



ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018

SPORTING WHEELIES AND DISABLED ASSOCIATION

The Sporting Wheelies and Disabled Sport and Recreation Association of Queensland Inc.

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Mackay member and Junior Development Squad athlete Brayden Foxley - Conolly, in action at 2017 Northern Challenge

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Our mission

Enhancing the lives of people with a disability through community engagement and education, sport and healthy activity.

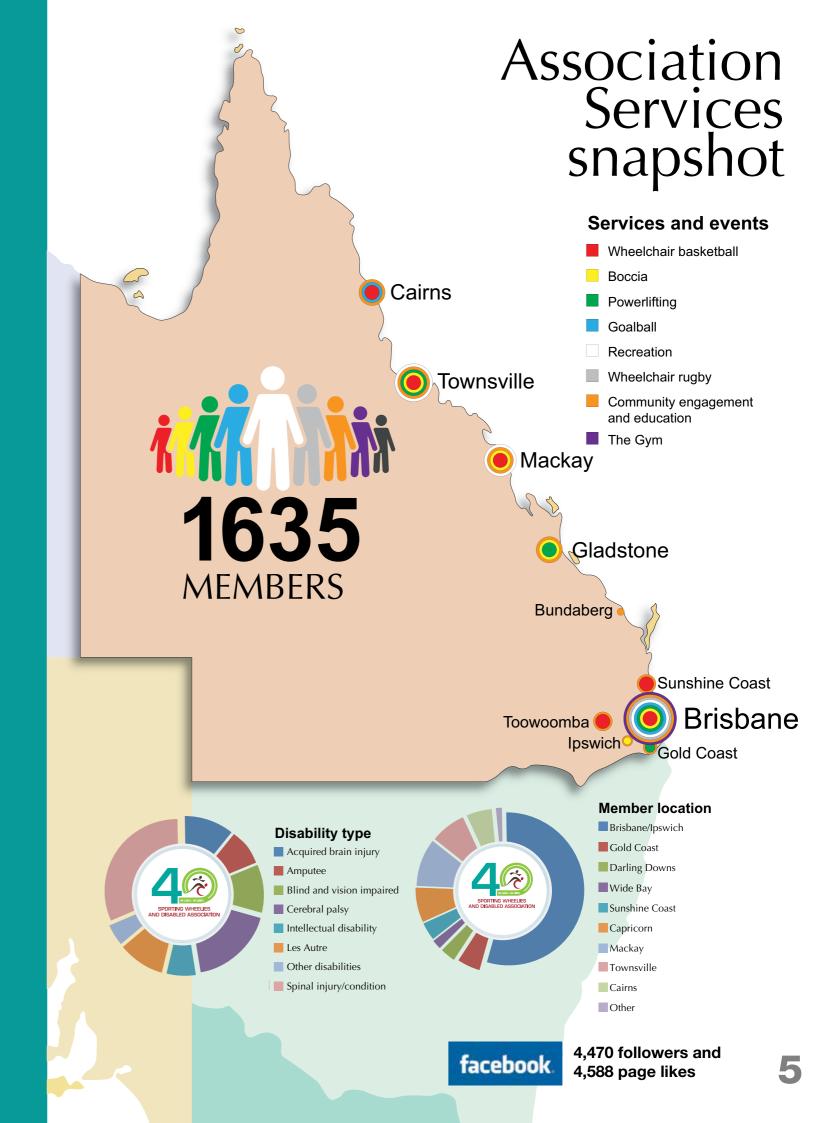
Our values

- Promoting inclusion in sport and healthy activity opportunities for all
- Collaboration with key stakeholders to maximise opportunities
- Encouraging the pursuit of excellence
- Acting with integrity in all areas
- Honesty in our actions
- Respect for individuality and empowering personal choice
- Equity for all

2015 -2019 Strategic Plan pillars

- Strong foundations
- Clear direction
- One inclusive community

For each of these pillars, we have identified strategic principles and initiatives and key performance indicators to ensure that we achieve our objectives.





Amanda Boland, President



John Swete Kelly, CEO

From the President and CEO

2017-18 saw us celebrate our 40th Anniversary across Queensland with celebrations in Townsville, Mackay and Brisbane. We also had the opportunity to share in the memories of our members via the 40 stories which were published progressively during the year.

At our Annual Awards Presentation Dinner. while recognising the success of our members in their outstanding sporting achievements, we recognised Kobie Donovan as the Sporting Wheelie of the Year and Simon Patmore (Open Male Athlete of the Year) received our best wishes as he departed for the Winter Paralympics. Simon certainly did us proud by winning Australia's first Snowboard Cross Paralympic Winter Gold medal at PyeongChang.

At the end of the year we had 1,635 members; more than 12,400 visits had been made to the Brisbane Gym; more than 270 members participated in our social wheelchair basketball, wheelchair rugby, boccia and goalball programs across the State; and we presented 44 community engagement, education and awareness sessions to over 1,600 people in schools,

hospitals, sporting and community groups.

The Gym at Bowen Hills

provided a range of health and fitness services including the NeuroMoves program (on behalf of Spinal Cord Injuries Australia), personal training and general fitness, and delivered close to 4.000 hours of one on one sessions. With the support of Spinal Life Australia, we were able to provide physiotherapy services to our members. The allied health services on offer included physiotherapy, remedial massage therapy, and nutrition and dietetics support.

We provided over \$300,000 in subsidies to more than 125 athletes across 9 sports to attend state, national and international events. We were able to assist 24 young athletes through our Junior Development Program and we hosted 10 state and national championships for more than 300 competitors.

Team Sporting Wheelies
– including 49 staff,
members and friends of the
Association – participated
in last year's Bridge to
Brisbane fun run raising
over \$5,500, while in the
north, the annual Rio Tinto
River2Reef Charity Ride

raised more than \$35,000 to help fund the Association's life-changing programs and services.

The Association continued to receive invaluable support from RSL Queensland. In 2017 the RSL sponsorship agreement focused on enabling the Association to provide a broader range of services and support to ex-Defence Force members.

Our achievements are in no small part attributable to the commitment of our staff and volunteers, for which we are again very grateful. In the 2017-18 year our volunteers provided over 8,600 hours of support across the State. The assistance provided by our volunteers ranges through the Board, Advisory Council, ambassadors and speakers, coaches, officials, administrators, team managers, and other key roles, and ensures that our members have the best opportunities in their chosen sports. The award of Honorary Life Member was made to Ray Epstein in recognition of his service to the Association over the years especially as the CEO. Thank you to all our staff and volunteers.

