



2024

ANNUAL REPORT ANNUAL REPORT

The report contains a review of the Queensland Representative School Sport program within the South Coast Region in 2024. It includes an update of Regional & District matters, highlights, results and statistics, professional recognition and service awards.

CHAIRS REPORT

Thank you to everyone who supported the South Coast School Sports Region in 2024. On behalf of our Chair, Grant Stephensen, and the Executive Committee, I would like to express our gratitude for the many contributions that have made this year a success for South Coast. Despite the challenges posed previously by staffing shortages in our system, we have continued to provide a quality product and enjoy continued success. The implementation of a new governance model continues to bring greater consistency across regions as we prepare for supporting the next generation of athletes towards the upcoming 2032 Brisbane Olympics.

I would like to extend a special thank you to the staff who led teams and encouraged participation this year. Your dedication is truly commendable, and I sincerely hope that you will take up the challenge once again in 2025. With your continued support, I am confident that our region will maintain its strong performance in the 2025 state championships, both on and off the field, thanks to your exceptional leadership.

We would also like to acknowledge the efforts of our state convenors and officials, whose dedication was instrumental in the success of the state championships. In 2024, South Coast had the honour of hosting various championships, including:

- 12-14yr Baseball State Championships – Sir Bruce Small – Surfers Paradise Baseball Club
- 14-15yr & 16-18yr Boys Rugby League State Championships – Cbus Stadium & Burleigh Bears
- 13-19yr Boys & Girls Softball State Championships - Meakin Park
- 11-12yr Boys Rugby League State Championships - Burleigh Bears Juniors
- 10-12yr Boys Cricket State Championships – TSS, Canterbury College & Queens CC

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the South Coast Region performed exceptionally well this year, with 77% of our representative teams securing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place in the state championships. Furthermore, 35 teams claimed state championships, with an additional 19 teams finishing as Runners Up. Congratulations to all the regional officials who shone brightly in 2024.

The support of our School Sport South Coast personnel is crucial in maintaining our rich sporting legacy. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to a dedicated team who worked tirelessly in another challenging year. Special thanks to Bruce Hurford and Brendan Jones, our Regional Representative School Sport Officers, as well as our Administration staff Melinda Hanrahan, Jill Bonner and the newly appointed Tegan Hage.

It has been a privilege to contribute to the development of School Sport South Coast this year, and I would like to publicly thank everyone for their support and confidence in 2024.

On behalf of the Executive Committee and the School Sport South Coast Board, I take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and restful holiday break.

Grant Stephensen
Chair
School Sport South Coast

PROFILE

The profile of School Sport South Coast remains strong as is evidenced by positive feedback received from parents, students, schools and the wider sporting community.

REGIONAL & ASSOCIATED MEETINGS

All Regional SSSC SER Regional Committee meetings were facilitated face to face meetings for the year at Pimpama Sports Hub Community Centre.

Major areas that were addressed in 2024 included the constant review and amendment of the South Coast 2023 – 2026 AIP. The SSSC SER Regional Committee has targeted the below areas within the AIP

- Increased engagement and retention of staff across the program
- All staff hold appropriate qualifications
- Increased regional representation in all multi-class events
- Support Sports that are receiving 5th place or below
- Increase participation of 12yr old and 13yr old students within the program

The exceptional leadership, guidance and support offered by the four school sport districts / district executives enabled sport to continue in the region.

The SSSC SER Regional Committee meetings address operational and strategic matters whilst also aiming to move with the Departments Governance changes. These include existing sporting regions being aligned with their Education Region, for South Coast this is South East Regional office. We are fortunate enough to sit underneath the South East Regional Office umbrella where some other regions are having to construct new Management Committees as well as regional Committees to replace their existing Boards. South Coast is very fortunate to have full support from the South East Regional office especially Elaine Edwards (SER Director of Regional Services), Emma Dougherty (Executive Director Regional Operations) and John Norfolk (SER Regional Director).

The proposed 2025 meeting dates are (1st Meeting) Friday 28nd March, (2nd Meeting) Friday 22nd August, (3rd Meeting) Friday 31st October and the End of Year Inservice and Presentation afternoon, Tuesday 2nd December 2025.

INITIATIVES FOR 2025

- Trialling a digital platform for one sport that will provide permission forms throughout the process from school – state championships storing medical, consent, and other personal details.
- Continue the use of QR codes/ Survey Manager for surveys, application processes, online in-services, and general feedback from officials, students and parents.
- Investigate sponsorship and grant possibilities for School Sport South Coast to access to assist in lowering costs for students representing South Coast and provide booking fees for Council venues/events.
- Utilise the lease vehicle purchased by the SSSC SER RC for the School Sport Office to transport equipment and to Regional and State Championship events.

