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2025 AP&ES Games Hobart Wrap-Up

The **2025 Australian Police and Emergency Services Games** brought colour, camaraderie, and fierce competition to Hobart, Tasmania from **15–22 March**. With its scenic beauty and historic charm, Hobart proved a spectacular setting, with Princes Wharf 1, set in the bustling Salamanca precinct, serving as the official Games Hub. The area's iconic sandstone buildings, buzzing Salamanca Markets, and thriving restaurant scene gave competitors and visitors alike the perfect backdrop for a week of sporting excellence and social connection.

More than 2,000 athletes from across Australia, New Zealand and the Cook Islands competed across a diverse range of sports. Queensland fielded a strong team of around 350 competitors, proudly wearing their travel kits supplied to travelling Queensland Police Sporting Association (QPSA) members. While Queensland came close to topping the numbers, host state Tasmania edged ahead, by just two participants to claim the title of largest contingent.

The Opening Ceremony was set against the vibrant backdrop of Salamanca where Queensland athletes brought the parade to a close with a strong and symbolic presence, marking their role as hosts for the next Games in 2026. Their march drew loud cheers and set the tone for what's to come on the Gold Coast.

As always, the level of competition was high, but the Games were contested in the true spirit of sportsmanship and unity. Queensland athletes brought home a load of medals across multiple events. Standout personal performances will be featured throughout this magazine, so be sure to read on for individual highlights.

QPSA representatives worked hard throughout the week to support athletes, attend as many events as possible, and share in the celebrations. Thanks to regular updates from our athletes and generous photo contributions from members, we've been able to capture many memorable moments from the Games, several of which feature in this issue.

Of course, a week of high-intensity sport (and perhaps a few late nights...) took its toll. While there were a few visits to local medical centres and hospitals for minor injuries, we're pleased to report that all Queensland athletes are recovering well and in good spirits.





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A social highlight of the week was the Queensland Night, held at the iconic Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania. While the venue struggled with staffing and stock shortages, spirits remained high. The traditional Bite the Box competition was a crowd favourite once again. Our reigning QAS champion came in strong but was narrowly defeated by a QPS newcomer and hockey player Angus Shepard, who claimed gold with style. True to the Games' inclusive spirit, athletes from other states and services joined in the challenge, adding extra energy to a night full of fun, laughter, and great company.

Looking ahead, Queensland will proudly host the next Australian Police and Emergency Services Games on the Gold Coast from 10–17 October 2026. Planning is already well underway, and expectations are high for a massive Queensland turnout on home turf.

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WRAP UP REPORT TASMANIA 2025



2025 APES Games Tasmania—By Amy Norris

As a first-time competitor at the APES Games, and my first time visiting Tasmania I decided to go all in with three events spread out over five days.

My main event was Functional Fitness (CrossFit), where I sweated it out in the women's RX division across six gruelling workouts. Unfortunately, six then turned into seven when it came down to the tie-breaker for gold. The tie-breaker ended up being a sadistic mix of Echo bike and burpees and I, sadly ended up with silver. Although incredibly exhausted, I was chuffed with this.



My next event was the Indoor Rowing. This took place inside the game's hub so it was the perfect place to meet other competitors and volunteers (between gasps for air). I competed in the 200m, 500m, and 1000m taking two bronze and a silver.

The rowing saw what was probably the number one highlight of the entire trip, watching NSW Fire and Rescue's Stefanie Fernandez break the world record for the women's 500m Indoor Row with a time of 1:24. Anyone who was there can tell you how insanely awe-inspiring this was to watch.

My final event, which had me seriously contemplating my life choices at this point, was the stair climb, an almost vertical run straight up the Mt Nelson Steps. Fortunately, beautiful views and a shiny gold medal awaited me at the top. A perfect end to a fun but tiring week.

