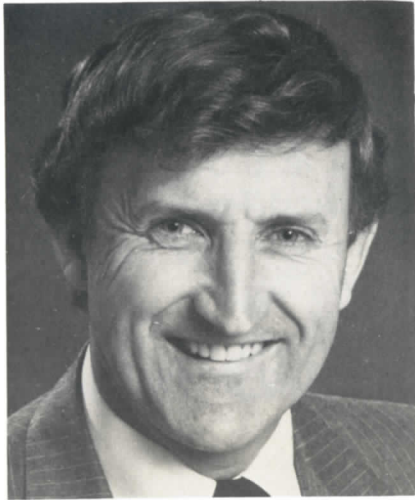


The background of the cover is a photograph of the Melbourne skyline at dusk. The sky is a deep blue. In the foreground, several rowers in blue singlets and white shorts are on a dark rowing boat on the water. One rower in the middle has the number '5' on their back. A bridge is visible in the middle ground, and various city buildings, including one with a dome and another with 'STATE BANK' and 'MLC' signs, are in the background.

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PATRON'S MESSAGE

As the Australian Government Minister responsible for Sport, and also Patron of the Australian Touch Association (A.T.A.), I would like to extend a warm welcome to all participants, officials and spectators attending the 1985 National Touch Championships.

These Championships are the 5th National Titles conducted by the Australian Touch Association and also mark the first occasion that a Touch team from another country has participated in a competition in Australia. I offer a warm welcome to our visitors from New Zealand.

Touch is recognised as one of the fastest growing sports in Australia, which provides any individual with the opportunity to participate at their own selected level. There are few sports that provide integrated competitions for men and women and families. The Australian Government recognises a potential for mass participation provided by Touch. This recognition is reflected in the support given to the Australian Touch Association by the Australian Government through the Sports Development Program. In 1984-85 the Australian Touch Association received \$53,000 under this program — an increase of \$36,000 over the previous year. Within this total grant \$10,000 has been allocated to the development of Touch in Victorian and Tasmanian Schools.

I take this opportunity to wish all those involved in the Championships every success, and may our visitors from New Zealand have an enjoyable and memorable stay in Australia.

JOHN BROWN,
Minister for Sport,
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THE AUSTRALIAN TOUCH ASSOCIATION is proud to announce that the Minister of Sport, Recreation and Tourism has seen fit to approve a total grant of \$53,000 under the Sports Development Program for 1984-85.

The grant has been provided for the following projects as outlined in our sports applications.

- \$30,000** **For the on-going costs in employment of a National Executive Director.**
- \$10,000** **For Level 1 and 2 National Coaching Accreditation Scheme Courses.**
- \$ 3,000** **For International Competition Overseas.**
- \$10,000** **For the Development of Touch in Tasmanian and Victorian schools.**

We formally thank the Federal Government for the assistance they have given, not only in our sport, but sport in Australia.

Yours sincerely,
PETER ROONEY
Executive Director.



President's Message

On behalf of the Australian Touch Association, I would like to welcome you to the 5th National Touch Championships.

The Championships which are to be held in Melbourne at the South Melbourne Cricket Ground and surrounding fields will coincide with the City's Moomba festival celebrations.

The format for the Championships will once again allow visitors to enjoy the hospitality of the host City as well as to enjoy their Touch.

The addition of the Mens Over 30's and Mixed Open Divisions will see players competing at the National level for the first time and the A.T.A. extends a warm welcome to those players and trusts that they will gain from the experience.

Thanks to the effort of our full-time Executive Director, Peter Rooney, history will be made at these Championships with the inaugural International clash between Australia and New Zealand in the Mens Open and Womens Open (?) Divisions.

On behalf of the A.T.A. may we record thanks to our sponsors for their generous support of our sport. To the Dunlop Sports Footwear Company and Ansett Airlines, we say Thank You.

I trust all players, referees, team officials and spectators alike thoroughly enjoy the 5th National Touch Championships and to the players and referees, that you enjoy the success in National selection and appointments that you deserve.

KEN WELLS
President, Australian Touch Association

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Executive Directors Message

Welcome to the 'Ansett' National Touch Championships. As we continue our trek around Australia, we find ourselves in Melbourne for our 5th Championships. I am confident you will find the facilities and accommodation first class, as you will find the hospitality of Melbourne and our hosts the 'Victorian Touch Association' overwhelming.

This year we have added two new Championships to our program, namely the Mens Over 30's and the Mixed Open. With these additions we can now boast of six (6) divisions. You will note from the draw that the status of various divisions has altered. The Mixed Open has been promoted to give added status to Women playing Touch and Men's Over 35's has remained ahead of the Over 30's because of total State involvement in that division. I feel it is time that each State access their priorities in relation to the new divisions, as this year we have only two division fully represented.

On behalf of all participants at these Championships, may I extend a warm welcome to our visitors from New Zealand. I feel the forthcoming Internationals to be played on Saturday 23rd is the most exciting event to take place in history of our Sport. To Don Benson (President of the New Zealand Touch Association) and his touring party 'Thank You', for joining us, and I sincerely hope you enjoy your first visit to Melbourne.

During the week the Inaugural International Board of Control will be formed, and Mr. Jeff Denahy will join us from Port Moresby to represent Papua New Guinea. This also will be a historic event, and furthermore adds to the prestige of these Championships.

The Australian Touch Association has recently appointed Mr. Rob Cochrane as our Travel and Tours Administrator. Rob will be with us in Melbourne to promote our Fiji Tournament. I urge all interested players to make contact with him during the week. We also have a guest from the Fiji Touch Association in Melbourne for the titles, Kurt Jennings the Vice President of the Fiji Touch Association. He will look forward to answering any questions regarding Fiji, and what you can look forward to during your visit.

The Australian Touch Association has recently signed an Insurance agreement with the American Insurance Underwriters. A compulsory Insurance Scheme will commence from the start of all Winter Competitions. Mr. David Epper representing A.I.U. and Mr. Brian Salisbury and Mr. Dennis Preston who are the Insurance Brokers acting on the A.T.A.'s behalf will be in Melbourne during the Championships to answer any questions you may have in regard to the Scheme I urge you to find time to talk with them.

The planning and work for these titles has taken a considerable amount of time, and to the many people who have worked long hours to make these Championships our most successful to date, I offer my sincere thanks. To the Victorian Touch Association and in particular Bobbie Wilkinson, again I offer my thanks. I trust you enjoy you week in Melbourne, and meet with the success you deserve.

PETER ROONEY
Executive Director

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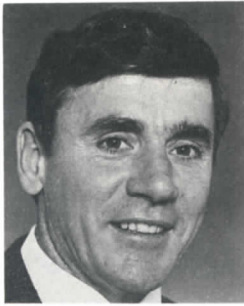
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COACHING DEVELOPMENT — THE FIRST TWO YEARS

*(A report by the National Coaching Director covering
the period 1983-84).*

Following the appointment of a National Coaching Director in April of 1982, a Five-Year Plan was developed and approved by the National Association. The plan included the establishment of a Level One and Level Two coaching course to enable coaches around the country to obtain official accreditation.

