

Brisbane Churches Touch Association Inc.

BCTA

ANNUAL REPORT
1999/2000

Brisbane Churches Touch Association Inc.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

11 April 2000

AGENDA

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2. Apologies
3. Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting
4. Secretary's Report
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6. Financial Report
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11. General Business
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 - Affiliation
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**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the
BRISBANE CHURCHES TOUCH ASSOCIATION Inc.**

Held at the Sunnybank Church of Christ from 7.00 pm on 14 April 1999

1.0 Welcome and Opening Prayer

The following 17 members were present: Peter Smale (President & Chair), Chris Kelly (Secretary), Colin Roome (Referees' Co-ordinator), Nathan Manning (Treasurer), Craig Harbers, Andrew Kuipers, Stephen Parker, Chris Smith, Michael Macrae, Julia Macrae, Judy Biddle, Wendy Dickfos, Robert Haupt, Angela Biddle, Louise Abbott, Andrew Williams, Selwyn Dickfos.

2.0 Apologies

Apologies were received from Andrew Whittaker and Krystal Patterson.

3.0 Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the 1998 AGM were adopted.

REPORTS

4.0 Secretary's Report

It was resolved that the Secretary's Report be adopted.

5.0 Referees' Co-ordinator's Report

It was resolved that the Referees' Co-ordinator's Report be adopted.

6.0 Financial Report

It was resolved that the Financial Report be adopted.

7.0 Auditor's Report

It was resolved that the Auditor's Report be adopted.

8.0 Election of Management Committee

The Chair declared all Management Committee positions vacant.

8.1 President: No nominations were received for the position of President.

8.2 Secretary: Being the only person nominated for the position, Chris Kelly was duly elected as Secretary. The outgoing President expressed his thanks for Chris's contribution over the past year.

8.3 Treasurer: Being the only person nominated for the position, Nathan Manning was duly elected as Treasurer.

8.4 Referees' Co-ordinator: Being the only person nominated for the position, Col Roome was duly elected as Referees' Co-ordinator.

8.5 Committee Members: The following persons were elected as general members of the Management Committee: Stephen Parker, Louise Abbott, Angela Biddle, Selwyn Dickfos.

9.0 Auditor

It was resolved that Mark Yates of *MD Yates and Co.* be appointed as Auditor of the Association.

10.0 Chaplain

There were no nominations for the position of Chaplain. The Management Committee will approach anyone who may become available during the year.

GENERAL BUSINESS

11.0 Life Member

Selwyn Dickfos was appointed as the Association's second Life Member in recognition of his outstanding contribution over the past twelve years.

12.0 Other Business

12.1 Men's Competition

Every effort will be made to continue the men's competition during the Winter season despite the likely low number of nominations. Matches will again be played against the A grade mixed teams if necessary.

12.2 Winter Season

The 1999 Winter season will begin on Wednesday, 28 April with the 5-a-side competition. Tries scored by female players in the 5-a-side will be worth two points. Fixtures will commence the following Wednesday, 5 May 1999.

12.3 Carnival

The Association will hold a one-day touch carnival in July, with the aims of promoting contact with teams from outside the Brisbane region and attracting new sides to our competition. Novelty events such as sprint relays may also be held.

12.4 Match Balls

It will be made clear to each team that they, and not the Association, are responsible for providing match balls.

12.5 Injuries

Following a high number of injuries during the Summer season, teams will be reminded of the importance of warming-up before matches.

12.6 Web Site

Members support the introduction and continued use of the Association's Web site.

13.0 Closing Prayer

The meeting closed in prayer at 8.15 pm.

Secretary's Report

1999 was another significant year in the life of the BCTA. The one negative was that our men's competition appears to have met its end, but that was well and well truly outweighed by the many positives. The recent Summer mixed competition was undoubtedly our most successful ever, with the introduction of a fourth mixed grade meaning 8 of the 17 teams played in a grade final. We continue to attract new teams (including Team Immanuel from Kenmore Baptist and Chicago Hopeless from the Royal Children's Hospital) and indications are that still more new teams are set to join for the Winter upcoming competition.

