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## INTER-CITY CHALLENGE IN CENTRAL QUEENSLAND

Football Queensland is pleased to announce that CQ Mariners has been awarded the License to manage teams participating in the Inter-City Challenge (ICC) based in both Gladstone and Rockhampton for the next three years.

The License requires the CQ Mariners to withdraw from the Gladstone competition and focus all of its resources on the ICC. Joe Fenech will head up the team of well credentialed coaches to raise the bar for those athletes who aspire to performing at a level higher than community leagues.

CEO Football Queensland Geoff Foster said today "We have been playing catch up since removing the NPL License from CQFC Energy some eighteen months ago, and are delighted to return to fulltime squads in both of the major CQ towns. The soft launch Inter-City Cup conducted this year was very successful and popular so we are graduating to a more intense program as parents have told us they are ready to commit. Surveying parents and consultation with the Zone pointed to full-time squads preferably not playing in community leagues as the solution to fast track the players' development so that we are ready for Mid-State teams to participate in the NPL Championships from 2016."

The Club's application confirms that teams will play against other Zones, including Brisbanebased teams.

For information on trials and training session locations and times, please refer to info@cqmarinersfc.com.au

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