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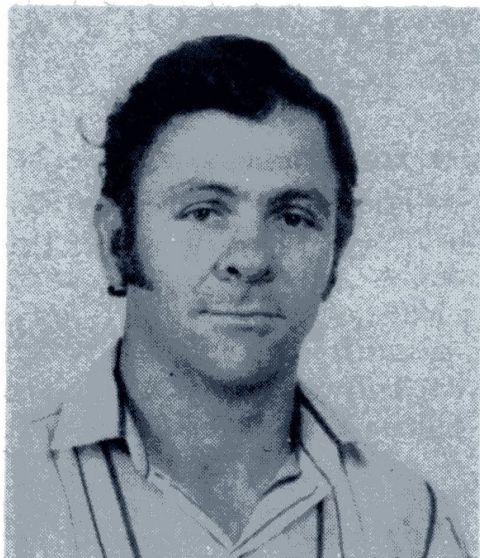
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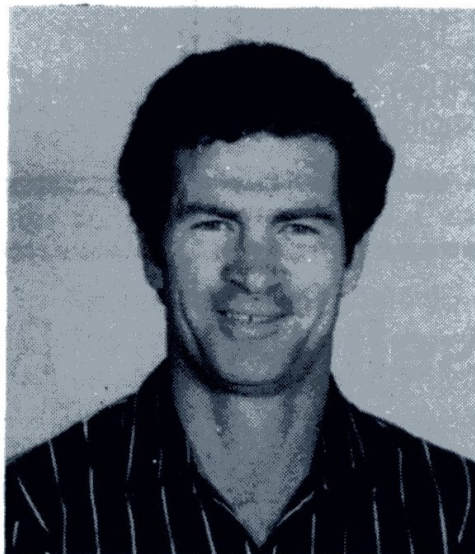
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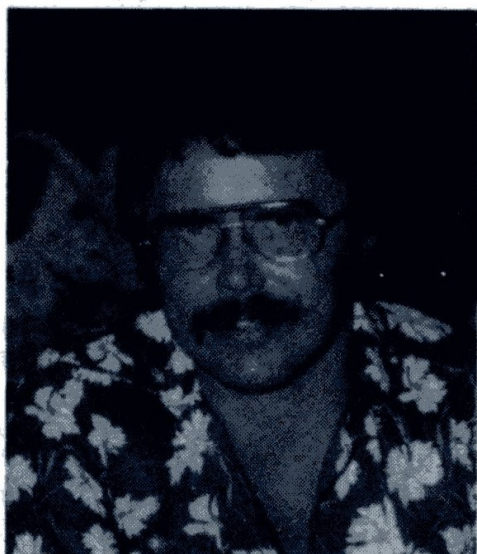
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# HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH QUEENSLAND TOUCH ASSOCIATION

The North Queensland Touch Association (NQTA) was established at a meeting held on 21st January, 1978 in Townsville.

Delegates from Cairns, Innisfail, Atherton, Ingham, Tully and Townsville met together over the full day and worked out a Constitution and basic organisation so that the first North Queensland Touch Championships could be held in Townsville later in 1978.

The first Executive of the NQTA was John McAllister (President), Barry Doyle and Percy Shang (Vice-Presidents), Bill Pierce (Secretary), John Reece (Treasurer), Neil Sestero (Referees Representative) and Ray Miguel (Publicity Officer).

Since those early days there have been four N.Q. Championships held — 1978 in Townsville, 1979 in Innisfail, 1980 in Cairns and 1981 in Tully. The 1982 Championships will be held in Mackay.

The North Queensland division is by far the largest in the State extending from Mackay to Cairns and from Townsville to Mt Isa in the west. In all there are fifteen affiliated Associations which make up the NQTA with meetings being held usually four times a year each at a different centre.

The year 1981 has been a big year for North Queensland with a most successful championship being held in Tully with the Australian President — Phil Smith as guest. A total of 32 teams competed which included 8 women's teams for the first time.

The three North Queensland teams which travelled to Toowoomba for the Queensland Championships (10/11 October, 1981) acquitted themselves very well, each making the final.

The following North Queensland players were selected in the 1981 Queensland teams:

Open Men's: Peter Lazarus (Cairns), Paul Sherrif (Cairns).

Senior Men's: Don Jago (Cairns), Graham Charles (Townsville), Bill Pierce (Townsville), Barry Doyle (Townsville), Dave Kellett (Townsville).

Women's: Glenys Coe (Mt Isa), Kay Watters (Mt Isa), Sue Moody (Atherton).

North Queensland also boasts two representatives in the first Australian Touch teams selected in 1980 — Arthur Tsakasirris (Open Men's) and Barry Doyle (Senior Men's).

