

# AUSTRALASIA CHAMPIONSHIPS

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# NED SHEEHY

AUSTRALASIA GAELIC GAMES



I am delighted to welcome everybody to the Australasia Championships in Victoria. It's been 53 years since the first tri-series interstate carnival was held in Melbourne, where Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia competed for the Australian title in Gaelic football and hurling. From that humble beginning, the Australasia Gaelic Games association was formed three years later in 1974.

For the first 20 years, the competition just had men's football and hurling. Ladies football was added in 1994, camogie in 2007 and men's and ladies Intermediate football was introduced in 2018. This year is our

golden anniversary, celebrating 50 years of our organisation.

Thank you very much to Gaelic Park for hosting this year's games and to my committee for all the hard work they have put in to ensuring this week is a success. It's a labour of love and I'm sure that many throughout the week will take the opportunity to personally express their gratitude to all concerned, as I know I will be doing.

It's a very important week in our calendar, as we see the best players from all the involved states play our Gaelic games so skilfully and with such pride, in the hope of being crowned



Australasian champions or selected as a 2024 All-Star.

I look forward to chatting to you throughout this week as we celebrate our golden jubilee and honour all those who founded Australasia Gaelic Games and helped it to thrive. Mile bujochas.

Let the games begin!

#### Ned Sheehv

Cathaoirleach, Australasia Gaelic Games





# PRESIDENT JARLATH BURNS

GAFLIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

### A chairde

ls pribhléid agus ónoir mor dom a labhairt libh ar an ócáid speisialta agus tábhachtach seo – ag ceiliúridh CLG Í Astraláise.

I am delighted to be able to take part in the celebration that is these 2024 Games, and with it, mark the 50th anniversary of Australasia Gaelic Games.

To have reached the half century mark is a significant milestone, but, in truth, the story of Gaelic games in these lands is as old and older than the GAA itself. While the GAA celebrates 140 years in existence this November, there are reports of football and hurling taking place among the Irish here as far back as the 1850s.

In terms of geography, we can hardly feel any further away from the green, green grass of home. Yet there is nothing that bridges that gap quicker and softens the yearning better than being able to connect with home through the playing of our games.

In 1974 a bold decision was made to formally put shape and structure on

what was already a busy landscape of Gaelic games. That vision and the dedication of many great men and women since, means that, today, Australasia Gaelic Games is a phenomenal success story with more than 50 clubs, more than 120 teams and more than 4,000 registered players.

Wherever it is based, the job of a GAA club is to build a community because at our heart our People are always our greatest strength. In thinking about the thousands and thousands of men and women who packed their belongings for the adventure of a lifetime in Australia and New Zealand, they made sure to also bring with them their love for and interest in playing our games. From Adelaide to Auckland and Wellington to New South Wales and everywhere in between GAA clubs are far more than just an expression of our cultural identity - they are support structures, information centres, where being part of the GAA can help find a job, get a place to stay, gain an insight into a new country and be a friendly face and familiar voice to make a new home from home.

To everyone who has played a part at keeping the pulse of Gaelic games so vibrant since 1974 - you have our deepest thanks. To its present-day leadership who are guiding Australasia Gaelic Games to new heights - you have our best wishes for your continued success. Official recognition from Sport Australia and the implementation of Go Games and development of games at the 5-14 years age bracket augurs well for the future.

You have kept faith with the past and handed on a tradition to the future.

Thar ceann Chumann Lúthchleas Gael, Comhghairdeas agus míle buíochas.

Iarlaith Ó Broin







# CIARÁN MCLAUGHLIN

WORLD GAA



Tá lúcháir orm comhghairdeas a dhéanamh le CLG na hAstráile as Craobh na hAstráile a óstáil in 2024, comóradh 50 bliain an chumainn.

I'm delighted to write this message to congratulate Australasia Gaelic Games on hosting the 50th anniversary Australasia Championships in 2024. The highlight of the Australasia Gaelic games calendar, the 2024 games will be all the more auspicious as you celebrate 50 years of your association.

To promote our wonderful games of football, hurling and camogie overseas takes tremendous commitment and I applaud you, in your respective club and state, for your dedication to our Gaelic games family in Australasia. The hardworking county board deserve special mention and I congratulate all your officers, led by Ned and Teresa, for their stewardship of our association in Australasia

Finally, the state games are going to be hard-fought and like any championship, hard to win. I extend my best wishes to all

players, managers, referees and the hardworking organising committee for a successful championship. Mar fhocal scoir, beidh na cluichí seo iontach go deo iomaíoch, agus beidh

iontach go deo iomaíoch, agus beidh doiligh bua a bhreith. Ádh mór ar na himreoirí, na bainisteoirí, na réiteoirí agus ar an choiste. Go raibh comórtas craoibhe agus comóradh speisialta agaibh ar fad.