During the period 27th February 1983 to 16th December 1984, some 26 courses have been conducted for Level One coaches and all National affiliates have been involved. Queensland has conducted fourteen courses and covered areas such as Mt Isa, Ingham and Rockhampton in addition to the more populous areas of Toowoomba, Southport, Ipswich and Bundaberg.

A total of 437 coaches were accredited during the period however, at the time of writing three more courses are scheduled for the Jan/Mar quarter of 1985, which should take the sum over the 500 mark for the first two years.

The youngest coach accredited is but 13 years of age and the daughter of the Carnarvon, W. A. Association's President, and the oldest (the name is withheld to protect the gentleman's image) is a former Patron of a major ATA affiliate. Forty-five of the qualified coaches are female and the highest percentage of female/male participants on a course has been 65%.

Creation of CCS

Because of the popularity of the Level One courses, it has become necessary to train Coaching Course Conductors to enable courses to be held where and when required by controlling associations. With a humble beginning of 10 courses in 1983, 16 were conducted in 1984 and already some 29 have been scheduled for 1985.

CCCs are identified during attendance at a Level One course and are then required to attend on-the-job training at a minimum of two additional courses where an assessment in techniques is made by one of the approved members of the National Coaching Panel, normally under the direction of the National Coaching Director.

It is important that quality control is maintained at this level because one of the most influential assets of the Touch coaching scheme is that it is truly a **National** standard of instruction and assessment. This means that the same course is presented at a seminar in Cairns as that at a similar course in Geraldton.

Establishment of State Coaching Directors

During the past two years most States and Territories have appointed State Coaching Directors to handle the responsibilities at State level. Some affiliates have also appointed District Coaching Directors to control matters at District or Regional areas.

The main duty of the SCD is, in conjunction with the NCD and DCDs, to prepare an annual schedule of courses for the particular State. This then allows the appropriate association committees to plan and budget accordingly. Moreover it aids in long-term planning by higher authorities with respect to manuals, videos, teaching materials and the like.

SCDs also have an input to the direction of coaching development within the country as each member has a seat on the National Coaching Panel. This body is directly responsible to the ATA General Committee for the overall progress in coaching skills and techniques in Australia.

The State Directors must also prepare a coaching budget for their particular area and include such items as travel, materials and miscellaneous items necessary for development in the coaching field. In the larger States such as Western Australia and Queensland travel alone for schedule courses can run into many thousands of precious dollars.

Costs of Coaching Courses

The costs of courses are being kept to a minimum. Ideally the price to the participant should remain constant throughout the country however, because of such variable items as travel and administrative expenses, sometimes this is not possible. The most common course registration fee is \$60 which covers the following:

- ★ coaching manual, workbook and other manuals
- ★ NCAS registration (now \$10)
- ★ administrative costs, hirings, papers, etc
- ★ visiting lecturers fee (\$5)
- ★ meals when applicable

Every effort is being made to keep participant's costs to the minimum and recent changes in methods of publication of manuals and workbooks should see costs remain relatively stable for the next year or so.

The validation paper which is completed by all coaches at the conclusion of coaching courses provides some interesting details of opinions of financial matters. Most have indicated that the course is good value for money, some have indicated that it is a little too expensive, but others have been most adamant in their assertions that even a fee of \$100 would be satisfactory!

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Director of Referees

As 1984 draws to a close it is tinged with some feelings of disappointment for me, but yet quite definite moods of pride and confidence.

Dissappointment must be expressed that because of certain aspects beyond our control, I have not been able to visit three of our State areas and view the development there viz. Victoria, South Australia and the Capital Territory. However, this area has already been attended by the Australian Touch Association, and it now remains for these Association to plan early when they would like to see input from the Australian Touch Referees Association next yer and these will be covered.

At the time of writing this Report, my Vice President has visited the Capital Territory and his report was available earlier this year. I visited the Northern Territory and witnessed, as per an earlier report, the continued growth of the Referees in that district and I shall be in Western Australia and Tasmania in the next two months.

There have been many areas however that really seem to be zooming in promotion and for much of this I would like to thank the devoted work of Bruce Beggall as Secretary, and the support of Barrie Keenahan as Vice President. By continual communication and discussion, we are now taking major steps to an overall development. Some of our goals we have set for the next two year cycle are:

- (1) By December — National Teams Titles 1985.
 - (a) To have completed the Certification and Accreditation Scheme whereby all referees in Australia will be registered with the A.T.R.A.
 - (b) The completion of a Referees Coaching Manual including a Workbook.
 - (c) That at least one Seminar be held in each State by a member of the A.T.R.A. Executive and that their referees be viewed at their own major State Titles.
- (2) By December 1986 — National Teams Titles 1986.
 - (a) To have one basic combination of uniforms right throughout Australia.
 - (b) To review the Accreditation Scheme.
 - (c) To continue the coaching and examination of referees.

A fuller report will be available at the time of Nationals in Melbourne and after watching our National Titles on the Gold Coast — one area that does concern me is the apparent feeling of some states that they are not being given the support they require. While ostensibly this may partly be the case, I feel that all states must now look to their planning on not only a seasonal basis, but where they see their aims in the long term, and how these may be achieved. Nobody is more aware than myself, of the continued amount of work some people are requested to do to keep the ship sailing, it does behove these workers to organise these areas, to ask, not demand, assistance where required and then to work through these hard times.

May I thank the A.T.A. for their support especially Mr. Peter Rooney whose advice, assistance and support has been most beneficial.

JOE TICEHURST
National Director of Referees

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WOMENS OPEN

Winner
Runner-up

New South Wales
Queensland

MENS O/35's

Winner
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Territory

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Queensland

MENS O/35's

Winner
Runner-up

New South Wales
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New South Wales
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MENS O/35's

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Runner-up

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Queensland

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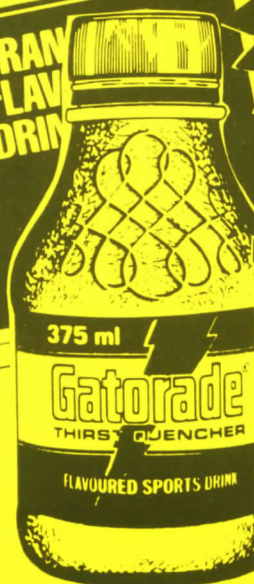
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 RON HAWKE
 BOB MASON
 KEITH PICKARD
 PETER SCHWARZE
 PHIL MORTIMER
 TERRY SULLIVAN
 NEV KANE
 ROSS THORBURN

MIXED OPEN



A.C.T.

CATHY MURPHY
 HELEN TAYLOR
 FRANCIS LEONARD
 ALEX WEDUTENKO
 TRACEY PEARSON
 MICHAEL SPARKS
 KEVIN MATHEWS
 SHANE JAROSZ
 JULIAN MANN
 PHIL CUSACK
 TONY ROGERS
 DARREN ELY

Coach: Paul Kiley
Manager: Jenny Kiley



N.S.W.