The increase in numbers also reflected an improvement in standards, with the strength and depth of the competition also at its highest level ever. The recent finals in all four grades were very all very competitive and evenly matched. Ever more gratifying has been the high standard of behaviour from all teams, and I am pleased to report that not a single player was sent off during the entire year.

Web Site

Our Web site (located at www.cute.com.au/bcta) has become an integral part of our operations. It now offers a comprehensive set of pages covering all aspects of the Association's operations. It has recorded over 2,200 hits during the past 12 months, more than justifying our decision to move the site to a commercial provider. The site is updated at least weekly, and has also proved a useful medium for advertising and recruitment of new players.

The associated email list has swelled to over 40 subscribers, and provides another valuable means of communication for a significant proportion of our members.

Finance and GST

The Association has decided to take out a GST exemption to minimise costs for our members. While this means we will not be able to claim input credits, our expenses will rise only slightly and we will do our best to absorb the increase within our existing fee structure. If that is not possible, a small increase in nomination fees may become necessary. The new tax will in fact have a much greater effect on larger associations which are not eligible for a GST exemption, strengthening our comparative position further still.

As the treasurer's report indicates, we are still in a very healthy financial position, and our competition is still easily the best in Brisbane in terms of value for money, and indeed on most other indicators.

Mmmm... Barbecue!!!

Following the popularity of the occasional barbecues run during the Winter season, the Association purchased a portable barbecue and instigated a regular schedule of barbecues about once a month. While these events were generally free of charge, we did hold one fund-raising barbecue just before Christmas which raised \$200 for the Royal Children's Hospital. Many thanks to everyone who contributed!

Gold Coast comp

The establishment of a Churches competition at the Gold Coast early last year is an exciting development. The competition started with just five teams, but has already grown to eight. We are planning to establish regular opportunities for contact between our two competitions, and indeed two Gold Coast teams ventured north for our *BCTA Cup* carnival in August. Brisbane teams will be advised of Gold Coast carnivals, and we may be able to establish a representative program. As the Gold Coast competition plays out of the impressive Carrara stadium, we should have no shortage of takers!

BCTA Cup

August 1999 saw the first running of the *BCTA Cup*, a carnival event we hope will become a regular on our calendar. The carnival was established with the twin aims of promoting contact with teams from outside the Brisbane region and attracting new sides to our competition, and it achieved both goals. We were delighted to host four teams who do not regularly play with us- two teams from the newly establish Gold Coast competition, as well as the ERSIS Eagles and Danka teams. The day was quite an exhausting one for all concerned, with teams playing 6 x 15-minute games over a four-hour period. The competition was of a high standard, and games were very competitive. Our guest teams proved more than a match for the regulars, with Danka running out 4-1 winners in the final over the GSM team, effectively a representative team from the Gold Coast competition. Another Cup is tentatively scheduled for June 2000.

And finally...

Congratulations to all our premiers, runners-up, cup winners and Best & Fairest players from the two seasons which have elapsed since our last AGM. I'd also like to thank members of the Management Committee for their contribution over the past year, particularly our Treasurer Nathan Manning and Referees' Co-ordinator Col Roome and also our referees. Thanks also to St Joseph's College for permitting our continued use of their wonderful facilities which contribute so much to the success of our competition.

In closing, I'd also like to ask that your thoughts and prayers be with Carla Kuipers from the Moore Park Baptist Maulers. Carla recently sustained some serious injuries in a car accident, and faces a long recovery period. On behalf of the Association, I wish her a speedy and full recovery, and express the hope that she can re-join us in the not-too-distant future.

God Bless

Chris Kelly

Referees' Co-ordinator's Report

1999 has seen the B.C.T.A. continue to have a quality competition for both its Summer and Winter seasons. Again this year the competition has been successfully managed and we have enjoyed playing at a venue that would have to be one of the best in Brisbane. As the Referees' Co-ordinator it is pleasing to report that I have had the support of a group of dedicated people that have been available to ensure every game scheduled has been able to go ahead. To all those referees that have helped this year, thank you.

