

State Budget maintains Queensland Government's commitment to sport; Sport Awards/Legends set for 21 November in BCEC Great Hall

The Bligh Government has reaffirmed its commitment to Queensland sporting bodies for 2011-12 provided in the lead up to the last State election with the release of the State Budget by Treasurer and former Minister for Sport Andrew Fraser.

After putting aside unallotted funds from existing programs of assistance to sport in January this year to fund the Flood Fightback for Sport package, Minister for Sport Phil Reeves has announced reopening of the State's Sport Infrastructure and Local Sport and Recreation Jobs Plan programs as part of the Government's \$155 million commitment to sport and recreation in 2011-12.

The State Government commitment in June follows on release of the Federal Budget in May which carried on the commitment announced last year in the wake of the Federal response to the Crawford Report on Australian Sport.

The State's \$47 billion budget also includes over \$80 million to attract top events, including marquee sporting events to Queensland.

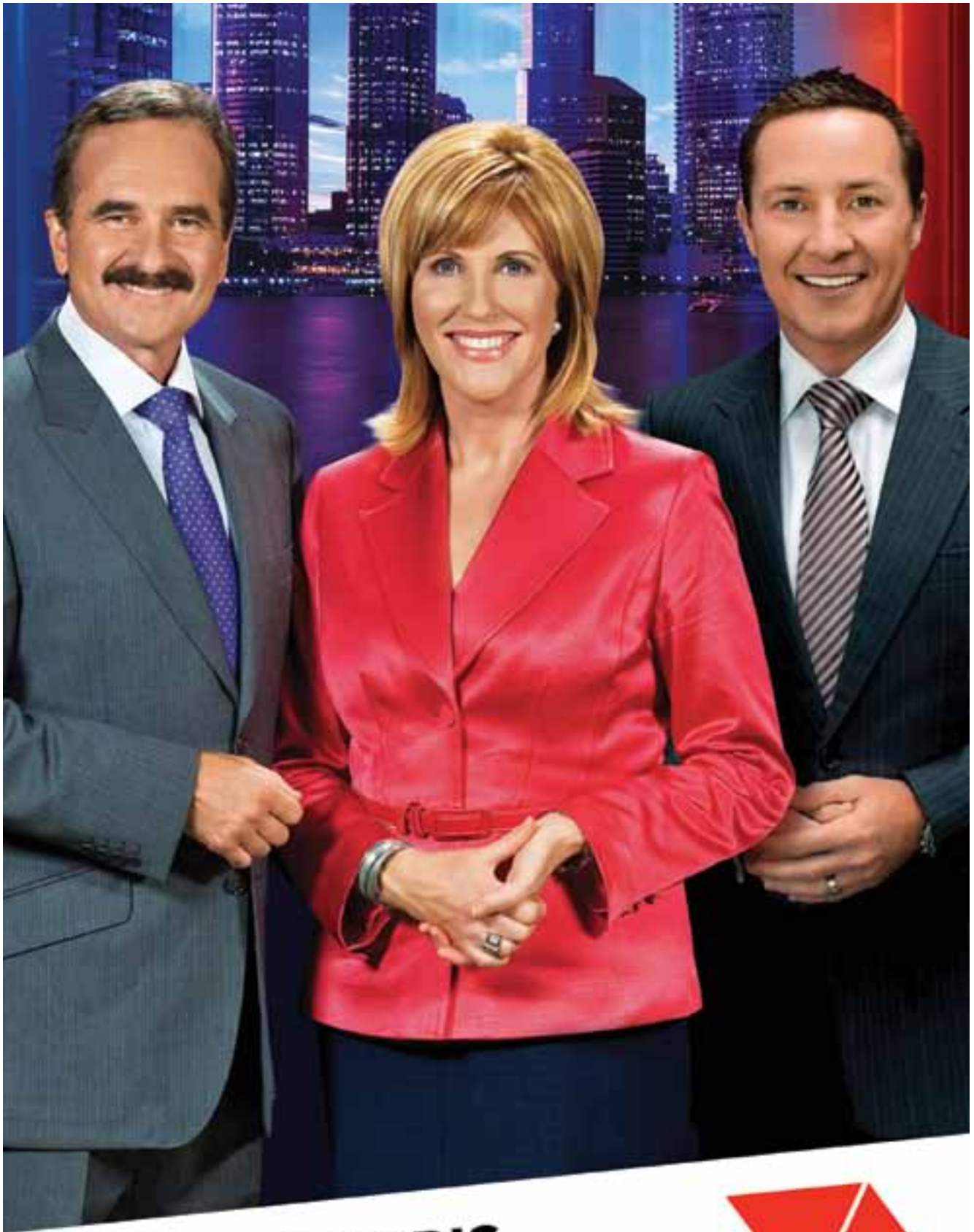
Many of Queensland and Australian sport's greatest sporting heroes are expected to turn out for an event to remember on 21 November in Brisbane when the annual Queensland Sport Awards Presentation includes the installation of the 1st X1 Legends of Queensland Sport, drawn from the ranks of the 160 current members of the Queensland Sport Hall of Fame.

