

Welcome to the 2018 Polocrosse Season

Hello everyone and welcome to the 2018 Polocrosse Season.

I am very excited to be taking on the position of Queensland Polocrosse Association President for the next two years.

I am planning to travel to each Zone this season to attend carnivals and also hold a President's meeting on the Saturday afternoon whilst there. I will also be travelling with a State Umpire who will hold an umpires meeting on the Saturday morning in conjunction with the Zone Director of Umpiring.

The aim of these meeting is to answer all your questions about members protection, coaching clinics and schools, constitution, policy and procedures, umpiring and rulebook and anything else in regards to polocrosse in Queensland.

Congratulations to our 7 Queensland players that have been shortlisted for the Australian World Cup team - Lindsey Doolan, Sydnee Johnson, Emma Hafey, Lauren Sillitoe, Ryle Waugh, Trent Collins



and Tom O'Neill. I wish you good luck with your selection and am very proud of you all.

This year the QPA will be subsidising every Junior, Sub Junior and Mini Junior player's membership fee by \$85.00 each and every Intermediate player's fee by \$75.00 each.

Without the hard work and dedication from the QPA Cattle Committee, volunteers (who muster, brand, fence and etc) and also all the members who donate their properties for the cattle to live on, the QPA would not be able to subsidise these fees. We thank you all for all contribution to the

Queensland Polocrosse Association and its members.

We have a very big year of polocrosse ahead of us in 2018 with some excellent polocrosse to watch and be played. We will start with the junior trials and multi horse carnival at Chinchilla, followed by Barastoc Interstate Series and Shell Cup club competition at Warwick. Then we have 5 months of Queensland carnivals culminating with the Queensland Club Championships at Cunningham.

The State teams will then head off on the road trip to Brigadoon, Western Australia for the Australian National Championships. We will have 12 State teams competing at the Nationals this year and I am sure they will represent Queensland with pride.

Good luck to all our members this season. I wish you all a safe, enjoyable, competitive season on and off the field. Most importantly always remember to show good sportsmanship and respect to your opposition and umpires.

Christine Franklin
QPA President



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This great prize, generously donated by Louie and Betty Raiteri from Montrose Horses, also includes return passenger ferry transfers to Fraser Island. Tickets are only \$10 each and can be bought from any of the players on the Nationals team or from Peta at the QPA office. Make sure you get a ticket to support our Queensland team and be in with a chance of winning 2 luxury nights away - it beats camping in the float at polocrosse!

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Epic Battle for State Pride at Largest Ever Barastoc Interstate Series

By Carolyn Line

Queensland will lock horns with rivals in a fierce polocrosse battle as they compete for State and National pride at the 11th annual Barastoc Interstate Series to be hosted by Warwick Polocrosse Club over the first weekend in May.

The Barastoc Interstate Series, which will be held in conjunction with the Shell Cup club competition, has been growing in popularity year by year and in 2018 will boast the largest number of teams to date.

As part of the three day, two night polocrosse extravaganza, 21 Interstate Teams from New South Wales, Queensland Victoria and Western Australia plus a team from New Zealand will take to the field in the Barastoc Interstate Series. Almost 150 players and their horses will battle for State pride in what will be an early indicator of team strength in the lead-up to the Nationals Polocrosse event being held in Swan Valley, Western Australia at the beginning of October.

Many Nationals selected players for 2018,



Chris Sillitoe picks up the ball for Queensland

Photo by Carolyn Line

as well as World Cup contenders for 2019 will compete at the highest level in the Barastoc Interstate Series.

Queensland, who have named Carr Farming as their new major sponsor for 2018, is hoping for a better result this year after New South Wales were triumphant in the Interstate Series in 2017, clinching victory in 5 of the 8 divisions.

Approximately 70 Club teams from around Australia, including a team from as far away as the Northern Territory, are expected to play in the Shell Cup Club Carnival as part of the weekend showcase of polocrosse.

Play should be hard and fast after Warwick Polocrosse Club has spent considerable time in the off season irrigating the fields. Warwick Polocrosse Club President Les Fraser said "The fields are in excellent order and even though the weather has been good, we have irrigated to have the fields in the best playing condition."

