



**10-12YR BOYS FOOTBALL
PLAYED 4 DAYS (8 GAMES) - CONCEDED 0 GOALS
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2023

ANNUAL REPORT

The report contains a review of the Queensland Representative School Sport program within the South Coast Region in 2023. 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 2023. On behalf of our Chair, Grant Stephenson, 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 the pandemic, we have made significant strides towards returning to a sense of normalcy. The implementation of a new governance model has brought greater consistency across regions as we prepare for supporting the next generation of athletes towards upcoming 2032 Brisbane Olympics.

As a Board, we have had to navigate various complex policy impacts and integrate the updated governance models seamlessly into the ongoing sports activities. I extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone for ensuring the continuity of representative and school sports for our students during the past few years and throughout 2023.

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 2024. With your continued support, I am confident that our region will maintain its strong performance in the 2024 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 2023, South Coast had the honour of hosting various championships, including Baseball, G Rugby League, Rugby Union, and B&G Touch, among others. Looking ahead, we eagerly anticipate hosting the Softball, Baseball (12-14 yrs), Rugby League (11-12 yrs, 14-15 yrs, & 16-18 yrs), and Cricket (10-12 yrs) state championships next year.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the South Coast Region performed exceptionally well this year, with 76% of our representative teams securing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place in the state championships. Furthermore, 26 teams claimed state championships, with an additional 19 teams finishing as Runners Up. Congratulations to all the regional officials who shone brightly in 2023.

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 Lisa Congram, Bronwyn Knight, Melinda Hanrahan Sonia Fabian and Tanya Turner.

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 2023.

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.

Chris McMillan A/Chair Vice Chair 10-12 Years

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 entire year twice at Pimpama Sports Hub Community Centre and the AGM at the Gold Coast Sport and Leisure Centre Carrara.

Major areas that were addressed in 2023 included the review of The Queensland Representative School Sport Program, the Governance changes, the opportunity to run a full QSS Calendar of all sports including an additional sport 10-12yr Boys Netball.

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 be the only region moving under 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) and John Norfolk (SER Regional Director). The two main changes to the membership are a reduction of one district representative per district (4 reduced to 3) and the inclusion of two Principals, one being from the Catholic sector and the other from the Independent sector.

The proposed 2024 meeting dates are (1st Meeting) Friday 22nd March, (2nd Meeting) Friday 16th August, (3rd Meeting) Friday 1st November and the End of Year Inservice and Presentation afternoon, Tuesday 3rd December 2024.

INITIATIVES FOR 2024

- Retention of staff and filling position
- Strategy – review of current regional trial processes
- Monitoring and ensuring that all officials have appropriate qualifications
- Increase the participation of all multi-class athletes
- Review sports that are receiving 5th place or below of current and past years results (support officials and communicate with schools and clubs prior to district and regional trials)
- 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 paperwork to Regional and State Championship events. When the office is not using the vehicle, it will be used as a vehicle to transport officials to State Championships that are outside of the metro area but not far away enough for flight destinations.

CHALLENGES DURING 2023

The largest challenge for the South Coast School Sport Office and the South Coast Officials was the Sport Office staffing in semester 1 2023. We had large numbers of staff working in the office however due to staff all working different days of the week it made the communication channels in busy times more difficult to keep up to date. We would like to take this opportunity to thank both Sonia Fabian and Tanja Turner for all their efforts during this time. They worked extremely well within the Sport Office within such a difficult scenario and in a very busy time of the year.

Semester two was streamlined with all staff being back in their usual roles and allocated days. We welcome a new Sport Office staff member from Gainsborough SS Melinda Hanrahan who works in the office Thursday and Fridays each week.

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.
- Having to distribute extra forms across officials that have been introduced with the actioning of recommendations from the Queensland School Sport Review.

Strategies and processes changes are scheduled to work towards a smoother year in 2024.

2023 RESULTS / STATISTICS

South Coast teams were declared winners in 2023 in 26 (twenty-six) Queensland Representative School Sport (QRSS) state championships this year. That is an outstanding 37% 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 76% of the championships contested.

