

# “Off the Boards”

**Basketball Queensland's Official Newsletter – September 2008**

## From the CEO

Basketball Queensland held its Annual Conference on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September. The conference had a “True Sport Lives Here” theme and Associations who attended had the opportunity to hear about the program. “True Sport Lives Here” is an initiative of the Queensland State Government which has been developed to encourage positive behaviour in junior sporting environments.

More information on this initiative can be found here:

[http://www.sportrec.qld.gov.au/true\\_sport\\_lives\\_here.cfm](http://www.sportrec.qld.gov.au/true_sport_lives_here.cfm)

The Blue Card Legislation and Basketball Queensland's Year in Review were also discussed with Associations who attended the conference.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our guest speakers as well as all Associations who attended the conference.

That same night the Basketball Queensland Annual Awards Dinner was held.

The Honourable Judy Spence MP, Minister for Police, Corrective Services & Sports attended the event, as did Chris Bombolas State Member for Chatsworth, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Police Corrective Services & Sport.

Australian Opals Coach, Jan Stirling, was guest speaker at the event and was extremely well received by all in attendance.

I would like to congratulate all Award Winners and Nominees on their efforts. A full list can be found on the Basketball Queensland as well as photos from the event.

Our newest tournament, BQ 33, commenced last weekend on the Gold Coast and participants involved thoroughly enjoyed the day. This is the start of many more 3 on 3 basketball events and there will be an Australian Championship in the not too distant future.

To register for the tournaments in Brisbane and Mackay visit [www.bq33.com.au](http://www.bq33.com.au)

The Champion Basketball School of Qld Tournament begins this Thursday, attracting a record number of teams. More information on this event can be found further down in this newsletter.

The Basketball Queensland Junior Basketball Competition (BQJBC) is also about to kick off - good luck to all teams involved.

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## **Congratulations Rockhampton & Townsville QABL & ACC Champions!**

### **Australian Club Championships**

The QABL claimed back-to-back National titles in Melbourne, late August, with the Townsville Flames and Rockhampton Rockets claiming the top honours for the 2008 season, taking out their interstate rivals.

With Townsville and Cairns claiming National crowns in 2007, it was always going to be a challenge for QABL teams to weave through some of the nation's best teams to secure back-to-back wins. But this is exactly what happened with the Rockhampton Rockets claiming the Men's National Championship, while the Townsville Flames proved that their 2007 victory was no fluke by backing this up with the 2008 National Championship.

This has thrust the QABL well and truly into the highest position of basketball Leagues in Australia, a mere step below the NBL and WNBL. With back-to-back National crowns being held in Queensland, the QABL is now recognised across the nation as a force to be heard, which will see a natural progression of players migrate to the League for a chance to play alongside of the nation's best talent on a weekly basis.

### **QABL Grand Finals**

After a tough and exciting QABL season, it all came down to the weekend of the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> August, when Rockhampton and Townsville hosted the 2008 Finals.

Results are as follows:

*Men's*

Rockhampton Rockets 97 defeated Townsville Heat 80

*Women's*

Townsville Flames 92 defeated South West Metro Pirates 46.



***Congratulations Rockhampton & Townsville!***

## Development League Winners

### QABL Development League

Congratulations also to all teams that competed in the QABL Development League and the Tropical Youth League.

Results are as follows:

*Men's QABL Dev League*

Gold Coast Waves 82 defeated the Caboolture Suns 60

*Women's QABL Dev League*

Ipswich Force 77 defeated Brisbane Capitals 62

### Development League State Final – Men

This saw the winner of the Tropical Youth League (north) take on the winner of the Development League (south)

Townsville Heat 100 defeated the Gold Coast Waves 78.

## QABL Award Winners

Congratulations to all QABL Award Winners.