NEIL WATSON
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 TERRY STARR
 IAN WILSON
 GARRY BLACKETT
 CARY TOOHEY
 MARK HUGHES
 ALISON McLEAN
 KATIE MILLS
 CATHRYN LOCHHEAD
 TRACEY ARNOTT
 LEASA TROLLOPE
 KERRY PAIN

Coach: Brian Rooney
Manager: Steve Sharman



QUEENSLAND

ALAN DUNN
 GREG NORMAN
 CRAIG WARD
 DANNY PULLER
 MALCOM DUDARKO
 TERRY SEARLES
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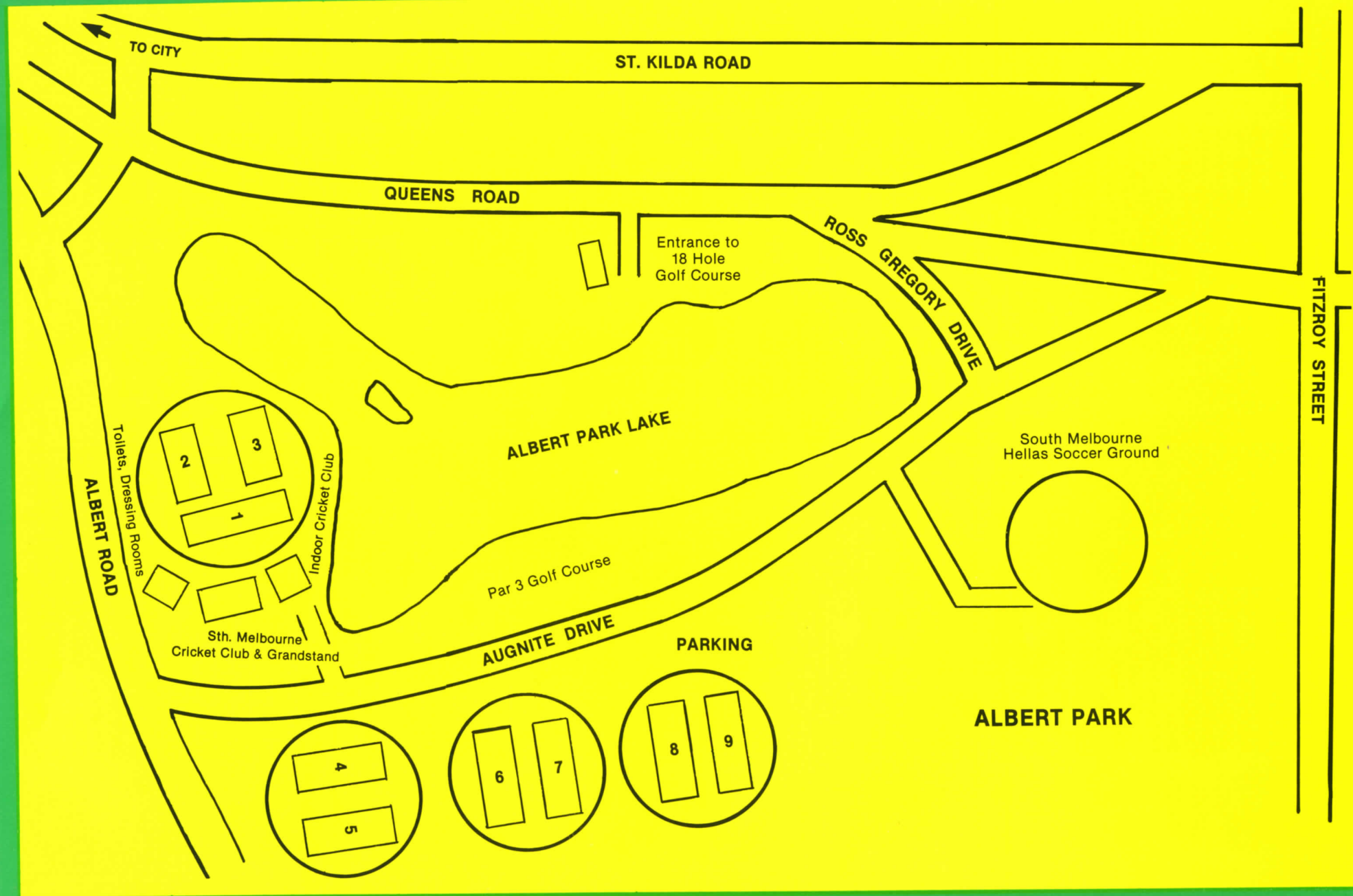
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Manager: Mary Jeffrey



NORTHERN TERRITORY

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 LYN JENNER
 RAELENE JOINER
 MARY LAWLER
 LINDY SOLIER
 HARRY APPO
 JIM KEARY
 DANNY HAMER
 PETER LEONARD
 TREVOR MALBY
 PHIL VARRALL

Coach: Mike Donaghy
Manager: Jan MacPherson



JUNIOR MIXED



A.C.T.
 LISA CAMDEN
 BERNADETTE CLYDE
 KENDRA HALL
 ANNE MURPHY
 DIANE MUTCH
 UTA ZIMMERMAN
 BRADLEY CLYDE
 RICK FERRY
 JASON GREGORY
 GRANT HAWKE
 GEOFF LOGAN
 MATHEW PATEMAN
 BERNIE WILKINSON
Coach: Gary Kinkade
Manager: Ron Hawke
 Janelle Hawke

N.S.W.
 JASON LITCHFIELD
 MARK DEARSLEY
 CRAIG WILSON
 MARK BRIAN
 CORY HALL
 DEAN SMITH
 ROGER ROBERTS
 KATRINA MAHER
 LOUISE COADY
 CHERYL WHARTON
 PAULA VASSALLO
 CATHY GORMAN
 NICOLE HOWARD
Coach: Mick Dwyer
Manager: Robyn Allen
 Chris Holdsworth



QUEENSLAND
 CRAIG PIERCE
 JAY DORREBOOM
 CRAIG BROWN
 PAIGE RIDGENELL
 RODNEY THOROUGHGOOD
 RAYLENE WALLACE
 ALLISON McWHIRTER
 PAUL ILES
 PAULA JOHNSON
 BELINDA WARD
 TIM VILLALBA
 GLEN WILSON
 KIM WILLETT
Coach: Neil Baumber
Manager: Marg Bell

NORTHERN TERRITORY
 SARAH COOPER
 TRACEY RAINGER
 JENNY TALBOT
 PAMELA TALBOT
 DEANNE THOMSON
 TONI THOMSON
 PHILLIP CARTER
 JOHN HENDERSON
 MATTHEW HOWARD
 NICK MANOLAS
 COLIN SIGANTO
 STEVEN STOKES
 MICKLO YOUNG
Coach: Pat Sedman
Manager Terry McMahon



SOUTH AUSTRALIA
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 KIM KNAPSTIEN
 REBECCA BARRY
 KATHRYN CHERRY
 TANIA OSWELD
 TREVOR MITTEN
 ERIC CREMERS
 BRIAN VARCOE
 DARREN HOSKING
 MICHAEL BOUCHER
 DARREN UREN
 STEVE BODINGTON
 DANNY PADGORELEC
Coach: Chris Davidson
Manager: David Corbett
Chaperone: Mrs. Hosking