Term 4 will be used to upskill the Sport Office staff in departmental finance as well as planning for their roles in 2025. We welcome a new Sport Support Officer staff member from Regional Office (SER) Tegan Hage.

Tegan has been through the QR School Sport program as an athlete for South Coast. Welcome Tegan. We are also excited to announce that with the support of Regional Office we are able to run a test pilot year of Melinda Hanrahan being promoted to an AO 3 level as our Administration Officer. We will have Jill Bonner on board as our AO2 as a casual (2-3 day/week) as well.

CHALLENGES DURING 2024

The largest challenge for the South Coast School Sport Office and the South Coast Officials was the Sport Office staffing in semester 2 2024. We would like to take this opportunity to thank both Melinda Hanrahan and Jill Bonner for all their efforts during this time. They worked extremely well within the Sport Office during such a difficult scenario and in a very busy time of the year (including regional Track & Field as well as hosting State Championships).

Other challenges included:

- Numerous changes in School Sport South Coast officials throughout the year.
- Additional workload and staffing requirements at Regional Trials and State Championships hosted in our region.

Strategies and process changes are scheduled to work towards a smoother year in 2025 with a new team in the Sport Office offering fresh ideas and new planning tools.

2024 RESULTS / STATISTICS

South Coast teams were declared winners in 2024 in 35 (thirty five) Queensland Representative School Sport (QRSS) state championships this year. That is an outstanding 42% of all state championships contested. The overall depth of talent in the region saw School Sport South Coast (SSSC) representative teams earn 1st, 2nd or 3rd places in 77% of the championships contested.

10 -12 YEARS	Boys	Girls
Aquathlon		2 nd place
Australian Football 10-12yr		1 st place
Basketball 10-12yr	2nd place	4 th place
Cricket 10-12yr	1st place	3rd place
Cross Country 10-19yr		1st place
Cross Country Relays 10-19yr		1st place
Football 10-12yr		1 st place
Golf 10-12yr		1 st place
Hockey 10-12yr	5th place	6th place
Netball 10-11yr		2 nd place
Netball 10-12yr	3 rd place	1 st place
Rugby League 11-12yr		3rd place
Rugby Union 11-12yr	5th place	
Softball 10-12yr		1 st place
Squash 10-19yr		3 rd place
Swimming 10-12yr		2 nd place
Tennis 10-12yr	3rd place	1st place
Tennis – Overall 10-19yr		2nd place
Touch 10-12yr		1 st place
Track & Field 10-12yr		4 th place

13 - 19 YEARS	Boys	Girls
Australian Football 13-15yr	2nd place	1st place
Baseball 12-14yr	2 nd place	
Baseball 15-18yr	2nd place	
Basketball 13-16yr	1st place	3rd place
Basketball 17-19yr	2nd place	6th place
Cricket 13-15yr	to be contested	to be contested
Cricket 16-19yr	2nd place	1st place
Cross Country 10-19yr	1st place	
Cross Country Relays 10-19yr	1st place	
Football 13-15yr		3rd place
Football 13-16yr	2 nd place	
Football 16-19yr		3 rd place
Football 17-19yr	1st place	
Futsal 13-14yr	1 st place	4 th place
Golf 13-18yr	1st place	1 st place
Golf - Overall 10-19yr	1 st place	
Hockey 13-15yr	2nd place	2 nd place
Hockey 16-19yr	6 th place	2 nd place
Netball 13-15yr		1 st place
Netball 16-18yr		1 st place
Rugby League 13-14yr		1st place
Rugby League 15-16yr		2 nd place
Rugby League 14-15yr	3rd place	
Rugby League 16-18yr (A)	5th place	
Rugby League 16-18yr (B)	2 nd place	
Rugby Union 14-15yr	3rd place	
Rugby Union 16-18yr	3 rd place	
Rugby Union 7's 15-16yr		2nd place
Rugby Union 7's 17-18yrs		4th place
Softball 13-19yr	7 th place	3rd place
Squash 10-19yr	3 rd place	3 rd place
Surfing 13-18yr	2 nd place	2 nd place
Swimming 13-19yr	1 st place	
Tennis 13-19yr	3 rd place	1 st place
Tennis - Overall	1st place	
Touch 13-15yr	1st place	3 rd place
Touch 16-18yr	1st place	
Track & Field 13-19yr	Gold 71, Silver 52, Bronze 39	
Triathlon	1 st place	
Volleyball 12-15yr	5th place	7th place
Volleyball 16-19yr	5th place	5th place
Water Polo 13-18yr	5th place	5th place

2024 REGIONAL TRIALS / TEAMS

SSSC would like to take the opportunity to thank all those involved in the school community for their flexibility and support of the QRSS program during 2024.