10-12 YEARS	Boys	Girls
Aquathlon		1st place
Australian Football 10-12yr	2nd place	2nd place
Basketball 10-12yr	1st place	5th place
Cricket 10-12yr	5th place	4th place
Cross Country 10-19yr		2nd place
Cross Country Relays 10-19yr		2nd place
Football 10-12yr	1st place	3rd place
Golf 10-12yr	1st place	1st place
Hockey 10-12yr	3rd place	3rd place
Netball 10-11yr		1st place
Netball 10-12yr		1st place
Rugby League 11-12yr	2nd place	To be contested
Rugby Union 11-12yr	7th place	
Softball 10-12yr	To be contested	to be contested
Swimming 10-12yr		2nd place
Tennis 10-12yr	4th place	1st place
Tennis – Overall 10-19yr		1st place
Touch 10-12yr	1st place	2nd place
Track & Field 10-12yr		4th place

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

2023 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 2023.

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 2023 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 2023 however we will have limited stock towards the end of 2024 due to an apparel range change. The great inventory monitoring and managing by the School Sport Office staff of Bronwyn Knight and Lisa Congram will provide support to managers and parents through this changeover period. The long sleeve maroon officials' shirts have been popular this year therefore we have ordered the same design but in an aqua option as well for 2024.

SOUTH COAST OFFICIALS' POSITIONS

The continued strong performance of our regional teams is very dependent on the quality of our regional officials together with amazing efforts from district and school teachers that have 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 QSS State Championships in 2023. They are as follows:

State Championships - Winning Teams & Officials

Aquathlon	Julie Grant (C/Cnvr), Sonya Roberts (M), Trudi Whittaker (M), Luke Guinane (M), Dion Obst (M)
Australian Football 13-15yr Boys	Matt Dwyer (C), Simon Foat (M/Cnvr), Ben Tindall (T)
Baseball 15-18yr	Jared Long (C), Kellie Wyer (M), Ian Herd (Cnvr)
Basketball 10-12yr Boys	Geoff Macleod (C), Michelle Trinder (M), Janelle Bressow (Cnvr)
Basketball 17-19yr Boys	Adam Darragh (C), Jackson Riley (M), Janelle Bressow (Cnvr)
Basketball 17-19yr Girls	Thalo Green (C), Caitlin Van Velson (M), Janelle Bressow (Cnvr)
Football 10-12yr Boys	Jamie Irwin (C/Cnvr), Mark Wingett (M)
Football 13-15yr Boys	Dean Critchlow (C), Lachlan McDonell (M), Jamie Irwin (Cnvr)
Golf 10-12yr Girls & Boys	Ken O'Donnell (M), Alison Martin (M), Warwick Cook (Cnvr)
Golf 13-18yr Girls	Ken O'Donnell (M), Alison Martin (M), Warwick Cook (Cnvr)
Golf 10-19yr Overall	Ken O'Donnell (M), Alison Martin (M), Warwick Cook (Cnvr)
Netball 10-11yr	Alesha Lyons (C), Alana Rowley (M), Tanya Lund (Cnvr)
Netball 10-12yr	Tania Carlson (C), Kristen Grady (M), Tanya Lund (Cnvr)
Netball 13-15yr	Justin Wise (C), Nicola Evison (M), Tanya Lund (Cnvr)
Netball 16-18yr	Deanne Hamilton (C), Glenn Ormesher (M), Tanya Lund (Cnvr)
Rugby League 13-15yr Boys	Blake Trace (C), Daniel Donovan (M), Daniel Schwass (T), Geoff Eggert (Cnvr)
Rugby League 16-18yr Boys	Peter Norman (C), Darren Hart (M), Tim Maccan (T), Geoff Eggert (Cnvr)
Rugby Union 7's 15-16yr Girls	Matthew Chapman (C), Daniel Muller (M), William Finlay (T)
Rugby Union 7's 17-18yr Girls	Andre Boon (C), Tania Hala (M), Cobie-Jane Morgan (T)
Swimming 13-19yr	Sonya Earl (M), Michael Byrnes (M), Ian Herd (M), Anna Flynn (M), Alison Martin (M), Brett McDonald (Cnvr)
Tennis 10-12yr Girls	Kellie Wyer (M), Michael Parker (M/Cnvr)
Tennis 10-12yr Overall	Kellie Wyer (M), Michael Parker (M/Cnvr)
Touch 10-12yr Boys	Mel Smith (C), Jackson Luke (M), Tara Alexander (Cnvr)
Triathlon	Julie Grant (M/Cnvr), Sonya Roberts (M), Trudi Whittaker (M), Luke Guinane (M), Dion Obst (M)
Volleyball 16-19yr Girls	Katie Sullivan (C), Adina McPherson (M), Leisa Baker (Cnvr)