The QPA is excited to announce a new major sponsor, Carr Farming, for our Queensland Teams competing in the 2018 Barastoc Interstate Series

Carr Farming is an innovative family owned and operated chicken farm business located at Elbow Valley. Running alongside the Condamine River, Carr Farming utilises over 900 hectares of prime Southern Downs land.

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Carr Farming chickens are bred to feed the families of Australia and the world via export. Their chickens can be found at some of Australia's best known retail food and grocery stores so please make sure you support this generous sponsor who is supporting our great sport of polocrosse.



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Matt Taylor with ball possession for Queensland

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Queensland U21 at Upper Hunter Show Muswellbrook, New South Wales



U21 Queensland Boys



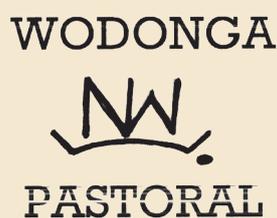
Grace Bredhauer



U21 Queensland Girls

The Wodonga Pastoral Queensland U21 team, that represented at the Upper Hunter Show at Muswellbrook on the 16 and 17 March, consisted of Matt O'Sullivan (Chinchilla), Darcy O'Sullivan (Chinchilla), Tom O'Sullivan (Dirranbandi), Anthony Wells (Warwick), Meg O'Sullivan (Dirranbandi), Grace Bredhauer (Chinchilla), Chloe Shultz (Cunningham) and Emma Knight (Dirranbandi). Kent Wells offered a wealth of experience as the U21 coach with Mirella O'Sullivan managing the team. The Queensland team sponsored by John and Mirella O'Sullivan from Wodonga Pastoral, was strongly supported by their families who travelled the long distance to watch some great polocrosse.

The polocrosse games were played with great enthusiasm under adverse conditions. Even though it was very hot, both horses and players gave it their all. It was a pleasure to watch the team spirit and sportsmanship displayed by both the Queensland and New South Wales teams. New South Wales came up trumps, winning all three games, the first by only two goals. Unfortunately, the following two games were bigger losses for Queensland. The



Queensland girls held their own with all of their chukkas being either even or in front of the opposition. The boys started out on top however with a few horse issues, they were not able to keep in front of New South Wales. They did play extremely well under the circumstances

The first game against New South Wales was played on midday Friday, in difficult conditions. The temperature reached 38 degrees and the heat took its toll on both the horses and players. Queensland started off strong, leading up until the 5th Chukka. A change in momentum saw the New South Wales team take the opportunity to even the score line and eventually winning the game 20 -18. In the second game, New South Wales came out firing after their comeback in the first game and a few of Queensland horses were still feeling the effects of the fast pace and the extreme

heat. Each chukka, saw the score line edge out by one or two goals, with New South Wales taking out another win, 18-9. In the final game, some of the Queensland team had to play their second horses after being vetted out and they struggled to stay within reach of New South Wales. The final score gave New South Wales the series win, with a score of 25-8.

At the official presentation, Grace Bredhauer was awarded the Terry Blake Memorial Horse and Rider of the series for Queensland.

All the players put in an exceptional effort over the weekend and the team were commended for their team's presentation and attitude and for their horsemanship displayed during the weekend. Both teams are a credit to their Clubs and their respective States and should be very proud of their performance. They all treated their honoured positions with great respect and should be congratulated.

A highlight for the team and their families was a visit to the Arrowfield Stud, which was kindly organised by the team's coach, Kent Wells.

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Cooper's Cup

By Robyn Cooper

Firstly, thank you to Queensland Polocrosse Association Management for giving me the opportunity to travel as Manager for the Cooper's Cup team to New Zealand.

We all had a great flight out on Thursday morning, and then we were met by Andrew Fowler at the airport in New Zealand who took us all back to his place. He did say his place was ours and what a beautiful place it was. Andrew opened up his home for us on that night and once again on Sunday night after the carnival was over.

The team of Sydnee Johnson, Sarah Owens, Jordan McGrath, Carly Cooper, Lyndsey Doolan, Brodie Stephens, Jess Taylor and coach Trent Collins, with supporters of Aaron Mullins, Ronnie Stephens, Matt Johnson and Stacey Collins, settled in at the Counties Polocrosse fields on Friday morning. The horse draw took place at 5 p.m. that afternoon, and after some swapping around, the girls were eventually matched up to their horses for Saturday's game.

