



2022—2023

COMMUNITY WRAP



Care. Include. Unite. Inspire. Care. Include. Unite. Inspire



The Gold Coast Titans proudly acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we are situated, the Kombumerri families of the Yugambeh Language Region.

We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging, and recognise their continuing connections to the lands, waters and their extended communities throughout South East Queensland.





OUR PURPOSE

**TO UPLIFT LIVES
AND MAKE OUR
COMMUNITIES PROUD,
THROUGH SUSTAINABLE
AND INCLUSIVE
INITIATIVES THAT GROW
AND UNITE OUR LEGION.**

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PILLARS

1. GROWING THE LEGION.

Growing the Gold Coast Titans legion through game development programs and initiatives.

2. LEAGUEABILITY.

Directly supporting people with disabilities to become involved with sport and employment opportunities.

3. CLOSE THE GAP.

Focusing on Close the Gap initiatives to ensure reconciliation in our communities.

4. CULTURAL COLLECTIVE.

Working with a diverse group of community leaders to promote culturally safe, education and welfare among communities.



SUMMARY



01.

TITANS NAIDOC DAY

More than **1500 people** attended our NAIDOC event in both 2022 and 2023, which also saw the NRL playing squad mingle with fans throughout the event.



02.

TITANS SCHOOL LEAGUE

128 teams from 32 schools competed in our 2023 competition. We now have 12 divisions for boys and girls in all high school year levels across South East Queensland.



03.

FLOOD RELIEF

Jayden Campbell raised funds by cutting off his rats tail and with the backing of Village Roadshow Theme Parks, the Club was able to donate to flood relief.

04.

NRL'S ROADS TO REGIONS

Over **400 students, from 20 schools** were delivered the Road To Regions program in partnership with the NRL, over 2022 and 2023.



05.

OUR FIRST PASIFIKA JERSEY

As part of the club's Inspire Round, our players wore the first ever Club Pasifika jersey which were signed and auctioned off to support the NRL's Tonga Relief fund.

06.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS

We hosted **over 800 kids** across various School Holiday clinics over the past two years.





FROM THE CHAIRMAN

As an NRL club now in our 18th year, the Gold Coast Titans are privileged to represent on the national stage the Gold Coast and northern New South Wales area with all its richness of culture and diversity.

And with that privilege comes a special obligation to help make our communities proud; to connect, to unite and to inspire them through our actions and through our leadership.

In our world, leadership is about serving others and about helping develop potential in individuals and to create opportunities where they might otherwise not exist.

It is deep in the DNA of the Titans that our people have a genuine love for this club, for the community and for the game of rugby league itself.

We take a genuine delight in seeing the joy on the faces of our Disability players, their families, carers and volunteers through our organised training and games as previously out-of-reach dreams come true; we watch with pride as our young Indigenous students

embrace their culture and readjust their sights on what is possible through our Deadly Futures programs run in conjunction with our inaugural life member and foundation player Preston Campbell OAM; we applaud the skills of the players and the selfless work of all those coaches, teachers, staff and parents involved in our burgeoning Titans' schools competitions; we take great pride as we work with local schools, clubs and leagues to help provide not just great memories and social connection but a genuine pathway to the top for young boys and girls; we are thrilled when we are able to bring people together from diverse backgrounds, cultures and countries; and we are continually heartened by the willingness of our players to embrace the entire community, adding value to the lives of those whom need a helping hand. I am proud to say that the Gold Coast Titans are an organisation with a massive heart, a genuine care for the community and a determination to help others.

Dennis Watt
Gold Coast Titans Chairman



FROM THE CEO

We are very excited to be launching our new Community and Game Development strategy.

This strategy will guide and inform the work we do as Industry leaders with programs that uplift lives and make our communities proud.

The document also showcases the tremendous work the club has produced over the last 24 months, from hosting our largest Kinetic Titans Schools League competition, transforming lives through the Titans Leagueability program and delivering our Deadly Futures program in northern New South Wales for the first time.

Participation in Leagueability grew strongly again in 2022 and 2023 with our teams playing at Cbus Super Stadium in curtain raiser games ahead of NRL and NRLW games.

This culminated in nine players being selected in the Australian Physical Disability Rugby League team at the World Cup, travelling to the United Kingdom in October to represent their nation.

All junior rugby league clubs on the Gold Coast

and Group 18 (NSW) have been assigned a proud NRL and NRLW Ambassador. Our Ambassadors have been visiting clubs, promoting our great game to local players and families.

