

BRISBANE METRO TOUCH ASSOCIATION



Special points of interest:

- New season (Whites Hill) commencing on Monday 11 February
- Super Trans Tasman Test Series (Auckland) Tuesday 05—Sunday 10 February.
- Passing of a legend in our sport
- Social Events
- 2013 Tournaments
- Referee Courses
- Top Guns has a new coordinator for 2013

WELCOME BACK TO ANOTHER EXCITING 2013

Hi everyone I would like to welcome you all back for 2013. I hope you had a great Christmas and the most enjoyable new year. I'm sure everyone is fit and raring to go. The 2013 season 1# competition will commence on Monday 11 February for adults and juniors will commence on Thursday 14 I'm looking forward for another exciting year ahead of us. The times will be the same as previous seasons Mon—Wed 6.30pm, 7.20pm, 8.10 and 9pm. The juniors will be 5pm, 5.30pm, 6.40pm, 7.20pm and

8.10pm.

I would like to inform you that Brendan Lester has moved to Malaysia and has taken up the position of General Manager with Malaysia Touch. I would like to thank Brendan for his dedication and time that you have provided BMTA and Brisbane City.

Just a reminder you can now follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

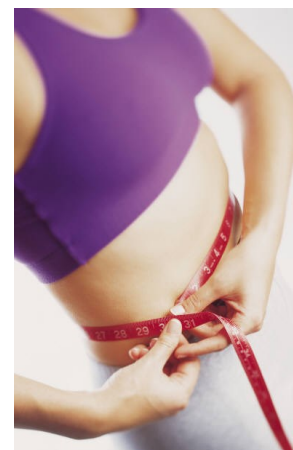
Some fields have been re-turfed they are Field one, two, six and

seven. The middle strip only have been done.

Tarnya Curtis from QTA has resigned as Office manager . Thanks for your for



your professionalism you have shown over 4 years. It has been greatly appreciated on behalf of BMTA.



SUPER TRANS TASMAN SERIES

The following referees from BMTA will be officiating at the 2013 tests in Auckland from 05 February to 10 February. We will see our own Mr Communicator Luke McKenzie officiate in the Opens division. Luke will be assisted by Dave Baggio (NSW), Dale Lawrence (QLD) and Brad Smith (QLD). Matt Lavery has recently moved from Redlands touch to BMTA. Matt it is great to have you on board.

Matt will be out in the middle Controlling our Youth of the sport in the Youth Trans Tasman. Matt will be assisted with Brett Freshwater (QLD), Sam Clark (NSW), Nathan Budge (QLD), Mick Medlin (NSW), and Anthony Smith (NSW). We will see a debutant for his first ever Trans Tasman or International series . Mack Hoverman was a reserve and was called in to replace Mark Kelly. Mack will

officiate in the Masters series. Mack will be assisted with the following referees:- Damian Carlson (SA), Scott Campbell (QLD), Barry McNamara (NSW), Bernie O'Donohue, Kim Skelly (NSW) and Bill Slade (NSW). I would like to wish all referees the very best. The excitement of Trans Tasman is the pinnacle of the sport to referee Australia v NZ. Go Hard Boys and Girl.

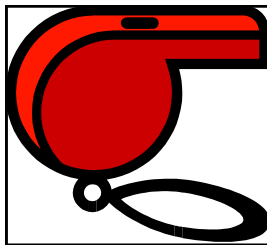


BOB McWhirter

Passing of one the finest in the game of touch



**IF YOU AREN'T
GOING ALL THE
WAY, WHY GO
AT ALL**



On Monday 14 January we saw the passing of our own BMTA referee Robert (BOB) McWhirter with Prostate Cancer. Bob was a Coach, organiser and father figure to all his girls which included his three daughters. There were many female players that gained the opportunity to play for a supportive father a man that built his family/team on friendship, having fun working and playing together. What started out as extra fitness for school friends Sue and Maria McWhirter, Donna Tallon and Trish Keating from playing netball for St Brendan's under the Coaching of Bob lead them into one of the most exciting Women's Touch teams in the 80's and early 90's and progressed into one of Brisbane's major Touch Clubs. After one season as Yellow Cabs, (Bob was a Yellow Cab driver), netball gave way to Touch. By gaining a few more friends Jenny Tomkinson, Louise Kennealy, Amanda McGhee, Caroline Brockhurst, Karen Littman, Gayle Shaw, Karen Klingner, Karen Bucholz in 1980, Bob formed Normanettes. Sponsored by the Norman Hotel in Woolloongabba, they commenced playing in the first Brisbane Women's Touch competition. At that time there was two major Touch competitions Brisbane and Metropolitan. From 1980 to 1985 Normanettes won the Brisbane Division 1

Women's competition. In 1986 Normanettes switched to the Metropolitan Women's Competition and became Normanette / Rebels Touch Club, being joined by Kerry Norman, Suzy Boyer, and Donna Sullivan. By this stage with Bob still guiding the way, his girls were achieving many successes taking out the Queensland teams Championships in 84 and 85, as well as the Australian Club teams Championships in 84, the Metropolitan Women's titles in 86 and defeating Eagles in the 1987 final 3 - 2. These two Women's competitions have today moved into the Cobras Cup Div 1 women's. 1989 and Normanette Rebels joined with the University Touch Club which had been formed in 84 and then became UNI REBELS as we know the club today. Many of the girls from Normanettes and Rebels played for South East Queensland, Brisbane, Gold Coast, South West, Queensland and Australia. By now Susan, Maria McWhirter and team mate Kerry Norman were in the Australian Women's Open team, younger sister Alison had joined them and was in the Juniors. After reaching the pinnacle in the sport with his girls Bob took a backseat for a few years while many of the girls continued to achieve at the highest level in the early 90's with their Club Uni Rebels. Bob spent a couple of years on the

