

AUSTRALASIA REGIONAL GAMES

TASMANIA 2024

SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER

RUGBY PARK
HOBART, TASMANIA

SEVEN-A-SIDE
GAELIC FOOTBALL
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We aim to be the centre of all things Irish in Hobart with the TGFHA by our side. Here's to many more years of partnerships and laughs between old friends. We would like to wish all participants the best of luck in the Regional Games tournament, and see you all here for a drink at the afterparty and All-Star awards ceremony.



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W E L C O M E

We respectfully acknowledge the Palawa people of Lutruwita. We pay our respects to elders past, present, and emerging.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to you all to the Australasia Regional Championships 2024 at Rugby Park, Tasmania. The inaugural tournament was held in Hobart in 2017, so we are thrilled to be hosting the competition again seven years later, and to see how much it has grown since then.



We would like to welcome Gold Coast Gaels, Ballarat Clovers, Young Melbourne and last year's hosts Geelong Gaels to the tournament. We understand how challenging it can be to send teams inter-state, so we really appreciate you all making a huge effort to be in attendance here today.

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to all our sponsors without whom it would not be possible to host a tournament like this. We would like to thank The New Sydney Hotel, Transportation Whiskey, Optimum Health Solutions, the Allurity Hotel and the Tasmanian Times. Also, we would like to thank Michelle O'Bryne MP and The Honourable Nick Duigan MCL for their generous donations to the tournament. It's great to see such enthusiasm from our sponsors, as competitions like this significantly contribute to the advancement of Gaelic games in Australasia.

It is a special honour for our club to have several members of the inaugural 2007 TGFHA committee in attendance today. Also present are Australasia Gaelic Games President Ned Sheehy, Secretary Teresa Daly and PRO John 'Bobs' Daly. We would like to thank them all, and the AGG committee for all their support of our club over the years, and in preparation for this tournament. I would also like to welcome Deputy Ambassador of Ireland to Australia, Daniel Lowe, who has made the trip from Canberra. A big thank you to Alan Whykes, who has been a huge part of the TGFHA for the last decade, and for sponsoring and catering the lunch at today's event. A final thanks to Rugby Park and Rugby Union Tasmania for all the support we have received over the past few months, and in helping us facilitate this day for everyone to enjoy.

Wishing all the participating teams the best of luck.

Thank you and enjoy the tournament.

Emma O'Neill

Chairperson
Tasmanian Gaelic Football and Hurling Association

A chairde Gaeil

Welcome to the 2024 Australasia Regional Games. It is with great pleasure and excitement that we gather here today to celebrate Gaelic games, especially in our association's 50th anniversary year. This tournament not only showcases the incredible talent and dedication of our players but also embodies the unity and friendships that this sport fosters.



Gaelic games are more than just a sport; they are a celebration of our culture, a testament to our shared heritage, and a reflection of the strong bonds that unite us. Gaelic games continues to grow throughout Australasia and it's days like today that support this growth. As we compete on the field, let us also remember the importance of fair play and respect.

Australasia Gaelic Games would like to express our gratitude to all the organisers, volunteers, and sponsors who have worked tirelessly to make this day a reality. To the Tasmania GFHA club committee and their members – thank you! Your dedication and hard work have not gone unnoticed!

We hope that you all enjoy the tournament, and we wish all teams the best of luck. We look forward to an excellent day of games and competition.

Go n-éirí libh

Ned Sheehy

Australasia Gaelic Games Chairperson



During one of my trips to Ireland, I visited the renowned Midleton Distillery, home to the most famous single-pot still whiskeys in the world. As I stood there, I wondered why no one in Australia was making this unique style of whiskey. It was then I told my wife that I would return to Tasmania and become the first to do so.

After starting in the whiskey industry, I quickly realised how much I loved every aspect of the craft. I worked my way up to become head distiller, and soon after, began laying the groundwork to create Australia's first single-pot still whiskey right here in Tasmania.






Having played Gaelic football in Tasmania for many years, it's a privilege to now support the community as a proud sponsor of the Tasmanian Gaelic Football and Hurling Association.

I wish the teams the very best of luck in the upcoming regional games.

