



# 2010 ANNUAL REPORT



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# **2010 SPONSORS**



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| Naming Rights                        |
| QR                                   |
| Elite Sponsors                       |
| QLD Government                       |
| Lion Nathan                          |
| St.George                            |
| Major Sponsors                       |
| Bartercard                           |
| Coca Cola Amatil                     |
| Volvo                                |
| Kooga                                |
| Mac Services Group                   |
| Sponsors                             |
| Comscentre                           |
| BodyScience                          |
| Angove Family Wines                  |
| Diageo (Bundaberg Rum)               |
| Konica Minolta                       |
| The Caxton Hotel                     |
| QPay                                 |
| Total Sports Travel                  |
| Yellow Cabs                          |
| Preferred Suppliers                  |
| Beiersdorf                           |
| Hart Sports                          |
| Unilever Australasia / Patties Foods |
| Gilbert Footballs                    |
| Fitness First                        |
| Enforcer                             |
| Golf Gurus                           |
| QDI                                  |
| Media                                |
| Austereo (Triple M)                  |
| Network Ten                          |





## 2010 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Sean Hardman retires as Queensland's most capped player (148)
- Twelve Queensland players achieve Wallaby selection in 2010: Quade Cooper, Ben Daley, Rod Davies, Anthony Faingaa, Saia Faingaa, Will Genia, Scott Higginbotham, Van Humphries, Peter Hynes, Luke Morahan, Rob Simmons, James Slipper
- Five Queensland players represent Australia in Sevens in 2010: Luke Morahan, Kimami Sitauti, Liam Gill, Ed Quirk and Dom Shipperley
- Daniel Braid also went on to international honours for the All Blacks after a successful 2010 season with the Reds
- Queensland supplies nine of the 26 players in the Australian U20 World Cup squad – more than any other province
- Seven players debut for Queensland in 2010: James Slipper, Jake Schatz, Ed Quirk, James Hanson, Will Chambers, Radike Samo, Lei Tomiki.
- Will Genia wins the 2010 Pilecki Medal
- Jake Schatz wins 2010 Reds' Rookie of the Year
- Quade Cooper named Australian Super Rugby Player of the Year
- 159,787 spectators attended seven home games in 2010, the most for the team since Super Rugby commenced in 1996
- 2009 Premiers Brothers defeat Sydney University to claim the Australian Club Championship
- University defeat Sunshine Coast 19-11 to claim the Hospital Cup
- University wins the Doughty Shield and Caxton Cup
- Sunshine Coast wins the Queensland Country Championship
- Six Queensland women earn selection in the Wallaroo's Rugby World Cup squad
- Queensland Schools defeat NSW to win the National Schoolboy Championships for the fifth successive year

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- Seven Queensland players chosen to represent Australian Schools against Samoa and Fiji and 13 for Australia A
- Queensland Schools supply eight members of the Australian Schoolboy squad for the five game tour of Samoa and New Zealand – including the team captain Curtis Browning
- Wavell Heights State High School wins the Ballymore Cup for the first time
- Keebra Park State High School wins inaugural Queensland Schoolboy Sevens and National Schoolboy Sevens in Sydney



# **2010 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

While the events of the past 12 months have been regularly reported it is only appropriate to further examine some of the significant milestones of 2010 and how they have positioned the QRU to move forward into 2011 and beyond.

## **FINANCIAL POSITION**

The 2010 year started on a poor note as the realization of the extent of our financial position became apparent and urgent action was instigated to ensure the viability of the business. An approach for assistance was made to the ARU on February 19 and on March 5 the QRU entered into a financial assistance package with the ARU that saw the QRU board delegate its authority to a Special Executive Committee comprising representatives of the ARU and QRU.

The support of the ARU continues today in the form of a formal four year loan arrangement and on behalf of Queensland Rugby, I thank ARU CEO and Managing Director John O'Neill, the rest of the ARU Board and the Executive especially ARU CFO Ashley Selwood for their support during these difficult times. Their financial support was necessary but our partnership with them has brought Queensland Rugby and the National body closer together.

## **REDS**

Despite a heart-breaking last minute loss in Round 1 of the Super 14 to the Waratahs, the Reds went on to distinguish themselves as serious contenders in 2010 playing a brand of rugby that entertained and at times mesmerized the growing crowds at Suncorp Stadium. The fans responded and by the last three home games we were averaging 30000 crowds.

Congratulations must go to Head Coach Ewen McKenzie, his entire support staff and James Horwill, Will Genia and the Reds squad, who in finishing the season in fifth position, managed to beat three of the semi finalists including the eventual champions, the Bulls.

The success of the season was, in part, due to the change of culture Ewen and staff have implemented at the Reds. That new culture is also part of the reason we were able to retain a large percentage of the 23 players we had coming off contract in 2010 while promoting some of the exciting prospects from the Academy and clubs.

The impact an improved on-field performance has had to the off-field success of our organisation is immense. The Reds players have also become great

ambassadors for the code and it is a pleasure to have these fine young men representing us.

The year finished on a high note with the Reds having 12 players on the Wallaby Spring Tour, the highest representation of any State.

## **2010 FINANCIAL RESULT**

Queensland Rugby reported a loss after depreciation and interest of \$1.1 million in 2010 compared to a \$3.1 million loss in 2009. While the 2010 result is well ahead of early forecasts it is still disappointing and can, in some way, be attributed to starting the 2010 season from a long way back with a very low membership base and corporate sales. Also contributing to the result were some abnormal expenses during the year as outlined in the Finance Report.

## **COMMUNITY**

There has been a very pleasing level of engagement with community rugby over the last 12 months and a great deal of hard work by all to achieve this. I believe that our grass roots levels are starting to see the benefits in the aggregation model and how they can maximise the opportunities this presents. Similarly the Clubs have embraced the Reds First XV membership drive launched in October 2010 with some very pleasing results.

The Community team has worked tirelessly on growing the game and the resultant 12% increase in participation in the code in Queensland in 2010 is proof of that effort. All this in a year when we educated more than 4500 volunteers.

The code has also received a boost from Sevens Rugby and its renewed Olympic focus with several successful tournaments held in Queensland this year. Queensland Rugby is supporting a bid by the Gold Coast to host the Australian leg of the World Sevens Series from 2012.

## **STADIA**

This year we secured another deal with Suncorp Stadium that will see us play our Super Rugby home games at the Brisbane venue for a further five years. This decision was not taken lightly. While Ballymore remains in our plans as an elite training facility and in the provision of community sporting infrastructure, Suncorp provides the capacity, the game day facilities and spectator comfort to cater for the elite game.

## COMMERCIAL

As outlined in the CEO's report Membership was a key strategic focus for the commercial team in 2010. The launch of the Reds First XV Membership campaign in October met with immediate success on the back of the Reds performances and quickly gathered momentum.

With up to 85% of our inventory up for renewal in 2010 including QR's naming rights, sponsorship became a high risk area for us in the latter half of the year. Once again our 2010 on field performances aided us in our offering to potential sponsors and as a result we welcome more than 30 new or renewing sponsors including new naming rights sponsor St George. We are confident these companies will be able to penetrate rugby at every level through our aggregation model, providing benefits while discovering new commercial opportunities.

Similarly our corporate hospitality sales, coming from a low base in 2010, have improved dramatically and are tracking well for 2011.

## BALLYMORE

The clearest message to come from 2010 was that Queensland Rugby needs to find a solution around the future use of Ballymore.

Ballymore is an iconic stadium and rugby precinct that in prior years was show cased throughout the Rugby World. It is fondly regarded in Rugby's history in Queensland, Australia and the rugby playing world. In more recent years the move of Reds and Wallaby matches to the larger and more modern Suncorp Stadium has reduced its domestic and international profile.

The Ballymore precinct land was gifted to Queensland Rugby by the State Government in 1966 via a Deed of Grant in Trust (DOGIT) strictly for "recreation purposes" only. The purpose of the grant was to benefit the code.

When considering options around the future one must consider:

- The real annual cost of Ballymore including maintenance, rates and insurance is approximately \$900,000
- Limited revenue streams or potential opportunities to offset costs
- Formal legal advice limiting the effective use of Ballymore as a security to financiers
- Limited elite high performance facilities
- Potential future major stand refurbishment costs
- Current DA implications

A Ballymore sub-committee, formed by the board to look at potential future options, produced a paper outlining 6 possible scenarios. After in depth consideration the committee was able to refine those options to 2 workable possibilities.

### 1. Walk away

While a distinctly emotive option, waking away from the DOGIT and finding new leased premises for the QRU and elite facilities for the Reds would provide potential annual savings of approx \$700,000. Added to this the possibility of compensation to some degree from Government for the return of the facility although Government has been clear it would not 'purchase' back what it already owns. Therefore any compensation would have to be for the numerous improvements QRU has added to the precinct in the last 40 years. Possible outcomes here deliver a reduction to some extent of the QRU debt and year on year annual cost reductions which could assist the funding of the community game and also build reserves.

### 2. Secure Freehold

The preferred option of the QRU is to have Government change the DOGIT to freehold. QRU representatives have been meeting with Government to promote this option. There are many stumbling blocks that stand in the way but the upside from the facility being granted to QRU as freehold would be an enormous fillip for the code.

While QRU would insist on maintaining the sport and recreation use of the greater Ballymore area, freehold, with the ability to sell off or develop a small parcel of land, would assist the QRU to achieve several key objectives - retire debt, provide/maintain elite facilities for the Reds and have Ballymore become cost neutral moving forward.

## Summary

QRU will continue to pursue a solution for Ballymore which acknowledges the importance of the precinct yet provides financial imperatives to Queensland Rugby. We are confident that ongoing positive engagement with key stakeholders, including government, will deliver a solution that can then be presented to the members for their consideration.

## 2011 NATURAL DISASTERS

Tragically Queensland was besieged by natural disasters in late 2010 and the early months of 2011 with widespread floods and cyclones. Rugby communities were greatly affected throughout the state and QRU was proud to have been actively involved in several responses. The Reds players were very quick to offer their assistance and were quickly involved in filling sandbags and visiting affected areas.

The Reds medical team led by Dr Greg Smith set up a triage at Ballymore to treat non-serious injuries such as cuts and infections.

The QRU also set up a Rugby Relief fund where monies raised through several initiatives including the auctioning of the Reds first game jerseys of 2011 will go directly to assisting those clubs that were hardest hit by the disasters. It is an absolute imperative of the QRU to have these clubs back up and running as quickly as possible.

## CONCLUSION

We are a long way ahead of where we were 12 months ago. This has not happened by accident. We would not have got there without the engagement of the wider rugby community, and without their understanding the need for change such progress would not have been possible. I want to thank you all for your commitment to Rugby in Queensland and your willingness to embrace new ways of managing and improving the game.

The new QRU Board elected in April 2010 has been a tremendous asset for our game and I thank them for their intelligent and understanding approach to their roles.

CEO Jim Carmichael, his executive team and staff have worked magnificently under the constant duress that our financial situation brings and I thank Jim for the passion, drive and professionalism that he brings to the role.

Every decision and every result signifies defining moments in our business and I urge all supporters of the game in Queensland to continue their efforts to help re-build Queensland Rugby.

**Rod McCall**  
Chairman





# 2010 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

In the 2009 Annual Report I outlined what was intended to be a sobering yet realistic analysis of the state of Rugby in Queensland. The landscape in previous years was not positive, with all key measurables in decline.

The Code was precariously positioned and when further analysing the future challenges both we and the game faced it was our strong view that rugby in Queensland was at a critical juncture. If we were to avert disaster there needed to be a disciplined, unwavering strategy implemented immediately. The strategy was relatively straight forward and was in two phases.

The first phase was, during the initial 12 months, to attempt to quickly accelerate the traditional income streams for both the professional and the community game, whilst consolidating the key assets of rugby in Queensland. At the same time we needed to consider deeply the issues we would face over the coming years, and in doing so, identify and adopt strategies which we believed would ultimately ensure sustainability and reform for all levels of the game.

The second phase was to implement these strategies over the next 3 years, whilst maintaining a pre-emptive approach to not only the continually altering Rugby landscape we were witnessing, but also the ever-increasing competitiveness and complexities of major sports in Australia.

The first phase required difficult and complex solutions to challenges that threatened the viability of the Code, and this would invariably mean that a reform mandate would need to be adopted. This was to be expected, as there had been relatively little change to the way the Code at all levels of the game had operated for a number of years.

Reform was also critical for both the Reds and the organisation. It was vitally important to re-align the goals and expectations of both the professional sporting franchise and the Governing Body. This required an honest review of our financial limitations, infrastructure capacity and performance shortcomings in the past and to date, and only when this had been conducted could a realistic appraisal of future expectations be considered.

One of the first, and frankly, defining decisions in order to accelerate recovery and reform was to seek the support of the ARU. However to assume that this was merely due to a financial necessity would be underestimating the significance we placed on both the National Governing Body and the State Body converging their combined physical and intellectual assets, in order to strengthen the Code against the challenges from their competitors.

By securing the financial, infrastructure and leveraging assistance of the ARU, as well as their willingness to endorse our broader strategies to protect major Rugby assets meant that we could commence the second phase of the recovery process with a degree of certainty.

The second phase required a further assessment of our previous years performance against industry and competitor KPI's and the development of strategies to reform almost every facet of the business of Rugby in Queensland.

The immediate focus was to dramatically improve both income flows and brand awareness of the Reds and its underlying intellectual property value. This required setting aggressive goals which had not been achieved for a number of years. As many of the objectives had been previously set for the 2010 year, it was still necessary to mitigate as best as possible, while at the same time introduce the strategies which would underpin the outcomes necessary during 2011.

Although this report primarily deals with the 2010 year, I thought it would be helpful to also include a few of the 2011 milestones which have been attributed to the strategies earlier mentioned.

- During 2010 average broadcast audiences increased by almost 44% from 2009. So far in 2011 average broadcast audiences have increased by more than 95% from 2010,
- During 2011 media penetration increased by almost 100%,
- During 2011 average attendances increased by almost 30% from 2009,
- During 2011 membership increased by almost 200% from 2010,
- During 2011 Corporate Hospitality increased in excess of 200% from 2010.

Further to this, at the end of 2010, the QRU was faced with the task of replacing 85% of the Corporate Sponsorship inventory from the previous year, including in excess of 55% of that year's income reliant on only a handful of previous major sponsors.

The circumstance required an aggressive strategy across a range of fronts. As a consequence a component of the strategy adopted was to identify and engage with specifically targeted industry sectors and organisations which we believed not only allowed us the opportunity to align our 'whole of rugby' assets to their own objectives, but equally the organisation would



engage with both the elite and grass roots level of our game at a state wide level.

Since the end of 2010, I'm pleased to advise that the QRU has secured in excess of 30 quality sponsorships which not only has surpassed both the current budget expectation, and the previous sponsorship income of 2009 – 2010, but as importantly we believe that these organisations will actively participate at all levels of the Code for the years ahead.

With regard the grass roots, the underlying objective for the community game was to provide a common vision, as well as the necessary skills and framework for all clubs and regions to improve their own position, irrespective of their status or circumstances. This would be achieved, in part through the aggregation of the volume and strengths of the Code in Queensland, realigning the goals and functions of all QRU management and staff, as well as ensuring that our clubs had the opportunity to directly benefit from the resurgence of the game at the elite level.

We believed that this would create the most conducive environment for our clubs and regions to achieve what we deemed as their most important role, to create an environment for our Rugby communities to participate and enjoy our game - and allow the QRU to fulfil its primary charter - to increase visibility and participation of our game, whilst effectively managing the various competition structures, and governing the code, for the prosperity of all Queensland Rugby stakeholders.

- During 2010 participation increased in Queensland by 12% to a national market share of over 30%,
- During 2010 Government infrastructure grant funding to community clubs and regions increased from \$200,000 to \$1,500,000,
- During 2010 in excess of 4,500 volunteers received Queensland Rugby training and support.

In 2010 we took the first decisive steps to ensure that we set a platform to consolidate and grow. It is evident to us that in the future we need to continue to widen our field of vision if we are to again challenge other major sports in the professional, contemporary era. In 2011, dare I say, we are now well placed to mobilise our vast assets and co-ordinate our resources, again as one unified body - Queensland Rugby.

Best regards,

**Jim Carmichael**  
**Chief Executive Officer**



# **2010 FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

## **TRADING PERFORMANCE**

The reported loss of \$1,091,780 for the year ended 31 December 2010 represents a marked improvement on the loss reported for 2009. Some significant contributors to the improved result were the recognition of the \$907,470 in relation to the acquittal of Ballymore Redevelopment monies previously recorded as a liability, and receipt of insurance claims monies in respect of the 2009 floods and the CMC inquiry for incurred legal expenses.

Grant income from the governing body, Australian Rugby Union, was relatively consistent with the previous year. Sponsorship income was similar to 2009 while corporate hospitality revenues were lower. Gate receipts were higher than 2009 due to larger crowds at Reds home games reflecting their improved on field performances.

The reported deficit was inflated by extraordinary expenditure items including legal expenses in relation to the CMC matter, Ballymore redevelopment related costs and consulting costs re an investigating accountants' report. A change in accounting policy in respect of the treatment of prepayments re membership and corporate hospitality marketing, promotion and fulfilment has resulted in expenditure for both 2010 and 2011 seasons in respect of these items being recorded in 2010 financial results.

The financial burden of maintaining Ballymore continues to represent a significant cost to the QRU. Income derived from the facility during 2010 was limited while a number of the costs incurred in relation to rates, water / sewerage, insurance and general maintenance of the fields and facility are largely fixed. Depreciation of \$646,267 (2009 - \$654,349) was also a significant contributor to the costs reported in 2010. A large portion of this depreciation relates to the buildings and improvements to Ballymore.

A significant increase in interest paid of \$273,479 by the QRU during 2010 (2009: \$190,648) reflects additional loan facility arrangements which have been entered into with the ARU and the Suncorp Line of Credit utilised during the course of the year.

## **FINANCIAL POSITION**

Cash flow from operations declined when compared to 2009. This deficiency in cash flow was largely financed by way of draw downs on the facility entered into with the Australian Rugby Union in October 2010. The arrangement of the ARU facility was required to ensure the ongoing ability of QRU to be able to pay its debts as and when they fell due.

There has been marginal improvement in the working capital position of the QRU between 2009 and 2010. The net asset position of the QRU is supported principally by the value attributed to the Ballymore land, buildings and related improvements.

The members' equity has been eroded by the loss reported for the year. The equity of the QRU continues to be supported by the revaluation surplus of \$8,000,000 and recognition of \$10,000,000 associated with the land value of Ballymore first recognised in the annual financial statements of QRU in 2001.

## **THE FUTURE**

The forecasts for the 2011 year indicate positive operating cash flows and an improved overall financial position. There are challenges in achieving the forecasts, however, the Management and Board are aggressively pursuing strategies to ensure that the QRU is financially stable and its future operating model is sustainable.

**Paul McNicholl**  
**Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee**

## 2010 QR REDS

Under the guidance of new head coach Ewen McKenzie the Queensland Reds made a quantum leap in 2010 as their revolutionary brand of rugby resulted in a fifth place finish, their best result since 2002. The Reds' resurgence re-captured the imagination of all rugby fans across the state while their improved play on the field earned many accolades from media pundits worldwide.

Morale boosting and successive victories over Super Rugby grand-finalists the Bulls and Stormers at Suncorp Stadium were highlights of a markedly improved season, which saw the final three home games of the year draw an average crowd of more than 27,000. The season average crowd of 22,827 was also the Reds' best ever while the 159,787 spectators who flocked through the gates at seven home games was the most for the team since Super Rugby commenced in 1996.

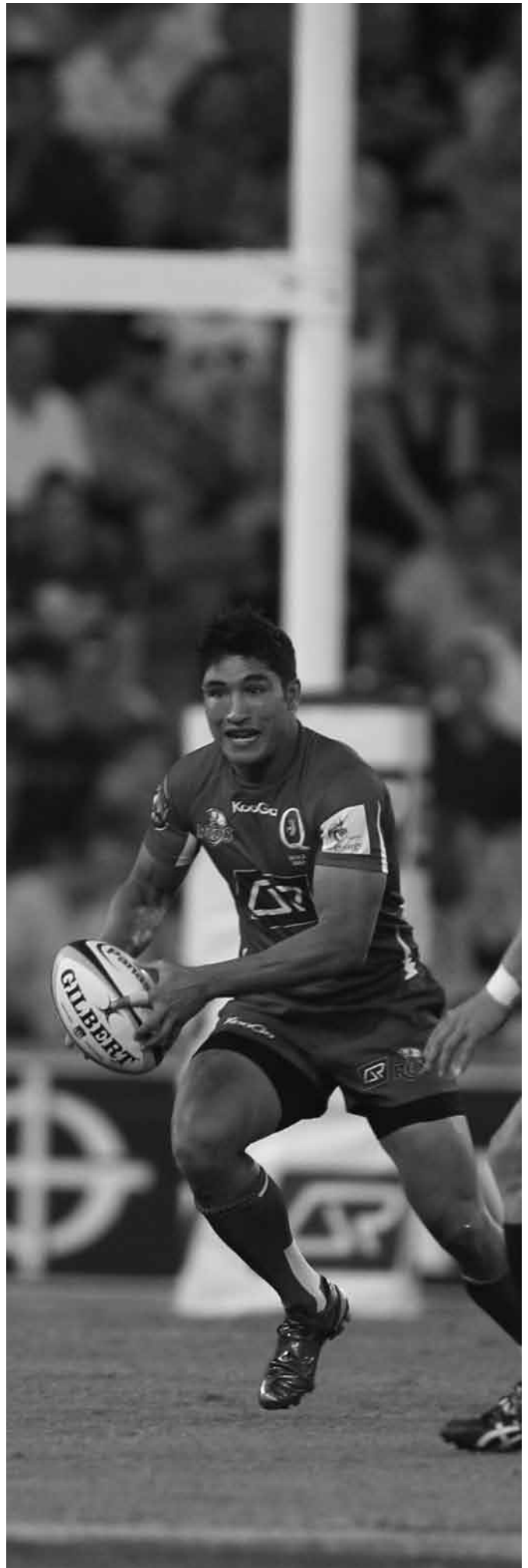
A revamped coaching staff, led by McKenzie and assistants Jim McKay and Matt Taylor, also reaped immediate benefits. The potent Reds attack put together 366 points and 43 tries, breaking the previous record of 345 points and 38 tries set in 1996. That was backed up on the other side of the ball with their tackle success rating of 86.5% percent, ranked first in the competition.

Other memorable milestones and records broken throughout 2010 included a 50-10 win over the Western Force, the Reds biggest winning margin for a Super Rugby match; collecting 12 out of a total 15 competition points in their most successful three-game tour of South Africa; winning back-to-back games for the first time since 2006; three straight victories for the first time since 2004; and winning in South Africa for the first time in seven games.

A few individuals, particularly flyhalf Quade Cooper, wrote themselves into the Reds' Super Rugby record books. Cooper's 171 points for the season broke the Queensland record for most points in a Super season, previously held by John Eales (155 points in 1996). Cooper's 31 point effort against the Crusaders was also the most points scored by a Reds player in a Super Rugby match. His efforts saw the talented playmaker earn the Australian Super Rugby Player of the Year Award, while playmaking partner Will Genia was honoured with the prestigious Pilecki Medal.

The Reds blooded seven players in 2010: QAS Reds Academy prospects James Slipper, Jake Schatz and Ed Quirk; young hooker James Hanson; former NRL back Will Chambers; former Brumby and Wallaby Radike Samo; and former Waratah Lei Tomiki.

Queensland's most capped player Sean Hardman made 2010 his final season before hanging up the boots with 148 games for Queensland to his name.



## 2010 QR REDS SEASON IN REVIEW

The QR Reds set the benchmark for what was a turnaround year in 2010 from the beginning of round one with the effort and intensity displayed in their opening clash against the New South Wales Waratahs continued throughout the year.

With a new coaching staff and attitude and Reds pushed their interstate rivals to the brink of defeat only to succumb to a heartbreaking but narrow 30-28 loss on the final play of the game.

While disappointed the tone has set for a season that would end with the Reds only marginally missing out on the finals, finishing in fifth place.

The opening night affair was a special night for rugby league recruit Will Chambers and at this stage relatively unknown James Slipper, with both earning their Super Rugby and Reds debut.

Captain James Horwill, playing at blindside flanker, was inspirational on the night and was duly named the Man of the Match in a losing side.

McKenzie and his men weren't deterred by the disappointment and responded with an incredible upset of perennial Super Rugby finalists the Crusaders.

The night was owned by flyhalf Quade Cooper, who broke the Reds' Super Rugby individual match scoring record with his 31 point haul steering them to a 41-20 victory. In his coming out party Cooper scored two of the Reds' four tries, kicked three conversions and five penalties to help the Reds to their first Super Rugby win over the seven-time champions since 1999. The

previous individual record was 26 points by Elton Flatley against the Stormers back in 2003.

The memorable night also saw hooker James Hanson and backrower Jake Schatz make their Reds and Super Rugby debut.

It was then 'Back to Ballymore' with the visiting Auckland Blues greeted with a heavy downpour in the Reds first match at their spiritual home since 2005. The homecoming didn't quite go to script with the Blues spoiling the return with a thrilling 27-18 affair. The match went down to the wire and was in the balance going into the final quarter before a try on fulltime robbed the Reds of a bonus point they probably deserved.

It was then time for the first road trip in 2010 and a daunting challenge as the red-hot, and at that stage previously unbeaten Chiefs, waited in Hamilton.

The encounter was a major defining moment of the season with the resilience and courage of the team resulting in a 23-18 win despite trailing by three tries after 20 minutes providing the confidence boost they needed moving forward.

Filling in for the injured Peter Hynes at fullback, rising star Luke Morahan pounced on an opportunistic Daniel Braid kick late in the match to give the Reds a historic come-from-behind victory.

Buoyed by their success and full of confidence the Reds returned to Brisbane and put on a scintillating display in another record-breaking win. This time it





was the Western Force who were on the receiving end of both the resurgent Reds and a 50-10 scoreline. The 40 point winning margin was the Reds' largest in their Super Rugby history and - coming on the heels of their defeat of the Chiefs last week - their first back-to-back win since April, 2006.

While Cooper and playmaking partner Will Genia were masterful in orchestrating the attack, what impressed coach McKenzie most was a defensive effort that missed just six tackles and allowed just one try. After gaining some valuable experience from the bench in previous weeks as he adjusted to a new code, Chambers excelled in his first run-on appearance.

Next up was a testing phase of the Reds 2010 season with a three-game tour of South Africa on the agenda. First up was the Cheetahs, where the Reds continued to add to their growing list of performance milestones when they disposed of the Bloemfontein based outfit 31-10. The win marked the first time the Reds have won three Super Rugby games in a row since 2004 and their first win in South Africa since 2006.

The win over the Cheetahs earned three goats for Oxfam's African relief program under the Reds' "Goats for Africa" initiative, in which they will donate one farm goat for every try scored. Unfortunately they missed out on a "bonus goat", even though the Reds kept looking for the fourth try right until the final whistle.

It was a special night for prop Greg Holmes who earned his 50th cap for Queensland when he came on as second half replacement.

The Reds added more goats to the count but couldn't walk away with the win when they were beaten 30-28 by the Sharks in Durban despite scoring four tries to three. The Reds came away from the match with two bonus points but were disappointed at the number of penalties they conceded, which ultimately cost them the game after they had led 21-9 early in the second half.

Cooper scored the Reds opening try 10 minutes in with a jinking run to the line and would have claimed clear man of the match honours in a winning side after opening up the Sharks defence on several occasions. He also kicked four from five for a personal tally of 13 points, taking him past 100 points for the season (104).

The Reds wrapped up their three match tour of South Africa with a bonus point 41-26 win over the Lions in Johannesburg. The Reds had the four try bonus point in the bag after only 17 minutes as they raced away to a 24-0 lead. The victory capped off an impressive tour of South Africa and had the Reds firmly entrenched in the finals race.

It was a long flight back to Australia but the team showed no ill effects as they produced arguably their best performance of the season in beating eventual competition winners the Bulls 19-12. Despite only scoring two tries the Reds were at their attacking best in an effort where McKenzie instructed his team to retain possession at all costs to limit the Bulls opportunity at set-pieces. The designed gameplan was a masterstroke and the execution by the players gave a large and vocal crowd plenty to cheer about.

A week after the Reds hit top gear in attack, as they showed they had just as much ability in defence, beating another heavyweight in Super Rugby the Stormers 16-13. The victory was played in front of their largest crowd of the season – 30,258 – with outside centre Will Chambers continuing to excel in rugby, scoring the Reds sole try.

Never had the Reds beaten the Brumbies away from Brisbane in Super Rugby and their round 12 encounter would be no different. Injuries early in the match to locks Adam Byrnes and Rob Simmons crippled the Reds chances as the Brumbies hit their straps to run away with a 32-12 victory that maintained their 15-year unbeaten run against Queensland in Canberra.

It was then back to New Zealand to take on the Hurricanes. A dream start turned into a nightmare second half as they fell to a rampaging Hurricanes side 44-21 in Wellington. The Reds were cutting the Hurricanes up out wide early on and scored three tries through Will Chambers, Rod Davies and Scott Higginbotham by the 28th minute to lead 21-8.

The Hurricanes battled on and raced away with the win in an otherwise disappointing night. One positive was the Queensland debut of Radike Samo, who had only recently been signed into the squad with the Reds depleted through injury in the second row. So impressive was Samo that he earned himself a contract for the 2011 season at the end of the competition. Also making his Queensland debut was flanker Lei Tomiki.

The season came to a close at Suncorp against the Highlanders in the farewell match of Sean Hardman, who was playing his 148th game for Queensland. The thrilling 38-36 victory was a fitting way to end a remarkable career for the stalwart hooker while also giving fans plenty to cheer about during the offseason.

Quade Cooper had been remarkable all season so it was only fitting that his pressure conversion in the dying stages was the catalyst behind the grandstand finish and the Reds finishing the season in fifth place. The game shouldn't have been so close however, with the Reds enjoying a comfortable 24-3 halftime lead. But the Reds had been a resilient group all season and their efforts on the night would be no different as they capped off their season with a well-deserved win.

## 2010 QR REDS CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The 2010 season was a redefining year for the Queensland Reds. The players and fans set new expectations as we developed our unique brand of rugby.

