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a message from the CEO



Welcome to the ninth edition of the TFA Hard Wrap magazine.

The magazine was created to deliver news from across all the states to the Touch Football community. This edition coincides with the return of the National Touch League (NTL) for 2012 to Port Macquarie in New South Wales.

TFA welcomes the support of not only the local community but our first event since securing a strategic partnership with Destination New South Wales. This partnership will see the National Touch League remain in New South Wales over an exciting four year period as we commence the journey towards the 2015 World Cup.

The partnership with Destination New South Wales and indeed the New South Wales Government will ensure the sport can be showcased in numerous ways be it the NTL, Elite Eight, State of Origin, Trans Tasman or ultimately the World Cup.

The 2012 NTL will be the biggest on record to be held in New South Wales and with pending selections for the highly anticipated State of Origin which will also be held in Port Macquarie, it is the perfect opportunity for athletes to test each other.

2012 sees the return of the Open divisions to the event and with the Elite Eight being an amazing success at this level the future of the category is sure to be a talking point throughout the week. It is clear that the elite level must be enhanced to continue the development, profile and marketing gains made in last year's series and we wish all teams well as they test themselves in the historic format.

There was a high level of feedback received following the 2011 event which TFA has implemented to support the suggestions carried through by the various state representatives on the National Events Commission. We look forward to the continued improvement of the NTL and note that all divisions

are important to us therefore it is about finding balance between what is to be the elite spectacle and the continued support of those that have supported us for so long.

The challenge of providing alignment in our calendar is ever present and has been for some time. At the time of writing this we are confident that steps will be taken prior to the NTL to ensure all parties in the sport are committed to solving these concerns once and for all.

It is clear that if leadership is taken in this area by the major partners delivering the sport the result will be that more people can participate at the level they wish without the added stresses that come with alterations, choices or even the current economic strains associated.

With the calendar starting to take shape at an international level and the advent of the Elite Eight it is clear that we have an exciting suite of products to present. TFA has recently committed to continuing our investment in televising our elite products and we believe this symbolises our commitment to taking the sport on a journey we have all long desired.

The Touch Football pathway is one that we are all familiar with and for so long it has ensured we can enjoy participating in this great game in all facets of our life. In the recent Annual Report of the organisation I shared what has become my experience over the

last 12 to 18 months and I believe it is symbolic of the community we represent.

"As a father now having young children participating in the game itself you can see the positive role our sport plays in bringing people together and simply enjoying participation."

This participation can start at such a young age and can become the 'thrill of a lifetime' and a total family experience. As our young daughter experiences Touch Football for the first time, her little sister is dressed in the team uniform, ball in hand waiting to take her opportunity next year.

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Mum is out coaching and parents are energised by seeing the positive role our game is playing as boys and girls are competing together. Listening on the sideline as a father with relative anonymity you could not be prouder of the benefits our game offers.

From there it is off to play with workmates and friends that are taking the opportunity to have a social run on the park. There are varying skill levels and even people playing with us we have only just met. What is provided is an environment where we embrace the fact they have chosen to play and help them to learn on the run.

Interaction with the referees is always fun and there is a relaxed atmosphere at the field where they are also taking an active role in educating both teams to ensure a positive outcome. That said, both teams are always asking the most polite of questions.

This is a small example of the way our game embraces communities and while a personal experience I am sure it is replicated across the nation.

The experience I have shared above shows that we all now operate within that community and in our own way contribute to its ongoing sustainability. We all are part of this community and have the responsibility of ensuring we bring more people into it."

As we start the 2012 year we reflect on 2011 which was a year that will go down as one of significant achievement and development for the organisation.

With another World Cup secured, the Trans Tasman at youth level, the sport televised through an Elite Eight, increased investment by the Australian Government,

amazing junior growth and many more outcomes at administration level a high bar has been set.

It is often said that with every ending there is a new beginning and this rings true with the completion of the 2007 to 2010 strategic cycle. The conclusion of the previous work has provided a solid platform for the future and the new plan developed in the reporting year has been geared to capitalise on the consolidation that needed to occur.

We have given ourselves every opportunity to succeed and it is now that we must band together as a community to ensure the toils of the last period are reflected in our collective results through the next 10 years. I know that the community at large will join all those currently committed to achieving these outcomes and this sport will be the benefactor.

The vision for the sport into the future is clear with professional products, a sound value proposition for those that participate and participation numbers which other sports can only image achieving.

Clearly we have an amazing product which attracts young and old, male and female to participate. The contributions not only on the field but off it are truly amazing and continue to position us well as we strive to be one of the 'leading community sports in Australia'.

I would like to wish the participants the best of luck, and thank the staff, coaches, managers and volunteers for all their assistance in making this tournament the success that it is.

I would also like to express gratitude towards the continued and great work

of the referees and coaches through the Coach Advisory Panel, Referee Advisory Panel and Referee Coaching Panel. Our referee contingent continues to support such large events on mass and we are blessed with some of the most committed officials in the Australian sporting system.

With competing requirements associated with the calendar and the workload they readily accept I am continually amazed by their commitment to our sport. They also know the community they have developed and I am sure they will enjoy catching up with old friends, making new ones and ultimately achieving their goals.

Thank you to our ongoing sponsors and partners. TFA has established a great relationship with various parties that support the overall development of our game. We encourage all members of the Touch Football community to show your support to them at this event and into the future.

Finally I would like to recognise the support of the TFA Board of Management and staff of Touch Football, both in the national office, and in state and regional locations for all their efforts in delivering this great sport to the affiliates and members across the country.

I am sure the participants at this year's NTL owe all of you for the time, effort and dedication you have shown to ensure they can take the field to enjoy this great game.

I wish everyone all the best for 2012 and look forward to your continued involvement in our community.

Colm Maguire
Chief Executive Officer

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Stowe Attends Captains' Forum



Australian Men's Open vice-captain, Jamie Stowe, was one of 35 leaders to attend the Australian Sports Commission's (ASC) 2011 Captains' Forum, held at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence in Redfern, Sydney in October.

The elite sportspeople came together to consider their role as leaders and highlight how leadership on and off the field can be a factor in making sport inclusive for all Australians, in particular Indigenous Australians.

Stowe says that it was a great opportunity to be involved in the Forum and found it very beneficial.

"It was great to experience sharing thoughts on leadership and diversity in sporting groups with other people at the elite level," Stowe said.

"(We got) together and discussed basically ways that captains and leaders influence their sport and determine what sort of aspects we can have and influences we have on our sport. It was also used to see which ways we are best off in bridging the gap in getting indigenous kids into our sport and ways to get them in and keep them in."

Stowe says that it was 'exciting' to see Touch Football represented at the Captains' Forum, and that it was great to see that many of the people involved at the event had some form of connection to the sport.

"Just talking to the other captains, a lot of them do a lot of cross training and it was amazing to see that if they hadn't played Touch growing up they were playing it at the moment, they all facilitated in Touch which was great to see. It was really important I think that we represented the sport there and continue in doing so."

Who Is Australia's Top Touchdown Scorer?

Would you like to know who are the top touchdown scorers across the country in community competitions?

Well SportingPulse is making this easy, launching the National Touch Football Top Scorer leader board in January.

To view the leader board, visit www.gameday.com.au and click on 'Touch'.



2013 Champions League

An exciting new event will be added to the Touch Football Australia calendar in 2013, with the proposed inaugural Champions League tournament to be contested.

Club-based sides from across Australia are invited to compete in the Men's, Women's, Mixed, Masters and Veterans divisions, to determine who is the best club team across the nation.

Imagine the 2011 New South Wales State Cup Women's Open champions, the Canterbury Bulldogs, taking on last year's Cobras Cup winners the Southern Storm, or the Western Australian State Championships winning Men's Open side, the Southern Stars, battling it out against the 2011 Vawdon Cup/State Cup winning Easts Roosters Men's Open team!

Touch Football Australia Competitions and Events Manager, Mark Spear, says that the event will be an exciting opportunity to see which teams are the best of the best.

"There has always been hypothetical discussion on who is the best club team in Australia and this in the opportunity to maybe start or finish the argument," Spear said.

The 2013 Champions League is scheduled to occur at the backend of the 2013 National Youth Championships. More information will be provided in due course, stay tuned to www.austouch.com.au.



