



DUBBO TOUCH ASSOCIATION INC.

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PRESIDENTS REPORT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

21st May 2024

Some of the highlights over the past 12 months;

1. DTA has more lights available to us for use of our winter competitions. The lighting project was partly funded by Grants and came in under budget with Dubbo Touch contributing \$36,000. This will be a welcomed addition to our current winter competition as we can not only expand our numbers but be able to offer an earlier night for both players and volunteers.
2. The successful tender that Dubbo was able to secure of NSWTA Junior State Cup Northern Conference for another 3 years. The tender wouldn't have been possible without Dubbo Regional Council and was once again a great success for DTA and DRC. It was again the largest sporting carnival event ever held in Dubbo with 204 teams. The injection into the local economy, the vibe around the fields and also around town for the weekend and not to mention the high quality touch that was played by not only all teams but in particular our Dubbo teams was outstanding. We appreciate the support from the sub committee and other volunteers who assisted over the weekend. Massive effort for an amazing weekend.
3. 91 teams in the Junior Competitions, Heidi Spratt ran the competition again this year with more helpers and was an awesome competition played at the back end of 2023, we were able to secure some good sponsors for the competition, which also led into rep as well. We look forward to seeing more juniors running around down at touch this year.
4. The Struddy's Safari Womens Series grew to eight teams this summer in two 6 week competitions before and after Christmas. Well done Millie and your helpers, getting more women playing touch in a relaxed atmosphere is the way to go. We also were able to see an exhibition match that was held on international womens day – was quite the highlight of the season.
5. Mixed and mens comp still going well, 30min games were trialled in both summer and winter with positive feedback given. Mens comp trialled in winter a double header style 2x20min games plus offered a short comp for over 30s.
6. Still growing our Referee's with more achieving upgrades and grand finals at rep carnivals. Great to see our senior referees coming and supporting our junior comp as well as week in and week out down at our mens, mixed and womens comps. We have also increased our level 1 referees with 2 courses in the past 12months, Thank you to Paul Keyte and Rob McKechnie for running these.
7. Further representative honours have seen two of our members make Australian Teams

Sponsors;

The 'Westside Hotel' has been our major sponsor of our club for over ten years now and we look forward to continuing this partnership into the future. It's great to have a sponsor who is happy to support the club long term and we should try to support the Westside whenever we can.

A big thank you to our Junior sponsors, in particular 'Bourke Street Butchery and the Butchers wife' and 'Tycon' who were the junior comp major sponsors and also 'Bourke street Butchery and the Butchers wife' for sponsoring Junior rep.

I would also like to give a shout out to our supporting sponsors for their contribution to our local junior comp.

McCut Tiling

Spuds Skips

Dean Alley Building and Maintenance

Ballimore Welding

Active - On the Move Rehab



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We really appreciate the support of these sponsors, allowing us to provide better experiences for our junior players, their families and referees who play a critical role in all our activities.

Club Purchases/improvements:

- Lighting contribution
- JSC major carnival contribution
- Golf cart for field set up
- Storage (shipping) container
- Portable grandstands

Juniors:

Our Junior comp is running at capacity with 91 teams in competitions from U7 to U15's, that is almost 900 kids playing in our junior comp, amazing. The comp offers a fun and family friendly atmosphere and that is mostly due to the leadership of our comp director Heidi Spratt. Well done and thank you to Heidi and committee who continue to run a great competition.

Junior Rep teams:

We had excellent representation at all junior events including Don Green Western Junior Championships in Mudgee in November, Central Coast Mini's, which unfortunately due to weather didn't go ahead, Pete Wilson Memorial Championships at Nelson Bay early February and most importantly the Northern Conference of the Junior State Cup Northern Conference held in Dubbo. We also had teams attend Gala day's for more game time in Canberra and Orange.

Our junior Rep teams continue to develop and improve year after year, due to the commitment of Tracey W, Emma F, the individual coaches and Managers of the teams. The commitment to training has been outstanding and all teams worked really hard. I would like to highlight the rankings from our junior state cup campaign as I believe this is testament to the programs that we are running within our club.

10 girls - 13th
10 boys - 13th
12 Girls - 10th
12 Boys - 6th
14 Girls - 9th
14 Boys - 3rd
16 girls - 10th
16 Boys - 10th
18 Girls - 8th

Senior Competitions:

In our Summer comps We had 54 Mixed teams registered and 25 Men's teams with 8 teams in the Womens Safari Series which is increasing each comp.

Our current winter teams have 15 teams in our mens comp and 34 teams in mixed. Our mixed comp has expanded from 2023 winter. It has been great to see the lights on fields 4-9 running, this allows our comp to expand but also allows us to be able to just run two time slots, rather than 4. I feel that the committee and in particular comp coordinators are happy to be getting home in time for dinner now.

During 2023 winter comp we trialled a mens 30's short comp and double headers and also went to 30min time slots which was welcomed according to our survey.



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Massive thanks goes out to Rick, Gams, Bert, Millie, Dan and others for running the Comps so well. I Would like to give a special mention to Bert who has been running our mens comps for many years and has recently stepped down from this role.

Senior Rep teams:

Representative teams have dropped off a lot over the years, however, having the Country Championships in Mudgee was a sweetener for our teams to get together and have a run a little more locally. For some teams it was a matter of dusting off the boots to play and we were very competitive. The following teams attended and it would be great to continue this for the upcoming rep season.

Womens 20s
Womens 30s and Grand Final Runners up
Mens Open Grand final runners up
Mens 40s and
Mens 50s

Referees:

A massive shoutout to all our referees who have contributed to our comps. We have a minimal amount of non playing referees, hence why we require teams to referee during competition nights. We have increased our level 1 referees by running 2 courses in the past 12 months. Thank you to (Rob McKechnie and Paul Keyte who are our only two active Level 6 referees) for running these courses.

We have:

4x Level 4 referees (one of these non playing)
10x Level 3 referees (one of these non playing)
10x Level 2 referees
60 (approx.) x Level 1 referees

I would also like to extend my appreciation to those referees who attended Rep carnivals, without the referees teams cannot play and when we attend carnivals we are required to send a referee for every team plus 1 extra. Our rep season is a big commitment and we appreciate the referees who have attended and congratulate those who have been upgraded to higher levels, as this only occurs at the representative carnivals.

Lastly I would like to thank the time and dedication of our committee and their support of me personally. I have been on this committee for approx. 10years in different positions and in this time we have had plenty of ups and downs but one thing that doesn't change is the dedication of the committee members, mostly made up of players but we also have parents and referees, all who bring varying elements and skills, Dubbo Touch Association is lucky to have these people leading the way and I encourage anyone who is interested to jump on board with the general committee meeting bi-monthly

Nic Grose
President
Dubbo Touch Association Inc.