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**QUEENSLAND'S
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Well, folks, plenty to talk about this time around in this winter edition of QSport's quarterly publication.

With government budgets now behind us, along with close to six months during which usual State Government support was suspended in favour of assisting sporting bodies impacted on by the late 2010/ early 2011 natural disasters, it's back to business for bodies seeking funding for infrastructure development and other support of their developmental activity.

State Treasurer Andrew Fraser's June Budget – the last before the next State election – projects just under half (\$22 billion) of the \$47 billion to be expended allocated to education and health, according to the State Under Treasurer in the pre Budget reading "lock-up" to which the writer is privy annually these days.

For "health", largely read "public health system/ hospitals" and for "education", similarly "public schools" and one is reminded that with State Governments' dependence on Federal funding for much of what they do, who'd want to be Treasurer in a growing jurisdiction with increasing demands from all and sundry after natural disasters have played real havoc with revenue?

Well, not the writer, for one, who acknowledges that at least two others – one Andrew Fraser and his Opposition counterpart Tim Nicholls – are keen on a job to which almost everyone else doesn't aspire.

Still, the writer does dabble in figures from time to time, albeit a good deal south of \$47 billion, and is about to tackle how to pay for another big Sport Awards/ Hall of Fame presentation on 21 November, an event that should attract over 1,000 of the QSport family of members, sponsors, Hall of Famers and other supporters as we acknowledge our top performers in 2011 and install eleven of our absolute very best as the 1st X1 Legends of Queensland Sport.

That night will surely be another great night for all who attend and for Queensland sport, right up

there with the 1999 and 2009 events when 880 and 1200 respectively turned out for functions that not only acknowledged those years' Award winners but also 100 Queensland Sporting Heroes of the 20th Century in 1999 and the year before last, the initial 150 inductees into the Queensland Sport Hall of Fame.

Impressive nights, impressive numbers, underpinned by – like the State Budget – income and expenditure projections that in QSport's case, produce at least breakeven and hopefully surplus scenarios, surpluses that over the years have underpinned the advocacy/ representational/ other activities that QSport is involved in on behalf of its mainly State sporting body membership.

Given the not for profit nature of most of its membership, QSport is fortunate to enjoy the support of not only government but also other non government, commercial organisations that sponsor the Awards/ Hall of Fame annually, support that allows us to stage this event each year at a price to attendees that is not prohibitive, given the quality of the event and the notice attendees have to, if need be, "save up" for this annual "night of the year".

This year, more so than most in the past 16 years the writer has been associated with these events, the pressure is on yours truly and his two colleagues in the QSport Office to "get it all together" a bit earlier than usual.

That's because the writer is off to Britain and Ireland in September for three weeks long service leave, followed a little later in early October by a week at the Rugby World Cup in New Zealand.

All the above means some judicious juggling of activities and events here along the way and before we know it, we'll be staring Xmas in the eye for yet another year.

That year will be remembered down the track probably for more than its fair share of natural disasters than for much else, with sport perhaps one of the exceptions.

While individual excellence in sport dominated the Halls of Fame etc, performances, by teams invariably stick as much in the mind, particularly for the followers of particular sports and teams, whether it be national teams at world events on local/ regional/ State/ national competitions.

2011 has given us floods, cyclones, earthquakes, tsunamis and most recently volcanic ash clouds to contend with, literally smashing whole towns and regions and punching significant holes in various economies in countries around the Pacific Rim.

These events will not be forgotten easily. The writer still has vivid, albeit fading, memories of the 1974 floods here.

But sport, the great distraction, also brings to mind one's own life experience of participating in and now watching all manner of local, regional, State, national and international sporting success and, just here and there, failure to win.