The Club, through our owners and Board donated over \$100,000 to assist families and businesses effected by the devastating natural disaster in our communities throughout the Northern Rivers. We continued to support the community in the weeks proceeding with some of our former players and staff assisting with clean up efforts, and current players heading down to the community to boost morale.

With the help of our Titans Cultural Collective advisory committee, we have worked closely with Multicultural Ambassadors on significant cultural events and a range community cultural engagement initiatives.

In 2024, we are looking forward to establishing new and well resourced programs that will deliver material benefits and genuine social uplift to our communities.



Steve Mitchell
Gold Coast Titans Chief Executive Officer



TITANS LEAGUEABILITY



The Gold Coast Titans Leagueability program grew in athletes, games and passion across 2022 and 2023.

The program grew exponentially with training sessions and games played at CBUS Super Stadium as curtain raisers for the NRL and NRLW games.

For the first time ever, the Physical Disability Rugby League (PDRL) team played against the Sydney PDRL side at CBUS Super Stadium in 2022.

On cue in front of the parochial Legion, the Titans romped home to a 26-0 victory against their fellow opponents from south of the border in the first interstate PDRL clash between the pair - something that has been three years in the making and faced many a hurdles due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The boys who have been here from the start... it was so good to see how keen they were for today, which makes me even more amped up to play with them," Dekker said.

"It means a lot to them, so I put everything in as I want to help them and I know I look up to these boys as well."

The game acted as a selection match for the recent Rugby League World Cup in the UK, where nine Titans players were selected to play in the inaugural side.

Gold Coast Titan Hudson Wicks, was ecstatic to get the call-up to represent his country in early September.

"It's been unreal. It only took a few days for the NSW boys to become like family to us all," he said.

"It's just been so good to put on the green and gold... it's always been something I've dreamt about as a kid and I'm very, very grateful to be here."

"They've just been so welcoming to us and really made us feel at home onto their home turf. It's been really good and we couldn't have asked for their support enough."

As well as the support of their fellow teammates, Wicks' side also was inspired by a number of special messages by rugby league identities and even backing from the most coveted position in Australia.

"To get a personal message from the Prime Minister was just so cool," he said.

"I've never travelled this far before and I don't think any of the boys really have, so to get advice from someone like Cronulla's Lachlan Millar, who's played Rugby 7s around the world, he knows what it takes to be on these long flights.

The excitement didn't stop there though, with the IDRL and All-Abilities teams playing multiple games at CBUS Super Stadium.

For the first time ever, the All-Abilities teams played against the Connect Rugby League team from the Sunshine Coast.

The Titans have previously only been able to play internal club matches prior to the weekend, so taking on the Sunshine Coast side is a huge step forward.

As leaders in the Leagueability space, the Titans have seen continued growth and support across the wider rugby league family, with clubs like the Broncos now creating their own similar programs.

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**TITANS LEAGUEABILITY PLAYER,
HUDSON WICKS**



DEADLY FUTURES



The Gold Coast Titans Deadly Futures program was showcased in the Northern Rivers area for the first time ever.

Following on from a successful intake on the Gold Coast in Term One, the program inspired multiple students from the area which was hit hard by natural disasters.



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JYRON ROBERTSON

Jyron Robertson's aspirations to one day become a doctor have been kept well and truly alive thanks to the Titans' Deadly Futures program.

The young Indigenous student is one of the many success stories from the initiative run in partnership with the Preston Campbell Foundation, working with Year 9 and 10 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to learn about Indigenous timelines, cultural identity and career aspirations.

Admitting he had fallen in with the wrong crowd, it was the Titans life member and figurehead of the program that helped him get back on track to continue on his dream career path.

“Before this program, I wasn't totally ashamed - but I was a little bit ashamed,” he said.

“Talking with Preston allowed me to open up more and talk about how I feel.

“We did this activity the other day where we did have to ask for help.

“That really means a lot to me because earlier this year, I was going through stuff and hanging around a bad crowd. I got on drugs and stuff but that's when I asked for help.”

Over the past few months, Preston Campbell OAM and the team have worked with Robertson and other students from Casino Public School and Bonalbo Central School at the Windara Community and Resource Centre with the aim to inspire the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

The Gold Coast Titans community leader is proud to be part of the program that has spanned the past seven years, elaborating on the importance of the initiative and connecting within a community that has its recent challenges.