WESTERN AUSTRALIA
 JOHN SNOWDEN
 STUART GREAVES
 LEE TOON-POYNTON
 BLAIR IRELAND
 SHANE MITCHELL
 BRUCE PLACKETT
 DARREN BRANKSTON
 KYMLEE IRVING
 CLAIR WILLIAMS
 FELICITY KAY
 MAREE BIRD
 SHANE HAGGETT
 LEE JOHNS
Coach: Mat Reid
Manager: Dorothy Haggett



TASMANIA
 MARCO RUGARI
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 MICHELLE BROADSTOCK
 LOUISE MILLS
 DEAN BROUGHAN
 DAVID WOODS
 JOHN GOODRICK
 JASON SMITH
 ANTHONY LIM
 WAYNE MITCHELL
 ADRIAN WOODHEAD
 VIRGINIA LUCAS
Coach: Bryan Fisher
Manager: Sandra Spicer and
 Mark Oakford



Ansett National Touch Championships

OPENING CEREMONY MONDAY 18TH MARCH, 1985

TIME

5.00 pm	JUNIOR MIXED —	Field 1 : NSW v NT Field 2 : ACT v WA Field 3 : SA v TAS Bye : QLD
5.45 pm	SPRINTS —	Each division with 2 competitors from each State.
6.15 pm	MARCH PAST	
6.45 pm	OFFICIAL OPENING	
7.00 pm	<i>TOUCH 2001</i>	

TUESDAY 19TH MARCH, 1985

TIME	FIELD 1	FIELD 2	FIELD 3	FIELD 4	FIELD 5	FIELD 6
9.00 am	NSW v NT (M)	SA v TAS (M)	ACT v WA (W)	WA v NT (JM)	NSW v NT (S35)	SA v TAS (S35)
9.50 am	QLD v VIC (M)	NSW v NT (OM)	NSW v NT (W)	NSW v SA (JM)	QLD v VIC (S35)	NSW v ACT (S30)
10.40 am	ACT v WA (M)	ACT v QLD (OM)	QLD v VIC (W)	ACT v QLD (JM)	ACT v WA (S35)	ARMY v QLD (S30)
11.30 am	NSW v SA (M)	TAS v VIC (M)	WA v NT (W)	SA v NT (JM)	NSW v SA (S35)	TAS v VIC (S35)
12.20 pm	ACT v QLD (M)	QLD v NT (OM)	ACT v QLD (W)	WA v TAS (JM)	ACT v QLD (S35)	NSW v QLD (S30)
1.10 pm	WA v NT (M)	NSW v ACT (OM)	TAS v VIC (W)	NSW v QLD (JM)	WA v NT (S35)	ACT v VIC (S30)

BYE — TAS (W) NSW (W) TAS (JM) ACT (JM) VIC (S30)

KEY:

(M) — Mens Open
(W) — Womens Open
(S30) — Mens Over 30's
(S35) — Mens Over 35's
(OM) — Open Mixed
(JM) — Junior Mixed



Ansett National Touch Championships

WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH, 1985

TIME	FIELD 1	FIELD 2	FIELD 3	FIELD 4	FIELD 5	FIELD 6
9.00 am	NSW v QLD (S35)	WA v TAS (S35)	NSW v QLD (M)	WA v TAS (M)	NSW v TAS (JM)	NSW v WA (W)
9.50 am	SA v NT (S35)	NSW v ACT (S30)	NSW v QLD (MO)	SA v NT (M)	NT v ACT (JM)	ACT v TAS (W)
10.40 am	ACT v VIC (S35)	QLD v VIC (S30)	NT v ACT (MO)	ACT v VIC (M)	QLD v SA (JM)	NT v QLD (W)
11.30 am	NSW v TAS (S35)	QLD v SA (S35)	NSW v TAS (M)	QLD v SA (M)	NSW v ACT (JM)	NSW v VIC (W)
12.20 pm	NT v ACT (S35)	NSW v VIC (S30)	NT v ACT (M)		WA v SA (JM)	NT v TAS (W)
1.10 pm	WA v VIC (S35)	ACT v ARMY (S30)	WA v VIC (M)	ACT v QLD (OM)	TAS v QLD (JM)	QLD v WA (W)
2.00 pm	NT v QLD (S35)	TAS v ACT (S35)	NT v QLD (M)	TAS v ACT (M)		NT v VIC (W)
2.50 pm	SA v VIC (S35)	VIC v ARMY (S30)	SA v VIC (M)	NSW v NT (OM)		TAS v QLD (W)
3.40 pm	NSW v WA (S35)	QLD v ACT (S30)	NSW v WA (M)			NSW v ACT (W)

BYE - QLD (S30) NSW (S30) WA (JM) VIC (W) ACT (W) WA (W)

KEY:

(M) — Mens Open (S30) — Mens Over 30's (OM) — Open Mixed
(W) — Womens Open (S35) — Mens Over 35's (JM) — Junior Mixed

REFEREES

Queensland:

Ray Eustace
Dave Rodway
Des Charman
Russell Iika
Damien Salvati
Dennis Baker
Bill Thomas
Ken Gramm
John Wolfe
Lou Crane
Paul McHugh

A.C.T.

Innes McDougal

Tasmania

Bill Kearney (Manager)

Northern Territory

Peter John
Bob Cope

Victoria

Peter Herbert

Western Australia

Ralph Gore

New South Wales:

Barrie Keenahan
Neville Hockey
Bruce Beggall
Mick Cook
Ken Edwards
John Lye
Gary Brickell
Mick Shirlaw
Eddie Lakiss
Lance Harrigan
Denis Flanders
John Mamacan
Rex Smith



Ansett National Touch Championships

THURSDAY 20TH MARCH, 1985

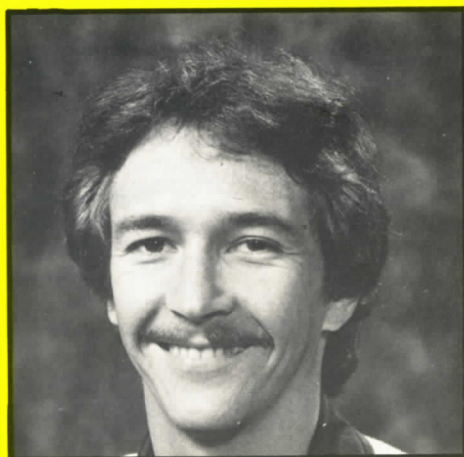
TIME	FIELD 1	FIELD 2	FIELD 3	FIELD 4	FIELD 5	FIELD 6	FIELD 7
9.00 am	TAS v ACT (JM)	NSW v QLD (W)	NT v VIC (M)	NSW v QLD (OM)	NSW v ARMY (S30)	WA v SA (S35W)	NSW v QLD (S40)
9.50 am	NSW v WA (JM)	ACT v VIC (W)	NSW v ACT (M)	NT v ACT (OM)	VIC v QLD (S30)	NT v ACT (S35)	
10.40 am	NT v QLD (JM)	WA v TAS (W)	TAS v QLD (M)	WA v SA (M)	NT v VIC (S35)	TAS v QLD (S35)	ARMY v NSW (S40)
11.30 am	SA v ACT (JM)	NT v ACT (W)	NSW v VIC (M)	QLD v NT (OM)	NSW v QLD (S30)	SA v ACT (S35)	
12.20 pm	NT v TAS (JM)	WA v VIC (W)	NT v TAS (M)	NSW v ACT (OM)	VIC v ACT (S30)	NSW v VIC (S35W)	QLD v ARMY (S40)
1.10 pm	QLD v WA (JM)	NSW v TAS (W)	QLD v WA (M)	SA v ACT (M)	QLD v WA (S35)	NT v TAS (S35)	
2.00 pm	NSW v QLD (S40)	NSW v VIC (S30)	ACT v QLD (S30)				