Australian Representatives In Women's Rugby Sevens Squad

There are some familiar faces in the Australian Rugby Sevens Women's squad for 2011/12, with six Australian Touch Football representatives in the squad.

2011 World Cup Women's Open champions, Rebecca Tavo, Alicia Quirk and Emilee Cherry are in the squad, while Tavo has also been named captain of the team.

Also in the squad are 2011 Australian 20's Girls representative, Lizzie Campbell, 2010 Australian Mixed Open representative, Cobie-Jane Morgan and 2003 and 2007 World Cup champion, Bo De la Cruz.



Victoria And Tasmania Compete In NRL Curtain-Raiser



The Victorian and Tasmania Women's Open teams has the opportunity to compete in front of a large crowd in February, when they played in the curtain-raiser for an NRL trial match.

The teams competed before for the Melbourne Storm versus Brisbane Broncos trial match on Saturday, 18 February.

Pictured here are the Victorian team with Storm star Cameron Smith at the Tassie Tussle luncheon.

Beach Touch Takes Off

Teams from across Sydney have taken to a different type of field to play Touch Football in recent months, with Maroubra Beach playing host to the inaugural Beach Touch Football Australia events.

Beach Touch held its inaugural event in January, followed by a Corporate Championships in February, with two more events scheduled in the coming weeks.

The Beach Touch Football Australia series was created by 2011 World Cup Australian Men's 30's representative, Chris Jonson, and 2011 World Cup Australian Senior Mixed coach, Justin Creighton, who have been thrilled with the concept's success so far and are looking forward to more exciting opportunities in the future.

To see the first event come into fruition in January was rewarding for Jonson and Creighton, with the event being a big success, attracting the maximum 32 teams.

"It was an exciting moment that really will take some time to sink in, the entire day and preparation all became a bit of a blur, as so much time and effort was put into making sure the event ran smoothly and professionally that I haven't really had a chance to sit and let it all soak in," Jonson said following the first event.

"The real pleasure comes when you receive a call or a message on Facebook from players, spectators, sponsors and volunteers that they really enjoyed the day, had so much fun and look forward to participating or going to the next one."

The idea was something that Jonson and Creighton had been talking about for

some time, before deciding to look further into the idea late last year. From there, the pair worked hard to transform the idea into a reality.

"My first step was to get the infrastructure in place, this included securing a venue and getting a website. So I approached Randwick Council and discussed the possibility to get access to a beach in order to run our event. I produced a proposal and presented it to council and they were accommodating to the idea," Jonson said.

"The next challenge was to speak to Touch Football Australia and the New South Wales Touch Association in order to get affiliated. We are pleased with the partnership that has been agreed with Touch Football Australia and the assistance that New South Wales Touch has been providing. Without their support in getting ourselves off the ground, we would not have had the day we had in January."

"The most important stage in my opinion has been getting the sponsors and partners committed to being a part of Beach Touch. It is these parties who will in future be making the sport cheaper for the participants to play and without their time, product and financial support we will not be able to take Beach Touch to the masses and ultimately create an experience at the beach where everyone is having fun in the sun."

A second Open championship as well as a schools day will be held in late March and early April respectively, before a National Pro Tour is launched later in 2012.

"Our main goal with these four events (in early 2011) is to have a product, fine tune it, so that in October we plan on rolling out the National Pro Tour," he said.

"The real excitement comes when we talk to people about the Beach Touch National Pro Tour, which we are planning to launch in October 2012. This event is truly something to be excited about, imagine a cross between the Nutri-Grain Ironman Series, World Surfing Tour and the Beach Volleyball Tour. We have taken aspects from each of these events and created the Beach Touch National Pro Tour and hopefully will see players come from all over the world to play in an event that is going to have the best play against the best, but also social participants will have the opportunity play on the same stage at the pinnacle event which is the AAA Tournament."

To become involved in the Pro Tour it is recommended that players sign up to be members of the Beach Touch National Pro Tour. For more information about the Pro Tour or future Beach Touch events, please visit www.beachtouch.com.au



Details about the National Pro Tour

- The Tour involves three types of events, 'A', 'AA' and 'AAA'.
- The Tour will be held from October 2012 to April 2013, but this could be extended based on locations and weather.
- Players will accumulate points by attending 'A' events around the country, with these points it will get them entry into 'AA' and 'AAA' events.
- It is planned that in 2012/2013 the season will comprise of 10 'A' events, four 'AA' events and one 'AAA' Tournament.
- Players are encouraged to become members of Beach Touch Football Australia so that points can be accrued and allocated for future tournaments, but also to enjoy the benefits of membership such as clothing and offers from sponsors, but importantly cheaper entry fees.
- Players do not need to be members to participate in a tournament, but they will have to pay an additional fee in order to participate as this covers the cost of uniforms. They will not receive the shorts and caps that are available in membership packages.



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TRYS Program Scores

New South Wales Touch Association's (NSWTA) Talented Referee Youth Squad (TRYs) program has seen some of New South Wales best up-and-coming referees come through the ranks in recent years and it continues to produce quality referees.

The TRYs program was implemented in 2007 in New South Wales, funded by NSWTA to fast track and financially support talented young referees to their Level 4 badge and beyond into elite refereeing.

At the 2011 New South Wales State Cup, 14-year-old Billy Greatbatch, a recent member of the TRYs program, made history by becoming the youngest person in Australia to receive his Level 4 badge.

To achieve this milestone at such a young age and with some of his fellow TRYs members was what Greatbatch describes as 'pretty awesome'.

"It was good to be able to get it with a couple of the other TRYs guys as well, which made the moment as well, also with my travelling partner Rob McKechnie, I've been traveling to Sydney with him for Vawdon Cup and stuff like that so that was awesome," Greatbatch said.

Greatbatch, who has been refereeing

Touch Football for approximately four years in his hometown of Orange, credits the TRYs program for his progress to become a Level 4 referee.

"It would have saved me a lot of money, even just being out of the TRYs in the past month and a bit, I've noticed it already. Just with little things, now that I know that I can't go to as many tournaments because financially I'm not going to be able to afford it."

"When I was in the TRYs it was awesome, we were all one big family and we were all in the team together, we had a lot more coaching and mentoring than what we would when we were on our own."

"It was good to be able to share different experiences with your mates, we've come a long way from where we first started. From where we first started to where we finished up is very, very awesome."

NSWTA Technical Director, Ian Matthew, says that the TRYs program gives these talented referees the opportunity to attend events as well as courses, while they are fully funded through the program.

"Everything that they attend, whether it be one of our tournaments or any courses, like an emerging course, a presenters course, it's all cost free. Once they are

inducted into that program, it's all cost free to them," Matthew said.

"We've got a further program now where it allows them when they come out of it if they are school aged kids, for the kids going to the nationals, we've got five TRYs members going to this year's National Touch League that are half funded by New South Wales."

Referees Josh Vernon and Brenton Turner have been two of the graduates of the TRYs program in recent years, with both going on to become Level 6 referees at the 2011 X-Blades National Touch League.

Greatbatch is hopeful that he too can follow in the footsteps of Vernon and Turner and use what he's learnt through the TRYs program to go as far as he can in refereeing.

"I've set some long term goals, to get my Level 5 next year, Level 6 when I'm 17 and hopefully do the World Cup in 2015. They are my goals and I'll see how I go with achieving them."



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Rivals To Meet Again

It's been nine months since Australia took a clean sweep of the Open divisions at the 2011 World Cup and it's nearly time for the teams to battle it out against New Zealand again.

And if the 2011 World Cup final results were anything to go by, it's going to go down to the wire.

Australia will meet New Zealand in the Men's, Women's and Mixed Open divisions at the Glen Willow Sporting Complex in Mudgee in a three-test series from Thursday, April 26.

The 2012 X-Blades National Touch League will be the last chance for members of the National Training Squads to impress selectors in the lead up to the series, with the teams to be announced following the event.

The rivalry between the two nations is as fierce as ever following the reintroduction of the Trans Tasman Series three years ago.

The 2009 series in Wollongong saw Australia win all three divisions, with the Women's and Mixed winning their three games each, while the Men's won their series two games to one.