Your eagerness and excitement in sport is something we share, and we hope you will continue to support the school communities including all students and staff.

Receipt of recommendations from all regional team officials allows SSSC to improve its policies, practices and procedures. All recommendations, listed in the written reports received are discussed at the SSSC SER RC AGM. Approved recommendations are operationalised and/or changes made to policies, if approved. A copy of these recommendations will be disseminated to all 2025 SSSC officials.

Again, thank you to the regional convenors. They must all be congratulated on the professional way the trials were conducted this year.

SOUTH COAST APPAREL

South Coast apparel is still highly sought after by South Coast representatives. South Coast was well stocked for 2024 however we will have limited stock towards the end of 2025 due to an apparel range change. The efficient inventory monitoring and managing by the School Sport Office staff will provide support to managers and parents through this changeover period.

SOUTH COAST OFFICIALS' POSITIONS

The continued strong performance of our regional teams is very dependent on the quality of our regional officials together with the amazing efforts from district and school teachers that have all played a role in identifying the students and providing the opportunity/pathway for these students. We are continually impressed by the quality and calibre of applicants vying for South Coast officials' positions. The SSSC SER RC executive have had a difficult task of having to rotate teacher officials as directed by the SSSC SER RC. It is important to note that when officials are applying each year, they must not assume they will be receiving the same role as the previous year. That is why it is important to place at least two if not four preferences each time you apply for an official role.

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AND RECOGNITION

The following officials were integral to the absolutely amazing result achieved by a number of South Coast teams that won their respective QRSS State Championships in 2024. They are as follows:

State Championships - Winning Teams & Officials

Australian Football 10-12yr Boys	Mark Pitura (C), Adam Mead (M), Alex Gunn (T), Mathew Borg (Cnvr)
Australian Football 10-12yr Girls	Joel Tippet (C), Simon Taylor (M), Daniel Darnett (T), Liza Callaghan (Cnvr)
Australian Football 13-15yr Girls	Matthew Ashenden (C), Jane Moana (M), Louis Cosmo (T), Liza Callaghan (Cnvr)
Baseball 13-16yr Boys	Tim Thomson (C), Bec Schatz (M), Janelle Bressow (Cnvr)
Cricket 10-12yr Boys	David Gee (C)/Cnvr, Tim Smith (M)
Cricket 16-19yr Girls	Scott Abercrombie (C)/Cnvr, Nicola Evison (M)
Cross Country 10-19yr + Relays	Nicholas Hiron (M), Michael Cacciola (M), Tiarnli Richardson (M), Ryan Paroz (M), Tara Alexander (M), Nathan Jones (M), Kobie Donovan (M), Andy Knapper (Cnvr)
Football 10-12yr Boys	Jamie Irwin (C/Cnvr), Mark Wingett (M)
Football 10-12yr Girls	David Park-Ballay (C), Mattise Gellatly (M), Jamie Irwin (Cnvr)
Football 17-19yr Boys	Shane Robinson (C), Bradeck Jasch (M), Jamie Irwin (Cnvr)
Futsal 13-14yr Boys	Nathan Croucher (C), Jarrod Baker (M), James Colefax (Cnvr)
Golf 10-12yr Boys & Girls	Ken O'Donnell (M), Alison Martin (M), Warwick Cook (M/Cnvr)
Golf 13-18yr Boys & Girls	Ken O'Donnell (M), Alison Martin (M), Warwick Cook (M/Cnvr)
Golf 10-18yr Overall	Ken O'Donnell (M), Alison Martin (M), Warwick Cook (M/Cnvr)
Netball 10-12yr Girls	Kristin Grady (C), Tayla Palmer (M), Carladayna Edwards (M), Tanya Lund (Cnvr)
Netball 13-15yr Girls	Tania Carlson (C), Nicola Evison (M), Tanya Lund (Cnvr)
Netball 16-19yr Girls	Deanne Hamilton (C), Glenn Ormesher (M), Tanya Lund (Cnvr)
Rugby League 13-14yr Girls	Fathem Webber (C), Mel Smith (M), John Morris (T), Mel Smith (Cnvr)