Refereeing as we all know is an integral part to the success and also the enjoyment of any competitive team game. This year it was decided that a goal for the Association was to have every game with at least one qualified referee. To achieve this a training and accreditation program was implemented. All our referees, including yours truly, were given opportunity to become Level One referees. Three who had already achieved that level were given the opportunity to enhance their skills by further training and become Level Two referees. It is pleasing to report that nearly all referees attended this training with all the Level One applicants successfully passing and the remainder going for Level Two, only requiring their on-field assessment to be completed. A big thankyou must go to Chris Kelly for helping in organising the training. Thank you and congratulations also go to Nathan Manning who this year successfully completed his Level Six badge which qualifies him as an International Referee, and also for his ongoing mentoring of our junior referees.

This Summer season has seen a large number of our referees also participating in the competition hence we have not been able to achieve our goal of having two referees for every game. All organisations need continuing support by its members. I would encourage those who wish to become referees or would like to help with any aspect of the Association to please let it be known to myself or the other committee members.

Because of Him

Colin Roome

BCTA
Statement of Income and Expenditure
for the Year ended 31 December 1999

Income	\$	Expenditure	\$
Registration Fees	17,230.00	Depreciation	9.00
Interest Received	15.00	Audit Fees	200.00
Cancelled/unpresented cheques	31.00	Bank Charges	96.00
Sales	104.00	Catering	828.00
		Credit Card Fees	79.00
		Drinks & Ice	228.00
		Filing Fees	30.00
		First Aid Kit	23.00
		Gifts	24.00
		Ground Hire	4,620.00
		Insurance	3,500.00
		Postage	110
		Printing & Stationery	29.00
		Referees Courses	195.00
		Referees Fees	3,201.00
		Repairs & Maintenance	11.00
		Trophies	1,446.00
		Website	52.00
		Witches Hats	43.00
		Surplus	2,656.00
	<u><u>\$17,380.00</u></u>		<u><u>\$17,380.00</u></u>
		Retained Operating Profits	10,901.00
		Accumulated profits	13,557.00

Honour Board 1999-2000

Winter 1999

Competition	Premiers	Runners-up
<i>Mixed A</i>	Wallabies	Steppers
<i>Mixed B</i>	Crushers	Tigers
<i>Mixed C</i>	Gorillas	Gangsters

Summer 1999/2000

Competition	Premiers	Runners-up
<i>Mixed A</i>	Gorillas	Team Immanuel
<i>Mixed B</i>	Cavaliers	Steppers
<i>Mixed C</i>	Marvins	Gangsters
<i>Mixed D</i>	Tigers	Chicago Hopeless

Best & Fairest Players

Mixed Winter 1999

Team	Best & Fairest Player	Points
Bare Backs	Michael Whitmore	18
Crushers	Darryl Cheeseman	14
Falcons	Tony Jurekie	28
Gangsters	Craig Harbers & Hayley Freudigmann	10
Gorillas	Darryl Hopkins	14
Martians	Mark Rutledge	19
Marvins	Abigail Tupas	16
Savages	David Valentine	17
Southsiders	Chris Smith	18
Steppers	Andrew Whittaker	13
Tigers	Dallas Crisp	16
Warriors	Greg Hobbs	13
Wesley Wallabies	Audrey Remali	16

Best & Fairest Players (cont)

Mixed Summer 1999/2000

TEAM	PLAYER	POINTS
Bare Backs	Brian Biddle	16
Bears	Mark McManus	11
Cavaliers	Ian Smith	25
Chicago Hopeless	Regan Dent	21
Crushers	Daryl Hopkins	22
Gangsters	Ian Pritchard	15
Gorillas	Justin Germain	12
Martians	Mark Routledge	18
Marvins	Nathan Bishop	15
Maulers	Jason Freudigmann	24
Raiders	A Sercombe	12
Savages	Ian Edwards	19
Southsiders	Michael Macrae	14
Steppers	Carla Whittaker	24
Team Immanuel	Tim Roberts	18
Tigers	Nathan Johnston	16
Wallabies	Chris Kelly	16