The return leg of the series was held in Auckland in January 2010, with Australia repeating their series clean sweep, winning seven of the nine games, taking a 3-0 series whitewash.

And the one that's fresh in everyone's minds is the 2011 World Cup, held in Edinburgh in June last year.

Australia and New Zealand met in the finals of the three Open divisions, with each of the games living up to expectations from the world's best teams.

After drawing the round game against New Zealand, and trailing at half-time of the final, Australia hit back to take the

World Cup Mixed Open title for the first time since 2003, 10-7.

The Women's Open team continued its flawless record, progressing through the event without losing a game, and keeping their unbeaten World Cup record over the event's 23 year history, with their 5-3 win over the Kiwis.

The final game of the World Cup was the Men's Open final, and it didn't disappoint, with Australia taking the title 7-6.

The series will be held from Thursday, 26 April until Saturday, 28 April, with players to take part in a parade on ANZAC Day in the lead up to the event.

Mudgee

Mudgee's Glen Willow Regional Sporting Complex will host the 2012 Trans Tasman Series, with the event one of the first to be played at the newly-built \$14 million facility.

The stadium was opened to the public

for the first time in late February. The Trans Tasman Series will be contested just days after the 2012 City versus Country NRL match, which will be held on Sunday, 22 April.

Mid-Western Regional Councillor, Elwyn Lang, says that it was almost two years ago when the Council showed Touch Football Australia the plans for the sporting complex, and is pleased that the event will be held in Mudgee.

"We are thrilled to bits over here in the Mid-Western Council region, we've put a lot of time and effort in and now we have started to reap the rewards," Councillor Lang said.

"It's such a sensational venue and it will be wonderful for an event of this magnitude."

To keep up-to-date with all of the latest news and information in the lead up to the 2012 Trans Tasman Series, be sure to be regularly visiting the Touch Football Australia website – www.austouch.com.au



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Trio Receive Life Membership

Three of Touch Football's most influential contributors were recognised for their involvement in the sport in late 2011, receiving Life Membership of Touch Football Australia (TFA).

Paul Eggers, Peter Rooney and Ian Matthew were inducted as Life Members at the TFA Annual General Meeting (AGM), and are three of only 11 people that have received this honour.

The trio have all had strong involvements with Touch Football for at least 30 years, helping to contribute and build the sport to become what it has today.

Peter Rooney joins his brother Brian as a Life Member of TFA, following Brian's induction in 2004. Peter Rooney became involved in Touch Football in the late 1960's, before helping to set up the Cronulla Touch Association in 1972, and then created a referees association at the affiliate.

Rooney formed the New South Wales Referees Association in the early 1970's and started coaching referees, holding the first referees grading night later that decade. During the 1970's Rooney also became a Board Member of the New South Wales Touch Association, (NSWTA) and following that became President of the Association.

In 1983, Rooney was named President of the Australian Touch Association (ATA), being President of both the state and national body simultaneously for approximately 18 months.

Rooney was also the Referees Director of the ATA between the years of 1980 and 1982 and was appointed the role of the first Executive Director of the ATA in the early 1980's, while he was also involved in the formation of the first National Championships in 1980.

Rooney was also involved in the creation of the Federation of International Touch (FIT). Rooney became the Secretary General of FIT and was involved in the first World Cup in 1988 and was on the FIT Board from 1986 to 1989. Rooney returned to the Board during troubled times as Chairman of TFA for the 2006/07 period, while he was also a Director in the 2007/08 period.

Rooney says the highlight of his involvement in Touch Football is 'seeing the sport grow to the point that it has today and its development internationally'

and that he is 'honoured' to be recognised.

"It is a significant honour to be recognised for the work and effort of those early years. To be recognised as a member of an elite group is always a tremendous honour," Rooney said.

Someone that has known Peter Rooney for many years is fellow Life Member, Ian Matthew. Matthew has been involved in Touch Football for over 35 years and has held a myriad of positions, from grassroots to international level, and says to be named alongside Rooney and Eggers is special.

"Peter Rooney was one of the peers in my life as I was coming through as a referee," Matthew said.

Matthew has been a key contributor in refereeing, both as a referee and a referee coach, Director and panel member and is still heavily involved across many levels of the sport.

Matthew attended two World Cups as a referee and four since as a Director or panel member. In 2002 he became a Life Member of NSWTA and in 2006, the NSWTA Referee of the Year award was renamed the 'Ian Matthew Medal' in his honour.

His achievements include being the FIT International Director of Referees, on the FIT International Referees Panel, NSWTA Board Member, National Referees Panel member, NSWTA Referees Director, on the NSWTA Referees Panel and NSWTA Technical Director, all of which he is still involved with. Matthew has been pivotal in innovations including the Referee Retention and Recruitment Program, Emerging High Performance Referee Program, Talented Referee Youth Squad program and the 2x2x2 on field system.

Matthew is also the current National Referee High Performance Advisor and says to be recognised as a Life Member of TFA is 'outstanding'.

"You don't do the job for that kind of recognition. It was good...it was really special."

Paul Eggers' involvement in Touch Football started in 1974, where he was responsible for forming the Gold Coast Touch Association, and was named the Secretary-Treasurer.



In 1978, Eggers was at the meeting where the ATA was formed and was the Vice-President of the association from 1985 until 1989. Eggers formed the Queensland Touch Association (QTA) in 1979 and was named the foundation President, a role he held until 1992.

In 1986, Eggers was named the foundation President of the Federation of International Touch (FIT), a role he held for 13 years. Eggers returned to the TFA Board in the 2006/07 period as a Director.

Eggers received foundation Life Membership of the Queensland and Gold Coast Touch Associations, and is also a Life Member of South Queensland and Border Districts Touch Association.

Eggers says he was thrilled to be named as one of TFA's newest Life Members.

"I am very excited about the honour of the Life Membership and the recognition from my peers of the efforts that myself and others contributed towards the early development of the sport," Eggers said.

TFA Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Colm Maguire, congratulated Eggers, Rooney and Matthew on their induction and thanked them on behalf of the organisation for their contribution to the sport.

"It is an absolute thrill to see long term supporters of our sport achieve such a special honour. Peter and Paul were pioneers of the game in its initial development and Ian has ensured the ongoing stewardship and enhancement of our sport at a volunteer and referee level," Maguire said.

"Recognising the people that have created our history is of paramount importance to the current administration," Maguire said.

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Touch Kicks Off New Family Bonds

On a sunny Sunday in November, Traditional Owners and long-term locals got together in Logan.

They're all neighbours but rarely see each other.

South-east Queensland's Jimbelungare Touch Football tournament was a real local derby – Redlands versus Logan versus Gold Coast – but it was done with the greatest of friendship.

In fact, that's what Jimbelungare means – friendship.

"There were...different clan groups and we all came together to celebrate," said Aunty Robyn Williams, a Yugembeh lady.

"The feedback that I've heard is everyone had a good time."

The ranks of the traditional clan groups were bolstered by other Indigenous people who live locally and have contributed to community for a long time.

The carnival, held at the Kingston Touch

grounds in November, was put together with funding from the state government's Learning Earning Active Places strategy.

The concept was to bring Indigenous families together for an all-ages social event that promoted healthy lifestyles. A Touch Football carnival ticked all the boxes.

The organisers appointed a panel of champions to spread the word. Three champions were chosen from each of the three clan groups. They liaised between families and the organisers and helped shape the event. Jimbelungare was the end result.

"It was open to everyone, not just kids," said Aunty Robyn.

"It was open to teenagers and adults and even Elders. They even said I could have a run."

The main competition consisted of Men's, Women's and Mixed teams, as well as under 12's, 15's and 18's.

In keeping with the healthy lifestyles theme, each player received a free health check.

However, the Touch competition was only half the story. It was backed up with a lunchtime family relay, mother and grandmother competitions – each woman received half a point for every participating child and a point for every grandchild – and a general get-together.

"There was no alcohol involved. It was really family orientated," Aunty Robyn said.

"The only time a lot of family groups got together was for a funeral. This time, it was a happy occasion."

Organisers hope to turn the carnival into a regular event.

South Queensland and Border Districts (SQBD) Touch Association Regional Manager, Garry Shepherd, says that the inaugural tournament was 'extremely successful'.

