

***Brisbane Churches
Touch Association Inc.***

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**ANNUAL REPORT
2007-08**

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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
19th April 2008**

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting
4. President's Report
5. Secretary's Report
6. Referees Coordinator's Report
7. Financial Reports
8. Auditor's Report
9. Election of Management Committee
10. Appointment of Auditor
11. Appointment of Chaplain
12. General Business
 - Winter Season
 - Referees
 - Affiliation
 - SMS
 - Other Business
13. Closing Prayer

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the
BRISBANE CHURCHES TOUCH ASSOCIATION Inc.**

**Held at 20 Mako St, Runcorn
from 10.00 am on 31st March 2007**

1.0 Welcome and Opening Prayer

Present: Chris Kelly, Selwyn Dickfos, Wendy Blakeney, Scott Carpenter, Ash Price, Louise Kelly, Nathan Bishop, Mark Morton, Shane Bryer, Peter McCullough, Matt Carey, Josh Hatch, Paul Stevens, John Yared, Colin Roome.

Proxies: Mark Blakeney, Ian Smith, Geri Philp-Smith, Nathan Manning

2.0 Apologies

None

3.0 Previous Minutes

It was resolved that the Minutes of the 2006 AGM be adopted.

4.0 Presidents Report

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

5.0 Secretary's Report

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

6.0 Referees Co-ordinator's Report

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

7.0 Financial Report

It was resolved that the Financial Report be adopted.

8.0 Auditor's Report

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

9.0 Election of Management Committee

As per the Association Rules, all Management Committee positions were declared vacant.

9.1 President: Being the only person nominated for the position, Chris Kelly was duly elected as President.

9.2 Secretary: Being the only person nominated for the position, Col Roome was duly elected as Secretary.

9.3 Treasurer: Being the only person nominated for the position, Scott Carpenter was duly elected as Treasurer.

9.4 Referees' Co-ordinator: Being the only person nominated for the position, Ashley Price was duly elected as Referees' Co-ordinator.

9.5 Chaplain: There were no nominations for Chaplain. Rodney Bishop to be approached. Nathan Bishop to make contact.

9.6 Committee Members: The following persons were elected as general Members for the Management Committee:

- Selwyn Dickfos
- Matt Carey
- Wendy Blakeney

10.0 Auditor

It was resolved that Roger Ryan CA be appointed as Auditor of the Association for the current year.

11.0 General Business

11.1 Referees

- Following on from last the previous AGM Minutes where the Referees' Coordinator was requested to ensure greater variety in the allocation of referees to teams throughout the season, it was agreed that this had been addressed.
- A big thankyou was also extended to Dan Gramshaw and Nathan Manning for their help in training and coaching our referees.
- It was recommended that closer co-ordination between the draw and player referees take place to enable a more balanced availability of referees across the 3 time slots.

11.2 AGM Attendance

All teams represented at the AGM received a free touch ball.

11.3 20th Anniversary

The Association 20th anniversary is confirmed for 31st May Easts Leagues club. Cost \$25.00 per head with the association subsidising the meal cost and guest speaker Tim Mander. We are aiming to have at least 50 people attend. Concentrated effort needed by all to contact as many current and past players.

11.4 Winter Season

Winter season kicks off 24th April. We have been advised that if rain does not fall in the next couple of months, playing at Tennyson be suspended. Chris Kelly to check out a backup option of using Runcorn High School fields by contacting John McRae.

11.5 General Business

We have been approached by Pure Touch (George NTRA National Referee Coordinator) to hold joint carnivals. It was agreed that BCTA would decline offer and continue to remain an independent association.

6 verse 7 a-side discussed. It was agreed that we would remain with 7-aside competition.

It was noted that the points table was very close and this could be due to only 3 points been allocated for a win with 2 for a draw and 1 for a loss. Chris Kelly to survey members to look at increasing the point allocation for a win up to 4.

12.0 Closing Prayer

The meeting closed at 10.45 am.

President's Report

A Great Year

2007 was arguably the best year in the Association's history. We achieved record team nominations (51), record number of matches played (395), record turnover (\$35,600) and record surplus (\$10,700). If that wasn't enough, we also had celebrated our 20th anniversary on Thursday, 31st May with a celebratory dinner at Easts Leagues club. More than 50 past and present members were entertained by guest speaker Association founder Barry Thornton and former NRL referee Tim Mander. Special commemorative jerseys were produced for the occasion.