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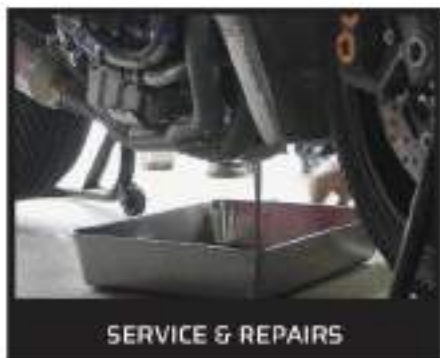
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Outside of the games, the true MVP was the Tassie food on offer. Using my hard work competing as the perfect excuse to indulge, I was blown away by the quality of the local cuisine. Among the highlights were the wide range of seafood right from the pier, the donuts from the Salamanca Markets, and the Van Diemen's Land ice cream. Oh, and the malt butter from Cascade Brewery!

After the games were done, I took a few extra days to venture up to Cradle Mountain and the surrounding small towns for a bit of hiking and mountain biking (at a much more leisurely pace). My only regret was not taking a few extra days to explore more of what Tassie had to offer.

Outside of the fun and challenges of competing, the Games introduced me to so many new people across multiple agencies both Queensland and Interstate. I will be making sure I get my leave requests in early for next year's event!

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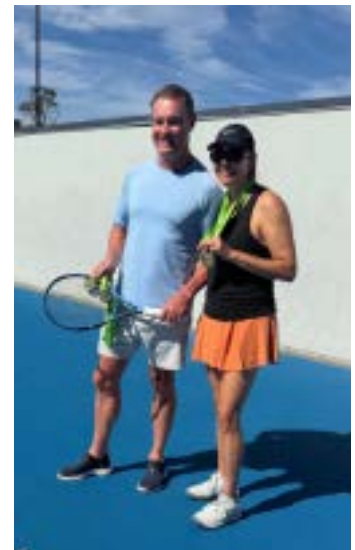
2025 APES Games Tasmania—By Leisel Lawrie

Playing tennis in Hobart for the APES Games was an unforgettable experience filled with fun, camaraderie, competition and maybe a little alcohol..

The vibrant atmosphere and stunning Tasmanian backdrop made this event exciting while the opportunity to meet fellow officers from across the country added a unique sense of connection and community. Whether on or off the field, the spirit of the games was all about shared passion and friendly rivalry. I have made friendships for life, even if they are from the rival state of New South Wales

The icing on the cake was winning 3 gold medals in Tennis.

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2025 APES Games Tasmania—By Hunter McAvoy

My name is Hunter McAvoy, and I am currently working as a General Duties Officer on Palm Island and have been for a few years.

While on Palm Island in 2024, I participated in the QLD Emergency Services Games where I met some amazing people and was told about the Australasian Police and Emergency Service Games in Tasmania. I had such a good experience in the QLD games that I thought that competing down in Tasmania would be a great excuse to travel and play sport, two of my favourite things.

I had a look at the sports offered and the relevant timetables. While some of my hobbies such as golf were tempting, I opted to stick to my strengths of running track and Brazilian Jui Jitsu (submission grappling).

The lead up went so quickly, and I managed to get some training in through taking some recreational leave and roster assistance from my OIC. I travelled down to Hobart and immediately saw some fellow Townsville Region athletes also travelling down to play a variety of sports.

I arrived and got set up a few days early to acclimatise and to attend the opening ceremony. The athlete's hub was in a massive warehouse right on the water and was honestly done up so well. It motivated me to both enjoy my time there and compete hard.





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2025 APES Games Tasmania—By Hunter McAvoy

I had told the local kids on Palm Island that I was competing. They take their running seriously here and tell me every day about how they would 'dump' me (they're way faster). I was keen to represent the island on one of the biggest sporting stages and to have a comeback for the next time I was teased for being slow by the kids.

The first day of competition was the grappling. Brazilian Jui Jitsu is a grappling martial art that focuses on submitting your opponent through a choke or joint submission. I've been training for about eight years in the sport and used to sleep at the gym while studying in university. My athletics background started at around nine years old, and still, I'm still the worst runner out of all my siblings.