"We are very proud that we (Touch Football) were able to achieve what many could not achieve. Through the sport of Touch Football...(they) were all together at the one venue. According to Indigenous opinion, this has never happened before," Shepherd said.

Shepherd says that Jimbelungare is a very exciting challenge for SQBD, one that he looks forward to.

"The vision is for Jimbelungare to be a new affiliate of SQBD that has a complete Indigenous direction. The affiliate plans are not only to compete at club level, but at regional level and to be part of South Queensland Sharks representative teams," Shepherd said.

"Jimbelungare will be self-sufficient with all levels of the sport, both on and off the field and will have one very big difference to the normal run of the mill affiliates. Jimbelungare will meet standards set by Queensland Health and Indigenous Health programs."

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TARGETED GROWTH PROGRAM

In October last year, Touch Football Australia (TFA) launched the Targeted Growth Program, aimed at providing funding assistance to support affiliate volunteers in the area of growing participation.

TFA introduced the program to allow associations to put forward their ideas and explain how their initiative would develop, grow and benefit the sport of Touch Football in their locality, as TFA National Sport Development Coordinator, Adam Raptis, explains.

“We are aware that so many volunteers in the Touch Football community have new and innovative ideas about how to expand the game, grow their affiliate and do things a better way and we also know that finance is usually prohibitive in many of these cases; so we wanted to provide an avenue for volunteers to tell us about their ideas and reward them for doing

so,” Raptis said.

“This program also allows us to engage with our members and better understand the areas they are interested in developing in, as well as gives us new and innovative ideas that we can look to develop and implement in other localities.”

The program was developed with the strategic goal of uncovering new initiatives, cultivating ideas and developing case studies that create suggested procedures.

The Targeted Growth Program funding assistance was available in the areas of advertising assistance, growth in adult participation, junior competition growth and indigenous development and other inclusive projects.

TFA was inundated with project submissions from every state in

Australia and across all available areas of funding. There were a number of high quality proposals and the diversity in the applications created a significant challenge in determining the outcomes of each of the proposals. TFA was extremely pleased with the level of thought and creativity put into a number of proposals with Blacktown, Dubbo and Thuringowa Touch Associations the top earning affiliates.

As a result of the success of the program, TFA anticipates that the program will be conducted again this year, and hopes that even more affiliates take the opportunity to share their ideas and be rewarded with the chance to bring them to fruition.

Stay tuned as The Hard Wrap meets some of the Targeted Growth Program recipients and hears about their plans for growing participation in their affiliate.

Dubbo Touch Association

For Dubbo Touch Association (DTA), the funding they received through the Targeted Growth Program will help them in their quest to increase participation in their Women's and Juniors competitions.

DTA President, Neil Webster, says that the overall participation in their Men's and Mixed competitions has increased significantly in the past three years and they would like this to occur for the Women's competition as well.

“The Women's comp has been stable during this time and we would like to encourage more women to participate.

DTA has tried several initiatives to increase participation with limited

success. The intent is to approach clubs such as Netball, Hockey and Soccer to attract more female players to the Women's competition,” Webster said.

“This would be beneficial for (the other sports) too as it keeps the team together in the offseason and enables players to keep fit over (their) offseason.”

DTA will also undertake a survey of its existing female Touch players from the Mixed and Women's competitions to get insights to assist in determining what the makeup of the Women's competition should be.

In a bid to increase Junior participation, DTA will hold a gala day which will provide them with the opportunity to

coordinate school competitions on the one day.

“Currently the schools competitions are not coordinated and are staggered throughout the year. The gala day will enable greater participation, better use of resources and will prevent a clash with other school sports. The funds will be used for promotion to attract schools across the region (both private and public schools), it will assist in bringing qualified coaches and referees to the carnival and lower transport costs for students to attend.”

DTA aims to hold the gala day prior to their Junior competition registration day to promote the upcoming competition.

DTA is hopeful that an increase in participation in the Women's and Junior competitions will provide better experiences and a positive environment for new players to join in.

“The Targeted Growth Program funding will assist us to attract new players to our Women's and Junior competitions, making Touch a more enjoyable experience for all and keeping the community active.”

“If players are happy with the format of the competitions, team numbers will increase.”



Thuringowa Touch Association

After five years of running an AusTouch program, Thuringowa Touch Association (TTA) is hopeful that with their funding from the Targeted Growth Program, they will be able to convert their participants into players in their new junior competition.

Being in close proximity to the Townsville Castle Hill competition, one of the largest junior competitions in North Queensland, has meant that many of TTA's AusTouch graduates have migrated into this competition following their introduction to Touch Football. TTA Vice President, Kelly Condon, is hopeful that in 2012 their junior competition will see them retain some of their graduates to grow a substantial junior competition and provide Thuringowa as an alternative venue for juniors to play at.

"Our aim with the project is to recruit a large number of new players within a single season which would provide the competition with a large enough player base to continue to build each year. The promotion of the Thuringowa Junior Touch Competition as a 'real' competition within the outer Townsville

suburbs is hoped to let families know there is a convenient and morally considered alternative to making what can be a long trek into the city to play," Condon said.

"We are hoping the Junior Growth Program provides us with a means to grow our competition to one which functions more effectively to become a community. We need to build to a larger



mass to allow us to progress beyond the 100-200 children each year. With a bigger group we hope to retain more children into successive years of the program."

In 2011, TTA hosted its first junior competition with 16 teams of under eight and 10 boys and girls however was hindered by the lack of equipment and infrastructure to sustain a rapid growth in such a competition. The competition

was popular to the point TTA had to close nominations as they didn't have enough infrastructure. Condon says that the funding the TTA has received from the Targeted Growth Program will give the

competition a boost and help direct the association's funds to other purchases.

"The funding from the Targeted Growth Program will give our competition the jumpstart we require to progress from a small volunteer run program to one which effectively uses volunteers' time to run smoothly," she said.

"The provision of funding for player equipment and advertising and promotional costs will allow us to direct money towards the purchase of a Public

Address system and noticeboards. Such items will allow us to better communicate with our players, coaches and families. Communication is undoubtedly the key to things running smoothly."

TTA's AusTouch program promotes good sportsmanship and the provision of basic skills and skill development. Condon is hopeful that through their Junior Touch Growth Program they can transfer these skills and qualities into the junior competition.

"With careful consideration and by taking a moral view sports programs can empower children with skills that are life lasting and help them do more important things than win a game of Touch Football. We want to build champions and build character, such things can turn into so much more. The Junior Touch (Targeted) Growth Program has provided us with a hand up to try and take a big step towards this goal in 2012."



Clare Touch Association

For Clare Touch Association (CTA), the Targeted Growth Program helped the affiliate run a Level 1 Referees course they otherwise wouldn't have been able to do.

Late last year, CTA held a free Level 1 Referees course to grow its referee numbers, and while the numbers weren't as high as anticipated, the affiliate now has an increase in qualified referees.

According to CTA Vice President and Referees Coordinator, Karen Pink, since the competition started in 2003, it has struggled to attract and retain referees. The CTA believes that if the quality of the referees at the affiliate improves, the players' experience will be better, which will hopefully result in higher team numbers into the future.

Currently in the process of creating a clubroom for the association in conjunction with the local Hockey and Little Athletics clubs, without the assistance of the Targeted Growth Program, CTA wouldn't have been able to provide the referees course as all surplus funds are being directed towards this project.

"Despite not receiving an abundance

of newly qualified referees, the funding did allow us to provide this option to all our players," Pink said.

"Without the grant funding we would not have been able to provide a free Level 1 Referee course to our players this season."

In an attempt to continue to grow referees, the CTA has put every team on a referee roster where each team is required to provide a player to referee games with a qualified referee in the hope that this will make their experience more enjoyable.

"The qualified referee shadows and assists the unqualified referee with all decisions,

exposing the unqualified referee with the entire experience of what it takes to referee a game of Touch."

"It is anticipated that our players will enjoy this experience, and when future opportunities exist to attend referee courses they will be eager to take the next step towards achieving a referee qualification," Pink said.



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Queensland Affiliates Rebuild

It's been just over a year since the infamous Queensland floods ravaged several parts of the state, and recently parts of Queensland as well as northern New South Wales have been devastated by similar events again.