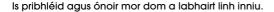
Ciarán McLaughlin Cathaoirleach, World GAA





# DEREK KENT

LEINSTER GAA



As the chairperson of your twinning partner, Leinster GAA, it is a great honour to attend your games and I congratulate everyone on the 50th anniversary of the establishment of Australasia Gaelic Games.

To date there are over 4,000 players of all ages, spanning a vast geographical region, from Perth in Western Australia to Canterbury in New Zealand's South Island and huge credit to the founding committee of 1974 who had the vision and belief to establish our games in the southern hemisphere.

I would also like to acknowledge the various roles of our volunteers; without your hard work and selfless dedication these games simply would not be possible.

Respect for our officials should always be at the fore – always be respectful of officials, players, and indeed other patrons so that we may all enjoy our games in the way they are intended.

Special thanks for the invitation and I look forward to a great championship, hoping that I left the Irish weather back home.



Thar ceann Chumann Lúthchleas Gael, comhghairdeas agus míle buíochas.

Guím gach rath ar gach duine atá bainteach leis na foirne, ar na réiteoirí agus ar a gcuid foirne. Beirigí bua agus beannacht.

Derek Kent Cathaoirleach, Leinster GAA





# PRESIDENT MÍCHEÁL NAUGHTON

LADIES GAELIC FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION



### A CHAIRDE

I am honoured, on behalf of the Ladies Gaelic Football Association, to welcome you to the Australasia Championships.

Ladies Gaelic football is currently in a strong and vibrant position in Australasia. Our sport is played across all states in Australia - Western Australia, South Australia, New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and Tasmania, as well as in New Zealand, in Auckland, Wellington and Canterbury.

Australasia runs off the one-club model, with clubs, states and the Australasian board overseeing all codes within their respective units. I'm told that the first record of ladies football games dates back to the 1990s and we now find ourselves in the fortunate position where the sport is truly flourishing, with over 50 teams playing ladies football, and over 400 fixtures being played on an annual basis.

You may be aware that, in the 50th year of the Ladies Gaelic Football Association, Hayley Kilgallon has penned a book, UnLadylike, which charts the history of the LGFA. Australasia officials met Hayley

when she was in Sydney, gathering and compiling some information, and we are extremely proud of the magnificent work that has been done and is ongoing in the region. Ladies Gaelic football has left an indelible mark on our international units and not only in terms of players participating, as we now see women taking up key roles within club, state and national boards.

Looking ahead to what lies in store, the Australasia Championships (state games) promise to be one of the biggest and best yet, with LGFA teams travelling from Sydney, Perth, Melbourne, Adelaide, Brisbane and Auckland. This strong presence will ensure that senior and intermediate competitions can be played, and the games themselves promise to be keenly contested.

Well done to members of the organising committee, who have put in trojan work. The work that goes unseen is the work that ensures that events of this magnitude are run

smoothly. Looking at the numbers of teams participating from all codes is heartening and having travelled abroad on previous ladies football all-star tours, we're acutely aware of how cherished Gaelic games are in this part of the world.

Best wishes to all players participating and to the various match officials who will be on duty, including two of our leading intercounty referees, Siobhán Coyle and Shane Curley. I also wish to acknowledge the many volunteers who will once again go above and beyond the call of duty as they oversee what promises to be a wonderful event.

Tá súil agam go mbainfidh sibh go léir an taitneamh as on ócáid speisialta seo.

### Mícheál Naughton

Uachtarán, Cumann Peil Gael na mBan





# HELEN O'ROURKE

LADIES GAELIC FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION



It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 2024 Australasia Championships.

This promises to be another very special event and there's an extra significance this year, with it being the 50th year of the Ladies Gaelic Football Association, and, coincidentally, Australasia Gaelic Games. On 18 July 2024, in Thurles, county Tipperary, we gathered to mark the 50th anniversary of the foundation of our association.

From humble beginnings in 1974, we are now an association with almost 200,000 members, and over 1,000 clubs across Ireland and Britain. We are also extremely proud of our international presence, and the work that has been done in Australasia is quite simply phenomenal.

Not only are Australasian units flying the flag for Gaelic games, they are also providing social focal points for ex-pats who love our games. We cannot underestimate just how important that link to home is for people who travel to Australia and New Zealand, whether that be shortor long-term.

The 2024 state games provides the opportunity to celebrate all that is good about Gaelic games, and I'm humbled to note such a strong ladies Gaelic football presence, with teams present from Australia and New Zealand. I'm anticipating exciting, open and attacking football, in the true spirit of ladies Gaelic football, and I wish each of the participating teams the very best of luck as they compete for the senior and intermediate prizes on offer.

The 2024 games also afford us the opportunity to draw breath and reflect on how far we have come as an association. Australasia has played its own vital role, with ladies football formally set up in the 1990s.