Slàinte, John Halton

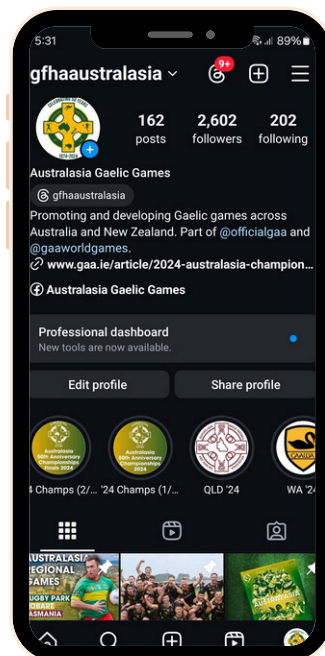
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Australasia Gaelic Games website**



**Finals will be livestreamed
on the Australasia Gaelic
Games YouTube channel
and Facebook page**



COMPETITIONS

● WOMEN'S FOOTBALL	
 	Ballarat Clovers/ Young Melbourne
	Geelong Gaels
	Gold Coast Gaels
	Tasmania

● MEN'S FOOTBALL GROUP 1	
	Tasmania Green
	Tasmania Yellow
	Young Melbourne
● MEN'S FOOTBALL GROUP 2	
	Ballarat Clovers
	Geelong Gaels
	Gold Coast Gaels

FORMAT & RULES

- Women's football: one group with four teams. Each team will play everyone once. The top two teams on the table at the end of the round robin qualify for the final.
- Men's football: two groups with three teams. Teams will play each team in the opposite group once. The top two teams on the overall six-team table at the end of the round robin qualify for the final.
- Two points will be awarded for a round-robin win; one point for a draw.
- If teams are level on points at the end of the group, placings will be decided by the following criteria in the following order:
 - a. Score difference
 - b. Scores for (max)
 - c. Scores against (min)
 - d. Head-to head (where applicable)
- Games will be seven players aside, with max squads of 14 players permitted.
- Games will be 10 minutes a half; 15 minutes a half for the finals.

FIXTURES

PITCH 1

TIME	CODE	TEAMS	OFFICIALS
9am	Men's	Tasmania Green vs Geelong Gaels	Fearghal & Young Melbourne
9.30am	Men's	Gold Coast Gaels vs Young Melbourne	Ballarat Clovers
10am	Men's	Geelong Gaels vs Tasmania Yellow	Young Melbourne
10.30am	Men's	Young Melbourne vs Ballarat Clovers	Tasmania Yellow
11am	Women's	Gold Coast Gaels vs Ballarat Clovers/ Young Melbourne	Tasmania Green
11.30am	Men's	Geelong Gaels vs Young Melbourne	Ballarat Clovers
12pm	Men's	Tasmania Green vs Ballarat Clovers	Geelong Gaels
2pm	Men's final	1st vs 2nd	Fearghal & reps from each team
3pm	Women's final	1st vs 2nd	Fearghal & reps from each team

PITCH 2

TIME	CODE	TEAMS	OFFICIALS
9am	Men's	Tasmania Yellow vs Ballarat Clovers	Gold Coast Gaels
9.30am	Women's	Ballarat Clovers/ Young Melbourne vs Tasmania	Geelong Gaels
10am	Women's	Geelong Gaels vs Gold Coast Gaels	Fearghal & 3 Tas + 3 Ballarat/YM
10.30am	Men's	Tasmania Green vs Gold Coast Gaels	Geelong Gaels
11am	Women's	Tasmania vs Geelong Gaels	Fearghal & AGG reps
11.30am	Men's	Gold Coast Gaels vs Tasmania Yellow	Fearghal & AGG reps + 3 Tas Green
12pm	Women's	Geelong Gaels vs Ballarat Clovers/ Young Melbourne	Gold Coast Gaels
12.30pm	Women's	Gold Coast Gaels vs Tasmania	Fearghal & Ballarat/YM

ENTERTAINMENT

- **12.30pm** – Trad session and lunch begins inside clubhouse
- **1:15pm** – Irish dancing inside clubhouse
- **1:30pm** – Hobart Pipe Band
- **1:45pm** – Trad session resumes, and kids games outside
- **6pm** – After party and All-Stars presentation at New Sydney Hotel



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20 YEARS

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Hon. Michelle O'Byrne MP Member for Bass Speaker of Tasmania

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It's not just my Irish heritage that makes me love supporting the Tasmanian Gaelic Football and Hurling Association (TGFHA), founded in 2007. It's because it so proudly brings a touch of Ireland's sporting spirit to the far reaches of Tasmania.

As the state's dedicated hub for Gaelic games, TGFHA fosters a passion for both Gaelic football and hurling, blending local enthusiasm with Irish heritage. And while we may be a hemisphere away from Ireland's O'Byrne Cup (where, let's be honest, gaelic football could be a fair contender in seasoning up the game), TGFHA remains dedicated to bringing Tasmania a taste of these exhilarating sports.

It will be great craic!!