Several Touch Football affiliates' facilities have been affected by natural disasters in recent times, with their associations working hard to pick up the pieces and rebuild their competitions.

Rockhampton Touch Association (RTA) and Ipswich Touch Association (ITA) are two affiliates that felt the impact of flooding just over 12 months ago, with excessive damage to their facilities.

According to RTA administrator, Denise Edwards, the affiliate knew it was going to be flooded at the end of 2010, and despite their best efforts, their building and its contents suffered substantial damage.

"The first predicted height would have left us about half a metre into our building so we just went around and put everything up on tables and the highest shelves in our storerooms, but unfortunately it reached nine and a half metres, so we lost just about everything," Edwards said.

The fields were also destroyed, and despite looking the best they ever had before the floods, took months to recover, keeping their competition halted to mid-April.

"The work that we had to do in the building took us a few days of 20 or so volunteers just getting rid of mud, that was pretty horrible."

"The fields however took a lot longer. The council did the best they could but most of the sporting fields in Rockhampton went under."

It took one month for the water to subside, and approximately a further three months to get competitions back up

and running. Edwards says that while they probably returned to competition a bit earlier than they should have, it needed to happen.

"It took from mid-December to about mid-April for us to have enough grass coverage to hold a competition. At that stage it was still patchy, but everyone understood and was quite happy to just to get the games in."

"We were losing teams to other sports so that's why we really tried as hard as we could to get a season in, even if it was only a short one."

Edwards says that the amount of help the association received following the floods was tremendous, from volunteers helping to get rid of the mud in the building, to donations from local businesses, as well as from the South Queensland and Border Districts (SQBD) Sharks region.

"Those first couple of days we had people down here moving mud, it was horrible, we had big piles of stuff that just had to get carted out and thrown. Everyone was really supportive especially the teams that were keen to play again and not go somewhere else."



ROCKHAMPTON TOUCH ASSOCIATION

"South Queensland donated a freezer for our canteen for us, and they helped out some of the other Queensland flooded areas, they were fantastic," she said.

Rockhampton's competition numbers are now back to what they were prior to the floods, and the fields are improving, with Edwards saying they should be back to their best quality in the next couple of years. As for their office, it's been moved to a higher location.

"We just got a new office built upstairs, so that will be flood-proof!"

The situation was quite similar for ITA,

who lost all contents of their clubhouse, with their fields also affected following a flood in early January last year.

ITA administrator, Rick Borg, says that their two-storey clubhouse, which had only been in use for a couple of years and had been refurbished by Ipswich City Council, was ruined by the flood.

"The water just kept on going and it went right up to the top floor of the clubhouse. Some of the windows got smashed from the pressure of the water and a lot of the stuff, we don't know where it is, it floated down the river. We lost everything that was in that clubhouse, we couldn't salvage anything at all," Borg said.

Borg says that following the flood ITA was well supported by members of the community, who helped with the clean-up, while the Sharks also helped out.

"We had not only players, it was people that we didn't even know, it didn't matter who you were, they just helped. The sad part about it is that Ipswich Touch has been going for quite a few years so to lose memorabilia, it was a big shock to the association but at the end of the day we saw it as a positive that no lives were lost."

"South Queensland and Border Districts had a fundraising day and they presented Ipswich Touch with a cheque for \$4,500 to help buy the junior kids their playing shirts again."



IPSWICH TOUCH ASSOCIATION

While a devastating experience, Borg

says that the affiliate is on the road to recovery and that in hindsight it may have been a 'godsend'.

"Last year we had 40 teams nominate, that's the standard roughly, but our new season (which started in mid-February), we are up to 57 teams and it's the biggest it's been for about 15 years."

"It was sad when it did happen, but it has been a good thing, just to know that there are so many people out there that support sport. We had companies ringing up and say 'we heard you were flood affected, what can we do to help you?' That's part of being Australian, we get in and help everyone."

2012 Australian Deaf Games



Imagine playing Touch Football when there is no sound. You cannot hear the calls of your team members, your coaches and even the referee. Imagine that when you score a touchdown you are unable to hear the crowd cheer. This is reality for athletes who have a hearing loss every time they take to the field and in January these athletes were able to compete against each other, some for the first time, at the 2012 Australian Deaf Games.

The Australian Deaf Games, held in Geelong, Victoria, marked the first time that Touch Football had been included at the Games, with the Australian Capital Territory, Queensland, Fiji and the combined states 'Wanderers' team taking part, with the event being a success.

The Queensland Men's and Mixed teams were the favourites heading into the competition, and lived up to expectations, winning both divisions at the Games. For Queensland captain/coach, Brad Schofield, the chance to play Touch Football at the event, as well as win both divisions, was extremely pleasing.

"Touch Football is my favourite sport, so I was really thrilled and excited to see Touch Football as part of the Australian Deaf Games. I never thought it would be, but I'm grateful they gave us the opportunity to give this sport a go. It was a great success and I really believe this sport will grow," Schofield said.

"The win meant a lot to me. I felt like their Dad, organising accommodation, their fees, analysing and making videos for them. They actually really surprised me, I didn't think we would do so well as we

hadn't had that much training, so I was very happy with the team."

Several players in Schofield's team already play in Touch Football competitions across Queensland and the opportunity to compete against other players who have hearing impairments was an exciting prospect.

"It's good playing on an equal playing field, as everyone is more understanding that way, even for the referees, they know it's the Australian Deaf Games...and know that if you blow the whistle, they will probably keep on running and score a touchdown as they can't hear the whistle. This often happens with deaf people and



it can be humiliating in front of hearing people."

Touch Football Australia's General Manager – Business Operations, David Brady, was the Touch Football competition sports convenor, as well as a participant in the games, and said the inaugural competition was a great success.

"It was quite exciting to see the sport of Touch Football in the Australian Deaf Games because it is definitely a sport that deaf and hearing impaired people can actually play, it's safe, it's fun and it attracts people of all ages," Brady said.

"I believe the players enjoyed it, they all loved it. I'm sure that when the word spreads we'll have more people interested in playing Touch Football at this sort of level. The feedback from everybody was that they really enjoyed it."

2011 Australian World Cup referee, Cliff Winnett, was one of the referees to officiate the Touch Football games at the event, which he said was a 'thoroughly enjoyable tournament'.

"The whole experience of participating in the Deaf Games opened my eyes to the potential of Touch as a sport for all people. I believe it is truly the people's game for all ages and the absence of hearing is not an obstacle just a challenge," Winnett said.

While Winnett said it initially appeared to be a 'quite daunting' task, he believes that by the end of the tournament the referees had gained the respect of all players and spectators, and learnt many skills along the way.

"The players' hearing impairment appeared to make the other referees and myself more acute of our spatial awareness and concentration. Our whistles

were an unnecessary tool as nonverbal communication was the key to the management of players."

"When we did the toss before the game the captain either pointed to his head or backside. When we signalled to the teams to come onto the field we formed the letter 'C' on our chest to request the captain. In general play, we had a referee with the attacking and defending teams and gave each other the signal count on our fingers. This enabled both teams to know the touch count. In all, the nonverbal communication worked very well."

Making A Difference

Touch Football is a sport that continues to be able to give off the field, with many charity events held across Australia annually to help those that are less fortunate in the community.

As a sport that can be played by anyone at any age of both genders, Touch Football has proven to be the ideal sport for organisations to use as a fundraising tool in order to raise money and awareness for others in need.

Touch Wine is an annual event that is held in Adelaide, designed to be a fun day of food, wine and Touch Football, while helping to rebuild the lives of Adelaide's homeless. Melbourne's Wine Rules event is the Victorian cousin of Touch Wine, with both events proving to be extremely successful.

The initial concept for Touch Wine and Wine Rules was inspired by UK wine writer and internationally renowned wine judge, Matthew Jukes, who has helped raise over \$750,000 for charity through his initiatives.

On his visits to Adelaide, Jukes witnessed the amount of homeless people located in the city area, and wanted to help make a difference. He decided to combine his love of wine, food and football to create Touch Wine, an event which sees winery teams battle it out on the Touch Football field, as well as a celebrity match and plenty of food and wine on offer.

