



**48th  
ANNUAL  
GENERAL  
MEETING**

**Wednesday 14 August**

**2024**

This booklet is the official annual report for the Maitland Touch Association Incorporated for the year of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Enclosed are the official reports of the association as per NSW Fair Trading guidelines and regulations.

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## **AGM Agenda**

**48th Annual General Meeting  
Wednesday 14 August 2024, 6:30pm  
Club Maitland City**

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes from previous AGM
4. Annual Reports
  - a. Presidents Report
5. Technical Reports
  - a. Technical Director
  - b. Director of Referees Report
6. Financial Statement / Report
7. Election of Board of Directors
  - a. President
  - b. Finance Director
8. Appointment of Public Officer
9. Appointment of Office Bearers
  - o Administrator
  - o Director of Referees
  - o Director of Selectors
  - o Director of Coaching
  - o Public Relations Officer
  - o Judiciary Chairperson
  - o Competition Supervisors
10. Appointment of General Committee
11. Appointment of Life Membership
12. Special Resolutions
13. Notice of Motions
14. General Business



**47<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**  
Monday 14 August 2023  
Club Maitland City – Opal Room



**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY:**

Hayden Ryan-Hill and Shelly Rush-Nichols

**TIME:**

6:35pm

**ATTENDEES:**

Shelly Rush-Nichols; Darren Wills; Andrew Fishlock; Steve Nichols; Ivan Cole; Jeff Gilewski (zoom); Beth Monk; Matthew Chapman; Tom Taylor; Steve Hepburn; Jo O'Connell; Hayden Ryan-Hill; Renae Trow; Stella Nichols; Philip Balcombe (zoom); Julie Gee (zoom)

**APOLOGIES:**

Ross Osland; Steve Walterback; Bobby Moore; Julie Robinson; David Stone; Sharon Tull

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS AGM:**

Approved: Andrew Fishlock

Seconded: Ivan Cole

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS AGM:**

Nil

**ANNUAL REPORTS:**

**Presidents Report** (Shelly Rush-Nichols) – see attached.

Motion to accept President's report.

Moved: Beth Monk

Seconded: Darren Wills

**Technical Director Report** (Andrew Fishlock) – see attached.

Motion to accept Technical Director's report.

Moved: Shelly Rush-Nichols

Seconded: Matt Chapman

**Director of Referees Report** (Ivan Cole) – see attached.

Motion to accept Director of Referee's report.

Moved: Steve Nichols

Seconded: Andrew Fishlock

**Director of Coaching Report** (Tom Taylor) – see attached.

Motion to accept Director of Coaching report.

Moved: Hayden Ryan-Hill

Seconded: Steve Nichols



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**Finance Director's Report** (Steve Nichols) – see attached.

Motion to accept Finance Director's report.

Moved: Ivan Cole

Seconded: Andrew Fishlock

**ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

**Vice President** – Darren Wills

Nominees (1): Darren Wills

Nil opposed. Accepted by Darren Wills

**Technical Director** – Andrew Fishlock

Nominees (1): Andrew Fishlock

Nil opposed. Accepted by Andrew Fishlock

**APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL COMMITTEE:**

Phil Balcombe

Matthew Chapman

Jeff Gilewski

Julie Gee

Beth Monk

Steve Hepburn

Jo O'Connell

Stella Nichols

Renaë Trow

Steve Walterback

**APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC OFFICER:**

Steve Nichols

**APPOINTMENT OF OFFICE BEARERS:**

- o Monday Night Competition Supervisor – Hayden Ryan-Hill
- o Tuesday Night Competition Supervisor – Hayden Ryan-Hill
- o Thursday Night Juniors Competition Supervisor – Shelly Rush-Nichols (& Renaë Trow)
- o Director of Referees – Ivan Cole
- o Director of Selectors – VACANT
- o Director of Coaching – Tom Taylor
- o Public Relations Officer – Darren Wills
- o Judiciary Chairperson – Dave Dyson (not in attendance)
- o Representative Coordinator – Shelly Rush-Nichols
- o Canteen Coordinator – Shelly Rush-Nichols
- o Club Trainer – *Position removed*



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**APPOINTMENT OF LIFE MEMBERSHIPS:**

**Andrew Fishlock**

Secret ballot – passed.

