, FPRO, Referee, TMO
  - » Competition levels: International Test Match, Super Rugby, Super Rugby AUS

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- George Myers
  - » Appearances: 12
  - » Roles: Assistant Referee, Referee
  - » Competition levels: Major League Rugby, Super Rugby, Super Rugby AUS, Super Rugby Men's 19s
- Maxwell North
  - » Appearances: 4
  - » Roles: Assistant Referee, Referee
  - » Competition levels: Super Rugby Men's 16s, Super Rugby Men's 19s
- Myles O'Sullivan
  - » Appearances: 1
  - » Roles: Assistant Referee
  - » Competition levels: Rugby AU U18s
- Jordan Way
  - » Appearances: 24
  - » Roles: Assistant Referee, Referee
  - » Competition levels: International Test Match, Super Rugby

**Simon Moore**  
*President QRRA*

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## QUEENSLAND COUNTRY RUGBY REFEREES ASSOCIATION

I would like to begin by reflecting on what has been a highly successful year for the Queensland Country Rugby Referee Association.

Our Association's successes in 2025 have strengthened our standing not only within the Queensland rugby landscape, but also at the national level, with multiple match officials from our regional ranks earning selection for representative honours. These achievements are a testament to the quality of our referees and the strength of the systems that support them.

That success does not happen by chance. It is built on the dedication, professionalism, and tireless efforts of the people who keep our Association moving forward.

Firstly, I extend my sincere thanks to our Executive team, Alan Hunt (Secretary) and Steve Ryan (Treasurer). The work you do often happens quietly and behind the scenes, but it is vital to the

success of the QCRRRA. From governance and planning through to member welfare, finance, and operations, your commitment has ensured that our Association remains strong, stable, and focused on the needs of our referees. I am deeply grateful for your time, your expertise, and your willingness to always put the Association first.

### SPONSORSHIP AND GRANTS

I would also like to acknowledge and sincerely thank our sponsors – Chemist Warehouse, Gemlife, Daker Pty Ltd and First4Care for their ongoing support of the QCRRRA.

Their commitment plays a vital role in enabling us to provide development opportunities, resources, and support for our match officials across regional Queensland.

In an environment where community sport relies so heavily on partnership and goodwill, their contribution makes a genuine difference to the strength and sustainability of our Association. We are extremely grateful for their confidence in what we do and in the people we represent.

### MATCH OFFICIAL PATHWAYS AND DEVELOPMENT

One of the most important pillars of our Association is the strength of our match official pathways, and in 2025 this area has continued to grow in both structure and impact.

I would like to formally acknowledge the outstanding work of Ian McGowan (Lead), Scott Lynch (Gold Coast), Grant Whiteford (North Queensland) and Dave Doherty (Central Queensland). Their commitment to referee development across our regions has been exceptional. A tremendous amount of time has been invested in phone calls, emails, and careful consultation to ensure that the right people were identified and selected for the right opportunities.

This collaborative approach has ensured that our match officials were placed into tournaments and appointments that best aligned with their individual experience, capability, and development needs. The result has been not only strong performances at representative events, but also clear, sustainable progression pathways for our officials at all levels.

The success we have seen this year at both state and national levels is a direct reflection of the care, diligence, and professionalism that this group brings to its work. On behalf of the

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Association, I thank each of you for your dedication to developing our referees and strengthening the future of Queensland Country Rugby officiating.

Ian McGowan has included in his report the successes of our season. Well done to everyone who is mentioned and my sincerest wishes to those who are still striving to get a mention.

## STAKEHOLDER & PARTNERSHIP ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

It would be remiss of me to not acknowledge the continued support of our fellow Associations and committees and their impact on our programs:

- Rod Hohn (President QCRU) and Craig Coetzee (Treasurer QCRU). For the first time, the QCRRRA members were provided full funding by the QCRU providing travel and accommodation arrangements, as well as daily per-diems. Without a doubt, this gave our Association every opportunity to ensure our team was ready to go and perform at their best at our pinnacle QLD Country Rugby event.
- Simon Moore (President – QRRA), his Executive and development committee for their continued belief in the country MO pathway. Through open discussion with the relative Appointments Officers, several of our members were not only given opportunities to participate in high level representative tournaments, but they were able to shine.
- To the Presidents and Coordinators of all our Country Referee Associations, I thank you for your continued efforts and support of the QCRRRA and your collaborative approach with Ian McGowan and his team in ensuring that your members were represented in some capacity.
- NSW Country Referees – I'd like to thank you for the continued friendship we share, especially around the opportunities that you have provided us with giving our members the chance to experience rugby in other regions. The Armidale event is high on our calendar and has proven a great training ground for our referees and MODs alike.
- TDRURA – Thank you to Ben Maher and his Executive for your tireless efforts during the Country Championships held in Townsville. The

breakfast event was well attended and brought together several key stakeholders of interest to our cause.

- QRU – Gaven Head (General Manager – Community Rugby) and Dan Mangin (MO Development Officer). We would not be where we are today without the support of our governing bodies. Gaven is a strong supporter of our vision and has been a constant part of our journey. Through his leadership, Daniel Mangin came on board and has proven to be a true ally of our members and has been a driving force with ensuring the numerous QLD rugby events across the state are well resourced and managed.
- Rugby AU – A big thank you to Graham Cooper, Andrew Gilchrist, Drew Crozier and Mitch DeLorenzo for your continued guidance and resourcing for education and opportunity to develop regional referees, developers, and administrators at the national level.

As we look ahead, the Queensland Country Rugby Referee Association stands in a position of real strength. We have quality people, clear pathways, and a growing reputation for excellence at both state and national levels. Most importantly, we have a community of match officials who are committed to continuous improvement and to upholding the values of our game.

I am proud of what we have achieved together in 2025, and I am confident that with the continued dedication of our Executive, our development leaders, and our referees across the regions, the year ahead will be even stronger. Thank you all for the trust you place in this Association and for the contribution you make to rugby every time you step onto the field.

Together, we will continue to grow, develop, and lead.

**Rohan Hoffman**  
*President*

# AFFILIATE REPORTS

## MT ISA RUGBY UNION

The 2025 season marked a significant step forward for Mount Isa Rugby Union with the successful introduction of the World Cup 7's cluster initiative. Delivered across five clusters throughout the year, the program was designed to increase participation, strengthen cultural connection, and provide a festival-style rugby experience for players of all ages.

The men's competition proudly showcased international representation from Fiji, Tonga, Tuvalu, Australia, and New Zealand, bringing together diverse playing styles and strong community support.

The women's division featured Australian teams alongside Oceanic and Pacific Island representation, highlighting the continued growth and demand for inclusive and culturally connected rugby opportunities in regional Queensland.

A key strength of the World Cup 7's cluster model was its whole-of-community approach. Each cluster also incorporated strong junior participation, with young players engaged through Tri Tag and Junior 7's formats. This created clear development pathways, encouraged family involvement, and reinforced rugby as a sport for all ages and abilities.

The cluster format reduced travel demands, maximised participation, and generated strong local engagement at each host location. It also aligned with Mount Isa Rugby Union's commitment to player development, community connection, and sustainable growth in remote and regional areas.

Overall, the 2025 season demonstrated the effectiveness of innovative competition structures in strengthening rugby participation and delivering meaningful outcomes for players, volunteers, and the wider community.

## CLUB/SUB-UNION PERFORMANCE

The sub-union was supported by City and Country Reality and NKS Maintenance and Solutions.

## SEASON ACHIEVEMENTS

- U16 Boys participated in Western 7's Emerald
- U14 & U16 Boys participated in Mackay 7's
- U16 Boys participated in Zarraffas Coffee festival 7's
- Shane Simmons represented Mount Isa Colts Townsville



Reds Next Gen 7s player Madison Pomerence carries the ball during a game



A player from Gold Coast District Rugby Union in action during the Queensland State 7s at Ballymore Stadium

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## JUDICIAL APPEALS COMMITTEE

This year, the Appeals Committee was made up of Chris Newton, Noel Rafter, Russell Davies, and John Mullins as Chairman.