Since then, our game has grown and evolved in the region and, in 2015, Australasia entered an LGFA team into the World Games in Abu Dhabi and came very close to winning. There was further progress at subsequent



World Games and it was brilliont to see indigenous players featuring more and more. Australasia, captained by Caroline Kelly, were winners of the World Games Ladies Football Irish Cup Final at Croke Park in 2019. The team lifted the trophy named after the late Rachel Kenneally, a former Tipperary player who sadly passed away in 2018 following a battle with cancer. This was a hugely symbolic victory and in 2023, Australasia made it back-to-back World Games wins.

Gaelic games and ladies football continue to thrive in Australasia, and long may that continue.

Tá súil agam go mbainfidh sibh go léir an taitneamh as on ócáid speisialta seo

#### Helen O'Rourke.

Ardstiúrthóir, Cumann Peil Gael na mBan





# BRIAN MOLLOY

CAMOGIE ASSOCIATION

Ba mhaith liom comhghairdeas a bhronadh le gach duine í CLG Australasia on the celebration of your 50th anniversary this year.

We have had an amazing year of anniversaries across the entire Gaelic games family of associations this year - the GAA celebrating 140 years, the LGFA celebrating 50 years and our own association celebrating 120 years since our foundation in 1904.

Camogie's unique contribution to Irish culture and heritage was recognised by UNESCO a number of years ago and our games provide girls and boys with an amazing set of skills as well as a connection to the core of Irish culture. Although Gaelic games were played in Australia back in the 1800s the foundation of the Gaelic Athletic Association of Australia (as it was then)

on the 15th of June 1974 was a pivotal moment in the history of Gaelic games in the Australasia region.

Tens of thousands of Irish people have been made welcome all across the region over the period since then and it provides huge comfort to them and to their families that they can access the familiarity of camogle and the camaraderie and friendship of the Gaelic games family when they are so far away from their own family. The expansion of the game over the decades has meant that entire new generations of local boys and girls have grown up with camogle and Gaelic games and that is testament to



the phenomenal work being done on the ground across the region. I am delighted to have the opportunity to extend the congratulations of all the members of the Camogie Association to you as you mark this auspicious and important milestone in your history. I hope you have a fantastic time celebrating your anniversary and I wish you all the very best with your continued growth and development over the next 50 years and beyond.

Beir bua

### **Brian Molloy**

Uachtarán, An Cumann Camógaíochta



### **TIM MAWE**

### AMBASSADOR OF IRELAND TO AUSTRALIA

1974 saw Dublin win its first All-Ireland in over 10 years and saw Kilkenny and Limerick racking up big scores with the black and amber coming out on top in Croke Park.

That year also saw the formation of the Gaelic Athletic Association of Australia. As was the case in Thurles in 1884, the formation of GAA Australia formalised the organisation of our national games that were already being played here for over a hundred years. Indeed, the first recorded football match in Melbourne took place in this week in 1843.

The stalwarts who put some smacht on Gaelic games in Australia in 1974 were already building upon a long and varied tradition of sporting and community endeavour that existed for as long as Irish people have been

And, as we celebrate the golden jubilee of the GAA in Australia, I want to acknowledge the tremendous work undertaken to nurture and promote hurling, Gaelic football and camagle across the country (and across the ditch in New Zealand).

That work peaks this week in the Australasia Championships, but this spectacular tournament is built upon leagues, championships, tournaments and challenge matches being played up and down the country. And even some training.

With over 4,000 registered players involved, as well as countless trainers, managers, sideline-men (and -women), mentors, maors, referees, umpires, physios, sponsors and supporters, the GAA in Australia is more than just a sporting association, it is a vibrant movement of community activity.

On this 50th anniversary of its formation, I am delighted to congratulate everyone involved over the past half-century for the gaisce mór that you have achieved, and continue to achieve, for the benefit of all Irish people in Australia, as well as the many non-Irish people attracted to our games.

I offer a particular word of thanks to the organisers of this year's championships: the Executive Committee of Australasia Gaelic Games; Gaelic Games Victoria;



and the committee and members of Gaelic Park, our hosts in Keysborough.

Finally, I also wish to extend a very warm welcome to visiting dignitaries from Ceannaras, in particular Uachtarán CLG, Jarlath Burns (who is having a big year); President, Micheál Naughton and CEO, Helen O'Rourke of the Ladies Gaelic Football Association; and President, and CEO of the Camogie Association, Sinéad McNulty, It is fantastic that the GAA leadership comes to visit us in Australia and it underlines how important the Australasia association is within the GAA family.