While we have seen many achievements during the year we have not been able to avoid the financial pressures which are facing all sectors of the economy. Although we reduced our staffing and specifically focused on boccia, goalball, wheelchair basketball, wheelchair rugby and powerlifting, we have seen an increase in the level of participation in the gym and across the five sports. Staff are currently located in Townsville, Mackay, Rockhampton and Brisbane, and our volunteer team provides invaluable support in these locations and others across Queensland.

Looking ahead

The Association continues to review its fund raising and stakeholder engagement strategies to provide a greater level of consistency in future funding commitments. Towards the end of 2017 we partnered with the Play for Purpose Lottery to provide our supporters with a broader range of opportunities. The Association is also reviewing how it can establish a larger presence and awareness in state, regional and local businesses and extend its presence in local communities.

The introduction of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) provided us with the opportunity to evaluate our service delivery model especially the services delivered in the Gym by our exercise physiologists. The Gym will become an accredited NDIS service provider. The Association Board, management and staff are committed to improving the range and level of services and continue to review our strategic direction and operational model.

In recent years, the Board has introduced a corporate governance framework which ensures that the Association meets its obligations under its Constitution and is implementing good governance practices which ensures it continues to maintain its status as a best practice not for profit organisation.

We look forward to being able to extend our services into regional centres across the State to ensure that all Queenslanders living with a disability can lead active, healthy lives.

Pathways in sport

As the peak body in Queensland for five paralympic sports (boccia, goalball, powerlifting, wheelchair basketball and wheelchair rugby), the Association coordinated local programs, competition pathways and representative teams for each sport, including the recruitment and development of coaches, referees and team managers.

The Association's hospital programs and recreation days promoted sporting pathways encouraging participants to lead an active and healthy life.

For athletes aspiring to reach their sporting dreams, the Association provided access to specialised equipment hire, national level classification days, athlete grants, junior development and high performance programs.

Following is a snapshot of outcomes for 2017-18 across the Association's five core sports (see also 'North Queensland highlights' and 'Athlete Development').

"Being named "Sporting Wheelie of the Year", truly capped off a tremendous year in sport. Ultimately the award reminded me of the journey thus far, the hard work, the opportunities, the successes and the downfalls, but more importantly the positive impact sport has had on my life. Sport has taught me the ultimate lesson; one I hope will inspire the next generation - It's not about the 'dis' but rather all about the 'ability'."



Boccia

Profile Ryan Finn

Pathway

- 69 players competed in seven local competitions (Brisbane – City, East and Moreton Bay, Ipswich, Gladstone, Mackay and Townsville)
- 17 players competed in the Boccia Tri-Series (3 events held in SEQ)
- 31 players competed in the 2017 "Boccia Battle" Queensland Boccia Championships, Brisbane, November
- 9 Queensland athletes competed in 2017 Boccia Australia National Titles, Sydney, May - June

Trophy cabinet

National - BC4/BC5/EMU
 Pairs - Bronze - Max Macourt and Ryan Finn

Future focus

State expansion with more opportunities in regional centres will be the focus for 2018.

Townsville

Mackay

Gladstone

Ipswich |

Brisbane

"The 2017 Boccia Nationals turned out to be a great improvement personally," said Ryan Finn, BC4 athlete for Queensland.

"With extra training and more access to programs throughout the year, our skills and development as players flourished. I took on the information from our coaches and we implemented it into games during the National titles in Narrabeen in Sydney. I was very proud to bring home the bronze medal along with my BC4/5/Open team mate Max Macourt."



Ryan Finn in action against Max McCourt, Boccia Tri-Series Photo: Joep Buijs Photography





Powerlifting

Profile Leigh Skinner

The Association remains committed to providing opportunities for para powerlifters as the sport is going through a growth phase. We are working closely with Cloncurry Powerlfiting Australia to provide the best pathways to success.

Pathway

- 6 athletes training in 4 locations (Townsville, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Cloncurry)
- 11 athletes competed in the Queensland and National Para Powerlifting Championships, Brisbane, May
- 6 referees attained National Level Accreditation

Trophy cabinet

 2 national records were set at Queensland and National Para Powerlifting Championships, Brisbane, May

Para powerlifter, Leigh Skinner first took up the sport in 2008 at the age of 44, after attending an Association Come and Try Day. A natural for the sport, within three months Leigh was named a member of the Australian squad and competed at his first international event in Darwin in 2009.

> Despite some injury set-backs, Leigh has represented Australia on the international stage for almost a decade including one World Championships and two Commonwealth Games (2010 Delhi and 2014 Glasgow). Leigh was set to retire after the 2014 Commonwealth Games, but the lure of a home games (as a Gold Coast local) has kept him motivated for another four years.

In 2017 Leigh was given the honour of being named as a sport ambassador for the 2018 Commonwealth Games. He has spent the year actively promoting the games, as well as striving for selection in the Australian team to compete, where he intends to retire from competition in front of his family and friends.

Leigh will not, however, be lost to the sport as he is keen to move into a coaching and mentoring role to support and develop the next generation of para powerlifters.

Leigh Skinner Photo: Brendan Schouten Photography



In 2018 we will focus on increasing the number of para powerliting athletes and coaches, throughout Queensland by delivering education and developing a number of training hubs throughout the

Townsville



Brisbane

Gold Coast

Goalball

Profile Jon Horsburgh

Pathway

- 26 players competed in two local competitions (Brisbane and Cairns)
- Cairns 26 players competed in the "Hells Bells" Queensland Goalball Championships, Cairns, July
- 14 Queensland athletes competed in the Australian Goalball Championships, Melbourne, October
- 6 Queensland athletes and 2 Queensland coaches were members of the Australian Men's and Women's teams that contested the 2017 IBSA Goalball Asia-Pacific Regional Championships, Bangkok, August

Trophy cabinet

National Champion State

National Gold (Men and Women), Silver (Junior)

National MVP (Jon Horsburgh - Men's, Meica Christensen- Women's,

Sidney Whipp – Junior)

National Highest Goal Scorer (Jon Horsburgh - Men's)

National All Star Teams

- Men: Jon Horsburgh, Michael Sheppard
- Women: Meica Christensen, Nicole Esdaile, Alison Jones
- Junior: Sidney Whipp, Sean Kendrick

Youth: Joe Hogg

Future focus

The Association will be starting a new Goalball program in Townsville in 2018.