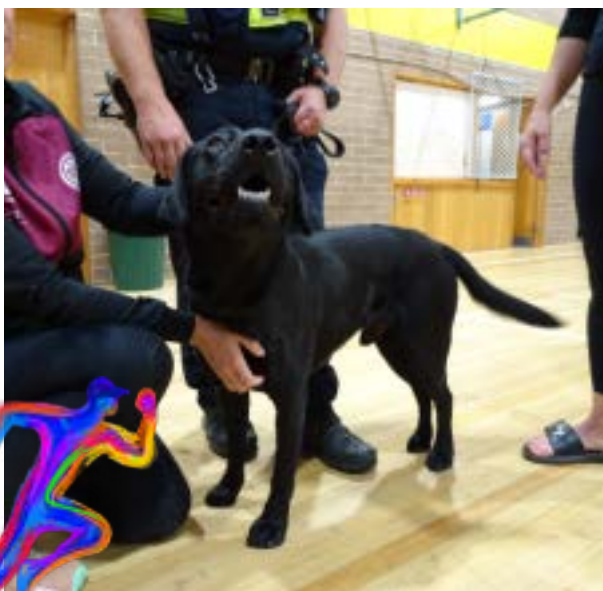
My first match was against a first degree blackbelt with over fifteen years' experience training and competing from America. I was nervous and knew it was going to be a very hard match. I submitted him in under one minute and went on to win my bracket at 97kg.



Over the next two days, I went straight into the athletics portion and won the 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m races in my age group of U29 men. Lucky too, because there were some very fast 31-year-olds that smashed me in the shorter sprints.

Over the course of the events and the subsequent days, I caught up with so many of my mates that I went through the academy with as well as met some great first responders from other states. The standouts were specifically the firefighters from Western Australia, they were all great people.

The rest of the time there was spent travelling with my partner and struggling to walk. My body was not ready for all the sport. Thanks so much to all the competitors, organisers, and volunteers for the great event.





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2025 APES Games Tasmania—By Brett Jackson

My Journey Through the AP&ES Games

I've started with the Queensland Police Service in July 2001, serving across South East and Central Queensland in roles ranging from General Duties to the Criminal Investigation Branch, and now as Superintendent, Assistant District Officer on the Gold Coast. Over the years, I've seen a lot and have a lot of fond memories and achievements. But some of the most unexpectedly memorable experiences have come not from the job itself but from getting involved in some of the many other things Policing has to offer.

Like many in the job, I've always tried to stay active. In my younger days, it was soccer and gym workouts. These days, it's more about running and cycling—lower impact but still a great outlet. So, when the opportunity to compete in the Australasian Police & Emergency Services (AP&ES) Games came up in 2014, it felt like the perfect excuse for a short holiday, some fitness, and a bit of fun with family and workmates.

That first trip to Melbourne was a game-changer. I laced up for the QPS men's 35+ soccer team, and we battled our way to a silver medal. My wife, also a sworn officer, joined the women's team. No medal for them that year—but the experience? Priceless. We laughed, bonded, and made friendships with colleagues we'd never have crossed paths with otherwise.



The next Games were on the Sunshine Coast in 2016, and I had my final run on the soccer pitch. We didn't take home any medals, but something clicked on that trip. We spent more time supporting our mates across other events like rowing, running, CrossFit and mountain biking. That's when we truly discovered the spirit of the Games. It's not just about winning. It's about turning up, giving it a go, and connecting with people who share your passion.

By 2023, we had a crew together, family and fellow officers alike and headed across to Rotorua, New Zealand. We mixed it up that year: dodgeball, indoor rowing, and the 10km trail run. Running through Rotorua's stunning, steaming trails was an experience like no other. One thing led to another, and a few of us—probably in a moment of madness—signed up for an ultra-marathon trail run later that year. Brutal doesn't even begin to describe it.



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2025 APES Games Tasmania—By Brett Jackson

Rotorua was a highlight. I took home five medals, including one for the 10km trail. But the real heartbreak? Dodgeball. We trained hard for that one—by watching Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story on the plane over. Sadly, the movie magic didn't translate to the court. We finished second last.

In March 2025, it was Hobart's turn to host. This time, I was the most senior QPS officer present, which meant a few formal duties—meeting the Tasmanian Commissioner, Donna Adams, and attending the Tasmanian Governor's House for a welcoming event. But once that was done, it was game time.

