

QSRU Annual Report 2017

I would like to start by acknowledging and thanking the players, coaches, supporters, sponsors and most importantly the volunteers for your contributions to the 2017 QSRU season. Without your invaluable commitment of time and money there would be no competition and my committee is most indebted to each and every one of you.

Off the field, this year saw player participation numbers affiliated with the QSRU maintained at the previous year's levels despite a restructure of the Brisbane club competition which saw a number of Brisbane clubs reabsorbed into the Brisbane competition – 24 clubs, 30 teams and 1,065 active registered players. I would like to take the opportunity to welcome the new clubs in 2017 as well as congratulate those clubs that, through their marketing and promotional activities, were able to increase the number of teams that they registered to play in 2016.

The semi-finals and preliminary finals returned to club land in 2017 and I would like to thank The grand finals were again hosted by the QRU at Ballymore and blessed with wonderful rugby weather, patron numbers were again very pleasing across the whole of the finals series with around 2,000 attending our grand finals day alone. My thanks also to the QRU for their support of our finals series - the standard of the fields was first rate and the operations ran very smoothly. I would also like to acknowledge and thank our Life Members, Geoff Pegg and Ian Scotney for attending this year's finals to present trophies on Grand Final day.

I would like to congratulate all clubs and teams in the way they conducted themselves both on and off the field throughout the season and acknowledge the minor premiers and premiers in each division.

Division	Premier	Runner Up	Minor Premier
Barber Cup	Pine Rivers	Goodna	Pine Rivers
Pegg Cup	Pine Rivers	Goodna	Pine Rivers
Scotney Cup	Everton Park	Brisbane Irish	Everton Park
Wyatt Cup	Med XV	Logan City	Logan City
Normanby Cup	West's	Brothers	West's

Congratulations also to Pine Rivers on winning the Sydney Cup for most points in aggregation during the year.

Representative Program

Unfortunately, and to our great disappointment, the annual Barraclough Shield match with our NSW counterparts did not occur, despite extensive efforts by the QSRU to accommodate NSW's timing requirements. Fortunately, we were able to secure two representative games for our elite players against representative sides from the Australian Defence Forces and North Canterbury, New Zealand. The results of these games were as follows:

- QSRU v North Canterbury 25/6/2017 – lost 24-8
- QSRU v ADF 8/8/17 – won 17-15

The 2017 representative squad of 31 players representing 11 clubs was as follows:

Andrew McFerran (Southern Bay), Daniel Melila (Ipswich), Victor Thompson (Caboolture), Puketawa Garland (Redlands), Evan Tholler (Riverside), Sean Murtagh (Riverside), Bayden Edwards (Redlands), Tovia Fualema (Logan), Shaun King (Redlands), Walter Seupele (Goodna), Benjamin Paulau (Logan), Adam McLeod (Wynnum), Dan Russell (Brisbane Irish), Constantine Stowers (Caboolture), Grant Long (Wynnum), Ben Malby (Riverside), Dan Nightingale (Riverside), Dan Young (Redlands), Duane Ferns (Southern Bay), Jorg Koch (Wynnum), Liligifo Savea (Goodna), Nathan Urquhart (Southern Bay), Dale Waters (Wynnum), Machlan Scott (Wynnum), Jake Becroft (Riverside), Kane Potter (Easts Longhorns), Richie Alesana (Goodna), Andrew Tapuai (Goodna), Ryan Barret (Redlands), Ray Moala (Pine Rivers) and Siupeli Vaipulu (Pine Rivers).

My thanks also to Coaches George Wilson and Steve Cohen, Manager Sean O'Neill and Medical Staff led by Rachael Wilson.

Finally, I would like to thank my committee – Cam Leggat, Sean O'Neill, Shane Robbie, Craig Eason, Brendan Alexander, Cath McDonald, Natalie Chong Nee and Nick Scott - who volunteer their valuable time for no other reason than the love of the game. Thank you for your invaluable support in 2017.

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