



Official Newsletter – April / May 2017

New 7-A-Side Competition

Commences
Saturday May 6th

The QGFHA are delighted to announce the development of a new **7-A-Side** competition. The competition will replace division 2. **Commencing May 6th**, the games will run every Saturday evening from 4.30pm

- Open to men aged 18 and over
- 20 min halves with 5 min breaks
- Max of 10 per team (depending on numbers on the night, this may change)
- Pay as you go option for new players, \$15 per game, \$10 for students

The competition has been organised to provide fun games for players old and new to enjoy the great game that is Gaelic football in a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere (coaching will be provided on the night for new players) Players & Volunteers can contact **Paddy** on **0401 377 220** or qldsevens@qgfha.com.

MAKING HISTORY!

QUEENSLANDS FIRST UNDER 18 LADIES TEAM



Our Youth Development team has created history once again – this time with the **first ever** minor ladies game to be played in Queensland!!

Not men to let the grass grow under them, Kevin O Dwyer & Glenn Carpenter organized the first ever Under 18s ladies game in Queensland. It has only been a few months since these guys joined forces and coached a very successful mens minor team that went onto represent Queensland in the recent State Games. This time, however, the guys were rivals as Kevins team from the Southern Cross Catholic College took on Glens team from St Marys of Ipswich. On Sunday March 19th the girls took to the field at Willawong to play in their first competitive Gaelic match and what a game it was!

It was a day reminiscent of home with the torrential rain but this did not deter the girls. They demonstrated an ability to learn the game quickly by showing exceptional hand/eye co-ordination, speed and skill, which is especially difficult in such conditions. It was a fun morning for all involved and a special word of thanks must go to the girls and their families for participating in what we hope will be the first of many underage games here in Brisbane. Sincere thanks also to Kevin & Glen for their continued support of Gaelic Games for the younger generation.

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East's & Harps win 2017 Carpenter Cup!

THE VICTORIOUS EASTS LADIES
CARPENTER CUP WINNERS 2017



HARPS GFC MEN CELEBRATING
THEIR CARPENTER CUP WIN



Gaelic Games officially kicked off on Sunday April 9th with the **Carpenter Cup** competition.

Our clubs were well represented in all codes. A special mention must go to The Gold Coast Gaels who fielded their first ever ladies team. Their positive attitude, skill and determination on the pitch have proven this ladies team are one to be watched over the coming season.

Unfortunately, the day was not without injury as we saw Shamrocks midfielder "Moschy" suffer injury in the seconds leading up to half time in his first match of the season. Wishing you a speedy recovery Justin.

There was concern the fields would not be playable due to the remnants of Cyclone Debbie only a few days prior however with the help of volunteers the pitches were re-lined and deemed ready for action!!



The competition was played out over the course of the day with all teams getting 2 games of 20 minutes a side. Sincere thanks to the players, umpires, linesmen, referees, canteen and bar staff who helped co-ordinate the day's events.

Well done to all who took part and congratulations to the **East's Celts Ladies** and **Harps Men** on collecting the coveted silverware.

For a full list of results check out our website

www.gaelicfootball.com.au

DARKNESS INTO LIGHT 2017

The annual **Darkness Into Light** 5K walk/run takes place on **May 6th** at UQ Sport Athletic Centre, St Lucia @ 5am. This event fundraises for suicide prevention and awareness.

You can register online at dil.pieta.ie. If you would like to volunteer on the morning please contact David Dedy on **0497 090 714**.

The proceeds of the fundraiser are divided between Pieta House Dublin and Lifeline Australia.

BHCC Golf Outing

The **Brisbane Hurling & Camogie Club** are hosting their annual Golf Outing on **Sunday May 14th**.

To enter and/or sponsor this event please contact the Club Secretary on:

secretary.brisbanehurling@gmail.com



Queensland Rose of Tralee

The Queensland Rose of Tralee selection ball takes place on Saturday May 27th at The Royal On The Park Hotel.

One of the entrants is our very own **Sarah O'Dwyer-Mazur** of Harps GFC. Wishing you the best of luck Sarah from all at the QGFHA.

The Queensland Rose of Tralee are raffling off 2 return flights with Etihad Airways to Dublin



Mainstream Media Attention for Hurling & Football !!!

County Clare native and avid hurler **Keith Devitt** returned home recently to watch his beloved Ballyea take part in their first club senior hurling final in Croke Park. Local news outlet "The Clare Champion" caught up with Keith to get the lowdown on why it meant so much to him to get home for this game.



Having left home in 2009 Keith had hoped that one day he would make it home to watch his club in a county final. Past player and manager of **Cuchullains** in Brisbane, Keith played hurling for Ballyea prior to emigrating to Australia in 2009.

Before leaving he had hoped that one of his trips back home would be to watch his club in a county final, 8 years later they made it to Croke Park for the club championship finals and true to his word, Keith boarded a plane and made the epic journey back to the motherland!!

For the second time in 3 years **Shamrocks GFC** grabbed the attention of Irelands National Broadcaster RTE as their very lively St Patricks Day message was broadcast at home and indeed around the world!!

<https://twitter.com/rtenews/status/8427159594670594>

Back in Brisbane – QGFHA & Shamrocks stalwart **Luke Devitt** was interviewed by ABC State Radio host Trevor Jackson. Luke gave an insightful interview into the world of Gaelic Games in here in Queensland. Check out the full interview on the following link:

<https://linksharing.samsungcloud.com/contents/view?contentstoken=1491467635540CalDpcc&urrentindex=1>

Training & Recruitment

Whilst training has commenced our clubs are still actively recruiting players for all codes. You will find a full list of clubs, their contacts and primary training venues on our website www.gaelicfootballqld.com.au

REMEMBER! ALL LEVELS WELCOME & BEGGINNERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME ALONG.... It's a great way to get fit, have fun and make new friends.

State Games 2017

Go Games 2017

It has been confirmed that the Australasian Gaelic Games will be held in Perth this year at Tom Bateman Reserve from Thursday 5th October to Sunday 8th October inclusive.



If you would like to represent Queensland at the State Games as a player and/or manager NOW IS THE TIME TO PREPARE. It is an excellent opportunity to play with the best of the best from all codes in Queensland.

Calling all parents/guardians

Volunteers are needed to help out with the GO-GAMES for the kids. This is a great initiative to get our kids involved in Gaelic Games.

Dates have not been finalized however it is proposed to hold up to 8 sessions this year on a Sunday morning prior to the games at Willawong.

Contact Jeanette for further info or to help out 0404 069 498.

By taking part you are also in with a chance of being selected to play at The World Games in Dublin!!!

Talk to your club members and coaches or contact any QGFHA committee member for further information.