We'd added new blood to our team—some younger family members who had joined the QPS—and we were ready for a dodgeball redemption arc. We smashed the preliminaries, dropping only one game. Our group also picked up medals in cycling, tug of war, and, for me, another age-group win in the 10km. (Small field or not, I'm not arguing with a win!) But the dodgeball dream? Still out of reach. We finished fourth. No movie ending. Just... heartbreak.



Now we're focused on the 2026 Games, and I can't wait. We'll be back on the Gold Coast, this time with the home ground advantage. And I'm already training for another crack at that elusive dodgeball medal. But more than that, I'm looking forward to the camaraderie, the laughs, the chance to unwind and reconnect.

To anyone in the Police and Emergency Services community thinking about joining: do it. Whether you're an elite athlete or just keen for a good time, there's something for everyone. Our QPS Games Managers know how to put on a world-class event, and I guarantee you'll walk away with stories to last a lifetime.

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2025 APES Games Tasmania—By Cirilo C. Calabio

It has long been my aspiration to compete in Badminton at the Australasian Police and Emergency Services (APES) Games, and the 2025 event held in Hobart, Tasmania from March 15 to 22 provided me with that invaluable opportunity to represent Queensland and Borallon Training and Correction Centre. Participating in three categories—Men’s Singles 50+, Men’s Doubles Open, and Mixed Doubles 50+ — I was honoured to secure three silver medals. While these medals were certainly gratifying, they represented merely the icing on the cake. The true reward lay in the friendships and camaraderie fostered throughout the competition and beyond.

The APES Games offered me a unique platform for interaction among participants from various Australian states and territories, as well as New Zealand and the Cook Islands. The instant connections formed during this event were deeply meaningful and are relationships I intend to cherish for a lifetime. Engaging with fellow athletes who share similar professional backgrounds enhanced not only our sporting experience but also our mutual understanding and respect. This spirit of unity inspires anticipation for future APES events and World Games where we look forward to reunite once more.





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2025 APES Games Tasmania—By Cirilo C. Calabio



Moreover, Hobart, Tasmania itself contributed significantly to the overall experience by providing warm hospitality through its organizers and game coordinators. Beyond the competitions, exploring Hobart alongside fellow players allowed us to bond further while appreciating the scenic beauty of

this remarkable locale. The vibrant atmosphere at the Hub and Awarding Ceremony added an exhilarating dimension to my participation.