Queensland - 2017 National Champion State

2017 National MVP and Highest Goalscorer Jon Horsburgh has come along way since taking up the sport of goalball (a paralympic sport for athletes with a vision impairment) at age 15. He moved from Melbourne to Queensland in 2008 where he has continued to flourish.

When did you first start playing?

I started playing goalball in my home state of Victoria, my first competition was the Southern Cross Games in 2002.

What do you like most about goalball?

I really like the challenge involved, not just the physical challenge of throwing both fast and accurately, but also the extra challenge involved in out-smarting your opponent tactically.

What do you feel is your greatest achievement in your career so far?

Brisbane

This past year, being the Highest Goalscorer at two International competition in the same year (the 2017 Asia Pacific Regional Championships and the 2017 Trakai Open in Lithuania).

Who are your toughest opponents and why?

The toughest team to play would be Japan, because we are pretty close in performance and keep wrestling wins off each other. Being in the same region, we also play each other fairly regularly so know each other's games pretty well. My toughest individual would be Robbie Vogt and Michael Sheppard, because they are also close mates and know all of my game (especially my weaknesses) better than anyone else.

What is your ultimate goal in goalball?

To qualify for the 2020 Paralympic Games in Tokyo and to leave the sport with an amazing career and legacy for future generations of goalballers to follow.

What do you like to do away from goalball?

Spend time with my mates, gym, work, travel and seeing new places.

> "I'm an individual - just like everyone else."



Wheelchair basketball

The Association coordinates wheelchair basketball programs and events for the development of players, coaches and officials from local through regional, state and national level.

Pathway

- 154 players in 6 local competitions (Brisbane 50, Toowoomba 16, Sunshine Coast 28, Cairns 17, Townsville 16, Mackay 27).
 Members participate in independently run programs in Rockhampton and on the Gold Coast.
- 44 players competed in the Northern Challenge held in Mackay (May) and Townsville (Sept) - won by Frenchville Rockwheelers (Rockhampton)
- 20 players competed in the Southern Challenge held on the Gold Coast (Feb) and Toowoomba (Dec)
 won by Brisbane.
- 78 athletes competed in "The Classics" Queensland Wheelchair Basketball Championships, Brisbane, June
- 41 athletes competed in Queensland teams at National championships (junior, mens and womens).

Trophy cabinet

Nationals

2 Queensland junior teams competed in the Kevin Coombs Cup, Townsville, April: Gold - Qld Rolling Thunder White Silver - Qld Rolling Thunder Maroon

Queensland Comets finished 4th at the Women's National Wheelchair Basketball League (WNWBL) finals series on the Gold Coast, improving on last year's result (5th)

Queensland Spinning Bullets finished 3rd in the National Wheelchair Basketball League (NWBL) improving on last year's result (5th)

Future focus

Development of coaches and referees at local programs around the state.





Profile Jasmine Manning and Georgia Bishop-Cash

Cairns Hoopsnakes athlete and member of the Association's Shooting Stars Squad **Jasmine Manning**, started playing wheelchair basketball in 2016 after meeting our Association Cairns Regional Development Officer.

Jasmine finished off the 2017 season by winning an Encouragement Award at the Suncoast Spinners Tournament.

With Ella Sabljak as her inspiration, Jasmine has her sights set on selection in the 2018 Queensland Comets WNWBL team and in the future, securing a place on the Australian Gliders team.

Despite her youth, 17 year old **Georgia Bishop-Cash** is a veteran of the sport having started playing at 8 years of age.
Georgia has competed as a member of the Queensland Rolling Thunder (Junior State Team) for the past 3 years and the Queensland Comets (WNWBL team) for the past 5 years.

In 2017 Georgia was a member of the silver medal winning Queensland Rolling Thunder Maroon junior team competing at the 2017 Kevin Coombs Cup.

Georgia got a taste of international competition when she won a silver medal as a member of the Australian Devils competing at the 2015 IWBF U25 Women World Wheelchair Basketball Championship. A dedicated trainer and competitor, each season she is one step closer to her long term aim, to make the Australian Gliders wheelchair basketball team.



Jasmine Manning
Photo: Shannon Telley



Georgia Bishop-Cash Photo: Joep Buijs Photography

Wheelchair rugby

Profile Cameron Whittaker

Pathway

- 21 players competed in the local Brisbane competition
- 13 players competed in "The Bash", Queensland Wheelchair Rugby Championship, Brisbane, October
- 8 players selected in the Suncorp Queensland Cyclones contested the 2017 Fierce 4 Wheelchair Rugby National Series (Canberra, Melbourne, Gold Coast) and the GIO Fierce 4 Wheelchair Rugby National Championships (Sydney, August)

Trophy cabinet

National League Round 3 MVP - Chris Bond

Future focus

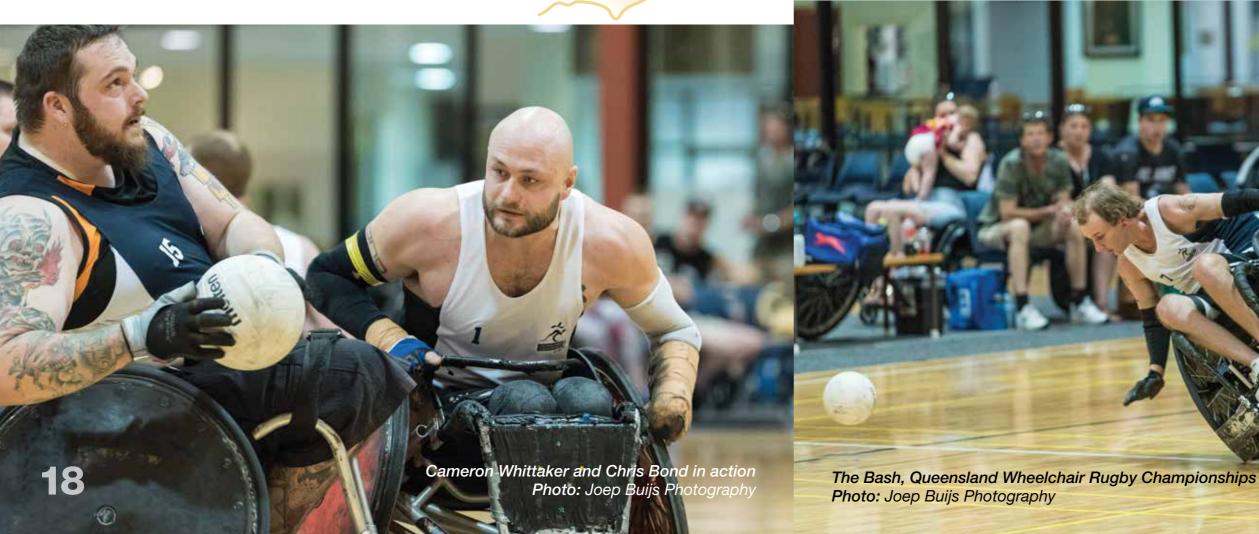
Growing the sport in Queensland - next step, starting a local competition on the Gold Coast.