**The Appeals Committee heard a number of matters. The matters heard relate to:**

1. An appeal by a country union that a penalty was manifestly inadequate. The outcome was to increase the player's suspension from one week to eight weeks.
2. An appeal by a player against the imposition of a six-match suspension which was reduced to a four-match suspension.
3. An appeal by a district union on the basis that the sentences were manifestly inadequate for two junior players. The outcome was to increase the penalty for each of the two players from one week to two weeks.

The Committee is required to comply with the Rugby Australia disciplinary policy and have due regard for the aggravating and mitigating factors as well as determining the correct entry level for the offences to impose penalties in accordance with the policy. These matters are taken extremely seriously as there is an understanding of the impact it has on the game, the Associations, the teams, the players, and on people's lives.

I thank the Committee members for the diligence they have demonstrated in dealing with these difficult matters this year.

**John Mullins**

*Judicial Appeals Committee Chairman*



Reds Co-Captain Tate McDermott poses with his teammates following his 100th game for Queensland

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

In 2025, in the QPR competition there were 56 red cards issued and in the QSRU 35. This was an increase in the numbers from 2024, perhaps indicating the diligence of the referees regarding player safety and the increased number of teams participating in the various competitions.

Once again, the First Grade teams led the way with limited numbers of red cards for foul play. Over the years it has been particularly comforting to see the discipline displayed by these teams, with the incidents of foul play requiring send offs continuing to remain in single figures across the season. A credit to all clubs and players from the premier level of competition.

It is also pleasing to see that the Colts competition continues at historical low levels for send offs. Colts players are historically notorious foul-play offenders, however it is noted and appreciated by all participants and stakeholders that offending for foul play has plateaued.

Code of Conduct matters also declined, limited to one incident involving a number of people concerning spectator abuse at a lower level of competition. Once again it is pleasing to see that supporters, players, coaches, managers etc are continuing to understand the importance of social norms at rugby. In accordance with Rugby AU Code of Conduct Rules, other breaches of a lower level of seriousness are dealt with at club level and only the more serious offences find themselves to the Code of Conduct Committee.

The Committee wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the clubs in ensuring that players attend with representatives. A player represented by counsel, official, coach or manager greatly assists the process and allows feedback to clubs on various findings for breaches regarding foul play.

The Committee wishes to acknowledge the assistance of Connor Ellis and Trent MaChong of the QRU for their diligent record keeping, preparation of Committee papers, advice to clubs of decisions and facilitation of online meetings.

I wish also to acknowledge the assistance of fellow Committee members Geff Gardiner, Lenn Watt, Russell Davies and Russell Thompson for their work and assistance over the year.

**Paul Tully**

*Chairman QRU Judicial Committee*



Supporters look on at Easts Rugby Club for a StoreLocal Hospital Cup clash between Easts and Bond University



Reds flanker Fraser McReight captained the Wallabies for the first time in South Africa



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Wests Bulldogs' Leila Wood poses for a photo ahead of the 2025 StoreLocal Challenge Cup season



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## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Directors of Queensland Rugby Union Ltd (the "QRU"), except where otherwise stated, present their report on the Company for the year ended 31 October 2025.

### DIRECTORS

The name and particulars of the Directors of the Company in office at any time during or since the end of the year are:

- Mr B Clark – Chair
- Mr S Button
- Dr M Carroll (Re-appointed 27 February 2025)
- Ms A Cavanagh (Casual vacancy appointed 20 August 2025)
- Mr J Coote
- Mr J Horwill (Re-elected 15 March 2025)
- Mr M Zaicek
- Ms S Zeljko
- Ms C Clark (Re-elected 15 March 2025, Resigned 31 August 2025)
- Mr B Curran (Resigned 15 March 2025)

### INFORMATION ON DIRECTORS & OFFICEHOLDERS

#### MR B CLARK – CHAIR | AM, B.PHARM, MBA, GAICD, MPS

Brett Clark is a co-founder of ePharmacy and partner of Chemist Warehouse stores in Queensland and Northern NSW. Brett graduated from the University of Queensland with a Bachelor of Pharmacy degree in 1988 and an MBA in 2005. He also has a graduate diploma from the AICD. Brett is the Chair of QLD Ballet and a Patron of the Mater Foundation. Brett was re-appointed as QRU Chairman after the conclusion of the Company's Annual General Meeting on 9 March 2024.

#### MR S BUTTON

A Commissioner of the Australian Government Productivity Commission, Selwyn is a former partner of PwC Indigenous Consulting (PIC) where he worked with a range of organisations to realise the commercial and community potential of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander business, projects, and initiatives. Prior to this he was the Registrar for Indigenous Corporations (ORIC), the Assistant Director-General, Indigenous Education with the Qld Department of Education, and Chief Executive

Officer at QAIHC. He has also worked in a variety of government policy development roles within the Queensland Government. Selwyn has served on numerous boards & committees including the Lowitja Institute, the Institute for Urban Indigenous Health, and is currently Chairperson of the Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts. Selwyn has worked with Government and Indigenous organisations across urban and remote settings and has a strong commitment to improving outcomes for Indigenous people. Selwyn holds a Bachelor of Teaching, Graduate Certificate in Business Administration and a Masters in Public Administration. He is chair of the QRU's Community Rugby Committee.

#### DR M CARROLL | PH.D, M.ED., B.SC, B.ED, GRAD DIP ARTS, DIP ED, GAICD

Dr Michael Carroll was the Headmaster of St. Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace in Brisbane until December 2025. He has been a teacher for 44 years and a Principal for 27 years. He has undertaken a range of undergraduate and post graduate studies including a PhD which focussed on multicultural learning environments in schools. He is a graduate of the AICD program. As a teacher, he has coached school teams including First XV teams at TAS, AIC and GPS levels, as well as at club level. Dr Carroll also played over 200 games for Souths Rugby Club and has remained an advocate for grassroots participation throughout his professional career. Michael is Chair of the QRU Nominations Committee and a member of the Community Rugby Committee.

#### MS A CAVANAGH | BBUS, MBA, GAICD

April Cavanagh is a Non-Executive Director and Chair with extensive experience across financial services, agriculture, and manufacturing. She has worked in Brisbane, Sydney and London before returning to regional Queensland. April holds a Bachelor of Business and a Masters from Sydney University, and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. She has also completed executive education programs through the Melbourne Business School and Harvard Business School. She currently serves as Chair of Toowoomba Surat Basin Enterprise and Manufacturing Skills Queensland, and as a Non-Executive Director of Cotton Australia and Endeavour Meats. April is a member of the QRU's Community Rugby Committee.

### **MR J COOTE | BCOM, CA**

Joe is an experienced business leader who is currently CEO of Bubs Australia, an ASX listed infant formula business. He was previously CEO of Darigold, one of the United States' largest dairy companies with US\$3bn in annual sales. A Chartered Accountant, he is the former President of Fonterra Americas and a former General Manager at Coles Myer. Joe holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Queensland and is Chair of the QRU's Audit & Risk Committee.

### **MR J HORWILL**

James Horwill, QRU#1184 and Wallaby#819, was capped 116 times for Queensland and 62 times for Australia, captaining both. He led the Reds to their memorable 2011 Super Rugby championship and captained the Wallabies in his first Rugby World Cup in 2011 and in the 2013 series against the British and Irish Lions. He played four seasons with Harlequins in the English Premiership, his last two as captain, and played for the victorious Cambridge team in the 2019 Varsity Game while completing his Master of Business Administration at Queens College. He is currently Group General Manager - Sales & Marketing at EGR Automotive, a Queensland firm which is a global leader in the automotive accessories industry. James is Chair of the QRU's Rugby Committee.