The first game against our oldest foe, the New South Wales Waratahs, was a cruel yet vital game for the Reds. Although we lost the game in the dying minutes, it reignited the players and left our fans wanting more.

Game two against the Crusaders is a game I will never forget; it was bittersweet. We dominated all elements of game, Quade Cooper scored a record 31 points and I suffered a season ending knee injury. From that moment on 2010 was a very different year for me spent on the sidelines.

While I threw myself into the game in other ways, Willy took over as Captain. I learnt a lot about the off-field aspects of the game while backing the boys on the field, it was thrilling to see the boys doing so well.

Several players deserve a special mention for a season where we pushed all our competitors and surprised everyone, finishing 5th. Will Genia did a great job taking-over as captain and I would like to thank him for all his efforts. He was also a deserving winner of the Stan Pilecki medal.

It was fantastic to see Ben Daley, Anthony Faingaa, Saia Faingaa, Scott Higginbotham, Rob Simmons and James Slipper all make their Wallaby debut on the back a fantastic year for the Reds. Rod Davies, Will Chambers and Van Humphries also toured with the Wallabies for the first time. A true sign of the impact the boys had throughout the year was that 12 players were

selected on the Wallabies end of season tour, more than any other team.

There were some farewells. Sean Hardman, a legend among his teammates, and one of the loyalist servants to the game decided to hang up his boots after playing a record 148 games for Queensland. Luckily Queensland Rugby retained his services on the Board. After two years Daniel Braid, our powerful Kiwi flanker, finished up with us. His efforts were inspirational and reignited his chances to play for the All Blacks.

On the positive side, the core of the team decided to stay together at the end of 2010. I feel we have a great culture that people want to be a part of and I am looking forward to 2011.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the boys for all their commitment to the team. I would also like to thank Ewen McKenzie and his coaching team; a lot of credit needs to go to those who help us week to week as footballers and as young men.

Finally I want to thank our loyal fans. Your unwavering support drives us to succeed and there is nothing better than seeing a sea of red at Suncorp stadium on game day. Bring on 2011!

**James Horwill**  
**2010 QR Reds Captain**

## 2010 QAS REDS ACADEMY AND JUNIOR REDS PROGRAM

Once again the QAS Reds Academy performed with distinction in 2010 and the results were clear for all to see.

### Players

- 4 Academy players played Super 14 in 2010 for the REDS
- 1 Academy player played for Wallabies (James Slipper)
- 2 players played Aus 7s team
- 8 players played Aus u 20s (from 12 eligible)

### Graduates

- From the 2010 squad 8 players have moved to the REDS Super Rugby squad
- 1 player recruited to Aus 7s team

Congratulations to Mat Taylor who stepped up from Academy Forwards Coach to Reds Assistant Coach.

Tom Van Kalken joined the Academy in 2010 as Strength and conditioning Coach, recruited from Gee-long AFL Club. He has helped the boys to make good physical progress in a successful year coordinated by Academy Head Coach Paul Carozza.

The Queensland Government provided support to Queensland Rugby to deliver programs and services to the Academy to get more Queenslanders active through sport and recreation.

Once again the Junior Reds Program provided a valuable pathway for junior players to experience the game at a higher level, assisting Queensland Rugby to develop players of the future.

## 2010 PILECKI MEDAL

### Pilecki Medal Count Round-By-Round

| Round One v Waratahs   |    | Round Nine v Liona           |    |
|------------------------|----|------------------------------|----|
| Genia                  | 38 | Cooper                       | 23 |
| Horwill                | 19 | Simmons                      | 23 |
| Daley                  | 13 | Hynes                        | 21 |
| Round Two v Crusaders  |    | Round Ten v Bulls            |    |
| Cooper                 | 28 | S. Faingaa                   | 33 |
| A. Faingaa             | 26 | Higginbotham                 | 25 |
| Braid                  | 17 | Genia                        | 16 |
| Round Three v Blues    |    | Round Eleven v Stormers      |    |
| Genia                  | 32 | Byrnes                       | 25 |
| Weeks                  | 26 | Daley                        | 25 |
| S. Faingaa             | 21 | S. Faingaa                   | 19 |
| Round Four v Chiefs    |    | Round Twelve v Brumbies      |    |
| Braid                  | 46 | Ioane                        | 19 |
| Daley                  | 18 | A. Faingaa                   | 18 |
| Humphries              | 13 | S. Faingaa                   | 13 |
| Round Five v Force     |    | Round Thirteen v Hurricanes  |    |
| Cooper                 | 29 | Genia                        | 28 |
| Higginbotham           | 20 | Samo                         | 17 |
| Ioane                  | 16 | Humphries                    | 15 |
| Round Seven v Cheetahs |    | Round Fourteen v Highlanders |    |
| Higginbotham           | 27 | Cooper                       | 31 |
| S. Faingaa             | 21 | Hardman                      | 19 |
| Genia                  | 20 | Luafutu                      | 17 |
| Round Eight v Sharks   |    |                              |    |
| Cooper                 | 36 |                              |    |
| Ioane                  | 31 |                              |    |
| Braid                  | 15 |                              |    |

### Pilecki Medal Final Count

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| Will Genia         | 209 |
| Quade Cooper       | 177 |
| Ben Daley          | 141 |
| Saia Faingaa       | 141 |
| Daniel Braid       | 134 |
| Anthony Faingaa    | 121 |
| Scott Higginbotham | 104 |
| Digby Ioane        | 101 |
| Laurie Weeks       | 81  |
| Van Humphries      | 67  |
| Rob Simmons        | 49  |
| Rod Davies         | 48  |
| Peter Hynes        | 48  |
| Greg Holmes        | 33  |
| Adam Byrnes        | 30  |
| Will Chambers      | 30  |
| Leroy Houston      | 28  |
| Sean Hardman       | 24  |
| James Horwill      | 23  |
| Poutasi Luafutu    | 20  |
| Jake Schatz        | 19  |
| Radike Samo        | 18  |
| James Slipper      | 12  |
| Ezra Taylor        | 7   |
| Morgan Turinui     | 6   |
| Ben Lucas          | 5   |
| Eddie Quirk        | 5   |
| Jack Kennedy       | 4   |
| Ben Tapuai         | 1   |

# 2010 QR REDS STATISTICS

|                     | WARATAHS        | CRUSADERS       | BLUES      | CHIEFS          | FORCE           | CHEETAHS     | SHARKS       | LIONS             |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|
|                     | Sat 13 Feb      | Fri 19 Feb      | Sat 27 Feb | Fri 5 Mar       | Sun 14 Mar      | Fri 26 Mar   | Sat 3 Apr    | Sat 10 Apr        |
|                     | Suncorp Stadium | Suncorp Stadium | Ballymore  | Waikato Stadium | Suncorp Stadium | Vodacom Park | Absa Stadium | Coca Cola Stadium |
|                     | Brisbane        | Brisbane        | Brisbane   | Hamilton        | Brisbane        | Bloemfontein | Durban       | Johannesburg      |
| Crowd               | 22,582          | 17,880          | 15,681     | 11,576          | 20,016          | ?            | 30,155       | ?                 |
|                     | L 30-28         | W 41-20         | L 27-18    | W 23-18         | W 50-10         | W 31-10      | L 30-28      | W 41-26           |
| Player              | Pos             | Pos             | Pos        | Pos             | Pos             | Pos          | Pos          | Pos               |
| Braid, Daniel       | 7 t             | 7               | 7          | 7               | 7               |              | 7            | 7                 |
| Byrnes, Adam        | 4               | 4               | 4          | 4               | 18              | 18 DNP       | 4            |                   |
| Chambers, Will      | 22              | 22              | 22         | 14 t            | 22              | 21 DNP       | 13 2t        | 13                |
| Connor, Blair       |                 |                 |            | 22              |                 |              |              |                   |
| Cooper, Quade       | 10 2c 2p 1dg    | 10 2t 3c 5p     | 10 1c 2p   | 10 2c 3p        | 10 5c 1p        | 10 2c 3p     | 10 1t 4p     | 10 1t 4c 1p       |
| Daley, Ben          | 1               | 1               | 1          | 1               | 1               | 1            | 1            | 1                 |
| Davies, Rod         | 11              | 11 t            | 11         |                 |                 | 22           | 22           | 14 2t             |
| Edwards, Dayna      |                 |                 |            |                 |                 |              |              |                   |
| Faingaa, Anthony    | 12              | 12              | 12         | 12              | 12 2t           | 12           | 12           | 12                |
| Faingaa, Saia       | 16              | 2               | 2          | 2               | 2               | 2            | 16           | 2 t               |
| Genia, Will         | 9               | 9               | 9 t        | 9               | 9               | 9 1t 1p      | 9            | 9                 |
| Hanson, James       |                 | 16              |            |                 |                 |              |              |                   |
| Hardman, Sean       | 2               |                 | 16         | 16              | 16              | 16           | 2            | 16                |
| Higginbotham, Scott | 8               | 8               | 8          | 6               | 6 2t            | 6            | 6            | 6                 |
| Holmes, Greg        |                 | 17              | 17         | 17              | 17              | 17           | 17 t         | 17                |
| Horwill, James      | 6 t             | 5               |            |                 |                 |              |              |                   |
| Houston, Leroy      |                 | 19              | 19         | 8               | 8               | 8            | 20           | 8                 |
| Humphries, Van      | 5               |                 | 5          | 5               | 5               | 5            | 5            | 5                 |
| Hynes, Peter        | 15              | 15              | 15         |                 | 15              | 15 t         | 15           | 15 t              |
| Ioane, Digby        | 14              | 14 t            | 14         |                 | 13 2t           | 13 t         | 11           | 11                |
| Kennedy, Jack       |                 |                 |            |                 |                 |              | 18 DNP       |                   |
| Kingi, Richard      | 20              | 20              | 20 DNP     |                 |                 |              |              |                   |
| Luafutu, Poutasi    |                 |                 |            |                 |                 |              |              |                   |
| Lucas, Ben          |                 |                 |            | 20              | 20 1c           | 20 DNP       | 21 DNP       | 20                |
| Morahan, Luke       |                 |                 |            | 15 t            | 14 t            | 14           | 14           | 22                |
| Quirk, Ed           |                 |                 |            |                 |                 |              |              |                   |
| Samo, Radike        |                 |                 |            |                 |                 |              |              |                   |
| Schatz, Jake        |                 | 6               | 6          | 19 DNP          | 19              | 7            | 8            | 19                |
| Shaw, Andrew        | 19              |                 |            |                 |                 |              |              |                   |
| Simmons, Rob        |                 | 18              | 18         | 18              | 4               | 4            | 19           | 4                 |
| Slipper, James      | 17              |                 |            |                 |                 |              |              |                   |
| Tapuai, Ben         |                 |                 |            | 21 DNP          |                 |              |              | 21                |
| Taylor, Ezra        | 18              |                 |            |                 |                 | 19           |              | 18 t              |
| Tomiki, Lei         |                 |                 |            |                 |                 |              |              |                   |
| Turinui, Morgan     | 13              | 13              | 13         | 13              | 21              |              |              |                   |
| Va'aulu, Brando     |                 |                 |            | 11              | 11              | 11           |              |                   |
| Walsh, Tim          | 21 DNP          | 21              | 21         |                 |                 |              |              |                   |
| Weeks, Laurie       | 3               | 3               | 3 t        | 3               | 3               | 3            | 3            | 3                 |

Key:

Queensland Debut

Captain



| <b>BULLS</b>    | <b>STORMERS</b> | <b>BRUMBIES</b>  | <b>HURRICANES</b> | <b>HIGHLANDERS</b> |                  |                 |                |                 |                |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Sat 17 April    | Fri 23 April    | Sat 1 May        | Fri 7 May         | Sat 15 May         |                  |                 |                |                 |                |                 |
| Suncorp Stadium | Suncorp Stadium | Canberra Stadium | Westpac Stadium   | Suncorp Stadium    |                  |                 |                |                 |                |                 |
| Brisbane        | Brisbane        | Canberra         | Wellington        | Brisbane           |                  |                 |                |                 |                |                 |
| 26,669          | 30,259          | 18,023           | 16,475            | 26,700             |                  |                 |                |                 |                |                 |
| W 19-12         | W 16-13         | L 32-12          | L 44-21           | W 38-36            |                  |                 |                |                 |                |                 |
| <b>Pos</b>      | <b>Pos</b>      | <b>Pos</b>       | <b>Pos</b>        | <b>Pos</b>         | <b>2010 caps</b> | <b>2010 Pts</b> | <b>S14 Pts</b> | <b>S14 caps</b> | <b>Qld Pts</b> | <b>Qld caps</b> |
| 7               | 7               | 7                |                   |                    | 10               | 5               | 85             | 78              | 10             | 19              |
|                 | 5               | 5                |                   |                    | 8                | 0               | 5              | 19              | 5              | 19              |
| 13              | 13 t            | 13               | 13 t              | 13                 | 12               | 25              | 25             | 12              | 25             | 12              |
|                 |                 |                  |                   |                    | 1                | 0               | 5              | 7               | 5              | 7               |
| 10 3p           | 10 1c 3p        | 10 4 p           | 10 3c             | 10 1t 4c           | 13               | 171             | 208            | 48              | 208            | 49              |
| 1               | 1               | 1                | 1                 |                    | 12               | 0               | 0              | 18              | 0              | 19              |
| 14 t            |                 |                  | 14 t              |                    | 8                | 25              | 25             | 13              | 25             | 13              |
|                 |                 |                  |                   |                    | 0                | 0               | 0              | 15              | 0              | 15              |
| 12              | 12              | 12               | 12                |                    | 12               | 10              | 15             | 25              | 10             | 21              |
| 2               | 2               | 2                | 2                 |                    | 12               | 5               | 10             | 51              | 10             | 24              |
| 9               | 9               | 9                | 9                 | 9                  | 13               | 13              | 38             | 39              | 38             | 40              |
|                 |                 |                  |                   | 16 DNP             | 1                | 0               | 0              | 1               | 0              | 1               |
| 16              | 16 DNP          | 16               | 16                | 2                  | 11               | 0               | 25             | 123             | 25             | 148             |
| 6 t             | 6               | 6                | 6 t               | 6                  | 13               | 20              | 30             | 31              | 30             | 31              |
| 17 DNP          | 17              | 17               | 3                 | 3                  | 11               | 5               | 30             | 55              | 30             | 56              |
|                 |                 |                  |                   |                    | 2                | 5               | 20             | 48              | 25             | 52              |
| 8               | 8               | 8                | 8                 | 8                  | 12               | 0               | 10             | 37              | 10             | 37              |
| 5               |                 |                  | 5                 | 5                  | 10               | 0               | 25             | 65              | 15             | 46              |
| 15              | 15              | 15               | 15                | 14 t               | 12               | 15              | 95             | 75              | 100            | 85              |
| 11              | 11              | 11               | 11                | 11 t               | 12               | 25              | 75             | 50              | 55             | 30              |
| 18              | 18              | 3                |                   | 17 DNP             | 3                | 0               | 0              | 8               | 0              | 8               |
|                 |                 |                  |                   | 22                 | 3                | 0               | 0              | 5               | 0              | 5               |
|                 |                 |                  |                   | 19 2t              | 1                | 10              | 10             | 16              | 10             | 16              |
| 21 DNP          | 21 DNP          | 20               | 21                | 15                 | 6                | 2               | 28             | 27              | 28             | 27              |
|                 | 22 DNP          | 22               |                   |                    | 6                | 10              | 10             | 8               | 10             | 8               |
|                 |                 |                  |                   | 20                 | 1                | 0               | 0              | 1               | 0              | 1               |
|                 |                 |                  | 4                 | 4 t                | 2                | 5               | 25             | 37              | 5              | 2               |
| 20 DNP          | 20 DNP          | 19               | 20                | 7                  | 9                | 0               | 0              | 9               | 0              | 9               |
|                 |                 |                  | 7                 |                    | 2                | 0               | 0              | 4               | 0              | 4               |
| 4               | 4               | 4                |                   |                    | 10               | 0               | 0              | 13              | 0              | 13              |
|                 |                 |                  | 17                | 1                  | 3                | 0               | 0              | 3               | 0              | 3               |
|                 |                 | 21               |                   | 12                 | 3                | 0               | 5              | 4               | 5              | 4               |
| 19              | 19 DNP          | 18               | 18                | 18                 | 7                | 5               | 5              | 23              | 5              | 15              |
|                 |                 |                  | 19                |                    | 1                | 0               | 0              | 6               | 0              | 1               |
|                 |                 |                  |                   |                    | 5                | 0               | 120            | 76              | 20             | 18              |
| 22              | 14              | 14               | 22                | 21                 | 8                | 0               | 15             | 35              | 15             | 39              |
|                 |                 |                  |                   |                    | 2                | 0               | 10             | 6               | 10             | 6               |
| 3               | 3               |                  |                   |                    | 10               | 5               | 5              | 23              | 5              | 23              |

## **2010 COMMUNITY RUGBY**

There were a number of significant achievements in 2010 that ensured Queensland Rugby's growth across a number of key indicators.

To ensure Queensland Rugby could understand its position in the sporting landscape there was a focus placed around benchmarking its performance indicators in all the key areas. Participation growth and programming, education growth and programming and Government funding were analysed revealing that Rugby's market position was lagging across the board. The affect of this was low participation growth, lack of government funds to community clubs and Rugby's placement as a tier two sport by government.

This analysis enabled Queensland Rugby to focus its attention on developing strategies to stimulate growth, improve the quality of programming delivered across the state and deliver strategies that ensure long term economic security and sustainability.

### **GAME DEVELOPMENT – DRIVING SUSTAINABLE GROWTH**

In 2010 Queensland Rugby's playing participation numbers grew by 12% representing a total of 102,673 players. Driving this participation was senior playing numbers which increased by 12.3% to reach 10,699 players. Below is a highlight of the participation numbers for 2010:

Playing Participation – 102,763

- Junior Players – 14,986
- Junior Clubs – 104
- Senior Players – 10,699
- Senior Clubs – 111
- Schools Regular Players – 18,883
- Schools Non Regular Players – 12,468
- Schools – 344
- Queensland Rugby has over 30% market share of regular playing participants
- Sampling (invasion game program over 4 weeks) – 45,637

The Ballymore Cup continues to drive growth in the schools market across Queensland with over 130 schools participating. The winner of the competition was the Wavell SHS from Brisbane North, participating in their first year. Through the success of the program there will now be an expansion of this in 2011 to include an U15's division which will be sure to create further growth for the code.

Queensland Rugby's sampling numbers increased

over the year to drive the game into new markets. This was a major focus to expose the brand of Rugby and the Reds to the market in all areas of the State. In 2010 Queensland Rugby's Development Officers drove sampling programs to over 45,637 participants.

There has been a heavy focus on implementing sevens Rugby into the community market after the announcement that it is to be an Olympic sport. Queensland Rugby drove Sevens Rugby into the schools market with great success. After qualification games had been completed across South East Queensland, Keebra Park SHS competed in and won the National Sevens Schools competition. Sevens Rugby is the fast food game for Rugby and continues to assist in driving new participants to the game.

### **PREMIER RUGBY**

The Premier Rugby competition again produced a great standard of competition. Brothers Rugby Union defeated Sydney University to secure the Australian Club Championship trophy, ensuring for the second year in a row Queensland's Premier Rugby competition achieved national recognition for the quality of its competition.

University Rugby Club defeated Sunshine Coast Stingrays to hold the Hospitals Cup for the 2010 season. University's season was one of the strongest seasons in a number of years and congratulations need to go to the coaching and administration staff at the clubs. It was also great to see the rise of the Sunshine Coast Stingrays in their first Premier Rugby Grand Final.

Other Key results from the 2010 Premier Rugby Competition include:

- Leading Point scorer – Dallan Murphy – 202 - Brothers
- Leading Try scorer – David Burns – 18 - University
- Alec Evans Medal – Matthew Blain – Sunshine Coast
- Welsby Cup - University
- Caxton Cup – University
- Horsley Cup – University
- Premier Colts – GPS
- U19 Player of the Year – Liam Gill
- Premier Colt of the Year – Nick Frisby

## CITY COUNTRY

2010 saw six Queensland Country teams play at Ballymore against their Brisbane counterparts including U15, U17, two u19 teams and the Outback Barbarians and Heelers. The day was an opportunity to showcase community club rugby with Brisbane Juniors, Queensland Suburban, Queensland Juniors, Brisbane Rugby, Premier Rugby and Queensland Country all represented. The day was a huge success with Country winning the final game in the open's to draw the day 3 games each to City and Country. Scores were as follows:

City 65 (P. Doneley 2, T. White 2, J. Charalambous, D. Fuller, N. Gendle, W. Tuffley, J. Tabrett, J. Caldeira-Santos, D. Skelton tries, M. Brandon 2 cons, W. Tuffley 3 cons) d Country Heelers 18 (L. Fesolai, B. Bartlett tries, D. Netherley con, 2 pens)

City (QSRU) 34 (B. Reid 2, P. Croucamp, C. Bohan tries, J. Tupaea 4 cons, 2 pens) d Xstrata Outback Barbarians 17 (H. Hema, C. Sautmere tries, B. Clark 2 cons, pen)

Under 19 City 28 (N. Frisby 2, L. Fidow, L. Beauchamp tries, J. Hofmeyr 4 cons) d Country (1) 24 S. Finigan 2, K. Kimmince, B. Radmall tries, S. Bartley 2 cons)

Under 19 Country (2) 29 (N. Turner, A. Aberg, H. Julius, B. Hoopert, B. Day tries, J. Bernstein, H. Julius cons) d City (QSRU) 14 (B. Watt, S. Petersen tries, M. Seymour con H. Powell con)

Under 17 City 19 (A. Ready, J. Moore, G. Nowlan tries, S. Kerevi 2 cons) d Country 8 (T. Studder try, B. Kent pen)

Under 15 City 21 (A. Georgiou 2, J. Kendall tries, J. Martin 3 cons) d Country 20 (M. Kluver, P. Nesdale, H. Brown tries, M. Kelly con, M. Third pen)

Thanks for the support of all selectors, coaches, managers, officials and Affiliates for the lead up work to ensure the program was successful. In addition a big thank you to the entire Community Rugby staff for their involvement in the program.

## INDIGENOUS PROGRAM

Currently Queensland conducts programs and activities that promote Indigenous participation. In 2010 a need was recognised to bring together these activities, and combine them with a range of new initiatives, to establish a Queensland Rugby Indigenous Program. This will enable Queensland Rugby to take part in more substantial and outcome driven programming in this significant sector of our participant base.

Visits to Doomadgee and Mornington Island took place in 2010 in partnership with Mining Minerals Group (MMG). These community based visits covered off on addressing local issues such as Truancy and Healthy and Active Living.

The benefits of the expanded program are as follows:

- Opportunity for Queensland Rugby to engage in partnerships that deliver Community and Social Initiatives
- Create opportunities for young Indigenous Queenslanders through the pathway of education that spans from early childhood to adulthood
- Conduct specialised development programs from region to region, that deliver for both communities and partners



## REPRESENTATIVE – PROVIDING THE BEST TALENT PATHWAY

Queensland Rugby continues to lead the national landscape in providing the talent pool of players for our national teams.

- Nine players in U20's (the most from any state)
- 20 players in the Australian Schoolboys (40% of the team)

The Queensland Schoolboys team competed in the national championships and again proved how strong our schools competitions (GPS, AIC, TAS and Ballymore Cup) are winning their fifth consecutive championships. This is a significant achievement and congratulations go to the Queensland Rugby Football Schools Committee and coaching staff for their professional approach towards the program. Below is the list of Queensland Schoolboys who gained further representative honours:



|                    |                            |            |      |             |
|--------------------|----------------------------|------------|------|-------------|
| Curtis Browning    | Brisbane State High School | Queensland | 2010 | Australia   |
| Lindsay Crook      | The Southport School       | Queensland | 2010 | Australia   |
| Chris F'Sautia     | Brisbane State High School | Queensland | 2010 | Australia   |
| Philip Kite        | Nudgee College             | Queensland | 2010 | Australia   |
| Maile Ngauamo      | Ipswich Grammar School     | Queensland | 2010 | Australia   |
| Walter Petaia      | Brisbane State High School | Queensland | 2010 | Australia   |
| Sam Reiser         | Gregory Terrace            | Queensland | 2010 | Australia   |
| Dion Taumata       | Keebra Park High School    | Queensland | 2010 | Australia   |
| Michael Bermingham | Brisbane Grammar School    | Queensland | 2010 | Australia A |
| Jack Bridges       | Gregory Terrace            | Queensland | 2010 | Australia A |
| Blake Cullen       | Ipswich Grammar School     | Queensland | 2010 | Australia A |
| Grant Davies       | Brisbane Grammar School    | Queensland | 2010 | Australia A |
| Stephen Hunt       | Nudgee College             | Queensland | 2010 | Australia A |
| James Klassen      | Villanova College          | Queensland | 2010 | Australia A |
| Elijah Palupe      | Brisbane State High School | Queensland | 2010 | Australia A |
| Cameron Patrick    | Mountain Creek High School | Queensland | 2010 | Australia A |
| Georgio Phillips   | Nudgee College             | Queensland | 2010 | Australia A |
| Andrew Ready       | Gregory Terrace            | Queensland | 2010 | Australia A |
| Joseph Swann       | Brisbane State High School | Queensland | 2010 | Australia A |
| Lausii Taliauli    | The Southport School       | Queensland | 2010 | Australia A |



The Queensland Junior State Championships was again a great success running at the Sunshine Coast. This program brings representative teams from all over Queensland and is an important part of the talent pathway for our junior club players. Recognised as one of the largest junior sporting events in Queensland, congratulations go to the Queensland Junior Union for their efforts in putting this event on.

From the Junior State Championships two teams were selected to play against New South Wales. Both Queensland U17 and Queensland U15 represented their state in true spirit, with the U17 team victorious over New South Wales.

## EDUCATION

Queensland Rugby's education department continues to lead the national landscape delivering courses and accreditation to over 4500 participants (Coaches, Match Officials and Administrators).

Queensland Rugby continues to produce all the education resources for the Australian Rugby Union. This enables Queensland to lead the market with innovative coaching aids that support our volunteers. Below is a list of the resources that are produced by Queensland Rugby:

- ARU SmartRugby
- ARU Coaching Kids Rugby
- ARU SmartRugby Presenters DVD
- QRU Advanced Coaching DVD's
- QRU Coaching Cards

More coaches and match officials are participating in higher level accreditation which will improve the quality of our volunteers creating an enjoyable environment for our players.

The Running Rugby course was delivered across the state for the first year. This course was created to assist our club administrators to manage their clubs. It provides the participants the tools and information to improve their delivery across a number of key areas. Through the success of this program in Queensland the Australian Rugby Union have now taken this program on and implemented it as a national program.

## INFRASTRUCTURE – BUILDING OUR CAPACITY

With the employment of a full time Grants and Infrastructure Manager in 2010 Queensland Rugby focused on building greater infrastructure for our community clubs.

The benchmarking identified that Queensland Rugby

and its clubs were well down on government funds and support. The main cause of this was a lack of focus, understanding and dedicated support around the funding programs. In 2009 Queensland Rugby and its clubs only managed to gain \$232,000 of community grants well down compared to other sports. In 2010 there was an increase in funding provided to the community by 500% to \$1,500,000. This dedicated resource focusing on supporting the clubs ensures we continue to grow our infrastructure providing better facilities, programming and education for our clubs.

## AGGREGATION – DELIVERING ECONOMIC SECURITY

With funding reducing over the coming years it is imperative that Queensland Rugby develop strategies that deliver the following results:

- Economic Security and Sustainability
- Greater Infrastructure for our community clubs
- Shared Intelligence with key bodies

The aggregation strategy is fundamentally about maximising the unique model in Queensland Rugby with its two primary assets being the Queensland Reds and the volume of the community game (200 clubs and over 100,000 participants).

Research was completed in 2010 to identify the volume across key areas within the community game that can be presented to current and potential corporate partners. This research identified the following results:

- Flights – Over \$350,000
- Accommodation – Over \$150,000
- Bus travel – Over \$100,000
- Utilities (Electricity) – Over \$600,000
- Playing Apparel – Over \$1,000,000
- Strapping Tape – over \$250,000
- Training Equipment - Over \$150,000
- Rugby Balls – Over \$150,000
- Soft Drink – Over \$1,000,000
- Alcoholic Beverages – Over \$3,500,000

Further to this was Queensland Rugby's ability to utilise its volume across the state to activate our partnerships. To do this effectively Queensland Rugby remodelled the role of the Development Officers to be the conduit and ambassadors for our key partnerships to the clubs and their members.

Queensland Rugby's corporate partners are advanced in their plans to deliver direct benefits back to the clubs. This is vital in ensuring more opportunities for our clubs to gain the following advantages:

- Direct savings through greater volume (utilising Rugby's volume)
- Rebates back to the community clubs through member acquisition
- Funding Opportunities through Government

There are a number of key areas where partnerships are being developed such as Banking and Finance, Utilities – Electricity and Gas, Alcohol – Beer and Wine, Travel – Bus and Flights, Accommodation plus many more. These partnerships will allow the clubs to drive revenue and save money through better pricing.

Overall this will provide Rugby's partnerships a direct return on investment and support and drive income to Queensland Rugby's community clubs.



# 2010 AFFILIATE REPORTS

## BROTHERS



With the 2009 Grand Final celebrations still very fresh in peoples' minds the onset of preseason and the opportunity to play for an Australian Club Championship against Sydney University in the New Year meant that the off season was somewhat shorter than normal. With retirements and many of the Premier Grade players still on representative duties early on in the year the opportunity for the new crop of players to make their mark became evident as training was stepped up in the January.

It was a different way to start the season for Premier Grade with such an important game to be the prelude to the season. Starting in January all preparation was geared around the Australian Club Championship game. And what a game it was. With a vastly different side than in the Grand Final some 6 months before, the boys played well to secure the win, capping off a great 6 months for the group and the club.

With some early setbacks at the start of the season the Premier Grade side showed great resolve throughout the year with many a tight loss but in the end making the Semi Finals.

It was a true test of the depth of the club in losing so many established players to retirements and injury but still managing to feature in semi finals in Premier Grade, 1st Grade, 2nd Grade, Premier Colts and Colts 2. The 2nd Grade group was the pick of the bunch with a tight loss in the dying minutes of their Grand Final.