"I get a lot from participating in wheelchair rugby, mainly fitness, mateship and the idea that we aren't as fragile as society may view us", says Association member Cameron Whitaker.

Cameron comes from a family that always played rugby. In his younger years he focused on track racing as he wasn't sure how to get involved in wheelchair rugby. Thanks to an Association Come and Try Day in Logan, he is now on the road to pursue his goal of representing his country in wheelchair rugby.

He regards his most memorable moment so far as being selected in the state team, the Queensland Suncorp Cyclones for the first time. Cameron is a regular at The Gym where he continues to train hard on his fitness to increase his speed and strength so that his goal to represent his country in the sport that he loves can be realised.

Cameron is grateful for the support he has received from the Association and the Queensland Academy of Sport, "I would like to thank the staff for all their support both inside the gym and on court. I wouldn't be where I am today or had been able to achieve what I have without their ongoing support and assistance. It surprises me that I have all this support and belief in my abilities to achieve the goals that I work hard towards."



Brisbane

Athlete development

Supporting and developing emerging and elite athletes continued to be a priority for the Association in 2017-18.

Athlete subsidies

In 2017-2018 the Association replaced the Athlete Funding Subsidy Program with a more streamlined Athlete Grant Program in order to continue to provide funding support to our members.

\$20,000 in Statewide Athlete Grants were provided to support 40 athletes to compete at national and international competitions across nine sports: wheelchair basketball, golf, goalball, athletics, boccia, lawn bowls, table tennis, wheelchair tennis and swimming.

The Association also provided \$9,000 in Regional Athlete Grants to support 31 North Queensland athletes to compete at regional, state and national competitions.

In addition, eligible athletes also received support through the Association's High Performance Program (HPP).

High Performance Program

The HPP continued to expand on its success of the previous year, in particular providing further support and opportunities for coaches and athletes to progress onto national squads and teams.

- 27 athletes from goalball, wheelchair basketball and wheelchair rugby gained places on national teams
- Queenslanders held 8 out of 12 places on the Australian squad that won bronze at the IWBF World Junior Men's Wheelchair Basketball Championships
- 7 support staff were provided opportunities within the national program team structure
- increased funding support was provided for 48 athletes, 9 coaches and 4 team managers to represent Queensland across all the domestic national league competitions

The program's success was made possible through strong national partnerships, the dedication of our state coaches and the continued support from our valued partner the Queensland Academy of Sport.

Classification

The classification process is an essential step to determine an athlete's eligibility for para-sport.

In 2017, the Association conducted four classification days for boccia, powerlifting, wheelchair basketball and wheelchair rugby.

Classification days held by the Association have continued to decline as mainstream sports organisations and national sport organisation take greater responsibility for classification of athletes with a disability within their sport.

Junior Development Program

Investing in our youth continues to be an important focus for the Association.

In 2017, 24 promising junior athletes were named in the Junior Development Squad. 21 Athletes attend an annual camp where seven coaches and two staff provided expert coaching and mentoring during training and personal development sessions. The camp also offered team-building activities that encourage athletes to develop friendships that provide great support through their

Shooting Stars Squad

Sarah Wallace (Sunshine Coast - Swimming) Kelsy Hopper (Brisbane - Goalball) Brayden Foxley-Conolly (Mackay-Basketball)

Jashar Keetley (Sunshine Coast - Basketball) Jasmine Manning (Cairns - Basketball) Cooper Whitestyles (Mackay - Basketball) Sarah King (Rockhampton - Basketball) Bernie Petersen (Cairns - Basketball) Hayden Siebuhr (Toowoomba - Basketball) Poppy Richards (Sunshine Coast -Swimming)

Henry Rider (Harvey Bay - Basketball) Kaylah Collins (Townsville - Athletics) Sean Kendrick (Brisbane - Goalball)

Peter Brown (Gold Coast - Athletics)

Sidney Whipp (Brisbane - Goalball)

Junior Development Squad

Dylan Gawthorne (Brisbane - Basketball) Ashley Wardman (Sunshine Coast -Basketball)

Kyle Haslam (Brisbane - Athletics) Georgia Bishop-Cash (Brisbane - Basketball) Max Macourt (Brisbane - Boccia)

David Eade (Cairns - Swimming)

Katja Dedekind (Brisbane - Swimming)

Ryan Williams (Townsville - Basketball)



40th Anniversary









Past and present Association members, volunteers, staff and supporters came together in Brisbane, Mackay and Townsville, to reconnect, share their stories and celebrate 40 years of incredible personal and organisation achievements.

The Glen Hotel in Brisbane hosted 70 guests, with many more tuning in to the celebration via Facebook Live.

With involvement of regional members stretching back to the earliest days of the Association there was no doubt that regional centres would feature heavily in our 40th Anniversary celebrations. Favourite local Mackay venue Souths Suburban Bowls Club, hosted 88 guests, many embracing the 1970s theme. In Townsville members took a more laid back approach, with a casual celebration and cake cutting as part of their Christmas party, BBQ and blokarting day out at Bushland Beach.

Throughout 2017, many more stories were collected and shared via our website and social media through our "40 Stories Project".









