

## Warwick Wins at Home



Photo by Carolyn Line

**Russell Owens carrying the ball for Warwick in the Shell Cup Final**

By Carolyn Line

Warwick Polocrosse Club hosted the Barastoc Interstate Competition as part of four days of high level polocrosse action in late April. Teams from Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and Western Australia took to the field to battle for State pride. This year New South Wales rode high in the saddle after winning 5 of the 8 categories. Queensland took out the Under 30 Mixed Competition with Best Horse and Rider (Female) going to Queensland's Tori Sherriff and Best Horse and Rider (Male) named as Beau Neal. Queensland's Beau Neal was also awarded Champion ASH for his mount Choir Girl. Queensland's Juniors also showed their strength, with both the Boys and Girls beating New South Wales. Best Horse and Rider for the Boys was Will Taylor, who also took out the Champion ASH with his horse Taylor Made Moonshine. Best Horse and Rider for the Girls was Queensland's Monique Hoare and Champion ASH went to

Jess Melbourne's Jaylock Diva. As part of the weekend extravaganza of polocrosse, 70 club teams from Queensland and New South Wales competed in a separate competition - the Shell Cup Championship Carnival. Almost 500 riders and horses battled for the win over two days. Home side Warwick 1 made it to the Shell Cup Championship final and were too good

against a fast paced Bauhinia team to take the trophy with a final score of 23 to 18. Best Horse and Rider was awarded to Warwick's Russell Owens.

In the Open competition, the winning team in A Grade was Guyra 1 who played a fast game against Gold Coast 1 to win with a close scoreline of 16 to 15. Best Horse and Rider went to Guyra's Sam Finlayson. Gold Coast also featured in B Grade where the second team won over Dirranbandi 1.

In a well supported Mixed competition, Cunningham 1 beat Quirindi 18 to 4. Best Horse and Rider Female went to Ryle Waugh from Cunningham and Best Horse and Rider Male was Quirindi's Jordan Street. Home side Warwick Juniors once again showed their strength, beating Chinchilla Juniors 14 to 8. Best Horse and Rider was Tristan Cooper from Warwick.



**Shell Cup Winners Matt Shepherd, Zac Cochrane, Award Presenter Ross Fraser, Anthony Wells, Kris Lynas, Russell Owens and Tom Cobon**

## RULES REMINDER

Members, at the risk of sounding like a broken record, please adhere to the following polocrosse rules:

- No dogs at polocrosse events;
- No glass; and
- No under-age drinking.

This final point is not only a polocrosse policy but law. Most Clubs rely on the bar as a means of fundraising and it makes for an enjoyable social occasion but it's very easy for this to be taken away if liquor licensing laws are not adhered to. By turning a blind eye to under-age drinking you risk your Club's ability to hold a successful event.

No glass on or around sporting fields is not just a polocrosse policy, it applies to most sports funded under the Queensland Department of Sport and Recreation and it's not rocket science to work out why.

Please work with Clubs to enforce these simple policies that are there for the good of all.

**Paul McGrath**  
Queensland Director of Umpiring

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Ryan Copeland for Gold Coast 1 attacking Chris Sillitoe carrying the ball



Cameron Shepherd carrying the ball for Queensland in a game against Australia

Photos by Carolyn Line

## Fast Paced Action at Gold Coast Polocrosse Club's Annual Carnival

By Carolyn Line

Gold Coast Polocrosse Club's annual carnival attracted more than 220 players and a big contingent of their supporters from all over South East Queensland and Northern New Wales on 15th and 16th April. Teams used the multi-horse carnival held at Killarney as an opportunity to fine tune horse and rider skills. The Gold Coast Polocrosse Club Carnival saw 34 teams of 6 players and their horses take to the field to battle for Club pride. Both the Australian Men's and Women's teams played against Queensland on the Saturday, showcasing International level skills,

as a final hit out before they took on South Africa.

