

Brisbane Metro South



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Since starting in May I have really enjoyed the new position working with all clubs and meeting new people. The new position has done great things for club development and assistance. These positions are contracted for 3 years and I am sure by the end of that time our clubs will be fully functional and active. The original clusters I was given consisted of UQ, QEII, TEES, Jimboomba, Ipswich and District and Toowong AC. In early June I had Fast Track Logan West added to my cluster of clubs followed by Gold Coast being added in late July. I have been out to visit all clubs over the time and will endeavour to revisit all clubs to see where you are at and what assistance you require.

School Athletics Season

During the school athletics season Jimboomba and QEII were very proactive going out to district school meets and handing out promotional flyers for the clubs. QEII spent a day visiting 2 district meets gathering information on students wanting more information regarding Track and Field outside the school system. QEII now have a data base of around 40 interested athletes wanting more information regarding track and field. QEII used two of its University Students Athletes to head out to these meets and a big thank you to Nick Bray and Jack Green. I will email district coordinators again for next year to have our club representatives out at district meets promoting athletics.

Active After Schools Community

Active after Schools program is a great way to promote your club in the local area and develop good relationships with your local little Athletics club. As most of the athletes (kids) you will encounter will be younger than 12yrs QA and QA clubs can't really offer much to them however we can filter these kids into the sport by way of little athletics. I would encourage clubs to make those little athletics clubs aware this is what you are doing and it will hopefully help the sport overcome some of the barriers between the 2 organisations. I have only had positive feedback from this system having an increase in dual registrations from little Athletics.

QEII and Jimboomba got involved in running active after schools community program and have now had over whelming response to run Athletics at more and more schools in the Brisbane region. For information regarding getting your club involved in AASC Contact Daley Kemel -07 3031 8010, daley.kemel@ausport.gov.au

Current Club Projects

Ipswich and District Athletics club has recently upgraded their website, Vic Pascoe has been into the QA office for training on the new system. Most clubs have fully functional websites that are continually updated. Gold Coast Victory is currently working on their new website and is looking good to go live early in the New Year.

Social media is a great way to communicate with your athletes in the club most clubs have a Facebook page, however it may be an area for a younger person in your club to get involved with the administrative side of the sport. It has been noted more people will now regularly check their Facebook page rather than their email.

Jimboomba have recently laid a pole vault runway and bought a pole vault pit, this will be the first club in the south east to have a pole vault facility outside major venues of Brisbane, Gold and Sunshine Coast. A great step forward and congratulations to Jimboomba. This will now give regional kids the opportunity to have a go and get involved in pole Vault. This is a huge area of growth for Athletics in Queensland as Pole Vault is a targeted event area for Athletics Australia, over the past decade Australia has had huge success in this event internationally.

University of Queensland (UQ) have had a very quiet year after the January floods washed the track away. Now back up and running with the facility its full steam ahead for the young committee with a big focus for them on Volunteer recruitment. UQ is also organising an interstate Challenge meet against Rivals Sydney University. This meet will be held in conjunction with a UQ All Comers meet in March 2012

Thompson Estate and Eastern Suburbs have just entered their 3rd junior team in the team challenge this is a fantastic effort from a smaller club. Tui Edwards has been working hard with St James College in Brisbane. This school has a large contingent of under privileged migrant African students, and, as a lot of these athletes have excelled in their chosen events the school is now looking at supporting 15 athletes per year to join TEES and compete in the club system and school system. Tui and St James have draft a memorandum of understand between the two parties and it will be a fantastic step forward for TEES and also the sport in general.

QEII have been working overtime, in early September they visited Allgester Little Athletics club to run a coaching clinic elite Athletes Chris Dale, Kade Jennings and Australian Flame member Matt Davies spent the afternoon with the young stars and were part of the "turning on of the light" as the club just had new lights system installed this was a very successful and positive visit. QEII will also be holding the first of many Local club Jumps meets these meets are advertised on our QA webpage and will be open to all registered athletes with Queensland Athletics. \$4 fee for track usage and a \$2 entry fee will apply. The first meet will be held on Wednesday 23rd November at 5:00pm commencing with a Long Jump.



Gold Coast Athletics Club hosted an athletics expo on 12th November at the Broadwater Parklands on the morning of the Commonwealth Games bid announcement. The morning proved a huge success as the Gold Coast won the bid to host the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

Shield Meets and Inter-Club this year has turned into great competition so far Jimboomba are out in force. For a small club they are engaging all their members and have created great club spirit and pride. Jimboomba are currently leading the points charge tied with UQ, the Power house of QEII not far behind. Ipswich and District are having a real crack and will be a contender for the podium. Big hitters Gold Coast Victory are yet to make any kind of mark on the competition I suspect a sprint finish from them after Christmas to grab last minute points.

Division 2 has seen a great battle between 2 metro south clubs Fast Track Logan West and Thompson Estate and Eastern Suburbs. Fast Track a relatively new club on the scene have been making a huge impact on division 2.

Division 1		Division 2	
1. Jimboomba	15 Points	1. Fast Track	32 Points
1. UQ	15 points	2. TEES	29 Points
3. QEII	12 Points		
5. Ipswich and District	8 Points		
6. Gold Coast Victory	7 Points		

Junior Teams Challenges has been great, this event is getting more and more support and enthusiasm. For those who organise teams realise the difficulties in making this a successful event and we thank all team managers and volunteers for their assistance. The competition in the girls sees QEII under 14 Disco Ninjas winning the competition after 2 rounds. The Under 15 Girls event is shaping up to be a real fight to the line with Ipswich's Greens Hornets winning the first to meets followed by QEII Quick Chicks and TEES Blazettes. In the boys Under 14 Challenge Jimboomba team (GUNAHAVEAGO) have finished 2nd in the first meet and 3rd in the second meet to Deception Bay and ARANA LA it will be exciting to see how they finish in the competition. In the Under 15 Boys there is a tie after 2 round with TEES Blaze team and QEII Blue, TEES has recently entered a third team for the final 3 rounds the Junior Africans finishing a close 3rd in their first outing. Great to see TEES out there putting teams on the park Tui Edwards and her team of Volunteers are doing a fantastic job.

This season has seen the introduction of the new volunteer rule. This has been a great step forward and has encouraged clubs to get out and recruit volunteers, for the interclub structure. Our regular officials are appreciating the extra assistance on the day and I believe this really shows as the meets are better structured and organised. We are continuing to send each of these club volunteers a thank you letter on behalf of QA. We will endeavour to create a database for each club of who they have out at interclub meets Volunteering. Volunteers are hard to come by in our sport we need to make these people feel Valued and appreciated in any small way we can. Keep up the great work all Metro South Clubs have supplied Volunteers. Ipswich and District put an article in their local paper advertising for local volunteers to assist the club and Vic Pascoe has had quite a bit of feedback and calls from people in the area wanting to get involved.

Most club have, however if you have not yet registered a date for a cross country meet could you please forward a date and details to Nick for bookings. Gold Coast will be hosting a cross country series in 2012.