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The results of NQTA Championships over the years have been as follows:

**1978 — over 25 Men's:**

Townsville (I) 11 d Townsville (II) 0

**1979 — over 25 Men's:**

Men's: Cairns (I) 2 d Townsville (II) 1

**1979 — over 35 Men's:**

Ingham 3 d Cairns 2

**1980 — over 25 Men's:**

Townsville (I) 3 d Cairns (II) 0

**1980 — over 35 Men's:**

Townsville 2 d Cairns 0

**1981 — over 25 Men's:**

**1st Division:**

Townsville (I) 5 d Cairns (I) 0

**2nd Division:**

Castle Hill 2 d Atherton 1

**1981 — over 35 Men's:**

Townsville 2 d Cairns 1

**1981 — Women's:**

Innisfail (I) 1 d Atherton 0

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# N.Q. TITLES IN MACKAY DURING JUNE

The fifth North Queensland Touch Championships are to be held in Mackay over the Queen's Birthday weekend on June 12, 13 and 14, with a record number of 33 teams competing in three grades.

The open men's division is divided into first and second division, with the senior men's (over 35 years) and women's divisions play in a round-robin competition.

Teams from Townsville, Mackay, Sarina, Ingham, Mount Isa, Tully, Innisfail, Cairns, Castle Hill and Atherton will be competing for the Air Queensland Shield in open men's division 1, the Air Queensland Cup in open men's division 2, the Don Camillo Cup in the women's

division and the Winfield North Queensland Touch Award for the senior men's.

The reigning open men's champions, Townsville No. 1, in the first division expect to face stiff opposition, particularly from arch-rivals, Cairns, and from last year's second division champions, Castle Hill.

The senior men's champions, Townsville, are confident of taking off their third championship in a row although Cairns and Ingham will provide tough opposition.

Innisfail is the reigning women's champions but Townsville expect to change that with a much more experienced line-up than last year.



## TOWNSVILLE TOUCH ASSOCIATION



### BESSER COMPANY IS KEEPING IN "TOUCH"

Besser (Queensland) Ltd. is the major sponsor of Touch in Townsville.

The company sponsors Touch statewide and is providing the backing for this year's State carnival, which will be held in Townsville.

Besser has been associated with Touch since it began in the city.

Townsville branch manager, Mr David Ede, himself a player for Souths Oldies, said Besser's sponsorship entailed \$5,000, which helped cover running expenses and to send Queensland teams interstate.

Mr Ede said the sponsorship was beneficial for the company because its products were aimed at the age group which would associate its name with the sport.

"A large section of those who play Touch are young people who are settling down and building homes," Mr Ede said.

"We make the materials they need."

This year, Besser's Townsville branch won the prestigious Australian award for excellence in concrete masonry.

The award attracted, entries from Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

It is only the second time Besser has won the award, the other also going to a North Queensland branch, Mackay.

Besser has been associated with a number of Townsville's major building projects, including Flinders Mall, Target, K-Mart, Northtown, and several Harbour Board installations.

Besser (Queensland) Limited has 11 branches in Queensland and three interstate.

Its biggest shareholder is the SGIO, along with Pioneer Sugar Mills, the Bank of New South Wales and Castlemaine Perkins.



# LADIES' TOUCH IN TOWNSVILLE

Ladies' Touch in Townsville is bigger and better in 1982 compared with its humble beginnings in February, 1981, when there were only two teams in the competition.

A general meeting was convened the week after the inaugural game and an executive was formed.

Elected were Lucy Woolcock (president); Kathy Johnson (secretary) and Estelle Wellington (treasurer).

In April of the same year, the season commenced with eight teams amid chauvinistic cries of "they will never do it."

The first Townsville female touch team contested the North Queensland Championships in Tully in June 1981.

Under the guidance of coach, Mick Huxley, the team was highly successful. They came fourth in the competition, losing only one game out of eight.

With the success of the championships came the selection of three representatives to play for North Queensland. They were E. Wellington (captain), G. Riesen and L. Shibasaki.

These North Queensland representatives then gained a tremendous amount of experience by playing in the Queensland titles at Toowoomba in October, 1981.

The 1981 season ended with the teams split into two divisions and players gaining confidence and experience with each game played.

"Metros" and "Squaws" battled it out in the major grand final, with "Metros" proving themselves more polished and becoming winners for 1981.

"T Birds" and "Teacher's Pets" played the minor final with the winner being "T Birds".

With the success of 1981 behind them and 1982 seeming to be more successful, awards were given to the most outstanding players for 1981.

Player of the year was Diane Hughes, 100m sprint winner was Diane Ross and half-mile race winner was Lyn Briody.

1982 saw 12 teams enter the ladies' touch football arena, again dividing themselves into two divisions.

"Metros" are undefeated, and look like being the most likely finalists with newly formed "Jotettes" their rivals.

"Squaws", the 1981 finalists, are the new-look team in 1982 with experienced imports from the south to boost their chances for the finals.

The current teams for 1982 are Metros, Squaws, Jotettes, Frogs, T. Birds, Teacher's Pets, Rum Runners, Skinny Dippers, Hot Shots, T.J.R.L., Brothers and WEAs.

These teams are improving each week, which may lead to a very interesting grand final later in the year.



## REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS FOR N.Q.

Representative teams for the North Queensland Championships are:

Open No. 1: R. Selton, D. Stringini, J. Cox, T. Hymus, B. Wellington, R. Harridge, A. Tsakissiris, G. Hamilton, J. O'Brien, M. Taylor, L. Seri, T. Collingwood, P. Norton, J. Wilkinson.

Over 35: B. Doyle, F. Risman, B. McDonald, G. Charles, W. Harries, G. Cappler, B. Pierce, J. Nugent, M. Russell, D. Kellett, G. Penrose, R. Rebgetz, J. Buckby, C. Rasmussen.

Open No. 2 Squad: P. Huxley, T. Duncan, P. Mulvey, C. Donovan, A. Barbagello, J. Coward, M. O'Farrell, M. Ryan, B. Tannock, M. Stephenson, B. Paige, G. Walsh, P. Sherrington, B. Pearce, K. George, P. Graham, L. Orchard.

Ladies' Squad: L. Briody, L. Donoghue, L. J. Shibasaki, M. Williams, R. Carey, E. Wellington, S. Harries, J. Sale, B. Smith, J. Larsen, D. Ross, P. Keane, D. Hughes, E. Howlett, S. Green, T. Begley, K. Britzel, J. Sills, G. Davies, R. French.



# TOWNSVILLE IS HOST FOR 3rd BESSER CHAMPIONSHIPS

Townsville is the host city for the Besser Third Queensland Touch Championships to be held on October 16 and 17.

Teams from South Coast, South-East, Wide Bay, Central and North Queensland will compete in a round-robin competition at the Sports Reserve to determine the State champions for 1982.

North Queensland has been runner-up to South-East for the last two years but expects to turn the tables this year on their home ground.

Teams will compete in three divisions — open men's, women's and senior men's (over 35 years).

A town-club championship competition will

be conducted in conjunction with the State titles with teams expected from all areas of the State and particularly from North Queensland centres.

This competition will also be conducted in open men's, women's and senior men's divisions.

Besser (Qld.) is the sponsor of this year's championships and has become involved in a big way.

A launching function for the championship will be held in late September to steer the way for what is expected to be one of the largest and best presented sporting events ever held in Townsville.

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## TOWNSVILLE IS TOP CITY

Touch football commenced in Townsville in 1974 with a 10-team competition.

This year, the Townsville Touch Association has 48 teams playing winter fixtures each Sunday morning at the one venue, Mindham Park.

The Open competition is split into three divisions with a promotion-relegation system applying.

Ten teams contest the Over 35 division and while the Ladies' division is only in its second

year, there are 12 teams competing.

Townsville has dominated men's touch football in North Queensland having only ever lost one North Queensland championship — that was in 1979 to Cairns.

Last year in Tully, Graham Charles' Over 35s and the Open side, led by Tony Hymus, both defeated Cairns in their respective finals.

The Ladies' representative side should make its presence felt in Mackay this year.



Townsville Club City Redskin's North Queensland reps Tony Hymus and Rod Shelton combining in a recent club match.





**North Queensland representative Michael Taylor with plenty of support in action for his Townsville Club. From left to right, Rod Shelton, Mark Ryan, Mike Taylor, Blue Maher and Tony Hymus.**



**Top Townsville referee Les Castles struggling to keep up with Redskin's Geoff Villalba as he eludes Bat's defenders, Frank Risman (left) and Chris Donovan (right).**





**Metro's Carol Cross makes a break in the 1981 Townsville Ladies Final against Squaws.**



**Townsville's 1981 representative captain, Tony Hymus taking the ball up.**





Squaws "Charlie" Beitzel setting up play in a Townsville club game.



Action from last year's Townsville Over 35 Grand Final with Shockers Queensland representative Graham Charles in pursuit of a Shark's player.



# MT. ISA REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS AT N.Q. TITLES



Over 25's North Queensland 1981, standing, from left: B. Perkins (manager), G. Parker, L. Brown, R. Willes, D. Robertson, B. Cullen, G. Cherio, J. Galliozi, A. Charles, R. Carney, M. Sinclair. Front: R. Jakeman, G. Leon, D. Laffin, R. Leon.



Over 35's team (top), back from left: K. Flick, D. Olsen, A. Naylor, S. Malloy, R. Hollingsworth, F. Donlan, L. Wilson, E. Wik. Front: L. Smith, T. Hennessy, B. Pringle, W. Campbell (sponsor), A. Hansen, G. Robertson.





**Mt Isa Touch Association Grand Final Presentation by President Bill Ker to Captain of the Winning Team 1978, Mean Machine.**

### **MT. ISA REPRESENTATIVES**



**North Queensland Representatives 1981, Glenys Coe, Bruno Cullen, Kay Watters, Mick Sinclair, Bonnie Gil.  
Glenys Coe — Queensland Representative 1982. Kay Watters — Queensland Representative (Vice/Captain) 1982.**