Life Members

NAME	YEAR INDUCTED
Barry Thornton	1997
Selwyn Dickfos	1999

Points Tables

Mixed- Winter 1999

	Team	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Bye	Forf.	For	Against	+/-	Points
A1	Wallabies	13	12	0	0	1	0	99	23	76	39
A2	Steppers	13	11	0	1	1	0	118	30	88	37
A3	Falcons	13	10	0	2	1	0	126	53	73	35
A4	Bare Backs	13	9	0	3	1	0	88	44	44	33
B1	Marvins	13	6	1	5	1	0	64	59	5	28
B2	Crushers	13	6	1	5	1	0	73	76	-3	28
B3	Martians	13	6	0	6	1	0	72	63	9	27
B4	Tigers	13	5	0	7	1	0	55	76	-21	25
C1	Gangsters	13	3	1	8	1	0	58	84	-26	22
C2	Gorillas	13	3	0	9	1	0	56	96	-40	21
C3	Warriors	13	2	1	9	1	0	33	80	-47	20
C4	Southsiders	13	2	0	10	1	0	31	98	-67	19
C5	Savages	13	1	0	11	1	0	28	119	-91	17

Mixed- Summer 1999/2000

	Team	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Bye	Forf.	For	Against	+/-	Points
A/B Grade											
A1	Bare Backs	16	12	2	1	1	0	101	56	45	44
A2	Gorillas	16	12	0	3	1	0	132	54	78	42
A3	Wallabies	16	12	0	3	1	0	103	55	48	42
A4	Team Immanuel	16	11	1	3	1	0	137	55	82	41
B1	Cavaliers	16	9	2	4	1	0	86	56	30	38
B2	Maulers	16	8	0	7	1	0	101	86	15	34
B3	Steppers	16	7	0	8	1	0	83	81	2	32
B4	Raiders	16	6	1	8	1	0	93	91	2	31
C/D Grade											
C1	Marvins	16	10	0	6	0	0	99	80	19	36
C2	Martians	16	7	0	8	1	0	84	83	1	32
C3	Crushers	16	7	0	8	1	0	98	100	-2	32
C4	Gangsters	16	7	0	8	1	0	83	86	-3	32
D1	Chicago Hopeless	16	6	0	9	1	0	97	117	-20	30
D2	Tigers	16	4	0	9	1	2	42	93	-51	24
D3	Savages	16	3	0	12	1	0	61	113	-52	24
D4	Southsiders	16	3	0	12	1	0	46	110	-64	24
D5	Bears	16	1	0	14	1	0	39	169	-130	20

Semi-Final Results

Winter 1999

Mixed A Grade

Knock-out Semi	Falcons 5 def. Bare Backs 3
Major Semi	Wallabies 7 def. Steppers 5
Preliminary final	Steppers WOF v. Falcons
Grand final	Wallabies 4 def. Steppers 2

Mixed B Grade

Knock-out Semi	Tigers 7* def. Martians 6
Major Semi	Crushers 5 def. Marvins 3
Preliminary final	Tigers 6 def. Marvins 5
Grand final	Crushers 4 def. Tigers 2

Mixed C Grade

Knock-out Semi	Southsiders 8 def. Warriors 4
Major Semi	Gangsters 7 def. Gorillas 5
Preliminary final	Gorillas 13 def. Southsiders 4
Grand final	Gorillas 4* def. Gangsters 3

Summer 1999/2000

Mixed A Grade

Knock-out Semi	Team Immanuel 8 def. Wallabies 7
Major Semi	Gorillas 5 def. Bare Backs 3
Preliminary final	Team Immanuel 6* def. Bare Backs 5
Grand final	Gorillas 8 def. Team Immanuel 7

Mixed B Grade

Knock-out Semi	Steppers 6 def. Raiders 4
Major Semi	Cavaliers 8 def. Maulers 2
Preliminary final	Steppers 10 def. Maulers 5
Grand final	Cavaliers 9 def. Steppers 8

Mixed C Grade

Knock-out Semi	Gangsters 7 def. Crushers 6
Major Semi	Marvins 8 def. Martians 5
Preliminary final	Gangsters 7 def. Martians 6
Grand final	Marvins 13 def. Gangsters 5

Mixed D Grade

Knock-out Semi	Southsiders 8 def. Savages 6
Major Semi	Chicago Hopeless WOF v. Tigers
Preliminary final	Tigers 7 def. Southsiders 2
Grand final	Tigers 10 def. Chicago Hopeless 4

*- in a drop-off