**Darren Wills**

Secret ballot – passed.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS:**

Constitution update (August 2023) – passed.

**NOTICE OF OTHER MOTIONS:**

Nil.

**MEETING CLOSED:**

7:24pm

General meeting to follow.



## Presidents Report 2022/23

The 2022/23 year has been a year of growth and success for the club. After years of uncertainty due to COVID and extreme weather Maitland Touch has emerged a bigger, stronger club that has gained the respect of other affiliates within our region.

Our 2022 Junior Competition team numbers were up by a staggering 34 teams from the previous 2021 season reaching our capacity of 113 teams. We had 1055 players between the ages of 7 – 17 playing every Thursday evening from October–December 2022.

Our Senior Summer Competition comprised of 61 teams in total across our women's, men's, and mixed competitions. This is up 21 teams from the previous year.

We have just completed our Mid-Year Competition; we had 17 teams playing in that competition. This was down 2 teams from last year.

We had 7 Senior Representative and 11 Junior Representative teams selected for the 2022/23 respective representative campaigns.

Our senior representative teams competed at our regional tournament at Nelson Bay, our W40 team were crowned champions in their division and the W30 team were runners up with all other teams putting in a strong performance. Country Championships were held at the Central Coast and our combined W40 and W30s team won their division, not all teams attended this tournament, however strong results achieved from those teams who did. Senior State Cup was held at Port Macquarie and 4 of our 7 teams reached the finals series.

Our 14s boys kicked off the Junior Redbacks campaign with a win and being crowned the 14 boys champions at the Don Green Memorial Western Regional Championships in November 22 held in Mudgee. All our teams (12s-18s) played Peter Wilson Memorial Champs at Nelson Bay in February 2023. All teams made the finals series, and our 16 boys were overall champions for their division. For the first time NSW Junior State Cup Northern Conference was held in Dubbo in February 2023, again all teams making it to the final's series and our 14 boys won their division. They, then went to Sydney to play in the State Championships in a best of 3 format. The boys went on to win that and were crowned the overall winners for their division in the State of NSW. This was a wonderful achievement. The last time Maitland Redbacks we crowned NSW Junior State Champions was 24 years ago.

Our representative achievements didn't stop there with a pleasing 27 senior players representing Hornets at national level and an astounding 20 junior Hornets players at regional level that will also be attending NYC later in the year. We also had 4 senior female players play in State of Origin and 5 junior players selected to play at All Schools in Darwin this coming August. To add to this, we will have 3 junior boys play for NSW in CHS, CCC and CIS in Youth titles in September. This growth and these achievements highlight the depth and strength within our club, and that more athletes are choosing touch to be their first sport.

In addition, we had 3 referee upgrades and many coaching upgrades with several MTA members on the coaching staff for Senior and Junior Regional Hornets teams.

Last year I engaged with Maitland City Council applying for a grant to go towards the upgrade of the clubs' amenities. On the night of writing this report I found out that the first step in the process of the major work being carried out starts tomorrow. This will be wonderful for our club as we move forward.

I am truly so grateful to our local community for financially backing Maitland Touch. I would like to thank all our sponsors, our major sponsor Club Maitland City, The Mutual Bank, Nichols Electrical, Carpet Court Maitland, Yellow Coaching, Bakers Delight Green Hills, Lovey's Grocers, CNW Maitland, Pirtek Maitland Branch and Fit4kids for seeing value and worth in our club and what we offer to our community through inclusive sport.



I would like to personally acknowledge and thank all our referees; we have a strong team of referees that work in collaboration with the club at park touch and representative touch level. MTA is fortunate to have the calibre of referees that we can call our own. Thank you to Ivan and Beth for overseeing the referee cohort. You do an amazing job.

Our players/members whether they are a park touch player, a rep player or both, young and old they are our stakeholders. Without them we have no club. I would like to personally thank all our members and our whole touch community for their support. This is my 2<sup>nd</sup> year as president (in my first year I was acting president), and the growth of our community and the success within our club continues to exceed my expectations. Our stakeholders are the future of this club our growth will bring further success.