For their contribution to such an outstanding year, my special thanks go to all our committee members. We have had a full complement of members for several years now, and the fantastic results demonstrate just how well the team is performing.

Resources Stretched

Our 2007/08 summer competition received a record 26 nominations! Given the capacity of our Tennyson venue is just 24 teams, that presented some challenges! A 15th round was scheduled to compensate for the two byes most teams received. Given the competition's continued popularity, we are investigating the possibility of getting floodlights installed on more fields or scheduling a fourth timeslot.

Finances

As the Financial Report reveals, we have been able to make a significant saving on our insurance this year. It is not the zero the report indicates but \$2,000, down from almost \$5000 last year. A change in accounting period means the expenditure won't be shown until next year's accounts are finalised. Via an agreement with City Touch, and taking advantage of their much greater playing numbers and purchasing power, we have obtained equivalent cover for less than half the cost. We have not been required to affiliate with them, so retain our cherished independence.

The record surplus came despite some significant outlays on the 20th anniversary function, which obviously won't be incurred every year. We should also earn significant revenue in interest now that we have amassed over \$35,000 in savings and transferred the bulk of the funds to a high-interest account.

Casuarina Cup

All of our teams were invited to attend City Touch's *Casuarina Cup* tournament on 23 February 2008 at Tweed Heads. *Half Full* nominated for the social mixed division, and perhaps wished they hadn't when presented with the hottest day in four years with the mercury nudging 40 degrees. They proved competitive against sides from all over south-east Queensland and northern New South Wales.

Runcorn Comp

We also ran a joint venture competition with City Touch from October to December 2007. It was a modest success with 3 BCTA and 4 City Touch teams participating in an abbreviated eight week tournament at one of our old venues, Runcorn State High School.

Mother Nature

As the pervious Minutes show, our 2007 winter comp was in danger of being abandoned by drought making the fields unavailable. Luckily we were (just) able to proceed as normal. The situation turned around in summer, when an incredible six match nights were lost to rain and the grand finals could not be played until after Easter, on 8 April. The upside is that the fields are now in better condition than ever.

The 7 Week Games

The rain had a particular impact on two games which lasted for seven weeks! The games commenced on 4 December 2007 and rain set in at half-time. The second half could be not completed until after the Christmas break and another washout, on 22 January 2008.

Cueldee Clothing

The Association has reached an agreement with Cueldee (www.cueldee.com.au) to be our preferred uniform supplier. We have been using them for many years to provide referees jerseys and more recently for our 20th anniversary commemorative jerseys. This makes uniforms very affordable for everyone and so we will no longer accept odd sets, taped on numbers or numbers smaller than the regulation 16 cm. The Association gains by having more teams in uniform, and it will be of particular for referees. It is also a good way to return some of our surplus to members, so get your orders in now for winter season!

God Bless

Chris Kelly

Secretary's Report

The Year in Numbers:

	2007/08	2006/07
Number of teams:	51	38
Games played:	395	302
Mixed grades:	9	8
Send-offs:	2	3
Forfeits:	7	4
Fair Play Rating:	98.6%	98.2%
Turnover:	\$35,606	\$23,749

Note: Figures are for Summer, Spring and Winter competitions combined

Team Numbers

The 2006/07 season has been the BCTA most successful year with an increase in team numbers to a record 26 nominations. The recent summer finals in all four grades were very competitive and congratulations to the winners, and also to all the other teams that participated. It is pleasing to advise that a high standard of behaviour has been exhibited by all, with very few complaints received and I trust everyone has enjoyed participating.

20 Year Anniversary

The BCTA celebrated its 20th anniversary last May, holding a function at the Easts Leagues club. A big thank you must go to our President Chris Kelly for organizing this memorable event. Over 50 people attended and all enjoyed a time of fellowship and reminiscing with friends on how the Association has developed, changed and grown over the years. It was great to meet and hear from our guest speaker Tim Mander who gave an insight into the National Rugby League and the pressures involved with being a leading NRL Referee.

Our president Chris Kelly was also given life membership being only the third member of the Association bestowed with this honour.