For local followers of round ball football, will they ever forget the sensational comeback by the Brisbane Roar to clinch the A-League Grand Final in unforgettable scenes at Suncorp Stadium?

Why would they when the writer still remembers

their predecessors the Brisbane Strikers similar success in the former NSL in 1997.

What about the netball fraternity? Will they forget the dominance of the Firebirds over all others to clinch in clinical fashion their first ever Trans Tasman trophy.

And what about the long suffering Reds supporters who, as we go to print, are facing up to their best opportunity in over a decade to grab a much needed Super Rugby crown, again like the Roar and our Maroons in Origin in front of 50,000 strong crowds and many, many more tuned to television and radio coverage of the climax to the first season of SANZAR's Super 15 competition.

Thanks to sport, we've much to be thankful for in a world that has much to be sobered by, given occasional natural disasters and a more steady stream of man made debacles.


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ASSFA grounded by Chilean volcanic ash

The second meeting of the Australian State Sports Federations Alliance (ASSFA) for 2011 was just another casualty of the recent Chilean volcanic ash cloud blowing around in Southern Hemisphere skies for the first half of June.

Set to meet in Perth on 16-17 June, representatives of the ACT and the five mainland State Sports Federations were almost headed to airports on Wednesday 15 June before the sky "caved in", so to speak, and the group's scheduled discussions, including with ASC and WA State Government officers on a number of topics, were postponed due to airline flight cancellations.

The meeting, to be hosted by the WA Sports Federation at the WA Department of Sport and Recreation's Leederville offices in Perth, will now be held on 11-12 August.

Topics for discussion include:

- Member updates post State and Federal Budgets and recent SRMS / SCORS meetings
- Liaison with other national bodies (industry and government)
- Gaming Machine Revenue and Sport
- Sport Integrity issues, viz. betting / match fixing
- Sport Sponsorship
- Various ASC supported frameworks / initiatives / strategies
- Workforce Development issues

ASSFA is coordinated by the QSport CEO and meets two to three times annually, rotating from around State capitals and Canberra, facilitating access to State and Federal bodies as well as member body Boards.

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Queensland Rugby League players honoured

The Queensland Rugby League has moved to acknowledge the 787 men who wore the maroon for Queensland in interstate games other than State of Origin.

A special commemorative plaque was unveiled by Minister for Sport Phil Reeves at Lang Park on Saturday morning, 2 July with over 200 among an audience of 700 plus that night at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre to celebrate their service to the code.

Origin players have had individual plaques set in the concourse at the northern end of "The Cauldron" over the years and the QRL's move is undoubtedly timely, albeit a tad ironic, given Queensland's recent dominance over the Blues contrasts with the reverse scenario that applied for much of the period leading in to the arrival of Origin.

Meanwhile, Wally Lewis – the Emperor of Lang Park – has been named as a Queensland Great by the State Government. He is perhaps best known for his State of Origin performances, spearheading Queensland's dominance in the competition throughout the 1980s. Nicknamed 'The King' and 'The Emperor of Lang Park', Lewis represented Queensland in 31 State of Origin games between 1980 and 1991 and was captain for 30 of these games.

Since retiring from the game, he has pursued a career as a newsreader and commentator. He is also a patron of the Hear and Say Centre and ambassador for Epilepsy Queensland. The name Wally Lewis is synonymous with State of Origin and rugby league in Queensland and he continues to be an inspiration to the next generation of footballers.



Adelaide and Perth to get major new stadiums

Just a few months after South Australian Cricket Association members voted in support of a major \$500M plus upgrade of Adelaide Oval for AFL, football and cricket, the West Australian Government has settled on the Burswood Peninsula east of the Perth CBD as the site of the city's new multi-purpose stadium.

Premier Colin Barnett has scheduled completion by 2018 for a facility that will have the third biggest capacity in Australia and will be the second largest AFL home stadium.

It will have a capacity of 60,000 seats with provision for future expansion to 70,000.

The "West Australian" newspaper has reported a current indicative cost of some \$700M, excluding costs of upgrades for transport infrastructure.

That could push the overall cost well past \$1 billion.

The MCG and Sydney's Olympic Stadium at Homebush will remain the country's biggest stadiums with capacities of 100,000 and over 80,000 respectively.

The Adelaide and Perth stadium developments raise interesting questions about the fate of the SANFL's Football Park at West Lakes and the WAFC controlled Subiaco Oval.