To the Committee, we are not large in numbers but large in heart. Thank you for giving your time to our club and our community. Our core business is to play touch football. We desire to play it well and we are setting goals and working on processes to continue to grow our club and lead it to future successes. With our focus and determination, I am excited to see how far we can go. Special mention to our club administrator Hayden, you do so much behind the scenes. I appreciate your knowledge, knowhow, and willingness to always help me and guide our club forward. Thank you for hearing my ideas, sharing my visions, and putting things in place for me (even my crazy ideas). It would be remiss of me not to acknowledge my wonderful husband Steve, who is also the clubs finance guru and my biggest sounding board. His unwavering support is what enables me and allows me to fulfill my role to its fullest, he is the one who grounds me during the crazy times.

In closing I would like to add that Maitland Touch has been nominated for 5 awards at the upcoming NSW Touch Blues Awards night and 4 of our members have also been nominated for personal achievement awards whether that is as a player or service to the sport.

I am thrilled to be the president of this club. What we have achieved in the past 3 years is outstanding. The future of the club is very bright.

Thanks team couldn't do it without you,

Shelly Rush-Nichols

**President**



## Finance Report, Financial Statements

### 2023 Annual General Meeting

By Steve Nichols

On 30 June 2023, the bank balances of the accounts were:

Working Account	\$15,819.83
Savings Account	\$97,073.79
Representative Account	\$2,668.50
Canteen Account	\$3,089.53
Term Deposit	\$28,246.12 (Re-invested again this financial year)

#### YTD Profit

For the 2022/2023 financial year Maitland Touch have accumulated an operating pre-audit profit (accrual) of \$9,765.45 for the financial year. As noted, this is a pre-audit figure and maybe adjusted once the accountant has looked over them. We are still in a very strong financial position. Profit was down approximately 35% on the previous year which I believe is mainly due to when the sponsorship invoices were distributed (either side of 30 June 2023).

#### Considerations

We always need to operate in a profitable space in normal operations throughout the yearly cycle. We are in the very fortunate position of having cash reserves which allows us the option to spend in a targeted and responsible way. We always need to have cash reserves and be generally profitable. The current committee hasn't received honorariums and doesn't offer accommodation to committee members for tournaments/awards night. Both of these things this have been offered and paid in the past and could be at any point in the future. This would have notable impact on the bottom line. We are also only just starting (this year) to offer subsidies to representative coaching staff in both junior and senior roles. This will have a substantial impact on our costs or the player levy.

We will discuss the above considerations at upcoming meetings.





### **Financial Audits**

I have the 21/22 and the 22/23 figures prepared for audit now. I will make these available once complete.

### **Goals for the financial system for the Club in the 21/22 financial year.**

- Purchase a second square for uniform/apparel purchases
  - Engage a different accountant to assist with streamlining the Xero file
  - Agree on an amount to transfer into the term deposit
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## **Technical Director Report 2023**

### **Summer Comp 2022/23**

- 61 teams across the Monday and Tuesday night competitions –
  - o Monday Night Comp
    - 1. 4 Ladies teams
    - 2. 24 Mens teams
  - o Tuesday Night Comp
    - 1. 33 Mixed teams
  
- First competitions run 'post-pandemic' which saw a significant increase in competing teams from the previous years.
- Unlike previous seasons there were minimal impacts due to weather
- All divisions played relatively competitive touch although early regrades did assist.
- All night supervisors and referees worked well together.

The 2022/23 Summer competition run relatively smoothly however there were a number of serious injuries that needed to be dealt with – either via Ambulance or self-transportation to hospital.

From a competition perspective, the season run smoothly with no major incidents or issues to report.

### **Mid-year (Winters) Comp 2023**

- 17 teams across 2 Grades
  - 1. 6 Mens
  - 2. 11 Mixed teams

Competition played out across a relatively warm winter with the competition not significantly impacted by weather as previous winter comps had experienced.

The forfeits impacting the strength and consistency of the previous seasons was not experienced during this competition.

### **Junior Comp 2022**

Another strong Junior competition albeit overall team numbers were slightly down on previous year.