Most Valuable Players	
QABL 2008 State Championship MVP	<b>Cameron Tragardh</b> (Northside Wizards)
QABL 2008 State Championship Women's MVP	<b>Kelly Wilson</b> (Mackay Meteorettes)
QABL 2008 D-League Men's MVP	<b>Piok Piok</b> (Toowoomba Mountaineers)
QABL 2008 D-League Women's MVP	<b>Emily Perry</b> (Maroochydore Clippers)
Coach of the Year	
QABL 2008 State Championship Men's Team Coach of the Year	<b>Jason Cameron</b> (South West Metro Pirates)
QABL 2008 State Championship Women's Team Coach of the Year	<b>Mark Wrobel</b> (Townsville Flames)
Referee Awards	
QABL 2008 State Championship Referee of the Year	<b>Toni Caldwell</b>
QABL 2008 State Championship Rookie Referee of the Year	<b>Callam Betts</b>
QABL 2008 State Championship Referee Recognition of Service	<b>Noel Ernest</b>

QABL 2008 State Championship Women's All League Team	QABL 2008 State Championship Men's All League Team
<b>Kelly Wilson (Mackay Meteorettes)</b> <b>Rachael Flanagan (Townsville Flames)</b> <b>Rebecca Haynes (Logan Thunder)</b> <b>Cherie Smith (Townsville Flames)</b> <b>Brittany Davis (Logan Thunder)</b>	<b>Scott Cook (Cairns Marlins)</b> <b>Rhys Martin (Rockhampton Rockets)</b> <b>Jay Anderson (Bundaberg Bulls)</b> <b>Thalo Green (Logan Thunder)</b> <b>Cameron Tragardh (Northside Wizards)</b>

For more information visit [www.qabl.basketball.net.au](http://www.qabl.basketball.net.au)

## Basketball Queensland Annual Awards Dinner

On Saturday 6th September, Basketball Queensland hosted their Annual Awards Dinner at Shangri La Gardens, Wynnum.

The event showcased and celebrated the successes and achievements of individuals, teams and associations, as well as recognised the hard work of our volunteers.

The Honourable Judy Spence MP, Minister for Police, Corrective Services & Sports attended the event, as did Chris Bombolas State Member for Chatsworth, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Police Corrective Services & Sport.

Guests were also lucky enough to hear from the Australian Opals Coach, Jan Stirling.

Basketball Queensland congratulates all award winners. Please find a full list of award winners below.

Junior Male Player of the Year 2008	Damon Heuir (Townsville)
Junior Female Player of the Year 2008	Gretel Tippett (Gold Coast)
Male Coach of the Year 2008	Colin Donovan
Female Coach of the Year 2008	Janelle Bressow
Male Official of the Year 2008	John Taylor (Northside Wizards)
Female Official of the Year 2008	Fiona Allen (Noosa)
Volunteer of the Year 2008	Paul Hunter (BBI)
Administrator of the Year 2008	Lyn Taylor (Ipswich)
Mick McSween Manager of the Year 2008	Jane McNabb (BBI)
Large Association of the Year 2008	Townsville Basketball
Small Association of the Year 2008	Maroochydore Basketball
Vince Hickey 2008	Townsville Basketball
Life Member 2008	Bob Lambourn
Life Member 2008	Pam Hamilton –Smith



**Small Association of the Year - Maroochydore**



**Large Association of the Year - Townsville**

## **North Coast Development Officer Announced**

Basketball Queensland is happy to announce the North Coast Development Officer Position has been filled by Lucian McGuinness.

Lucian has been involved with basketball for over a decade, as a player, a coach, an administrator, a referee and even a score table official. He has worked with elite representative teams, men's teams, school teams, individual players and children who are playing for the first time. In addition to this he has worked in the sport and recreation industry for several years including positions within Education Queensland and the Australian Sports Commission.

To add to Lucian's knowledge and experience he has a degree in Sports Management, a Diploma of Recreation, Certificate IV in Fitness, and a number of other qualifications that will be beneficial for this role.