### **MR M ZAICEK**

Michael is Commercial Director for leading property developer, Aria Property Group, and has been instrumental in creating and curating Aria's Fish Lane precinct in West End, and Edward St in the CBD. A Life Member and former president of the University of Queensland Rugby Club, Michael has chaired the QRU's Ballymore Committee for the past three years, helping to steer the redevelopment of the iconic precinct.

### **MS S ZELJKO | LLB, GAICD, GAIST**

Sarah Zeljko has held professional Non-Executive Director and governance Board roles over the past 15 years. As well as her role on the QRU board and as Chair of the QRU's People, Culture & Safety Committee, she currently sits on the Boards of EnergyCo, Stockyard Beef, Unitywater and the International River Foundation. Sarah is an admitted legal practitioner in the Queensland and NSW Supreme Courts and has held previous roles as General Counsel and Company Secretary for G8 Education, the Wiggins Island Coal Export Terminal and Cement Australia.

### **MS C CLARK | GAICD**

Catherine Clark is a highly credentialled sport administrator and AICD qualified company director, presently holding the position of Commissioner at the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission.

Originally a Hockey player, Catherine has coached and played sport in The Netherlands, New Zealand, and Australia. Catherine's sport administration employment has included roles with Sport and Recreation New Zealand, the International Paralympic Committee, Gymsports New Zealand (Chief Executive Officer 2007-2008), Gymnastics Australia (Chief Executive Officer 2010-2012), Netball Queensland (Chief Executive Officer 2015-2021) and Paralympics Australia (Chief Executive Officer 2022-2024). Catherine was elected to the QRU Board in March 2023 and resigned from the QRU Board in August 2025.

### **MR B CURRAN**

Boyd Curran has a long history of playing and being involved at an administrative level in Rugby in Queensland. Boyd was in the role of Western Queensland Rugby President from 2007 - 2009, and then served as Queensland Country Rugby President from 2010 to 2013. Boyd is currently Managing Partner at Nutrien Ag Solutions Western Queensland with offices in Blackall, Longreach, Winton, and Hughenden, and is a beef, sheep, and wool producer on his properties at Longreach. Boyd retired from the QRU Board at the 2025 AGM.

### **MR D HANHAM - CEO**

David Hanham joined Queensland Rugby Union in 2002 in the Game Development department, quickly becoming a Development Manager and later General Manager – Game Development. Mr Hanham also served as the QRU's Chief Operating Officer and later Deputy CEO, before an appointment as QRU's interim CEO in July 2018, which preceded David being confirmed in the CEO role in December 2018.

### **MR G MAHER - CFO & COMPANY SECRETARY | BCOM, CA, GAICD, FGIA**

Graham Maher was appointed Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary of Queensland Rugby Union Limited in May 2023. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce, is a Chartered Accountant with the Institute of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, and a Fellow of the Governance Institute of Australia. Graham was previously the CFO of Queensland Rugby League for seven years, following a career across public practice and various commercial industries, including funds and investment management, property, retail electricity and resources, within both international and locally listed and unlisted companies.

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## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The Company's principal activities in the course of the financial year were the control and operation of Rugby Union in Queensland.

During the financial year there was no significant change in the nature of these activities.

### LIKELY DEVELOPMENT AND RESULTS

Likely developments in the operations of the company and the expected results of those

operations (such as the redevelopment and the future of Ballymore), have not been included in this report as the Directors believe, on reasonable grounds, that the inclusion of such information would be likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the Company.

### AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the Corporations Act is set out on page 95.

### MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

COMMITTEE	BOARD		AUDIT & RISK		BOARD NOMINATIONS	
	A	B	A	B	A	B
<i>(i) A = Meetings attended; (ii) B = Meetings eligible to attend</i>						
Mr B Clark – Chairman	6	6	6	7	2	3
Mr S Button	4	6	-	-	-	-
Dr M Carroll	6	6	-	-	3	3
Ms A Cavanagh	1	1	-	-	-	-
Mr J Coote	4	6	7	7	-	-
Mr J Horwill	6	6	-	-	-	-
Mr M Zaicek	5	6	-	-	-	-
Ms S Zeljko	5	6	-	-	-	-
Ms C Clark	2	5	-	-	-	-
Mr B Curran	2	2	-	-	-	-

Other Committees include the:

- Ballymore Committee,
- Rugby Committee,
- Community Rugby Committee,
- People, Culture & Safety Committee,
- Judicial Committee,
- Judicial Appeals Committee. and
- Honorary Life Members Committee.

Committee meetings are also attended by QRU Executive Staff and external independent stakeholders and advisors, by invitation.

## OPERATING RESULTS

The Company's statutory loss for the 2025 financial year was (\$1,110,425), due to the significant depreciation charge of \$1,760,856 across Ballymore precinct assets, including the BMS National Rugby Training Centre (NRTC).

This compares to 2024's reported statutory loss of (\$1,647,196), which included depreciation charges of \$1,704,693 across the Ballymore precinct assets, including the BMS National Rugby Training Centre (NRTC).

Prior to depreciation and interest charges, the company's earnings were \$813,997 (2024: \$199,832).

In 2025, QRU highlights included:

- A seventh consecutive operating profit, reinforcing the QRU's commitment to financial diligence
- The Queensland Reds playing the touring British & Irish Lions at Suncorp Stadium in July.
- Hosting of a significant number of events at Ballymore, including the Wallaroos v Wales test match and the Queensland Reds v Saitama Panasonic Wild Knights.
- The continuing use of the NRTC as a training facility for the Wallaroos, Wallabies and teams from other professional sporting codes ahead of matches in Brisbane.

The QRU would like to acknowledge and thank the continued contribution of its members, donors, Principal Partner BMS, and all other Corporate Partners for their support during 2025.

The QRU also acknowledges the State and Federal Government's ongoing financial support of the game through participation and program funding.

## OUTLOOK

The QRU will continue to consider and implement all necessary measures to enhance the future of Rugby in Queensland, including the operation and ongoing commercialisation of the BMS National Rugby Training Centre and Ballymore precinct.

## MATTERS SUBSEQUENT TO THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR

There are no material events after the reporting date.

## OTHER MATTERS

There are no other matters or circumstances which have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Company in subsequent financial years.

## DIVIDENDS

The Company is a Company limited by guarantee and is prohibited under its Constitution to declare dividends.

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

The Corporate Governance Statement of the Company is now available on the Company's website and as such is not included in the Annual Report.

A copy of the Statement can be found at [reds.rugby](https://www.reds.rugby).

## OFFICERS AND AUDITORS' INDEMNIFICATION

The Company has not, during or since the end of the financial year, in respect of any person who is, or has been, an officer or auditor of the Company or of a related body corporate::

- indemnified or made any relevant agreement for indemnifying against a liability incurred as an officer or auditor, including costs and expenses in successfully defending legal proceedings; or
- paid or agreed to pay a premium in respect of a contract insuring against a liability incurred as an officer or auditor for the costs or expenses to defend legal proceedings;

with the exception of the following:

- During or since the financial year the Company has paid premiums to insure each of the Directors and Officers of the Company against liabilities for costs and expenses incurred by them in defending any legal proceedings arising out of their conduct while acting in the capacity of director or officers of the Company, other than conduct involving a wilful breach of duty in relation to the Company. Further details are prohibited by a confidentiality clause.

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## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### PROCEEDINGS ON BEHALF OF THE COMPANY

No person has applied for leave of court to bring proceedings on behalf of the Company or to intervene in any proceedings to which the Company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the Company for all or any part of these proceedings.

The Company was not a party to any such proceedings during the financial year.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors made pursuant to Section 298(2) of the Corporations Act 2001 on behalf of the Directors.



**B. CLARK**  
Chair



**D. HANHAM**  
Chief Executive Officer

Dated in Brisbane this 5th day of March 2026.