Sunday morning saw the girls go out with the other pool of horses, less 2, so we had to use a couple of the spare pool horses, which were no-where near as good as the others.

Once again, with quick saddle changes, players eventually had horses matched to play that afternoon.

Both games were being played over 8 x 6 minutes chukkas and were played in fairly hot conditions, and taking into consideration, that the 7 New Zealand women are in the squad for World Cup selection and riding their own horses, our girls played extremely tough and competitive polocrosse. We were allowed to play international rules, but they still played the good old Aussie way.

We lost both games with the scores being on Saturday 24-13 and 23-13 on Sunday, but the Kiwis did know that the Aussies were there. I was very proud of the great sportsmanship that they all showed over the weekend's play and how they presented themselves on and off the field. To Trent, thank you for being such a great coach to the girls. Also to all our helpers over the weekend, thank you!

To our great sponsors, Tara Commercial Hotel, Trent (and Stacey) Collins Breaking and Training, Hampton and Harlow and the QPA support, this trip would not have been the success that it was.



Coopers Cup Team

Photos by Stacey Collins

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Practice on the beach in New Zealand

Photos by Stacey Collins



2018 NZ QPA Junior Scholarship



By Grace Bowman

Firstly, thank you to the Junior Selectors for choosing me and the Queensland Polocrosse Association Committee for providing funding for me to travel to New Zealand as the QPA Junior Scholarship recipient for 2018. The trip and whole experience was amazing.

My trip started on the 3rd January when I flew to Auckland and met up with my host family, Gary and Nikki Malcolm and their daughters Alexia and Tyler. The Malcolm's live on a beautiful property a couple kilometres out of the closest town Taranui, which is about 4 hours south of Auckland and about half an hour west of Lake Taupo. On the property they have sheep, cattle and horses that they train for Polo and Polocrosse.

I had the chance to help out on the farm, where we mustered some sheep and cattle, which was a bit of challenge due to the steep hills and then I helped with drenching and drafting the sheep. The scenery was breath taking with steep mountains and deep valleys with streams and the grass is so green. It was amazing when Alexia and Tyler took me for a few riding adventures through the beautiful mountain terrain.

I really enjoyed riding and playing their horses and also experiencing what it's like to ride Polo horses. I loved learning about the different culture, how Polocrosse works in a different country and the differences from Australia, however most things were very similar.

The Malcolm's made me feel so welcome and really made my stay. The two daughters Alexia who is 19 and Tyler who is 15 were absolutely lovely and I thoroughly enjoyed our many adventures and many episodes of McLeod's Daughters

together. I am so pleased that they are friends that I will always have and am also looking forward to Tyler coming over as a New Zealand Scholar this season!

Gary and Nikki, my host parents were so lovely and very hospitable. Gary, who has played for New Zealand many times including at two Polocrosse World Cups, gave me some handy advice and tips about Polocrosse that helped me a lot and will shape how I do things and how I'll play into the future.

Over the course of my 3 weeks away I played 2 carnivals, Ashurst and Ottrahanga. Another carnival was washed out due to rain so we had a Club practice instead. The carnivals I did play at were so fun and I met so many people. The carnivals were generally smaller compared to our carnivals in southern Queensland but none the less very good.

Ashurst carnival is located about 4 hours south near Palmerston North and had about 20 teams. I played for the Malcolm's Club, Katieke, in their junior team in the open competition. The second carnival and my last weekend in New Zealand was at Ottrahanga where they had a competition called Junior's and Colt's which they have teams from each Association (or Zone) that were juniors or intermediates. I played for their Association called King County and we had a great tournament but weren't able to win through to the finals. I met and caught up with so many people, some Aussie's included and had so much fun.

I would like to thank the Queensland Polocrosse Association, New Zealand Polocrosse and the Malcolm's for giving me an opportunity of a lifetime to make friends and memories I will never forget.



Grace with Tyler Malcolm on the Farm



Grace with some of her King Country team mates including Tyler Malcolm



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