2023 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 (15-19yrs)

Surfers Paradise Baseball Club (Thurs 9 - Sun 12 March)

Convened by Shelley Smith and assisted by Ian Herd

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 and that all four days were not interrupted by rain (very unusual for Baseball). The officials stayed at Mantra on View Surfers Paradise. The State Championships came with a golden lining with the South Coast Boys winning the State Championships on the final day. Well done Shelley and the South Coast Baseball Team!

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

Burleigh Bears Snrs/Jnrs and CBus Stadium (Thurs 11 - Sun 14 May)

Convened by Matthew Armstrong and assisted by Rod Pryor

Matthew Armstrong and Rod Pryor presented a memorable experience for all girls who attended this State Championships. Not only providing world class venues and referees the convenors turned on the sunshine for the entire four days unlike 2022. Both girl 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 Mantra on View in Surfers Paradise. All parties involved reported their thanks and positive feedback at the conclusion of the event.

Rugby Union (16-18yrs)

Surfers Paradise Rugby Union Club (Thurs 25 – Sun 28 May)

Convened by Matthew Chapman

Matthew Chapman convened the Rugby Union State Championships at Surfers Paradise RC. The combination of Matt's organisational skills and a fantastic venue made for an excellent experience for all whom attended. Matthew was teaching in another region in 2023 therefore we thank Matt and his school from out of region for their support. The officials stayed in at Mantra on View in Surfers Paradise. The Rugby Union Sport committee provided a lot of support throughout the championship to make the event extra special.

Touch (Boys & Girls 16-18yrs)

Gold Coast Touch Club Owen Park Southport (Thurs 8 – Sun 11 June)

Convened by Tara Alexander

Tara did a fantastic job of convening the Touch Football at Owen Park earlier this year. Early mornings setting up tents with assistance from Brendan Jones. The championships ran extremely smoothly with all games completed and two finals played on the last day. The officials stayed at Mantra on View in Surfers Paradise.

Gold Coast Touch were very helpful to work with providing canteen and food vans as well as club change rooms, referees rooms and selection meeting rooms throughout the four days. The local rugby league clubs that utilise some of the fields were very cooperative having the Touch competition run whilst their weekend League games were on.

Congratulations to Tara and Brendan on a very successful and well convened Touch State Championships.

Surfing (Boys & Girls 13-19yrs)

Gold Coast Beaches (Thurs 27 – 30 July)

Convened by Anthony Clarke & Liza Callaghan

This year's Surfing State Championships paired Liza Callaghan and Anthony Clarke as co-convenors again with a rerun of the same State Championship as 2022. The convenors worked extremely well again feeding off each other's strengths to provide an excellent State Championships. A special thank you to Burleigh Heads SS who came to the rescue at the final hour to provide their school hall as an opening ceremony and pre-championship evening venue.