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## AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION



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### DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BY D P WRIGHT TO THE DIRECTORS OF QUEENSLAND RUGBY UNION LIMITED

As lead auditor of Queensland Rugby Union Limited for the year ended 31 October 2025, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

1. No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
2. No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D P Wright', written over a light grey horizontal line.

**D P Wright**  
Director

**BDO Audit Pty Ltd**

Brisbane, 5 March 2026

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## STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

	NOTE	2025 \$	2024 \$
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Sponsorship		6,344,279	6,098,957
Corporate Hospitality		1,029,197	1,258,169
Match Day		4,001,324	4,571,468
Grants		6,667,008	6,307,847
Affiliate Fee Revenue		1,391,600	1,365,585
Interest Received		1,058	729
Ballymore Tenancy & Hire Income		683,838	735,766
Other		3,917,122	2,959,726
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>		<b>24,035,426</b>	<b>23,298,247</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Match Day Operational Expenses		2,469,638	2,963,587
Commercial		2,330,967	2,562,736
Marketing and Memberships		1,454,559	1,070,944
Game Development and Operations		2,616,872	2,292,656
Reds Team Expenses		11,439,875	11,286,688
Corporate		1,833,711	1,814,568
Ballymore		1,075,807	1,107,236
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>23,221,429</b>	<b>23,098,415</b>
Profit before Depreciation and Interest Expense		813,997	199,832
Depreciation	2	1,760,856	1,704,693
Interest Expense		163,566	142,335
Profit / (Loss) After Depreciation and Interest Expense		(1,110,425)	(1,647,196)
Income Tax Expense	1(D)	-	-
<b>PROFIT / (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE MEMBERS</b>		<b>(1,110,425)</b>	<b>(1,647,196)</b>
Other comprehensive income for the year (net of tax)		-	-
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>(1,110,425)</b>	<b>(1,647,196)</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

# 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2025

	NOTE	2025 \$	2024 \$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	18,468	175,394
Trade and other receivables	4	1,565,347	1,305,846
Other current assets	5	179,069	313,560
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>1,762,884</b>	<b>1,794,800</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property Plant & Equipment	6	47,294,348	48,768,228
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>47,294,348</b>	<b>48,768,228</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>49,057,232</b>	<b>50,563,028</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and other payables	7	2,798,623	2,779,638
Borrowings	8	829,259	1,029,618
Provisions	9	231,840	186,415
Deferred revenue	10	2,032,314	2,205,354
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>5,892,036</b>	<b>6,201,025</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Borrowings	8	173,699	259,199
Provisions	9	18,693	19,575
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>192,392</b>	<b>278,774</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>6,084,428</b>	<b>6,479,799</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>42,972,804</b>	<b>44,083,229</b>
<b>MEMBERS EQUITY</b>			
Retained Earnings		40,272,804	41,383,229
Revaluation Surplus		2,700,000	2,700,000
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS' EQUITY</b>		<b>42,972,804</b>	<b>44,083,229</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

# 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

	RETAINED EARNINGS	REVALUATION SURPLUS	TOTAL EQUITY
	\$	\$	\$
<b>Balance as at 1.11.23</b>	<b>43,030,425</b>	<b>2,700,000</b>	<b>45,730,425</b>
Net loss attributable to Members	(1,647,196)	-	(1,647,196)
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income	(1,647,196)	-	(1,647,196)
<b>Balance at 31.10.24</b>	<b>41,383,229</b>	<b>2,700,000</b>	<b>44,083,229</b>
<b>Balance as at 1.11.24</b>	<b>41,383,229</b>	<b>2,700,000</b>	<b>44,083,229</b>
Net loss attributable to Members	(1,110,425)	-	(1,110,425)
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income	(1,110,425)	-	(1,110,425)
<b>Balance at 31.10.25</b>	<b>40,272,804</b>	<b>2,700,000</b>	<b>42,972,804</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

# 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

	NOTE	2025 \$	2024 \$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Receipts from patrons, sponsors etc		26,249,956	27,159,813
Interest received		1,058	729
Payments to suppliers, wages etc		(25,671,539)	(25,284,281)
Interest paid & other financial costs		(163,566)	(142,335)
<b>Net cash inflow / (outflow) from operating activities</b>		<b>415,909</b>	<b>1,733,926</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Payments for property, plant & equipment	6	(286,976)	(275,569)
<b>Net cash (outflow) from investing activities</b>		<b>(286,976)</b>	<b>(275,569)</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Repayment of / proceeds from St George borrowings	8	(263,312)	(244,962)
Repayment of QRIDA Loan	8	(69,442)	(33,441)
Financing / Repayment of Finance Lease Liabilities	8	38,662	(12,380)
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities</b>		<b>(294,092)</b>	<b>(290,783)</b>
Net increase / (decrease) in cash held		(165,159)	1,167,574
Cash at beginning of the financial year		(429,035)	(1,596,609)
<b>Cash at end of the financial year</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>(594,194)</b>	<b>(429,035)</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

# 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

### NOTE 1 - STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial report is a general-purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB'), other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the Corporations Act 2001.

The financial report covers the entity, Queensland Rugby Union Ltd as an individual entity. Queensland Rugby Union Ltd is a Company limited by guarantee, incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

#### **New or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations adopted**

The company has adopted all of the new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') that are mandatory for the current reporting period.

Any new or amended Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

The adoption of these Accounting Standards and Interpretations did not have any significant impact on the financial performance or position of the company.

#### **(A) GOING CONCERN**

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

At 31 October 2025, the statement of financial position shows there is a deficiency of net current assets of \$4,129,152 (2024: \$4,406,225), and for the year then ended the company had net cash inflows from operating activities of \$415,909 (2024: Inflows of \$1,733,926).

The Directors have approved budgets and forecasts including related assumptions, which indicate the QRU expects to have sufficient finance to fund its ongoing operations for a period of 12 months from the date the financial report was authorised for issue. In addition, the Directors note:

- The availability and continuing use of an overdraft facility to manage the seasonality of the QRU's cashflow, including the ability to temporarily increase the facility, if required.
- The deficiency of net current assets includes deferred revenue of \$2,032,314 (2024: \$2,205,354).
- The deficiency of net current assets includes bank borrowings of \$752,638 (2024: \$1,007,717), being an overdraft facility of \$612,662 (2024: \$604,429) and a loan facility of \$139,976 (2024: \$403,288). The Company used its' loan facility with St George Bank to complete the redevelopment of Ballymore in 2023. The loan facility will be fully repaid by 31 May 2026.
- The Company reported earnings before interest and depreciation for the year of \$813,997 (2024: \$199,832).
- The Company forecasts include the receipt of donations income through the QRU Foundation of \$1,002,500. Actual donations in 2025 totalled \$911,462.
- The peak governing body, Rugby Australia, continues to provide funding monthly to the QRU to support its participation in the Super Rugby program planned for 2026 along with other support programs.

Based on the matters noted above, with the continuance of financial support from its financier, existing QRU suppliers, and committed support from Rugby Australia, the Directors believe the Company will continue as a going concern and that it is appropriate to adopt that basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial report.

# 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

### NOTE 1 - STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *continued*

#### **B) PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost less any accumulated depreciation.

#### **LAND**

Land was initially measured at deemed cost based on the fair value of the land granted to the Company by the Queensland Government, being the amount for which an asset could be exchanged between knowledgeable willing parties in an arm's length transaction. The land was first recognised in the financial statements in 2001 at \$10,000,000 based on an independent valuation. The valuation considered the specialised nature and restrictions placed on the Land.

A subsequent valuation was undertaken at 31 December 2013 which indicated a value of \$12,700,000. This is taken up in the Financial Statements. Details relating this recent valuation are included in Note 6.

The QRU interest in the land at Ballymore is held via a Deed of Grant in Trust (DOGIT) issued by the State Government. There are associated restrictions over the transfer and commercial use of the property.