With nearly 150,000 patrons flocking to Queensland's major rectangular stadium at Lang Park, Brisbane in Suncorp Stadium and sell-out crowds each year for Origin and this year, a Roar A League final and virtually three Reds Super 15 rugby clashes, some will ponder on what happens over time as Queensland's population continues to rise and the issue of locked out fans for the biggest of games edges into the table.



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The **Positive or it's pointless** campaign aims to reduce poor and unacceptable player, spectator and parent behaviour in junior sport.

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Women to the fore in recent sports management appointments

Five of the most recent vacancies for managers of Queensland sporting and related bodies have all been filled by women in a boost to the number of women in sports management ranks.

After former UQ Sport staffer Kim Guerin replaced long standing Hockey Queensland General Manager Garry West-Bail, Gymnastics Queensland has promoted Kym Dowdell to replace Mark Priestley as CEO, Anita Palm has moved in to the Womensport Queensland CEO's role replacing Fiona Hannan and Jodie Watson takes over from Keith Long as CEO of Water Polo Queensland.

Judy Higgins has taken on the GM's role at the Queensland Sport and Recreation Skills Alliance following the departure of longstanding Executive Officer Geoff Turner and a three month temporary stint by Bernie Carlon.

Jo Robey's departure from the CEO post at

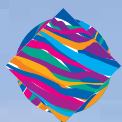
Triathlon Queensland has the TQ Board now looking at a replacement, as is the Good Sports Program in Queensland following the departure of Steve Anderson.

And in government sport related positions, there's no news yet on a replacement for State Department of Communities' Sport & Recreation Services head Rob Moore who takes over from QRL Managing Director Ross Livermore at the end of July.

At national level, AIS Director Dr Peter Fricker continues to act in the Australian Sports Commission CEO role following the departure in April of Matt Miller.

The latter's departure is not the only such change with the Commission "pulling in its belt" with yet another restructure that has seen a number of redundancies in recent weeks and a contraction in the number of separate Divisions in Canberra.

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Remembrance Day 2011 a day to remember for Queensland sport

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That hopefully will be true of Friday 11 November this year when the venue for the 2018 Commonwealth Games is voted on by Commonwealth Games member delegates.

Hopefully, they will award the event to the Gold Coast and by extension, Queensland and Australia.

While there is a no such thing as a certainty in a two horse race, there are ample grounds to believe the Gold Coast would do the Games proud.

With Sri Lanka's Hambantota the other candidate, the Gold Coast's claims for favourable consideration

are significant and if successful, the Coast will certainly get behind the event.

Queensland sport, like the State Government and the Gold Coast City Council, also will put "shoulders to the wheel" if the Coast gets the nod, not only those sports which are directly involved but also others less so, with personnel, particularly volunteers, sure to front up for the vast array of tasks encompassed by such an event.

Last year, in the lead-up to November 11, United Nations member states at their 65th General Assembly in New York passed a resolution entitled "Sport as a means to promote education, health, development and peace".

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The UN Secretary-General's Special Advisor on Sport for Development and Peace Wilfred Lemke commented "The continuous commitment by the world's nations to promote sport as an efficient policy tool and its capability to be used as a catalyst for development and peace is key to the success of initiatives at grassroots level."

This year, in the lead-up to November 11, QSport – built on the same principle, of sports coming together to assist in the development of sport and enhance the well being of the broader community – will assemble its members, sponsors and supporters on the Gold Coast as a demonstration of the Queensland sporting system's support for the staging of the Games there in 2018.

Hopefully, the news of that demonstration of support can reach the Commonwealth Games Federation Assembly on November 11 in the Caribbean's St Kitts and Nevis and help make Remembrance Day 2011 truly a day to remember for the Gold Coast, Queensland and Australia and the union of states encompassed by the Commonwealth.

This show of support is being looked at for late October / early November and current thinking is it will take place at Carrara, home of the AFL newcomers the Gold Coast Suns.

The stadium is also the site of the opening and closing ceremonies for the 2018 Games should the Gold Coast bid succeed, a successful bid meaning this and other sporting infrastructures there will be upgraded for the benefit of local sporting participants after the Games.

All such major international sporting events carry a significant legacy component in the criteria developed for such event bids and the Gold Coast stands to benefit to the tune of an estimated \$500M spend on sporting and transport infrastructure with an economic impact of up to \$2billion and the creation of up to 30,000 jobs.