Mackay photos: Amie Nimmo



Healthy activity

Profile Mitch McCracken

Rehabilitation and fitness

The Association's inclusive fitness and rehabilitation centre, The Gym Health and Wellbeing Centre, at Bowen Hills in Brisbane had another busy year helping to support people of all abilities to achieve their health and fitness goals.

Our Gym Coordinator and six Accredited Exercise Physiologists ensured clients could choose from a range of quality services including the activity based exercise therapy program NeuroMoves (in partnership with Spinal Cord Injuries Australia), personal training and general fitness. Clients also accessed a range of allied health services including physiotherapy (Life Physio at The Gym, a partnership between the Association and Spinal Life Australia), remedial massage therapy, dietetics and nutrition and equipment prescription.

Hospital programs

The Association's fortnightly sport and recreation programs at the Princess Alexandra Hospital's Spinal Injury Unit (SIU) and Brain Injury Rehabilitation Unit (BIRU) continued to introduce patients to the wide variety of sport and leisure opportunities available to them within the community.

Fifteen BIRU and SIU patients took up the option of complimentary Association membership for a year to encourage their ongoing involvement in sport and healthy

The monthly BIRU circuit class by the Association's gym staff has been successful in increasing the number of patients who join The Gym once they are discharged from hospital. Programs will continue to be delivered at the PA Hospital's Spinal Injury Unit (SIU) and Brain Injury Rehabilitation Unit (BIRU) in 2018-19.



Supported 53 clients to do 1941 personal training hours

Supported 21 clients to do





33 Exercise Physiology/ Exercise and Sports Science students from 7 Queensland universities completed practicum placements.



As joint winner of the 2017 Allclear Print and Signs Gym Award, Mitch McCracken encompasses all that the Association gym strives to be - inclusive of all, building a motivating environment and supporting others to achieve their personal best.

Mitch (along with fellow award winner Reigne Dadey) beat a strong field for the 2017 award, with every nominee showing incredible resilience and determination in achieving their personal best in life.

Since commencing training at The Gym in April 2016 post accident, Mitch has demonstrated excellent improvements. Attending up to 10 hours per week personal training and NeuroMoves activity based therapy, Mitch has improved his posture and strength. Mitch has been able to achieve more independence in activities of daily living and has been able to travel overseas with his family to visit relatives. Mitch's ability to perform and participate in wheelchair rugby has also improved, with better speed and presence in the game.

Mitch always attends The Gym with enthusiasm and engages with all members and staff. He motivates, encourages and takes time with other members to talk about his own personal experiences and provides advice and support, sharing ideas and information.



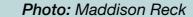




Photo: Joep Buijs Photography

North Queensland highlights

A range of opportunities were provided throughout North Queensland to encourage involvement in healthy activity and sport.

Sport development and competition opportunities for athletes and support staff remain a key focus across North

Queensland.

Wheelchair basketball is a popular choice for members with local training and social competition in Cairns, Mackay, Townsville and Rockhampton (run independently by Frenchville Rockwheelers). The Northern Challenge inter-regional competition is a much anticipated chance for regional teams to go head to head over three rounds and finals. Mackay and Townsville hosted competitions this year, with Frenchville Rockwheelers the ultimate winners. Regional players also competed in the Suncoast Spinners Tournament (January), Slam Downunder (October) and "The Classics" Wheelchair Basketball State Championships (June) with four north Queensland players featured in The Classics All-Star Five teams.

There was excitement in April when the national junior wheelchair basketball competition, The Kevin Coombs Cup was hosted on Queensland home turf in Townsville, with our two Queensland Rolling Thunder teams (featuring 7 athletes and 3 staff from north Queensland) taking out gold and silver.

Local social **boccia** competitions were held in Mackay and Townsville.

As the location for our only regional *goalball* competition, Cairns was chosen as the ideal location to host the 2017 "Hells Bells" Goalball State Championships.

25 athletes, 5 coaches and 6 referees, including inter-state athletes competed over three days. A development session was also conducted to promote the sport to local children. Cairns will again play host to "Hells Bells" in 2019. These regionally based competitions are made possible through the support of State Government.

Regional athletes were active across a range of other sports including lawn bowls, powerlifting, athletics, swimming, waterskiing and cycling. Six North Queensland athletes were selected in the Junior Development Program (See "Athlete Development)". Excellence in sport was recognised with Laura Mladenovic (17 from Townsville) winning 2017 Annual Awards Junior Female Athlete of the Year, and, Mackay member David Nicholas' outstanding successes at the 2017 UCI Para-Cycling Track World Championships being recognised with him being named 2017 Para-Cyclist of the Year (for the second time) and 2017 Qld Sport Awards- Athlete With A Disability.

Opportunities to socialise and try new sports and *recreational activities* continued to be popular in Mackay and Townsville. Members in Mackay attended, 4WDing ,watersports days, social dinners, wheelchair dancing and concerts, whilst in Townsville clay target shooting, Mendi Blackhawks rugby league and blokarting were well attended.

Encouraging community inclusion is a vital area of work for the Association.

Regional *community engagement and education* activities included community expos, Inclusive Clubs workshops (Cairns and Townsville) through the support of Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games

Embracing Legacy Program, and in Rockhampton, Mackay and Townsville regional Game Changer guests speakers presented to State Government employees aiming to create inclusive workplaces.

Fundraising and community support are essential to enabling the Association to continue to provide a wide range of services

and events.

Bingo remains popular in Bundaberg and Rockhampton communities. Cowboys Leagues Club raffles, Mendi Blackhawks Community Corner (Townsville), the Cairns Show lucky tickets (Cairns), and Santa In The City, Colour Dash/ Purple Betty Promotions and the Great Community Car Raffle (Mackay) provide much needed funds for regional members. Local businesses such as Woollam Constructions (Townsville) show their valued commitment by sponsoring junior wheelchair basketball team shirts, running a free sausage sizzle, and playing alongside local players.

Now in it's 11th year, the River2Reef Charity Bike Ride held in Mackay keeps going from strength to strength. In 2017 the RioTinto sponsored event included 9 Association members riding as part of the 1160 strong field of cyclists. 28 Association volunteers and staff ensured the event entrants were well fed, watered and heading in the right direction. This event continues to be a standout for fundraising, awareness raising and community support.