Authorised by Jarryd Moore, Australian Labor Party, L2/63 Salamanca Pl, Hobart 7000



ROLL OF HONOUR

2017 - Hobart, Tasmania

Women's - Irish Australians, SA 
Men's - Geelong Gaels, Victoria 

2018 - Geelong, Victoria

Women's - Geelong Gaels, Victoria 
Men's - Geelong Gaels, Victoria 

2019 - Adelaide, South Australia

Women's - Flinders O'Neill's, SA 
Men's - Irish Australians, SA 

2022 - Gold Coast, Queensland

Women's - Geelong Gaels, Victoria 
Men's - St Kevin's, Victoria 

2023 - Geelong, Victoria

Women's - Geelong Gaels 
Men's - Gold Coast Gaels 

2024 - Hobart, Tasmania

Women's - _____
Men's - _____



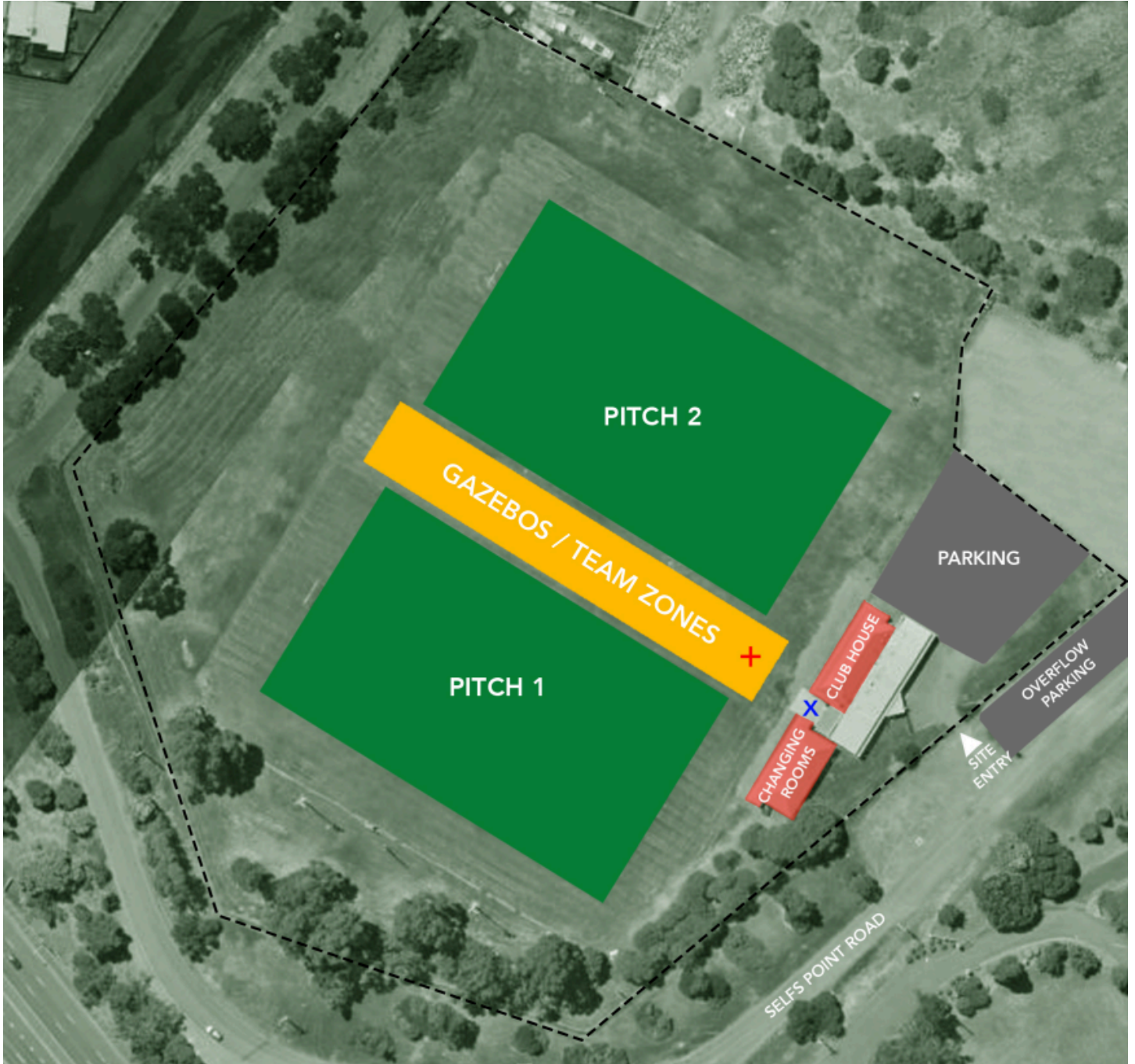
The Allurity Hotel is located right in the middle of the CBD's dining precinct and offers Hobart's most alluring hotel experience. You will love our range of quiet, superior comfort rooms with gorgeous city views around Hobart.