Brothers Rugby would like to take this opportunity to thank its Major Sponsor IMAGETEC and all sponsors' for their continued support through the year. Similarly Brothers Rugby would like to thank all the coaches and managers of all teams. Your tireless work does not go unnoticed. We would also like to thank your families for their patience and involvement in what has been a huge year for all involved. Without people like you this club would not be where it is today.

With 2011, the next challenge confronts us. Our strength will be shown by the way in which we face it and conquer it. There are bound to be hurdles that we will need to jump, but together we can achieve anything. Clear eyes, full hearts, we can't lose.

## SOUTHS



Season 2010 held great promise for Souths following on from our 2009 season, our most successful since 1992. Premier grade started 2010 as Grand Finalists from the 2009 season with an ambition to go one better and win our first Grand Final since 2000. In the end it was not to be. In one of the most competitive and entertaining Premier competitions in many years Souths Premier grade finished in a four way log jam for 3rd and 4th place on the ladder to make the finals and fell to 6th due to an inferior for and against.

Souths was able to field eight teams in the senior and colts grades in the Premier and Brisbane competitions. Two of those teams Division 1 1st grade and 3rd grade made and won their Grand Final matches against GPS and Easts respectively.

Third Grade won their game against Easts 34 to 0, whilst 1st Grade won 13 to 12 against GPS following a successful penalty kick after full time to captain Chris Field. It was edge of the seat viewing and all seemed lost until the ball sailed through the uprights from 30m out. All who were there would agree that the players did a great job and worked hard for the win right to the end.

Division 1 2nd Grade narrowly lost (17 to 24) in the Preliminary Final the weekend before. Premier Colts (7th), 4th Grade (5th) and colts 1 (6th) all missed the finals in 2010. Congratulations to all players, coaches, and support staff for their fantastic efforts during the season.

The club was honoured to have five Queensland Reds in our playing ranks in 2010: Quade Cooper, Van Humphries, Anthony and Saia Faingaa and Jack Kennedy. Quade Cooper represented Australia during 2010 and established himself as a world class 10. Both Anthony and Saia Faingaa made their Wallaby debuts in 2010 on the back of a great year with the resurgent Queensland reds. It was very pleasing for all at Souths to see Van Humphries selected to tour with the Wallabies on their end of year European tour and playing in the mid week team. This was a just reward for a real rugby and Souths veteran. Kimami Sitauti has been elevated from the Reds academy to a full Reds contract following representative honours with the Australian sevens side, ultimately earning a silver medal at the commonwealth Games in India.

During 2010 Troy Johnston played his 200th game for Souths and Torban Berquier, Brenton Gault, Michael Holzheimer, Lief Johansen, Cameron Marshall, and Nathan Munro all notched up 100 games for the magpies. Thank you to all for their great service to the club.

Off the field the upgrade of the field lighting on Chipsy Wood Oval to 200 lux was completed with a grant from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund. The club also completed the construction of a new deck area adjacent to the club house. This has been a great venue for game day viewing and entertainment.

The Committee wishes to thank all the volunteers and club staff who gave freely of their time during the 2010 season and to Souths Junior Rugby Club for their support and the use of their facilities and the supply of Ball Boys for our home games.

Finally we would like to thank all of our sponsors and in particular Jeff Maclean and the Index Group for their continued support of the club which now stretches over 30 years.

We all look forward to a successful and enjoyable 2011 season, which again holds great promise for the resurgence of the Magpies.

**Anthony Shepley**  
**President SDRUFC Inc.**

## **EASTS**

I am pleased to report that 2010 has been a successful year at Easts. We are fortunate that the community nature of this organisation continues to flourish.



Volunteers, supporters, coaches, players, managers and sponsors – all have contributed greatly over many years to produce a Club, I think, that continues to be respected as a force both on and off the field.

My fellow Board Members have worked extremely hard this year to remove a significant amount of debt and to bring the Club onto a stable financial footing. This provides a real launching pad for development in the years ahead.

The 2010 Board Members were myself, Tim Stoddart, Roslyn Richards, John Loth, Mark Batzloff, Damian Beeston and Geoff Lawler. The Board has worked hard to deliver on its stated aim of promoting and fostering rugby union in the eastern districts of Brisbane.

Senior Football Director, Damian Beeston and Junior Football Director, Geoff Lawler are retiring from the Board after many years of dedicated service. They will be missed. They have led extremely successful senior and junior football departments over a number of years.

Easts fielded 10 senior teams during the 2010 season comprising of 6 men's, 3 colts and a women's team. 5 teams reached finals with colts 2 and the women's team finishing the season as minor premiers. The other teams to make the finals were third grade, fourth grade and colts 1. Congratulations to our women's side that won their third successive premiership. Commiserations to the third grade and colts 2 teams who were unsuccessful in grand finals.

Our premier grade team was again coached by Pat Richards. His assistant coach was

Karel Bos. The team endured a heavy injury toll throughout the year, however finished equal third on the competition ladder. A finals spot was missed on for and against.

The senior football coaches and managers are to be congratulated for their efforts throughout 2010. A special mention to Damon Virtue, coach of the premiership winning women's team. That team has lost one game in 3 years.

Representative players were again derived from various sections of the Club. Ed Quirk represented Queensland Reds, Australian 7's and Australian under 20's. Aiden Toua represented Australian under 20's. Shannon Parry and Cheyenne Campbell represented the Australian Women's side along with the Queensland Women's team.

Other Queensland Women's representative players were Moses Virtue, Lavinia Gould, Harmony Gould, Tui Cope, Teresa Campbell, Teresa Noble, Treyce Maynard, Renee Pirihi, Tatiana Tafatu and Lesley-Ann Kefu.

Otherwise, James Charalambous, Dominic Fuller, Matt Brandon, Toby White, Ian Seuala and David Skelton all represented the Brisbane open team. Jordan Tuapou, Dom Rakei, Michael Stolberg and Kieran Williamson represented the Brisbane under 19 team.

Easts are fortunate to have had Ed Quirk named in the 2011 Red's squad. There are also 5 players who have recently been named in the Queensland Red's academy. They are James Charalambous, Aiden Toua, Michael Stolberg, Joel Faulkner and Michael Bermingham.

We are fortunate as a Club that Pat Richards was named coach for the Brisbane City representative team. Damon Virtue was named as Queensland women's coach. Our junior football department had a busy year with Easts fielding over 50 teams. The Club had 4 teams in grand finals in the under 13, under 14 and under 15 age groups.

The highlight through 2010 was the junior development plan which offered positional specific training for the under 12 – under 15 age groups with outstanding results.

Easts are fortunate to have had naming rights sponsor Cromwell on board for 2010. Other major sponsors included Mullins Lawyers, Temperzone, Gotzinger and Priority. A special note of appreciation to Paul Weightman and Pat Howard at Cromwell for their support through 2010.



Fundraising efforts throughout 2010 were a success. The highlight was the annual dinner at The Strand. It provided a wonderful forum for the Easts community to get together to celebrate.

Throughout 2010 our patron and Brisbane City Council member for Morningside, Shayne Sutton, has been hugely supportive.

We achieved much in 2010. There is a new gear shed, a new field one, new carpet, fans, office computers, printer/fax/copier, security cameras, safe and systems.

Easts looks forward to delivering continued participation, success and importantly enjoyment, for all those who wish to be involved.

**Peter Murdoch**  
**President – Easts Rugby Union Inc**

## GPS OLD BOYS

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The 2010 season has been one of unparalleled success for Jeeps since its formation as Past Grammar Rugby Club in 1887. Because of the difficulty in providing regular games for a fourth Colts side a decision was taken to field only three which meant that in 2010 eleven teams were entered in the Brisbane competitions instead of the twelve that played in 2009. Of those eleven, nine played in the finals series and seven of those won through to Grand Finals. Five teams won Premierships. None of this would have been possible without the ongoing support of the Club's many volunteers, some of whom do not even have a family member playing, an increasing membership base and an ever increasing local supporter base. Jeeps is indeed blessed to have such a following but with the Club operating at the maximum level of playing membership it is becoming increasingly difficult to fund those numbers even though not one opportunity is missed to raise funds throughout the season. Home game crowds at Ashgrove continue to grow and continue to provide a significant percentage of the Club's annual income but as the gap between the end of one season and the beginning of the next widens, as it will between 2010 and 2011, so the financial pressures increase, not only at Jeeps but at most other Premier clubs as well. This is something the QRU will have to address although the reasoning behind the later start is valid and supported by Jeeps it has created some very practical difficulties.

I would like to take this opportunity to express thanks to my Committee, to the Club's players, coaches, managers, volunteers, members, supporters and last but not least the sponsors without whose valuable help and assistance we would not survive. In addition I would like to thank the QRU for a number of initiatives taken this year and particularly Michael Backstrom and David Hanham for their help and assistance.

A summary of the season appears below:

|                |     |                                       |
|----------------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| Doughty Shield | 3rd |                                       |
| Premier Grade  | 7th |                                       |
| 1st Grade      | 4th | Grand Finalists - Runners Up          |
| 2nd Grade      | 2nd | Premiers                              |
| 3rd Grade      | 3rd | Semi Finalists                        |
| 4th Grade      | 1st | Minor Premiers - Premiers             |
| Scotney Cup    | 4th | Semi Finalists                        |
| Normanby Cup   | 8th |                                       |
| Wyatt Cup      | 2nd | Premiers                              |
| Premier Colts  | 2nd | Premiers                              |
| Colts 1        | 1st | Minor Premiers - Premiers             |
| Colts 2        | 2nd | Grand Finalists - Runners Up (Pool B) |

Representative Players:

|                             |                      |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Australia                   | Peter Hynes          |
| Queensland                  | Peter Hynes          |
|                             | Lei Tomeki           |
| Fiji Under 20 (World Cup)   | Chris Nasiganiyavi   |
|                             | Josh Tuquri          |
| Brisbane                    | Jono Ellis           |
|                             | Joao Caldeira-Santos |
| Brisbane U19                | Matt Garland         |
|                             | Chris Nasiganiyavi   |
|                             | Pat Smith            |
|                             | Nick Frisby          |
|                             | Todd Winkley         |
| Queensland Colt of the Year | Nick Frisby          |

**David Park**  
**President GPS**

## **NORTH BRISBANE**



The 2010 season finished with Premier Grade 9th on the ladder, down from 6th in 2009, whilst Premier Colts suffered from a lack of participation numbers and were last.

However the performance of the Fifth grade side to win the Normanby Cup typifies the spirit at Norths Rugby at grassroots level. Unloved at the start of the year, the "Friday Night Lights" team undertook their own fund raising, assisted tremendously around the clubhouse on match days and thoroughly deserved their win.

The loss of key players during the season provided certain setbacks for the Club from which it was difficult to recover. The loss of players because of economic conditions can not be criticised and the transfer of Michael Bond and Blair Connor to play top level professional rugby in France, at Biarritz and Bordeaux respectively, is good for those fine young men.

Setbacks can produce opportunities and it was with great pleasure that Dan Ritchie becomes the Club's first, third-generation player behind his father Paul (Teachers-Norths 1970s) and his grandfather George (Eagle Junction 1940s).

The inaugural Ballymore Cup for non-rugby schools was won by Wavell State High School as coached by Chris Roche.

Will Genia continues to shine for the Wallabies but it is always a treat when he plays for the Club when not on national duty. The last game of the season against Easts with brother Frankie at fly half was especially memorable.

Our African American rugby player, Saadiq Hazeem Ziyad, returned from the USA for a second season and took out the Club's Most Improved Player award for his excellent progression in the game.

Lastly, Chris Roche announced his retirement as Director of Coaching to devote more time to developing a rugby pathway for young players entering the Senior ranks from Juniors and Colts.

Off the field, the Club successfully negotiated a long-term lease with the Brisbane City Council for the grounds and facilities and a new management committee was formed to apply more rigour to the operations of the Club.

The Club was successful in applying for a Brisbane City Council Community Facilities grant to assist in the funding of upgrading the lights to Field No.1 and the efforts of local Councillor Kim Flessner and Brisbane City Council staff are to be noted. These lights will comply with the QRU's Premier Rugby facilities requirements

and will allow greater participation by making the field available at night in summer.

However there was significant damage to the field playing surface by the record flooding in October 2010 requiring significant, unsourced at this stage, additional funds to repair.

This year saw the introduction of the Narangba Timbers Compass Cup competition played amongst Norths, Souths, Easts and Wests, with the winners for 2010 being Easts.

Theme days went well in 2010, but none more so than the annual Vietnam Veteran's Day vs Souths.

Long term sponsors Yes Distribution continued to support the Club, as did Rankins on the Mall, Fosters, the Drinx Group and Bartercard, through the QRU. The QRU's support for the Club is appreciated, though the possible loss of the annual grant from the ARU from 2012 will cause significant additional financial pressure.

With an increasing acknowledgment within the community of the benefits of team sport in an outdoor environment, the Club is pleased to be able to share its facilities with two touch rugby league competitions, an American Football team and most importantly with community care organisation Reclink. It was with great sadness when the Club learned of the death of Reclink's main benefactor, Ken Talbot, earlier in the year and the Club's condolences go to his family.

To conclude, the Club wishes to thank all those who devote so much time and effort in the running of Norths Rugby. Strappers, kitchen staff, team managers, coaches, water boys, clean-up crews, barbeque crews, bar staff, suppliers are all thanked for their fine efforts.

Thanks are also extended to the referees, without whom of course, we would not have a game.

**R J Camping**  
**Honorary Secretary**



## UNIVERSITY



We have had quite a remarkable year in 2010, certainly one for the history books. The club has been continually improving over the last few years, and this hard work has without doubt paid dividends for us this year.

Winning the Hospitals Cup for the first time in 20 years was a great result. My congratulations go to Mick Heenan and the players for what was truly a dominant display throughout the entire season. The team was led brilliantly by Captain James Hanson, and I can only say how much of a privilege it was to watch the boys play each week.

Congratulations must also go to our team playing in the Scotney Cup team who went through their season undefeated. Well done to Andrew Bradford and the team.

Winning the Doughty Shield is a fantastic achievement and is something that our club holds in high regard. The Club Championship is such that each team contributes, and this has been a real point of emphasis across our whole club. Well done to everyone concerned.

Our on-field success also led to individual success from our club members. Congratulations go to the following individuals for their higher honours in 2010:

|                                    |                  |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Wallabies                          | Stephen Moore    |
| Australian U20                     | Jonothan Lance   |
|                                    | Ian Prior        |
|                                    | Luke Morahan     |
| Australian 7's                     | Luke Morahan     |
|                                    | Jonothan Lance   |
|                                    | Tevita Kuridrani |
| Walleroo's                         | Tricia Brown     |
| Queensland Reds Super 14 Contracts | James Horwill    |
|                                    | Laurie Weeks     |
|                                    | Adam Byrnes      |
|                                    | Rod Davies       |
|                                    | Luke Morahan     |
|                                    | James Hanson     |

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|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Reds Academy Contracts      | Jonathan Lance   |
|                             | Aaron Chapman    |
|                             | Simon Morahan    |
|                             |                  |
| Brumbies Super 14 Contracts | Mitchell Chapman |
|                             | Stephen Moore    |
|                             |                  |
| USA Eagles                  | Tim Usasz        |
|                             |                  |
| Queensland Women            | Sara Hind        |
|                             | Jacqui Cutts     |
|                             | Tricia Brown     |
|                             | Kellie Donnelly  |
|                             |                  |
| Fiji U20                    | Tevita Kuridrani |
|                             | Junior Rasolea   |
|                             |                  |
| Brisbane City XV            | Will Tuffley     |
|                             | Mitch Wade       |
|                             | Kevin Davis      |
|                             | Tim Buchanan     |
|                             | David Burns      |
|                             |                  |
| Brisbane City U19           | Lyall Fidow      |
|                             | Tevita Kuridrani |
|                             | Junior Rasolea   |
|                             | Con Foley        |
|                             | George Morseu    |

In matters away from the rugby field, our club was again supported by a fantastic group of Sponsors, lead by our Principal Sponsor – Buildcorp. We sincerely thank all of our club sponsors for their support, we would not be in our current position without their generous contributions. We hope to see all of our sponsors on board again next year.

Our club is very fortunate to have access to the first class facilities at the University of Queensland. The standard of the playing surface this year was immaculate, and our thanks must go to UQ Sport and also the UQ Grounds staff lead by Shane Biddle.

Our Foundation continues to be an extremely important asset to the club. The Foundation is generously supported by former players and supporters, providing valuable assistance to the club.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of the volunteers who have contributed throughout the year. Our coaches, manager, trainers, and general supporters have done a great job again in 2010, and are well supported by the committee who ensure the future of the club is in good shape.

Our club will be celebrating our centenary in 2011, and I would like to encourage all Uni supporters to get down to our home games next year. While the success of this season is going to be hard to match, I am very encouraged by the talent coming through our ranks and I am confident the Red Heavies will again be a force next year.

**Bruce Bown**  
**UQRFC President**

## **SUNNYBANK**



### **QRU Competitions**

Sunnybank Rugby provided 12 teams to QRU and QSRU competitions in 2010 which is a record for the club and the highest number for any club. From this large participation base all but one of the teams improved on their performances when compared to 2009 with seven of the teams making it through to the semi-finals. The club finished 5th overall in the Doughty Shield which was also an improvement.

The Premier team again finished in the top 3 for the 6th time in the last 7 seasons. This was a great achievement by first time Premier coaches Rob Nowlan and Tim Sampson. They managed a large injury toll which ultimately saw the team finish short of the mark in the Preliminary Final.

The relatively young nature of the club's playing base is a testimony to our development strategies and was possibly the main reason for improved performances in the lower grades however higher level competitions are less forgiving to inexperience and further improvement is expected again next season.

One of the issues with fielding so many teams is that on many weekends we would have teams split across as many as 4 venues. This could not be achieved without a large and committed volunteer base. Many of these people operate at competition levels where recognition is not so overt and it would be remiss not to acknowledge their extraordinary effort in supporting the growth of the game.

## Representation

Sunnybank players were again highly visible at the elite levels of the game. The following achievements were recognised:

- Rob Simmons made his Wallaby debut against South Africa at Suncorp Stadium
- Digby loane played in tests on the 2009 Spring Tour while Richard Kingi was selected as part of the wider tour party
- 12 players have secured provincial contracts in 2011

**Reds:** Albert Anae, Greg Holmes, Rob Simmons, Adam Wallace-Harrison, Liam Gill, Jake Schatz, Leroy Houston, Ben Lucas, Ben Tapuai, Digby loane

**Rebels:** Richard Kingi

**Force:** Paul Alo-Emile

- Liam Gill made the Australian Sevens team for both the iRB World Series and the Commonwealth Games
- Paul Alo-Emile, Liam Gill and Jake Schatz all were selected for the Australian Under 20 team at the iRB World Junior Championship in Argentina with Jake being named captain

## Sevens

Sunnybank has identified Sevens as an emerging area in Rugby where the club can play a significant role in the development of players. During 2010 the club has competed in tournaments in Darwin, Byron Bay, Borneo, Singapore, Gold Coast and Noosa. This funded program has provided an opportunity for non-contracted players to develop their skills in a competitive environment that offers selection in the Australian 7s program with the possibility of representing your country at the Olympics or as a pathway to professional 15-a-side Rugby.

In the inaugural year Sunnybank has performed consistently well as one of the best amateur club teams with the highlight being the Plate victory at the Singapore Sevens.

## Development

The club's annual development program has also continued to provide enhanced participation opportunities. Highlights in 2010 have been:

- Launch of a Junior Rugby Referees Squad
- Coach development camp for 75 coaches from local schools and clubs
- An open school girls 7s carnival

- Weekly coaching and development support to Rugby schools such as Ipswich Grammar, BSHS, John Paul College and Redeemer
- Grant support to the QRFSU to ensure representative levies remain at a realistic level
- Skill development programs in local primary schools
- Participation programs to support the continued growth of Browns Plains & District Junior Rugby Union Club

Sunnybank is fortunate to have the support of the Sunnybank Community and Sports Club as well as major sponsors Brisbane Injury Lawyers, Fosters, Westpac, Fuji Xerox, Hastie Air Conditioning and Total Fasteners. Along with the 800 Junior players and their families at Sunnybank and Browns Plains Dragons, this support has contributed significantly to Sunnybank being one of only 2 clubs in Queensland to be awarded Gold Level recognition by the QRU in the 2010 club benchmarking exercise.

## Bruce Swan Senior Chair

## SUNSHINE COAST STINGRAYS

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The Sunshine Coast Rugby Union reported a very successful year for 2010. For the first time in its short history its representative team the STINGRAYS played in the Premier grand

final at Ballymore. Though they were beaten by a strong University of Queensland team the Sunshine Coast rugby community can be proud of the boy's achievements.

Half way through the 2010 season former Wallaby and Queensland Rugby legend Glen Panoho (Panch) handed over the coaching duties to his great mate former Wallaby and Queensland Rugby legend Toutai Kefu. This allowed Panch more time to concentrate on his duties as General Manager of Sunshine Coast Rugby Union.

The Premier players took an instant liking to Toutai and not only played outstanding for him but also for themselves and their families and supporters. The players and management are keen to stay together and build on the 2010 success.

For the past three years Panch has worked very hard with the newly elected Board to have all members of Sunshine Coast Rugby working together with one



common cause and that is to grow and improve rugby on the Sunshine Coast. The members include the local High Schools, Junior Clubs, Senior Clubs, Referees, and the Stingrays.

The formula has proved very successful.

A pathway for players commenced three years ago and is proving very successful. All junior representative teams from U13's upwards are called the JUNIOR STINGRAYS. So at an early age players can aspire to develop into a Premier Stingrays player.

Shon Simonek, a veteran Stingrays player, was called up for the Reds Squad and a number of other Stingrays players secured contracts to play in the U.K. in the off season.

For the first time the Sunshine Coast Rugby Union hosted the State Junior Rugby Championships at Stockland Park. It was a very successful event and thanks must go to all the players, parents, and volunteers for all the hard work they undertook to make the event so memorable.

In the local senior competition eight clubs fielded teams including Caboolture, Caloundra, Fraser Coast, Gympie, Maroochydore, Nambour, Noosa and University of the Sunshine Coast. The club champions for 2010 were Noosa who also won the Grand Final in A Grade, Reserve Grade and U19 Colts.

Members of Sunshine Coast Rugby understand the need for quality referees and worked hard during the season to ensure that referee numbers were at least maintained with the expectation that numbers will grow.

The Board of Sunshine Coast Rugby Union would like to thank all players, coaches and team managers for the way they participated in our great game. Special thanks go to our generous sponsors who without them Sunshine Coast Rugby wouldn't be able to provide the support and services so vitally needed. Lastly a big thank you to all the players families and supporters who turn up each week to volunteer and barrack for their teams.

## WESTS

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On the surface it would seem that overall performance of the Bulldogs in 2009 continued on from where we left off in 2008. However, planning by the Rugby Committee and the appointment of Rob Murdoch as Premier Coach for 2010 proved to be sound decisions.

Rob, with the support of all the coaching and support staff, brought about a change in direction for the players which showed through in the competitiveness of our teams throughout the season. While our position in the Premier competition didn't improve, the quality of rugby played at this level was of a much higher standard and on most occasions tested the opposition to the limit. As many of us will be aware, it is difficult to lift a club up from the bottom but with a real focus and clear direction this can be achieved. Congratulations must go to Rob and the coaching staff for the improvement across the whole club and we look forward to greater success in 2011 and beyond.

A number of initiatives were undertaken in 2010 to ensure greater success into the future but of the greatest importance is the decision to bring West's Junior's and the senior club together. Under the leadership of the Junior Club President, Tony Buckley and Directors from both Boards the amalgamation will take place in 2011. This will go a long way towards providing the depth of players required for any club to be competitive and ultimately successful.

Once again, the club was proud of the contribution made by Scott Higginbotham and Poutasi Luafutu towards the success of the Reds this year and to See-ie Sa'u, Kate Porter and Silei Poluleulgaga who represented the Wallaroos in the Women's World Cup. Congratulations must also go to Scott for his selection in the Wallabies squad and for gaining his first Test Cap on the Northern Hemisphere tour. In addition to this Rob Rutledge represented the City U19 side; Nigel Genia represented the Open City side with Rob Murdoch as coach.

Without the contribution of the following groups and individuals West's would not be able to provide an opportunity for over 200 players and their many supporters to be involved in the great game of rugby. Our thanks must go to the Old Dogs under the direction of John Ryan, our sponsors Ocean Tyres, Yalumba, Pilot Partners, Insurance Aid Brokers, Toowong Mitsubishi, All Sports Toowong and Rochedale Turf. The generous support of Cr Peter Matic has not only helped the club but has created a community environment that many of our local residents and visitors are taking advantage of.

**Geoff Wessling**  
**President**



## REDLANDS

With the end of the 2010 season fresh in our minds along with recruitment for the 2011 season, I firstly want to take this opportunity to thank everyone associated with the club for their efforts that have contributed to another successful year. I would especially like to thank the following:

- The members of the Management Committee, the Junior Committee and the Senior Committee
- Our Coaches, Managers, Linespersons, Trainers, H2O technicians, Grounds men and our Referees
- Our club sponsors namely Pattons Big Gun, Keema Suzuki, Securinvest Financial Services Pty Ltd and our individual player sponsors whose generosity has contributed in so many ways to keeping Redlands Rugby Union afloat
- All our other Volunteers who give up their time to assist in so many ways around the club
- The Golden Oldies for their continued support and never ending work around the club.

On field this year, our 1st Grade Senior team was unlucky not to make the semis with a few crucial games going against them being the difference. The 2nd Grade players showed a tremendous amount of courage and will only benefit from the experience of playing at the higher level. Unfortunately despite a great effort from our Golden Oldies backing up we had to withdraw our 3rd Grade team due to lack of numbers for away games. Our Colts suffered a similar fate also having to withdraw late in the season. Congratulations to our Colt players who made this year's QLD Suburban Colts City Team.

Off the field the club went through the start and finish of the construction of our new change rooms, medical and referees room. After obtaining a grant from the QLD Department of Sport & Recreation and from Redlands City Council it was very pleasing to see the end result of a lot of hard work.

With the completion of the new building our attention turned to re-structuring the Management of the Club. The new structure, approved at a Special General Meeting, now sees the establishment of the 2011 Management Committee comprising of the Club Patron, President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Life Member/Consultant. Under the management committee sits four sub committees namely the Facilities Committee chaired by the President, the Rugby Committee chaired by the Vice President, the Finance Committee chaired by the Treasurer and the Operations Committee chaired by the Secretary.

Redlands Rugby has now a new energized focus and we look forward to the 2011 season.

**John Evans**  
**President**

## LOGAN CITY RUGBY UNION CLUB INC

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the contribution of Mark Forrester during the previous 5 years as head coach of the Club. Mark left the Club with our best wishes and his wholehearted commitment to the Club was always there for all to see. This passion and enthusiasm has been continued by our new First Grade Coach and Club Coaching Director, Wayne Greenhalgh. Wayne's impact at the Club was immediate and his energy and enthusiasm remains undiminished. Wayne has also been responsible for a step up in terms of the technical area of playing rugby at the Club, and he has been responsible for a general lifting of the coaching standards at the Club as a whole.

Ultimately the first grade team remained very competitive but unfortunately we ended the competition just out of the finals. The Executive is confident that under Wayne's management we will again be a force in the Premiership in 2011.

All in all, out of our 7 senior competition teams the Club featured in 3 Grand Finals. The Wyatt Cup side and the Ladies (for the second year in a row) both featured in Grand Finals, but ultimately were confronted by very formidable opposition who were just too good on the day. The Colts provided a memorable fight back victory for the many supporters who were at Ballymore that day and celebrated a well earned victory, the first by a Colts side at the Club. Obviously this augurs well for the future, as many of those players will progress to the open sides next year and the years following. This is particularly exciting given that members of the Premiership winning Under 17 side will join the group in pre-season and vie for positions in two teams to be nominated for the Colts competition next year.

Mark Forrester's efforts and that of our players, in the Queensland Baraclough Shield side over the last 5 years, was acknowledged by the Subbies this year when he, our Club Captain Rex Harrison, and Tim Woods were the recipients of awards from that sub-union.

The Junior Club this year was able to maintain its numbers and fielded teams in every age group other than the Under 16's, which is as much a reflection on the competition's ability to provide games for these boys, as much as anything else, and further emphasises the difficulty that all Clubs experience in fielding sides in that age group.

Special mention must be made of the Under 17's who were successful in winning their mid-season premiership, and we look forward to welcoming Johnny McMurtry and his players into the Senior Club in 2010.

In terms of representative players, the Junior Club has continued to maintain its contribution to representative teams from Under 12's to Under 15 (there were 27 representative players selected in the age group up

to the National Under 15 Train On Squad). We are proud to recognise Maile Ngamo and Joseph Swann as Australian School Boy representatives. Maile went on to tour with the Australian School Boy's side to New Zealand in the latter part of the season. Several of the Colts and Juniors also featured in the City representative sides who played Country at Ballymore at the end of the season. The Club acknowledges the achievement of these young men and wishes them every success in their continuing endeavours to gain representative selection. We, as a Club, will do all we can to support them.

The Club's push for elevation to the Premier Competition is now on hold while that competition is subjected to a comprehensive review by the QRU. We are encouraged by this development as it is part of the new regime's wider review by the new CEO. We understand that the failings of the Premier Model, and the resultant unhealthy developments by way of concentration of resources in a few Clubs, has been recognised and the commitment to benchmarking, the establishment of a more equitable, transparent, and universally accessible pathway model to the elite level, is to be applauded.

In terms of developments in relation to the Club's home, the previous proposed shared relocation to Griffith University has given way to our own purpose built facility at Meakin Park. Importantly, we have retained the funding for the facility, and we have been advised of a timetable which anticipates our occupation of the new fields and clubhouse by the beginning of 2012. We are endeavouring to take full advantage of the impetus provided by this move, and we are already actively pursuing and receiving expressions of interest in relation to increased sponsorship opportunities.

I must again express our thanks for the wonderful support and initiative provided by Barbara Stone MLA, Sport and Recreation Queensland and the Logan City Council in this project.

The Club acknowledges the continuing and fantastic support of all our sponsors again this year, Australian Capital Home Loans, Top Dog Fencing, Barbara Stone MLA, Logan Funerals, Springwood Office Suppliers, Ager Air-conditioning, Breakthru, Hyperplex Cinemas Loganholme, BASX and Superior 2 Pack Powder Coating, and Holiday Inn Brisbane, the venue for the very popular Senior Presentation Night.