BYE — SA (JM) NSW (JM) NT (W) QLD (W) ACT (S30)

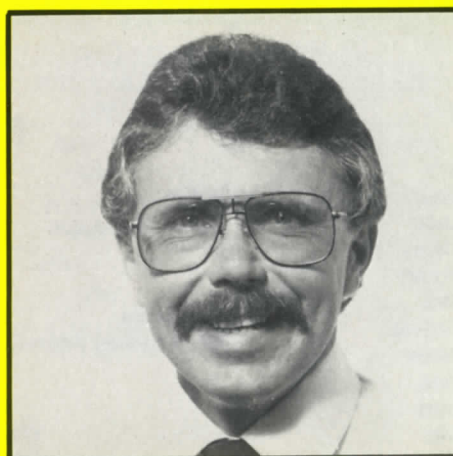
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(W) — Womens Open (S35) — Mens Over 35's (JM) — Junior Mixed

New Appointees In The Q.T.A.



RUSSELL MOWLES
President



BILL KER
Executive Director



Ansett National Touch Championships

FRIDAY 22ND MARCH, 1985

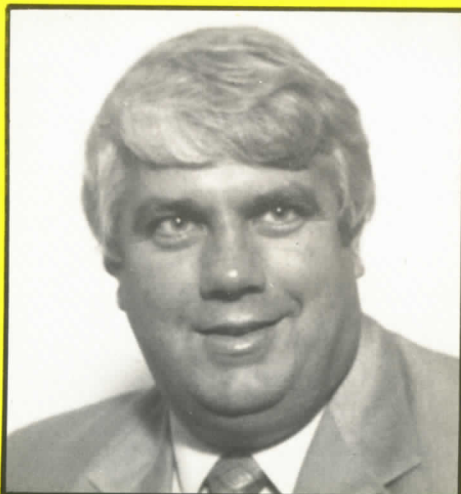
TIME	FIELD 1	FIELD 2	FIELD 3	FIELD 4
9.00 am	Semi-Final 2 v 3 (30)	Semi-Final 1 v 4 (S30)	Semi-Final 2 v 3 (JM)	NSW v ARMY (S40)
10.00 am	Semi-Final 2 v 3 (S35)	Semi-Final 1 v 4 (S35)	Semi-Final 1 v 4 (JM)	QLD v ARMY (S40)
11.00 am	Semi-Final 2 v 3 (OM)	Semi Final 1 v 4 (OM)		
12.00 noon	Challenge NSWvQLD(S40)	Semi-Final 1 v 4 (W)	Semi-Final 2 v 3 (W)	
1.00 pm	Final Junior Mixed	Semi-Final 1 v 4 (M)	Semi-Final (M) 2 v 3 (M)	
2.00 pm	Final Mens Over 30's			
3.00 pm	Final Mens Over 35's			
4.00 pm	Final Open Mixed			
5.00 pm	Final Womens Open			
6.00 pm	Final Mens Open			

Semi-Finals & Finals

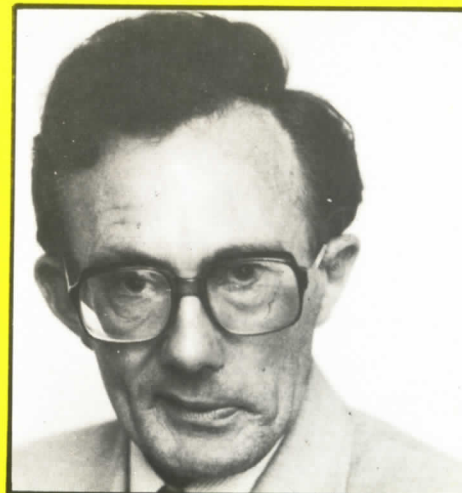
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A.T.A. Executive Members



PHIL SMITH
Vice President



DICK FAIRBURN
Director of Finance

THE NEW SOUTH WALES TOUCH ASSOCIATION

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- ★ **Railex**

for their generous support during 1984

New South Wales Touch Association Report

1984 saw the Sport enter a new era of administration and competition.

The Structure of the Sport has been altered to improve the Sport from an administrative and competition base. Gone is the Country Touch Association and in its place is a Regional Structure, which divides the State into eight (8) areas. Each of these areas is represented by a Director on the Board of Management of the Association, thus giving a wider cross section of people input into the conduct of the Sport.

The selection of our State teams have also been altered this year. Previously it was done from a City v's Country match. This year a Regional Championship was held and the eight (8) Regions took part in all five (5) divisions. This gave more players the opportunity to press their claims for State and National honours.

Having now established our home base at the Canterbury Veledrome Complex we have with the assistance of Canterbury Council installed floodlighting to four (4) touch fields directly outside the Veledrome at a cost of \$70,000. This now gives us a perfectly lit venue to conduct major night competitions in the Metropolitan area.

The 1985 State Championships saw some 160 teams from the length and breadth of the State taking part in the largest Touch competition ever held.

New South Wales will again field extremely strong sides in all divisions and expect them there when competition hots up in Melbourne.

To all players and officials from all States taking part, we wish you every success and hope that all come away from these Championships pleased with their efforts.

To the Victorian Touch Association we hope the Championships go well for you as host State, and be assured we appreciate the work that it takes for host such an event.

PHIL SMITH

COMPUTOUCH !!

Are you finding the workload in preparing competition draws, recording results, maintaining files of teams and player payments becoming too hard to handle?

**WE COULD HAVE THE ANSWER FOR YOU!!
THE AGE OF COMPUTERS IS NOW WITH US!!**

A unique new Computer Program called "**COMPUTOUCH**" has been designed to relieve the administrative and financial burden on District Committees.

This is not just a standard "off the shelf" product, but a product **specifically** written for Touch.

Here are some of it's features:—

- * ***Automatic calculation and printout of the Competition Draw.***
- * ***Records results, tabulates and prints Points Tables.***
- * ***Maintains an individual file of every team and player in your Competition.***
- * ***Determines semi-final eligibility of players where necessary.***
- * ***Best and Fairest***
- * ***Records team and player payments and gives full associated reports plus much, much more.***

The program runs on the IBM Personal Computer (the industry leader), or compatible.

