

QSRU Annual Report 2018

I would like to start by acknowledging and thanking the players, coaches, supporters, sponsors and most importantly the volunteers for your contributions to the 2018 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 slightly down on the previous year's levels 23 clubs, 29 teams and 950 active registered players following the withdrawal of one club during the season due to internal club issues.

This year saw the staging of a joint QSRU/SCRU competition played over 7 rounds between selected clubs from both Suburban and Sunshine Coast Rugby. Teams vied for the Winning-Hall Cup, named in honour of the late Mr. Arch Winning, the inaugural president of Subbies Rugby and a past Wallaby captain, and Mrs Beverley Hall, the inaugural president of Sunshine Coast Rugby Union. Congratulations to Noosa – the inaugural winners of the Cup.

The semi-finals and preliminary finals were again hosted at suburban club members' grounds in 2018 and I would like to thank members and supporters from Norths and Ipswich for hosting our Friday night competitions and Caboolture and Wynnum for hosting our Saturday competitions. 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 more than 1,500 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 as well as Darren Barber who represented the Barber family.

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	Wynnum	Caboolture	Caboolture
Pegg Cup	Ipswich	Caboolture	Ipswich
Scotney Cup	Everton Park	Riverside	Redlands
Wyatt Cup	Med XV	Ipswich	Med XV
Normanby Cup	West's	Souths	West's

Congratulations also to Caboolture on winning the Presidents Cup and Wynnum for winning the Sydney Cup for most points in aggregation during the year.

Finally, I would like to thank my committee – Cam Leggat, Sean O’Neill, Shane Robbie, Craig Eason, Brendan Alexander, Cath McDonald and Natalie Chong Nee - who volunteered their valuable time for no other reason than the love of the game. Thank you for your support in 2018.

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