And last, but not least, thank you to our patron Darren Power.

Finally, I acknowledge all the efforts of those wonderful volunteers who devote so much time and effort to the running of Logan City Saints, and sincerely thank them for all for their contributions towards our successes in 2010.

**Peter Tisdall**  
Chairman, LCRUC

## QUEENSLAND SUBURBAN RUGBY UNION

The 2010 season seemed to whiz by and on all of our strategic measures was another successful year for the QSRU. Participation levels were up, with 49 teams (2009 – 37) representing 25 clubs (2009 – 19) registered for 2010. A most pleasing aspect was the increase in actual registered players which grew by nearly 24% year-on-year to nearly 1,400 players.

This surge in player numbers was reflected in the strong spectator patronage at games throughout the year. This year the Committee elected to take the semi-finals and preliminary finals games back to the clubs, enabling them to participate in the financial success as well as promote the game at the local suburban level. My sincere thanks to Wynnum, Ipswich and North-QUT clubs for the efforts they put in to make the finals series such an enjoyable success. I would urge next year's committee to consider continuing with this initiative based on the positive outcomes achieved this year. To all of the QRU ground staff who assisted with the Grand Final day at Ballymore my committee thanks you for all of your assistance.

| Competition  | Minor Premiers        | Premiers              | Runners-Up        | Score   |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------|
| Barber Cup   | Ipswich               | Ipswich               | Pine Rivers Boars | 27 - 22 |
| Pegg Cup     | Everton Park          | Redcliffe             | Everton Park      | 17 - 7  |
| Scotney Cup  | University of QLD (1) | University of QLD (1) | Sunnybank (1)     | 14 - 13 |
| Normanby Cup | Norths-QUT            | Norths-QUT            | Logan City        | 17 - 8  |
| Wyatt Cup    | Easts Longhorns       | GPS                   | Easts Longhorns   | 29 - 24 |

### Player of the Final Series

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| Barber Cup   | Jamie Tupaea - Pine Rivers Boars<br>Willie Te Tau - Wynnum |
| Pegg Cup     | Jason Langdon - Redcliffe                                  |
| Scotney Cup  | Noelis Rheault - Sunnybank                                 |
| Normanby Cup | Shaun Beet - Logan City                                    |
| Wyatt Cup    | Brett Gilding - GPS  |

### Awards Night

This year the QSRU Committee hosted an end-of-season awards night which recognized a number of key achievements by our rugby constituents, both on and off the field. I would like to thank our major sponsor, the Queensland Rugby Club, for their support and commitment to ensuring the outstanding success of this event which we hope will become a permanent fixture on the QSRU rugby calendar. I would also like to thank all the clubs who attended the event – approximately 150 guests representing all of our member clubs.

In addition to special recognition of the above on-field accomplishments during the year, the Committee this year sought to recognize and acknowledge those who have more than 5 years' representative service to the QSRU. Those worthy recipients this year were

Mark Forrester (Coach), Rex Harrison (Player – Logan City), Tim Woods (Player – Logan City), Stewart Cameron (Player – Ipswich) and Mitch O'Hara (Player – Redlands).

Off the field our members' contribution to the enhancement and promotion of grass roots rugby by our large band of volunteers was also recognized. In every respect our volunteers are the backbone of our clubs who offer himself or herself for service willingly and without financial compensation. All of our nominees displayed common traits of humility and kindness as well as a sense of community service. The winner of the 2010 inaugural Volunteer of the Year Award was Maria Masterton from the Everton Park Club.

### **2010 Senior Representative Program**

The Barraclough Shield, symbol of interstate supremacy between the Queensland and New South Wales suburban competitions, was contested on 12 June 2010 at St Ives in Sydney. After last year's loss at Ballymore this year's team was hoping to win back the Barraclough Shield that they last held in 2008. The game was an arm wrestle from the start with the lead changing throughout the game. Queensland had opportunities late in the game to snatch a 22 all draw, only the third in the history of the competition, resulting in NSW retaining the Shield. Scorers for Queensland were Andrew Bradford, Phil Croucamp, David Purcell – tries, Aaron Savage one penalty and a conversion, Jamie Tupaea one conversion. The 2011 game returns to Queensland with planning well underway to win the Shield on home soil.

The QSRU also participated in the annual City versus Country Carnival against their country cousins, the Queensland Outback Barbarians. QSRU, for the second year running, defeated their enthusiastic opponents 34 – 17. Scorers for the QSRU were Brent Reid 2, Phil Croucamp, Chris Bohan – tries, Jamie Tupaea 4 conversions and 2 penalties.

Thanks to the coaching staff led by Mark Forrester and Paul Davey, Manager Sean O'Neill and their support staff of Rohan Davies, John Kenna and Aidan Kavanagh. Thanks also to our valued sponsors, the Queensland Rugby Club, Tsunami Sportswear Australia and the XXXX Golden Oldies, without whose support we would not be able to continue to support the annual representative program. Finally, to the players and your respective clubs, thank you for such wonderful dedication, time and support. The 2010 Barraclough Shield squads was as follows:

Chris Bohan (Easts Longhorns), David Good (Pine Rivers Boars), Todd Murphy (University of Queensland), Matt Myers (Wynnum), David Purcell (TC Beirne), Asaeli Raiyawa (Easts Longhorns), Aaron Savage (Wynnum), Jamie Tupaea (Pine Rivers Boars), Grant Turner (Easts Longhorns), Andrew

Bradford (University of Queensland), Andrew Brown (Easts Longhorns), Dominic Chalk (Goodna), Phillip Croucamp (Pine Rivers Boars), Shannon Fullen (Wynnum), Tom Haire (Easts Longhorns), Phil Hazlett (Norths), Daniel Power (Wynnum), Justin Kelly (Easts Longhorns), Alex Macklin (Wynnum), Brendan O'Brien (Easts Longhorns), Shaun Price (Norths), Trent Pridmore (Easts Longhorns), David Stormont (Norths).

For the City v Country Carnival the following players were added to the squad: Mannele Te'o (Pine Rivers Boars), Brent Reid (University of Queensland), Stewart Cameron (Ipswich), Rick Mitchell (Norths), Zan Branford (Ipswich), Brendon Jones (Wynnum).

### **2010 Under 19 Program**

The QSRU also entered an Under 19 Representative side in this year's City/Country Carnival thus providing an opportunity for our eligible players to compete at a representative level. Whilst the side were defeated by a strong Queensland country representative side 29 – 14, the experience was invaluable to all involved and will hopefully establish the base for a much stronger showing next year. Above all, it enhanced the pathways for QSRU elite players to represent their state body and further promote their football skills.

My thanks to the coaching staff, Mark and Adam Hosking, Manager Shane Sullivan and their support staff for preparing the side in such a professional way.

The U19 QSRU squad was as follows:

Mitchell Seymour, Andrew Stevens, Peter Yabsley, Ben Carroll, Brendan Cochrane, Josh Emerson, Brady Watt, Daniel Leavy, Haydn Powell, Jacob Bowell, Russell Colson, Sam Woods, Glen Harris, Lauchlan Speight, Sam Petersen, Esteban Rivera, Daniel McCormack, Aaron Downes, Reece Elliott, James Davis, Stedler Barnard and Ben le Prou.

### **Summary & Outlook for 2010**

To all of the QRU staff, particularly Michael Backstrom and Shane Sullivan (QSRU Secretary), a big thank you from my committee and myself for all of your assistance in assisting and promoting the success of the QSRU.

Finally, to my fellow committee members, in particular Cameron Leggat (Treasurer) and Sean O'Neill as well as Karl Shrubsole and Paul Hislop, thank you gentlemen for your continued assistance throughout the year and the fresh perspective you all brought to my sometimes myopic view of the rugby world. Your advice has been invaluable.

**Noel Rafter**  
**President QSRU Inc.**

## QUEENSLAND COUNTRY RUGBY UNION

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The QCRU AGM was held in April 2010 with Boyd Curran elected President with Robert Brennan Vice President, Ian Coombe Treasurer and Directors Ian Shapland, Geoff Makim and Peter Menzies. Peter Menzies stood down in November and the Board asked Dan Morton from Townsville to fill the vacant position until the next AGM. Thanks from all involved with QCRU for the time and effort that Peter Curtis put into QCRU over many years beginning in his Mt Isa days and to Peter Menzies from Bundaberg.

### Sponsorship

Sunnybank Rugby Union was the main sponsor of QCRU in 2010 and we thank them for their generous support. 2011 will see Graincorp emerge as the major sponsor of QCRU. Ian Shapland is working very hard with Dave Hanham from the QRU to attract a number of other sponsors for 2011 and the representative program for 2011 has created a lot more value for sponsors in supporting QCRU.

### Country Championships

Opens: Won by Sunshine Coast

Week 1 Townsville and District Rugby Union 32 bt Cairns and District Rugby Union 7,

Week 2 Darling Downs Rugby Union 55 bt Central Queensland Rugby Union 15, Townsville and District Rugby Union 17 bt Rugby Gold Coast 8,

Week 3 Sunshine Coast Rugby Union 33 bt Darling Downs Rugby Union 19, Townsville and District Rugby Union 41 bt Central Queensland Rugby Union 5, Cairns and District Rugby Union 35 bt Central Queensland Rugby Union 21,

Week 4 Rugby Gold Coast 52 bt Cairns and District Rugby Union 10, Sunshine Coast Rugby Union 95 bt Townsville and District Rugby Union 7, Townsville and District Rugby Union 25 bt Darling Downs Rugby Union 22,

Week 5 Sunshine Coast Rugby Union 85 bt Cairns and District Rugby Union 3, Darling Downs Rugby Union 0 dw Cairns and District Rugby Union 0 (Washed Out),

Week 6 Rugby Gold Coast 88 bt Central Queensland Rugby Union 5,

Week 7 Sunshine Coast Rugby Union 83 bt Central Queensland Rugby Union 0, Rugby Gold Coast 31 bt Darling Downs Rugby Union 7,

Week 8 Sunshine Coast Rugby Union 52 bt Rugby Gold Coast 12.

### Under 19's: Won by Gold Coast

Week 1 Townsville and District Rugby Union 32 bt Cairns and District Rugby Union 11,

Week 2 Darling Downs Rugby Union 14 bt Central Queensland Rugby Union 5, Rugby Gold Coast 28 bt Townsville and District Rugby Union 12,

Week 3 Sunshine Coast Rugby Union 16 bt Darling Downs Rugby Union 14, Townsville and District Rugby Union 17 bt Central Queensland Rugby Union 0, Central Queensland Rugby Union 16 bt Cairns and District Rugby Union 5,

Week 4 Rugby Gold Coast 48 bt Cairns and District Rugby Union 0, Sunshine Coast Rugby Union 43 bt Townsville and District Rugby Union 12, Darling Downs Rugby Union 12 dw Townsville and District Rugby Union 12,

Week 5 Sunshine Coast Rugby Union 44 bt Cairns and District Rugby Union 3, Darling Downs Rugby Union 0 dw Cairns and District Rugby Union 0 (Washed Out),

Week 6 Rugby Gold Coast 62 bt Central Queensland Rugby Union 0,

Week 7 Central Queensland Rugby Union 22 bt Sunshine Coast Rugby Union 12, Rugby Gold Coast 43 bt Darling Downs Rugby Union 5,

Week 8 Rugby Gold Coast 45 bt Sunshine Coast Rugby Union 29.

### Outback Championships

Won by Mt Isa defeating Western Queensland

### Country Heelers

The Heelers had a great start to their season with a convincing win against the NT at Sunnybank which drew out some diehard Country supporters including iconic QCRU figure Andy Purcell. I hope the win put a spring in your step Andy. The Heelers then produced a great effort but were unlucky in going down to NSW Country by one point at the Gold Coast. Unfortunately the game against City resulted in a convincing win for City and resulted in a lot of soul searching for the QCRU and discussion around our representative program and development of players. Many thanks to all officials who assisted in the preparation of the Heelers, in particular Glen Panaho, Garrick Morgan, Mark Moxon and to the best Manager in Rugby, Dan Bowdler.

## City vs Country

1. City 65 d QCRU Heelers 18
2. City U/19 28 d QCRU U/19 1st XV 24
3. QCRU U/19 2nd XV 29 d Brisbane Suburban U/19 14
4. Brisbane Suburban 34 d Outback barbarians 17
5. City U/17 19 d QCRU U/17 8
6. City U/15 21 d QCRU U/15 20

QCRU has an exciting representative program in 2011 to build on the solid foundations of 2010. My thanks to the QCRU Board, QRU staff who have assisted in the administration of QCRU and to all the players, coaches, officials and hard working, rugby loving volunteers who go unnoticed but are integral to the success of QCRU.

## Boyd Curran

## BUNDABERG

2010 was a different one for the Bundaberg & District Rugby Union (BDRU) due a change in the competition season to spring and the process of starting Rugby Bundaberg.

This year was the first where the traditional winter competition was not played and that an extended Spring Competition was held. The spring competition was played over 11 weeks plus finals in two parts. The first six weeks were a Bundaberg only competition involving four teams; Isis Crushers, Alloway Falcons, Wests Barbarians and Turtles Rugby Club (formally East Coast Buccaneers). The next five weeks involved Fraser Coast Mariners as well as the four Bundaberg clubs. The winner of both competitions in an undefeated season was the Turtles Rugby Club winning the Grand Final 22-10 over defending premiers the Fraser Coast Mariners.

With no winter competition around 25 players in total, approximately 12 each game, travelled to Gympie for their home games and played as members of the Gympie Hammers reserve grade team with several players getting experience in the A grade line up as well. It is hoped this experience will assist players gain selection in the reformed Wide Bay representative side in 2011.

The greatest highlights in Bundaberg for rugby were the meetings that set in motion the idea that will become Rugby Bundaberg. With assistance from the QRU, seven local members of the rugby community set about the process to form Rugby Bundaberg. This organisation will oversee the development of rugby in Bundaberg that includes juniors, seniors and golden oldies under the one banner.

The BDRU would like to thank all officials, volunteers and players though special mention is made of Nathan Freeman, Michael West and Bruce Dalton for the work they do both on and off the field for rugby in Bundaberg.

## Matt Leighton

### President

### Bundaberg & District Rugby Union

## CENTRAL HIGHLANDS

Senior Club: After expanding to 4 teams last year with the inclusion of the Rolleston Roos, the Central Highlands Senior competition grew again with the addition of the Moranbah Bulls to give the competition a 5 team competition and over 230 registered players. Emerald Rams were again the standout team with an undefeated season including the Grand Final in which they accounted for a spirited performance from the Clermont Bush Pigs. The Emerald Rams undefeated season also saw coach John Kauvai awarded with the Qld Country Coach of the Year Award.

Junior Club: Our junior committee saw a change in president with Martin Laffer standing down after a number of successful years and Dave Glover being voted in for 2010. Our junior competition again saw significant growth with the addition of our own U14 competition to compliment our U6-U12 competition and fielding junior teams in Clermont and Moranbah to increase our junior registrations by 32%. Our U16 team again travelled to play in the CQRU competition where they excelled and narrowly lost the grand final.

Representative: The senior CH team made the long journey to Mt Isa for the Outback Championships and despite a couple of tough losses, we had a number of players selected into the Outback Barbarians teams to play at Tieri and Ballymore respectively. Dan Kipping from the Capella Cattledogs was named CH representative player of the year.

The juniors hosted a new representative carnival with the staging of the Junior Country Muster in Tieri. All our teams performed brilliantly across the 2 days and it was reflected with 17 players selected into the Qld Bushranger teams to play at the QJRU State Championships. Blaise Hartley excelled to be named in the Qld U17 Development team.

A growth season like we had in 2010 couldn't be achieved without the support of all volunteers, players, coaches, committees and the QRU. Finally, thanks to Xstrata Coal for their tremendous support across both junior and senior rugby courtesy of their Corporate Social Involvement Partnership with the QRU, this provides such great opportunities to the Central Highlands region.

## Doug Burnett

### President

### Central Highlands Rugby Union

## RUGBY GOLD COAST

Once again RGC had two Breakers teams compete in the QRU Premier Competition. While the Senior team had an inconsistent season, the Colts had their best season finishing undefeated in the Country Championships, Premier Minor Premiers and Grand Finalists. Congratulations to Uni and GPS in taking out their respective Premier Grand Finals.

Congratulations to Ben Daley and James Slipper who both earned Wallaby selection.

All thanks to the coaching and management staff and well wishes to outgoing Premier Coach Tom Rosewarne.

RGC also had five Junior Breakers teams in the U/13, U/14, U/15, U/16 and U/17 age divisions that competed in the Queensland Junior Rugby Union (QJRU) State Championships on the Sunshine Coast.

The results were the U/13s finished second, U/14s first, U/15s sixth, U/16s fifth and the U/17s first - Congratulations to the three players picked in the Qld U/ 17 team – Dean Cockin, Tyron Struder and TJ Siakisini.

All these players were involved in coaching clinics coordinated by Junior Breakers Manager Ralf de la Mare before the squads were finalised and the teams selected for the QJRU Championships.

Many thanks to all Sponsors, players, coaches, managers and parents for a job well done.

Twelve players represented at State Schoolboy representative level with three of those playing in the Australian Schoolboys. Eight RGC players were identified and invited into the National Talent Squad (NTS) in the Junior Gold program.

There are currently 37 RGC players in the Junior Reds GC academy program for 15 and 16 year olds training out of TSS.

## SENIOR CLUB REVIEW

The RGC senior competition kicked off 10 April with 31 teams and 1322 registered players.

The Premierships went to

- Colts Eagles
- 4th grade Bob Sinclair Cup Surfers Paradise and Beaudesert
- 3rd Grade Surfers Paradise and Bond Pirates
- 2nd Grade Surfers Paradise
- 1st grade and minor premiers Eagles
- Kooga Cup Eagles
- Club Champions Eagles

## JUNIOR REVIEW 2010

**Rugby Gold Coast** provides a strong and improving standard of rugby for young people and continues to achieve expanding aims despite reductions in funding and personnel. Incursions by soccer, rugby league and the additional AFL team on the GC have provided robust challenges which demand innovative and constructive reply. The number of players actively engaged in rugby on the GC remained relatively static in 2010 at 1,750 and was evidenced by the dramatic drop-off in the U18 Division, resulting in only three teams. An agreement with BJRU enabled these teams to join a similarly depleted Mid-Season BJRU competition with Sunnybank RUC.

**Clubs Within RGC:** Ten (10) established, independent clubs provide players for U6 to U18 Age Divisions, (excluding U17) and range from Casuarina in the South, Beaudesert to the West and Coomera to the North. In addition The Southport School (TSS) participates in the U6 to U10 Competitions and provides up to 3 teams in each Age Division.

The loss of Junior players from the recently formed Hinterland Celtics Rugby Club, came as a direct result of the Gold Coast City Council's inability to provide an allocated playing (home) ground; the majority of these players were directed to other clubs. The rapid growth of the GC has seen a saturation-use of playing fields, which precludes increased numbers in any codes that require new grounds. RGC is in constant contact with GCCC to ensure an equitable outcome on the distribution of GC playing fields.

Recruitment, retention and education of volunteers has been a great success in a number of clubs and their structures are spreading to other clubs, in the hope that similar success will result. RGC expects numbers to increase marginally over the next few seasons, once



the impact of the new “other codes” beds down.

**RGC at the Junior State Championships:** improved selection and training programmes for the Junior Breakers, has seen a larger pool of players being available and a more efficient and rewarding RGC participation at the State Championships. The U13s gained a runner-up position, with the U14s and U17s achieving State Champion status. The U15s and U16s managed to reach the finals of their pools. Of course, more work is necessary to raise the overall standard, but with better programmes for 2011, the signs are encouraging and the enthusiasm is very high. The overall standard of the Referees was deemed to be disappointing and it is considered that this aspect will need to be addressed prior to 2011. The “seeding” of the pools was not a direct reflection of the 2009 results and created an imbalance in the U14 /U15s finals. The late publication of the Draw allowed no recourse in rectifying this problem.

**RGC Initiatives:** The Acceleration Programme for U13s and U14s continues to achieve the aims anticipated and is readily accepted by all clubs and parents. With the U12s now elevated to the U19 Laws, without lifting, there is a case to pursue for applying a similar weight limit on U12 players. RGC has agreed to accept the Pathway Rugby resolutions, as proposed by ARU and looks forward to the introduction of the Rolling Substitutions, but at the same time being philosophically opposed to unlimited substitutions for the U13 and U14 Age Divisions. Previous requests for this aspect of Rolling Substitutions to be put aside have been rejected by QRU.

In an attempt to increase the number of qualified Referees within the sub-union, the GC Referee's Association has instigated a formal education and qualification course which will result in a nett increase of qualified officials. To aid in the retention of officials, teams providing a qualified Touch Judge for their match will be awarded a bonus point.

With the assistance of the Gold Coast Bulletin newspaper, a 32 page supplement covering rugby on the GC was produced as a precursor to the Senior Grand Finals and was deemed a success by RGC Stakeholders.

**Education Programmes:** Education Days and Smart Rugby Courses have been well attended, with an increase of some 30% attending Smart Rugby. In addition, courses held during school holidays have proven to be well attended and requested. The continued support of MacDonalds has been vital in sustaining the value of these clinics. The availability of Sports Injury and First Aid Courses has assisted the Clubs in reducing their costs by using their own people, once qualified.

**Visions for 2011 and beyond:** RGC anticipates a marginal growth within the Junior Clubs, but the issues involved with retaining players in their late teens present a real challenge, to which the answers are elusive. The correct coach for such age groups is seen

as an integral part of the puzzle; one who understands the balance between schoolwork, jobs and rugby.

The Junior competition kicked off 20 March with 108 teams and 1750 registered players.

The Premiers were

- 12s Eagles
- 13s Surfers Paradise
- 14s Coomera
- 15s Palm Beach
- 16s Nerang
- 18s Helensvale
- Club Champions Coomera

The volunteer of the year award went to Don Linde from the Referees Association and the Referee's Award going to Travis Latter

RGC again held its International 7s event with the top three ranked IRB teams in Samoa, New Zealand and Australia competing. This was again a very high quality event and one that is now firmly entrenched on the GC calendar.

RGC looks forward eagerly to season 2011 and to all our loyal Sponsors, supporters and members many thanks for your ongoing support.

**Tim Rowlands**  
**CEO RGC**

## SUNSHINE COAST RUGBY UNION

The Sunshine Coast Rugby Union reported a very successful year for 2010. For the first time in its short history its representative team the STINGRAYS played in the Premier grand final at Ballymore. Though they were beaten by a strong University of Queensland team the Sunshine Coast rugby community can be proud of the boy's achievements.

Half way through the 2010 season former Wallaby and Queensland Rugby legend Glen Panoho (Panch) handed over the coaching duties to his great mate former Wallaby and Queensland Rugby legend Toutai Kefu. This allowed Panch more time to concentrate on his duties as General Manager of Sunshine Coast Rugby Union.

The Premier players took an instant liking to Toutai and not only played outstanding for him but also for themselves and their families and supporters. The players and management are keen to stay together and build on the 2010 success.

For the past three years Panch has worked very hard with the newly elected Board to have all members of Sunshine Coast Rugby working together with one common cause and that is to grow and improve rugby on the Sunshine Coast. The members include the local High Schools, Junior Clubs, Senior Clubs, Referees, and the Stingrays.

The formula has proved very successful.

A pathway for players commenced three years ago and is proving very successful. All junior representative teams from U13's upwards are called the JUNIOR STINGRAYS. So at an early age players can aspire to develop into a Premier Stingrays player.

Shon Simonek, a veteran Stingrays player, was called up for the Reds Squad and a number of other Stingrays players secured contracts to play in the U.K. in the off season.

For the first time the Sunshine Coast Rugby Union hosted the State Junior Rugby Championships at Stockland Park. It was a very successful event and thanks must go to all the players, parents, and volunteers for all the hard work they undertook to make the event so memorable.

In the local senior competition eight clubs fielded teams including Caboolture, Caloundra, Fraser Coast, Gympie, Maroochydore, Nambour, Noosa and University of the Sunshine Coast. The club champions for 2010 were Noosa who also won the Grand Final in A Grade, Reserve Grade and U19 Colts.

Members of Sunshine Coast Rugby understand the need for quality referees and worked hard during the season to ensure that referee numbers were at least maintained with the expectation that numbers will grow.

The Board of Sunshine Coast Rugby Union would like to thank all players, coaches and team managers for the way they participated in our great game. Special thanks go to our generous sponsors who without them Sunshine Coast Rugby wouldn't be able to provide the support and services so vitally needed. Lastly a big thank you to all the players families and supporters who turn up each week to volunteer and barrack for their teams.

## CAIRNS AND DISTRICT

Cairns had a really big 2010 rugby wise. We saw significant growth in both seniors and juniors. It was a long season and I know all the volunteers who dedicate so much of their time will be looking forward to Christmas to recharge their batteries ready for an even bigger and very exciting 2011.

Some of the highlights of the year:

- We had three rounds of senior competition and JCU won both grades and had a very successful year.
- Our women's team travelled to Brisbane to play in the State trials. Whilst none of players we selected our scrum was comparable to the other teams. This opportunity for our women has been a great boost for the women's competition.
- Our Juniors acquitted themselves very creditably at the Country Muster and then the State Championships. We had two representatives make the Qld teams for their age groups: Dion Wouters, U17, and Conrad Quick, U15s.
- The Cairns Old Crocs hosted a Gold Legends Charity in July. A great day out for rugby making money for juniors and the Make a Wish Foundation.
- The Old Crocs Over 35s Tournament entered its 8th year with visiting teams from NZ, and interstate as well as competitors from the US.

On other matters we lost Joel Johnstone to Central Highlands but were lucky to requite Reg Tayler as his replacement. Reg has settled in and his enthusiasm is proving a great bonus to our region.

The Reds v Crusaders Trial Match on 29 January created great excitement in Cairns. It was a fantastic way to start the New Year.

**Margot Richardson**  
**President**

## TOWNSVILLE

The 2010 season was the inaugural year for the 3rd Grade Competition in our senior ranks and saw the consolidation of junior grade competitions in each age division. I again acknowledge the contribution of the clubs, referees, players and administrators. The continued expansion of the Code in this region can only occur with their support and effort.

The Brolgas representative side performed solidly in the Country Championships recording only one defeat for the season. Unfortunately, only a select few players had the opportunity to represent Country this season despite the on-field success.

The TDRU's corporate partners include Xstrata, Walters Supa IGA, Mike Carney Toyota, Troy Williams The Good Guys, and GABCON Constructions. The TDRU sincerely thank these sponsors and look forward to the continuation of our corporate partnerships in 2011.

Our administration team continues to make operational improvements. This year has seen a review of all processes and procedures which over the next two seasons should see further updating of our judicial procedures, constitutional reform, rugby club modifications and financial reporting. I take this opportunity to thank both the volunteers and employees at the TDRU and specifically recognise the efforts of our Director of Rugby and his team. On that note, I thank Jack O'Shea and Henry Payne who will complete their traineeships this year. I also recognise the contribution of all Management Committee Members this season.

Finally, I would like to thank all the Clubs for their participation in the 2011 season and congratulate all our premierships winning sides. Special mention is made of the Brothers Rugby Union Club (1st Grade Premiers and Junior Club Champions) and the Teachers West Rugby Union Club (Senior Club Champions).

Dan Morton  
President

## MACKAY DISTRICT

The 2010 year was not the year I had hoped to follow on from an improved season of 2009.

### Junior and School Football

Junior rugby in Mackay is an extreme disappointment with low numbers and more worryingly low volunteer numbers. The season of sorts has been carried out during winter and I believe we must continue this drive during winter so that our juniors are running in parallel with our senior competition and that our volunteers have a break from what is a long and trying season. I expect our new development officer to inject a great deal of enthusiasm and new ideas to assist the competition for juniors to gain increased traction this year and drive numbers higher and volunteer numbers higher than they were last season.

The school competition which was once the pinnacle of Mackay rugby is in decline and in need of a firm hand at the tiller. We need games every week to ensure the children are not having breaks due to byes and that our out of town regions such as Bowen and Whitsunday are developing nursery's that will continue the development of our seniors.

The senior completion was successful in that we followed up the 09 season with football for reserve grade and A grade on a consistent basis. This year I hope our judiciary and clubs committee can enforce a strict code of conduct via its members so our competition can run at a high quality for spectators. If each committee has a full quota of members and they are all attending required meetings then this is lightening the load on all volunteers.

This year sees the return of a representative team for the MDRU and we should embrace this and use this competition as a tool to improve the quality of our competition and promote our juniors via this pathway for future representation. The NQ federation has been re-established and a NQ representative team will be selected in A-grade and U19's to play CQ and SQ in trial matches for the Queensland Country teams.

### Financially

This year has been harder than last especially with the loss of the legends revenue at years end with the unseasonal rain. We will need to reconsider the draw implications as the number of home games away from Quarry Hill did impact on bar takings and we will need to redirect games or increase home game fees for all clubs as the maintenance of this facility does not come for free.

Sponsors are there. We need assistance on the committee with parties who are able to acquire sponsors and more importantly service the sponsors so they return year after year. Currently we have four proposals to sponsors and we will have the QRU involved with two major sponsors for community based rugby projects. Our land sale is reaching the end of its cycle with the transaction being committed to paper

in the next fortnight. It has been a long and drawn process but that is the market we are dealing with.

### Summary

I have made this request year in and year out but until the clubs of Mackay take any notice we will still be the inferior competition in this town – we need people on our committee to drive our sport hard and develop rugby as it should be in this region. It is all good to sit around and talk about our mateship from the sport but our young brigade want to play in a good quality competition with pathways for representation. We need to provide all of this on a facility that is well maintained and this takes the organisation from a good committee. I thank this years committee for their contribution especially Ian Joblin and Damien Eales , and Graham Lodge for the clubs committee organising and Richard Incledon for his assistance with the club. I thank Shehan Sunderam, our previous development officer, for his assistance in developing junior rugby in the region and wish him all the best for the future.

I look forward to the 2011 season especially the rep season and wish all clubs and participants the very best.

