



# Queensland Touch Assoc.



**1982**

**HISTORY — YEAR BOOK — DIRECTORY**

# CENTRAL QUEENSLAND TOUCH ASSOCIATION HISTORY

The Inaugural Central Queensland meeting was held in June 1978 but it was not until March 1979 at the next Annual General Meeting that the Association began to function as an organisation.

The President and Secretary elected to the Inaugural Annual General Meeting — Vince Reynolds and Col Gittins still hold these positions at the present time. The original affiliated districts were Callide Dawson, Gladstone and Rockhampton. These three centres participated in the First Central Queensland Championships, which have grown to include the Capricorn Coast and Central Highlands Associations.

Central Queensland fielded one (1) team in the Inaugural Brisbane Trophy Centre State

Championships — in the Men's Open Division but in the 1981 4GR/Carlton State Championships all grades were represented. Whilst the Divisional Representative Teams have not met with a great deal of success, in 1981 the Rockhampton Kiwis Club came home with the honour of being the top Women's Club in the State.

At the present time Central Queensland is geared for an onslaught on the 1982 Besser State Championships in Townsville — 16/17th October.

Rockhampton is to be host city for the '82 Central Queensland Championships to be held in June at Rockhampton Association's new complex at Gracemere which covers 25 acres and will eventually provide 12 100m x 70m fields.



## ROCKHAMPTON TOUCH ASSOCIATION HISTORY

First President: Rob Weston; Secretary: Vic Beardmore.

First meeting held. Sunday 21.10.73.

First games played in Rockhampton were played at Brwne Park on 25th November 1973.

There were 8 teams nominated for first year's competition these teams being Norths (2), Great Western Hotel, Catholic Primary Schools Coaches, Referees Association (League), Railway Workshops, Railway administration. Brothers Old Boys. No comp eventuated from this meeting on an organised scale.

The 1974 season saw a nomination of 9 teams these being.

- (1) League Club
- (2) Rebels
- (3) Devils
- (4) Great Western Hotel
- (5) Rangers
- (6) Capricoins
- (7) Railway Administration
- (8) Collegeans
- (9) Road Runners

The season commenced on 17th February, 1974 playing fixtures at Browne Park.

A late nomination was Legal Eagles. Carltons bunging number 11. The 1974 premiership was won by Collegeans who were a team made up of Catholic school teachers. They played Rebels in the Grand Final. While Roadrunners and Legal Eagles played off the "Mugs Cup"; this was won by Road Runners. Mr John Zonca was elected as Registrar for 1974 season. Midway through 1974 season Capricoins withdrew from competition and this allowed a new team called F. Troop to enter.

Although F. Troop could not accumulate enough points because of their late entry for the 1974 premiership, they have won the A Grade Premiership every year since 1975 to 1981.

Besides winning the A Grade Premiership for 6 years running they have also won 3 Central Queensland Championships in this time.

For the 1975 season Mr John Zonca was elected as President with Mr Keith Shillington elected as Secretary and Mr Ron Brown was

elected as Treasurer. Mr Trevor Dunnett who was a trophy donor was elected as the Association's first publicity officer. 1975 saw a nomination of 8 teams

- (1) Carltons
- (2) Roadrunners
- (3) Centrals
- (4) F. Troop
- (5) Legal Eagles
- (6) Devils
- (7) Rebels
- (8) Rabbitoes

In 1975 the minimum age limit for Touch players for the Rockhampton Association was fixed at 25 years. In 1975 The Association was given the use of Brasnan Oval to play fixtures and it had the use of these 4 fields until 1981 season.

Election of office bearers for 1976 season: Vince Reynolds as President, Col Gettins as Secretary and Hugh Grant as Treasurer.

Vince Reynolds and Col Gettins have held these positions until the present time.

1976 saw nominations of 12 teams.

The Association decided in 1976 to send a letter to City Council and also Fitzroy Shire and Livingstone Shire requesting ground to establish its own fields and the only ground offered was 25 acres being part of a Sports venue at Gracemere approx 8 kilometres from Rockhampton.

The Association has since developed this ground and at present have built a club and established six playing fields.

1977 season saw the Association introduce two grades, ie A Grade and B Grade.

For 1977 the Association had 10 teams in A Grade and 9 teams in B Grade.

1978 season the Association introduced three Grades the A, B and C teams, 8 teams in A Grade, 8 teams B Grade, 8 teams C Grade.

In 1978 the Association selected its first representative teams to play against Callide-Daveson Valley.

The 1979 season saw the Association paying referees \$4 per game.

In 1981 the Association introduced club football with 8 clubs taking part in competition. Each club had to field A, B and C Grade teams.

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# WIDE BAY

## 1982 EXECUTIVE

**Patron:** Eric Gelling (Kingaroy)

**President:** Bruce Holland (Bundaberg)

**Vice President:** Mick Lindeberg (Maryborough)

**Secretary:** Ray Doyle (Maryborough)

**Treasurer:** Bob Holden (Bundaberg)

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# WIDE BAY BURNETT TOUCH ASSOCIATION

The WBBTA was formed in 1979. Original affiliates were Bundaberg, Maryborough, Kingaroy, Gympie, Gayndah and Mundubbera. Since then Gympie T.F.A. has disaffiliated and Murgon T.F.A. has affiliated. Gayndah and Mundubbera combined their Winter Comp. to form the Central Burnett T.A. both centres run separate Summer Comps.

Divisional titles have been contested since 1979 in the open men's. Maryborough No 2 won the inaugural title with Bundaberg taking out the 1980 and 1981 titles.

The women's title was first contested in 1980 and this was won by Bundaberg Toyotas. Central Burnett took out the title in 1981.

Bundaberg won the inaugural over 35 men's title in 1981.

State players from Wide Bay:

**1980 Open Men:** Greg Duncan, Gary Strathdee (Bundaberg), Steve Seymour (Maryborough).

**1980 Over 35 Men:** Les Whalley, Barry Bergen (Bundaberg), Eric Gelling (Kingaroy).

**1980 Women:** Tracey Millan, Lyn Negus, (Bundaberg); Lyn Negus was forced to withdraw from the team.

**1981 Open Men:** Greg Duncan (Bundaberg), Paul Macrae (Maryborough).

**1981 Over 35 Men:** Les Whalley (Bundaberg), Eric Gelling (Kingaroy).

**1981 Over 35 Women:** Marilyn McKenna (Maryborough).

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