Softball 10-12yr Girls	Tracy Shaab (C), Nikki Taylor (M), Hope Foster (T), Tracy Shaab (Cnvr)
Surfing13-19yr Boys & Girls	Sam Howard (M), Blair Semple (M), Michelle Harris (M), Caitlyn Hayles (Cnvr)
Swimming 13-19yr Boys & Girls	Sonya Earl (M), Michael Byrnes (M), Ian Herd (M), Anna Flynn (M), Shelley Smith (M), Tayha McCracken (M), Brett McDonald (Cnvr)
Tennis 10-12yr Girls	Kellie Wyer (M), Michael Parker (M/Cnvr)
Tennis 13-19yr Girls	Michael Parker (M), Jesse Way (M/Cnvr)
Tennis 13-19yr Overall	Michael Parker (M), Jesse Way (M/Cnvr)
Touch 10-12yr Boys	Mel Smith (C), David Bonser (M), Tara Alexander (Cnvr)
Touch 10-12 Girls	Brendan Jones (C), Savannah Callow (M), Tara Alexander (Cnvr)
Touch13-15yr Boys	Ben Marshall (C), Lee Wilkinson (M), Tara Alexander (Cnvr)
Touch 16-18yr Boys	Tristan Mana (C), Connor Cowley (M) Tara Alexander (Cnvr)
Touch 16-18yr Girls	Drina Brady (C), Jaya Callinan (M), Tara Alexander (Cnvr)
Triathlon	Julie Grant (M/Cnvr), Sonya Roberts (M), Trudi Whittaker (M), Ed Anderson (M), Dion Obst (M)

2024 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS HOSTED BY SOUTH COAST

This year SSSC has once again been exceptionally privileged to have very experienced and well organised convenors for each of the following championships/carnivals. Their rapport, contacts, knowledge and experience resulted in extremely professionally run events.

Baseball (12-14yrs)

Surfers Paradise Baseball Club (Thurs 18 - Sun 21st March)

Convened by Shelley Smith

Congratulations Shelley Smith in convening such a great State Championships. The four-day event involved using the 2 diamonds at Surfers Paradise Baseball Club. The players, officials and parents were all very happy with the facilities provided. We did experience the usual rain interruption reducing games however enough were played to have a result at the State Championships and a Queensland team selected. The officials stayed at Mantra on View Surfers Paradise. South Coast Boys played off in the final to finish runners up on the final day. Well done Shelley and the South Coast Baseball Team!

Rugby League (Boy 14-15yrs & 16-18yrs)

Burleigh Bears Snrs/Jnrs and CBus Stadium (Sat 18 - Tue 21 May)

Convened by Matthew Armstrong and Tony Barron

Matthew Armstrong and Tony Barron presented a memorable experience for all boys who attended this State Championships. Not only providing world class venues and referees the convenors turned on the sunshine for the entire four days. Both boys divisions were provided the opportunity to play at both venues over the four days with all finals being played at CBus Stadium on the final day. The officials stayed at the Quest in Robina. All parties involved reported their thanks and positive feedback at the conclusion of the event. Congratulations to 16-18yr South Coast B team who played in the final and finished runners up.

Softball (Bpys & Girls 13-19yrs)

Meakin Park Slacks Creek & Logan Softball Club (Thurs 23 – Sun 26 May)

Convened by Vicki Hailstone

Vicki Hailstone convened the Softball State Championships at Meakin Park. The combination of Vicki 's organisational skills and fantastic assistance from Logan Softball club and Dawn from the venue management team. The officials stayed in at Springwood Towers Springwood. The Softball Sport committee provided a lot of support throughout the

championship to make the event extra special. An extra special mention goes to Vicki's efforts and time she provided being a volunteer official whilst also a Principal.

Rugby League (Boys 11-12yrs)

Burleigh Bears Juniors Rugby League Club Miami (Thurs 20 – Tue 25 June)

Convened by Tony Barron and Matt Armstrong

Tony Barron and Matthew Armstrong presented a memorable experience for all boys who attended this State Championships. Not only providing a fantastic venue and referees the convenors turned on the sunshine for the entire six days. All boys were provided the opportunity to play at Burleigh Bears Juniors. The officials stayed at the Mantra on View in Surfers Paradise. All parties involved reported their thanks and positive feedback at the conclusion of the event. Congratulations to South Coast finishing 3rd place and Metropolitan North for becoming State Champions.