**Bryan Sheedy**  
MDRU President

### DARLING DOWNS RUGBY

What a remarkable season we have had. Before the start of the Season the old entities of Darling Downs Rugby Union and Darling Downs Junior Rugby Union united to become the new entity we now have – Downs Rugby Limited. Downs Rugby now has an official home and operates out of spacious office premises at Unit 5/189 Anzac Avenue, Toowoomba. For the first time players can start in Under 6 and have a clear pathway through to playing A Grade in the local area.

Round 1 (Seniors) commenced 10 April with 9 teams in A Grade; 9 teams in B Grade; 6 teams in C Grade and 7 teams in Under 19s. After 18 rounds which were completed on 21st August we found ourselves in the exciting position of having three teams not only vying for minor premiership, but also the Club Championship. These clubs being USQ Saints; Toowoomba Bears and Goondiwindi.

The five team Westpac Final Series kicks off on Saturday 28th August at the home of Toowoomba Bears – Heritage Oval, Stuart Street, Toowoomba. Games commence at 9am and will continue throughout the day with the last game finishing at approximately 8.00pm.

The top five teams competing for the Risdon Cup (the symbol of A Grade supremacy) are (in order) USQ Saints, Toowoomba Bears, Goondiwindi, Roma and Condamine. When we look at these five teams you

will note that it is an exciting combination of City and Country teams. This is a good reflection of the depth of rugby talent across the region, which bodes well for our representative Coaches Evan Willis and Hamish Proctor in selecting teams for the Country Championships to be held in 2011.

After 18 hotly contested rounds USQ Saints came out on top as Minor Premiers and were also the Club Champions for 2010, a throw back to years gone by and no doubt their opponents will be lining up to challenge them.

Downs Rugby is in good hands with the Board comprising a good mixture of old rugby heads and bright young businessmen – consisting of Pat Brown, Brendan Ryan, Mike Horan, Justin Garvie, Mat Strahorn and Paul Tindall. Assisted by Cameron Donaldson in the role of General Manager and Kerri Trost as Administrator.

### Season highlights for 2010:-

Player numbers -- 1300 juniors and 1000 senior players participating in regular games.

With the re-structuring of the Under 19 Colts division, all clubs have undertaken development and recruitment of players which should see this age group swell in the 2011 season.

All clubs are taking an active interest in their organisation and structure – looking forward and working on ways to improve and complement their present standing.

The standard of competition is much higher this year.

There have been increased crowds to games across the region.

The level of community involvement has been higher this year with a lot of the clubs holding Feature days including Race days, Ladies Days, Sponsors Days. Special mention must be made of the St George club which helped to raise \$16,000 to go towards the McGrath Foundation – Breast cancer awareness. It was great to also see the referees get involved with their “pink” attire on these days. Well done everyone.

The implementation of Junior through to Senior days has proven successful. Clubs were able to host their home teams from Under 6 through to Seniors. It was the first time the two draws had been married together like this so that clubs could really show their true colours and the strength of the clubs that evolving.

The recruitment and development of all clubs is assisting in a greater strength of our representative teams, across all ages.

Our Teenage competition started in February 2010 and has gone from strength to strength and will culminate in five representative teams competing in the State Championships to be held at Kawana Waters, Sunshine Coast in September. Historically Downs Rugby representative teams compete well and they should continue to do so this year. Coaches and players have

been in training and will be well prepared this year. This will be the first year the Championships have been held in Spring and players are looking forward to a great level of competition.

Great success in the media. Coverage has improved over previous years. It has been good working with local media organizations and achieving a higher level of position coverage.

Sponsors are attaching themselves to various sections and events – Subway – junior development; Westpac Agribusiness – Risdon Cup Final Series; Black Trucks; Mort & Co – teenage development as well as local suppliers who assisting in getting us into our own office space on Anzac Avenue including Faux Electrical, FK Gardner, Plasta Masta.

## **WESTERN QUEENSLAND RUGBY**

Our 2010 Season was very successful with numerous highlights. Initially it seemed Barcaldine would not be able to field a team for the year as they only had seven players. After a meeting with some of the players including Andrew Pearce, it was revealed that with their enthusiasm for the game they would be able to conjure up the required numbers. Together with his wife Lisa, Andrew was able to get the club up and running and managed to have 20-22 players at every game. Well done to the Barcaldine Boars as they were very competitive and co-operative. This enabled the West to run a successful three team competition.

Another highlight was the rep game with the Condamine Cods which gave W.Q. a chance to play an early season home game. It was a great weekend with the W.Q. side having a win. Many thanks must go to the Longreach Motor Inn for the accommodation deal for the Cods and for their amazing hospitality. The Wallabies were the victors during this match. The Mackin brothers, Shaun and Peter organised an Anzac Test in early May between the Outback Wallabies and the Outback All Blacks. Again a great crowd supported the event, enthusiastic Anthems were sung and Rugby was the winner. The women played an entertaining curtain raiser which the Kiwis won. Congratulations must go to the organizers for a sensational afternoon of entertainment. It was a standout equal to a grand final.

Other highlights were the Ladies Days, hosted by the ladies of the respective teams. Both days were very successful. The Jumbucks Ladies Day was a Pink Ladies Day and was in support of breast cancer.

Western Queensland travelled to Mt. Isa on the Anzac weekend. They had a convincing win against Central Highlands but were unable to come away with a win against Mt. Isa. Thanks must go to Mark Cutler, Cookie and everyone who helped to organize the trip. Representative Players were Mark Cutler (player/coach), Shaun Mackin (captain), Rinsie Jamieson, Ross Tindall, Ben Tindall, Kyle Jones, Nigel Grevett, Clint Bettiens, Chris Rynders, Hayden Richardson, Lee Anderson, Richard King, Paul Mackin, Darren Saunders, Jesse Bell, Phillip Deane, Mitch Neuendorf,

Carl-Lewis wakefield, Nick Watson, Travis Saffy and Nick Cook who also drove the bus. Peter Mackin was the Manager. Western Queensland players were part of a Barbarian side that played in Brisbane during the year. W.Q. player, Nigel Grevett captained the side.

Dean Workman is to be congratulated for his refereeing and also Christo Jacobie for coming on board as well. Dean on one occasion showed his fantastic passion for rugby when he left the Isisford Sheep show to ref at Barcaldine and then returned to Isisford as his daughter was in the horse events there. Andrew King must also be thanked for making a comeback and refereeing a few games. It is often a thankless task. Mention must be made of the good sportsmanship shown by the captains of each of the competing teams, Grant and Cookie, Mitch and Andrew. They all lead by example and give Rugby an excellent reputation.

The Rustlers have done very well once again and were undefeated all season. They have won the past two premierships. A great effort. There were a couple of close games including the final but to their credit they held on and remained undefeated. The final score in the Grand Final was 36-16.

Many thanks must once again go to Ringrose Button Accounting Firm who sponsored the season and to Bill Ringrose who has filled nearly every position possible from reffing, committee, chief sponsor and linesman.

Many thanks to the proprietors of the Longreach Motor Inn, Judy and Damien, Tanya and David for hosting the Presentation Night, donating representative player, Greg Holmes' accommodation as well as dinner for two in our sprint race during the season. A very special mention must go Mark Cutler for his contribution to Western Queensland rugby. During his years in Longreach he was a keen player, encouraging younger members and a coach. His valuable skills and passion will be missed by The Rustlers, Western Queensland Rugby, the High School and the wider community.

Trophy winners for 2010 were

- Rodney Button Trophy: Nick Cook
- Presidents Trophy: Andrew Pearce
- Western Queensland Player of the year: Chris Rynders
- Best and Fairest: Ben Tindall
- Player of the Year: Hayden Richardson

Office bearers for 2010 were President, Buckles Peacey, Secretary Paul Grams and Treasurer Nick Cook. Paul and Cookie were efficient and a great support doing the line whenever possible. I would like to thank them both for all their work with W.Q. this year. Both are enthusiastic supporters of Rugby in the West.

**President,  
Buckles Peacey**

## **MOUNT ISA RUGBY UNION**

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The season came down to a thriller grand final with the reversal of last year's winner Euros edged out by Warrigals. Warrigals had an early lead and seemed likely to walk away with an easy win but Euros troop took up the fight and never gave up only to go down 27-26. The game was referred to as "the great fight back" as it had never been seen in the history of the game in Mount Isa.

### **Representatives**

Mount Isa was proud to host the Queensland Outback Championship and successfully won the ANZAC trophy. The tournament was enjoyed by all, not only the rugby was great but the networking event was up to the par. 15 players were selected to play at Tieri and then City vs County in Brisbane however due to unavailability only 9 players did make the trips. Mount Isa Rugby is hoping for a much improved representative program in early 2011.

### **Juniors**

QRU ran a talent identifying session and 28 young enthusiastic children turned up. Of those 12 players were identified to participate in the Queensland Country Juniors Musters at Tieri. Two players were selected to represent the Bush Ranchers at the State Juniors Championship at the Sunshine Coast - George Rasova under 17 and Hayden Herbert u/13.

Thanks to Rob Donaghue, Brent Hagen, Michael Tayler, Tyrell Barker and Ben McCormack who conducted rugby activities in eight primary schools leading up to a junior sign on day. The day saw 20 young juniors keen to have a go; in the next week 30 juniors turned up. Games will be fully implemented in early 2011 to close the gap when the season resumes.

### **Inaugural Xstrata PICAM 7s - \$5000**

What a fantastic competition and a great way to warm up for the season. We were hoping for 10 teams but six teams stepped up representing Fiji, PNG, Polynesia and the rugby clubs. It was very exciting to uncover so many young talented players and at the same time bringing the community together. PNG took out the first prize of \$2000 and we hope to see more teams from outside the region for this exciting tournament.

MIRU managed to secure funding from Sport and Rec to upgrade our lighting facilities to A1 standard.

2010 season kicked off in September with the four clubs: Warrigals, Euros, Keas and Cloncurry at it again, fighting for the top honour in early 2011.

A special thank you to Brent Hagen, Rob Donaghue, Michael Tayler, Tyrell Barker and Ben McCormack for

going the extra mile beyond their duties to help us in our fundraising night.

Thanks to Xstrata Skills centre for upgrading our facilities, Mount Isa City Council for beautifying our ground with plants.

Thank you to our valuable volunteers that make the difference week in week out.

I would like to thank the Mount Isa Irish Association, our major sponsor, for their ongoing support. I would also like to acknowledge our minor sponsors for their contributions to our game.

And finally I want to acknowledge my team - Bowden Ashton vice president, Jenny O'Connor treasurer, Robbie Campbell and Mick O'Connor for their hard work and great effort.

**Daniel Fualalo**  
**President MIRU**

## **CENTRAL QUEENSLAND**

### **Season Summary**

2010 was another good season with many highlights. We had a terrific finals series with Colts defeating Brothers to win their third straight title. We also had some close and exciting matches in reserve grade with Blackwater adding another title to their collection. Congratulations go to both of our premiership winners.

Pathways rugby continues to grow and prosper whilst we also had a very successful schools competition. It was pleasing to see an under 18 competition.

### **On Field Highlights**

Our open representative team had a season where they struggled while our under 19s performed with distinction throughout the country championships. We also fielded teams at the Country junior muster.

### **Off Field Highlights**

Sponsorship continued this year with good support from Thrifty to name one. We also received significant support from Rock Building Society, Red Rooster and PFD Foods.

A welcome addition this year was our development officer Mr Daniel Hooper. Rugby will continue to grow with Dan's help.



## Acknowledgements

We would like to thank all of our volunteers for their efforts during 2010. This not only includes CQRU volunteers but all of the club volunteers and our referees.

A special thanks to our groundsman Mr Wayne Dunstan for maintaining rugby park as one of the best grounds in Queensland and Mr Athol Backhouse who in addition to being our chief line marker also chairs the judicial committee.

Thanks to all committee members for your efforts.

Finally thanks to all of our 2010 sponsors with a special thanks to our major sponsor Thrifty.

**Ian Coombe**  
**President**

## QUEENSLAND RUGBY FOOTBALL SCHOOLS UNION

The QRFSU had another successful year both on and off the field. Some of the highlights included –

- Keebra Park SHS winning the inaugural Australian Schools Sevens title defeating a number of GPS schools along the way. Keebra Park is a specialist rugby league school and recruits strongly for the best rugby league players at the school level. From this successful team Dion Taumata was selected in the Australian Schoolboy Rugby team to play against New Zealand Schools in Dunedin in October after playing for the South Coast regional team and Combined Secondary Schools. Dion's achievement was quite exceptional.
- Ballymore hosted the national schoolboy championships in July for the first time since 2002. The QRU will again host this event in July 2011 ensuring that the best schoolboy talent is showcased in Brisbane.
- Queensland 2 claimed the national schoolboys title for Queensland for the fifth year in a row. This success has been partly due to the excellent partnership that exists between the QRFSU, the QRU and Queensland School Sport.
- Fox covered both the final of the national championships in Brisbane in July and the New Zealand Test from Dunedin in early October. It is hoped to continue to provide this coverage of representative schoolboy rugby.
- The coach of the successful Queensland team was John Rauch. John, who is a teacher at The Cathedral School in Townsville, has made a

wonderful contribution to rugby at all levels in Townsville as well as being keenly involved in our regional and state programmes for many years. In November John's service was recognised by Queensland School Sport when he received a service award for his outstanding contribution to school sport.

- Curtis Browning from Brisbane State High School received the Ian Mac Millan Memorial Trophy for being the outstanding Queensland player for 2010. This award is made annually and previous winners can be seen on the QRFSU web site. Curtis, as well as playing in the premiership winning Brisbane State High School team for the past 2 years, played for both Queensland and Australian Schoolboy teams for 2 years.
- The QRFSU received tremendous support from the Sunnybank Community and Sports Club. Without this support the nature of our program would be fundamentally different and many young rugby players would not have the opportunity to access the representative pathway. I have no doubt Sunnybank's generous contribution is of great benefit to rugby throughout Queensland

The State 18 Years Regional Championship was played at Sunnybank in late May. The final was played between South Coast and Sunshine Coast with South Coast prevailing for the second year in a row. I would like to acknowledge the work done by Brendan Smith, the Regional Sports Officer for Met West, and Darren Kayrooz for their organisation of the championships. Their work was strongly supported by Gavan Head, Harry Norris and many other volunteers from Sunnybank who all contributed to making the championships an enjoyable event for all the players and team managements.

Ballymore was again the venue for the Queensland Schoolboy Trials. These trials were held in late June in the week before the Australian Schoolboy Championships. Six teams from AIC, CSS and GPS played over 3 days to determine the composition of the Queensland teams for the national championships. While the GPS teams dominated the selection outcomes there was keen competition for many state team positions from AIC and CSS players who, in the final analysis, contributed significantly to the strength of both Queensland teams. The QRFSU Executive acted as the convenors for this event.

After a good week of preparation the Queensland teams were ready to contest the national championships held at Ballymore for the first time since 2002. As highlighted the Queensland 2 team won the competition with Queensland 1 finishing third. The continued success of the Queensland teams at this level is due to a combination of factors including the strong recruiting of talented players into the GPS school rugby system, the readiness of the Queensland

players to play rugby at this level due to the timing of our school competitions, a gradual evenness of the age differences between Queensland and New South Wales as there are now more 18 year old Queensland players and the balanced preparation provided by the coaching staff of both of our teams. This preparation is done in a most co-operative manner. While the Australian Schools Rugby was the convenor for the championships many Queensland staff contributed generously of their time especially Bill Newcombe, Darren Kayrooz and John Coonan. John was the billeting co-ordinator for the championships. I would like to acknowledge the great work done by our coaching teams who gave very generously of their school holiday time to prepare and guide our teams through an intense week of rugby:

- Queensland 1: Jon Fitzgerald(manager), Carl Marshall(coach) and Michael Crank(assistant coach)
- Queensland 2 : James Turner(manager), John Rauch(coach) and Clint Bullock(assistant coach)

From the championships the following players were selected to play for Australia A and Australia against Fiji, Samoa, Tonga and New Zealand:

- Australia A : Eliza Palupe, Jack Bridges, Jay Atkins, Grant Davies, Cameron Patrick, Stephen Hunt, Giorgio Phillips, Blake Cullen, Andrew Ready, Michael Bermingham, Joseph Swann and James Klassen
- Australia : Curtis Browning, Chrsi Feauai-Sautia, Lindsay Crook, Maile Ngauamo, Sam Reiser, Dion Taumata and Walter Petaia

All the players distinguished themselves especially on the very demanding tour of Samoa and New Zealand. Australian Schools Rugby has a very strong relationship with all the Pacific countries that has now been built very faithfully over a number of years.

The 15 Years State Regional Championships was the next rugby event held after the National Championships. Townsville was the host and the organisation and the hospitality was terrific. The Championships were held at Townsville's Hugh Street complex. Met North won the championships with a convincing victory over Met East in the final. As opposed to the 18 Years Championships AIC and GPS players are able to trial for selection in the regional teams making the metropolitan regional teams very strong when compared to the country regions. Met North played consistently good rugby over the 4 days of the championships. I would like to acknowledge the work of John Rauch in his convening of the championships. John had wonderful support from Terry Shields and his helpers from the Townsville Rugby Union and from Rob Armstrong who is the Regional Sports Officer for the Northern region.

Finally I would like to thank the following people and organisations for their support throughout 2010:

- The staff from the QRU for their assistance in a host of different ways including the very necessary core funding of our program
- The Sunnybank Community and Sports Club for their continued outstanding sponsorship of key aspects of our program
- All our teachers who have acted as managers, coaches and team officials at our various events
- All the match officials who have ensured that the rugby has been played as safely and fairly as possible
- Phil Muller and his team from Queensland School Sport for their assistance with all our programs
- The QRFSU Executive who work quietly in the background to ensure all the programs run well

**D.Barker**  
**Chair - QRFSU**

## **QUEENSLAND JUNIOR RUGBY UNION**

This year saw a number of new initiatives undertaken by the QJRU, particularly in junior pathways.

With the generous sponsorship of Xstrata Coal we were able to set up an alternate representative pathway for a number of country regions. In June we held the inaugural Country Muster where players from Rockhampton, Central Highlands, Mackay, Bundaberg, Cairns, Hervey Bay and Mt Isa gathered at Tieri for a Country Muster rugby weekend. At the completion of this weekend representative teams were selected in the Under 13, 15 and 16 age groups to compete in the QJRU State Championships under the banner of the QJRU Bush Rangers. Also an Under 14 Merit team was also announced. This was a highly successful event and due to Xstrata's ongoing sponsorship will be repeated next year. A further sign of the success of this initiative was that a number of Bushrangers went onto selection in the Under 15 and 17 Country representative sides.

For the first time since its inception, the QJRU State Championships was moved from the June school holidays to the September school holidays. Further to this, for the first time in seven years the State Champs were held outside of Brisbane at the Sunshine Coast. This proved a successful event over three days played at times in trying conditions, weather wise.

From the State Champs Under 15 and 17 City and Country teams were selected to play in the QRU City-Country Day. From these games, QJRU representative teams were selected to play NSW in both the Under 15 and 17 age groups and Canberra in the Under 17 age group. An Under 17 Development team was also selected to play against Canberra which allowed a further representative opportunity for this age group.

Junior teams in Brisbane were involved as part of the ARU pathways review trials, with Sunshine Coast being a pilot group reference point. There was also a Junior reference group comprising of coaches, competition manager and QJRU representatives that met regularly with the ARU to discuss various parts of the ARU Pathway review. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the ARU for involving us directly in their review and taking our ideas on board during the review process.

Further to the above the QJRU invested affiliate funds in coach and referee programs to be delivered across the State throughout the year.

At year end the QJRU initiated a review of the Junior Reds programs, which has resulted in a revitalised program linked with the ARU Junior Gold program.

**Ken Greedy**  
**QJRU President**

## **QUEENSLAND RUGBY CLUB**

I am pleased to submit my President's Report for the Queensland Rugby Club as we embark upon a new and exciting period for the Club.

July 2009 saw the start of the building program for our long awaited project, Rugby Quay. Managing the capital program in parallel to the machinations of the day to day business, proved particularly challenging, especially towards the latter half of the year as we operated our events business from the Strand, whilst still awaiting completion of the total building.

Completion of Rugby Quay did not come without additional delays and at times was presented with major logistical challenges. Limited access, restricted building times and necessary design changes all contributed to a facility that ran well over its original completion date.

It is therefore pleasing that the financial year under review, 2009/10, resulted in a trading surplus of \$11,821. Unfortunately project delays mean that the annual accounts will reflect an overall accounting loss of \$2,564,845 which will be reported in light of the impact of a deferred rent charge for the 2009 year and accrued rent for the 2010 year.

It should be noted that under the trading conditions of the past 12 months, the result is an indication of solid commercial management, a rationalisation of business processes and a commitment from the management and team to continue in their delivery of a quality food, beverage and event experience for their members and guests, across three very different venues at Downtown, Ballymore and more recently Rugby Quay.

At the time of writing this report, I am pleased to say that we have successfully opened Rugby Quay on the 1st September. In the three weeks prior to this we

invited the membership to view the new premises with a number of events held to welcome and christen the new venue. From initial reports and trading results, the board remain confident that the commercial model and forecasted revenues will be achieved within the expected time frames.

After careful consideration, the Queensland Rugby Club Downtown will be relinquished at the end of the year, allowing us to focus our energies and time on Rugby Quay. Ballymore will remain under our management.

It is with confidence that I advise our capital raising via our Benefactor program has grown from 60 members in July of last year to a total of 80 today. As a board we have been encouraged by the level of interest and commitment to the program shown as we neared completion.

Our very popular Penfolds lunches continue to be well patronised, with such speakers in the past year including Phil Kearns, Sir Viv Richards, Ray Warren, Wendell Sailor and Toutai Kefu. The Strand will allow us the opportunity to expand this series of luncheons, with our first scheduled for late November, that will see the QRC support the Jane McGrath Foundation.

Our membership ranks declined over the past 12 months. The introduction of the Building Levy on annual renewals is in part responsible for this dilution, however the competition for membership, the ongoing issue surrounding rugby at Ballymore and the delays associated with Rugby Quay all played major roles in this loss. It is however pleasing to note that a total of 284 (against 181 last year) new members joined the Club during the year, representing a 57% increase over the previous year. Of these new members 178 joined in the last six months reflecting positively on the new Rugby Quay facility and the future direction of the QRC.

Whilst always focussing on our members' interests, we remain committed to also assisting grassroots rugby when possible. We have maintained previous levels of support to grassroots rugby organisations with the provision of financial grants to a host of rugby affiliates including referees, junior rugby, schools rugby, country rugby and suburban rugby.

Other than the continued and improved membership facilities that will be offered at Rugby Quay, the other prime moving force is the potential for long term annual revenues to assist in our increased support of grassroots rugby organisations. You as members will no doubt assist us in bringing this long term vision to fruition by continued and future patronage of the Club's facilities.

We congratulate Ewen McKenzie and the Queensland Reds on their successful campaign in 2010 and hope that the 2011 season sees a continuation of the successes this year. QRC members in ever increasing numbers will I'm sure join me in wishing the Reds all the best for 2011.

I acknowledge the work and commitment of our CEO, Don Stewart and his world class team who share the vision of excellence that QRC is committed to achieve in our new home at Rugby Quay.

We greatly appreciate the support of our sponsors, supporters and Rugby Quay stakeholders including NAB, GPT and our principal building contractor Paynter Dixon. The strong relationship with these organisations and others, shape our future and enhances the ability of the Club to deliver on our vision of a world class club facility, delivering commercial benefits which support rugby.

Finally, I offer my personal thanks to my Board colleagues and the QRC staff for their support during this period. It is a pleasure working with such a committed group, to share our vision and to strive to deliver increased benefits to members and to grassroots rugby.

**Chris J. McCluskey**  
**President**

## **QUEENSLAND RUGBY REFEREES ASSOCIATION**

The 2010 season was preceded by advice that the Experimental Law Variations (ELVs) were no longer to be used and that the Laws of the Game as ratified at the May 2009 meeting of the International Rugby Board would apply to all levels of Rugby in Australia. This was a necessary precursor to establishing stability leading into the Rugby World Cup in 2011. Thus for the first time in three years the Laws of the Game were the same across all the levels of Rugby where the QRRRA provides match officials. This was significant in referees not having to adapt to different variations across the various levels of competition which had been the case in the previous three years. It is of note and a credit to our members that during the period of experimentation that as a group Queensland Rugby Referees Association members responded positively to what was being trialled readily adapting to the challenges that the Experimental Law Variations brought with them.

Education was provided to promulgate the introduction of the revised Laws and the initiatives contained in the 2010 ARU Game Management Document across the broad spectrum of the Rugby community. As a result the changes were implemented successfully and there was a consensus that the game has improved.

QRRRA is a rather unique organisation in terms of the competitions that it services and the extent of its involvement in community rugby. It is one of only a handful of peak referee groups whose members are appointed to Premier, Senior Grade, Suburban, Schools, Juniors as well as a number of pre and post season generic competitions including several Seven and Ten a Side Carnivals. This year the QRRRA reached the milestone of appointing referees to over

4000 matches which is not matched anywhere else in Australia for a single association.

In the context of the competitions and the numbers of matches that the QRRRA service, the activity in programs to recruit, retain and encourage those in the Rugby community who have an interest in becoming match officials, has begun to achieve some of the goals that have been set by past Management Committees. Many new members are being recruited through our School Based Referee Program, and from those parents of players moving from the Pathway to the fifteen a side game. We are actively supported in this by the Brisbane Junior Rugby Union, Queensland Junior Rugby Union and the Schools Convenors. The benefit of this is that the QRRRA is now recruiting many more match officials straight from juniors and schools which should enable the QRRRA in the coming seasons to have a source of younger partly educated and experienced match officials.

This projection of the QRRRA into the area of community Rugby carries with it many challenges in having to deal with accreditation, compliance, education, coaching, development as well as the identification of those match officials considered to have the talent to progress to a higher level of the game. This year the membership was set the task of better serving those in Community Rugby who are involved in senior grade, age grade, schools and junior Rugby. A start had been made in this direction in the two previous years with the QRRRA facilitating courses across Brisbane for school based, and new referees applying directly to the QRRRA to become Referees and/or Assistant Referees. This year saw a further extension of Pathway education in the introduction by the ARU of the new Refereeing Kids Rugby Pathway course.

Nine QRRRA members attended a joint ARU/QRU training session to gain the accreditation to present this course and all participated in subsequent course presentations.

The activity level of the QRRRA in Rugby is now quite high as indicated in the following statistics for the 2010 season: of note is the fact that the QRRRA was appointed to over 4000 matches contrasting with the 2001 appointments numbering 2850.

### **QRRRA STATISTICS SEASON 2010**

#### **QRRRA Referee Appointments**

|                |      |
|----------------|------|
| Senior Matches | 981  |
| BJRU Matches   | 1794 |
| School Matches | 583  |
| Other          | 707  |
| Total          | 4065 |

| <b>QRRR Myrugbyadmin Registrations</b> |     |
|--|-----|
| QRRR Referees                          | 322 |
| Refereeing Kids Rugby                  | 169 |
| Assistant Referees                     | 131 |
| School Referees                        | 47  |
| Services Referees                      | 3   |
| Total                                  | 672 |

| <b>QRRR Referee Education Courses Facilitated</b> |    |
|---|----|
| All courses                                       | 28 |

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|-------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>New Referees Recruited</b> | <b>44</b> |
|-------------------------------|-----------|

| <b>Referees/Referee Coaches Accredited/ Reaccredited</b> |    |
|--|----|
| QRRR   | 52 |
| Other Associations                                       | 7  |
| Total  | 59 |

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| <b>All Course Attendees</b> | <b>347</b> |
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The work involved in accreditation and compliance, not only for Rugby but also for Queensland Government legislation, is quite time consuming and it is noteworthy to report that this year the QRRR achieved 99% compliance for Smartrugby and accreditation.

It goes without saying that to be a Rugby match official requires an outstanding commitment to achieve the level of professionalism that our stakeholders in the game expect. I believe that in 2010 that the QRRR has in the main met that expectation and to our individual members I would like to thank you all for that commitment. In 2011 we will need to be ever ready to meet new challenges, and be better at what we already do well now. Being a match official in this sport involves being part of an evolution and that is the challenge for us to stay abreast of.

**Brian O'Donnell**  
President

# 2010 COMMITTEE REPORTS

## QRU JUDICIAL APPEALS COMMITTEE

2010 was a fairly quiet year for the Judicial Appeals Committee. The Committee handled a number of hearings in relation to appeals against penalties and appeals against qualification for semi-finals and finals. There have been no appeals against penalty from decisions handed down by the Judicial Tribunal in this year.

The Judicial Appeals Committee made certain recommendations to the Competitions Committee in relation to the issue of eligibility as there seems to be some inconsistency in relation to the rules, and we understand that in the proposed rules for 2011 these recommendations have been included.

There are at times difficult legal issues relating to the issue of jurisdiction, whether persons appearing before the committee have standing to bring the appeal, and whether the Union has had jurisdiction over these individuals. This is a common problem across all sports which have complicated membership and affiliation structures.

The members of the Judicial Appeals Committee provide their time and expertise without charge. They take their role and responsibility to ensure a fair and consistent application of the rules very seriously. I thank them for their contribution in 2010.

John Mullins  
Chairman

## QRU JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The features of the 2010 season were:

- The continuation of the mandatory regime
- A trial for the 2010 season of reducing the mandatory penalty under the Safety Directive from a Red Card to a Yellow Card in all Premier Matches and for the finals (based on the fact that assistant referees are appointed to these matches)
- The Colts statistics have climbed to levels of 2 years ago
- Unsuccessful attempts to introduce a GPS schools disciplinary system.

The key statistics for 2010 were:

- 92 players were sent off and 13 were cited (2009:100, 2008:80, 2007:98, 2006:107)

- 21 were given a 1 week suspension without appearance ( 2009:36, 2008:25, 2007:44)
- 40 Colts (3 Premier Colts) were sent off. (2009:22, 2008:18, 2007:43, 2006:42)
- 5 Premier Players were sent off (2009:13, 2008:7, 2007:6, 2006:11)
- 23 players remain suspended for failing to appear when required or after being cited

The most prevalent offence attracting a higher penalty continues to be for abuse of match officials. The converse of this is that the level of serious instances of foul play likely to endanger player safety is low.

The Committee wanted to acknowledge the proactive role being taken by some of the clubs in having their own internal discipline regime in addition to that imposed by this Committee. It strongly reinforces to the players that the Game must be played within the Laws relating to foul play.