- U7 Boys - 8 teams - 69 individuals
- U7 Girls - 2 teams - 17 individuals
- U9 Boys - 17 teams - 139 individuals
- U9 Girls - 4 teams - 37 individuals
- U11 Boys - 17 teams - 172 individuals
- U11 Girls - 9 teams - 85 individuals
- U13 Boys - 16 teams - 157 individuals
- U13 Girls - 15 teams - 144 individuals
- U15 Boys - 7 teams - 68 individuals
- U15 Girls - 9 teams - 92 individuals
- U17 Boys - 5 teams - 40 individuals
- U17 Girls - 4 teams - 35 individuals

- **TOTAL - 113 teams - 1,055 individuals**

Technical Director

No major issues to report

Ongoing support required by the Technical Director during the selection processes for both Junior and Senior coaches. Positive outcomes in all cases.

## DIRECTOR OF REFEREES REPORT 2022-23

1. With COVID-19 restrictions being relaxed, sport began its return to normality. This was great news for not only Maitland Touch but touch in general. Now it's time for a referee recap.

2. **NSW v QLD Representation.** The 2022 Touch Football State of Origin was held in August at the C.ex International Stadium-Coffs Harbour. This is no doubt the pinnacle event of domestic touch football in Australia showcasing the greatest rivalry between the best players from across Queensland and New South Wales. Hearing that one of Maitland's very own was selected as an official, was simply spectacular. Congratulations to Phil Balcombe who was obviously over the moon to receive such an accolade.



3. **Golden Jubilee Recognition.** NSW Touch recently celebrated 50 years (1972-2022) of touch football by hosting a black tie event at Accor Stadium-Sydney in October 2022. As part of the 50th anniversary celebrations, 'Golden Jubilee' referees were announced. Maitland Touch was overwhelmed when two of our very own referees were named alongside some of the best referees in the history of our sport in NSW which spans five decades. An amazing achievement.

- Sharon Tull – Women's Senior Golden Jubilee Referee
- Gavin West – Indigenous Golden Jubilee Referee.



4. **NSWTA Referee Awards.** Maitland's senior referees attended the 2022 referee awards night which was held at Bankstown Sports Club-Sydney in November. Three Maitland referees receive their state 'COVID' blue blazers which is awarded to those referees that reach a level 4 state ranking. Congratulations to Beth Monk, Caleb Walz and Darren Lampard. Jordan Eade was not in attendance and was presented his blazer at the Senior State Cup in December. Phil Balcombe and Ivan Cole were also recognised during the evening with a 5 year NSWTA Service Awards. This award recognises a referees ongoing commitment to NSW Touch once a level 4 state ranking is achieved.



5. **Summer Competitions.** The clubs 2022 Junior Summer Competition was supported by 24 junior and 12 senior referees. The Junior Grand Finals were contested on Thursday 15 December 2022 with the referees appointed to these Grand Finals listed below:

Boys 17:	Beth Monk	Jeffery Gilewski	Caleb Walz
Girls 17:	Ivan Cole	Amber Sullivan	Laila Gutsch-Berry
Boys 15:	Beth Monk	Jeffery Gilewski	Caleb Walz
Girls 15:	Amber Sullivan	Laila Gutsch-Berry	Emmi Mate
Boys 13 (1):	Beth Monk	Abbie Turner	Laila Gutsch-Berry
Boys 13 (2):	Eve Power	Amelia Carr	Joseph Crouch
Girls 13:	Braith Punton	Oakley McDonough	Liam Lucas
Boys 11 (1):	Eve Power	Amelia Carr	Lars Meskauskas
Boys 11 (2):	Joseph Crouch	Oakley McDonough	Liam Lucas
Girls 11:	Abbie Turner	Ethan Ferraro	Braith Punton



The 2022 Senior Competition saw a referee roster that consisted of 27 junior and senior referees officiating both Monday and Tuesday nights. Grand Finals were played on 27/28 February 2023 with referee appointments being awarded to the below referees:

Ladies:	Hillary Andersen	Tom Taylor	Hayden Ryan-Hill
Men's Premier:	Bryce Lucas	Caleb Walz	Beth Monk
Men's A Grade:	Bryce Lucas	Caleb Walz	
Men's B Grade:	Peter Retallick	Hillary Andersen	Lachlan Procter
Men's C Grade:	Ivan Cole	Peter Retallick	Beth Monk



Premier Mixed:	Ivan Cole	Beth Monk	Hillary Andersen
A Grade Mixed:	Ivan Cole	Beth Monk	
B Grade Mixed:	Steve Hepburn	Steve Nichols	Laila Gutsch-Berry
C Grade Mixed:	Steve Hepburn	Steve Nichols	
D Grade Mixed:	Hillary Andersen	Laila Gutsch-Berry	



6. **Junior & Senior Referee Awards.** The 2022-23 Referee Awards were presented at the conclusion of Monday night's Grand Final evening. This year's three outstanding referees were:

- Grace Stevens – Maitland's Junior Referee of the Year – Presented by Ivan Cole
- Beth Monk – Maitland's Leading Referee – Presented by John Taylor
- Raymond Eade – Maitland's Most Improved Referee – Presented at the referee luncheon.

Congratulations to you all on another incredible year, well done!



7. **Junior and Senior Referees End of Season Function.** Due to the unexpected depletion of time, Maitland's 2022 Junior get-together did not occur. However, the Senior referees were able to meet up at the conclusion of the summer season for a friendly Sunday lunch at the Junction Inn-Raymond Terrace.



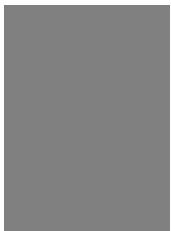




8. **Winter Competition.** The 2023 Senior Winter Competition saw 13 referees brave the chilly Monday night's to officiate both mixed and men's games. Grand Finals were contested on 24 July followed promptly by an enjoyable sausage sizzle where we all honoured the dedication of one of the clubs long standing referees, Peter Retallick... thank you 'Rattles'. The referee end-of-season luncheon was held at Club Maitland City on the Sunday prior where final appointments were announced. Congratulations to the below Grand Final Referees:

Men's:	Caleb Walz	Darren Lampard	Kurt Grogan
Mixed Red:	Beth Monk	Peter Retallick	Tom Taylor
Mixed Black:	Ivan Cole	Beth Monk	Hillary Robertson





9. **Referee Upgrades.** Well done to the below Maitland referees that received their respective upgrades throughout 2022-23:

Level 2	Level 2	Level 4	Level 6	Level 6
PWMC 05-Feb-23 Nelson Bay	PWMC 05-Feb-23 Nelson Bay	State Cup 06-Dec-22 Port Macquarie	NTL 11-Mar-23 Coffs Harbour	NTL 11-Mar-23 Coffs Harbour
Grace Stevens 	Drew Crowley 	Raymond Eade 	Caleb Walz 	Beth Monk 

10. **Tournaments.** Maitland's referees officiated at numerous tournaments around the State either on behalf of Maitland or on loan to other affiliates. These tournaments included:

Event	Location & Date	Number Ref'd
State of Origin Series	Coffs Harbour, Aug 2022	1
Hornets Regional Champs	Mallabula, Sep 2022	9
Country Champs	Central Coast, Oct 2022	8
Don Green Western Junior Champs (DGWJC)	Mudgee, Nov 2022	2
Senior State Cup	Port Macquarie, Dec 2022	12
Central Coast Junior Champs (CCJC)	Central Coast, Dec 2022	3
Peter Wilson Memorial Champs (PWMC)	Nelson Bay, Feb 2023	14
Junior State Cup (JSC) - North	Port Macquarie, Feb 2023	11
National Touch League (NTL)	Coffs Harbour, Mar 2023	7
Junior Regionals	Tuggerah, Apr 2023	2