Not only sport, therefore, stands to gain significantly from a positive outcome to the Gold Coast's bid.

In recent weeks, Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Bid Ltd officials have been visited by delegations from Commonwealth Games Federation countries.

African delegation representatives were on hand at the staging of the recent Gold Coast Airport Marathon with reports indicating satisfaction with the Coast's capacity to stage a successful Games in 2018.

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Given the limitations inherent in how employment/unemployment figures are arrived at, it's not something industry leaders need necessarily get excited about, other than the fact that the figure is apparently going up.

The figure doesn't include volunteers, i.e. unpaid workers, which number far more than paid personnel.

Measuring the basics of the industry remains one of the greatest challenges facing the handful of paid staff working in sport and recreation, including those in government.

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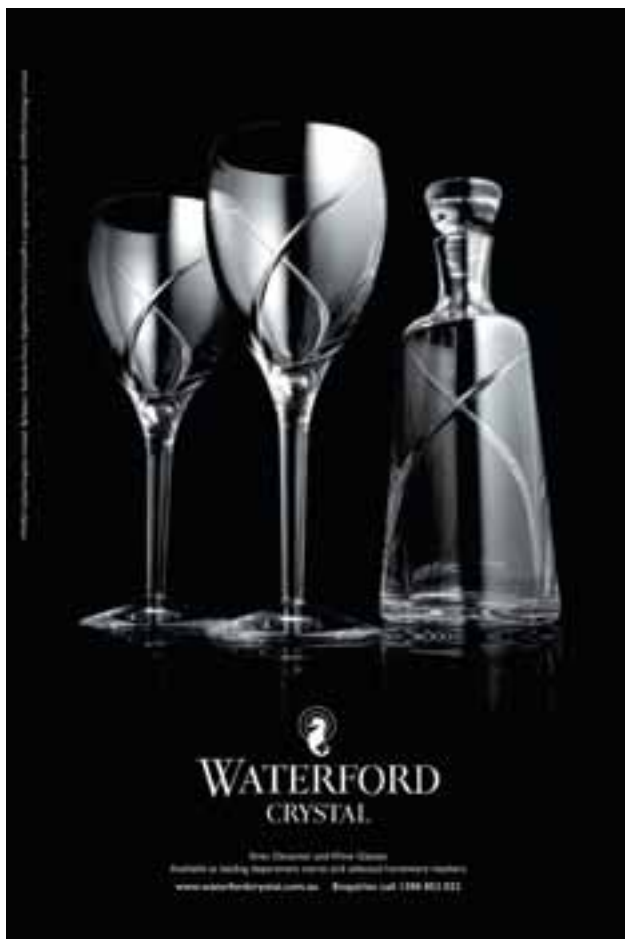
Hot on the heels of Brisbane Roar's A-League Premiership success in March and the Queensland Firebirds Trans Tasman Trophy win in May comes positive indications that these impressive team performances are translating into increased membership and sponsorship support.

And now joining the story of boosted stocks is news that the QRU has surged back with off field performance indications mirroring the Queensland Reds climb to the top of the SuperRugby table prior to the Super 15 finals and a 50,000 Grand Final crowd at Suncorp Stadium to match the Roar's A-League Grand Final turnout and attendances at Origin 1 and 3.

According to Australian Sponsorship News, the QRU has picked up 18 new sponsors in the past year while its Reds First XV membership campaign has netted an 183% increase in membership over 2010 up to over 15,600.

Reds' match day attendances not surprisingly are also up by 29% to an average of over 29,400 while broadcast figures are up 38% across all 16 games.