In the Club Competition, Warwick Polocrosse Club came up against long standing rivals Tansey in the Gold Racquet final. It was a fiercely contested game that left Tansey 1 riding high in the saddle after beating Warwick 119 points to 16. Warwick Polocrosse Club's Cameron Shepherd was Champion Male Player of the Gold Racquet competition, while Champion Female Player was awarded to Beth Hafey from Tansey Polocrosse Club. The Les Eames Award for the best No. 1 also went to Cameron Shepherd. Host Club Gold Coast were Runners Up in

C Grade with Gold Coast 4 being beaten by Tansey 3 and also F Grade with Clifton 1 winning over Gold Coast 6. Best Horse and Rider in C Grade went to the Gold Coast's Mick Schloss and Coast Club member Emily McCarthy was named Best Horse and Rider of F Grade. The Junior Encouragement Award went to the Gold Coast's Ella-Mimi Eton. For horse awards, Best Male Australian Stock Horse went to Gold Coast Club Member Byron Davison on Bawn Duggie Quick Step. The horse is owned by Grant Carroll from Tansey Polocrosse Club. Best Female Australian Stock Horse went to Liz McGrath on Jaylyn Downs Miss Vickie.



A family sport Ella-Mimi Eton and her grandad Peter Eton



Australia Men's Team v Queensland in a line-up



Runners Up in F Grade Gold Coast

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# Perfect Conditions for Townsville Carnival

Townsville opened up the season in the Far North with a quiet carnival at our home grounds on the 29th and 30th of April. With only 6 teams competing for the weekend it was a small carnival but everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

There was lots of laughs shared and catching up done at the bar as usual. The Calliope boys, Chris Thumm and Gavin Ware brought some additional fun on Saturday night

challenging their Northern friends to a few different games, all of which were quite entertaining. Praises to the Burdekin guys and girls for keeping them in check and helping to ensure they weren't the most flexible, strongest or had the longest reach. The fields played lovely, even with the level 4 water restrictions the dust was only slightly annoying. We were lucky enough to get a little sprinkle leading up to the carnival to

help extend the green tinge at the grounds. The matches on both day went really well with some close scores at the end of a lot of games, making it great for all involved. It was encouraging to see so many locals coming out to fill the sidelines and watch our fantastic sport. Fingers crossed we have a few more Northern players coming out of the wood work and making up some more teams at the coming carnivals in the north.



## Bollon Chukka Champs


Coinciding with a few other events around the ridges, the Bollon Chukka Champs fielded a few less sections this year but those that did turn up certainly made for a spectacular turn out. With the fields in tip-top shape and perfect weather, conditions were simply A Grade for both players and horses.

This year we saw an increased number of players throw their name in for the Jackpot Draw which was great to see. Drawing the sections from a hat, we put the ratings to the test with goal handicaps allocated to lower rated sections. With \$600 up for grabs in a winner takes all, it was a thrilling competition from the first ball. A section made up of Bollon Club President Liam Gibson, Dirranbandi's Kempy Carson and Pallamallawa's Shelley Johnstone put on a fine display, winning 3/3 chukkas and going on to claim the cash. In the main Chukka Competition the Dirran Dirteaters proved untouchable, with the Perkins Boys putting on an admirable display of skill, sportsmanship and horsemanship all weekend, taking the much sought after Chukka Champs A Grade Caps back home with them to "Nelyambo".

In the B Grade, the QLD Breds kept it in the family with Tony Steer, Bec Steer and Sam Gunn managing a win in a very close competition requiring goal count backs. Sportsmanship awards for the weekend went deservedly to Tom Perkins (Dirranbandi) and Heidi Johnstone (Pallamallawa). The Encouragement award went to Bec Steer (Bollon) and Horse Encouragement award to Michelle Smith (Goondiwindi).

Best Junior went to Blair Beresford who played alongside father Pat and grandfather Mick Beresford (Best Comeback Award) in the 'Three Bears' which was fantastic and unique to see in any sport.