An optional comprehensive Accounting and General Ledger program is also available.

This program will put your District right up to date with the latest Computer Technology.

The A.T.A. has investigated this program & foresees it as a tremendous benefit. Any futher information you may require please contact Touch House on (02) 559 3344

PAST AUSTRALIAN TEAMS

1980-81

MENS OPEN

Chris O'Sullivan	ACT
Steve Saunders	NSW
Paul Duckett	NSW
Terry Jacks	QLD
Glen Hornibrook	QLD
Phil Trickett	ACT
Warren Speechley	NSW
Col Withers	SA
Arthur Tsakissiris	Qld
Mick McCall	NSW
Wayne Brandon	QLD

WOMENS OPEN

Debbie Ginman	NSW
Joanne Mitchell	SA
Lisa Neal	NSW
Cheryl Sullivan	ACT
Karen Nuss	QLD
Karen Smith	NSW
Karen May	NSW
Jenny Park	NSW
Jann Potter	NSW

MENS O'35s

Gordon Abercrombie	VIC
Barry Bourke	NSW
Bob Brett	Qld
Jim Brophy	NSW
Ross Byrnes	NSW
Dennis Coffey	ACT
Rod Devlin	ACT
Barry Doyle	QLD
Ken Irvine	NSW
John Newton	NSW
Roger Tait	ACT

1982

MENS OPEN

Paul Blacklock	TAS
Greg Rigby	QLD
Wayne Brandon	QLD
Dennis Mahoney	NSW
Angel Marina	ACT
Chris O'Sullivan	ACT
Ray Kiley	ACT
Barry Reynolds	NSW
Ron Wall	NSW
Mark Carter	NSW
John Turner	NSW

WOMENS OPEN

Donna Baker	QLD
Joanne Mitchell	SA
Lisa Neal	NSW
Karen Smith	NSW
Leanne McIntyre	NSW
Chris Smythe	Qld
Romayne Westwood	NSW
Michelle McMahan	NSW
Jenny Proctor	NSW
Maria Arthur	NSW
Sue La Fontairne	ACT

MENS O'35s

John Bonnetti	NSW
Dennis Dwyer	NSW
Joe Anseley	NSW
Trevor Young	QLD
John Newton	NSW
Graham Hill	NSW
Val Ayliffe	NSW
Dennis McCulloch	NSW
Barry Doyle	QLD
Dennis Coffey	ACT
Mick Campbell	QLD

PAST AUSTRALIAN TEAMS (continued)

1983

MENS OPEN

John Hodge	QLD
Mark Hornery	NSW
Terry Jacks	QLD
Anthony Job	ACT
Ray Kiley	ACT
Owen Lane	NSW
Roland Le Clair	NSW
Tim O'Brien	NSW
Paul Shippely	Qld
Warren Speechley	NSW
Ron Wall	NSW

WOMENS OPEN

Maria Arthur	NSW
Donna Baker	QLD
Nola Driver	QLD
Debbie Ginman	NSW
Jo Mitchell	SA
Lisa Neal	NSW
Karen Norman	QLD
Jenny Park	NSW
Cathy McGarry	NSW
Leanne McIntyre	NSW
Karen Smith	NSW

MENS O'35s

Wayne Brandan	QLD
Mick Campbell	QLD
Graham Charles	Qld
Dennis SDwyer	NSW
Devin Jurch	NT
Roy Kulmar	NT
Ray Lawrence	NSW
Don Murphy	QLD
Grahame Oates	NT
Phil Roberts	NSW
Geoff Wardrobe	NSW

1984

MENS OPEN

Peter Clarke	NSW
Roland Le Clair	NSW
Paul Barton	NSW
Greg Young	QLD
Warren Speechly	NSW
Ray Kiley	ACT
Owen Lane	NSW
Terry Jacks	QLD
Gary Lawless	ACT
Tim O'Brien	NSW
Ashley Retallack	QLD

WOMENS OPEN

Maria Arthur	QLD
Donna Baker	QLD
Glenys Coe	QLD
Karyn Coombes	QLD
Debbie Ginman	NSW
Karen Laycock	QLD
Julie Mazzarella	NSW
Lisa Neal	NSW
Kerry Norman	QLD
Jenny Park	NSW
Karen Smith	NSW

MENS O'35s

Ray Lawrence	NSW
Barry Ammon	NSW
Don Jago	Qld
Phil Young	NSW
Dennis Dwyer	NSW
Mick Sinclair	QLD
Barry Reynolds	NSW
Robert Cook	QLD
Graham Hill	NSW
Barry McMannus	NSW
Terry Reynolds	NSW

JUNIORS

Shaun O'Brien	NSW
Simon Annesley	NT
Tony Rogers	ACT
John Bridges	NSW
Cory Hall	NSW
Craig Cooper	NSW
Tracy Allen	NSW
Katrina Maher	NSW
Paul Vassallo	NSW
Therese Holdsworth	NSW
Louise Coady	NSW

TOURS AND TRAVEL ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

TOUCH GOES INTERNATIONAL! The ATA has embarked upon an aggressive and ambitious programme to not only fulfill the need for full International competition, as will be seen at this carnival, but to use the ideal of "play and holiday" to take our sport overseas.

Our sport continues to develop in player members, technique, streamlining of rules and now in other countries. Touch has progressed a long way from inter-pub challenges and now is firmly making its mark in such diverse regions as the hussle of Singapore and the beaches of Raratonga. A series of Packages have been developed by the ATA to promote our sport overseas whilst giving us, the player, the opportunity of group discounts — the beneficiary of all this is **Touch** of course. Touch has been well-supported by sponsors from all areas of the community and to them I extend my appreciation for assisting in keeping our sport recreational. In the area of Travel I must single out the following who have taken the ball and run with it so that Touch could go truly International:

Ansett Airlines who are our major sponsor, sowed the seeds of things to come.

Air Pacific who broached the wall of Rugby in Fiji and who are one of the major sponsors of Fiji Touch.

Air Nuigini who are one of the major sponsors of Papua New Guinea Touch and who firmly believe in "Touch Will Travel".

Air New Zealand who are actively involved in the promotion of our sport in their home country.

Viva! Discovery Holiday's who have put their faith and immense resources behind our Fiji programme.

Thank-you all — Touch appreciates its sponsors.

The ATA have full holiday/tournament packages constructed for your pleasure to the following areas: Fiji, Singapore, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea on the International scene, and of course the National's at the Gold Coast. Should you require information on anything relating to your sport and travel please contact the writer through Touch House in Sydney.

To all of the officials, referees and players at these — the Ansett National Championships. I wish you the best of competition and although there can be only one winner, your level of achievement being selected to participate in the Titles speaks for itself.

A special welcome to the New Zealand Tour Party, and all the best for your historic game.

A.C.T. Touch Association



The first organised Touch competition was played in November 1975. In 1976, 29 teams competed in three divisions of a men's competition. Since that time, the ACT Touch Association has conducted competitions for teams in mens, womens, mixed, junior, mens over 30 and mens over 35 divisions. The 1984/85 Summer competition had 268 teams playing at five venues from Monday to Thursday.