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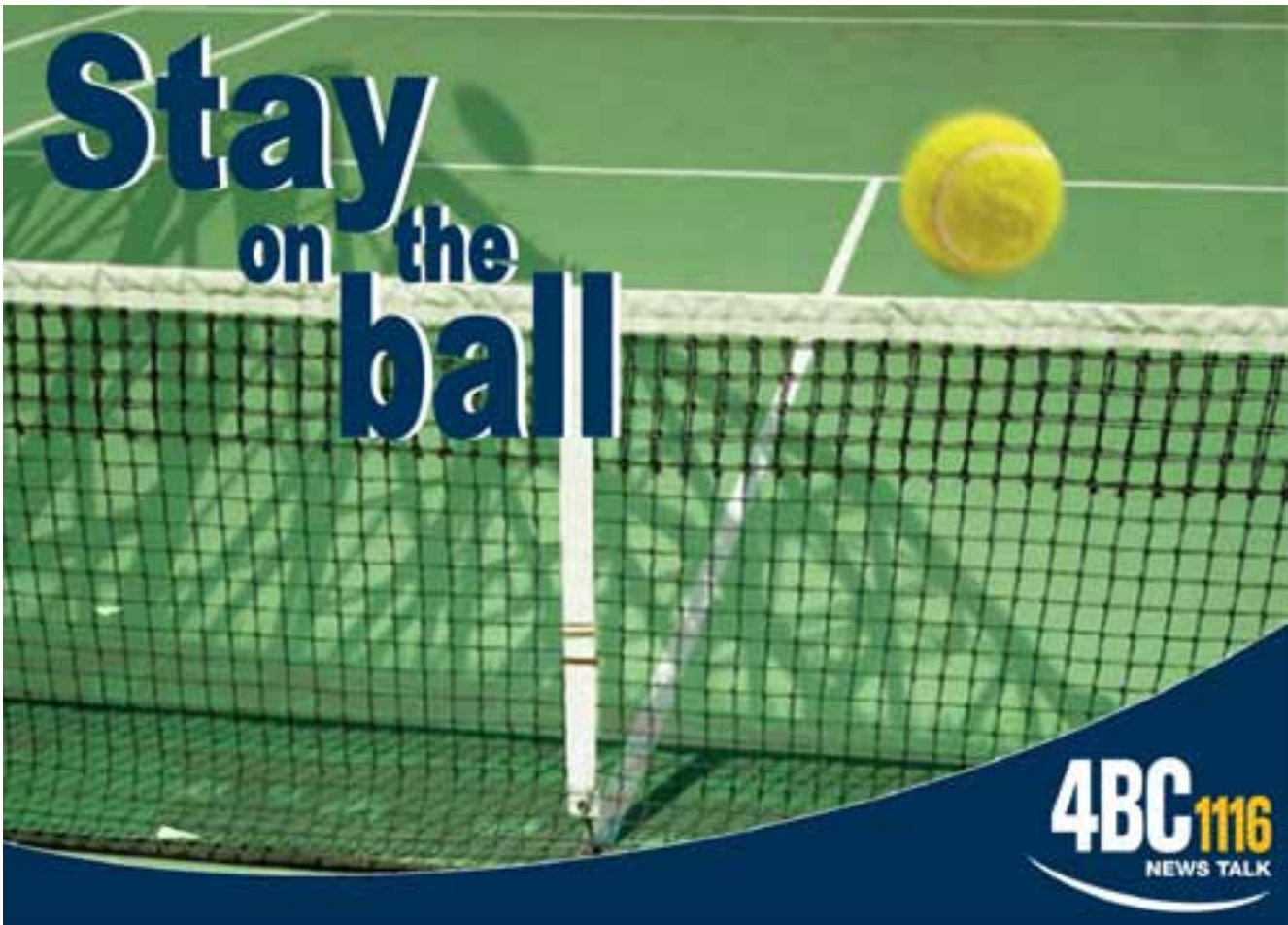
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QSport's members' networking lunch useful addition to annual program

Over 50 QSport member State sporting organisation (SSO) representatives attended the abovementioned function held at Sport Awards support sponsor Rydges Hotel, South Bank in Brisbane on Wednesday, 18 May.

This was a QSport Board initiative designed to give member SSO's an opportunity to network across sports to pick up in a largely informal setting what other counterpart bodies are up to in terms of issues / trends, etc.

The lunch also provided opportunity for SSO's to acknowledge the long standing Managing Director of the Queensland Rugby League in Ross Livermore, a former QSport Chairman.

The 30 years plus veteran administrator stands down at the end of July, bringing to a close one

of, if not the longest, full time administrative stint in Queensland sport.

Minister for Sport Phil Reeves MP was also present to update members on the latest government initiatives in sport and provide an opportunity for members to speak informally to the Minister.

Mark Peters, CEO of Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Bid Ltd, also gave a brief overview of his recent trip to Malaysia with Premier Anna Bligh for the presentation to the Gold Coast Bid Book to the Commonwealth Games Federation and how he saw the bid progressing.

Given the positive response, the QSport Board will look at including a similar function in the annual program of events in years to come.

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