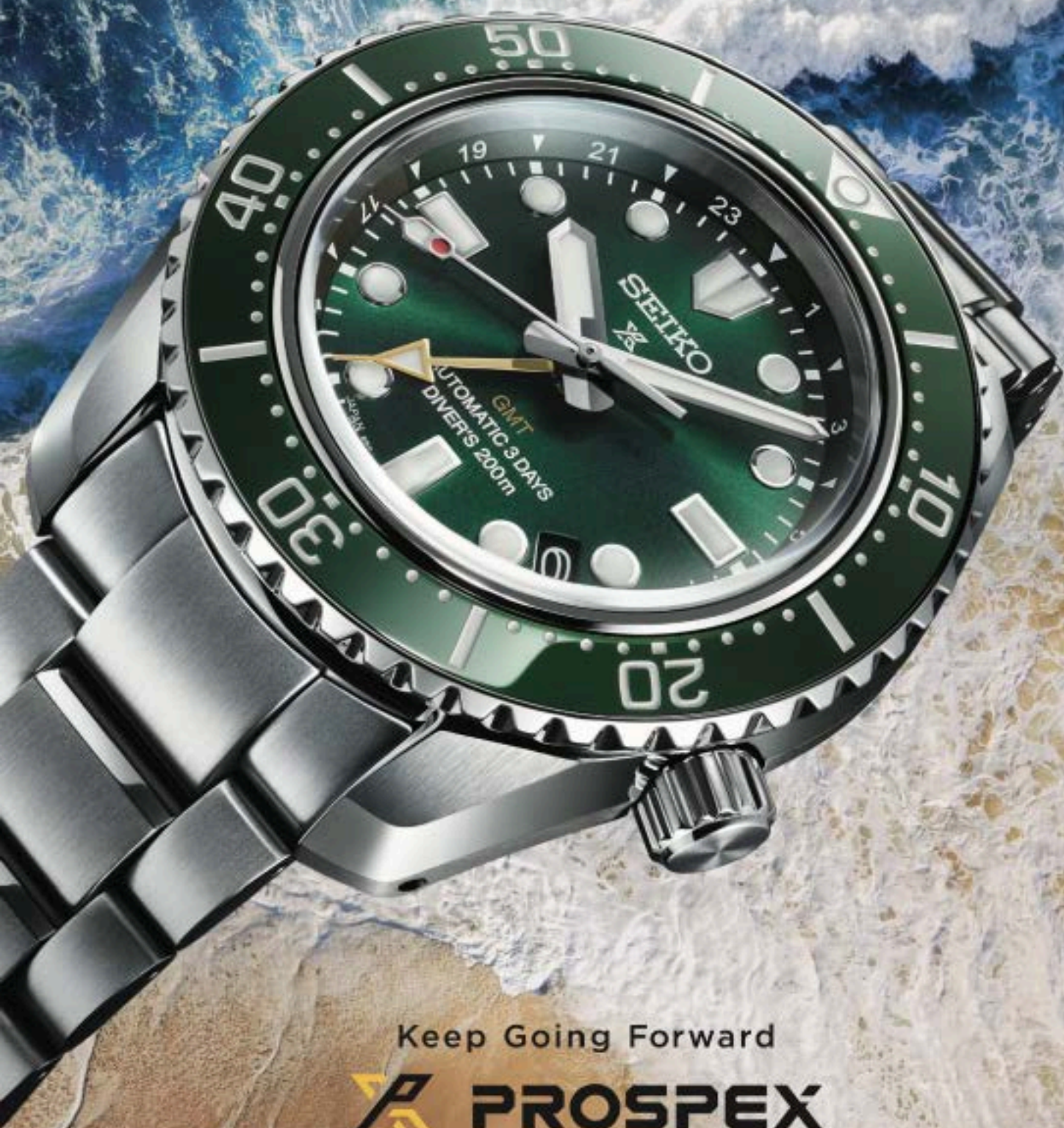
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HIGHLIGHTS FROM TRACK & FIELD

2025 APES Games Tasmania—By Briohny Cook

The announcement of the **Qld Police Games** being held locally in Cairns last year ended a 22 year hiatus for me from track and field. It led me down a path that saw me not only return to track and field, but also make a commitment to fellow track and fielders in Cairns that I'd head down to Hobart in March this year and compete in the APES Games. It was a long path to head down, the body of a 40 something year old woman does not respond so well to sprinting and jumping like it did when I was in my teens! A torn quad in August last year really had me questioning if I'd made the right decision, but the lure of Hobart, the games and the fantastic camaraderie that I knew was to come kept that drive going.

After many hours of training, come March our family headed down to Hobart. Tuesday and Wednesday saw me heading out to the track at the Domain Athletic Centre. Monday was a sleepless night! As a naturally competitive person (against myself) I had set myself firm goals of PB's in each of my chosen events, triple jump, long jump and the 200m. Once I arrived on Tuesday morning though, all nerves were eased when I bumped into fellow Qld competitors. The two days I spent competing were filled with so much fun and support! The group of women I competed with from all around Australia and the Pacific were nothing short of inspiring! No matter your level of experience, each woman gave and received the same amount of support as every other woman out there. Something that we don't see enough



of unfortunately! I'm happy to say that all the hard training paid off and I managed 2 PB's out of my 3 events and 3 gold medals. I was lucky enough to have hubby (also a Qld police officer), our daughter and some close friends, Mel and Matt (also from QPS) there to cheer me on and support me as well!

The highlights continued off the track after my competing was done. Supporting and cheering on hubby as well as Matt and Mel in their crazy half marathon and 10km endeavours was awesome! It was made all the more fun knowing I hadn't made the same crazy decision to run a half marathon!!!!

It's hard to explain the feeling experienced when you were walking around Hobart and saw fellow Queenslanders proudly sporting our team colours, as well as seeing other states and countries proudly sporting their colours too.





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HIGHLIGHTS FROM TRACK & FIELD

2025 APES Games Tasmania—By Briohny Cook



Sometimes all that was needed was a smile or nod of the head to acknowledge that we were all here having the same unreal time! Randomly bumping into work colleagues throughout the city and catching up was a common and fun occurrence that all added to the great vibe of the games.