Erin Dickson and Angus Young, Blokarting on Bushland Beach, Townsville Photo: Donna James



Valerie Wright and Chris Stibbards, Mackay water ski day



2017 Multi-disability Lawn Bowls State Championships, Women's Singles Champion - Kaytlyn Smith, Cairns

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Community engagement and education

Through its community engagement and education programs, the Association remains strongly committed to building inclusive communities that value contributions from people of all abilities through sport and recreation.

Sports CONNECT Queensland Network

As further regions of Queensland roll out to the NDIS the impact of the Scheme on the lives of people with a disability will see more people seeking ways to connect with their community, including through sport and healthy activity. The Sports CONNECT Queensland Network,



- Sporting organisation
- Disability sport organisationDisability service provider
- Government

coordinated by the Association, sees government, the disability and sport sectors working together to ensure welcoming and inclusive sporting and healthy activity options are available in local communities.

The network's annual forum continues to provide a highly valued opportunity for individual champions and organisations to come together and strengthen their shared drive towards more inclusive communities. In 2017, 89 participants attended from 43 organisations (a 35% increase on 2016).



Sports CONNECT Queensland Network Forum describe the role of Sporting Wheelies and Disabled Association



Provides an important conduit across sectors and reinforces best practice approaches to inclusive sport.

Fosters positive partnerships and has people with a disability

entral to all that they do.

A very passionate organisation that is willing to lead the way to an inclusive future.

A sound mediator and advocate for inclusion of all in Australian sport and recreation.





Sports CONNECT activities

State Government departments engaged the Association to deliver activities including:

- National Parks, Sport and Racing: five workshops for local clubs as part of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Embracing Legacy Program in Cairns, Townsville and Brisbane, assisted clubs to understand key factors which have a positive impact on the promotion of an inclusive culture and practices within their communities.
- Environment and Heritage Protection:
 As part of International Day of People
 with Disability (IDPwD) events in Brisbane,
 Ipswich, Maryborough, Rockhampton,
 Mackay and Townsville, Association Game
 Changers assisted Department staff to
 better understand the challenges faced
 by people with a disability and how these
 can be overcome in order to create a more
 inclusive workplace culture.

Supporting mainstream sport

The Association worked with a number of sport governing bodies (below) to develop and promote inclusive opportunities for people with a disability through promoting inclusive events and encouraging connections between key stakeholders.

- AFL Queensland
- Basketball Australia
- Basketball Queensland
- Bowls Queensland
- Cricket Australia
- · Golf Queensland
- Queensland School Sport
- Queensland Target Sports
- Table Tennis Australia
- Tennis Queensland
- Tenpin Bowling Association of Queensland

Our staff also served as representatives on state body inclusion committees set up by the state bodies for lawn bowls, rugby league and Queensland School Sport (Disability Advisory Committee).

Total 29 presenters across 9 regions, 21% of presenters have a disability. Game Changer Ambassador Team, 25 guest athlete speakers across 12 regions.



Over 16000

education participants, plus 1000s more at expos

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Volunteering

Volunteering for the Association provides an exciting range of opportunities for people at various stages of their lives. From students looking to develop career-enhancing skills to retirees keen to meet new people and help others, the Association always aims to find a rewarding role that suits individual applicants' interests and abilities.

Volunteers take on a wide variety of roles across the breadth of Association services including score bench officials, volunteer supervisors, referees, coaches, event assistants, drivers, wheelchair technicians, photographers, rehabilitation assistants and fundraising.

(332 returning volunteers

and 153 new volunteers)



Our partnerships with universities are growing in number and strength, and include: University of Queensland, Queensland University of Technology, Griffith University, University of the Sunshine Coast, Central Queensland University, Bond University, Charles Sturt University, Australian Catholic University, Southern Cross University and James Cook University.

Volunteer participation through the Work for the Dole program continued throughout 2017, with participants achieving learning outcomes in administration, community engagement, with event preparation and fundraising.

Volunteers provided over 8676

volunteer hours representing economic value of \$260,000+



Profile **Donna Sumpter**Col and Peter Marsh Volunteer of the Year

Volunteering for the Association since 2005, Donna Sumpter has made a truly incredible contribution. In 2017 alone, Donna volunteered over 540 hours supporting the Association's sporting, recreational and fundraising events.

Whether as Team Manager for the Qld Rolling Thunder and the Mackay Machines wheelchair basketball teams, helping to raise funds through the Rio Tinto River 2 Reef Bike Ride, or arranging a wide range of social and recreational opportunities including concerts, water ski days, weekends away, Christmas party and the Association's 40th Anniversary Celebrations in Mackay, Donna's meticulous planning and caring manner ensures everyone has the opportunity to achieve their sporting and personal goals, and create wonderful memories.



What motives you to continue to stay involved?

I volunteer because I believe my life is better by helping to make other's lives better. Managing the wheelchair basketball teams for their away trips is a time consuming job, but it is all worth it when you see the dedication that the players and their families have.

Sport is not only a great form of exercise which is good for your health, it also provides a wonderful social environment for the players, which is essential for your wellbeing. I love seeing smiles on the faces of members through the sports and fun activities run by the Association especially here in the Mackay region.

Through volunteering, I have met many inspiring people, some who I am proud to now call my good friends.

What would you like to say to potential volunteers and or sponsors?

"No one has ever become poor by giving", Anne Frank. Whether you give your time or money, you too can experience the satisfaction and joy of helping others.

Is there any one event or situation that really stands out for you?

What really stands out for me is that I have the opportunity to get to know a great bunch of people...we are like a big family.

"My life is certainly enriched through the volunteer work I do."

Annual Awards

Board and committees

Around 146 nominees, members and supporters celebrated outstanding 2017 achievements in sport and healthy activity for Queenslanders with a disability in Brisbane. The 2017 Awards were pushed back until 23 February 2018 in order to enable the awards to reflect the achievements from throughout the full calendar year.

