

## DUBBO TOUCH ASSOCIATION INC.

INCORPORATION No. Y0672816  
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### **PRESIDENTS REPORT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

It is with great pride that I present the President's Report for the 2025 AGM. The 2024–2025 season has been one of continued growth, success, and community engagement for Dubbo Touch Association (DTA). I would like to take this opportunity to highlight key achievements and express appreciation to those who contributed to another outstanding year.

#### **Key Highlights**

##### **1. NSWTA Junior State Cup – Northern Conference**

Dubbo successfully hosted its third consecutive Junior State Cup Northern Conference, in partnership with Dubbo Regional Council. This year's carnival welcomed 207 teams, maintaining its status as the largest sporting event in Dubbo. The atmosphere both on and off the field was electric, with the economic and social benefits evident across the region.

A special mention goes to our local teams for their outstanding performances, particularly the 10s boys and girls, and the 12s girls, who all placed in the top 4 in their divisions. All teams continue to improve which is a testament to our club's progress.

We sincerely thank the sub-committee and the many volunteers who dedicated their time to the success of the event.

##### **2. Club Participation**

- **Junior Competition:** Growth from 91 to 109 teams, with over 1,000 junior players from U7s to U15s.
- **Senior Competitions:**
  - Summer: 55 Mixed, 23 Men's, and 8 Women's Safari Series teams.
  - Winter: 14 Men's and 30 Mixed teams.These consistent numbers reflect the stability and popularity of our competitions.

A survey of our members saw high overall satisfaction rating with the junior and senior mixed, men's and women's competitions.

##### **3. Referee Development**

We have continued to grow our referee base, with upgrades achieved at representative carnivals and local level courses increasing our Level 1 referees particularly junior referees. Thank you to senior referees who consistently support our junior and senior competitions.

#### 4. Representative Honours

Congratulations to the following members selected for the 2024 State of Origin in Coffs Harbour:

- Harry West – Senior Mixed
- Shelly Darcy – Women's 45s
- Neil Webster – Men's 60s
- Nic Grose – Assistant Coach, Women's 40s

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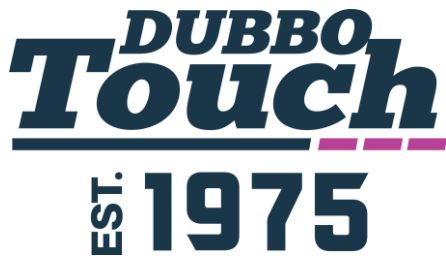
#### Sponsorship Acknowledgements

We extend our sincere gratitude to our sponsors, whose support is vital to the success and development of our club:

- **Major Sponsor:** *The Westside Hotel* – Proudly supporting DTA for over a decade.
- **Junior Competition Sponsor:** *Tyecon* – Thank you to Tye and Nicole for your continued support.
- **Additional Junior Sponsors:**
  - Carpet Court Dubbo
  - Dean Alley Building and Maintenance
  - McCut Tiling
  - Nutrien Ag Solutions
- **Special Mention:** *Scott from Ballimore Welding* for infrastructure enhancements.
- **Junior Representative Sponsors:**
  - *Bourke Street Butchery*
  - *The Butcher's Wife Café*Thank you to Lexi and Ray for your consistent support of our junior athletes.
- **Event Supporters:**
  - *Strathbrook Regional Supplies* and *Orana Air* – Thank you to Richard, Lisa and team for your generous donation of a freezer/reefer and 900 bags of ice during Junior State Cup, which greatly supported our fundraising efforts.

We encourage all members to support these generous local businesses wherever possible.

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### Club Infrastructure and Purchases

DTA has identified infrastructure as a key area for improvement. A recent member survey highlighted shade, carpark upgrades, and clubhouse improvements as top priorities. We are currently investigating cost-effective options for increasing shade. Additionally, pop-up shades were purchased for our representative teams.

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### Junior Representative Programs

Our junior rep program continues to thrive. We fielded teams at several major events including:

- Don Green Western Junior Championships (November, Mudgee)
- ACT Capital Cup (November, Deakin)
- Central Coast Minis & ACT Cup (December, Doyalson)
- Rod Wise Southern Suns & Pete Wilson Memorial (February, Nelson Bay)
- Junior State Cup – Northern Conference (February, Dubbo)

Notable 2024 Junior State Cup results:

- 10 Girls – 4th
- 10 Boys – 3rd
- 12 Girls – 3rd
- 12 Boys – 7th
- 14 Girls – 14th
- 14 Boys – 7th
- 16 Girls – 9th
- 16 Boys – 7th
- 18 Girls – 6th

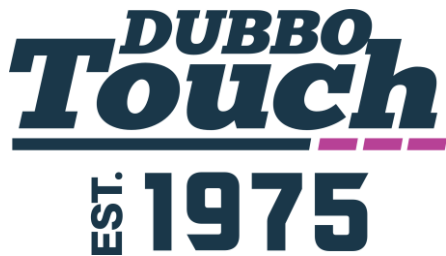
DTA finished 8th overall in the state – an incredible achievement reflecting the dedication of our coaches, managers, and coordinators, particularly Tracey W and Emma F.

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### Senior Representative Programs

Our senior rep teams travelled to several tournaments with strong results:

- **Hornets Championships (Lemon Tree Passage):**
  - Women's 30s – Champions



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- Men's 20s – Strong performances in a tough draw
- **Country Championships (Wollongong):**
  - Men's 20s, 30s, 50s and Women's 20s competed well, with semi-final appearances from both 20s teams.
- **Senior State Cup (Port Macquarie):**
  - Women's 20s – Bowl Division Champions
  - Men's 20s – Quarter Final (Drop-off loss)

Thank you to the coaches and managers for your commitment and leadership.

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### Referees

Referees are an integral part of our game, and we extend our deepest thanks to all those who officiate each week. Our club has minimal non-playing referees, which is why team-duty remains essential.

We are committed to referee development and respect, and will not tolerate abuse or inappropriate behaviour. Special thanks to:

- *Krystle Laughton* and *Leesa Webber* – Referee Coordinators
- All referees who attended representative events
- Referees who achieved upgrades at rep carnivals

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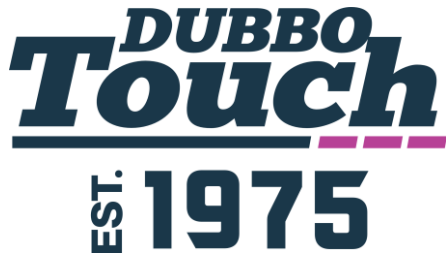
### Upcoming Changes

Touch Football Australia introduced a national "One Fee Model" two years ago. From July 2025, NSW Touch will align with this model, introducing a \$30 registration fee (in addition to TFA's \$22), resulting in a \$52 annual fee per participant. Further details were circulated via email, and our committee will engage in discussions with NSWTA regarding this change.

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### Final Comments

In closing, I extend my heartfelt thanks to the DTA Committee for their tireless dedication. I've had the privilege of serving on this committee for over a decade, and despite the challenges, the commitment of our volunteers—whether players, referees, or parents—has never wavered.



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Dubbo Touch Association is built on the strength of its people, and I encourage anyone interested in supporting our club to consider joining the general committee. We will reconvene in June to establish roles and responsibilities for the year ahead.

Thank you for your continued support.



Nic Grose  
President  
Dubbo Touch Association Inc.