One of the biggest highlights was being approached by an old work colleague from my NSW Police days up the top of Mt Wellington! Megan and I had lost touch with each other over the years, yet she still managed to recognise me nearly 20 years since we'd seen each other! We had a great old yarn, sharing experiences of how we'd both transitioned from NSW Police to QPS as youngsters and never looked back! Good old social media means we're connected again now as well!

There is no doubt the camaraderie amongst the emergency services family was alive and well in Hobart! We had so much fun being a part of the games and soaking up the awesome atmosphere. So much so, that our sights are now set firmly on the 2026 APES Games on the Gold Coast and the 2027 World Police and Fire Games in Perth.

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The week also is highlighted by participants being able to get together after each day's match with the other State's/Territories team members and share a drink, and a story or two. Strangely enough the putts made seem to get longer and longer with each drink had, and story told.

The Championships kicked off this year on the 11th of November with Queensland represented by a 10 man team hoping to build on a successful history.



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Australian Police Matchplay Golf Championships

Day 1: Qld v Northern Territory

Day 1 kicked off at Corowa Golf Club with Qld up against the NT Police who were fielding a strong team. The Qld team went into the match with confidence having had the measure of the NT a number of time over the recent years, however this confidence was shattered when the NT team defeated the Qld team 6.5 to 3.5 on the first day in a surprise result.

Day 2: Qld v Tasmania

Day 2 saw the teams travel to Cobram Golf Club to test out their skills on the slick greens there. Again, Tasmania fielded a strong team competitive team but Qld toughed it out and fought it out to the end to secure a 5.5 to 4.5 win.

Day 3: Qld v Western Australia

All teams travelled to the iconic Black Bull Golf Club on day 3 and Qld faced Western Australia with some momentum after having secured their first win. Black Bull presents a number of different challenges on the rotation of courses for the week due to course design and as such matches are traditionally tight.

This was the case between Qld and WA, with a lot of the matches being tight however Qld managed to secure the win with 6 to 4 win result.



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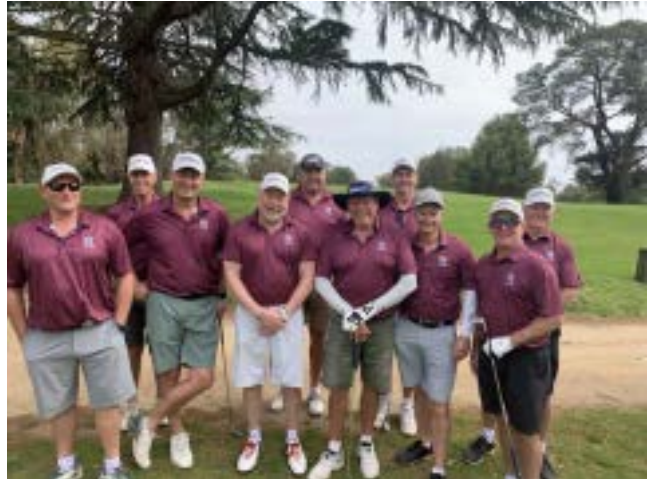
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Australian Police Matchplay Golf Championships

Day 4: Qld v Victoria

Day 4 was a crucial day in the Championship. The surprise packets NT had gone through the first 3 x day undefeated and Qld needed to have a strong result against their one of the toughest teams, Victoria at Tocumwal (Captain's course). A win by either team and a loss by the NT in one of the last 2 x matches meant that the Championship was open to any number of results. Unfortunately, Qld ran into a buzz saw and ended up getting completely dominated with a 8.5 to 1.5 loss. This meant that Qld were basically out of contention for the Championship tis time around.



Day 5: Qld v South Australia

The final day of play meant that Qld was now playing for pride and for a possible second place position. To do this we would have to beat South Australia, the current reigning Matchplay champions, after they won the Champ's two years ago (beating Qld). As the results stood, NT had won the day previous and remained undefeated coming into the final day. They were facing Victoria, who with a large win over NT could have leapfrogged NT on individual games won and were looking to take the title.