#### **BUILDINGS**

Buildings are measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses.

The carrying amount of buildings is reviewed annually by Directors to ensure that it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from the buildings. The recoverable amount of the buildings is the higher of the buildings fair value less costs to sell or value in use. In relation to the Ballymore Buildings and Stadium, value in use is determined by reference to depreciated replacement cost. This value has been determined by reference to an independent assessment of the deemed replacement cost of land and buildings at Ballymore.

#### **PLANT & EQUIPMENT**

Plant, equipment and work in progress is measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses.

The carrying amount of plant, equipment and work in progress is reviewed annually by Directors to ensure it is not more than the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed based on the expected net cash flows which will be received from the asset's employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have not been discounted to their present value in determining recoverable amounts. Work in progresses is transferred to appropriate asset classes once the asset is constructed and in use, depreciation per its asset allocation will commence upon transfer.

#### **C) DEPRECIATION**

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including buildings and capitalised lease assets, but excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over their useful lives to the Company commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets in the current and previous financial years are:

Class of Fixed Asset	Depreciation Rate
Buildings and Improvements	2.5 – 10%
Plant and Equipment	10 – 33.3%

Depreciation rates in relation to the above classes of fixed assets are regularly reviewed by Directors.

Depreciation of the NRTC commenced from 1 November 2023 in line with the Capital Allowances and Depreciation Report prepared by external consultants Rider Levett Bucknall.

# 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

### NOTE 1 - STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES continued

#### D) INCOME TAX

The Company is exempt from income tax pursuant to the Income Tax Assessment Act.

#### E) CONTRA SPONSORSHIPS

The Company is in receipt of sponsorships in the form of contras for travel, playing gear, advertising, car leasing etc. These contras have been recognised in the financial statements as both income and expenditure unless the contra has not been fully realised or expended.

#### F) EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PROVISIONS

##### WAGES AND SALARIES, ANNUAL LEAVE AND SICK LEAVE

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits, annual leave and accumulating sick leave expected to be settled within 12 months of the end of the reporting year are recognised in other payables in respect of employees' services rendered up to the end of the reporting year and are measured at amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. Liabilities for non-accumulating sick leave are recognised when leave is taken and measured at the actual rates paid or payable.

##### LONG SERVICE LEAVE

Liabilities for long service leave are recognised as part of the provision for employee benefits and measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees to the end of the reporting year using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future salaries and wages levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using national government bond rates at the end of the reporting year with terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

Regardless of when settlement is expected to occur, liabilities for long service leave and annual leave 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 12 months after the end of the financial year.

##### RETIREMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

Contributions are made by the entity to employee superannuation funds and are charged as expenses when incurred.

# 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

### NOTE 1 - STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *continued*

#### G) REVENUE

Revenue from services, being memberships, corporate hospitality, sponsorship, and match day revenue are recognised in the income statement when the service is provided, and associated performance obligations held within agreements are met.

Interest revenue is recognised as interest accrues using the effective interest method.

Specific purpose funding arrangements from Rugby Australia and government departments require funds to be used for specific objectives, outcomes, outputs and performance benchmarks or milestones related to the delivery of specific projects and improvements in service delivery or reform. Where these arrangements are determined to be enforceable through legal or equivalent means and contain sufficiently specific obligations relating to the delivery of goods and services, revenue would be recognised in accordance with AASB 15. If such funding does not meet the 'sufficiently specific' and 'enforceability' criteria of AASB 15, income is recognised under AASB 1058 when the recipient entity controls the cash.

Government grants are initially recognised as deferred income at fair value when there is reasonable assurance that they will be received and that the Company will comply with the conditions associated with the grant; they are then recognised in profit or loss as other income progressively as funds are appropriated or the conditions of the grant are satisfied.

Affiliation fees are recognised across the term of the relevant competition.

#### H) GOODS AND SERVICES TAX (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian 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 expense. Receivables and payables in the Statement of Financial Position are shown inclusive of GST.

#### I) INTEREST BEARING LIABILITIES

All loans and borrowings are initially recognised at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred. Borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Any difference between the proceeds (net of transactions costs) and the redemption amount is recognised in the statement of profit and loss over the period of the loans and borrowings using the effective interest method.

#### J) TRADE RECEIVABLES

Trade receivables are recognised at original invoice amounts less an allowance for uncollectible amounts and have repayment terms between 30 and 90 days. Trade receivables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any allowance for expected credit losses. The Club has applied the simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses, which uses a lifetime expected loss allowance. To measure the expected credit losses, trade receivables have been grouped based on days overdue.

#### K) TRADE PAYABLES

Trade and other payables represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the QRU prior to the year end and which are unpaid. These amounts are unsecured and have 30-60 day payment terms.

# 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

### NOTE 1 - STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES continued

#### L) IMPAIRMENT OF ASSETS

At the end of each reporting year the QRU assesses whether there is any indication that individual assets are impaired. Where impairment indicators exist, recoverable amount is determined, and impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss where the asset's carrying value exceeds its recoverable amount.

#### M) CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

The Directors evaluate estimates and judgements incorporated into the financial statements based on historical knowledge and best available current information.

#### KEY ESTIMATES

Impairment – details of the accounting policy relating to the impairment of assets are disclosed in Note 1(L). Specific notes relating to the impairment assessment of the land at Ballymore are disclosed in Note 1(B).

#### KEY JUDGEMENTS

Provision for doubtful debts – details of the policy relating to the provision for doubtful debts are disclosed in Note 1(J).

Depreciation – construction of the National Rugby Training Centre (NRTC) was practically completed in late June 2023, with the commissioning of the NRTC finalised at 31 October 2023. Capital Works and Depreciating Assets were assessed based on the building contractor's final progress claim, as-built construction documentation, O&M Manuals, internal cost reporting data, with loose furniture schedules external to the contract, and a development cost summary provided by project manager, RPS.

From 1 November 2023, the NRTC is depreciated in line with the Capital Allowances and Depreciation Report prepared by external consultants Rider Levett Bucknall.

# 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

### NOTE 2 – PROFIT / LOSS FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Profit / Loss from ordinary activities before income tax has been determined after:		
<b>(A) EXPENSES:</b>		
Staff and Player Remuneration:		
- Employee benefits expense	10,721,879	11,048,788
- Defined contribution superannuation expense	1,457,032	1,305,297
	<b>12,178,911</b>	<b>12,354,085</b>
Depreciation of non-current assets:		
Buildings & improvements	1,110,794	1,050,078
Plant & equipment	638,048	642,601
Leased Plant & equipment	12,014	12,014
	<b>1,760,856</b>	<b>1,704,693</b>
Remuneration of the auditors for the audit of financial statements		
- Current year audit	59,000	54,500
	<b>59,000</b>	<b>54,500</b>

### NOTE 3 – CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	18,468	175,394
	<b>18,468</b>	<b>175,394</b>

Cash and cash equivalents includes \$17,575 (2024: \$168,479) in philanthropic pledges received and to be used to support the growth of Rugby in Queensland and / or Ballymore Redevelopment activities.