“This program just fits so well with young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and it's important because they need to hear it, especially in Casino at the moment,” Campbell said.

“They've had a pretty tough time, not just with the natural disasters, but they've had some pretty tough stuff in the community and I think they've really needed to hear something a little more positive.



DOWN SYNDROME QUEENSLAND *RUN OUT*



The Gold Coast Titans celebrated their annual Down Syndrome Run Outs in 2022 and 2023, with plenty of smiles and memories made.

First beginning in 2014 when the Titans famously beat the Broncos at home, 26 participants joined the Gold Coast and Roosters in helping lead out the two sides in our 2023 clash at CBUS Super Stadium.

Celebrating the important milestone with Down Syndrome Queensland, former Titan Greg Bird, the 316-game star was proud to see the continued growth of the initiative after getting the chance to be part of the first three run-outs.

"The kids are always so excited and the players are so excited because the kids are so excited... it's like a grand final for these guys when they get to run out and wave to the crowd. I swear they could go out and take the kick off and have a run in the game, they're that into the game and running out," Bird said.

"It's a great experience and it was so good to be involved early on."

"It might've just been another game for us when we ran out, but when you looked next to us and it was a little kid with so much excitement in their eyes and their face with that big smile, it instantly made us realise it meant so much more to so many other people."

"To give these kids the chance to come out of the tunnel and run out to a screaming crowd, it's an exciting experience for them and for us as players to be able to share it with them."

Down Syndrome Queensland board member Cally Ward is proud to have continued the partnership with the Titans over the past decade and is excited to expand on it in its 10th season.

"It's been an amazing journey and we have a wonderful relationship with the Titans. The club has been absolutely fabulous to us and we are proud to continue the run-out in now our 10th year," she said.



NAIDOC Day EVENT

Usually held in July to coincide with the week of NAIDOC events and celebrations, adverse weather forced the date to be postponed but despite the date change, there was no effect with the interest levels.

Over 1500 people attended at Firth Park in both 2022 and 2023, which also saw over a dozen of the playing squad attend to mingle, sign autographs and take photos with fans.

The day also brought back memories for Brian Kelly, who remembers being on the other side of the fence in his junior days.

"Growing up, I was one of these kids here running around and going up to players asking them to sign my shirt and my posters," Kelly said.

Titans chair Dennis Watt was among the revellers and was overjoyed to see such a successful event take place.

"It was an absolute pleasure to see so many people attend our annual NAIDOC day despite us having to move the date from earlier in the year due to wet weather," he said.

"It's one of the biggest days I've seen in my time, and we are extremely proud to partner with Kalwun Corporation and Deadly Choices to host such an inspiring event each year.

"It's great to see the community unite as one for such an important purpose, coming together to celebrate our First Nations cultures," Watt said.





GOLD COAST
TITANS
DYNASTY

DEADLY

FLOOD RELIEF

Humbling and eye-opening.

That's how rugby league Immortal and Kangaroos coach Mal Meninga described his visit to flood ravaged Lismore to hear the locals' stories and offer them support in their hour of need.

So moved was Meninga by the plight of the victims that he left Lismore with a greater appreciation of the human spirit and the capacity for friends, neighbours and even total strangers to pitch in and help.

Determined to use his standing in the game to rally support, Meninga sent a personal message to Gold Coast members and the wider rugby league community imploring people to get behind the club's round two showdown with the Warriors which raised funds for flood relief.

"I really believe this is more than just a game of rugby league," Meninga told NRL.com in February.

"It's about the community and giving the community an outlet to enjoy themselves. We just want to be there for the community.

"You can't fathom how close to death some of these people were and their stories break your heart.

"I went there just to listen and with an open heart. People were really open in the way they communicated with us and told their story around the heartbreak and hardships and how close to death they were.

"One lady told us about her neighbour who was trying to rescue his dog and he was drowning and she rang the SES and couldn't get through so she rang Triple Zero.



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MAL MENINGA ON THE FLOOD RELIEF VICTIMS



"The operator could hear actually the screams for help from the neighbour and sent a boat their straight away and saved the man and his dog and her and her pets as well.

"The SES guy told her later how lucky she was because she was 500th on the list for them to get to her."

Through the Titans Together program and the support of club sponsors, \$20 from every ticket sold was donated to flood relief.

"Our community team has been down there since day one, helping out and supporting, and now we want to do something more," said Meninga, who is also the Titans' high performance senior advisor.