12 Years at Tennyson

We have now been playing at the Tennyson fields for 12 years. The excellent quality of the fields and the venue as a whole has been a major factor in our success. We did have major concerns mid to late 2007 as the drought reduced the fields to the worst state we had ever seen. Adjustments had to be made to playing fields/sub box areas on some nights, and we had to work with the groundsman to best minimize damage and preserve what little grass was left. This meant a few nights were missed however the rains came and the fields returned quickly to their previous well grassed state. As I have noted in previous reports we need to be mindful that we are on one of Brisbane's best sporting venues. Please keep this in mind, ensuring the fields are left in a clean state when we leave, and by keeping noise to a minimum as we drive away.

Finance

A full set of figures appears in the Treasurer's Report; however it is pleasing to report that the Association is in a healthy financial position. We will continue to closely monitor the fees.

Uniforms

It has been observed that team's are sometimes not in full uniform and also that using tape for numbers is not very practical. As such the Association has decided to help. BCTA teams now get a 15% discount on uniforms ordered through our preferred supplier 'Cueldee' Clothing. The Association will also provide a contribution of \$150 per team. This makes new playing shirts very affordable (approx \$250 per set of 12). It is hoped over time teams will take up on this offer so as to add to the professional look of the Association and to help the referees.

Barbeque

We have held three barbecues during the year .All were well attended and enjoyed by all. A big thank you to the Haults for organising same and taking care of the cooking. The plan is to continue holding this function on a regular basis so keep an eye on the notice board.

Summary

I would like to thank the other members of the committee for their help and support. The BCTA is a very well organised and run, and this happens because of the commitment of the members and the willingness for all to chip-in, utilising our various talents. Also to the referees that help out, a big thank you for your dedication and reliability.

Thanks also to the St Joseph's College for permitting our continued use of the fields which assist in contributing to the success of our competition. The Association only exists to further the aims of its members, so please let us know if you have any concerns or ideas for our future direction.

God Bless

Col Roome

Referees Coordinator's Report

It has been an interesting year, especially the season just gone. The number of teams in the competition has gone up but the number of referees has gone down. The past season was almost monsoonal, as we seemed to play one round a month after the Christmas break. Despite these setbacks, there is a core group of referees who continually turn up and go out of their way to make my job easier. A huge thank you to all! Thanks also to our President who helped out in the second half of the season just gone, coming almost every week.

The biggest challenge we face is to increase our refereeing ranks. This problem seems to face all competitions, not just ours. If we could get a couple more people to referee one game a night, it would ease the burden on everyone. This would allow people to have breaks, keeping them fresh and interested. We are having far too many singles. At the moment, if we have one or two referees unable to attend a night, we have almost all single referees for the night. Whether we try to encourage younger referees to join or conscript players, I think we have to look outside the box.

A big plus is the core group of referees we have are mature and experienced. This has allowed a relatively consistent level of refereeing. We have also seen some different interpretations come through. This shouldn't be seen as a negative but a big plus as it allows us to examine our current interpretations and see whether they need changing, keeping us fresh and open-minded.

I would like to once more thank all and sundry who helped with the refereeing. Without you guys the comp would not exist. You get my undying gratitude and a standing ovation!

I have enjoyed the challenges this past year has brought and look forward to tackling more in the future. I look forward to working with all the referees in making this comp one of the best.

God Bless

Ash Price

BRISBANE CHURCHES TOUCH ASSOCIATION INC

**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007**

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
<i>INCOME</i>		
Registration Fees	34,240	26,140
Jersey Sales	450	0
Anniversary Dinner	775	0
Interest Received	141	0
TOTAL INCOME	35,606	26,140
<i>EXPENSES</i>		
Air Horn	229	45
Audit Fees	330	440
Association Registration	37	36
Bank Charges	269	136
Car Hire	584	271
Catering	3,018	911
Credit Card Fees	0	154
Depreciation	25	0
First Aid Kit	0	26
Gifts	680	0
Ground Hire	7,182	6,732
Insurance	0	4,890
Jerseys	1,720	0
Miscellaneous	42	222
Postage	0	60
Printing & Stationary	119	0
Referees Fees	7,468	6,639
Touch Balls	190	60
Trophies	2,818	2,399
Website	124	597
Witches Hats	54	55
TOTAL EXPENSES	24,889	23,672
SURPLUS INCOME (EXPENDITURE)	10,717	2,468

BRISBANE CHURCHES TOUCH ASSOCIATION INC

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2007**

	2007 \$	2006 \$
<i>CURRENT ASSETS</i>		
ANZ Bank Account	9,796	23,656
V2 Savings Account	25,141	0
Plant & Equipment at Cost	224	249
Accumulated Depreciation	-182	-157
TOTAL ASSETS	34,979	23,748
<i>CURRENT LIABILITIES</i>		
ANZ Credit Card	538	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	538	0
Net Assets	34,441	23,749
<i>EQUITY</i>		
Opening Retained Earnings	23,724	21,281
Current Earnings	10,717	2,468
TOTAL EQUITY	34,441	23,749