2011 marked the sixth year that Touch Wine has been held, with the event having raised over \$450,000 for the Hutt Street Centre since its creation.

Touch Football South Australia (TFSA) has a strong involvement with the event

and being able to support a great cause is important to the organisation, as TFSA's Sport Operations Manager, Tim Wyld, explains.

"Touch Wine is a cause very close to TFSA as the problem of homelessness is literally on our doorstep. Our main competition in South Australia, City Touch, is located in the Adelaide parklands, the very site where a number of the Hutt Street Centre's clients call home. On numerous occasions the clubrooms provide shelter to homeless people so our staff see the cold reality of the problem quite often," Wyld said.

"The opportunity to use Touch Football as a vehicle to raise funds to address this problem is a very intrinsic one and we at TFSA are very proud of. The sense of community in using our sport, our fields, which are also home to the people the event is trying to help, is certainly unique

Rules event held at Elwood Park. Touch Football Victoria has been involved with Wine Rules for its first two events, which has seen the event raise approximately \$60,000 for St Mary's House of Welcome, a drop-in day centre which assists Melbourne's homeless population through providing quality meals, recreational activities and a strong sense of community.

2012 will see the 10th annual Touched By Cancer event held by the Coomera Comets Touch Association, with the event raising money for the Gold Coast Prostate Cancer Support and Network Group. The event is designed to not only raise funds but to promote awareness about prostate cancer, and has raised over \$70,000 since its creation.

Touched By Cancer is highly supported by the Touch Football community, with Australian representatives including Ryan Pollock, Nathan Jones, Drumayne Dayberg-Muir, Christie Taylor and Candice Ashley all taking part in the event



BENJI MARSHALL PARTICIPATES IN 'TOUCHED BY CANCER'. PHOTO BY PETER TONG



CROWDS FLOCK TO THE 2011 TOUCH WINE EVENT

and gives us a great deal of corporate pride and community engagement."

In 2010, Victoria also became involved in the concept, with the inaugural Wine

in recent years. The event also attracts some big names from other sports, including NRL stars Preston Campbell and Benji Marshall.



THE ST ANTHONY'S PINK PANTHERS HELPED RAISE MONEY FOR PLAY FOR A CURE RECENTLY

"The carnival, which has various age divisions from juniors through to seniors is also designed to introduce beginners to the game of Touch by playing in the social divisions. Many of the beginners have such a fun day they return with teams in the regular weekly competition."

And it's not just adults who are helping raise money for charity, with the next generation of Touch Football stars also helping those in need. In 2011, the Port Macquarie 18's Girls team that competed at the New South Wales Junior State Cup were sponsored for every touchdown they scored, with money raised going to Queensland flood appeal.

Rockhampton's St Anthony's Pink Panthers are another team who have helped others through Touch Football, with the under 12's Boys team raising over \$1,000 for Play For A Cure, in the 2011 Red Rooster Tournament in Rockhampton in November.

If your local association has a charity event you'd like to see promoted, be sure to let Touch Football Australia know by emailing media@austouch.com.au

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Touch Football Community Recognised

Several members of the Touch Football community have been recognised recently either by their state association or by their local community.

Touch Football Australia would like to congratulate the following people on their achievements.

Quirk Named Sportsperson of the Year

Australian Women's Open World Cup champion, Alicia Quirk, was recognised by her hometown of Wagga Wagga following her success with the Women's Open team in Scotland, being named the Senior Sportsperson on the Year at the Wagga Sports Awards.

Quirk beat the likes of St George Illawarra Dragons and New South Wales State of Origin player, Jamie Soward, to take out the award, while the Wagga Wagga High School Touch Football team were also presented with an award, being named the Junior Sports Team of the Year.



Croft Wins Volunteer of the Year

Parramatta Touch Association's President, Gary Croft, was awarded the 2011 Rod Wise Medal for Volunteer of the Year at the New South Wales Touch Association (NSWTA) annual Blues Dinner.

With over 40 years of involvement in the sport of Touch Football, Croft was a very deserving winner of the accolade, saying that he was 'honoured' to receive the medal.

The medal was Croft's second major accolade in two years, after being named a Life Member of the New South Wales Touch Association in 2010. Croft has been involved at several levels of the sport across many arms, including coaching, refereeing, selecting and administration.



Jones Wins TFSA's Volunteer of the Year Award

Mark Jones's tireless commitment and work throughout the South Australian Touch Football community has been recognised, receiving Touch Football South Australia's (TFSA) highest honour - the Volunteer of the Year award at TFSA's Annual Awards Dinner in November 2011.

Jones is one of South Australia's most dedicated volunteers and is the South Australian 18's Boys and Mixed Open coach, State League Regional Coordinator as well as being involved with Adelaide University Touch Club.



Holden Wins Young Sportsperson of the Year Award

Victorian Touch Football representative, Georgia Holden, was recently recognised for her rapid rise through the ranks in Victoria, being named the Young Sportsperson of the Year at the Victorian Government's 2011 Community Sport and Recreation Awards at the Melbourne Cricket Ground in November.

After taking up Touch Football only three years ago, Holden spent two years playing socially before joining La Trobe Touch in 2011. 2011 saw the 18-year-old represent Victoria at the 2011 X-Blades National Youth Championships as well as being part of the Victorian Women's Open team that competed at December's New South Wales State Cup in Port Macquarie.

Holden said she was honoured to receive the award, which was presented to her by Victorian Minister for Sport and Recreation, the Honourable Hugh Delahunt.



Baumber wins Volunteer Award

At a prestigious ceremony in December 2011, President of Coomera Comets Touch Competition, Carol Baumber, was honoured with the Gold Coast Volunteer of the Year award for her management of the association. There were over 400 nominations for awards which were then followed up with Federal recognition ceremonies.

Baumber was recognised for her community work in founding and developing the club over the last 13 years. Her efforts include establishing the adult competition with Men's, Mixed and Women's divisions, the junior competition with over 80 teams and the Touched By Cancer carnival that has raised over \$70,000 for Prostate Cancer.

Trad and Matthew Receive Recognition

Touch Football Australia (TFA) Life Member, Ian Matthew, and Australia Men's Open coach, Tony Trad, have been recognised for their outstanding contribution to the sport of Touch Football, being recognised at the New South Wales Sports Volunteer awards in December.

Matthew and Trad were both nominated by the New South Wales Touch Association (NSWTA) and won their respective categories, New South Wales Sport Volunteer Official of the Year and New South Wales Sport Volunteer Coach of the Year.

Trad and Matthew were formally presented their New South Wales Sports Volunteer Awards at a reception in Bicentennial Park.



Australia Day Award for Queensland Junior State Cup

The Hervey Bay Touch Association was recognised at the Fraser Coast Australia Day awards, winning an award for the Queensland Junior State Cup in the category of Sports and Community events.

The Junior State Cup brought 5,000 people to Hervey Bay in early July last year, with the event being the biggest in its 20 year history, with 160 teams.



ACT Volunteers Recognised

Five of Touch Football ACT's hardest working volunteers were recognised for their contribution to the sport in a volunteer capacity, being awarded the 2011 Trevor Richards Awards at the 2011 Super League finals presentation.

Coaches Danny Goodwin, Sandra Hughes, Chris Tarlinton and Cody Giumelli and referee Les Croft were all recognised for the efforts they go to and the time they invest into Touch Football in their respective fields.

Rogerson Wins Sports Star of the Year

Australian Women's Open World Cup champion, Peta Rogerson, was named the Senior Sports Star of the Year at the 2011 Sunshine Coast Sports Star of the Year Awards in January.

Rogerson was awarded the honour over a star-studded field, which included ironman Matt Poole and cyclist Shara Gillow, for her starring role in the Australian Women's Open team's World Cup title win in Edinburgh last June.



Matthew and Croft Win NSW Annual Sports Awards

Touch Football Australia Life Member, Ian Matthew and Parramatta Touch Association President, Gary Croft, were honoured at the 2011 New South Wales Sports Federation Annual Awards ceremony in February.

Matthew was named the New South Wales Sports Federation Volunteer of the Year, while Croft received a Distinguished Long Service award for his involvement in Touch Football.

Australian Men's Open coach, Tony Trad and Australian referee, Adam Foley, were also nominated for awards at the event, for Coach of the Year and Official of the Year respectively.