"That's why I wanted to send out that plea to Titans members and the rugby league community to rally support. As a game we always step up in times of need and we want to be there for those people.

"They have lost everything, all their assets. All they have are the clothes on their back and it's only through the generosity of the community that they can put clothes on their back.

"They need some certainty in their lives and to feel safe so they can see the path forward.

"The charitable nature of the everyday person helped them survive and now we want to play a part if we can."

With the backing of Village Roadshow Theme Parks, the Club was able to donate over \$100,000 to flood relief and helping people get back on their feet.

Jayden Campbell also got in on the action, raising over \$15,000 after cutting off his iconic rats-tail haircut.





TITANS KINETIC SCHOOLS LEAGUE

A RECORD NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS HAVE TAKEN PART IN THE TITANS KINETIC SCHOOLS LEAGUE OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS, MAKING IT THE LARGEST REGIONAL SCHOOL COMPETITION IN AUSTRALIA.



Sienna Lofipo and Chantay Kiria-Ratu both competed in the Titans KINETIC Schools League [top], before being signed to the Titans and playing in the 2023 NRLW season, which included a Grand Final appearance for both players.

TITANS KINETIC SCHOOLS LEAGUE

The Gold Coast Titans Kinetic Schools League hit record highs over 2022 and 2023.

A record number of teams took part in this year's Titans Kinetic Schools League, with 114 teams from 30 schools competing for this year's trophies.

General Manager Community and Game Development Renee Cohen says the growth of the competition on the back of a record 2021 and 2022 has been fantastic.

"The Titans Kinetic Schools League began in 2006 as the Titans Cup and Challenge, an open-age boys high school competition that serviced the schools below the elite level competitions," Cohen said.

"Over the years, the competition has evolved to now have 12 divisions for boys and girls in all high school year levels across South East Queensland.

"In 2023, we have added 13 more teams and three more schools to the competition which is over double the amount of teams we had in 2019.

"The competition ran over multiple afternoons and evenings during school at various venues including; Beenleigh, Logan, Ipswich and the Gold Coast."

The Titans Kinetic Schools League has become the largest non-metropolitan school rugby league competition in Australia, something the club is extremely proud of.



2022 RESULTS

Boys DIVISION

Yr 11/12 Div 1
Keebra Park Blue 16 def. Marymount 10

Yr 11/12 Div 2
Ormeau Woods 24 def. Coombabah 12

Yr 9/10 Div 1
Marsden 28 def. Coombabah 24

Yr 9/10 Div 2
Beenleigh White 26 def. Pimpama 12

Yr 7/8 Div 1
Keebra Park Blue 18 def. Marsden Maroon 18
(Keebra scored first try)

Yr 7/8 Div 2
Beaudesert Blue 28 def. Marsden Maroon 6

GIRLS DIVISION

Yr 11/12 Div 1
Marsden 20 def. Keebra Park 12

Yr 11/12 Div 2
Stretton 24 def. Keebra Park 12

Yr 9/10 Div 1
Marsden 24 def. Ipswich 18

Yr 9/10 Div 2
Stretton 36 def. Marsden 8

Yr 7/8 Div 1
Marsden 18 def. Mabel Park 6

Yr 7/8 Div 2
Marsden 20 def. Stretton 16

2023 RESULTS

Boys DIVISION

Yr 9/10 Div 2 Boys
Keebra Park SHS Yellow 28 def. Marsden 14

Yr 11/12 Div 2 Boys
Pimpama SSC 22 def. Miami SHS 18

Yr 9/10 Div 1 Boys
Keebra Park SHS Blue 18 def. Palm Beach Currumbin 14

Yr 11/12 Div 1 Boys
Marymount College 28 def. Keebra Park Maroon SHS 6

GIRLS DIVISION

Yr 9/10 Div 2 Girls
Stretton SSC 40 Def Marsden 0

Yr 11/12 Div 2 Girls
Stretton SSC 24 Def Marsden SHS 8



TITANS KINETIC SCHOOLS LEAGUE

COMPETITION GROWTH

	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
2019			
Teams	39	16	55
Schools	16	7	18
Players	780	240	1020
2020			
Teams	24	15	39
Schools	14	7	14
Players	480	245	725
2021			
Teams	64	36	100
Schools	22	13	25
Players	1216	612	1828
2022			
Teams	69	46	115
Schools	24	16	29
Players	1311	746	2057
2023			
Teams	80	48	128
Schools	27	17	32
Players	1520	760	2280



ROAD TO REGIONS

THE GOLD COAST TITANS
PARTNERED WITH THE NRL
TO DELIVER THE FAMOUS ROAD
TO REGIONS PROGRAM IN THE
NORTHERN RIVERS IN 2022
AS WELL AS GRAFTON AND
IPSWICH IN 2023.