Basketball Queensland would like to take this opportunity to wish Lucian the best of luck in full filling this role and welcomes him to the team.

## **Queensland State Teams**

Preparation for Queensland State Teams for the 2009 Nationals are getting underway.

Tryout dates for U20 Men's teams have been announced, and there are also callings for expressions of interest for players wishing to trial for the U20 Women's Team.

The Under 15 Development Team Squad has been announced, as have the Head Coaches for the Under 16 and Under 18 South and North State Teams.

For more information visit the Basketball Queensland website  
[www.basketballqld.net.au](http://www.basketballqld.net.au)

## **Congratulations Opals & Boomers**

Basketball Queensland would like to congratulate the Australian Boomers and Opals on their efforts at the 2008 Olympic Games.

Special mention must go to the Opals on their silver medal.

## 2008 Champion Basketball School of Qld Tournament

The Champion Basketball School of Qld Tournament kicks off this Thursday from 8.00am at Insports - Cornubia Park Sports Centre and Beenleigh Arena.

This year's event has attracted a record number of teams, with 73 teams competing comprising of 51 schools. There are 49 boys' teams with 20 contesting Championship Division and 24 girls' teams with 6 contesting Championship Division.

For those wanting to get out and see some of the action and support this great event please refer to the Program of Events below. Alternatively you can follow the game results online under the Draws/Results section of the BQ website.

### PROGRAM OF EVENTS

#### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September

##### ***Pool games for all divisions***

Insports: First game – 8:00am Last Game – 8:00pm  
Beenleigh Arena: First game – 8:00am Last Game – 6:40pm

#### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September

##### ***Pool games for all divisions***

Insports: First game – 8:00am Last Game – 4:00pm  
Beenleigh Arena: First game – 8:00am Last Game – 8:00pm

#### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September

##### ***Boys Championship Division – Quarter Finals & Semi Finals***

##### ***Girls Championship Division – Pool games and Semi Finals***

##### ***Boys Second Division – Cross-over Pool Games and Semi Finals***

##### ***Girls Second Division – Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Cross-over Pool games***

Insports: First game – 8:00am Last Game – 8:00pm  
Beenleigh Arena: First game – 8:00am Last Game – 6:40pm

#### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September

##### ***Boys Second Division – Semi Finals***

##### ***All Divisions – Finals and Play-offs***

Insports: First game – 8:00am Last Game – 4:00pm  
***12:00pm – Girls Second Division Final***  
***1:20pm – Boys Second Division Final***  
***2:40pm – Girls Championship Division Final***  
***4:00pm – Boys Championship Division Final***

Beenleigh Arena: First game – 8:00am Last Game – 1:20pm

***Presentations immediately following Boys Championship Division Final***

## BQJBC Update

After receiving nominations for the BQJBC we are now in the stages of planning the Grading Competition which will take place on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of October.

Premier League Grading Competitions will be held for every age group from U12-U18 as a result of all age groups receiving over 8 nominations for Premier League. In regard to the U20 Age Group a boy's competition will run with 8 teams; however with only 3 associations nominating a girls team there will be no U20 girl's competition.

At the BQJBC Meeting in June it was also decided that for divisions where 12 or more teams nominate for Southern Cup a third division would be put into place called Challenge Cup. These teams will also have to compete in a grading tournament similar to Premier League (unless a team has nominated a preference for Challenge Cup). Those age groups which received over 12 nominations for Southern Cup and therefore will compete in a grading tournament were the U14, U16 and U18 Boys. Premier League grading for these age groups will be done on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> of October. Those teams who do not qualify for Premier League will not receive automatic entry into Southern Cup and will have to attend the Southern Cup grading tournament on Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> of October.

The Grading Competition venues are currently being decided upon and will be released in the next few days through communication with the BQJBC nominated delegates in each Association as well as being listed on the BQ website under BQJBC.