The other possible result laid with Qld's opponents SA. Again if SA were to beat Qld by a large margin and NT were to lose, then individual games counts from the week could

have determined who was to be the winner between NT, VIC, and SA. Everything was to play for.

Qld were determined to spoil SA's party and exact a little revenge for last Championship's results. Qld muscled up and went toe to toe with the SA team and secured a determined 6.5 to 3.5 win, shutting them out of the Championship.

This meant that it came down to the NT and VIC game with VIC having to win the match and then win the games by more than 6 individual wins.



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NT didn't allow it. They came through with an impressive win against another heavy weight and secured their first ever Matchplay Championship and remained undefeated for the week. It was a popular win to a great team of guys and the win was celebrated as only NT Police can do.

(The winning Northern Territory Police Team)

A great week of golf, with a high standard of golf being played on 5 x great championship courses. And as much as the golf is great the real highlight is the time that the players get to socialise and mix with each other. The comradery and fellowship shared between all the States and Territories is amazing, and remains the highlight of the week, as it is every Championship.

The Queensland team this year was supported by the Queensland Police Sporting Association of which several members of the team are current members. The QPSA continue to support Qld Police representing their Police Service, their State, and their sport, and we are eternally thankful for that support and help.

We look forward to the next Championship in 2026 and look forward to Qld adding to it's winning total when next we meet at the Murray.



David TOLSHER
Detective Senior Sergeant





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2025 Inaugural Women's National Veterans Cricket Championships

Queensland Cinders were thrilled to place third in our inaugural participation in Division 2 Women's National Veterans Cricket Championship - 2024, held in Adelaide.

Many of our team members were used to playing against each other in their local competition in the Sunshine Coast, they really enjoyed the opportunity to play together as a team. Two regional team members, Virginia from Rockhampton and Yvette from Cairns had a steep learning curve getting everyone's names sorted. The team very rapidly gelled and before long we were behaving like a team that had played together for seasons.

Christie Lewis, our captain, won the toss and decided to bat for our first game which was held at Morgan Oval at Pulteney Grammar School Ovals, against Western Australia. Highest runs to El (20) and Linda (13). Unfortunately, many of us didn't get off the mark to help bolster our run tally. We were all out for 81 after 20.3 overs with WA scoring 6 for 82.

Maleesa Dukes took the first wicket of our fielding innings in the Championship with a fine catch from Nadeeka, followed closely by a runout thanks to a pick up and accurate throw from Poima and clean take by Nadeeka. WA were 3-6 after Nadeeka's fine bowling – LBW.....Howzat ! Despite this great start, we just didn't have enough runs to make WA work and they caught us at 6-82 after 24 overs.



Lex Turner came away with 3 wickets in Game 2 played at West Beach Fields on Monday. We had won the toss and sent Victoria Sapphires into bat. The wickets were spread around all bowlers with 5 out of 7 bowlers taking one or more wickets. Catches win matches they say and we took 5 in this game. The Sapphires were all out, 102 after 18.5 overs.

Linda Callendar (26) and Poima (29) got us off to a great start, followed up with Leanne (15), Nadeeka (7*) and El (11*), we reached their total 3-103 in 18.5 overs.



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Virginia Grice took an impressive catch in Game 3 against Tasmania to put Christie on a hat trick and tumble their middle order, 4-76, 5-76, 6-77. Poima impressively bowled their highest scorer who had been proving difficult and sent her back to the gazebo with a few more runs at the end of the innings, Tasmania were 7-96.

Fiona Gardiner (15 retired) and Midori (10) got our innings off to a great start.

Leanne Sippel (31*) was ecstatic to shake off her batting demon and chased down the runs with Christie (16*) to win the game 2-97 in 17.4 overs. We enjoyed our rest day – exploring Adelaide – Rundle Mall, Adelaide Markets, Adelaide Chinatown and the beaches.

Poima Panapa (21) and Leanne (20) topped scored in Game 4 after our rest day on Tuesday. We were back at West Beach. We had lost the toss and were sent in to bat.....we decided after only making 6-77 for our 20 overs that we were definitely better at chasing than making totals. Early wickets 1-8, 2-10 and tight bowling saw the game go until 18.5 overs before South Australia caught us 4-78.