Also, you will be located right next to Hobart's best Irish Bar, the New Sydney Hotel. There is no limit to the adventure you can have nearby - there is even a local farmers and arts and crafts market directly at the front of the hotel on Sundays. And with ample car parking on site, it is the perfect base to explore Tasmania from.



SITE MAP

Address: Rugby Park, 10 Selfs Point Rd, New Town, Tasmania 7008



PARTICIPATING CLUBS



BALLARAT CLOVERS

Ballarat Clovers is a new regional Victoria team, which started in 2022. In April 2023, we travelled to Koroit Irish Festival where the men's team competed in the seven-a-side tournament against local and Melbourne teams. We won the inaugural Koroit Festival men's title. In 2023, our men's and women's footballers lined out at the Regional Games in Geelong, and we're delighted to have teams competing at the Regional Games in 2024.



GEELONG GAELS

The Geelong Gaelic Club was originally founded in 1952. In 1954, Geelong became the first club to win the Victorian Hurling Championship beating Young Ireland in the final in Geelong. Few games were played from the 1960s to the mid 1980s as the club struggled to find players. In 1987, Brendan Carty reformed the club, however, it wasn't until 2013 that the club found its feet as the Geelong Gaels GAA Club, entering teams in the Pearse's Sevens, and the Victorian Football Championship. The club has entered a team in the League and Championship ever since. In 2017, the Gaels travelled to Hobart and won the inaugural Australasia Regional Games, with that being our first major piece of silverware. 2018 was a huge year for us as it saw us set up our women's and underage sections of the club. We held the Regional Games that year and we defended our men's title, and the women's team won their championships as well. 2023 marked our 10-year anniversary, and we were thrilled to host the Regional Games, and see our women's footballers win the title for the third time.



GOLD COAST GAELS

The Gold Coast Gaels were established in 2013 and after a number of tough years, are now in a strong position. The 2023 season saw the Gaels men reach the Queensland championship semi-finals for the first time since our first season. Our numbers have grown year on year, and we now have over 60 players registered, along with over 120 members. The future of the club is looking bright. The Gaels are a major hub in the Irish community on the Gold Coast, with helping new immigrants settle in with work and making new friends. We host various events throughout the year with poker/trivia nights, fundraising with the annual Darkness into Light walk, as well as golf days. The Regional Games have been one of our highlights since its inception back in 2017, and we look forward to meeting up with teams that have been participating each year, and making new friends. We were delighted to win the men's competition at last year's games in Geelong in our 10th anniversary year, and here's hoping we can go back to back in Hobart.



TASMANIA

The Tasmanian Gaelic Football and Hurling Association (TGFHA) was established in 2007 and represents the sport for the state of Tasmania. The association hosts an annual mixed social league through spring and summer in Hobart, Tasmania. Four Gaelic football teams (Shamrocks, Celts, Na Fianna and the Bushrangers) compete for the Kieran Middleton Cup. Approximately 45 registered players make for lively and healthy competition, whilst supporters big and small cheer on from the sidelines. The social, family-friendly nature of the club attracts those with plenty of experience in the GAA pitch, AFL and soccer, as well as those who are new to the game and want to get involved. The club hosts pre-season sessions, which focus on recruitment and welcoming new players, whilst also welcoming back familiar faces and thawing out those legs after a Tasmanian winter. TGFHA sent a team to the Regional Games on the Gold Coast in 2022 and Geelong in 2023. We're delighted to be hosting this year's competition for the first time since 2017, and we would love to top it off with some silverware.





YOUNG MELBOURNE

Founded in 2016, Young Melbourne GAA was formed to provide the children of those with an affinity to Ireland, our diaspora and the wider Australian community an opportunity to learn the skills of hurling/camogie & Gaelic football (Gaelic games) as they engage inclusively with each other in a safe, family-friendly and community environment. Our values are firmly aligned to the values of the modern GAA.

Not long after the kids got involved, the parents wanted to have a go too and Young Melbourne expanded to include men's and ladies teams, catering for all skill levels and commitments.

We have over 200 junior members and over 100 adult members (two men's teams and a new ladies team and hurling team starting this year!) and growing in central Melbourne which is accessible and convenient. Our home ground is located at Albert Park, Melbourne and we regularly participate in tournaments statewide and nationwide. See www.youngmelbourne.com.au





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Nick Duigan
Liberal Member for **Windermere** MLC



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