Cricket (Boys 10-12yrs)

The Southport School, Canterbury College & Queens Cricket Club (Mon 14 – 18 October)

Convened by Warwick Cook, Mitchell Goldman and Adrian Smith

This was the first time South Coast has hosted Cricket since 2014 and thanks to The Southport School, Canterbury College and Queens Cricket Club for preparing and providing turf wickets for 18m pitch lengths. Warwick Cook, Mitch Goldman, Adrian Smith and Brendan Jones worked tirelessly each day as rain disrupted using some turf wickets some days therefore back up council synthetic wickets were used at Runaway Bay and shortened games to fit all play in each day. We would also like to thank Bob Myatt for coordinating the umpires from both the Gold Coast and Brisbane. Congratulations to all for such an amazing effort getting the boys 5 days of cricket considering the weather conditions the week prior and during the State Championships. An extra special mention to the South Coast officials David Gee and Tim Smith for coaching the boys to this age groups first State Championship win in 20 years.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS HOSTED BY SOUTH COAST IN 2025

South Coast are excited to be hosting the following state championships in 2025:

Rugby League Girls (14-15yrs & 16-18yrs) Thur 8 – Sun 11 May

Football Girls (13-15yr & 16-19yr) Thur 15 – Sun 18 May

Hockey Girls (13-15yr & 16-19yr) Thurs 29- Sun 1 June

Futsal Boys & Girls (13-14yr & 15-16) Wed 8 Oct – Fri 10 Oct

DISTRICT / REGIONAL / STATE / NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

These links to the following websites will provide information relating to:

District Trials

Broadwater - <https://southcoastschoolsport.eq.edu.au/district-sport/our-districts/broadwater>

Hinterland - <https://southcoastschoolsport.eq.edu.au/district-sport/our-districts/hinterland>

Oceanic - <https://southcoastschoolsport.eq.edu.au/district-sport/our-districts/oceanic>

Pacific - <https://southcoastschoolsport.eq.edu.au/district-sport/our-districts/pacific>

Regional Trials <https://southcoastschoolsport.eq.edu.au/calendar-and-news/events-calendar>

State Championships (QRSS) <https://queenslandschoolsport.education.qld.gov.au/>

National Championships (SSA) <http://www.schoolsportaustralia.edu.au/>

SCHOOL SPORT SOUTH COAST EXECUTIVE

The executive for 2024 was as follows.

Chair SSSC SER RC	- Grant Stephensen (Coomababah SHS)
Vice Chair SSSCB (10-12yrs)	- Mark Hitchen (Mt Warren Park SS)
Vice Chair SSSCB (13-19yrs)	- Chris Kern (Upper Coomera State College SHS)

In addition to Grant Stephensen, Chair of SSSC SER RC, the 2024 executive, Mark Hitchen (10-12yrs) and Chris Kern (13-19yrs) must also be thanked for the support and direction they offer as Vice Chairs SSSC RC of our representative sport governing body throughout the year.

On behalf of the whole School Sport community, we wish to thank all staff members in the School Sport South Coast office for their efficiency, dedication to School Sport and willingness to assist officials, parents and students alike. We would also like to thank and congratulate all the Sports Coordinators/ Physical Education teachers within our Region on their work towards and support of the Representative School Sport Program.

We would also like to take the opportunity to thank John Norfolk (SER Regional Director), Emma Dougherty (Executive Director Regional Operations) Elaine Edwards (Director Regional Services), Diane Chisholm (Manager, Financial Advisory Services) and Sharon Laverty (Business Manager) for their direct and indirect support of the School Sport Program in the South Coast School Sport Region.

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Tegan Hage	Sport Support Officer	Tegan.Hage@qed.qld.gov.au	ph: 5656 6762

See School Sport South Coast website for details re: **district trials**, **regional trials** and **state championship** dates as well as other associated information including contact details.

www.southcoastschoolsport@qed.qld.gov.au

2024 SSSC MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS (5 YRS)

Deanne Hamilton	Netball
Jared Long	Baseball and Softball
Jordan Ludowici	Volleyball
Simon Taylor	Australian Football
Blake Trace	Rugby League
Jesse Way	Tennis & Rugby League
Lee Wilkinson	Touch Football
Kellie Wyer	Tennis, Baseball and Softball

2024 SSSC CHRIS HAMMETT DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS (10 YRS)

2024 SSSC LIFE MEMBERSHIP

David Gee	10-12yr Boys Cricket (2005-2024) Coach & Convenor 10-12yr Boys Cricket Queensland Coach 20 years service
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2024 SSSC DISTRICT SERVICE AWARD

Broadwater Oceanic Hinterland Pacific	Tim Stark Michael Singh Fergus Leslie Judy Bell	Picnic Creek SS Merrimac SS All Saints Anglican School Trinity Beach (Beenleigh)
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2024 SCHOOL SPORT SOUTH COAST REGIONAL COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE

Grant Stephensen Mark Hitchen Chris Kern	SSSCB Chair SSSCB Vice Chair (10-12yrs) SSSCB Vice Chair (13-19yrs)	Principal Coombabah SHS Principal Mt Warren Park SS Principal Upper Coomera State Secondary
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