11. Grand Final appointments for the above tournaments were awarded to the below Maitland referees:

2022-23							
HORNETS		COUNTRY		DON GREEN		SENIOR STATE	
MO	Caleb Walz	SMX	Caleb Walz	18G	Beth Monk	MXO	Caleb Walz
WO	Mya Cooke	W30	Beth Monk			W20	Phil Balcombe
M20	Bryce Lucas	M55	Ivan Cole			W20	Beth Monk
M40	Jason Taylor	M55	Jeffery Gilewski			SMX	Bryce Lucas
M40	Darren Lampard					MO	Darren Lampard
M40	Jordan Eade					M40	Ivan Cole
W40	Peter Retallick					M60	Jordan Eade
M50	Raymond Eade						
PETER WILSON		JUNIOR STATE		NTL			
18B	Caleb Walz	16B	Caleb Walz	M55	Phil Balcombe		
18B	Bryce Lucas	16B	Bryce Lucas	AA	Caleb Walz		
14G	Beth Monk	16G	Beth Monk				
14G	Amanda Hollis	14G	Ivan Cole				
12B	Jordan Eade						
12B	Raymond Eade						
10B	Dave Robertson						



12. Maitland's referees also officiate at other events around the region throughout 2022-23. These included:

- The PSSA Touch Knockout
- Numerous School Events
- Annual Wallsend Gala Day U12-U18
- Port Stephens NAIDOC Touch Championship.

13. **Referee Excellence.** Beth Monk attended the NSWTA 'Her Way' Coaching Conference in 2022. Spearheaded by NSW High-Performance Coach Tony Trad as well as the game's undisputed Leading Female Coach Karley Banks. This two-day event focused on developing our sports female officials toward game development, game analysis and touch IQ. The program also had a focus on leadership, team dynamics as well as player and coach profiling. The knowledge gained by Beth during this event will not only benefit her but our club as a whole.



14. **Referee Training.** Courses that were facilitated by Ivan Cole, Jeffery Gilewski and Beth Monk throughout 2022-23:

- Level one (1) Foundation – Maitland – Oct 2022.
- Level one (1) Foundation – Raymond Terrace – Oct 2022.

As a result of the above courses, Maitland Touch welcomed 12 additional junior referees to its ranks.

15. **Referee Recruitment and Retention.** Referee numbers are still struggling to recover from the COVID-19 interruption. All efforts are being made by the Committee to find a solution to this conundrum. Some initiatives that are listed below, have already been implemented with positive results. Maitland will pull out all the stops to attract new referees to the club and to retain its current referee roster.

- Referee remuneration updated
- The supply of referee attire
- Referee course reimbursement
- Accommodation during tournaments
- Referee end-of-season social events
- Recognition of referee accomplishments
- Referee coaching/mentoring.



16. **Remembered Always.** With great sadness, Maitland Touch lost one of its long standing referees over the December break. Jason Taylor or Squiz, as his friends new him, was passionate and committed to touch football and never missed an opportunity to mentor those coming up through the ranks or simply to part some wisdom. A true gentleman. We will all miss you Jason, Squiz, Buddy.



17. **In Closing.** Thank you to all our Maitland referees including the extended referee panel below:

- Julie Gee – DOR Assistant
- John Taylor – Referee Head Coach
- Beth Monk – Maitland's Leading Referee.

Without your continued support, Maitland Touch would not be what it is today. Many thanks to our awe-inspiring Committee also, for your endless hard work in and behind the scenes to keep our club motoring along. Simply amazing.

Stay in touch,

**Ivan Cole**

Director of Referees

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# Maitland Touch Association

## 2022/2023: Director of Coaching Report

Once again we find ourselves at the end of another year of touch football, and finally after many years of interruptions we can finally look back on a smooth and successful year of Redbacks touch footy!

### Senior Representative:

After the cancellation of the 2021 NSW Senior State Cup, MTA set their sights on 2022 and were able to field seven teams to participate in this year's senior rep campaign. Appointed coaches were:

	<b>Head Coach</b>	<b>Assistant Coach</b>	<b>Manager</b>
<b>W20's</b>	Steve Hepburn	Steve Walterback	Jo O'Connell
<b>M20's</b>	Hayden Ryan-Hill	Luke Grills	Shelly Rush-Nichols
<b>MXO</b>	Adam Hogan	-	-
<b>W30's</b>	Kim Starkey	Sophie Crouch	-
<b>W40's</b>	Scott Robinson	-	Gai Taylor
<b>M40's</b>	Tim Nichols	-	Steve Nichols
<b>M50's</b>	Andrew Fishlock	Darren Wills	-

During the lead up tournaments to state cup, MTA achieved some outstanding results in our Women's teams! Our W40's came away champions at Hornets Championships in September. The following month's Country Champs saw our W30's side grabbing victory with the W20's narrowly being defeated in the grand final.