### RECONCILIATION TO CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR

The above figures are reconciled to cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows as follows:

Cash and Cash Equivalents – as above	18,468	175,394
Bank overdraft (Note 8)	(612,662)	(604,429)
Balance as per statement of cash flows	<b>(594,194)</b>	<b>(429,035)</b>

# 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

### NOTE 4 – TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Trade Receivables	200,661	207,850
Less Provision for Doubtful Debts	(3,922)	(8,842)
	<b>196,739</b>	<b>199,008</b>
Other Receivables	1,368,608	1,106,838
	<b>1,565,347</b>	<b>1,305,846</b>

### ANALYSIS OF PROVISION FOR DOUBTFUL DEBTS

Opening Balance	8,842	7,428
Reversal of amounts provided / receivables written off during year	(4,920)	1,414
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>3,922</b>	<b>8,842</b>

### NOTE 5 – OTHER ASSETS

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Prepayments	179,069	313,560
	<b>179,069</b>	<b>313,560</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

# 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

### NOTE 6 - PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Land at independent valuation	12,700,000	12,700,000
	<b>12,700,000</b>	<b>12,700,000</b>
Buildings Stadium Infrastructure - at cost	45,990,997	45,786,185
Accumulated Depreciation	(7,563,611)	(6,452,817)
Recoverable Amount Write Down	(7,851,929)	(7,851,929)
	<b>30,575,457</b>	<b>31,481,439</b>
Plant & Equipment - at cost	5,830,455	5,748,291
Accumulated Depreciation	(1,881,604)	(1,243,556)
	<b>3,948,851</b>	<b>4,504,735</b>
Leased Plant & Equipment - at cost	108,912	108,912
Accumulated Depreciation	(38,872)	(26,858)
	<b>70,040</b>	<b>82,054</b>
<b>Total Property, Plant and Equipment</b>	<b>47,294,348</b>	<b>48,768,228</b>

An independent valuation of Land was undertaken as at 31 December 2013 by Mr Paul Robbins, AAPI certified, Registered Valuer No. 2094, of FPD Savills. The revaluation was undertaken to enable Directors to assess whether there was any impairment to the asset values at 31 December 2013. This valuation indicated a value of the Land as \$12,700,000. The Valuation approach adopted is a Direct Comparison Approach and considers both the specialised nature of the Land, and the restrictions placed on the use of the Land by the State Government.

# 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

### NOTE 6 – PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT *continued*

#### MOVEMENTS IN CARRYING AMOUNTS

Movement in carrying amounts for each class of Property, Plant and Equipment and Intangibles between the beginning and the end of the financial year are set out below.

	FREEHOLD LAND	BUILDINGS & IMPROVEMENTS	PLANT & EQUIPMENT	LEASED PLANT & EQUIPMENT	TOTAL
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Carrying amount at 1 November 2024</b>	<b>12,700,000</b>	<b>31,481,439</b>	<b>4,504,735</b>	<b>82,054</b>	<b>48,768,228</b>
Additions	-	204,812	82,164	-	286,976
Depreciation Charge for the financial year	-	(1,110,794)	(638,048)	(12,014)	(1,760,856)
<b>Carrying amount at 31 October 2025</b>	<b>12,700,000</b>	<b>30,575,457</b>	<b>3,948,851</b>	<b>70,040</b>	<b>47,294,348</b>

### NOTE 7 – TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
<b>CURRENT</b>		
- Trade and Other payables	2,270,199	2,116,805
- GST Liability	200,067	383,358
- Annual leave entitlements	328,357	279,475
	<b>2,798,623</b>	<b>2,779,638</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

# 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

### NOTE 8 – BORROWINGS

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
<b>CURRENT</b>		
- Overdraft	612,662	604,429
- Bank Loan	139,976	403,288
- Lease Liability	76,621	21,901
	<b>829,259</b>	<b>1,029,618</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT</b>		
- Lease Liability	40,270	56,328
- QLD Rural & Industry Development Authority Loan	133,429	202,871
	<b>173,699</b>	<b>259,199</b>

The facility with St George Bank consists of a drawn loan facility of \$139,976 (2024: \$403,288) and an overdraft of \$612,662 (2024: \$604,429). When drawn, these facilities are secured as a ranking first priority situated at 231 Butterfield Street, Herston including the land. Interest on both facilities is paid on a monthly basis.

The QLD Rural & Industrial Development Authority Loan is repayable over 10 years, with interest payable monthly after the first twelve months.

The carrying amounts of assets pledged as security for current and non-current borrowings are as follows:

#### CURRENT

- Cash & cash equivalents	18,468	175,394
- Receivables	1,565,347	1,305,846
- <b>Total current assets pledged</b>	<b>1,583,815</b>	<b>1,481,240</b>

#### NON-CURRENT

- Freehold Land	12,700,000	12,700,000
- Buildings	30,575,457	31,481,439
<b>Total non-current assets pledged</b>	<b>43,275,457</b>	<b>44,181,439</b>
<b>Total assets pledged as security</b>	<b>44,859,272</b>	<b>45,662,679</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

# 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

NOTE 9 – PROVISIONS		
	2025	2024
	\$	\$
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Long service leave	231,840	186,415
	<b>231,840</b>	<b>186,415</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT</b>		
Long service leave	18,693	19,575
	<b>18,693</b>	<b>19,575</b>
<b>Number of employees at the end of the year</b>		
- Administrative and Coaching Staff	48	48
- Players Super Rugby	58	53
	<b>106</b>	<b>101</b>

### LONG SERVICE LEAVE

Long term employee benefits comprise amounts payable for long service leave which are not vested at balance date and the amount and timing of payments to be made when leave is taken is uncertain. Refer to accounting policy on Note 1 (F) for more details.

NOTE 10 – DEFERRED REVENUE		
	2025	2024
	\$	\$
<b>CURRENT</b>		
- Sponsorship	924,849	1,222,442
- Memberships & Hospitality	1,107,465	982,912
	<b>2,032,314</b>	<b>2,205,354</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

# 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

### NOTE 11 - CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENTS

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
<b>(A) PLAYER PAYMENTS</b>		
As at 31 October 2025, the Company had entered into contractual obligations with certain players and support staff for the balance of the 2025 and subsequent seasons. This will result in payments as follows:		
- Not later than one year	6,168,249	5,991,589
- Later than one year but not later than five years	4,847,482	3,648,492
	<b>11,015,731</b>	<b>9,640,081</b>

### (C) LEASE COMMITMENTS RECEIVABLE

Minimum lease commitments receivable but not recognised in the financial statements

- 1 year or less	542,261	499,504
- Between 1-5 years	1,898,144	2,178,395
- Over 5 years	3,154,135	3,416,145
	<b>5,594,540</b>	<b>6,094,044</b>

### NOTE 12 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT

The following assets and liabilities are recognised and measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

- Land and buildings

#### Recognised fair value measurements

The following table sets out the QRU's assets and liabilities that are measured and recognised at fair value in the financial statements:

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
<b>Recurring fair value measurements</b>		
Non-financial assets		
- Land	12,700,000	12,700,000
	<b>12,700,000</b>	<b>12,700,000</b>

### NOTE 13 – MEMBERS' LIABILITY

The Company is a Company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. If the Company is wound-up the Constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$100 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the Company. At 31 October 2025 the number of members was 23 (31 October 2024: 23).

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

### NOTE 14 - KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL COMPENSATION

Total income paid or payable, or otherwise made available, to the key management personnel (including senior executives and coaching staff) of the Company.

	TOTAL BENEFITS
	\$
2025 Total Compensation	1,625,187
2024 Total Compensation	1,570,059

Total key management personnel compensation for 2025 includes compensation related to roles which had not been included in the assessment of key management personnel in previous periods.

### NOTE 15 - CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There are no contingent liabilities to be reported as at balance date.

### NOTE 16 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

#### (A) DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR THE FOLLOWING DIRECTORS HELD OFFICE:

Mr B Clark - Chair	Mr S Button
Dr M Carroll (Re-appointed 27 February 2025)	Ms A Cavanagh (Casual vacancy appointed 20 August 2025)
Mr J Coote	Mr J Horwill (Re-elected 15 March 2025)
Mr M Zaicek	Ms S Zeljko
Ms C Clark (Re-elected 15 March 2025, Resigned 31 August 2025)	Mr B Curran (Resigned 15 March 2025)

#### (B) DIRECTOR RELATED ENTITIES

There have been no payments to any directors or any related party entities.

During the 2025 financial year, Messrs B. Clark, S Button and D. Hanham were the QRU delegates to Rugby Australia Limited. Rugby Australia Limited distributes grants to the Company.