Honour Board 2007-08

Winter 2007 Season

Competition	Premiers	Runners-up
<i>Mixed A</i>	Hall of Fame	McGyver Fanclub
<i>Mixed B</i>	Next Link	Ruck It
<i>Mixed C</i>	Hackysack Allstars	Hit and Miss
<i>Mixed D</i>	Latecomers	Dad's Army

Summer 2007-08 Season

Competition	Premiers	Runners-up
<i>Mixed A</i>	Pretty	McGyver Fanclub
<i>Mixed B</i>	Ruck It	Johnny's Heroes
<i>Mixed C</i>	Savages	Dad's Army
<i>Mixed D</i>	Pirates	Sliders

Best & Fairest Players

<i>Mixed Winter 2007</i>	<i>Mixed Summer 2007-08</i>
Chris Gordon (Hit and Miss) Esther Hall (Johnny's Heroes) Michelle Mowat (Navel Lint)	Dennis Webber (No Sweat) Anna Wagner (McGyver Fanclub)

Life Members

MEMBER	YEAR INDUCTED
Barry Thornton	1997
Selwyn Dickfos	1999
Chris Kelly	2006

Competition Summaries

Winter 2007 Mixed

	Team	Pl	Won	Drew	Lost	Forf	For	Ag't	+/-	Points	Fair Play
A1	Hall of Fame	14	13	0	1	0	71	30	41	40	42
A2	Pretty	14	10	0	4	0	81	44	37	34	42
A3	McGyver Fanclub	14	9	1	4	0	97	39	58	33	42
A4	Johnny's Heroes	14	9	1	4	0	82	60	22	33	42
B1	Next Link	14	10	0	4	0	95	55	40	34	41
B2	Ruck It	14	8	1	5	0	71	51	20	31	42
B3	Navel Lint	14	8	0	5	1	66	66	0	29	38
B4	Half Full	14	6	3	5	0	73	85	-12	29	42
C1	Untouchables	14	6	3	4	1	63	73	-10	28	42
C2	Hackysack Allstars	14	6	1	7	0	101	80	21	27	42
C3	Muppets	14	6	1	7	0	69	69	0	27	42
C4	Hit and Miss	14	6	1	7	0	68	73	-5	27	42
C5	Pirates	14	6	0	8	0	56	80	-24	26	42
C6	No Sweat	14	5	0	9	0	66	72	-6	24	42
D1	Maulers	14	7	0	7	0	61	81	-20	28	42
D2	Doofs	14	7	0	6	1	79	73	6	27	41
D3	Dad's Army	14	6	1	7	0	71	75	-4	27	39
D4	Savages	14	5	2	7	0	80	87	-7	26	40
D5	Latecomers	14	4	1	9	0	69	78	-9	23	41
D6	Mal's Minions	14	4	0	10	0	49	96	-47	22	42
D7	Chipmunks	14	3	0	11	0	52	97	-45	20	42
D8	Eastside Raiders	14	2	0	12	0	50	106	-56	18	40

Semi Finals	28-8-07	(A1) Hall of Fame	5	v.	(A2) Pretty	4
		(D1) Maulers	8	v.	(D8) Eastside Raiders	3
		(C4) Hit and Miss	5*	v.	(C5) Pirates	4
		(B3) Navel Lint	4	v.	(B4) Half Full	5
		(D2) Doofs	4	v.	(D7) Chipmunks	1
		(D4) Savages	3	v.	(D5) Latecomers	7
		(B1) Next Link	5*	v.	(B2) Ruck It	4
		(D3) Dad's Army	8	v.	(D6) Mal's Minions	1
		(C3) Muppets	5	v.	(C6) No Sweat	4
		(A3) McGyver Fanclub	6	v.	(A4) Johnny's Heroes	3

Semi-finals	11-9-07	(C1) Untouchables	4	v.	(C4) Hit and Miss	6
		(B2) Ruck It	5	v.	(B4) Half Full	2
		(D1) Maulers	4	v.	(D5) Latecomers	7
		(C2) Hackysack Allstars	7	v.	(C3) Muppets	3
		(A2) Pretty	4	v.	(A3) McGyver Fanclub	7
		(D2) Doofs	4	v.	(D3) Dad's Army	11