During the year, meetings were held with either Headmasters or their representatives of 4 GPS schools with a view to introducing a Disciplinary regime acceptable to the schools and broadly compliant with the IRB Regulations. There has been cooperation to the extent that the GPS Association has agreed to provide details of all red card offences during the season. These have been reviewed on a weekly basis and do not show evidence of extreme incidents of foul play. The matter of having QRU oversight of the schools disciplinary system has been referred to the Headmasters Committee however no outcome has been communicated. This has to remain under review

Harold Shand  
Chairman

## STATE REFEREE COMMITTEE

QRU Board Appointed Chairman: *vacant*

QRU Members                      David Hanham  
   (General Manager  
   Community Rugby)

Geno Costin  
(State Education Manager)

Committee Members:            Neill McCann  
   (Committee Chairman)

Ian Scotney

Scott Young



Geoff Pegg  
(Referee Education Manager)

Brian O'Donnell  
(QRRRA Brisbane Inc President)

Peter Buchanan  
(Country Appointed Delegate)

The QRU's State Referee Committee (SRC) achieved the following planned objectives in 2010:

- Advanced Training and Education programs for the Premier Development and Talent Identification Squads
- Continued Education and Development of the State's Referee Coaching Panel
- Development of Junior Refereeing and Coaching across the State
- Provision of Match Officials for all SRC - Designated matches

Over the year, the SRC made 1,098 appointments of Match Officials to matches in the following competitions:

- Trinity Premier Rugby
- Country Tri - Series Competition
- Queensland Country Championships
- City v Country Day
- QRFSU 18 years Championships
- QRFSU Under 15 Championships
- QRFSU Schoolboy Trials
- ARU Division 1 National Schools Championships
- Ballymore Cup Semi-Finals and Finals
- Other Requested Appointments

Referees appointed to the Queensland Country Championship matches were from the Regional Associations as budget restrictions did not allow for neutral referees from other Regional Associations to be appointed as in previous years. The appointment

of the referee was done after consultation between the SRC Appointments Officer and Regional Association Referee Coaches to ensure that the referee was of the required standard. 26 Regional Referees controlled these Senior and Colts Championship matches and 7 QRRRA (Brisbane) Inc. Referees were appointed to matches where the Regional Association did not have a Referee of the required standard. Referee Coaches from the Regional Associations were appointed to review the performance of these Referees as part of their development after attending Referee Coaching courses in Brisbane earlier in the year. All Referee Coaches were required to submit coaching reports to the SRC that then enabled an evaluation of the performance of the referee as well as the Referee Coaching reports.

The Elite Referee Development Program of 7 selected referees introduced in 2009 was extended in 2010 to include 14 referees that were selected in the Premier Development and Talent Identification Squads. These referees undertook additional strength and conditioning training, sprint training and attended key education sessions that included programs covering subjects such as training / diet / injury, tactical communication, game analysis / referee interaction, decision making under pressure and an advanced referee seminar at which IRB Test Referees were the guest speakers. This program provided successful results for all participants and will be continued for the 2011 year with minor enhancements to be implemented.

Referees selected in the Development programs were also selected to referee at the QRFSU 15 and 18 Championships and Schoolboy trials as part of their development and were also nominated for selection to officiate at ARU Championships. Queensland Referees were selected to officiate at the ARU Division 1 Schools, Division 2 Schools and National Under 16 Championships in 2010. Queensland based Referee Coaches were also selected as referee coaches at the above Championships as well as the 2010 ARU Women's National Championships.

Following are the achievements of Queensland Referees and Referee Coaches during 2010:

- Paul Marks
  - Retained on the ARU National Referee A Panel
  - Appointed as Referee to Four Super 14 Matches
  - Appointed as Assistant Referee to Six Super 14 Matches
  - Appointed as Referee to Qld 2nds v Cali (Argentina)

- Appointed as Number 4 Match Official to Wallabies v Ireland Test Match
- Appointed to his 100th Queensland Premier Competition Match in 2010
- Appointed as Referee Queensland Premier Grand Final
- Stephen Hill
  - Selected as Referee on the ARU National Referee B Panel
  - Appointed as Assistant Referee for Four Super 14 matches
  - Appointed as Referee Brumbies Academy v ACT Selection
  - Appointed as Number 5 Match Official Wallabies v Ireland Test Match
- Damien Mitchelmore
  - Selected as Referee on the ARU National Referee B Panel
  - Appointed as Assistant Referee for Two Super 14 matches
  - Appointed as Referee City v Country Healers
  - Awarded QRU Premier Rugby Referee 2010 (Tied)
- Simon Moore
  - Retained on the ARU National Referee B Panel
  - Appointed as Assistant Referee for Four Super 14 matches
  - Appointed as Referee Brumby Runners v Junior Waratahs
  - Appointed as Referee Qld 2nds v Baa Baas
  - Appointed as Referee Australia Schools v Samoa Schoolboy Test
  - Appointed as Assistant Referee Junior Waratahs v Qld 2nds
  - Appointed as Number 5 Match Official Australia v South Africa Test
- Awarded QRU Premier Rugby Referee 2010 (Tied)
- Paul Haydock
  - Appointed as Referee Premier XV v Casi 2 (Argentina)
  - Appointed as Referee Qld Country Healers v NSW Country Cockatoos
  - Appointed as Referee Qld Under 17 v NSW Under 17
  - Appointed as Assistant Referee Qld 2nds v Baa Baas
  - Appointed as Assistant Referee Qld 2nds v Junior Waratahs
  - Appointed as Number 4 Match Official to Two Super 14 Matches
  - Appointed as Number 5 Match Official to Super 14 Trial Match
- John Christophersen
  - Appointed as Referee ARU Division 1 Schools Championships
  - Appointed as Assistant Referee Qld 2nds v Baa Baas
  - Appointed as Assistant Referee Qld 2nds v Casi (Argentina)
  - Appointed as Number 4 Match Official to Two Super 14 Matches
  - Appointed as Number 5 Match Official to One Super 14 Match
- Matt O'Brien
  - Appointed as ARU Referee Darwin Hottest 7's
  - Appointed as Referee ARU Division 1 Schools Championships
  - Appointed as ARU Referee FORU Darwin 7's
  - Appointed as ARU Referee Singapore 7's
  - Appointed as Assistant Referee Adelaide 7's

- Appointed as Assistant Referee Qld 2nds v Baa Baas
  - Appointed as Assistant Referee Qld 2nds v Casi (Argentina)
  - Appointed as Number 4 Match Official to One Super 14 Match
  - Appointed as Number 5 Match Official to Three Super 14 Matches
  - Appointed as Number 5 Match Official Qld 2nds v Casi (Argentina)
- Andrew Coorey
    - Appointed as Referee ARU Under 16 National Championships
    - Appointed as Assistant Referee Qld 2nds v Baa Baas
    - Appointed as Number 4 Match Official to Two Super 14 Matches
    - Appointed as Number 5 Match Official to Two Super 14 Matches
    - Appointed as Number 4 Match Official Qld 2nds v Casi (Argentina)
- Steve Leszczynski
    - Appointed TMO for Six Super 14 matches
- Luke Moloney
    - Appointed as Referee ARU Under 16 National Championships
    - Appointed as Number 5 Match Official to One Super 14 Match
    - Appointed as Number 4 Match Official Qld 2nds v Junior Waratahs
    - Appointed as Number 5 Match Official Qld 2nds v Premier Baa Baas
- Matt Thompson
    - Appointed as Referee ARU Under 16 National Championships
- Harrison Tait
    - Appointed as Referee ARU Division 2 Schools Championships
    - Appointed as Number 5 Match Official Qld 2nds v Junior Waratahs
- Rupert Dingle
    - Appointed as Referee Qld Under 15 v NSW Under 15
- Chris Woodhouse
    - Appointed as Referee Qld Under 17 v ACT Under 17
- Geoff Acton
    - Appointed to his 100th Queensland Premier Competition Match in 2010
- Andrew Cole
    - Appointed ARU National Referee Coach
    - Appointed Referee Head Coach ARU Division 1 Schools Championships
    - Appointed Performance Reviewer for Eight Super 14 matches
    - Appointed Performance Reviewer Qld 2nds v Casi (Argentina)
    - Appointed Performance Reviewer Qld 2nds V Junior Waratahs
    - Appointed Performance Reviewer Brumbies Academy v ACT Selection
    - Appointed Performance Reviewer Wallabies v Fiji Test Match
    - Appointed Performance Reviewer NZ v Ireland Test Match
    - Appointed Performance Reviewer NZ v Wales Test Match
    - Appointed Performance Reviewer Wallabies v Ireland Test Match
    - Appointed Performance Reviewer Fiji v Combined Catholic Colleges Schoolboy Test

- Appointed Performance Reviewer Samoa v Australia Schoolboy Test
- Appointed Performance Reviewer Fiji v Australia Schoolboy Test
- Appointed ARU Performance Reviewer Singapore 7's

- Scott Young

- Appointed ARU National Referee Selector
- Appointed ARU performance Reviewer Darwin Hottest 7's
- Appointed Performance Reviewer for Eight Super 14 matches
- Appointed Performance Reviewer Qld 2nds v Baa Baas
- Appointed performance Reviewer Qld 2nds v Premier Barbarians
- Appointed Referee Selector Adelaide 7's
- Appointed ARU Performance Reviewer FORU Darwin 7's

- Neill McCann

- Appointed Referee Coach ARU Division 1 Schools Championships

- Brian O'Donnell

- Appointed Referee Coach ARU Division 2 Schools Championships

- Greg Cuthbert

- Appointed Referee Coach ARU Women's National Championships

Activity programs to be considered for 2011 are:

- Implementation of Referee and Referee Coaching Development Strategy 2011
- Further Develop Junior Refereeing and Coaching across the State
- Continuation of Country Associations Referee

and Referee Coach Development

- Review of the QRUSRC Strategic Direction and Relevant Programs
- Review of Administration Principles of all Regional Referee Associations

The committee would also like to record its thanks and acknowledge the outstanding contribution of Ian Scotney, who stood down at the conclusion of the 2010 season, after serving on this committee since its inception in 2004. Also, the committee would like to acknowledge the outstanding contribution of two referees, former ARU Panel referees - Paul Marks and Geoff Action, who announced their retirement from refereeing during 2010.

In conclusion, the SRC would like to thank QRU Community Rugby Manager David Hanham and QRU State Education Manager Geno Costin for their time, co-operation and assistance in the organisation of meetings, information and arrangements during 2010.

**Geoff Pegg**  
**QRUSRC**  
**Administration Officer**



# **2010 OFFICE BEARERS**

## **Patron**

Her Excellency  
Ms Penelope Wensley AO  
Governor of Queensland

## **President**

Tony Shaw

## **Vice Presidents**

Bill Ross, Murray d'Almeida

## **Board of Directors**

Rod McCall (Chairman); Mr J Carmichael; Mr M N Arnett B.Com, LLB; Professor T J Brailsford PhD, MEc, FCPA, FAIM, FFin; Mr S.P. Hardman B.Com (Player); Mr P B McNicholl B.Sc(Hons), B.Econ, GAICD; Mr M C Thompson BBUS CPA; Mr Chris White; Mr. R.S. Williams LLB, ArblAMA, FAIM

## **EXECUTIVE STAFF**

### **Chief Executive**

Jim Carmichael

### **Chief Commercial Officer**

Daniel Herbert

### **Community Rugby Manager**

David Hanham

### **Chief Financial Officer**

Michael Russell

### **Head of Marketing**

Amanda Stooke

### **Head of Media & Communication**

Darrin Davies

### **Head Coach**

Ewen McKenzie

## **High Performance Manager / Performance Rugby Manager**

Lonnie Toia

## **Reds Academy Head Coach**

Paul Carozza

## **Delegates to the Australian Rugby Union**

Ross Williams, Rod McCall, Michael Arnett

## **Queensland Suburban**

Ross Williams (Chairman), Noel Rafter (President), Shane Sullivan (Secretary), Cameron Leggat (Treasurer), Paul Hislop, Sean O'Neill, Karl Shrubsole

## **Queensland Country**

Boyd Curran (President), Robert Brennan (Vice President), Ian Coombe, Geoff Makim, Peter Menzies, Ian Shapland

## **Judiciary Committee**

Harold Shand (Chairman), Geoff Gardiner, Paul Tully

## **Judicial Appeals Committee**

John Mullins (Chairman), Wren Bligh (Vice Chairman), Chris Newton, Noel Rafter, Andrew Cole, Scott Young

## **State Referee Committee**

Ian Scotney (Chairman), Neil McCann, Geoff Pegg, Peter Buchanan, Scott Young, Brian O'Donnell, Geno Costin (ex officio)

# **2010 FINANCIAL REPORT**

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The Directors of Queensland Rugby Union Ltd, except where otherwise stated, present their report on the Company for the financial year ended 31 December 2010.

## **DIRECTORS**

The name and particulars of the Directors of the Company in office at any time during or since the end of the year are:

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Mr R J McCall                            | Mr S P Hardman                          |
| Mr J Carmichael                          | Mr C G White (appointed 17/04/2010)     |
| Mr M N Arnett (appointed 17/04/2010)     | Mr P B McNicholl (appointed 17/04/2010) |
| Mr T J Brailsford (appointed 17/04/2010) | Mr M C Thompson (appointed 17/04/2010)  |
| Mr W M Coldwell (resigned 06/02/2010)    | Mr S M Wilson (resigned 17/04/2010)     |
| Mr C O Harkness (resigned 17/04/2010)    | Mr M Glover (resigned 17/04/2010)       |
| Mr R S Williams                          | Mr P J Carroll (resigned 17/04/2010)    |

### **Mr. R.J. McCall Chairman**

Rod McCall joined the QRU Board as Chairman in 2009, having previously served as a Director of the ARU in 1996 as RUPA appointed Director and again from 2007 to 2009. Rod had an extensive Rugby playing career, representing Queensland and Australia from 1986 to 1995. He played 107 games for Queensland and 40 Tests for Australia, including winning the 1991 Rugby World Cup. Rod is currently the Managing Director of successful printing company IPG Print.

### **Mr J Carmichael**

Mr Jim Carmichael became Queensland Rugby CEO in November 2009, with almost 30 years experience as a senior executive, board member and executive management consultant within a range of business types, including local and international, private and publicly listed start-up and established organisations. The industries Mr Carmichael has experience in include multi-media, lifestyle, entertainment and major sports industries. More recently Mr Carmichael was a senior executive with the Australian Football League in various roles including Head of New Business and Enterprise, developing major strategic initiatives to produce sustainable growth, profit and brand value for the AFL, State league bodies and clubs.

### **Mr M N Arnett B.Com, LLB**

Elected to the Board on April, 17 2010 Michael Arnett is a consultant to the Natural Resources Business unit of law firm Norton Rose. Michael is a director of a number of public and private companies, including New Guinea Energy Ltd, Nexus Energy Ltd, Cloncurry Mines Ltd, Queensland Energy Resources Ltd and NRW Holdings Limited in the mining and energy sector. Michael has been involved in significant corporate and commercial legal work for the resource industry for over 25 years.



**Professor T J Brailsford PhD, MEd, FCPA, FAIM, FFin**

Professor of Finance and Executive Dean of the Faculty of Business Economics and Law and the University of Queensland, Tim Brailsford has executive responsibility for all business, economics and law programs and associated resources at the University. A Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management, CPA Australia and the Financial Services Institute of Australasia, Tim has also been awarded the Prime Minister's Centenary Medal of Australia. Tim was elected to the Board on April 17, 2010.

**Mr S.P. Hardman B.Com**

Sean joined the QRU Board as a Director in 2009. He is Queensland's most capped player with 148 caps at the end of 2010. Hardman debuted for the Reds in 1999 against the Auckland Blues and also represented Australia at test, under 21, A level and in the Australian schoolboys 1993/94. Hardman made his test debut against France in 2002. He made another test appearance in 2006 in the Wallabies 49-0 defeat against the Springboks and again in 2007. Hardman played one game at the world cup coming off the bench against Canada in Australia's final pool match. Away from rugby, Sean is building a career in commercial property. Sean possesses a Bachelor of Commerce from Bond University.

**Mr P B McNicholl B.Sc(Hons), B.Econ, GAICD**

Paul McNicholl has more than 25 years of experience in senior executive roles in major public companies in both the industrial and consumer retail markets. Currently Managing Director of Valmont Australia Paul has a wealth of business knowledge and commercial acumen. He is also a Director of Donhad Pty Ltd and Webforge Australia Pty Ltd. Past Directorships include Voca Communications Pty Ltd and the Australian Steel Institute. Paul played for Queensland in 71-72, served on the Committee of the University of Qld Rugby Club for 10 years and was a referee for several years. He was elected to the Board on April 17, 2010.

**Mr M C Thompson BBUS CPA**

A partner at Whytes Accountants and Business Advisors Mark Thompson provides Specialised Taxation Advice with a significant focus on the Professional Sport industry. Mark's client base spans numerous participants within this sector including sportspeople, media executives, coaches, talent management companies, sport organisations and their executives. In addition to Mark's role as a Director on the Board of Queensland Rugby Mark's community involvement has included postings as Chairman of St Patrick's College Shorncliffe and Chairman of Brothers Rugby Club as well as Founding Director of Mimiki Foundation. Mark was elected to the Board on April 17, 2010.

**Mr Chris White**

A sports and event management specialist, Chris White is the Managing Director of talent and sponsorship management company, International Quarterback. Chris has previously been on the Board of Events Queensland and Tourism Queensland. He still Chairs the Gold Coasts Events Company, which is responsible for the V8 Races on the Gold Coast and in Townsville. Through Chris's many years experience in the sports industry he has built up exceptional contacts across corporate, sports, media and government. Chris was elected to the Board on April 17, 2010.

**Mr. R.S. Williams LLB, ArbiAMA, FAIM**

Ross Williams has been a Director since November 2002. He is a Partner of Ebsworth & Ebsworth. Ross is a graded arbitrator; a Director of Mount Olivet Hospital, Saint Vincent's Hospital Toowoomba and the Holy Spirit Northside Private Hospital; a past president of the Queensland Rugby Union Club; and the Honorary Solicitor and Life Member of the Royal Life Saving Association. Ross is an expert in building and construction law, dispute resolution, workplace health and safety, industrial relations and insurance.

## PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The Company's principal activities in the course of the financial year were the control and operation of Rugby Union in Queensland.

During the year there was no significant change in the nature of these activities.

During the 2010 financial year, Queensland Rugby Union Ltd has entered into a loan agreement with Australian Rugby Union Limited (a related party) to provide funding to support the current financial position of Queensland Rugby Union Ltd. A Special Executive Committee was formed in early 2010 which will review and manage the affairs of Queensland Rugby Union Ltd and to assist in realising objectives. The QRU Board has delegated its powers and authority to the Special Executive Committee for the purposes and period over which the loan agreement remains in force.

The Special Executive Committee (SEC) comprises nominees appointed by both the ARU and the QRU. The SEC is, as at the date of this report, represented by:

Mr J O'Neill AO (Chairman) (ARU)      Mr R J McCall (QRU)

Mr J Carmichael (QRU) Mr M Carroll AM (ARU)

Mr R McGruther OBE (ARU)      Mr A Selwood (ARU)

## LIKELY DEVELOPMENT AND RESULTS

Likely developments in the operations of the company and the expected results of those operations (such as the redevelopment and the future of Ballymore), have not been included in this report as the Directors believe, on reasonable grounds, that the inclusion of such information would be likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the Company.

## AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 is set out on page 8.

## MEETING OF DIRECTORS

During the financial year, 12 formal meetings of the Board of Directors of the Queensland Rugby Union Ltd were held. The number of meetings attended by each Director during the year is as follows:

|                                       | Number eligible to attend | Number attended |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Mr R.J. McCall                        | 12                        | 12              |
| Mr J Carmichael                       | 12                        | 12              |
| Mr S.P. Hardman                       | 12                        | 6               |
| Mr R.S. Williams                      | 12                        | 10              |
| Mr M.N. Arnett                        | 9                         | 8               |
| Mr C.G. White                         | 9                         | 9               |
| Mr T.J. Brailsford                    | 9                         | 8               |
| Mr P.B. McNicholl                     | 9                         | 8               |
| Mr M.C. Thompson                      | 9                         | 9               |
| Mr W Colwell (resigned 06/02/2010)    | 1                         | 0               |
| Mr M Glover (resigned 17/04/2010)     | 3                         | 2               |
| Mr C.O Harkness (resigned 17/04/2010) | 3                         | 3               |
| Mr S.M. Wilson (resigned 17/04/2010)  | 3                         | 3               |
| Mr D.L. Carroll (resigned 17/04/2010) | 3                         | 3               |

During the financial year a number of meetings were also held of the Special Executive Committee (SEC). The number of meetings attended by each SEC representative is as follows:

|                    | Number eligible to attend | Number attended |
|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Mr R.J. McCall     | 15                        | 14              |
| Mr J Carmichael    | 15                        | 14              |
| Mr J. O'Neill AO   | 15                        | 13              |
| Mr R McGruther OBE | 15                        | 13              |
| Mr A. Selwood      | 14                        | 14              |
| Mr M Carroll AM    | 1                         | 1               |
| Mr P Friend        | 1                         | 1               |

## **BALLYMORE COMMITTEE**

During the year a sub-committee of the Board, the Ballymore Committee, was established to investigate the options around the current functioning and forward use of Ballymore. Some of the Directors of the QRU were appointed to the Committee along with representatives of the ARU. Mr McCall was appointed the Chair of the Ballymore Committee. The number of meetings attended by each Ballymore Committee representative is as follows:

|                            | Number eligible to attend | Number attended |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Mr J Carmichael            | 4                         | 4               |
| Mr R. J. McCall (Chairman) | 4                         | 4               |
| Mr M C Thompson            | 4                         | 4               |
| Mr R. S Williams           | 3                         | 4               |
| Mr R McGruther             | 4                         | 4               |
| Mr M Carroll               | 1                         | 1               |

## **AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE**

The QRU Board also formed a further sub-committee, the Audit and Risk Committee, during the 2010 financial year. Mr P McNicholl was appointed the Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee (ARC). A charter was developed for the ARC and approved by the Board. The number of meetings attended by each ARC representative is as follows:

|                           | Number eligible to attend | Number attended |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Mr P McNicholl (Chairman) | 1                         | 1               |
| Mr M Arnett               | 1                         | 1               |
| Mr T Brailsford           | 1                         | 1               |

Mr Selwood was appointed to the ARC on 4 November 2010.

## **OPERATING RESULTS**

The company's loss for the financial year after income tax was a loss of (\$1,091,780) which compares to a 2009 loss of (\$3,142,248). The Company's loss includes a depreciation charge of \$655,979 (2009 - \$855,111).

## **DIVIDENDS**

The Company is a Company limited by guarantee and is prohibited under its Constitution, to declare dividends.

## **REVIEW OF OPERATIONS**

Details of the Commercial, Community Rugby, and Professional Rugby and Corporate activities of the Company for the year have been outlined under those operational headings in the previous pages of the annual report.

## **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN STATE OF AFFAIRS**

During the year the Company entered into a Loan Agreement with the Australian Rugby Union Limited. This loan is for a total of \$3,000,000 and is repayable over four years in annual instalments payable in October each year. The loan attracts a commercial interest rate and was drawn to the level of \$2,000,000 at the end of the financial year.

Other than the loan agreement and other related document entered into with the Australian Rugby Union Limited as noted above, there are no significant changes in the Company's state of affairs occurred during the year.

During the 2010 financial year the Directors of the QRU resolved the only subsidiary of the Queensland Rugby Union Ltd, Reds Rugby College Pty Ltd (ACN 082 128 318), be voluntarily deregistered. The subsidiary was incorporated in 1998 and has not actively traded since incorporation solely acting as Trustee for the Reds Rugby College Trust. The Reds Rugby College Trust was vested during the 2010 financial year.

## **MATTERS SUBSEQUENT TO THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR**

There are no matters or circumstances which have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Company in subsequent financial years.

## **OFFICERS AND AUDITORS INDEMNIFICATION**

The Company has not, during or since the financial year, in respect of any person who is, or has been, an officer or auditor of the Company or of a related body corporate:

- indemnified or made any relevant agreement for indemnifying against a liability incurred as an officer or auditor, including costs and expenses in successfully defending legal proceedings; or
- paid or agreed to pay a premium in respect of a contract insuring against a liability incurred as an officer or auditor for the costs or expenses to defend legal proceedings;

with the exception of the following:

- During or since the financial year the Company has paid premiums to insure each of the Directors and the Company secretary against liabilities for costs and expenses incurred by them in defending any legal proceedings arising out of their conduct while acting in the capacity of director or Company secretary of the Company, other than conduct involving a wilful breach of duty in relation to the Company. Further details are prohibited by a confidentiality clause.
- The QRU has entered into Deeds of Indemnity, Insurance and Access with all members of the Special Executive Committee as well as the Company Secretary.

## **PROCEEDINGS ON BEHALF OF THE COMPANY**

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No person has applied for leave of court to bring proceedings on behalf of the Company or intervene in any proceedings to which the Company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the Company for all or any part of these proceedings.

The Company was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors made pursuant to Section 298(2) of the Corporations Act 2001 on behalf of the Directors.

R.J. McCall  
Chairman

J. Carmichael  
Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer

Dated in Brisbane this            day of March 2011





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## **DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BY DAMIAN WRIGHT TO THE DIRECTORS OF QUEENSLAND RUGBY UNION LTD**

As lead auditor of Queensland Rugby Union Ltd for the year ended 31 December 2010, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

- i) the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- ii) any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

### **DAMIAN WRIGHT**

Director

**BDO**

Brisbane: 10 March 2011

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

|   | Note | Year Ended<br>31 December 2010<br>\$ | Year Ended<br>31 December 2009<br>\$ |
|---|------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Revenue   | 2    | 18,654,710                           | 16,990,617                           |
| Major Projects Income                           | 2    | 907,470                              | 248,632                              |
| Employee and Player costs                       |      | (10,283,278)                         | (10,023,658)                         |
| Depreciation & Amortisation expense             | 3(a) | (655,979)                            | (855,111)                            |
| Major Projects expenses                         | 3(b) | (111,186)                            | (1,204,703)                          |
| Match day operational expense                   |      | (2,049,287)                          | (902,552)                            |
| Borrowing Cost expense                          |      | (273,479)                            | (190,648)                            |
| Other expenses                                  | 3(c) | (7,280,751)                          | (7,204,825)                          |
| (Loss) before income tax                        |      | (1,091,780)                          | (3,142,248)                          |
| Income tax expense                              | 1(d) | -                                    | -                                    |
| (Loss) for the year attributable to the members |      | (1,091,780)                          | (3,142,248)                          |
| Other comprehensive income                      |      | -                                    | -                                    |
| Total comprehensive income                      |      | (1,091,780)                          | (3,142,248)                          |

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2010

|                                      | Note | Year Ended<br>31 December 2010<br>\$ | Year Ended<br>31 December 2009<br>\$ |
|--------------------------------------|------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                |      |                                      |                                      |
| Cash and cash equivalents            |      | 76,820                               | 39,059                               |
| Trade and other receivables          | 5    | 1,475,873                            | 598,140                              |
| Inventories                          | 4    | 3,323                                | 19,028                               |
| Other current assets                 | 6    | 441,195                              | 792,081                              |
| <b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>          |      | <b>1,997,211</b>                     | <b>1,448,308</b>                     |
| <b>NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>            |      |                                      |                                      |
| Property Plant & Equipment           | 7    | 25,342,581                           | 25,932,941                           |
| Receivables                          | 5    | 42,858                               | 57,143                               |
| <b>TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>      |      | <b>25,385,439</b>                    | <b>25,990,084</b>                    |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                  |      | <b>27,382,650</b>                    | <b>27,438,392</b>                    |
| <b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>           |      |                                      |                                      |
| Trade and other payables             | 8    | 1,946,590                            | 3,043,858                            |
| Interest-bearing liabilities         | 10   | 2,930,811                            | 2,612,266                            |
| Provisions                           | 11   | 67,431                               | -                                    |
| Deferred revenue                     | 9    | 3,209,713                            | 2,811,564                            |
| <b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>     |      | <b>8,154,545</b>                     | <b>8,467,688</b>                     |
| <b>NON CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>       |      |                                      |                                      |
| Trade and other payables             | 8    | 15,000                               | 40,000                               |
| Interest-bearing liabilities         | 10   | 1,500,000                            | -                                    |
| Provisions                           | 11   | 66,516                               | 142,930                              |
| Deferred revenue                     | 9    | 543,455                              | 592,860                              |
| <b>TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES</b> |      | <b>2,124,971</b>                     | <b>775,790</b>                       |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>             |      | <b>10,279,516</b>                    | <b>9,243,478</b>                     |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                    |      | <b>17,103,134</b>                    | <b>18,194,914</b>                    |
| <b>MEMBERS EQUITY</b>                |      |                                      |                                      |
| Retained Earnings                    |      | 9,103,134                            | 10,194,914                           |
| Revaluation Surplus                  |      | 8,000,000                            | 8,000,000                            |
| <b>TOTAL MEMBERS' EQUITY</b>         |      | <b>17,103,134</b>                    | <b>18,194,914</b>                    |

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Capital, leasing and contractual commitments | 13, 14 |
| Contingent liabilities                       | 18     |
| Members Liability                            | 12     |

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

|                                  | <b>Retained Earnings<br/>\$</b> | <b>Revaluation<br/>Surplus<br/>\$</b> | <b>Total<br/>Equity<br/>\$</b> |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Balance as at 1. 1.09            | 13,337,162                      | 8,000,000                             | 21,337,162                     |
| Net loss attributable to Members | (3,142,248)                     | -                                     | (3,142,248)                    |
| Balance at 31.12.09              | 10,194,914                      | 8,000,000                             | 18,194,914                     |
| Balance as at 1. 1.10            | 10,194,914                      | 8,000,000                             | 18,194,914                     |
| Net loss attributable to Members | (1,091,780)                     | -                                     | (1,091,780)                    |
| Balance at 31.12.10              | 9,103,134                       | 8,000,000                             | 17,103,134                     |

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

|  | Note | Year Ended<br>31 December 2010<br>\$ | Year Ended<br>31 December 2009<br>\$ |
|--|------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>        |      |                                      |                                      |
| Receipts from patrons, sponsors etc                |      | 19,468,183                           | 16,798,232                           |
| Interest received                                  |      | 19,189                               | 3,818                                |
| Grants from Government Bodies                      |      | -                                    | 407,276                              |
| Payments to suppliers, wages etc                   |      | (20,912,115)                         | (17,621,651)                         |
| Interest paid & other financial costs              |      | (273,479)                            | (190,648)                            |
| Net cash (outflow) from operating activities       | (b)  | (1,698,222)                          | (602,973)                            |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>        |      |                                      |                                      |
| Proceeds from sale of property plant & equipment   |      | 400                                  | -                                    |
| Payments for property, plant & equipment           |      | (65,619)                             | (88,120)                             |
| Payments for Preliminary Project Costs (Ballymore) |      | -                                    | (306,520)                            |
| Net loans to members                               |      | (36,584)                             | -                                    |
| Net cash (outflow) from investing activities       |      | (101,803)                            | (394,640)                            |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>        |      |                                      |                                      |
| Net proceeds from /(repayments of) Line of Credit  |      | (154,978)                            | 1,250,205                            |
| Proceeds from ARU Loan Facility                    |      | 2,000,000                            | -                                    |
| Proceeds from other loans from ARU                 |      | 25,000                               | -                                    |
| Payment of finance lease liabilities               |      | (26,477)                             | (11,973)                             |
| Net cash inflow from financing activities          |      | 1,843,545                            | 1,238,232                            |
| Net increase in cash held                          |      | 43,520                               | 240,619                              |
| Cash at beginning of the financial year            |      | 277,198                              | 36,579                               |
| Cash at end of the financial year                  | (a)  | 320,718                              | 277,198                              |

### NOTE (A)

For the purposes of Statement of Cash Flows Cash Comprises:-

|                      |                |                |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| - Cash On Hand       | 3,500          | 3,540          |
| - Cash At Bank       | 73,320         | 35,520         |
| - Frozen Cash Assets | 243,898        | 238,138        |
|                      | <b>320,718</b> | <b>277,198</b> |

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)**  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

|   | Year Ended<br>31 December 2010<br>\$ | Year Ended<br>31 December 2009<br>\$ |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>NOTE (A)</b>   |                                      |                                      |
| Reconciliation of Cash Flow provided by Operating Activities to Loss from ordinary activities |                                      |                                      |
| Net Cash (used)/provided by operating activities  | (1,698,222)                          | (602,973)                            |
| Non cash flows in Loss from ordinary activities   |                                      |                                      |
| - Depreciation  | (646,266)                            | (668,915)                            |
| - Amortisation  | (9,712)                              | (186,196)                            |
| - Gain/(Loss) on Disposal of Assets   | 400                                  | (1,180,151)                          |
| Changes in assets and liabilities   |                                      |                                      |
| - Increase/(Decrease) in receivables  | 829,865                              | (277,511)                            |
| - Increase /(Decrease) in prepayments   | (356,647)                            | (160,500)                            |
| - Increase/(Decrease) in inventories  | (15,705)                             | 19,028                               |
| - (Increase)/Decrease in provisions   | 51,445                               | 23,334                               |
| - (Increase)/Decrease in payables   | 753,062                              | (108,364)                            |
| <b>Loss from ordinary activities for the year</b>   | <b>(1,091,780)</b>                   | <b>(3,142,248)</b>                   |

**FINANCING FACILITIES**

1) There was no permanent overdraft facility in place as at 31 December 2010.