#### (C) ASSOCIATED AND OTHER ENTITIES

Rugby Australia Limited provided the Queensland Rugby Union Ltd with grants totalling \$5,936,066 (2024: \$5,950,089).

### NOTE 17 - ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

Income to support the contractual obligations of players and support staff for the 2026 season comes from the participation in the Super Rugby Competition. Participation in this competition is governed by a Participation Agreement with Rugby Australia with this agreement setting out rights and responsibilities for the Company.

### NOTE 18 - COMPANY DETAILS

The Company's registered office and principal place of business is located at:

BMS National Rugby Training Centre  
91 Clyde Road  
Herston QLD 4006

### NOTE 19 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

There are no material events after the reporting date.

### CONSOLIDATED ENTITY DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Queensland Rugby Union Limited has no controlled entities and is, therefore, not required by the accounting standards to prepare consolidated financial statements. As a result, section 295(3A) of the Corporations Act does not apply to the entity.

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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## DIRECTORS' DECLARATION FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

### THE DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY DECLARE THAT:

1. the financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 96 to 112, are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001:
  - a) comply with Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
  - b) give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 31 October 2024 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the Company;
2. in the Directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.
3. the information disclosed in the attached consolidated entity disclosure statement is true and correct.

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



**B. CLARK**  
Chairman



**D. HANHAM**  
Chief Executive Officer

Dated in Brisbane this 5th day of March 2026.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of Queensland Rugby Union Limited

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Queensland Rugby Union Limited (the Company), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 October 2025, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial report, including material accounting policy information, the consolidated entity disclosure statement and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion the accompanying financial report of Queensland Rugby Union Limited, is 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 2025 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (ii) Complying with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

#### Basis for opinion

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

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the directors of the Company, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

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

#### Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information obtained at the date of this auditor's report is information included in the Annual report, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

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 on the other information obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, 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:

- a) the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures and the Corporations Act 2001 and
- b) the consolidated entity disclosure statement that is true and correct in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, and

for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of:

- i) the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
- ii) the consolidated entity disclosure statement that is true and correct and is free of 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 related 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 has no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report

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

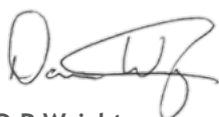
A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website (<http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>) at:

[http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\\_responsibilities/ar4.pdf](http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf)

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### BDO Audit Pty Ltd

BDO



D P Wright  
Director

Brisbane, 5 March 2026



Reds winger Lachie Anderson (left) runs out onto Suncorp Stadium during a game

# OFFICE BEARERS

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## PATRON

Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young  
AC PSM  
*Governor of Queensland*

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## VICE PATRONS

The Honourable David Crisafulli MP  
*Premier of Queensland*

The Right Honourable CR Adrian Schrinner  
*Lord Mayor of Brisbane*

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## PRESIDENT

Roger Gould

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## VICE PRESIDENTS

Kim Bending  
Jen Gillett

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Brett Clark – *Chair*  
Selwyn Button  
Dr Michael Carroll  
April Cavanagh – *appointed August 2025*  
Catherine Clark – *resigned August 2025*  
Joe Coote  
James Horwill – *RUPA rep*  
Michael Zaicek  
Sarah Zeljko

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## DELEGATES TO THE AUSTRALIAN RUGBY UNION

Brett Clark  
Selwyn Button  
David Hanham

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## JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Paul Tully – *Chairman*  
Len Watt  
Russell Davies  
Geoff Gardiner  
Timothy Conroy

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## JUDICIAL APPEALS COMMITTEE

John Mullins – *Chairman*  
Russell Davies  
Chris Newton  
Noel Rafter

# QRU LIFE MEMBERS

F.C. Lea*	R.A. Wood*	K.J. Crowe O.A.M*
E.J. Beard*	B.P. Abotomey*	L.G. Williams A.O, RFD*
T.H. Welsby*	J.F. Isley*	A.R. Taylor O.A.M*
T.S. Pratten*	H.F. Edwards*	R.B. McGruther A.M O.B.E*
A.S.I. Gralton*	H.A. Courtney B.E.M*	G.J. Gore*
F.E. Baynes*	W.H.C. Bickley*	R.D. Sinclair*
J. Coulter*	T.N. Betts O.A.M*	D.J. Bedgood*
W.T. Evans*	B.M. Ffrench*	R.J.P. Marks (resigned 2021)
J.J. Walsh*	K.C. Hardy*	T.P.A. Doyle*
D.S. Carter*	E.A.N. Byrne A.M*	R.A.C. Evans A.M
J. Benham*	T.P. Mooney O.A.M*	P.J. Daley O.A.M*
J.P. Flynn*	R.I. Templeton M.B.E*	A.A. Shaw A.M
J.E. Ross M.B.E*	J.R. Gibson O.B.E*	S.J. Pilecki O.A.M*
E.T. Bonis*	J.H. Lucey O.A.M	D.C. Crombie A.M
W.J. Renwick*	J.G. Ryan	P.E. McLean M.B.E
K.C. Procter*	L.A. Crowley*	D.J.A. Clark
A.W. Venamore*	D.W. Jowett O.A.M*	A.G. Slack A.M
J.J. Kane-Maguire*	C.A. Lacaze O.A.M*	D. Connor
T.D. Watson*	A.J. Muir O.A.M	I. Scotney
R. Haywood*	R.R. Harrison	D. Barker
T.B. McCormack C.B.E*	J.J. Breen*	S. Russell
K. Percy*	R.J. Park*	J. Miller
J.P. French A.M*	Dr F.R. Wilson*	
P.Barnes*	A.G. Purcell*	
K.J. Hodda*	R.J.O. Herring*	<i>* deceased</i>

# 2025 HONOUR BOARD

## WALLABIES REPRESENTATIVES

Lukhan Salakaia-Loto #914  
Filipo Daugunu #931  
Hunter Paisami #932  
Harry Wilson^ #933  
Tate McDermott #936  
Fraser McReight^ #937  
Zane Nongorr #966  
Matt Faessler #969  
Josh Flook #972  
Tom Lynagh #977  
Josh Nasser #979  
Josh Canham #987  
Aidan Ross\* #994  
Kalani Thomas\* #995

## WALLAROOS REPRESENTATIVES

Eva Karpani #171  
Lori Cramer #172  
Layne Morgan #188  
Bree-Anna Browne #193  
Tiarah Minns #217  
Charlotte Caslick\* #220

## AUSTRALIA A REPRESENTATIVES

Lachie Anderson  
Joe Brial  
Josh Canham  
Matt Faessler  
Harry McLaughlin-Phillips  
Tim Ryan  
Seru Uru

## QUEENSLAND REDS MEN'S DEBUTANTS

Nick Bloomfield #1410 v Hurricanes  
Aidan Ross #1411 v British & Irish Lions  
Tom Robinson #1412 v Tonga  
Trevor King #1413 v Tonga  
Will McCulloch #1414 v Tonga  
Theo Fourie #1415 v Tonga  
Charlie Brosnan #1416 v Tonga  
Ollie Harris #1417 v Tonga  
Xavier Rubens #1418 v Tonga  
James Martens #1419 v Tonga  
Vaiuta Latu #1420 v Tonga  
Treyvon Pritchard #1421 v Wild Knights  
Zac Hough #1422 v Wild Knights  
Jack Brady #1423 v Wild Knights  
Finn Mackay #1424 v Wild Knights  
Harrison Usher #1425 v Wild Knights  
Graham Urquhart #1426 v Wild Knights

## QUEENSLAND REDS WOMEN'S DEBUTANTS

Faythe Manera #270 v Fijian Drua  
Layne Morgan #271 v Fijian Drua  
Sky-Yvette Faimalie #272 v Fijian Drua  
Bella Nasser #273 v Fijian Drua  
Jiowana Sauto #274 v Fijian Drua  
Kahli Henwood #275 v Fijian Drua  
Teagan Levi #276 v Fijian Drua  
Charlotte Caslick #277 v NSW Waratahs  
Dillyn Blackburn #278 v NSW Waratahs  
Piper Flynn #279 v ACT Brumbies

## AUSTRALIAN SEVENS REPRESENTATIVES (WOMEN'S)

Amahli Hala  
Charlotte Caslick  
Demi Hayes  
Kaitlin Shave  
Maddison Levi  
Teagan Levi  
Isabella Nasser  
Kahli Henwood  
Heidi Dennis

## AUSTRALIAN SEVENS REPRESENTATIVES (MEN'S)

Hayden Sargeant  
William Cartwright  
Ethan McFarland

\* Debut

^ Captained the Wallabies

## ALFRED DALZELL

APRIL 2025. AGED: 100

Alf Dalzell turned 100 in July, 2024 and was proud to receive a letter of congratulations from King Charles.