At the completion of state cup we had these teams make the finals:

- W20: SEMI FINALISTS
- W30: SEMI FINALISTS
- W40: SEMI FINALISTS

- M40: SEMI FINALISTS
- M50: QUARTER FINALISTS

Congratulations to these teams and their outstanding results for the 2022 senior rep season.

NTL's came around fast in March 2023 once again without the interruption of bad weather at the tournament or during the lead up. I would like to congratulate these coaches on being successfully appointed on the Senior Hornets Coaching team:

- Ladies 20's HEAD COACH: Tom Taylor
- Men's 50's HEAD COACH: Steve Hepburn
- Senior Mixed ASSISTANT COACH: Hayden Ryan-Hill
- Ladies 50's ASSISTANT COACH: Shelly Rush-Nichols
- Men's 50's ASSISTANT COACH: Darren Wills
- Ladies Opens MANAGER: Molly Gallagher
- Men's 40's MANAGER: Steve Nichols
- Men's 50's MANAGER: Jo O'Connell

### Junior Representative:

The 2022/23 Junior Rep Season is definitely one that will go down in the MTA history books with some record breaking results achieved by our teams, players and coaches.

Congratulations to these members appointed as our Junior Rep Coaching Staff:

	Head Coach	Assistant Coach	Manager
<b>G10</b>	Molly Gallagher	Chloe Beckett	Jannah Miller
<b>B10</b>	Ryan Evans	Riley Stacey	
<b>G12</b>	Melissa Lidbury	Leanne Polglase	Jess Beard
<b>B12</b>	Zac Leonard	Mick Campton	Kate Vitnell
<b>G14</b>	Sophie Crouch	Stella Nichols	Natalie Osland
<b>B14</b>	Ryan Carpenter	Jacob French	Andrew Hedges

<b>G16</b>	Jacqui Simpson	Steve Hepburn	Sophie Murdoch
<b>B16</b>	Tom Taylor	Jack Edwards & Connor Edwards	-
<b>G18</b>	Steve Walterback	Rhys French	Craig Beckett
<b>B18</b>	Matt Tranter	Shelly Rush-Nichols	-

During this campaign, MTA came away with 4 championship trophies! Congratulations goes to:

- Under 14 Boys: DON GREEN CHAMPS
- Under 16 Boys: PETER WILSON CHAMPS
- Under 14 Boys: STATE NORTHERN CONFERENCE CHAMPS
- Under 14 Boys: STATE CHAMPS

At our junior presentation evening, Under 14 Boys Head Coach Ryan Carpenter was awarded the 2022/2023 Junior Coach of the Year award. Previous holders include:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Division</b>
2022/2023	Ryan Carpenter	Under 14 Boys
2021/2022	Ryan Evans	Under 10 Boys
2020/2021	Steve Walterback	Under 16 Girls
2019/2020	Sophie Crouch	Under 14 Girls

With the dust settling on the canceled State Cup, some of our coaches were successful in gaining appointments for both Junior Regionals and National Youth Championships for the Hornets Region. Congratulations go to these Maitland Coaches:

- Under 14 Girls HEAD COACH: Tom Taylor
- Under 14 Boys HEAD COACH: Steve Hepburn
- Under 12 Girls ASSISTANT COACH: Molly Gallagher
- Under 14 Boys MANAGER: Jo O'Connell
- Under 16 Girls MANAGER: Sophie Crouch

Special mention going to Steve Hepburn & Jo O'Connell for their victory at the 2023 Junior Regional Champs, coaching a team containing 4 Maitland players.

On behalf of the Maitland Touch Football Association, I would like to thank all participants members of the committee for another fun & exciting season. Looking forward to 2023/2024.

Tom Taylor: Director of Coaching