2) Loan facility – Australian Rugby Union Limited

|               |                  |          |
|---------------|------------------|----------|
| Amount used   | 2,000,000        | -        |
| Amount unused | 1,000,000        | -        |
|               | <b>3,000,000</b> | <b>-</b> |

3) Loan facility - Commercial Facilities secured (note 9)

|               |                  |                  |
|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| Amount used   | 2,430,811        | 2,585,789        |
| Amount unused | 169,189          | 14,211           |
|               | <b>2,600,000</b> | <b>2,600,000</b> |

Note: The Commercial Financing facility is due for renewal in April 2011.  
The ARU Loan Agreement is for a period of four years commencing 1 October 2010.

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

### NOTE 1 – STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the Corporations Act 2001.

The financial statements also comply with International Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

The financial report covers the entity, Queensland Rugby Union Ltd as an individual entity. Queensland Rugby Union Ltd is a Company limited by guarantee, incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the Company in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

#### (a) Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which contemplates the continuity of normal business activities and the realisation of assets and discharge of liabilities in the ordinary course of business.

At 31 December 2010 the statement of financial position shows there is a deficiency of net current assets of \$6,157,334 (2009 - \$7,019,380). In addition the Company reported an operating loss for the period of \$1,091,780 (2009 - \$3,142,248) and net cash outflow from operating activities of \$1,698,222 (2009 - \$602,973).

The Directors have reviewed profit and loss forecasts, cash flow forecasts and related assumptions which indicate the QRU has the ability to pay its debts as and when they fall due. Notwithstanding the above financial position,

the Directors have therefore prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis. In addition, the QRU also has access to an additional \$1 million not drawn in funding under the Facility Agreement entered into between the QRU and the Australian Rugby Union Limited. The Directors believe that with improved profitability forecast in 2011 and access to the balance of approved funding available from Australian Rugby Union Limited, the QRU will be able to generate positive operating cash flows and be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

In the event that these forecasts are significantly underachieved, there exists a material uncertainty as to the ability of the Company to continue as a going concern and therefore to realise its assets and discharge its liabilities in the ordinary course of business.

#### (b) Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

### LAND

Land is measured at revalued deemed cost based on the fair value of the land granted to the Company by the Queensland Government, being the amount for which an asset could be exchanged between knowledgeable willing parties in an arm's length transaction. The land was first recognised in the financial statements in 2001 on the basis of a valuation prepared by independent valuers. The land was revalued on the same basis at 31 December 2007.

During the year a development application was lodged with the Brisbane City Council in relation to further development work at Ballymore. At the date of this report several appeals have been lodged against the development application.

A valuation has been undertaken on 22 December 2010 of the Land as part of the valuation of Ballymore and its improvements for purposes of assessing impairment to the value of the assets. Whilst the unimproved value of the land was updated by

Department of Environment and Resource Management in March 2008 to \$21,000,000, the unimproved value has been retained at \$18,000,000 for the purposes of the recent valuation.

It is important to the note the QRU has an interest in the land at Ballymore through a Deed of Grant in Trust (DOGIT) issued by the State Government. There are associated restrictions over the transfer and commercial use of the property.

## **BUILDINGS**

Buildings are measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses.

The carrying amount of buildings is reviewed annually by Directors to ensure that it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from the buildings. The recoverable amount of the buildings is the higher of the buildings fair value less costs to sell or value in use. In relation to the Ballymore Buildings and Stadium, value in use is determined by reference to depreciated replacement cost. This value has been determined by reference to an independent assessment of the deemed replacement cost of land and buildings at Ballymore.

A valuation has been undertaken for the year ended 31 December 2010 of Ballymore and its improvements for purposes of assessing impairment to the value of the assets. No impairment of the asset has been identified and hence the asset continues to be recorded at cost less accumulated depreciation.

## **PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by Directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows which will be received from the assets employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have not been discounted to their present value in determining recoverable amounts.

## **PRELIMINARY PROJECT COSTS (BALLYMORE)**

Professional fees and other costs incurred associated with planning the Ballymore redevelopment were written off in 2009 financial year (refer note 3b). Further expenditure related to the Ballymore Redevelopment has been incurred in 2010 to the amount of \$111,186.

During the course of 2010, the State Government has advised that the majority of the Ballymore Redevelopment Expenditure, for which a grant of \$1,400,000 was received, has been acquitted. Accordingly, a reduction to the sundry creditor owing to the Government in the amount of \$907,470 was recorded as income in the 2010 Financial Year. Further monies of \$243,898 are still to be acquitted and are retained in other payables as at 31 December 2010.

## **DEPRECIATION**

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including buildings and capitalised lease assets, but excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight line basis over their useful lives to the Company commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets in the current and previous financial years are:

| Class of Fixed Asset       | Depreciation Rate |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Buildings and Improvements | 2.5 - 10%         |
| Plant and Equipment        | 17 - 33.3%        |

Depreciation rates in relation to the above classes of fixed assets are regularly reviewed by Directors.

## **(c) Inventories**

Inventories are valued at the lower of purchase cost and net realisable value.

**(d) Income Tax**

The Company is exempt from income tax pursuant to the Income Tax Assessment Act.

**(e) Contra Sponsorships**

The Company is in receipt of sponsorships in the form of contras for travel, playing gear, advertising, car leasing etc. These contras have been recognised in the financial statements as both income and expenditure unless the contra has not been fully realised or expended.

**(f) Leases**

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the Lessor, are expensed in the periods in which they are incurred. This basis reflects the pattern of benefits derived from the use of the leased assets. Lease payments for finance leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the Lessee, are expensed in the periods in which they are incurred. This basis reflects the pattern of benefits derived from the use of the leased assets.

**(g) Deferred Income**

The Company has sold certain grandstand seats and sponsorships over time periods exceeding one year. The income therefrom is brought to account over the respective time periods on a pro rata yearly basis. The unexpired portion has been disclosed as a current or non current liability.

The Company received a grant from the State Government in the 2009 financial year which relates to the building of specific facilities under the agreement. The Company deferred the income in 2009 until the monies were fully acquitted against the purpose of the grant. The monies have been largely acquitted in 2010 and \$907,470 of the deferred income recognised at 31 December 2009 has been recognised as income in the 2010 financial year.

**(h) Employee Benefit Provisions**

**Wages and Salaries, Annual Leave and Sick Leave**

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits, annual leave and

accumulating sick leave expected to be settled within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are recognised in other payables in respect of employees' services rendered up to the end of the reporting period and are measured at amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. Liabilities for non-accumulating sick leave are recognised when leave is taken and measured at the actual rates paid or payable.

**Long Service Leave**

Liabilities for long service leave are recognised as part of the provision for employee benefits and measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees to the end of the reporting period using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future salaries and wages levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using national government bond rates at the end of the reporting period with terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

**Retirement Benefit Obligations**

Contributions are made by the entity to employee superannuation funds and are charged as expenses when incurred.

**(i) Revenue**

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised upon delivery of goods to customers.

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rate applicable to the financial assets.

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customers.

Rental income is accounted for on a straight line basis over the term of the lease. Contingent rentals are recognised as income in the periods when they are earned.

Grants from government are recognised at their fair value where there is reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and the QRU will comply with all the attached conditions. Government grants relating to costs are deferred and recognised in profit or loss over the period necessary to match them with the costs that they are intended to compensate.



**(j) Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of expense. Receivables and payables in the Statement of Financial Position are shown inclusive of GST.

**(k) Interest Bearing Liabilities**

All loans and borrowings are initially recognised at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred. Borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Any difference between the proceeds (net of transactions costs) and the redemption amount is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income over the period of the loans and borrowings using the effective interest method.

**(l) Trade receivables**

Trade receivables are recognised at original invoice amounts less an allowance for uncollectible amounts and have repayment terms between 30 and 90 days. Collectibility of trade receivables is assessed on an ongoing basis. Debts which are known to be uncollectible are written off. An allowance is made for doubtful debts where there is objective evidence that the QRU will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms. Objective evidence of impairment includes financial difficulties of the debtor, default payments or debts more than 90 days overdue. On confirmation that the trade receivable will not be collectible the gross carrying value of the asset is written off against the associated provision.

**(m) Trade payables**

Trade and other payables represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the QRU prior to the year end and which are unpaid. These amounts are unsecured and have 30-60 day payment terms.

**(n) Impairment of Assets**

At the end of each reporting period the QRU assesses whether there is any indication

that individual assets are impaired. Where impairment indicators exist, recoverable amount is determined and impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss where the asset's carrying value exceeds its recoverable amount. Recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For the purpose of assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset.

**(o) Change in Accounting Policy - Prepayments**

In prior years, expenditure incurred in producing advertising and marketing materials and printing of advertising and promotional brochures and other expenditure pertaining to the next calendar year's Rugby season have been recorded as prepayments in the Statement of Financial Position of the QRU and not recorded as an expense at the time incurred. The amount of this type of expenditure recorded as a prepayment in the 2009 Statement of Financial Position was \$193,475.

AASB 137 - Intangible Assets, requires expenditure for which the entity has the right to access the goods or services to be expensed rather than carried as a prepayment in the Statement of Financial Position. During the course of the 2010 financial year, the QRU has recorded the prepaid expenditure in respect of the 2010 year as an expense together with expenditure which has been incurred to the year ended 31 December 2010 in respect of the 2011 Super Rugby season as an expense in the 2010 Statement of Financial Performance.

In future years expenditure incurred in relation to these types of activities will be expensed in the period in which they are incurred and not recorded as a prepayment.

**(p) Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements**

The Directors evaluate estimates and judgements incorporated into the financial statements based on historical knowledge and best available current information.

**Key Estimates**

Impairment – details of the accounting policy relating to the impairment of assets are are

disclosed in Note 1(n). Specific notes relating to the impairment assessment of the land at Ballymore are disclosed in Note 1(b).

## Key Judgements

Provision for doubtful debts – details of the policy relating to the provision for doubtful debts are disclosed in Note 1(l).

## NOTE 2 – REVENUE

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|   | Year Ended<br>31 December 2010<br>\$ | Year Ended<br>31 December 2009<br>\$ |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Operating activities                              |                                      |                                      |
| - grants/sponsorship received                     | 12,428,708                           | 11,779,690                           |
| - gate takings (net)                              | 3,776,092                            | 2,485,873                            |
| - corporate facilities                            | 935,869                              | 1,206,210                            |
| - food and beverage royalties                     | 396,813                              | 311,205                              |
| - merchandising and royalties                     | 37,732                               | 34,355                               |
| - merchandise sales                               | 27,087                               | 220,818                              |
| - infrastructure grant                            | -                                    | 197,280                              |
| - other revenue                                   | 592,179                              | 372,885                              |
|   | 18,194,480                           | 16,608,316                           |
| Non-operating activities                          |                                      |                                      |
| - car parking income                              | 42,561                               | 29,047                               |
| - rent received                                   | 271,768                              | 168,760                              |
| - interest received                               | 19,189                               | 3,818                                |
| - course fees                                     | 126,312                              | 180,676                              |
| - profit on sale of property, plant and equipment | 400                                  | -                                    |
|   | 460,230                              | 382,301                              |
| Revenue   | <b>18,654,710</b>                    | <b>16,990,617</b>                    |
| Major projects income                             | 907,470                              | 248,632                              |
| <b>Total revenue</b>                              | <b>19,562,180</b>                    | <b>17,239,249</b>                    |

### NOTE 3 – PROFIT FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

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|  | Year Ended<br>31 December 2010<br>\$ | Year Ended<br>31 December 2009<br>\$ |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|

Profit from ordinary activities before income tax has been determined after:

#### (a) Expenses:

Interest paid or payable to:

|                 |         |         |
|-----------------|---------|---------|
| - other persons | 273,479 | 190,648 |
|-----------------|---------|---------|

Depreciation of non-current assets:

|                             |         |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Buildings & improvements    | 508,807 | 508,645 |
| Plant & equipment           | 137,460 | 145,704 |
| Leased assets               | 9,712   | 14,567  |
| Amortisation of intangibles | -       | 186,195 |
|                             | 655,979 | 855,111 |

|  |         |         |
|--|---------|---------|
| Bad and doubtful debts   | 86,446  | 386,542 |
| Remuneration of the auditors for the audit of financial statements | 41,667  | 40,000  |
| Rental expense on operating leases                                 | 265,017 | 280,555 |
| (Profit) / loss on sale of property, plant and equipment           | (400)   | -       |

#### (b) Significant Revenues and Expenses

The following significant revenue and expense items are relevant in explaining the financial performance:

|                                      |           |           |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Major Project Grant Monies Acquitted | (907,470) | (248,632) |
| Major Projects Expenses              | 111,186   | 1,204,703 |

#### (c) Other Expenses (Note (i))

|  |           |           |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Sponsorship Servicing                    | 293,004   | 276,130   |
| Premier Rugby Grant Funding and Expenses | 711,887   | 840,458   |
| Ballymore Expenditure                    | 976,039   | 655,831   |
| Promotions and Advertising               | 893,498   | 643,755   |
| Country Rugby Grant Funding and Expenses | 538,488   | 579,306   |
| Reds Team Expenses                       | 764,576   | 527,445   |
| Grants to Other Affiliates               | 305,192   | 298,231   |
| Doubtful Debts                           | 86,446    | 386,542   |
| Other Expenses                           | 2,711,621 | 2,997,127 |
|  | 7,280,751 | 7,204,825 |

Note (i) – A change in the chart of accounts in 2010 has resulted in some changes to the allocation of expense accounts to sub-categories of Other Expenses. No adjustments have been made to the 2009 comparative classifications.

## NOTE 4 – INVENTORIES

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|                   | Year Ended<br>31 December 2010<br>\$ | Year Ended<br>31 December 2009<br>\$ |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| CURRENT           |                                      |                                      |
| Merchandise Stock | 3,323                                | 19,028                               |
|                   | 3,323                                | 19,028                               |

## NOTE 5 – TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

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|                                   | Year Ended<br>31 December 2010<br>\$ | Year Ended<br>31 December 2009<br>\$ |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| CURRENT                           |                                      |                                      |
| Trade Receivables                 | 1,213,405                            | 533,857                              |
| Less Provision for Doubtful Debts | (254,669)                            | (386,542)                            |
|                                   | 958,736                              | 147,315                              |
| Other Receivables                 | 326,982                              | 311,539                              |
| Loans to Members                  | 190,155                              | 139,286                              |
|                                   | 1,475,873                            | 598,140                              |
| NON CURRENT                       |                                      |                                      |
| Loans to Members                  | 42,858                               | 57,143                               |
|                                   | 42,858                               | 57,143                               |

### Age analysis of trade receivables that are past due but not impaired at the reporting date

|                       | 2010        |                          |                                 | 2009        |                          |                                 |
|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
|                       | Total<br>\$ | Amount<br>Impaired<br>\$ | Amount<br>Not<br>Impaired<br>\$ | Total<br>\$ | Amount<br>Impaired<br>\$ | Amount<br>Not<br>Impaired<br>\$ |
| Not past due          | 567,985     | -                        | 567,985                         | 60,651      | -                        | 60,651                          |
| Past due [30] days    | 157,437     | -                        | 157,437                         | 37,976      | -                        | 37,976                          |
| Past due [30-60] days | 198,456     | -                        | 198,456                         | 16,079      | -                        | 16,079                          |
| Past due [>60] days   | 289,527     | 254,669                  | 34,858                          | 419,151     | 386,542                  | 32,609                          |
| <b>Total</b>          | 1,213,405   | 254,669                  | 958,736                         | 533,857     | 386,542                  | 147,315                         |

As at 31 December 2010, the Company had current trade receivables of \$254,669 (2009 \$386,542) that were impaired. The amount relates to customers who we are currently pursuing in order to recover the amounts owing.

### Analysis of Allowance Account

|   | Year Ended<br>31 December 2010<br>\$ | Year Ended<br>31 December 2009<br>\$ |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Opening Balance                         | 386,542                              | 369,885                              |
| Provisions for doubtful receivables     | 54,669                               | 386,542                              |
| Receivables written off during the year | (186,542)                            | (369,885)                            |
| Closing Balance                         | 254,669                              | 386,542                              |

## NOTE 6 – CURRENT OTHER ASSETS

|                    | Year Ended<br>31 December 2010<br>\$ | Year Ended<br>31 December 2009<br>\$ |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| CURRENT            |                                      |                                      |
| Prepayments        | 197,297                              | 553,943                              |
| Frozen Cash Assets | 243,898                              | 238,138                              |
|                    | 441,195                              | 792,081                              |

## NOTE 7 - PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

|  | Year Ended<br>31 December 2010<br>\$ | Year Ended<br>31 December 2009<br>\$ |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Land at independent valuation              | 18,000,000                           | 18,000,000                           |
|  | 18,000,000                           | 18,000,000                           |
| Buildings & improvements - at cost         | 26,118,301                           | 26,118,301                           |
| Accumulated Depreciation                   | (11,093,385)                         | (10,584,578)                         |
| Recoverable Amount Write Down              | (7,851,929)                          | (7,851,929)                          |
|  | 7,172,987                            | 7,681,794                            |
| Plant & Equipment - at cost                | 687,911                              | 587,724                              |
| Accumulated Depreciation                   | (518,317)                            | (353,500)                            |
|  | 169,594                              | 234,224                              |
| Leased Assets - at cost                    | -                                    | 58,270                               |
| Accumulated Amortisation                   | -                                    | (41,347)                             |
|  | -                                    | 16,923                               |
| <b>Total Property, Plant and Equipment</b> | <b>25,342,581</b>                    | <b>25,932,941</b>                    |

An independent valuation of Land, Buildings and Improvements was undertaken as at 31 December 2007 by Mr Matthew Buckley, AAPI certified, Registered Valuer No. 1771, of FPD Savills. The revaluation was undertaken to enable Directors to assess the current value of Land, Buildings and Improvements as required by AASB1040. The revaluation revealed a current value for Land of \$18,000,000 and Buildings and Improvements of \$14,354,271. The revaluation of Land was taken up in the accounts to the Asset Revaluation reserve and the stadium buildings were written down by \$2,765,202 to reflect the valuation provided. The stadium buildings were written down by a further \$1,529,127 in 2008 as part of a Directors Revaluation, taking the recoverable written down amount to an accumulative \$7,851,929.

An independent valuation of Land, Buildings and Improvements was undertaken as at 31 December 2010 by Mr Matthew Buckley, AAPI certified, Registered Valuer No. 1771, of FPD Savills. The revaluation was undertaken to enable Directors to assess whether there was any impairment to the asset values as at 31 December 2010. No impairment was identified and assets are stated at their fair values.

## a) Movements in Carrying Amounts

Movement in carrying amounts for each class of Property, Plant and Equipment and Intangibles between the beginning and the end of the financial year are set out below.

|   | <b>Freehold<br/>Land<br/>\$</b> | <b>Buildings &amp;<br/>Improvements<br/>At Cost<br/>\$</b> | <b>Plant &amp;<br/>Equipment<br/>At Cost<br/>\$</b> | <b>Leased<br/>Assets At<br/>Cost<br/>\$</b> | <b>Total<br/>\$</b> |
|---|---------------------------------|--|---|---|---------------------|
| Carrying amount at start of year              | 18,000,000                      | 7,681,794  | 234,224   | 16,923                                      | 25,932,941          |
| Additions                                     | -                               | -  | 65,619  |   | 65,619              |
| Disposals                                     | -                               | -  | -   | -   | -                   |
| Transfers                                     | -                               | -  | 7,211   | (7,211)                                     | -                   |
| Depreciation/ Amortisation<br>charge for year | -                               | (508,807)  | (137,460)   | (9,712)                                     | (655,979)           |
| Carrying amount at end of year                | 18,000,000                      | 7,172,987  | 169,594   | -   | 25,342,581          |

## NOTE 8 – TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

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|  | <b>Year Ended<br/>31 December 2010<br/>\$</b> | <b>Year Ended<br/>31 December 2009<br/>\$</b> |
|--|---|---|
| <b>CURRENT</b>                                 |   |   |
| Trade payables                                 | 429,471                                       | 988,115                                       |
| Other payables (including redevelopment grant) | 1,351,095                                     | 1,964,687                                     |
| Other Loans from ARU                           | 70,000  | 20,000  |
| Annual leave entitlements                      | 96,024  | 71,056  |
|  | <b>1,946,590</b>                              | <b>3,043,858</b>                              |
| <b>NON-CURRENT</b>                             |   |   |
| Other Loans from ARU                           | 15,000  | 40,000  |
|  | <b>15,000</b>                                 | <b>40,000</b>                                 |

## NOTE 9 – DEFERRED REVENUE

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|                         | Year Ended<br>31 December 2010<br>\$ | Year Ended<br>31 December 2009<br>\$ |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| CURRENT                 |                                      |                                      |
| 2011 Sponsorship        | 830,479                              | 854,525                              |
| Season Tickets          | 1,577,490                            | 961,590                              |
| Red Pass - 30 years (a) | 49,405                               | 49,405                               |
| Other                   | 75,214                               | 536,817                              |
| Corporate Facilities    | 677,125                              | 409,227                              |
|                         | 3,209,713                            | 2,811,564                            |
| NON-CURRENT             |                                      |                                      |
| <b>2-5 years</b>        |                                      |                                      |
| Red Pass- 30 years (a)  | 197,620                              | 197,620                              |
| <b>After 5 years</b>    |                                      |                                      |
| Red Pass- 30 years (a)  | 345,835                              | 395,240                              |
|                         | 543,455                              | 592,860                              |
| TOTAL DEFERRED INCOME   | 3,753,168                            | 3,404,424                            |

### (a) Red Pass – 30 years

Red Pass Subscribers to seats in the Eastern Stand at Ballymore purchased these seats for a period of 30 years. The Red Pass deferred income disclosed as a current liability represents income which will accrue to the Company in 2011.

Red Pass deferred income disclosed as non current liability represents the income value that will accrue to the Company after 2011.

The accounting treatment for deferred income has been disclosed in Note 1(i).



## NOTE 10 – INTEREST BEARING LIABILITIES

|                           | Year Ended<br>31 December 2010<br>\$ | Year Ended<br>31 December 2009<br>\$ |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>CURRENT</b>            |                                      |                                      |
| Commercial Facilities (a) | 2,430,811                            | 2,585,789                            |
| ARU Loan Facility (b)     | 500,000                              | -                                    |
| Leased Assets             | -                                    | 26,477                               |
|                           | 2,930,811                            | 2,612,266                            |
| <b>NON-CURRENT</b>        |                                      |                                      |
| ARU Loan Facility (b)     | 1,500,000                            | -                                    |
|                           | 1,500,000                            | -                                    |

- (a) The Commercial Facility is secured, as a ranking first priority, over the property situated at 231 Butterfield Street, Herston including the land. This facility is reviewed annually in March. Interest is paid on a monthly basis, with repayments and drawdowns made dependent on cash received and cash paid throughout the year.
- (b) The ARU Loan Facility is to be secured, as a ranking second priority, over the property situated at 231 Butterfield Street, Herston including the land. The loan is for a term of four years commencing 1 October 2010 and has no redraw arrangements. Interest is paid on a monthly basis in arrears. Drawdowns are made dependent on cash availability during the year. A limit of \$3 million applies to the facility. Repayments, which are based on the amount drawdown, are required to be made in October of each year during the loan term. The loan facility is subject to conditions subsequent which include obtaining consent from the Commercial Facility Lender, the relevant Government Authority and the Members to the mortgage over the Ballymore property and the mortgage being duly executed,

The carrying amounts of assets pledged as security for current and non current interest bearing liabilities are as follows:.

|   | Year Ended<br>31 December 2010<br>\$ | Year Ended<br>31 December 2009<br>\$ |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>CURRENT</b>                          |                                      |                                      |
| <b>Floating Charge</b>                  |                                      |                                      |
| Cash & cash equivalents                 | 76,820                               | 39,059                               |
| Receivables                             | 1,442,957                            | 705,186                              |
| Total current assets pledged            | 1,519,777                            | 744,245                              |
| <b>NON-CURRENT</b>                      |                                      |                                      |
| <b>First and Second Mortgages</b>       |                                      |                                      |
| Freehold Land                           | 18,000,000                           | 18,000,000                           |
| Buildings                               | 7,172,987                            | 7,681,794                            |
| <b>Finance Leases</b>                   |                                      |                                      |
| Plant & Equipment                       | -                                    | 16,923                               |
| Total non current assets pledged        | 25,172,987                           | 25,698,717                           |
| <b>Total assets pledged as security</b> | 26,692,764                           | 26,442,962                           |

## NOTE 11 – PROVISIONS

|  | Year Ended<br>31 December 2010<br>\$ | Year Ended<br>31 December 2009<br>\$ |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| CURRENT                                    |                                      |                                      |
| Long service leave                         | 67,431                               | -                                    |
|  | 67,431                               | -                                    |
| NON-CURRENT                                |                                      |                                      |
| Long service leave                         | 66,516                               | 142,930                              |
|  | 66,516                               | 142,930                              |
| Number of employees at the end of the year |                                      |                                      |
| - Administrative and Coaching Staff        | 51                                   | 48                                   |
| - Players Super Rugby / Super 14           | 34                                   | 33                                   |
| - Players Academy                          | 12                                   | 16                                   |
|  | 97                                   | 97                                   |

### Long Service Leave

Long term employee benefits comprise amounts payable for long service leave which are not vested at balance date and the amount and timing of payments to be made when leave is taken is uncertain. Refer to accounting policy on Note 1 (h) for more details.

## NOTE 12 – MEMBERS' LIABILITY

The Company is a Company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. If the Company is wound-up the Constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$100 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the Company. At 31 December 2010 the number of members was 26 (2009-27)

## NOTE 13 - LEASE COMMITMENTS

|                                     | Year Ended<br>31 December 2010<br>\$ | Year Ended<br>31 December 2009<br>\$ |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Finance Lease – non-cancellable     |                                      |                                      |
| Within one year                     | -                                    | 26,963                               |
| Later than 5 years                  |                                      |                                      |
| Total future minimum lease payments | -                                    | 26,963                               |
| Total future finance charges        | -                                    | 486                                  |
| Lease liabilities                   | -                                    | 26,477                               |

### Lease liabilities are represented in the financial statements as follows:

|                   |   |        |
|-------------------|---|--------|
| Current (note 10) | - | 26,477 |
|                   | - | 26,477 |

### Operating Leases – non-cancellable

|  |         |         |
|--|---------|---------|
| Within one year                                | 164,141 | 105,551 |
| Later than one year but not later than 5 years | 228,940 | 325,451 |
| Later than 5 years                             | -       | -       |
| Total future minimum operating lease payments  | 393,081 | 431,002 |

#### **NOTE 14 - CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENTS**

As at 31 December 2010, the Company had entered into contractual obligations with certain players and support staff for the 2011 and subsequent seasons. This will result in payments as follows:

|   | <b>Year Ended<br/>31 December 2010<br/>\$</b> | <b>Year Ended<br/>31 December 2009<br/>\$</b> |
|---|---|---|
| Not later than one year                           | 5,589,325                                     | 5,344,919                                     |
| Later than one year but not later than five years | 2,622,500                                     | 2,567,500                                     |
|   | <b>8,211,825</b>                              | <b>7,912,419</b>                              |

Income to support these commitments is to be received from the Australian Rugby Union Limited as a grant.