ROAD TO REGIONS

With the program being postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions since 2020, the Titans are relieved to see the program return, with so many young students and players meeting their favourite Gold Coast Titans stars.

For Club legend Preston Campbell, heading down to the Northern Rivers to help with flood relief and delivering the Road To Regions program was a heart-warming experience.

"People need help, like I said the first time I came down here it was so overwhelming, seeing so much devastation," Campbell said.

"We can't underestimate the importance of coming in, even if it's just coming down to say hello and have a conversation.

"It is so heart-warming to see people getting together and it shows us just how capable we are working together as human beings," he said.

The Road To Regions program connects both current and former players, with children and young adults in regional areas to deliver programs based around health and wellbeing, inclusion and diversity and respect.

As part of the program, NRLW players spent a day in Casino, NSW visiting numerous schools and teaching children all about inclusion and teamwork.

For NRLW winger Hailee-Jay Maunsell, visiting regional areas is of importance to her.

"It's great to come down to places like Casino, to show our support and deliver an important message, especially because the community has been through so much lately," Hailee-Jay said.

Preston Campbell and Anthony Don spent the day in and around Lismore, visiting schools and flood relief centres to assist with boosting morale and helping where they could.

For Northern Rivers local Anthony Don, the visit was a great way to get back to where it all started for him.

"Coming from Grafton, it has been great to come back down to the places where I played my junior footy all over the Northern Rivers and give a smile to the kids in the local schools," Don said.

Titans winger Corey Thompson visited schools in Kyogle for a day, signing autographs and answering the students burning questions about life in Rugby League.

Many schools in the Northern Rivers are 'hosting' their neighbouring schools that were affected by the floods.

Throughout the program, Titans former and current players and NRL staff visited over ten schools and over 400 students aged between eight and fourteen years old.

Regional Manager in Participation and Game Development Wayde Kelly, said the program was a great return after the postponement due to COVID-19.

"This region has been through so much over the last few years," Kelly said.

"From bushfires, to COVID-19 to the devastating floods.

"It has been great getting out to all of these schools, visiting the kids and seeing all of their smiling faces," he said.

"IT WAS SO OVERWHELMING, SEEING SO MUCH DEVASTATION."

PRESTON CAMPBELL ON THE FLOOD DEVASTATION IN THE NORTHERN RIVERS





“JOSEPH IS A TITAN FOR LIFE, BUT HE IS ALSO PART OF THE RUGBY LEAGUE FAMILY AND EVENTS LIKE THESE ARE WHAT MAKE THIS COMMUNITY SO GREAT”

TITANS CHAIRMAN, DENNIS WATT

JOSEPH POUNIU



One of the great traits of rugby league is that no matter how fierce a battle is fought on field, the game will unite to lift one of its own who has fallen on hard times, and that was evident for all to see in recent times, as the rugby league community united to help injured Future Titans player Joseph Pouniu.

The Titans and the wider rugby league community came together to assist Pouniu as he recovers from a catastrophic spinal injury sustained playing a match earlier this year.

Across two key events – The Paul Murray Live show and ‘Joseph’s Journey’ fundraising luncheon – additional donations have seen the total raised go past the \$1,000,000 mark for Joseph’s foundation.

Pouniu and his family are not currently Australian citizens so the NDIS support does not exist like it would for many others, so the rugby league community is stepping in and stepping up.

The luncheon held last Friday at Gambaro Seafood Restaurant saw a panel of rugby league royalty that included NRL CEO Andrew Abdo, Titans Chairman Dennis Watt, Matty Johns, Gordon Tallis, Cameron Smith, Wayne Bennett and Des Hasler entertain a crowd of over 250 people as they dug deep to support ‘Big Joe’.

There was even room for a guest auctioneer spot by Ray Hadley OAM, with the media icon using his skills of bygone era to drive maximum support for the highly anticipated auction items, that included a sauna, diamond ring and NRL money-can’t-buy experiences, amongst others.