Sporting Wheelie of the Year

Kobie Donovan (Game Changer, athletics, soccer, badminton)

Open Male Athlete of the Year Simon Patmore (snowboarding)

Open Female Athlete of the Year Lakeisha Patterson (swimming)

Junior Male Athlete of the Year
Nathan Donaldson (athletics)

Junior Female Athlete of the Year Laura Mladenovic (athletics, basketball, soccer)

Most Improved Athlete of the Year
Marcus Lentini (tennis)

Team of the Year

Queensland Men's Goalball Team

Coach of the Year

Bill Nancarrow (para-powerlifting)

Official of the Year

Christine Reimann (wheelchair basketball)

Col and Peter Marsh Volunteer of the Year

Donna Sumpter (Mackay)

Allclear Print and Signs Fitness Award
Reigne Dadey and Mitch McCracken

Paul Bodington Media Award

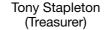
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Reference groups

Boccia Wheelchair Rugby

Affiliations with National Organisations

Australian Paralympic Committee
Basketball Australia
Blind Sports Australia
Boccia Australia
Cerebral Palsy-Australian Sport and
Recreation Federation
Disability Sports Australia
Goalball Australia

Our supporters

Treasurer's report

Major partners













- Queensland Academy of Sport
- Hammer and Officine Panerai
- Dazcorp Investments Pty Ltd
- RDA Foundation
- The Wood Family Trust
- Ironman Pty Ltd

Other sponsors, donors and supporters

- Purple Betty Productions
- Equity Trustees
- MU Systems
- Suncorp Group
- McLean Family Council
- Rugby League Brisbane
- International Professional Services (IPS)
- Pitcher Partners
- Transurban
- D Lambourne
- Fay Simpson
- YWCA
- Stuart & Nancy Fiedell
- Newscorp
- Pirtek Wacol Pty Ltd
- Australian Sports Foundation

- MineCraft Consulting
- Cowboys Leagues Club
- Swire Cold Storage
- ALS Limited
- Graeme Chesterman
- Great Community Car Raffle
- G James Glass & Aluminium Pty Ltd
- Judith Hoogland
- Toy Linford
- Tor McCaul
- Mrs Marlene Phillips
- Yvonne Rayner
- Colin Shipstone
- Val-Ray Jewellers
- Woolworths Limited
- Lend Lease

The operating result for the 2017-18 financial year was a profit of \$45,742 before depreciation, and a loss after depreciation of \$53,732 compared with a loss of \$313,303 in 2016-17. Following an adjustment to asset revaluation, the comprehensive loss for 2017-18 was \$62,667 compared with a loss of \$299,538 in 2016-17.

Funding

The Art Unions and Bingo are still the main source of income contributing 38% of total revenue, compared with 46% in 2016-17. The total revenue receipts from the Art Unions and Bingo decreased by \$611,782 to \$3,739,123. The Art Unions achieved a 32% gross profit margin compared with 33% in 2016-17. The overall Art Union profit was down \$262,779 on last year. While Bingo revenue rose from \$953,874 to \$1,123,910, the gross profit fell by \$2,380 to \$101,433. Other revenue increased by \$108,454 to \$1,456,609 because of increases in service delivery revenue, grant funding, donations and sponsorships. Government and other grants represent 23% of the revenue and non-government sources represented 77% of the revenue, compared with 82% in 2016-17. The percentage drop was a result of the decline in Art Union revenue.

In pursuing our strategic plan to diversify our income stream and enhance efficiencies, the Association has been successful in forming new partnerships with organisations that we hope will generate ongoing additional income. The continued support from the Queensland Government and our sponsors continues to be a critical source of funding.



Tony Stapleton, Treasurer

Strategies are also being introduced to diversify and grow the Art Union subscriber base and reduce the cost of delivering Art Union prizes.

Expenditure

The Association continues to focus on delivering services to our members and providing financial assistance and deliver programs to people with a disability. Despite the reduction in income the Association maintained the level of services delivered in 2016-17 compared to previous years. Our Gym visits increased from 7,900 to over 12,400 and our participation in our five sports grew from 250 to 270. Total expenditure on community engagement and education, sport and healthy activity was \$1,650,029 compared with \$1,958,812 in 2016-17. The reduction reflects the reduction in staffing costs following the realignment in Dec 2016. The Board is committed to providing support to all its members throughout Queensland through national and international competition subsidies and other program areas such as junior development, events, and community engagement and education programs, however the available pool is limiting the Association's ability to maintain the level of this support. Changes to the athlete funding program will be implemented.

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Net Assets

Net Assets at 31 January 2018 were \$3,264,767 compared with \$3,318,499 at 31 January 2016. The drop in Net Assets of \$53,732 was a result of the loss sustained in 2017-18.

In the second half of 2017, the Association was advised by the Brisbane City Council (BCC) that they proposed to register the facade of the front building as of heritage significance. The Association has appealed this listing and is awaiting a final State Government announcement. If the front building facade was to be heritage listed it may result in devaluation of the asset value. The Association will have the property revalued after the State Government announcement which is anticipated in the second half of 2018.

The continuing decline in Art Union revenue continues to represent the biggest financial challenge facing the Association. Supplementing that income has been a high priority for several years and is a necessity

for the Association to be able to maintain and improve its life-changing programs and services to people with a disability. In November 2017, the Association joined the Play for Purpose online lottery as one strategy to diversify the revenue streams and increase the customer base. Strategies to engage more actively with Corporate clients are also being investigated. Despite the fall in profitability in the last year, the Board is committed to maintaining and enhancing the services provided to members. Cost analysis is already delivering savings and the introduction of digital marketing is showing positive signs in revenue generation by improving the presence of the Association in the Queensland charity marketplace. It is however acknowledged that unless new revenue can be generated, the harsh reality is that services and funding will need to be reduced in line with the levels of income being generated.