Cherry Wins Sports Star of the Year Award

2011 Australian Women's Open World Cup representative, Emilee Cherry, was recognised for her success over the past 12 months, being named the Darling Downs Senior Sports Star for 2011.

Cherry received the award for her efforts with the Australian Women's Open team in Scotland, as well as for her successful foray into the Australian Rugby Sevens team.

2011 was a big year for Cherry, which saw her captain the Australian Women's 20's team in their 3-0 series win against New Zealand in the 2011 Youth Trans Tasman Series, where she was also named as one of the Ron Hanson Medallists for the event. She then captained the Queensland Fire in the inaugural Elite Eight series, before being the youngest player in the Australian Women's Open team that travelled to Scotland for the World Cup.

Webster Receives Service To Sport Award

Dubbo Touch Association (DTA) President, Neil Webster, was honoured in January, receiving the City's 2012 Service to Sport award.

Neil's involvement in the sport began over 30 years ago as a player, while he has been on the committee for just over a decade.

Also under his guidance, the DTA was named the New South Wales Touch Association Affiliate of the Year at the 2011 Blues Dinner in October.



If you know someone that has won an award in your local community, be sure to email media@austouch.com.au.

A Fine Tradition

It's safe to say that Tony Trad loves a challenge.

When he's not coaching the Australian Men's Open team or his Wests Magpies Men's Premier League side he's acting as Vice President on the Wests Magpies committee or helping out the Wests' junior teams.

It's his contribution to the sport that recently saw him win the New South Wales Sports Volunteer Coach of the Year award at the New South Wales Sports Volunteer Awards.

And in February, Trad was also nominated for Coach of the Year at the 2011 New South Wales Sports Federation Annual Sports Awards. The standard of coaches Trad was named alongside proved his credentials, with Brant Best, coach of swimming world champion, James Magnussen, taking out the award. To be up against such competition was what Trad described as 'mind blowing'.

"I was just so proud to get the volunteer award, and I didn't really at any stage contemplate that I would be nominated for the final of the general one. It's just unbelievable to be honest with you, I can't quite believe it," Trad said.

Trad's coaching career began 20 years ago, after injuring himself playing for the Magpies. Wests President, Michael McDonald, asked him whether he was interested in coaching the Mixed Open team, which he decided to give a go.

Trad described himself as 'one of those frustrated players trying to be a coach' and began coaching a side that had 'always been up there but hadn't gone to the next level'.

Trad tasted success early in his coaching career, saying that 'things went a lot better than he thought they would'.

"In 1993, 1994 and 1995 we won the State Cup/Vawdon Cup double. It was a bunch of guys who would struggle to make most rep teams, but it was just a really good display of a good team beats a good team of players."

"That was a bit of instant success and that was fantastic. From there I went on to coach New South Wales Mixed in 1995 and I took on the Wests Men's

Premier League that year and had a purple patch, we won the Origin and the Vawdon Cup for the Premier League Men's as well and things went on from there."

Trad's international coaching career started at the 1999 World Cup, where he coached the Lebanon Men's Open side and was the assistant for the Australian Senior Mixed team. He has been to all three World Cups since, coaching the Australian Mixed team in 2003, before taking on the Men's Open coaching role for the 2007 and 2011 World Cups, winning all three titles.

Despite his outstanding achievements on the international stage, it is not uncommon to see Trad helping out at a community level at Wests. The ability to help players not only grow as Touch Footballers but also as people is something that Trad describes as 'enjoyable and really important'.

"We face challenges every day, we honestly get players that play with us at a young age and we watch them grow and some we lose. Some go down the wrong path... but the majority I'm happy to say we get through our club we sort of teach them to be better human beings and better people as much as we do about Touch Football."

"When I see kids that could have gone the wrong way but decide to go the right way and go on to represent Wests or even higher, I think that's so satisfying."

"Wests is such a unique club, it has so many characters and personalities, the different cultures that come with a multicultural club in itself are challenging. The Club has very much a family type atmosphere, everyone knows everyone. There really is a very strong sense of

loyalty and camaraderie and mateship, I love that about the club, everyone sticks together."

The next big challenge on Trad's agenda is the 2012 Trans Tasman Series where he will again coach the Australian Men's Open team, hoping to continue on from their World Cup success against New Zealand.

Trad says that while it hasn't felt like much time has passed since last year's World Cup win, he is looking forward to what is ahead.

"I'm looking forward to the new challenge that this cycle brings, starting with the Trans Tasman. I'm looking forward to seeing some of those young boys that stood up in the last four years really taking their positions as leaders this time around. It's a whole different role, so I'm looking forward to see that, again it's about player's development and growth, I'm looking forward to that."



AUSTRALIAN MEN'S OPEN COACH, TONY TRAD

THE THRILL OF THE GAME



Coaches play a vital role in our game, from introducing and teaching children the skills involved in Touch Football, through to providing advice and guidance on and off the field to adults, being a coach truly is a great experience.

Our game is always looking for new people to become involved, so to find out more on how to become a coach visit www.austouch.com.au for details on your local affiliate and competitions.



Touch Football South Australia (TFSA) held its State Cup in late October, with City Touch being crowned the 2011 SA Champion affiliate at the event. City Touch dominated on the field, winning both

the Women's Open and Men's Open division, beating Adelaide University in both finals.

Dave Harris from Flinders Touch and Kelly Rowe from City Touch were named the Most Valuable Players in their respective divisions, while Phil Spencer was named Referee of the Tournament.

TFSA held its annual awards night late in 2011, with players, officials and administrators recognised for their efforts in the South Australian Touch Football community. Mark Jones was named the TFSA Volunteer of the Year, while Kelly Rowe and Ciaran Buckley were named the Kildare Reick Elite Scholarship Winners for services and assistance to TFSA staff.



PARTICIPANTS IN THE 2011 SOUTH AUSTRALIA STATE CUP

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Touch Football Tasmania held its inaugural Club Championships in November, played on the same weekend as the Tasmania Junior State Cup event.

In the Men's division one competition, the Phantoms Men were winners over the Sharks, while in the Women's division one, the Aztecs proved too strong for the Grasscutters, winning three games to nil. In the Men's division two, the Grasscutters were 3-0 winners over the Sharks. Luke Holmberg was named Referee of the Tournament.

The Tasmanian Women's Open team had the chance to play in front of a large crowd in February, when they competed against the Victorian Women's Open team as a curtain-raiser to the Melbourne Storm versus Brisbane Broncos NRL trial match.

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TEAMS COMPETE IN TASMANIA'S INAUGURAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS



THE INAUGURAL ARNHAM LAND TOUCH FOOTBALL FESTIVAL WAS A SUCCESS

October saw the Queensland State Championships held at Whites Hill in Brisbane, the first year the event has been held since 2007.

In the Men's Open division, North Queensland were 10-7 winners over Central Queensland, with the Cyclones' Michael Law being named Player of the Series. The Sunshine Coast were two touchdown winners over South West Queensland in the Women's Open final, 7-5, with the Player of the Series being awarded to the Pineapples' Peta Rogerson.

In the Mixed Open division, the Brisbane City Cobras defeated the South Queensland and Border Districts Sharks 8-4 in the final, with Central Queensland's Dan Withers and the Cobras' Katie Atkins being named male and female Players of the Series respectively.

South Queensland and Border Districts were named the 2011 Queensland Regional Champions.



QUEENSLAND STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS MIXED OPEN WINNERS, THE BRISBANE CITY COBRAS

Teams from across the Arnhem region came together in October to take part in the inaugural Arnhem Land Touch Football Festival in Jabiru, Northern Territory.

The festival saw Men's and Women's teams come from Ramingining and Yirkala as well as Jabiru to compete, with the teams from Ramingining winning both divisions.

The festival is just one aspect of a program initiative developed to assist communities in the Arnhem region to create and sustain Touch Football within their area. The festival provided an opportunity for the communities to come together to share their culture, participate in Touch Football and have fun.

Touch Football Australia (TFA) Coach Development Advisor, John Singh, was also in attendance and assisted the teams by providing coaching during the day.

Touch Football Northern Territory's State Operations Manager, Isobel Appo, says the day was a success and is looking forward to growing the event in the future.