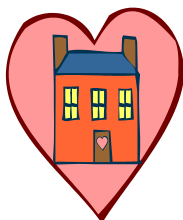
Committee of Brisbane Touch and also the Brisbane Metropolitan Committee. In later years with his grand children playing Juniors, his passion was rekindled and Bob became involved in Brisbane Juniors as a Coach and Referee and then helping out Refereeing mid week at Whites Hill.

Over thirty years with Bob at the helm, Normanettes and Uni Rebels have contributed a major role in the development of female Touch in Brisbane and Queensland. From the sport and particular the females that had the opportunity to be a part of Normanettes and Uni Rebels.

WE SAY THANK YOU – BOB for the time and effort as a father, Referee, Coach, volunteer and mentor. I am sure the free flowing exciting style that Normanettes introduced to the sport and female Touch in Queensland will always live on as part of the game.

Coming together and we say goodbye

A Huge congratulations to Luke McKenzie and Nicole Teo on their recent purchase of their first home. It is great to see that you have made Queensland home. Thanks to you both for your continual support of our association.



At the end of last year we had to say goodbye to Tammy Chapel. Tammy has taken up a position in WA with a new company. We wish her well.



In October 2012 we saw the beautiful Kate Spranklin marry the man of her dreams in Mr Cool Man Matt (Mary) Lavery. On behalf of all the referees we hope you have a great life together and many many happy times. Lets not forget the puppies also.....

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Tournaments for 2013

MARCH: NTL/Elite 8's (Coffs Harbour) 13-16 BMTA will be flying the flag at the 2013 NTL. The following referees will be attending: Luke McKenzie, Paul Jennison, Matt Lavery, Michael Landsberg, Ken Chan, Brian Hayes, Tom Polkinghorne, Paul Stewart, Liam Cooper, Rob Cooper and Kate Lavery. I will also be attending as a member of the National Panel.

APRIL: SWQ Junior Cup (Toowoomba) 28 April

MAY: Arthur Davis Junior Touch (Redlands Touch) Sunday 19 May.

JUNE: Cobras Junior Cup Sunday 9 June. (Whites Hill)

JULY: Junior State Cup (Hervey Bay) 5-7 July

AUGUST: Qld State Champs

(Gold Coast) 2 –4 August

Cobras Cup (Whites Hill) 9 August

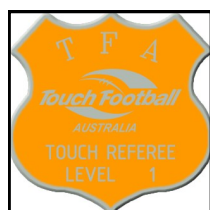
SEPTEMBER: National Youth Champs (Kawana) 18-21 September.

OCTOBER: Qld All Schools (Whites Hill) 10-13 October

Referee Courses

BMTA will be conducting a Level one course on Saturday 28 February at Whites Hill Sports Reserve. The course will commence at 9am and finish around 3pm. The cost of the course will be \$60 this has to be paid on the day. Correct money please. Could you please bring your joggers, water, lunch and a pen. You will need to purchase a whistle from a sports store. The whistle you need to purchase is a

Metal ACME THUNDERER 58½.



Level two and three referees course will happen on March 09 commencing at 9am sharp the course will run until around 3.30pm the cost for the course will be decided at a later date. It will held at the Whites Hill clubhouse on Boundary Road Camp Hill



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Referees do it best

- When they arrive on time to the game
- Having good knowledge of the rules
- Having Player/Coach rapport
- Always looking the part as a referee
- Working as a team with fellow referees
- Keep fitness level at a standard



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TOP GUNS

Hi to our TOP GUNS.... I would like to inform you that Mack Hoverman will be taking over the running of the Top Guns program for 2013. Ken Chan has stepped aside and will still continue as a referee coach/mentor. Luke McKenzie will assist Mack and Ken. I would like to thank Ken for his time and dedication he has shown to our junior referees program. It is greatly appreciated.

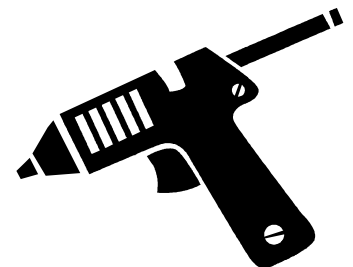
The new season will commence on Thursday 14 February. We will be looking for new inductees for 2013.

There are some tournaments on our calendar for junior referees

to excel at. They are the following SWQ Junior Cup 28 April, Arthur Davis (Redlands) 19 May, Cobras Junior Cup 9 June, JUNIOR STATE CUP (Hervey Bay) 5 -7 July and the QLD State Championships 31 August-01 September.

Once the season has commenced Mack would like to organize a meeting with you all. I'm looking forward to seeing you all back on the field blowing the whistle again.

The current referees in the program:- Ellie Slinger, Bec Cooper, PJ Coorey, Brett Donald, Sally Searle,



The following referees have left Natasha James to Ipswich, Ashleigh Chappel to Townsville and Georgia Payne has withdrawn from the program. We will be looking for new participants in 2013.