It was a remarkable milestone for Queensland rugby's oldest player at the time.

Dalzell served in the navy as a radio mechanic in World War Two so his rugby career did not take off until the late 1940s.

He started his club career with University. He shifted to GPS when he could no longer be selected once his science studies were completed.

The move paid off for the Brisbane State High product. Although just 66kg, his fine play at fly half and in the centres was rewarded with a debut against NSW in 1950 as Queensland player #603. He played five times for his state.

He was touted as a potential Wallaby but the need for a career ended his rugby ambitions early when posted to Mt Isa as a teacher in 1951.

## DAVID BEDGOOD

JULY 2025. AGED: 86

David Bedgood had a major influence on Queensland rugby...as a captain, as a savvy Colts coach of future Wallabies and as an all-seeing baggage man.

He was the always affable, salt-of-the-earth rugby guy who added to the mix of any dressing room like the baker of a hot loaf which was his working life.

Future Wallabies Peter Slattery, Paul Carozza and Brian Smith were three players he guided as a premiership coach for Wests Colts in 1984.

A modern generation of players between 2003-10 will remember "Bedgie" as their volunteer baggageman at the Reds.

Few of that era of players knew how good he was as a player himself. He was never one to blow his own trumpet even with cause to as a Queensland

captain at just 20 in 1960 during his 10-match run for his state (1958-60). He sat, unused, on the bench for the Wallabies against the 1959 British and Irish Lions.

Bedgood was a stout backrower for the University of Queensland in the late 1950s when straight out of Anglican Church Grammar School. He won the GPS First XV premiership with Churchie in 1955 and finished with a Hospital Cup premiership with University in 1960.

He was made a QRU Life Member in 2006.

## KEVIN BRASCH

OCTOBER 2025. AGED: 91

Brasch made his debut at halfback as Queensland player #678 in his single appearance against New England in 1956.

His grounding in rugby came at Brisbane Grammar and during his National Service with the navy.

It was in rugby league that he made his main mark as a player and administrator. He rose to become Australian Rugby League Chairman in 1997 and was co-manager of Queensland's early State of Origin teams

## BRUCE BROWN

OCTOBER 2025. AGED: 81

The former Wallabies and Queensland prop was a towering presence at University of Queensland across more than 50 years.

He played resolutely for Queensland 43 times and was honoured with two Test caps against the All Blacks in 1972.

His long service in the front-row as Queensland player #793 began in 1965 when he made his debut against Nadi on a five-game tour of Fiji.

He'd already started to make his mark as a teenaged prop in 1964 when winning the first of his five premierships with University (1964, 1965, 1967, 1969 and 1970).

He figured in two of Queensland's most significant international victories - over Scotland in 1970 and against the British and Irish Lions in 1971.

His service to UQ Rugby Club continued long after his playing days. He was first grade coach between 1978-80, most notably for the 1979 premiership.

Brown was instrumental in establishing the University of Queensland Rugby Union Foundation Trust, a charitable trust established in 1994 to provide money to The University of Queensland to further the sport of rugby union.

For more than 20 years he served as President of the club from 1994-2015. He was always a forthright voice at countless Presidents' meetings as he fought for causes in clubland.

## RON PRICE

**NOVEMBER 2025. AGED: 81**

Former Queensland Reds flanker Ron Price left a lasting legacy as a record-setting premiership coach and as a significant mentor when Wallabies great John Eales was finding his way in rugby as a teenager.

Price made a rich rugby life for himself in Brisbane when he stepped off a plane from Auckland in 1969.

The much-admired figure coached Brothers to five successive premierships between 1980-84 during one of the most dominant eras of the Hospital Cup when the side bristled with Wallabies like Tony Shaw, Paul McLean, Brendan Moon, Mark McBain, Shane Nightingale and Ross Hanley.

He was a clubman supreme. In all, he played more than 200 matches and coached 10 premiership sides across more than 400 games through the grades, Colts and Under-21s.

He put his hand up to coach the club's 1989 Colts team. That underdog outfit became a premiership class with a stripling named Eales in the pack.

"'Pricey' inspired a sheer love of the game. Rugby was much more than 15 versus 15. It was the whole experience," Eales said in *Brothers In Arms, The History of Brothers Rugby Club*.

Price's own playing career was substantial. It was shaped in the mid-1960s with Auckland Marist in the tough Auckland club competition.

The young Kiwi was selected for his Queensland debut in 1970 as Red #840 against NSW at Ballymore. He was part of a famous 16-13 victory over Scotland in the same year.

He played 20 games in all for the Reds (1970-72) and won three first grade premierships (1971, 1973 and 1974) with Brothers as a player.

## GRANT BATTY

**JANUARY 2026. AGED: 74**

Playing 15 Tests and earning cult hero status for the All Blacks in the 1970s was only his most obvious contribution across more than five decades.

Grant Batty re-emerged as a dedicated coach when he moved to live in Australia in the late 1980s.

He coached the Maroochydore Swans, guided Easts to their first premiership in 1997 as head coach and turned the Gold Coast Breakers into Queensland's top club side as well when steering them to the 2001 and 2003 grand finals (where they lost to the Canberra Vikings).

He served as an assistant coach for the Queensland Reds in 1999-2000, coached the Australia Under-19s in 2001 and went on to coach in Japan's Top League.

He was a diminutive 1.66m, 5 foot 5 ½ inches in the old tongue. Just as he got giant results as a winger, he built big results at Easts around a fine team spirit and simple mottos like "talk, tackle and keep the ball."

"It's more than the game itself, it's the players and people you meet along the way that make rugby for me," Batty said.

Batty scored four tries in his 15 Tests. A greater measure of his hunger to score was in his 56 games for the All Blacks when four games were counted. He crossed 45 times.

# VALES

## ROSS CULLEN

FEBRUARY 2026. AGED: 88

Born and raised in King Country in New Zealand, Ross Cullen made a significant mark in Queensland rugby as a hooker.

Cullen played 21 times for Queensland in the 1960s and twice in tour games as an uncapped Wallaby on the 1966-67 tour of the United Kingdom and Ireland.

He made his debut as Queensland player #780 against NSW in 1965.

He entrenched himself by playing all five games on Queensland's 1965 tour of Fiji. Cullen played for Queensland against South Africa (1965), the British and Irish Lions (1966) and the All Blacks (1968).

He earned a firm place in the hearts of Easts supporters in the mid-1960s and beyond. He was a popular and hard-working hooker for the Tigers, he captained the first grade side and was an enthusiastic coach of the forwards in under-age sides later in his life.

His name was tarnished, many say unfairly, by the handling of events on the 1966-67 Wallabies tour. He was sent home for an alleged biting incident against an Oxford University prop.

Former Wallabies hooker Peter Johnson, on the same tour, gave much-needed perspective to events in his memoir years later, "A Rugby Memoir."

"To say we were stunned would be a major understatement. Sitting in the team bus I felt sickened at the hypocrisy of the whole affair," Johnson wrote.



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