Anthony and Liza sourced additional support and sponsorship from local businesses which was very well received by all participants who benefited from their hard work. Burleigh Beach 2nd Avenue provided some good surf for the first few days however the convenors, judges and students worked very well to complete the State Championships within 3 days due to small surf conditions predicted for the final day of competition. Congratulations to all.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS HOSTED BY SOUTH COAST IN 2024

South Coast are excited to be hosting the following state championships in 2024

Baseball (12-14yrs) Thurs 18 - Sun 21 April	Shelley Smith
Rugby League Boys (14-15yrs & 16-18yrs) Sat 18 - Tue 21 May	Matthew Armstrong & Tony Barron
Softball Boys and Girls (13-19yr) Thurs 23- Sun 26 May	TBA
Rugby League Boys (11-12yr) Thurs 20 – Tues 25 June	Tony Barron & Matthew Armstrong
Cricket B (10-12) Mon 14 – Friday 18 October	TBA

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/about-us/events-calendar>

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

SCHOOL SPORT SOUTH COAST EXECUTIVE

The executive for 2023 was as follows.

Chair SSSC SER RC - Grant Stephensen (Beaudesert SHS)
Vice Chair SSSCB (10-12yrs) - Chris McMillan (Coomera Springs SS)
Vice Chair SSSCB (13-19yrs) - Chris Kern (Coomabah SHS)

In addition to Grant Stephensen, Chair of SSSC SER RC, the 2023 executive, Chris McMillan (10-12yrs) and Chris Kern (13-19yrs) must also be thanked for the support and direction they offer as Vice Chairs SSSCB of our representative sport governing body throughout the year.

On behalf of the whole School Sport community, I 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. I 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) and Elaine Edwards (Director Regional Services) and Diane Chisholm (Manager, Financial Advisory Services) for their direct and indirect support of the School Sport Program in the South Coast Region.

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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

2023 SSSC MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS (5 YRS)

Tim Smith	Cricket
Kobie Donovan	Cross Country, Track & Field
Paul Corrin	Rugby League
Mitch Campbell	Rugby League
Fathem Webber	Rugby League, Rugby 7's
Malcolm Muir	Track & Field, Cross Country
Selena Priest	Australian Football
Shelley Smith	Baseball, Swimming
Jill Matthison	Hockey <i>(reached Meritorious Service in 2020; a total of 8 years of service)</i>
Jack Moon	Rugby Union
Benjamin Marshall	Touch
Trudi Whitaker	Triathlon, Aquathlon
Ashley Hinds	Volleyball

2023 SSSC CHRIS HAMMETT DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS (10 YRS)

Jacqui Deverill	Track & Field
Liza Callaghan	Australian Football, Surfing
Brendan Smith	Basketball
Darren Hart	Rugby League
Anna Flynn	Swimming
Nigel Wilson	Volleyball

2023 SSSC LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Karen Crouch	Secretary QSS 10-12yr Sport Specific Basketball (2021-2022) Basketball (2012-2023) – 11 years service committee involvement
Alison Martin	SSSC Board member Football (2011-2021), Swimming (2015-2023), Golf (2017-2023), T&F (2017), Water Polo (2017), Rugby (2019) – 13 years service
Leisa Baker	SSSC Board & SSSC SER RC committee member Volleyball (2010-2014, 2016-2018, 2020-2023) – 17 years service
Geoff Eggert	Delegate for South Coast 10-19yr Rugby League Sport Specific Committee Rugby League (2003-2019, 2022/23) Cricket (2001-2002) Queensland 18yr Boys RL Coach 2020-2023 Queensland 18yrs Boys RLTrainer 2018-2019 Australian 18yr Boys RL Trainer 2009-2011 - 20 years service
Sonya Earl	Swimming (1996, 1998-1999, 2001-2008, 2012-2023) – 22 years service

2023 SSSC DISTRICT SERVICE AWARD

Broadwater	Leisa Baker	Pacific Pines SHS
Oceanic	Wendy Pearce	Miami SHS
Hinterland	Sara Eade	AB Patterson College
Pacific	Judy Bell	Trinity College Beenleigh

2023 SCHOOL SPORT SOUTH COAST REGIONAL COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE

Grant Stephensen	SSSCB Chair	Principal Beaudesert SHS
Chris McMillan	SSSCB Vice Chair (10-12yrs)	Principal Coomera Springs SS
Chris Kern	SSSCB Vice Chair (13-19yrs)	Principal Coombabah SHS