It wasn’t just those in the room that threw their support behind the day though, with the NRL leading the charge as each and every NRL club purchased a physical or ‘virtual’ table to support the day, while the NRL-owned Gambaro Restaurant had costs offset by the game’s governing body, so the maximum funds could go to Joseph.

Titans Chairman Dennis Watt said it was afternoon that celebrated all that was good about rugby league.

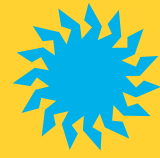
“Joseph is a Titan for life, but he is also part of the rugby league family and events like these are what make this community so great,” Watt said. “It doesn’t matter how hard each team plays on the field, when it comes to supporting one of our own who has hit hard times, all clubs put their differences aside and unite – and this is happening now for Joseph.

“The support Joseph has received across the game has been immense, but special mention must go to ARLC chair Peter V’Landys, Commissioner Kate Jones and the NRL under Andrew Abdo, who have been unwavering since day one.”

Hyundai also came in with significant support for Pouniu and his family by a modified Hyundai vehicle on the Paul Murray Live show on Thursday night.

Including modifications to fit Joseph and his chair the donation exceeds six figures and creates a freedom for Joseph and his family that they otherwise may not have been able to achieve.





SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NRL,
THE GOLD COAST TITANS HELD
A FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC
FOR FLOOD VICTIMS IN CUDGEN,
FEATURING A SURPRISE VISIT FROM
RUGBY LEAGUE LEGEND GORDEN
TALLIS.





SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS

The clinic hosted 200 junior players, helping them practice their tackling and ball skills in the sunshine.

The clinic's surprise guest, Gorden Tallis spent time with the kids, coaching them and answering their questions.

For U11s Tweed Seagulls player Charlie Zivkovic, this was a dream come true.

"I met Gorden Tallis, which was really cool because he is my hero," Charlie said.

"I was a bit emotional and too excited to eat and drink once I saw him.

"He taught me how to hold the ball, so I don't knock it on and drop it," he said.

For Charlie's mum Katrina, the impact of Tallis meeting Charlie, will remain with her and her family for years to come.

"Charlie didn't know Gorden would be here," Katrina said.

"As soon as he saw Gorden, he started crying.

"He jumped up and ran over, asking me 'is that really Gorden Tallis?' and when I said yes, he ran over to him.

"Since Charlie was seven, he has watched Gorden's videos, play by play.

"His dad was a massive Gorden fan and when he was going through chemotherapy before he passed away, he shaved his hair off and would tell Charlie that he was trying to look like Gorden Tallis.

"Ever since then, that is his connection to his dad. It means a lot more than anyone realises.

"Gorden and his family are amazing people. For him to sit there and take the time like he did and talk the kids through little hints and tricks, it was just priceless.

"They are so busy and take time to do little things like this, but the impact is enormous, and these kids will never forget that.

"That is an hour that they will never forget, ever," she said.

The Titans hosted over 400 players across two school holiday clinics in 2022.



TITANS AMBASSADORS



MULTICULTURAL AMBASSADORS

For the third year in a row, multicultural community ambassadors from all over the Gold Coast were invited to take part in the celebrations at CBUS Super Stadium.

Over 40 ambassadors, all representing various cultures, came together to enjoy food and footy – some even experiencing their first ever game of Rugby League.

JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE AMBASSADORS

Junior Rugby League players across the Gold Coast and Northern Rivers in NSW had the opportunity to meet Titans NRL & NRLW players throughout 2022 and 2023.

Titans players travelled to over 20 different Junior Rugby League Clubs, answering questions, taking photos, signing autographs and training with over 2,500 junior players across the local clubs.

An integral part of the long-term partnership the Titans have with local Junior Rugby League Clubs, the 2023 Macca's Club Ambassador visits marked a special first as our NRLW squad were able to join in on the visits and meet their fans across the region.

Several players even returned to their own junior clubs across the Gold Coast, an exciting show of the Titans' continued focus on junior pathways through to the NRL and training with over 2,500 junior players across the local clubs.



TEACHER AMBASSADORS

The Gold Coast Titans Teacher Ambassadors have enjoyed various events and functions in recognition of their support in QLD and Northern NSW Schools.

Jubilee Primary School Teacher Matt Armstrong said the Titans Teacher Ambassador Program has been an opportunity to connect Gold Coast and Northern Rivers educators with the club and the wider rugby league community.

"The Titans Teacher Ambassador event was a wonderful opportunity to connect with the Titans and fellow teachers," Armstrong said.