Grand Finals	18-9-07	(C2) Hackysack Allstars	4	v.	(C4) Hit and Miss	3
		(D3) Dad's Army	5	v.	(D5) Latecomers	10
		(A1) Hall of Fame	5*	v.	(A3) McGyver Fanclub	4
		(B1) Next Link	7	v.	(B2) Ruck It	3

Summer 2007/08 Mixed

	Team	PI	Won	Drew	Lost	Bye	Forf	For	Ag't	+/-	Points	Fair Play
A1	McGyver Fanclub	15	11	2	0	2	0	105	37	68	43	45
A2	Team Ibuprofen	15	11	1	2	1	0	88	40	48	40	45
A3	Pretty	15	10	0	4	1	0	95	42	53	37	45
A4	Next Link	15	8	1	5	1	0	77	65	12	34	44
B1	Johnny's Heroes	15	9	1	4	1	0	87	67	20	36	45
B2	Ruck It	15	8	1	5	1	0	73	55	18	34	45
B3	Untouchables	15	7	1	5	2	0	61	70	-9	34	45
B4	The Chasers	15	6	0	8	1	0	65	60	5	29	45
C1	Dad's Army	15	7	0	6	2	0	66	69	-3	33	43
C2	Rich Mahogany	15	6	1	6	2	0	53	52	1	32	44
C3	Chipmunks	15	7	1	6	1	0	76	83	-7	32	44
C4	Hit and Miss	15	7	0	7	1	0	68	86	-18	31	45
C5	Doofs	15	6	1	4	2	2	60	53	7	30	43
C6	Boat of Freshness	15	6	1	7	1	0	59	62	-3	30	43
C7	Savages	15	5	2	6	1	1	74	64	10	28	44
C8	Muppets	15	5	0	7	2	1	54	55	-1	28	43
D1	Latecomers	15	7	0	6	2	0	63	64	-1	33	45
D2	Pirates	15	6	1	6	2	0	60	56	4	32	45
D3	Half Full	15	6	1	6	2	0	54	63	-9	32	45
D4	Sliders	15	5	2	6	2	0	58	70	-12	31	45
D5	Eastside Raiders	15	4	3	6	2	0	47	62	-15	30	45
D6	Maulers	15	2	3	8	2	0	49	67	-18	26	45
D7	Super Fun Happy Team Gateway	15	3	1	9	2	0	56	87	-31	26	45
D8	Grandmas	15	3	1	9	2	0	39	73	-34	26	43
D9	Mal's Minions	15	3	0	10	2	0	31	84	-53	25	43
D10	No Sweat	15	2	1	10	2	0	46	78	-32	24	45

Summer 2007/08 Mixed (cont.)

Semi-finals 25-03-08

C2 Rich Mahogany	0	v.	C7 Savages	5
D4 Sliders	5	v.	D5 Eastside Raiders	2
A3 Pretty	10	v.	A4 Next Link	3
D2 Pirates	11	v.	D7 Super Fun Happy Team	4
B1 Johnny's Heroes	4*	v.	B2 Ruck It	3
D1 Latecomers	8	v.	D8 Gateway Grandmas	0
A1 McGyver Fanclub	4	v.	A2 Team Ibuprofen	3
C1 Dad's Army	5*	v.	D8 Muppets	4
D3 Half Full	WOF	v.	D6 Maulers	LOF
C3 Chipmunks	5	v.	C6 Boat of Freshness	6
B3 Untouchables	3	v.	B4 The Chasers	1
C4 Hit and Miss	2	v.	C5 Doofs	3

Semi-finals 01-04-08

C1 Dad's Army	5	v.	C5 Doofs	4
A2 Team Ibuprofen	2	v.	A3 Pretty	7
C6 Boat of Freshness	2	v.	C7 Savages	6
D2 Pirates	4	v.	D3 Half Full	2
B2 Ruck It	10	v.	B3 Untouchables	4
D1 Latecomers	3	v.	D4 Sliders	5

Semi-finals 08-04-08

B1 Johnny's Heroes	6	v.	B2 Ruck It	7
C1 Dad's Army	1	v.	C7 Savages	8
A1 McGyver Fanclub	3	v.	A3 Pretty	4
D2 Pirates	5	v.	D4 Sliders	2

*- in a drop-off