"The Inaugural Arnhem Land Multicultural Touch Football Festival showcased some great natural talent from the Arnhem Land region," Appo said.

"It was a great starting point in what we hope to see become an annual event which will only get bigger and better in the years to come."

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Some of New South Wales' most influential members were recognised in October at the 2011 New South Wales Blues Dinner. Parramatta Touch Association's Gary Croft was named the 'Rod Wise Medallist' for Volunteer

of the Year while Dubbo Touch Association was named Affiliate of the Year.

The Eastern Suburbs Roosters were rewarded for their strong Vawdon Cup season, winning the Vawdon Cup Club Championship and drawing with the Western Suburbs for the Croft Cup, Points Score Championship.

The Roosters Men's Open side scored the Vawdon Cup/State Cup double in 2011, defeating the Penrith Panthers and Hornsby Lions respectively.

In the Women's Open division, the Wollongong Devils and Canterbury Bulldogs met in both finals, with the Devils winning the Vawdon Cup final and the Bulldogs winning the State Cup final for the sixth consecutive year.

The Roosters were also named Club Champions at the State Cup, while Port Macquarie was named as the host of the New South Wales State Cup for the next five years.



NEW SOUTH WALES VAWDON CUP AND STATE CUP WINNERS, THE EASTERN SUBURBS ROOSTERS

Touch Football Victoria (TFV) held its Victorian Touch (VT) League finals in February with the winners of both the Men's and Women's divisions going through the season undefeated.

In the Women's division, the Melbourne City Lions had an impressive season and took the title 11-2 over the Eastern Falcons. The Lions' Leah Percy was rewarded for her strong season, winning the Women's Most Valuable Player award, while she was also named Player of the Finals.

The Bayside Vipers took out the title in the Men's division, defeating the Melbourne City Lions 7-3 in the final. The Vipers' Derrick Cant was named both Most Valuable Player as well as Player of the Finals.

In the inaugural Mixed division final, the Vipers took out the title against the Melbourne University Northern Blacks. The introduction of Mixed division was very well accepted, with over 60 players introduced into the Mixed format for the first time. The Lions' Elizabeth Motteram was named Most

Valuable Player of the Mixed division, while Billy Gray from the Vipers was named Player of the Finals.

The Vipers were rewarded for their strong performances in the finals series, being awarded the VT League Club Championship.

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THE MELBOURNE CITY LIONS' ELIAS EL CHAAR



Touch Football ACT held its Super League finals just before Christmas, with its best 16's Mixed, Men's Open and Women's Open teams competing at West Belconnen Leagues Club. And the day didn't disappoint, with hardly anything separating the teams in the finals.

In the 16's Mixed division, the Canberra City Bears scored just before the siren to take the lead for the first time in the game and take the title 9-8 over the Riteway Northern Phoenix. Jay Bensley from the Bears was named the series' Best and Influential.

The Tuggeranong Vikings and Canberra City met in the final of the Women's division, and at full-time nothing could separate the two sides, levelled at 5-all. The teams were reduced to four-on-four in the drop off before the Bears scored to take the title. The Vikings' Rebecca Beath was rewarded for her strong season, winning the Best and Influential award.

In the Men's division, the Riteway Northern Phoenix came from behind to defeat the Woden Eagles 7-6, with the Phoenix's Ben Hughes receiving the series' Best and Influential award.

Canberra City was rewarded for its strong finals performances, being named the Touch Football ACT Club champions for 2011, while Clint Jory was named Super League Referee of the Season.



ACT SUPER LEAGUE MEN'S OPEN WINNERS, THE NORTHERN PHOENIX

37 teams converged on McGillivray Oval, Mount Claremont in November to compete in the 2011 WA 'Be Active' State Championships.

Southern Districts were the winners of both the Men's and Women's Open titles, with the Men's side defeating Wanneroo 9-8, while the Women's team were 3-2 winners over Northern Districts in a drop-off. Karratha were five touchdown winners over Wanneroo in the Mixed Open final, while in the Men's 30's final the Northern Spirit were 11-2 winners over Rosalie. ECU took out the Women's 27's final, defeating Rosalie 3-1, while Southern Districts were 5-4 winners over Northern Districts.

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2011 WA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS MEN'S AND WOMEN'S OPEN WINNERS, SOUTHERN DISTRICTS

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Sponsoring Success

Touch Football Australia (TFA) wouldn't be the organisation it is with a group of committed sponsors and partners who support our sport.

Stay tuned as *The Hard Wrap* learns more about TFA's sponsors and their involvement in Touch Football.

X-Blades is the official naming right sponsor of TFA's national events as well as the official footwear supplier of TFA.

X-Blades started its involvement with TFA four years ago, initiated through TFA Chief Executive Officer, Colm Maguire. X-Blades Managing Director, Bill Spyros, says that they both could see the benefit of a partnership.

"Partnership in sport is about receiving value and having a strong relationship with a focus on driving each other's brand together. TFA has shown a willingness to share the value we provide to many of the participants in the sport," Spyros said.

"TFA provide us with the opportunity to showcase our footwear range to Touch players around Australia. New releases and new offers are quite often promoted through their own channels which have been very important for successful launches."

"We really enjoy any opportunities mixing with the staff...(they) have a real passion for the game which is contagious."

KooGa has been the uniform supplier of TFA for approximately six years and Managing Director, Tyron Brant, says that the decision to become involved with TFA was due to the amount of people the sport attracts.

"When we looked at Touch Football, it was a game that pretty much everyone plays and we wanted to be involved both at a community level and at an elite level with the sport, so Touch Football was quite a nice fit," Brant said.

"It's a great community sport, it's a sport that everyone plays, both male

and female, equally represented in the sport and its part of a healthy and active lifestyle."

"It's a great organisation, they are down to earth and they try to deliver benefits as well. It's always good to pick up the phone and enjoy speaking to the person you are in business with."

Inferno, owned and run by three time World Cup winning Australian representatives, Garry Sonda and Gavin Shuker, began its involvement with TFA in 2010 as the official supplier of strapping tape and medical supplies to the organisation.

According to Sonda, the opportunity to partner with Touch Football Australia was an easy one, something he describes as a 'good fit'.

"We know the players needs and we also have always had such a great working relationship with the likes of Colm Maguire, Wayne Grant and the entire TFA organisation," Sonda said.

"Our reasons were simply to try and not only promote our new business but to put something back into the sport that has been so rewarding for both Gavin and myself."

"We are hoping that like our time spent playing for Australia this working relationship is around for a long time and profitable for all involved."

Hyper-Active Merchandising is the merchandise supplier for TFA, and has been involved with Touch Football for over 25 years.

According to Hyper-Active Director, Michael Einfeld, the company 'really enjoys' its involvement with TFA.

"We love the friendships we have made both at events as well via our association with the various affiliates. Hyper-Active believes that Touch is the best social sport in the world!" Einfeld said.

"We enjoy meeting 'Touchies' from all

over Australia at the many national and state events that we go to."

"Over the years we have benefited by developing a strong reputation as reliable and competitive suppliers of sporting uniforms and merchandise."

Official ball supplier, **Steeden**, has been involved with TFA since 2006, and Steeden Brand and Marketing Manager, Leah Curtis, says that being a sponsor of TFA has helped Steeden reach a wider range of affiliates, clubs and players.

"Touch is a sport that is played all over Australia and being associated with TFA has allowed us to provide all Touch players around the country with top quality balls," Curtis said.

"We saw an opportunity to be involved with a national organisation that focuses on developing grass roots sport and the facilitation of a healthy lifestyle. This broader role TFA plays in helping Australians to keep healthy and active is a great fit."

Fellow TFA sponsors, **BodyScience** and **Sportscover** were also both full of praise of their relationship with the organisation.

Maguire says that TFA has been 'blessed' with these partnerships and looks forward to continuing these into the future.

"These partnerships are not only vital to the success of the sport but are some of the most iconic sporting brands in Australia if not the world. It is not just the products though it is the people we deal with," Maguire said.

"The sponsorship network of Touch Football is an extremely valuable extension of our community. They have a passion for our sport and a desire to see it continue to succeed. With many of our partners now being involved for at a minimum five years we continue to establish a strong relationship for the future also."



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