"It provides a wonderful way to engage with Titans staff, understand their school and community outreach programs whilst also networking with likeminded educators in the local rugby league landscape.

"Being a Titans Teacher Ambassador means that I'll always be looking for the next opportunity for my students to access Titans programs.

"To connect with the greater rugby league community on the Gold Coast and help promote both a great club and a wonderful sport for the girls and boys I teach and coach," he said.

The Titans Teacher Ambassador initiative runs throughout the season, with various exclusive teacher functions run throughout the year.

Teachers are invited to attend the functions to network with other educators and learn more about the Titans, our school programs and commercial network.

Gold Coast Titans General Manager - Community and Game Development, Renee Cohen said she is looking forward to welcoming back almost 200 Teacher Ambassadors this season.

"We are looking forward to welcoming back so many new and old teacher ambassadors this year," Cohen said.

"The Club is so thankful for our Teacher Ambassadors who always continue to support the Titans and share our values within their school communities," she said.

Gold Coast Titans Teacher Ambassadors are welcomed to join in on the numerous Titans community events and exclusive Teacher Ambassador functions all season long.



NORTHERN RIVERS VISITS

Throughout 2023, NRLW players Jaime Chapman, Taliah Fuimano and Evania Pelite visited over 14,000 school students, JRL players and community members.

From yarning circles with school students, to visiting children in hospitals, the players have connected with our legion across various areas.

For NRLW player Jaime Chapman, the visits are the most rewarding part of her week.

"I love being able to get out there and meet so many people in our community," Chapman said.

"I learn so much about myself, and it is incredibly rewarding being able to help people out if they are going through a tough time.

The players visits to various communities plays an important part of the Gold Coast Titans Community strategy.



TITANS CULTURAL NIGHT



The Gold Coast Titans hosted their second ever club-wide cultural evening in 2023 and if the smiles on the faces of those in attendance are anything to go by, the night was a roaring success.

With over 400 people in attendance at Glow Church in Robina the night saw a mix of performances across multiple countries and cultures, including; Kareem Bau (Torres Strait Islander), Fuata Mogo Nei (Niuean Group), Kings Siva Academy (Samoa), Mamana Academy (Tonga), and Orana Dance Group (Cook Islands)

Beyond the dances and keynotes from CEO Steve Mitchell, Chairman Dennis Watt and a stirring welcome to country from Uncle John Graham (Kombumerri Elder), another highlight was the panel of NRLW players Karina Brown, Niall Guthrie-Williams and Taliah Fuimaono as they shared their own cultural journeys.

A truly unique night on the Titans event calendar, the cultural evening sees NRL, NRLW and Netball players involved in planning and performances across the event.

And with over 55% of the Titans' elite squads being of Pasifika and/or First Nations heritage, nights like these are cherished as a time to share culture among the wider Titans family.

NRL and NRLW players Aaron Booth, Georgia Hale, Josiah Pahulu, Niall Williams-Guthrie, Sienna Lofipo and Destiny Sinapati even joined in with the Kings Academy performance, which was a particular highlight of the evening.

The night started, however, with the most important part when you have nearly 100 elite athletes in the room - food.

A mix of traditional Indigenous and Pasifika food setting the tone for an evening of sharing culture, family and friendship.

The event is pulled together by the Titans' 'Cultural Collective' a group who meet regularly to ensure the Titans are welcoming and celebrating all of the diverse cultures that make up the Gold Coast Titans, with this event being the landmark night each year.

In the spirit of family and togetherness that summed up the night, it was also a chance to raise funds for injured Future Titans Joseph Pouniu as he recovers from a serious spinal injury.





CLUB AWARDS



LAKEETA MCGRATH

For many, a football club is defined by what it does in those 80 minutes each weekend in winter, but for Lakeeta McGrath, the Titans are much more.

McGrath is a graduate of the Titans' 'Deadly Futures' program, and her star has continued to rise since joining the club and program.

Following her Deadly Futures graduation McGrath has gone on to be a member of the NRL's School to Work program and went to Sydney to represent the Titans at the NRL Youth Summit - an event for Indigenous students in year 11.

From the 65 students that attended, Lakeeta won Female Ambassador of the Year and represented the club throughout 2023 in her role.

At the end of last year, Lakeeta was again recognised at the Inaugural School to Work Awards in Sydney, and was named Indigenous Person of the Year for 2023.

Despite her meteoric rise McGrath continues to volunteer with the club across its events and administration activities and hopes to take her learnings and experience into her post-school career.