## NBL Back on Board



Basketball Queensland will be launching an initiative called Brisbane NBL Back ON Board. This program has been developed to facilitate the re introduction of an NBL franchise in Brisbane. Further information regarding this initiative will be available from the 18<sup>th</sup> of September on our web site [www.basketballqld.net.au](http://www.basketballqld.net.au)



## Masters Games



### Basketball at Pan Pacific Masters Games

Get your entry in for Basketball at this year's Pan Pacific Masters Games which will be held from 1 to 9 November on the Gold Coast.

Basketball will be one of 34 sports on the program, with the minimum age of entry being 30 years. Entries close for Basketball on Friday 26 September.

You can register for Basketball at the Pan Pacific Masters Games at [www.mastersgames.com.au](http://www.mastersgames.com.au) or by requesting an Entry Form on phone (07) 5564 8733.

The competition will be presented and sanctioned by Basketball Queensland and will be played at Runaway Bay Indoor Stadium, Sports Drive, Runaway Bay under Federation of International Basketball Association rules.

The Basketball program will be held from Sunday 2 to Friday 7 November with session times 8am to 8pm daily.

The Pan Pacific Masters Games are set to attract more than 10,000 participants from all over the world.

The Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre in Broadbeach will be the official Games Village. The Official Charities are RACQ CareFlight and the Heart Foundation. Former Olympic pole vault silver medalist Tatiana Grigorieva will be the face of this year's Games as Ambassador.

## FIBA Rule Changes

FIBA has made a number of changes to the rules, which are to be effective from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2008. The new rule book can be downloaded from the FIBA website ([www.fiba.com](http://www.fiba.com)) by selecting the *Inside FIBA* section and then going to *Rules, Regulations and Other docs Downloads* and selecting Official Basketball Rules 2008.

These rule changes will be introduced in the 2008/09 NBL and WNBL seasons and will apply to Australian Junior Championships and the Australia Club Championships (formerly ABA) from 2009. They will **not** apply at the 2008 U14 Championships or the 2008 National Schools Tournament.



## BQ33



The first 3 on 3 tournament took place on the Gold Coast on Sunday 14th September.

“The BQ33 event on the Gold Coast was super fun. 3 on 3 basketball is a new take on the game, and my team mates and I enjoyed the modified format, the speed of the game, and some great competition. We can’t wait for the next tournament”. *Jeff Buxton, participant at the BQ33 Tournament on the Gold Coast.*

Be quick and nominate today for the remaining BQ33 Tournaments in Queensland. Under 16 and 18 teams will get a chance to play in Brisbane on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September and in Mackay on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October. 3-on-3 basketball is set to explode in 2009, so get in now to get a handle on the game.

Nomination forms can be obtained from [www.bq33.com.au](http://www.bq33.com.au) Numbers are limited so don’t wait. With prizemoney up for grabs, you can’t afford not to be there!

## Girls with Game

The September school holidays are going to be busy with numerous GIRLS with GAME Holiday Camps and clinics taking place. We have camps coming up in Townsville, Rockhampton, Redlands’ & Runaway Bay!

Townsville will be hosting a FREE Specialist Guards & shooting clinic on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September conducted by Townsville fire player Amy Lewis. Redlands will also be conducting a FREE GIRLS with GAME Holiday Camp on Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> September to be coached by numerous Redlands female coaches and Basketball Queensland Women’s Development Officer Emma Webb.

The Rockhampton GIRLS with GAME Slumber Party camp is looking to be a real blast and includes on court and team building sessions as well as a Movie night and karaoke! Runaway Bay will be running their GIRLS ONLY camp at Coombabah High School on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct from 9am-1:30pm both days. It will include a special guest visit from the GOLD COAST BLAZE!

If you would like any more information on the camps above or any of the GIRLS with GAME programs please check out the GIRLS with GAME tab on the Basketball Queensland website or alternatively contact Emma Webb- Women’s Development Officer on 0411 314 554

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