Last but most importantly, the Bollon section of Belinda Gibson, Carly Lowe and Liam Gibson took home the Best Dressed Prize with a show stopping display of apricot bikini and Hawaiian attire. A big thank you must go to Kempy Carson for doubling-up and Robbie Newsham for doubling-up and umpiring allowing things to run smoothly and everyone to get a run in a good competition. It was great to see the Pallamallawa crew back this year, bringing with them a great attitude and level of skill that we always enjoy. As always, a sincere thanks must go to the Bollon Club members and sponsors who make these weekends the great shows they are.



## Toowoomba Polocrosse

### Colliers A Grade Competition




15th - 16th July, 2017  
Oakey Racecourse

We look forward to seeing you at the Toowoomba Polocrosse Carnival, proudly supported by RAMS Home Loans and Brad Lipp 'The Land Man' from Colliers International Toowoomba.

Winning Team: Each player receives a 40" Flat Screen TV purchased from Harvey Norman Toowoomba

Runners Up: Receives a Tru Blu Winter Rug Combo and Travel boots valued at \$250 each purchased from Edwards Saddlery

Best Horse and Rider: Wins an Australian Stockmans Saddlery Polocrosse Deluxe Saddle valued at \$3,000 purchased from Australian Stockmans Saddlery





**Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> &  
Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> July  
-- QLD Zone Titles**

**Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> &  
Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> June  
– Junior Coaching  
School**



**Great food all  
weekend & trade  
stalls**

**Live entertainment  
& football on the  
big screen**

**Great polocrosse  
action**

## Tara's Home Carnival Success



*A Grade Winners - Tansey 1*

Photos by Tracy Wilson



*E Grade winners - Tara 3*

The Tara Polocrosse Club wishes to thank all the competitors and their families for attending our carnival over the long weekend in April. We had a small open carnival with 25 open teams in A to F Grade, 5 Intermediate teams and 3 Junior sections. Competitors travelled from all over the State including teams from Longreach, Dirranbandi, Roma, Chinchilla, Stanley Rivers, Cunningham, Tansey, Toowoomba, Warwick and Gold Coast.

Unfortunately Tara 1 was defeated by Tansey 1 in the A Grade final. Tara 2 defeated Longreach in the C Grade competition, with Tara player Laurie Wilson accepting the Best Player Award. Tara 3 were also successful in the E Grade final defeating Warwick 2, with Tara player George Hayward accepting the Best Player Award.

Speaking with some of the Intermediate players and the QPA delegates, they were all very happy with their weekend event, thankful for the additional coaching and the opportunity to compete with their peers.

After our carnival was rained out last year, we were very happy to have had a successful weekend and such lovely warm weather. A big thank you to Brodie Stephens who cooked the three course dinner which was delicious.

We had received grant funds from Origin Energy, QGC and WDRC to assist with the purchasing prizes for the carnival, ambulance contribution, etc. These additional funds benefit our players, our clubs and our communities.

In mid-March the grounds had received around six inches of rain and 6 mls in the week leading up to our carnival, but it wasn't enough, a big thank you to WDRC and Lenny Wright for watering the fields on Saturday evening.

In some Club news, 2017 is shaping up to be a very successful year for individual Tara players with Anthony Hayward and Brodie Stephens playing in the Queensland Coopers Cup team. William Taylor and George Hayward both played at Albury in the Junior Classic, with Will announced as Captain of Queensland 1st team and George being announced as Captain of Queensland 2nd team.

Barastoc Shell Cup saw Rachel Doyle, Jessica Taylor and Michael Hayward playing in the U21's, with Michael announced as captain. Once again William Taylor and George Hayward were selected in the junior team, with Will Taylor being selected as the Captain. Brodie Stephens and Beau Neal were selected in the Under 30's mixed team and announced as reserves for the Open Women's & Open Men's team/s.

The Tara Club holds an annual Campdraft each year and one of our cattle donors, Patrick and Melody Rynne of "Jilliby" Tara, donated their funds back to the Club requesting that a shade structure be installed for future events. The Club had a grandstand with a roof constructed and it was utilised on the weekend for our carnival and will be a popular spot for future drafts. The Club also constructed two additional grandstands, possible through fundraising.