In 1978, the ACT selected a representative team to compete in the 1978 Westmont Cup (NSW State competition). Many of the original members of this team are still playing in the ACT and one of the members, Otto Karki, will appear again for the ACT in the 1985 Mens Open team.

ACT players Gary Lawless, Ray Kiley and Tony Rogers were selected in the 1984 Australian Touch teams and these players will be trying as hard as the other ACT players for selection in the Australian teams.

The 1984/85 season saw many changes for ACT Touch. A new Committee was elected in November and we thank the outgoing President, Ken Wells, for his services over the past years. Along with the new Committee, the ACT Touch Association gained a new location. In February the Touch Office moved to ACT Sports House which accommodates most of the ACT sporting bodies that employ staff.

Heather Reid was reappointed for 1985 as Executive Director of the ACTTA and the move to Sports House will give her direct contact with other administrators and coaches. Heather's responsibilities have largely been related to the organisation of the ACTTA's competitions and co-ordination of the six representative squads.

Negotiations have almost been finalised for the ACTTA to improve floodlighting at one of its winter competition venues and further lighting will proceed later in the year at a second venue. The improved lighting will provide better playing conditions for more teams on more than one night.

Touch in the ACT is progressing at a steady rate and certainly displays some of the publicised "family sport" attributes. A quick look at the 1985 ACT representative teams will reveal many familiar names. Of the 86 players and officials, the teams contain Mr and Mrs McLinden, Kiley and KinKade; Ron and Janelle Hawke and their son Grant; Buck Rogers and his son Tony; Frank Murphy and his daughters Cathy and Anne; brothers Ray and Paul Kiley; sisters Sue and Angela La Fontaine; brother and sister Mathew Pateman and Maree Kinkade, and brother and sister Bernadette and Brad Clyde.

We wish the Victorian Touch Association every success with the conduct of the 1985 National Championships and extend our good luck to all teams participating.



VICTORIAN TOUCH ASSOCIATION

Touch in Victoria has progressed in several ways since the time of the last National Championships. Following the success of the Victorian team at the Nationals our first Mixed competition was held over the Summer/Autumn period. This new form of the game was enjoyed by all the participants.

Schools promotions have developed over the period highlighted, of course, by Junior Mixed teams from New South Wales and A.C.T. coming here. These promotions have taken the form of seminars to teachers, demonstrations to aid coaching of young players and demonstrations at various venues such as Council "Open Days". We believe that touch is an attractive sport to teachers owing to its simplicity and needs of only basic equipment. It would be desirable to conduct a proper "Marketing Exercise" and follow up on the leads already generated.

Our State Titles were conducted over a weekend in December, and in a break from our tradition, were sited picturesquely by the Lake in Albert Park (across the road and east of the grounds for the Nationals). We were pleased to welcome teams from Albury/Wodonga in their first appearance down south. The titles were held in Mens, Womens, and Mixed categories and many commented favourably on the Albert Park venue.

Once again the Summer Competition has been held at Elsternwick Park, and at the time of writing, the finals are about to be contested. The competition has been held against the background and preparation for the Nationals. For the first time Victoria will field teams in four divisions, and these should all give a good showing.

For the future, apart from the schools emphasis mentioned above, the Victorian Touch Association hopes to make some other initiatives for the good of the game in Victoria. These would include closer liaison with competitions which are unaffiliated, especially the services competition which is strong and growing. Encouragement of a "Business House" Competition to be held on week days perhaps at Albert Park, and finally a stronger and more formal Winter Competition with a Mixed Division if not Mens and Womens as well.

We extend our best wishes to all teams coming to Melbourne to the Nationals, and hope they enjoy themselves both on and off the field.



Western Australia Touch Report

Our sport continued to develop and make steady progress in both the metropolitan and country regions in Western Australia.

A number of achievements were recorded over the past 12 months, the major ones being:

- The formation of a Referees Association with their own officials and Director of Referees.
- The appointment of a Director of Coaching.
- Two Level One Coaching seminars being held from which 30 candidates qualified for their certificates. A number of these people were from country districts which will have a significant bearing on the development of the sport in these isolated areas.

Membership growth has continued to rise with the number of district competitions now affiliated with the W.A.T.A. totalling 10 comprising of 7 from the metropolitan region and 3 from country areas. It is expected that next year 2 more country districts will become affiliated and at least 2 additional metropolitan competitions.

The sport has come a long way from the initial competition held at Hilton Reserve, Fremantle when 6 teams attended on the first night and the following scale denotes the growth level.

1980/81	120 players	—	
1981/82	416 players	—	416% Increase
1982/83	840 players	—	102% Increase
1983/84	1458 players	—	74% Increase
1984/85	1820 players	—	25% Increase

Despite the healthy and steady growth achieved in the past, prospects for the future continue to show considerable potential. There has been considerable strain on the Executive of the W.A.T.A. in endeavouring to achieve the many demands placed upon them and I am sure, like other States, we suffer from a lack of interested personnel to become officials on a State level and it is essential that districts comprising the W.A.T.A. play a much greater role in nominating people for positions on the W.A.T.A.

The past progress has been accomplished on a totally voluntary basis without any persons receiving remuneration or an honorarium, however the work load has increased to such an extent that it is inevitable that our association seriously consider employment of a full time official to ensure the continual growth achieved in the past is maintained and it is my belief we now have the numbers to afford it.

I would take this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation to all those people who have assisted the W.A.T.A. in the growth of Touch since its commencement, as it is my intention to stand down as President, after 5 years I am quite confident that the sport is on a sound footing and will continue to grow at State level as it has at National Level.

To the W.A.T.A. team members, I hope they achieve the success they honestly deserve as their preparation this year has been both long and arduous. I would also ask that each member endeavour to pass on part of the knowledge and experience gained at the National Titles to their respective districts when they return as it is only by this method that district competition standards will rise.

The W.A.T.A. also extends their best wishes for success to all teams participating in this year's National Titles.

ROSS W. WHITE
President



Tasmanian Touch Association Report

The growth of Touch in Tasmania continues to be one of quiet, but notable success with the major population centres now been involved and further growth planned.

Most centres are represented in our teams, including the Juniors and this is another mile-stone for the smallest State.

It is hoped that within twelve (12) months we shall have conducted our first winter competition in all divisions, and we await the results with interest.

Junior growth is encouraging 'it is developing slowly but surely', and we are satisfied with the results to date and look forward to the future.

The Tasmania Touch Referees Association is now in operation, and is already showing us the benefits of their collective experience.

We record with thanks the efforts of the Tasmanian Touch Referees Director, Bill Kearney and the National Director, Joe Ticehurst.

Our appreciation is expressed to our passed President, Mr. Cliff Sneyd and the present incumbent, Ken Turner.

Our thanks also to Peter Hudson, mine host of the Granada Tavern, Berriedale for his support of the Juniors.

May the success that you all so richly deserve be yours at these 5th Nationals, and in your future endeavours.