STEPH HANCOCK

As a household name, Steph has paved the way for young females wanting to play rugby league.

Her focus on the participation of females in the game ensures Steph is often in the community running development programs, junior female academies and promoting female participation in rugby league. Stephanie created a woman's rugby league charity match for drought-stricken communities, raising \$10,000 for drought relief while promoting women in league.

Steph was named a finalist for the Veronica White Medal and also went on to win the fan-vote for the award, meaning \$4,500 was donated to her junior club, the Eastern Suburbs Hornets.



BRIAN KELLY

A proud Bundjalung man, Brian is extremely active in the Titans Indigenous programs, such as the Gold Coast Titans Deadly Futures Program.

In his own time Brian visits Year 10 students through this program and helps the students connect with their culture and discuss their aspirations.

Brian assists with school NAIDOC days, Junior Rugby League Indigenous activations and shares the importance of his artistic, dance and cultural performance

talents with Indigenous children. One example of leadership, and significant contribution to the community, is Brian's work in the Gold Coast Titans Leagueability program where Brian provides opportunities for disabled young adults to train and play Rugby League and he donates his old playing kits.

Brian works passionately for his chosen charity, Koori Mail.



TONGA INITIATIVES

FIRST PASIFIKA JERSEY

Moeaki Fotuaika was beaming with excitement to represent his culture in a clash against South Sydney.

Proud of his Tongan heritage, he along with his Gold Coast teammates wore a special Pasifika jersey as part of the club's Inspire Round - celebrating the Titans' community programs under the guise of the club's charitable arm - Titans Together.

This special design pays respect to the past, present and future of the many peoples and cultures throughout the Pacific.

Created in five sections, the jersey acknowledges the great ancestors, their epic voyages across vast oceans,

present day Pasifika people, and their evolution, contribution and progression for future generations.

The jersey was also used to help raise funds for the NRL's Tonga Relief fund, which is continuing to help the proud rugby league nation recover from the devastating volcano eruption and tsunami that hit in 2022.

"It means a lot to us Tongans and Polynesians around the world as well as in the footy community," Fotuaika said.



PASIFIKA JERSEY AUCTION

They may be rivals on the field, but off the field The Gold Coast Titans and Parramatta Eels joined forces to raise funds for Tonga following their devastating volcano eruption in 2022.

Not only were there four player-worn jerseys up for sale, but the match ball personally signed by both sides is one of the popular items that were sold.

All funds raised were donated to the NRL's Tongan Relief Fund, assisting the thousands of homes and businesses in Tonga that have been affected. The funds will also help to strengthen the preparedness for Tonga in future natural disasters.

NRL Game Development Manager for Tonga, Tavake Fangupo, has said that Tonga is still recovering from the widespread damage across the nation.

"There were 2,000 homes totally damaged or wiped out," Fangupo said.

"People had been doing whatever they can to help each other but there is still a long way to go before we get back to normal.

"There are three main districts here on the main island and one-and-a-half districts are completely effected. We have three outer islands and two of the

three are really affected so it is more than 50 per cent of Tonga.

"The main water supply here that people drink is from water tanks in homes and a lot of roofs of houses have been damaged, so people are having to replace water tanks and particularly gutters.

"Power is on and off because a lot of the transformers have got volcanic ash, so they are constantly having to turn power off to clean it. Also, a lot of power lines and wiring having been damaged.

"It is obviously a big year this year with the Rugby League World Cup and Tonga is one of those places where sport always energise the country, and particularly the rugby league team, so we will do whatever we can to put smiles back on people's faces," he said.



THANK YOU.

In the last two years, the Gold Coast Titans have welcomed familiar and new community partners.

As our Presenting Community Partner, KINETIC, have been instrumental to the continuous growth of our community programs, with support from our Supporting Partners, Neumann Steel, KARI Foundation and AirPhysio.

In 2022 and 2023, we also saw our 50-50 Charity Raffle Presenting Partner, MyPayNow, commit to matching the amount raised by our 50-50 Charity Raffle Partners at each of our home games throughout the year. We look forward to welcoming them back to all of our community programs in 2024.

New partners, Gold Coast Airport and eLu Community have joined existing partners Griffith University, Momentum Collective and Deadly Choices, to bolster our programs through their genuine commitment to driving positive outcomes for everyone involved in our community programs.

Thank you to our partner network for your support of Titans Together in 2022 and 2023.

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