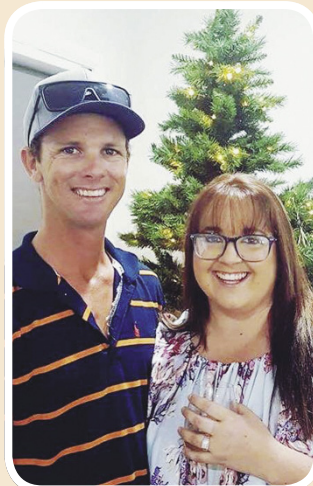
We are happy to announce the Engagement of Beau Neal and Victoria (Tori) Stephens. We also congratulate Alexander Wilson and Lily Wilson on the safe arrival of baby Isabella May Wilson in November. Caitlin Doyle and her partner also have happy baby news with them expecting a new addition to the family. Congratulations to all.



# Social News & Announcements



Roma Polocrosse Club is thrilled to welcome its newest club member, Lexi Ann Humphreys, born 4th April 2017. Lexi is the first child of Glen and Mel Humphreys. The new family are all doing well. Congratulations to Hump and Mel!



Tansey Polocrosse Club would like to offer a big congratulations to Bobbi Burns & Colin Murrell on their engagement



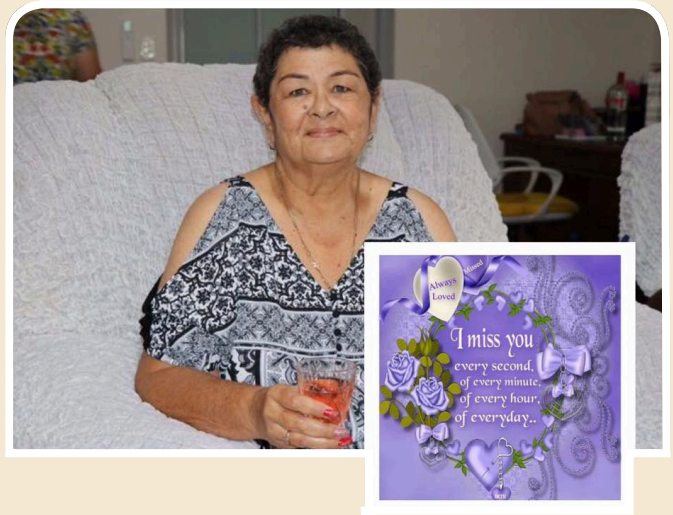
Tansey also congratulate Emma Hafey and Ike Murray on the arrival of Lilly Grace Murray, born on the 26th April



Tansey's Katie Grimmond and Richard Rawlings welcomed Poppy Maureen Rawlings, born on the 13th February



15/4/17 sadly saw the passing of Warwick Club Member Anne Gleeson, wife of Joe, mother/mother in law to Trish and Stuart Shepherd and Matt and Heidi Gleeson and nan to her 6 grandchildren. Anne's funeral was also well attended by Warwick Club Members and Polocrosse players from throughout the state.



5/2/17 sadly saw the passing of Warwick Club Member Frankie Beck, wife of Brendan and mother to Renee, Brayden and Millie. Her funeral was well attended by Club Members and Polocrosse players from throughout the Zone.



Congratulations to Tansey's Matthew and Sydnee Johnson on the arrival of Vince Anthony Johnson, born on the 22nd January



Tansey's Chris and Lauren Sillitoe welcomed Chase Raymond Sillitoe, born on the 30th March



18th April saw the arrival of "Liliana Pearl Hardy", daughter to Warwick's Matt and Anna Hardy and first Grandchild for Greg and Rosa Hardy.

Millie Beck from Warwick Club has also been kicking some goals off the field and has been granted 2 scholarships - (1) Year 12 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student (A&TSI) Teaching Scholarship and (2) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Mentoring Program Scholarship - a great achievement!