Yvette McGrath 3-23 (4) felled the first 3 in the batting order 1-5, 2-11, 3-34 in our 5th Game against NSW Kookaburras. We had won the toss again and decided to go with our strength and field first.

Midori Keiler 2-13 (4) took an impressive caught and bowled and with a nice catch from keeper Christie, their next 2 batsmen were back at the gazebo. A couple of wickets to Maleesa's bowling with catches from Fiona and El saw NSW finish at 8-73 after 20 overs.

Eleesha Woodgate (30* from 39) with Linda (6) made a great start 1-28 then Midori (15) added her runs to the score leaving Christie (1*) to win the game 2-74 after 12.4 overs.

After a very long and nail biting wait, we found we were in the T20 final 3 vs 4 against South Australia on Thursday, our final game in the Championship. Christie won another toss and we sent them in to bat.

Nadeeka 'Howzat' De Silva 2-16 (4) continued her consistent bowling. She kept the batters concentrating and the umpires on their toes with her enthusiasm. Her first wicket today – bowled – SA 1-4, an amazing run out – direct hit by Christie – SA 2-37. The SA batswomen were ticking over the runs until a great catch by El from Yvette's bowling SA 3-59. Poima 1-4 (1) bowled and Linda with a run out followed by another batter bowled by Nadeeka saw SA 6-93 at the end of their 20 overs.





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Nicole Runge was invaluable in the outfield throughout the entire championship – pocket rocket – nothing was getting past her with her determination and speed. No-one went thirsty when she was off the field – the most diligent drinks runner.

Rebekah Eakin was our wicket keeper for 4 out of 6 games and kept us all focussed on the game. Bec also kept the opposition teams battling to concentrate on their game. Her support of the bowlers when she was keeping kept us on task.

Our opening batters Linda (30 from 36) and El (35 retired*from 27) supported by Poima (11*) and Midori (9*) saw us 1-94 after 16.1.....securing our third place.

Craig McGrath and Fi, our unflappable drivers ensured we got where we needed to be, on time and safely.

No cricket games can occur without the grounds people preparing our fields, the wonderful SA teams who set up the fields for games and our dedicated scorers. Thanks Craig McGrath for scoring for Div 2.

A huge week of fun and comradeship, our team isn't a great team without great people. Everyone was a part of our success and played an important role. What a great experience, with all of us going home hoping that we can be part of this in the future.

Nadeeka De Silver
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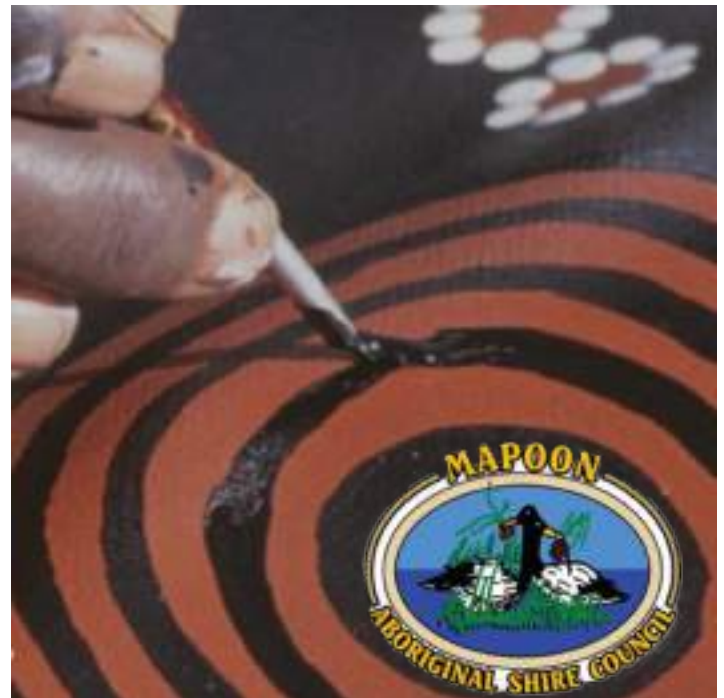
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