Tony Stapleton Treasurer

THE SPORTING WHEELIES AND DISABLED SPORT AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC. ABN 81 954 577 424

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2018

	2018 \$	2017 \$
Revenue and other income		
Art Union and Bingo Games revenue	3,739,123	4,350,905
Less: Cost of sales		
Cost of sales	(2,799,560)	(3,136,183)
Gross profit	939,563	1,214,722
Other revenue and income		
Other revenue	1,456,609	1,348,155
Interest income	17,430	14,605
Dividend income	-	25,280
Profit on sale of non current assets	3,664	42 50 450
Sundry revenue	72,850	52,452
	1,550,553	1,440,534
	2,490,116	2,655,256
Less: expenses	(055.047)	(4.404.000)
Employee benefits - Service Delivery	(955,247)	
Employee benefits - Administration	(440,192)	
Administration expenses Programs and events	(353,153) (694,782)	,
Depreciation and amortisation expense	(99,474)	, ,
Other expenses	(1,000)	(100, 110)
•	(2,543,848)	(2,968,559)
Loss before income tax expense	(53,732)	(313,303)
Income tax expense		
Loss after income tax expense	(53,732)	(313,303)
Other comprehensive income		
Items that will not be reclassified to profit and loss		
Disposal of financial assets at fair value through other		
comprehensive income	-	13,765
Transfer financial asset revaluation reserve to retained earnings	(8,935)	
•	-	10.765
Other comprehensive income for the year	(8,935)	13,765
Total comprehensive (loss) / income	(62,667)	(299,538)

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THE SPORTING WHEELIES AND DISABLED SPORT AND RECREATION **ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC.** ABN 81 954 577 424

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION **AS AT 31 JANUARY 2018**

	2018 \$	2017 \$
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	101,105	507,867
Receivables	38,422	18,624
Inventories	-	6,960
Other assets	698,188	622,385
Total current assets	837,715	1,155,836
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	3,372,425	3,463,939
Other assets	20,000	-
Total non-current assets	3,392,425	3,463,939
Total assets	4,230,140	4,619,775
Current liabilities		
Payables	464,823	471,662
Provisions	324,276	•
Unearned income	114,156	418,240
Total current liabilities	903,255	1,211,789
Non-current liabilities		
Provisions	62,118	89,487
Total non-current liabilities	62,118	89,487
Total liabilities	965,373	1,301,276
Net assets	3,264,767	3,318,499
Equity	4 750 000	4 705 040
Reserves	1,756,283	1,765,218
Accumulated surplus	1,508,484	1,553,281
Total equity	3,264,767	3,318,499

THE SPORTING WHEELIES AND DISABLED SPORT AND RECREATION **ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC.** ABN 81 954 577 424

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2018**

	2018 \$	2017 \$
Cash flow from operating activities		
Receipts from customers	5,153,380	6,109,477
Payments to suppliers and employees	(5,430,667)	(6,241,079)
Dividends received	-	25,280
Interest received	17,430	<u>15,444</u>
Net cash (used in) / provided by operating activities	(259,857)	(90,878)
Cash flow from investing activities		40.000
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	-	18,000
Proceeds from sale of investments Payment for property, plant and equipment	(7,960)	380,364 (46,556)
Net cash used in investing activities	(7,960)	<u>351,808</u>
Cash flow from financing activities		
Withdrawals from / (investment in) term deposits	(138,945)	(74,000)
Net cash provided by / (used in) financing activities	(138,945)	(74,000)
Reconciliation of cash		
Cash at beginning of the financial year	507,867	320,937
Net increase / (decrease) in cash held	(406,762)	186,930
Cash at end of financial year	<u>101,105</u>	507,867

Note 1

This concise financial information comprises the statement of financial position at 31 January 2018, the statement of profit or loss and comprehensive income and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended and statement by members of the Board and has been extracted from the audited financial report of The Sporting Wheelies and Disabled Sport and Recreation Association of Queensland Inc. for the year ended 31 January 2018.

The concise financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by the Associations Incorporations Act 1981 (QLD) applied in preparation of the audited financial report of Sporting Wheelies. Reading the concise financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the financial report of The Sporting Wheelies and Disabled Sport and Recreation Association of Queensland Inc.

Further information can be obtained from the financial report which is available on request.

THE SPORTING WHEELIES AND DISABLED SPORT AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC. ABN 81 954 577 424

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

The Board has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Board the financial report:

- 1. Presents fairly the financial position of The Sporting Wheelies and Disabled Sport and Recreation Association of Queensland Inc. as at 31 January 2018 and performance for the year ended on that date.
- 2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that The Sporting Wheelies and Disabled Sport and Recreation Association of Queensland Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board and is signed for and on behalf of the Board by:

President:

Amanda Boland

Treasurer

Anthony Stapleton

Dated this 7th day of June 2018



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of The Sporting Wheelies and Disabled Sport and Recreation Association of Queensland Inc.:

Report on the Concise Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying concise financial report of The Sporting Wheelies and Disabled Sport and Recreation Association of Queensland Inc., which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 January 2018, the statement of comprehensive income and statement of cash flows for the year then ended and related notes, derived from the audited financial report of The Sporting Wheelies and Disabled Sport and Recreation Association of Queensland Inc. for the year ended 31 January 2018. The concise financial report does not contain all the disclosures required by the Australian Accounting Standards and the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 (Qld) and accordingly, reading the concise financial report is not a substitute for reading the audited financial report.

Management's Responsibility for the Concise Financial Report

Management is responsible for the preparation of the concise financial report in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 1039 Concise Financial Reports and on the basis described in Note 1.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the concise financial report based on our procedures which were conducted in accordance with Auditing Standard ASA 810 Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements. We have conducted an independent audit, in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, of the financial report of The Sporting Wheelies and Disabled Sport and Recreation Association of Queensland Inc. for the year ended 31 January 2018. We expressed a modified audit opinion on that financial report in our report dated 7 June 2018. The modification affects our report on the concise financial report and is a modification to our opinion on the concise financial report. The Australian Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report for the year is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the concise financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the concise financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the concise financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Our procedures included testing that the information in the concise financial report is derived from and consistent with the financial report for the year, and examination on a test basis, of audit evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures which were not directly derived from the financial report for the year. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the concise financial report complies with Accounting Standard AASB 1039 Concise Financial Reports.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.



Basis for Qualified Opinion

It is not practicable, because of the way income is raised, to establish controls over bingo income prior to its initial entry in the accounting records, nor is it practicable for us to confirm that all bingo income has been received and recorded. Our audit related to this income was therefore limited to the amounts recorded in the accounts.

This basis for qualification to our opinion on the concise financial report is also a basis for qualification to our opinion on the financial report of The Sporting Wheelies and Disabled Sport and Recreation Association of Queensland Inc. for the year.

Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effect on the concise financial report of the matter referred to in the preceding paragraph, the concise financial report of The Sporting Wheelies and Disabled Sport and Recreation Association of Queensland Inc. for the year ended 31 January 2018 complies with Accounting Standard AASB 1039 Concise Financial Reports.

PITCHER PARTNERS

JASON EVANS Partner

Brisbane, Queensland 7 June 2018



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