The Queensland Rugby Union Ltd has signed a Collective Bargaining Agreement on 23 December 2004 together with the Australian Rugby Union Limited, the New South Wales Rugby Union Limited, the Australian Capital Territory Rugby Union Incorporated, Western Australian Rugby Union Inc and the Rugby Union Players Association Incorporated which provides amongst other things minimum remuneration requirements for contracted players. A new agreement is to be negotiated in 2011.

#### **NOTE 15 - SEGMENT REPORTING**

Queensland Rugby Union Ltd operates in one geographical segment, Queensland, and in the industry segment of the sport of Rugby Union.

#### **NOTE 16 - REMUNERATION OF AUDITORS**

|   | <b>Year Ended<br/>31 December 2010<br/>\$</b> | <b>Year Ended<br/>31 December 2009<br/>\$</b> |
|---|---|---|
| Amounts received, or due and receivable by the Auditors from the Company for: |   |   |
| Auditing the Financial Statements – current year                              | 41,667  | 40,000  |
| Other services – current year   | 990   | -   |
|   | <b>42,657</b>                                 | <b>40,000</b>                                 |

#### **NOTE 17 - KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL COMPENSATION**

Total Income paid or payable, or otherwise made available, to the four most senior executives of the Company.

|                         | <b>Short Term Benefits<br/>\$</b> | <b>Post Employment<br/>Benefits<br/>\$</b> | <b>Total Benefits<br/>\$</b> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| 2010 Total Compensation | 903,864                           | 33,844                                     | 937,708                      |
| 2009 Total Compensation | 827,900                           | 34,058                                     | 861,958                      |

#### **NOTE 18 - CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

The Company is currently in dispute with a former employee in respect of the cessation of the individual's employment. The Company is unable to disclose any further details of this ongoing matter as to do so may prejudice the Company's position.

There are no other contingent liabilities to be reported as at balance date.

## NOTE 19 – RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

### (a) During the year the following Directors held office:

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Mr R.J. McCall                            | Mr J Carmichael                          |
| Mr S.P. Hardman                           | Mr R.S. Williams                         |
| Mr M.N. Arnett (Appointed 17/04/2010)     | Mr C.G. White (Appointed 17/04/2010)     |
| Mr T.J. Brailsford (Appointed 17/04/2010) | Mr P.B. McNicholl (Appointed 17/04/2010) |
| Mr M.C. Thompson (Appointed 17/04/2010)   | W. M. Colwell (Resigned 06/02/2010)      |
| C.O. Harkness (Resigned 17/04/2010)       | M. Glover (Resigned 17/04/2010)          |
| P.J. Carroll (Resigned 17/04/2010)        | S.M. Wilson (Resigned 17/04/2010)        |

### (b) Director Related Entities

Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties unless otherwise stated.

- (1) During the 2010 Financial Year, Messrs, R.J. McCall, M.N. Arnett and R.S. Williams were the three Queensland Rugby Union Ltd delegates to the Australian Rugby Union Limited. The Australian Rugby Union Limited receives affiliation fees from the Company and distributes grants to the Company.
- (2) Director related parties paid the Company for sponsorships, match day hospitality and use of Queensland Rugby Union's facilities on the same terms offered to non-related parties. These amounted to \$17,508 (2009: \$45,873). The Director's involved were Messrs R.S. Williams and R.J. McCall.
- (3) During the 2010 Financial Year the Company made payments in the amount of \$243,911 to IPG for services (2009: \$133,242). IPG is a printing company owned by Director R.J. McCall. IPG have had a long standing supplier relationship with the Company and all transactions entered are under normal commercial terms. There have been no substantial changes in the value or terms of this agreement during the reporting period.

### (c) Associated Entities

- (1) Queensland Rugby Union Club Inc. is charged rent for their premises at Ballymore, \$38,447 (2009: \$19,494).
- (2) During the year the Company entered into a Loan Agreement with the Australian Rugby Union Limited. This loan is for a total of \$3,000,000 and is repayable over four years in annual instalments payable in October each year. The loan attracts a commercial interest rate and was drawn to the level of \$2,000,000 at the end of the financial year.
- (3) Australian Rugby Union Limited provided the Queensland Rugby Union Ltd with grants totalling \$6,346,604 (2009: \$6,346,600).
- (4) Queensland Junior Rugby Union Inc. is not charged rent.
- (5) Queensland Suburban Rugby Union Inc. is not charged rent.
- (6) Queensland Rugby Referees' Association (Brisbane) Inc is not charged rent.

## **NOTE 19 – RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Income to support the contractual obligations of players and support staff for the 2011 season comes from the participation in the Super Rugby Competition. Participation in this competition is governed by a Participation Agreement with the Australian Rugby Union with this agreement setting out rights and responsibilities for the Company.

In addition, the Queensland Rugby Union Ltd has entered into a loan facility agreement with the Australian Rugby Union Limited for financial support to enable the Queensland Rugby Union Ltd to continue as a going concern.

## **NOTE 21 – COMPANY DETAILS**

The Company's registered office and principal place of business is located at:

231 Butterfield Street  
Herston QLD 4006

## **NOTE 22 – FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

### **(a) General objectives, policies and processes**

Queensland Rugby Union Ltd is exposed to risks that arise from its use of financial instruments. This note describes the Company's objectives, policies and processes for managing those risks and the methods used to measure them. Further quantitative information in respect of these risks is presented throughout these financial statements.

There have been no substantive changes in the Company's exposure to financial instrument risks, its objectives, policies and processes for managing those risks or the methods used to measure them from previous periods unless otherwise stated in this note.

The principal financial instruments from which financial instrument risk arises are:

- Trade and other Receivables
- Cash at Bank
- Trade and other Payables
- Bank Line of Credit
- ARU Loan Facility

The Board of Queensland Rugby Union Ltd has overall responsibility for the determination of the Company's risk management objectives and policies and while retaining ultimate responsibility for them, it has delegated the authority for designing and operating processes that ensure the effective implementation of the objectives and policies to the Company's finance function. The Company's risk management policies and objectives are therefore designed to minimise the potential impacts of these risks on the results of the Company where such impacts may be material. The board receives monthly reports from the Finance Manager through which it reviews the effectiveness of the processes put in place and the appropriateness of the objectives and policies it sets

The overall objective of the Board is to set policies that seek to reduce risk as far as possible without unduly affecting the Company's competitiveness and flexibility. Further details regarding these policies are set out below:

## (b) Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that the other party to a financial instrument will fail to discharge their obligation resulting in the Company incurring a financial loss. This usually occurs when debtors or counterparties to derivative contracts fail to settle their obligations owing to Queensland Rugby Union Ltd.

There is no concentration of credit risk with respect to current and non current receivables. Company policy is that sales are only made to customers that are credit worthy. The maximum exposure to credit risk at balance date is as follows:

|                             | 2010<br>\$ | 2009<br>\$ |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents   | 76,820     | 39,059     |
| Trade and other receivables | 1,285,718  | 458,854    |
| Loans granted               | 233,012    | 196,429    |

The Company's most significant customer accounts for \$231,000 of trade receivables at 31 December 2010 (2009: \$201,346).

The Company considers that all receivables outstanding at 31 December 2010 that have not been provided against are fully recoverable and no further provision for bad debt is required.

## (c) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company may encounter difficulties raising funds to meet commitments associated with financial instruments, e.g. borrowing repayments. It is the policy of the Board of Directors to manage the liquidity risk of the Company.

### Financing arrangements

The following financing facilities were available at balance date:

|   | 2010<br>\$ | 2009<br>\$ |
|---|------------|------------|
| <b>Credit Stand-by arrangement</b>          |            |            |
| Total facilities: Bank line of credit       | 2,600,000  | 2,600,000  |
| Used at balance date: Bank line of credit   | 2,430,811  | 2,585,789  |
| Unused at balance date: Bank line of credit | 169,189    | 14,211     |
| <b>ARU Loan Facility</b>                    |            |            |
| Total facilities: Long term loan            | 3,000,000  | -          |
| Used at balance date: Long term loan        | 2,000,000  | -          |
| Unused at balance date: Long term loan      | 1,000,000  | -          |

The bank line of credit facilities may be drawn down at any time but are subject to an annual review. The ARU loan facility has a maximum facility of \$3 million with annual repayments required. No redraw facility exists under the loan agreement with the ARU.

| <b>Maturity Analysis 2010</b> | <b>Carrying Amount<br/>\$</b> | <b>&lt;6 mths<br/>\$</b> | <b>6 – 12 mths<br/>\$</b> | <b>1 – 4 years<br/>\$</b> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Financial Liabilities</b>  |                               |                          |                           |                           |
| Trade and other payables      | 1,780,566                     | 1,780,566                | -                         | -                         |
| Bank line of credit           | 2,430,811                     | -                        | -                         | 2,430,811                 |
| ARU loan facility             | 2,000,000                     | -                        | 500,000                   | 1,500,000                 |
| Finance lease liabilities     | -                             | -                        | -                         | -                         |
| ARU loan – other              | 85,000                        | 35,000                   | 35,000                    | 15,000                    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  | <b>6,296,377</b>              | <b>1,815,566</b>         | <b>535,000</b>            | <b>3,945,811</b>          |
| <b>Financial Assets</b>       |                               |                          |                           |                           |
| Trade and other receivables   | 1,285,718                     | 1,285,718                | -                         | -                         |
| Loans to members              | 233,013                       | 157,795                  | 32,360                    | 42,858                    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  | <b>1,518,731</b>              | <b>1,443,573</b>         | <b>32,360</b>             | <b>42,858</b>             |

| <b>Maturity Analysis 2009</b> | <b>Carrying Amount<br/>\$</b> | <b>&lt;6 mths<br/>\$</b> | <b>6 – 12 mths<br/>\$</b> | <b>1 – 4 years<br/>\$</b> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Financial Liabilities</b>  |                               |                          |                           |                           |
| Trade and other payables      | 2,952,802                     | 2,952,802                | -                         | -                         |
| Bank line of credit           | 2,585,789                     | -                        | -                         | 2,585,789                 |
| ARU loan facility             | -                             | -                        | -                         | -                         |
| Finance lease liabilities     | 26,477                        | 26,477                   | -                         | -                         |
| ARU loan – other              | 60,000                        | 10,000                   | 10,000                    | 40,000                    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  | <b>5,625,068</b>              | <b>2,989,279</b>         | <b>10,000</b>             | <b>2,625,789</b>          |
| <b>Financial Assets</b>       |                               |                          |                           |                           |
| Trade and other receivables   | 518,653                       | 518,653                  | -                         | -                         |
| Loans to members              | 196,429                       | 132,143                  | 7,143                     | 57,143                    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  | <b>715,082</b>                | <b>650,796</b>           | <b>7,143</b>              | <b>57,143</b>             |



(d) **Interest Rate Risk**

The exposure to interest rate risk, which is the risk that a financial instrument's value will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates and the effective weighted average interest rates on those financial assets and financial liabilities, is as follows

| 2010                                 | Floating rates | < 1 year  | 1 – 2 years | > 2 years | Non Interest bearing | Total     |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|
|                                      | \$             | \$        | \$          | \$        | \$                   | \$        |
| <b>Financial Assets</b>              |                |           |             |           |                      |           |
| Cash and cash equivalents            | 73,320         | 73,320    | -           | -         | 3,500                | 76,820    |
| Loans granted                        | -              | -         | -           | -         | 233,012              | 233,012   |
| Trade and other receivables (Note 5) | -              | -         | -           | -         | 1,285,718            | 1,285,718 |
| <b>Financial Liabilities</b>         |                |           |             |           |                      |           |
| Bank line of credit                  | 2,430,811      | 2,430,811 | -           | -         | -                    | 2,430,811 |
| ARU loan – other                     | -              | -         | -           | -         | 85,000               | 85,000    |
| Trade and other payables (Note 8)    | -              | -         | -           | -         | 1,780,566            | 1,780,566 |
| ARU Loan Facility                    | 2,000,000      | 500,000   | 500,000     | 1,000,000 | -                    | 2,000,000 |
| Weighted average interest rate       | 8.22%          |           |             |           |                      |           |

| 2009                                 | Floating rates | < 1 year  | 1 – 2 years | > 2 years | Non Interest bearing | Total     |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|
|                                      | \$             | \$        | \$          | \$        | \$                   | \$        |
| <b>Financial Assets</b>              |                |           |             |           |                      |           |
| Cash and cash equivalents            | 35,519         | 35,519    | -           | -         | 3,540                | 39,059    |
| Loans granted                        | -              | -         | -           | -         | 196,429              | 196,429   |
| Trade and other receivables (Note 5) | -              | -         | -           | -         | 458,853              | 458,853   |
| <b>Financial Liabilities</b>         |                |           |             |           |                      |           |
| Bank line of credit                  | 2,585,789      | 2,585,789 | -           | -         | -                    | 2,585,789 |
| ARU loan – other                     | 26,477         | 26,477    | -           | -         | -                    | 26,477    |
| Trade and other payables (Note 8)    | -              | -         | -           | -         | 60,000               | 60,000    |
| ARU Loan Facility                    | -              | -         | -           | -         | 2,952,802            | 2,952,802 |
| Weighted average interest rate       | 7.66%          |           |             |           |                      |           |

**Sensitivity Analysis**

| Sensitivity Analysis | + 1% Interest Rate |          |              | - 1% Interest Rate |              |
|----------------------|--------------------|----------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
|                      | Carrying Amount    | Profit   | Other Equity | Profit             | Other Equity |
| 2010                 |                    |          |              |                    |              |
| Cash at bank         | 73,320             | 733      | -            | (733)              | -            |
| ARU Loan Facility    | 2,000,000          | (20,000) | -            | 20,000             | -            |
| Bank line of credit  | 2,430,811          | (24,308) | -            | 24,308             | -            |
|                      |                    | (43,575) | -            | 43,575             | -            |
| 2009                 |                    |          |              |                    |              |
| Cash at bank         | 35,519             | 355      | -            | (355)              | -            |
| Bank line of credit  | 2,585,789          | (25,858) | -            | 25,858             | -            |
|                      |                    | (25,503) | -            | 25,503             | -            |

**DIRECTORS' DECLARATION**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

The Directors of the Company declare that:

1. the financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 9 to 35, are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001:
  - a) comply with Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
  - b) give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 31 December 2010 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the Company;
2. in the Directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

R.J. McCall  
ChairmanJ. Carmichael  
Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer

Dated in Brisbane this            day of March 2011



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of Queensland Rugby Union Ltd

### Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Queensland Rugby Union Ltd, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2010, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

#### Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In Note 1, the directors also state, in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*, that the financial statements comply with *International Financial Reporting Standards*.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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#### Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*. We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the directors of Queensland Rugby Union Ltd, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

#### Opinion

In our opinion:

- (a) the financial report of Queensland Rugby Union Ltd is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
  - (i) giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2010 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
  - (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*; and
- (b) the financial report also complies with *International Financial Reporting Standards* as disclosed in Note 1.

#### Emphasis of matter regarding going concern

Without qualification to the opinion expressed above attention is drawn to the following matter. As disclosed in Note 1(a) the company has net current liabilities of \$6,157,334 at 31 December 2010. In addition the company has incurred an operating loss of \$1,091,780 and net cash outflows from operating activities of \$1,698,222.

Notwithstanding this the company has prepared its accounts on a going concern basis as it has prepared profit and loss forecasts and cash flow forecasts which indicate the company's ability to pay its debts as and when they fall due. In addition, the company has a line of credit facility available to it and can draw another \$1million to meet short term obligations.

In the event that these forecasts are significantly underachieved, there would exist a material uncertainty as to the ability of the Queensland Rugby Union Limited to continue as a going concern and therefore to realise its assets and discharge its liabilities in the ordinary course of business.

BDO Audit (QLD) Pty Ltd

DAMIAN WRIGHT

Director

Brisbane: 14 March 2011

## **2010 HONOUR BOARD**

### **2010 Wallaby representatives**

Quade Cooper, Ben Daley, Rod Davies, Anthony Faingaa, Saia Faingaa, Will Genia, Scott Higginbotham, Van Humphries, Peter Hynes, Luke Morahan, Rob Simmons, James Slipper.

### **Queensland 2010 debuts:**

James Slipper, Jake Schatz, Ed Quirk, James Hanson, Will Chambers, Radike Samo, Lei Tomiki.

### **Australian Sevens**

Luke Morahan, Kimami Sitauti, Liam Gill, Ed Quirk, Dom Shipperley.

### **Australia U20:**

Liam Gill, Ed Quirk, Jake Schatz, Kimami Sitauti, Dom Shipperley, Luke Morahan, Aidan Toua, Jono Lance, Ian Prior, Paul Alo-Emile.

### **QRU Life Members:**

David Bedgood, Terence Betts, Norbert Byrne, Greg Core, Kevin Crowe OAM, Lyn Crowley, Terry Doyle, Alec Evans, Barrie Ffrench, Ross Harrison, Roger Herring, Don Jowett, Jim Lucey, Dick McGruther, Richard Marks, A J Muir, Andy Purcell, John Ryan, Alan Taylor, Fergus Wilson.



## QRU Perpetual Ground Members:

Richard Abbs, D Addis, William G, Allen Christian, Anderson, William Andrews, Eric Anning, Geoffrey Anning, Simon Armstrong, L & G Arnold, Russell Banham, John Barry, J Bartlett, Thomas Baxter, Greg Beaver, James Bell, David Bell-Allen, Diana Bendeich, Bruce Bentley, John Biggs, Robert Bligh, Brian Edward Bloxson. Christopher Blue, Anthony Blue, Alistair Boyd, J Boyle, Paul Braddy, Susan Bradley, P W Bray, John Breene, Ian Brett, W Brett, Bruce Brown, Barry Brown, Geoff Brown, N J Buckley, Jan Callanan, Ian Callinan, Ian Cameron, B R Carey, Brian Carlton-Smith, Peter Carroll, Luigi Casagrand, S E Clair, G J Clair, Jan Clark, Bettina Clark, Richard P Clarke, Ross Clarke, Peter Clarke, Jim Coleman, W Coman, Robert Conn, Peter Herbert Langley Connors, Des Cooke, Gwen Cooke, J J Costello, Trevor Cottey, Peter Cranstoun, Vincent Creagh, Jim Creagh, A Croker, James Croker, David Crombie, Timothy Crommelin, Christine Crook, Charles Crouch, Lyn Crowley, James Crowley, Anthony Cruice, B T Cullinan, Mick Cullinan, Peter Curtis, Ian Davies, J E Davies, Maldwyn Davies, Christopher Davies, G L Davies, Diana Deen, James A Delahunty, Romuald Denham, Dudley Dick, P H Dodson, Ken Donald, Roger Doneley, David Douglas, Jennifer Douglas, Lew Draper, Jack Duff, Barbara Duhig, Paul Duncombe, John Dunsdon, Richard Dunsdon, Ross Duus, Simon Dyer, William Earnshaw, Stewart Ebbott, Andrew L Ebbott, John Edgar, Owen Edwards, Rick Edwards, Richard Elliot, Charles Elliott, Richard L Elphinstone, R A C Evans, A S Ferguson, Randall Ferris, Peter Ffrench, P Finnimore, G Fitzgerald, Andrew Forster, David Francis, Donald Fraser, Hamish Fraser, Hugh Fraser, John Fraser, Mary Fraser, Ian Fraser, Peter French, John Frew, T Frisby, Janet Frith, Richard Fry, Michael Gallagher, John Gallagher, Peter Gamin, Andrew Garde, P Geraghty, L E Germon, G A Gibbons, Rodney Gibson, Joe Gibson, Anne Gibson, Robyn Gilmore, Mark Girle, Jim Goldberg, Martin Gorin, John Gorman, H Gowen, Sterling Grant, Michael Grant-Taylor, Brian Graves, W Greaves, R C S Green, Emma Greenwood, Stuart Gregory, Russell Gregory, David J Greig, L R Greville, Julius Guerassimoff, Adrian Guest, Barry Hall, Cedric Hampson QC, Ross Harrison, John Harrison, Michael Hayne, Clive Hildebrand, Philip Hintz, Robert Hodge, Garry Hogan, Dorothy Holmes, E G Holmes, Michael Holt, Harold Hope, Don Hosking, David Howard, Alan Hoy, James Hunter, Judy Huntress, Robert Ingham-Myers, Don James, John Jamieson, M G Jarvis, John Jekyll, Keith Jennings, Denis Johnson, Jack Johnstone, Andrew Johnstone, Lex Jolly, Eddie Kann, Ben Kehoe, Peter Kemp, Bruce Kennedy, Peter J Kenny, J Knowlman, M Kriewaldt, Meg Laidlaw, PJ Lanskey, Peter Lauder, KJ Lawrance, George Leader, Paul Lee, Eileen Leo, David L'Estrange, Anthony Alan, Jnr Leutenegger, Iain (Mig) Lewis, Leon L'Huillier, Margaret Lockyer, B B Loel, J Lynch, Michael Lynch, John T Lyons, Michael Lyons, Ben Macdonald, Angus Macdonald, Richard MacFarlane, James Maclean, Alistair Macleod, Alison Mactaggart, Trevor Manteit, A Marr, Peter Marshall, Ian Marshall, Malcolm Marshall, Margaret Marshall, Therese Mason, Robert Mathers,

Len McAfee, Ann F McAfee, Bernadette McCormack, Cameron McCracken, Stephen McCready, Ian McFadden, Robin McLeod, Daniel McLoughlin, Mervyn McNee, L G McNicholl, T McSweeney, Denis Meadows, Jo Medhurst, Dennis Mee, Ellen Meldrum, Rob Melloy, John R Miller, John Moffat, Suellen Morgan, P J Moroney, Grant Morrison, Ross Mortimer, Roger Morton, Martin Moynihan, Christopher Muir, James Muir, A J Muir, Bj Mulherin, Tj Murphy, D J Murphy, Gerry Murphy, D R Murphy SC, Ian Nicol, William Nutting, Bryan O'Callaghan, Michael O'Callaghan, Sabina O'Callaghan, John O'Connor, Hugh O'Donnell, Dawn O'Donnell, Terrence O'Donnell, John O'Keeffe, Trevor Olsen, E V O'Neill, Barry O'Rourke, Gary O'Rourke, T Osborne, Peter O'Shea, Neil Owen, Helen Owen, David Park, H J Parkinson, Simone Peacock, Mark Peacock, R W Pearson, Jonathan Perrins, H E Peterson, Spiro Pippas, Simon Porter, Bob Porter, Julie Porter, Roydon Prosser, William Purcell, Raymond Que Hee, R Quinn, P L P Quinn, A E Ranson, Colin Rees, Maria Rees, Roy Reynolds, Edgar Richards, J Ricketts, G S Roberts, Max Roberts, Andrew Robertson, Peter Roe, Norbury Rogers, Michael Rogers, John Rorke, John Rowell, Brothers Rugby, Queensland Rugby Club, James Rush, Thomas Ryan, Donald Rylance, Brad Scott, Rodney Seaborn, Barrie Seale, Andrew Sexton, Michael Sexton, Denis Sexton, Bill Sexton, Brian David Sexton, Mark Seymour, Denis Shanahan, John Shand, Harold Shand, F Shannon, Gilbert Shearer, Michael Sherwin, Peter J Short, J J W Siganto, Greg Siller, C W Siller, John Simpson, David Slater, Howard Stack, Roger Stewart, Phillip Stoneham, Shane Sullivan, Robert Sweeney, B Sydes, Maxwell Talbot, Harry Tancred, Alan Taylor, Jo Templeton, Hayden Tennent, Thomas Thatcher, Mervyn Thomas, Duncan Thompson, Scott M Thompson, John Thorn, Lloyd Toft, Richard Trivett, John Tuffley, Robert Tuffley, John Tully, J M Tully, W D Turner, Shelby Turner, David Tynan, Michael Tynan, Paul Tynan, Ron Ure, David Usasz, Julien Valery, Kevin Vandeleur, Peter Vincent, Michael Waddington, James Waddington, J R Waddington, Colin Waldron, Liam Walsh, John Walthall, John Watson, Michael Webber, Geoffrey Weir, W W Wenck, David White, Craig White, Ian Wilkey, Brett Williams, Morris Williams, Craig Williams, Barbara Williams, Chilla Wilson, Fergus Wilson, Roy Winning, Fred Winter, John Wolfe, R F J Wood, A Woods, Francis Wright, Joy Wright, Richard Young, Richard (rick) Younger, Michael Younger, Keith Zabell, Philip Zappala, Maria Zappala, Paul Zoeller

## 2010 OBITUARIES

### JEFF MCLEAN

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Former Queensland and Wallaby winger Jeff McLean has died at the age of 62 after a prolonged battle with cancer.

Jeffrey James McLean was a member of one of Australia's most distinguished rugby families, with a Wallaby pedigree stretching back to 1880. He represented Queensland from 1969 to 1974 and played 13 Tests for Australia between 1971 and 1974, before a badly broken leg suffered during a match in Rockhampton between Brisbane and Queensland Country brought a premature end to his career.

The older brother of former Wallaby and Queensland captain Paul McLean, Jeff McLean played his last Test in the same match that Paul made his Test debut, against New Zealand in Sydney in 1974.

A noted goal kicker like his brother Paul, he scored 85 points on Australia's 1972 tour of New Zealand, from nine tries, 11 conversions and nine penalty goals.

He joined Brothers Rugby club after distinguishing himself in a number of sports while attending St Mary's College and then St Edmund's at Ipswich and went on to play a key role in Queensland Rugby's rise to power in the 1970s.

QRU President Tony Shaw said all of Australian Rugby and the Queensland Rugby family in particular were deeply saddened by the news of his death.

"Jeff was an amazingly talented rugby player who achieved much during a relatively short representative career with Queensland and Australia. He represented Queensland from 1969 to 1974 and as a Wallaby between 1971 and 1974 he played against the best teams in the world in his 13 Tests, excelling in all of them.

"He would undoubtedly have gone on to an even more highly decorated career for Brothers, Queensland and Australia had not a badly broken leg brought a premature end to his playing career in 1974, just a month after he and his brother Paul played their only Test match together.

"The rugby world is poorer for his passing."

### DON DUFFELL

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Members of the Queensland Rugby Referees' Association were saddened to learn of the passing of QRRA Life Member Don Duffell, who died in Brisbane.

Country-born, he entered Downlands College Toowoomba in 1937 and in his final year he captained the school, 1st X1 cricket, 1st XV rugby, and the 1st Fours Tennis teams.

On leaving school he worked with the Commonwealth Bank before enlisting in the army at age 18 on the outbreak of war, seeing service with the 9th Division in New Guinea (Markham Valley) and participating in the landings in Borneo. Post war he joined the QRRA in 1950 and rose to first grade level as a match official.

However his legacy to the QRRA was in the field of administration. Over five decades Don worked tirelessly in lecturing, coaching and assessing referees around the State and through his efforts Country Queensland referees received greater recognition. Don held many committee positions, becoming President of the QRRA 1966 to 1968. His counsel was often sought by successive administrations.

He was the first to receive the John Minter Award (1963) an award to the QRRA member who performs above and beyond the "call to duty". In 1965 he was appointed to the National Referees Selection Panel and his Life Member Award was made in 1969.

## **ALISTER BOYD**

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Former Queensland and Wallaby back Alister Boyd passed away on the Gold Coast at the age of 75.

A gifted sportsman at The Southport School on the Gold Coast, Alister Forrest McClelland Boyd played rugby for Queensland from 1958 to 1960 and represented Australia on the wing in a Test against the New Zealand Maori in 1958.

He followed in the footsteps of his father Walter, a former President with the GPS club in Brisbane and long time QRU official, in taking an active part in club rugby.

He played first grade for GPS from 1954 to 1960 until a troublesome knee forced him to switch to coaching, where he guided the GPS Under 19 team to a premiership in 1961 and Second Grade to a Grand Final in 1967.

## **BERNIE LEWIS**

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Brothers Rugby Club announced the passing of former player Bernie Lewis at the age of 88.

Mr Lewis's son Peter also played for Brothers and Queensland and went on to become Chairman of the QRU.

Bernie Lewis played for Brothers during the 1940's and became famous for his rarely repeated five try performance against New Farm at the Exhibition Ground in 1946. The nickname "Five Try" stuck with him throughout his life.

He enjoyed a successful career as an architect and during the 1970's designed the Brothers Club House at Crosby Park as well as "The McLean Stand" at Ballymore.

## **KEVIN HODDA**

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Rugby in Queensland owes a considerable debt to Kevin Hodda, a Brothers stalwart who was an influential and hard working Administrator of the Code in the 50's.

Kevin was part of a dedicated group which energised rugby and started to rebuild the game in Queensland setting the platform for a rugby union boom in the 60's and 70's.

Kevin was treasurer of Brothers in 1951 when the Club became the first to have their own ground at Crosby Park, Albion. Prior to that they trained under street lights at New Farm Park.

The talented player took to the field for Queensland in 1946-47 and later represented Australia. He was a QRU Life Member.



# QR REDS 2010



**BACK ROW:** James Hanson, James Slipper, Poutasi Vaiofiso Tusi Luafutu, Will Chambers, Leroy Houston, Scott Higginbotham, Robert Simmons, Van Humphries, Adam Byrnes, Ezra Taylor, Luke Morahan, Jake Schatz, Andrew Shaw, Greg Holmes

**MIDDLE:** Ben McGahan (Performance Analyst / Assistant Manager), Brynley Abad (Athletic Performance Coach), Geoff Clark (Physiotherapist), Sata Faingaa, Laurie Weeks, Blair Connor, Dayna Edwards, Rod Davies, Brando Vavau, Lei Tomiki, Anthony Faingaa, Ben Daley, Jack Kennedy, Tim Walsh, Damian Marsh (Head Performance Coach), Dr Greg Smith (Team Doctor), Lonnie Toia (Team Manager)

**FRONT:** Richard Kingi, Morgan Turunui, Quade Cooper, Daniel Braid, Matthew Taylor (Defence Coach), James Horwill (Captain), Ewen McKenzie (Head Coach), Will Genia (Vice Captain), Jim McKay (Assistant Coach), Sean Hardman, Peter Hynes, Digby Ioane, Ben Lucas







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