From Tasmania, 'Good luck to you all'.



New appointment in the Northern Territory

The NT Touch Association has appointed an Executive Director to a part-time position funded on a dollar-for-dollar basis by the Territory Government.

The new officer is Ms Robyn Smith, a resident of Darwin for almost fifteen years. Prior to living in Darwin she lived in Brisbane and Papua New Guinea with her family.

She is an active sports enthusiast and currently plays Touch, Indoor Hockey, Field Hockey and Squash. She has represented the Territory in Field Hockey on three occasions.

Recently Smith has been involved in publicity and promotion of hockey, holding honorary positions with the Darwin Indoor Hockey Association, Northern Territory Hockey Association, and was responsible for Publicity and Promotion of the successful 1984 Esanda Australian Under 21 Women's Hockey Championships. She has written several submissions for the Association, co-authored a submission to the Parliamentary Committee on Women in Sport and has produced a Guide to Publicity and Promotion for Amateur Sporting Events.

Smith has a background in public relations activity, having been Assistant to the PR Officer of the NT Electricity Commission and, more recently, Assistant to the NT Representative of the National Media Liaison Service. In addition she has assisted with promotion of the Darwin launch of Munch 'n Crunch food packs and the Top End's greatest single tourist drawcard, the Darwin Cup Carnival.

In conjunction with her part-time position with the NTTA, Smith is studying a Bachelor of Arts degree at the Darwin Institute of Technology.

"I'm very happy to have been appointed to the NTTA. Touch has the advantage of being a young and fast-growing sport, and has great potential in the Territory", she said.

She took up her position in early February.



Queensland Touch Association Report

The Sunshine State is alive and well, the strong foundation of this Association was laid in early years.

People like inaugural President Paul Eggers, Russell Mowles, Joe Ticehurst, Bill Pierce and Bill Ker has given the Association the base on which to grow to the success it is today.

Queensland is divided into seven districts with some 67 associations affiliated with the state body. The 1984 winter/summer saw some 20,000 participants enjoying our game, Touch. The 1985 winter/summer figure projection is 24.00 players.

The growth of the sport still continues unabated, both in the city and country areas.

The Queensland State Secondary Schools have introduced Touch within the system, Ken Edwards is the Q.T.A. Director of Junior Development and leads the very keen committee at this level.

Our State Director of Referees, Ray Eustace with his expanding band of Referees continues to conduct seminars throughout the state.

Following in the footsteps of our past director of coaching, Major Dennis Coffey is our recently appointed Coaching Director Alan Satchell.

Alan has a very extensive commitment for 1985 and the enthusiasm of course participants continues.

The Q.T.A. office at 156 Boundary Street, Brisbane is manned by Bill Ker our fulltime Executive Director. Bill is a qualified Referee and holds a Level 1 coaching certificate.

Our new President is Russell Mowles and was secretary from the first Q.T.A. meeting in 1979. Russell is also President of Brisbane City District and Metropolitan Touch Association.

The Queensland Touch Association is appreciative of the Assistance and guidance given to them by A.T.A. Executive Director, Peter Rooney.

We extend best wishes to all participants at the 1985 National Touch Championships being conducted in March 1985 at Melbourne.

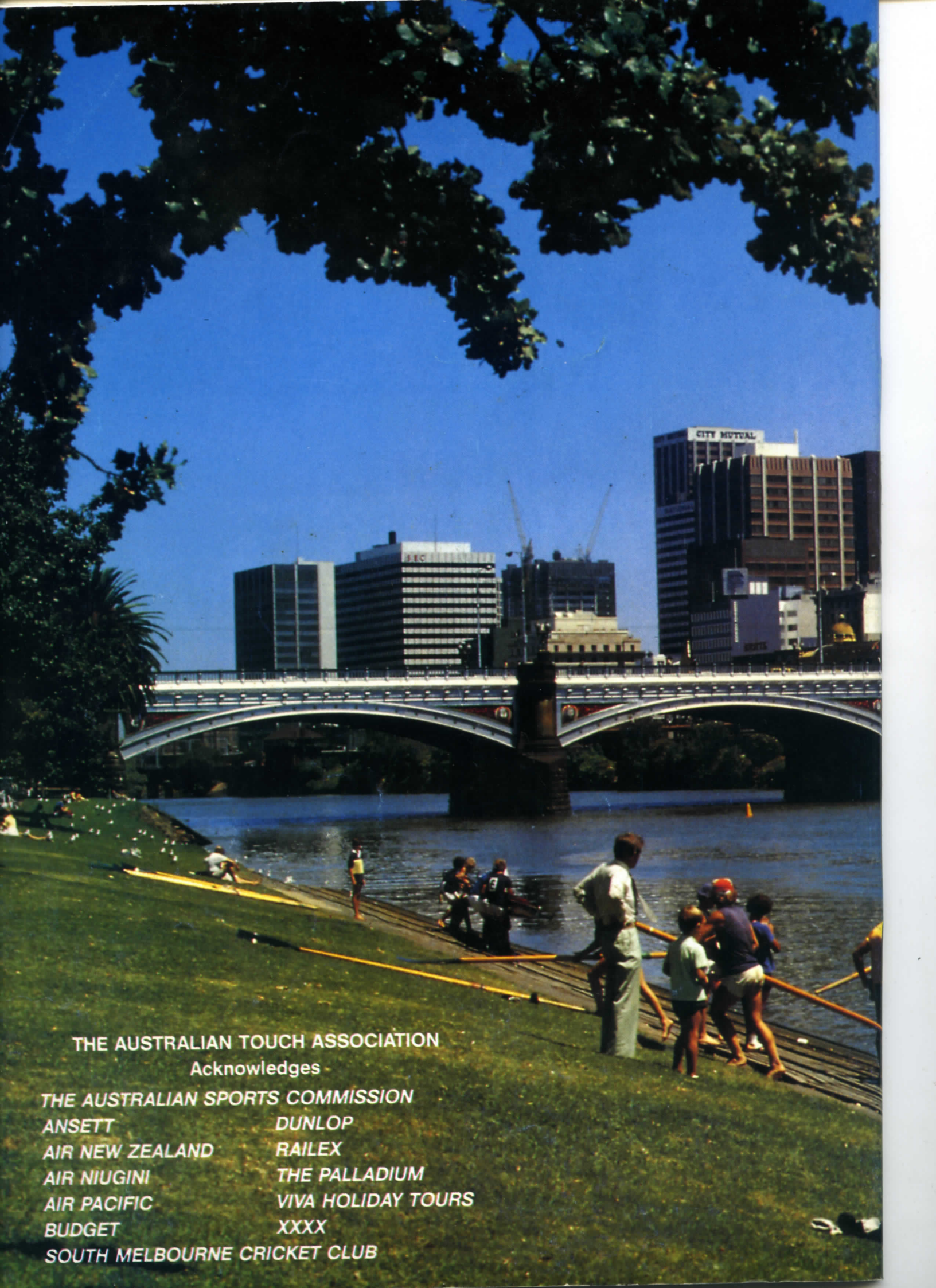
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