Beir bua gach éinne

### Tim Mawe

Ambassador of Ireland to Australia







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### **AUSTRALASIA CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024**

# FIXTURES

### WEDNESDAY 2 OCTOBER - GROUP STAGE - DAY 1



**Women's Intermediate Football** 







**QUEENSLAND VS VICTORIA** 



**NEW SOUTH WALES VS WESTERN AUSTRALIA** 



**VICTORIA VS SOUTH AUSTRALIA** 



**CANTERBURY VS AUCKLAND** 



**VICTORIA VS NEW SOUTH WALES** 

Hurling	9AM
Hurling	10AM
Camogie	11AM
Men's Senior Football	12PM
Hurling	1.15PM
Hurling	2.30PM
Camogie	3.30PM
Men's Intermediate Football	4.30PM





**VICTORIA** VS QUEENSLAND



**NEW SOUTH WALES** 



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**VS NEW ZEALAND NEW SOUTH WALES** 

**VICTORIA** 



**VS VICTORIA** 





**NEW SOUTH WALES VS QUEENSLAND** 





**NEW SOUTH WALES VS WESTERN AUSTRALIA** 





**VS NEW ZEALAND WESTERN AUSTRALIA** 







**VICTORIA VS QUEENSLAND** 

**VS VICTORIA** 

### **AUSTRALASIA CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024**

# **FIXTURES**

### **THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER - GROUP STAGE - DAY 2**

9AM	Women's Intermediate Football		VS	GUINE DESTRUCT	SOUTH AUSTRALIA VS AUCKLAND
10AM	Men's Intermediate Football		VS	S S	VICTORIA VS CANTERBURY
11AM	Men's Intermediate Football	R W	VS		SOUTH AUSTRALIA VS QUEENSLAND
12PM	Women's Senior Football	NSWGAA	VS		NEW SOUTH WALES VS VICTORIA
1.15PM	Women's Senior Football		VS	CAACIDA	QUEENSLAND VS WESTERN AUSTRALIA
2.30PM	Women's Intermediate Football	R W	VS		SOUTH AUSTRALIA VS VICTORIA
3.30PM	Men's Intermediate Football	R W	VS		SOUTH AUSTRALIA VS CANTERBURY
4.30PM	Men's Intermediate Football		VS	GALLE TROTTALL	QUEENSLAND

**VS AUCKLAND** 

**VS QUEENSLAND** 

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9AM	Hurling	VS VS	VS WESTERN AUSTRALIA
10AM	Camogie	VS NSWCAA	WESTERN AUSTRALIA VS NEW SOUTH WALES
11AM	Men's Senior Football	VS O	QUEENSLAND VS VICTORIA
12PM	Hurling	NSWGAA	NEW SOUTH WALES VS VICTORIA
1.15PM	Hurling	VS VS	QUEENSLAND VS NEW ZEALAND
2.30PM	Camogie	VS W	WESTERN AUSTRALIA VS VICTORIA
3.30PM	Men's Senior Football	vs 🐼	NEW SOUTH WALES

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### **AUSTRALASIA CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024**

# **FIXTURES**

### FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER - GROUP STAGE - DAY 3

9AM	Women's Intermediate Football		VS	GUING INSTRUM A FAMILIES	VICTORIA VS AUCKLAND
10AM	Men's Intermediate Football	GMIN PONTALL A MALIER	VS	S. C.	AUCKLAND VS SOUTH AUSTRALIA
11AM	Men's Intermediate Football	S C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C	VS		CANTERBURY VS QUEENSLAND
12PM	Women's Senior Football	The second of	VS		VICTORIA VS WESTERN AUSTRALIA
1.15PM	Women's Senior Football	NSWGAA	VS		NEW SOUTH WALES VS QUEENSLAND
2.30PM	Women's Intermediate Football	No.	VS	GULE INTENT	SOUTH AUSTRALIA VS AUCKLAND
3.30PM	Men's Intermediate Football		VS	GULK TYUKUI A TIMBI MO	VICTORIA VS AUCKLAND

PITCH 2

9AM	Hurling	VS VS	VICTORIA VS WESTERN AUSTRALIA
10AM	Men's Senior Football	VS NSWGAA	VICTORIA VS NEW SOUTH WALES
11AM	Camogie	NSWG4A	NEW SOUTH WALES VS VICTORIA
12PM	Hurling	NSWG4A	NEW SOUTH WALES VS QUEENSLAND
1.15PM	Hurling	VS VS	WESTERN AUSTRALIA VS NEW ZEALAND
2.30PM	Men's Senior Football	VS VS	VICTORIA VS QUEENSLAND
3.30PM	Camogie	NSWG4A	NEW SOUTH WALES VS WESTERN AUSTRALIA



**SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER - DAY 4** 

# FINALS FIXTURES

**AUSTRALASIA CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024** 

9AM	PITCH 1	WOMEN'S INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL
10AM	PITCH 2	CAMOGIE
11AM	PITCH 1	MEN'S INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL
12PM	PITCH 2	MEN'S SENIOR FOOTBALL
1.15PM	PITCH 1	WOMEN'S SENIOR FOOTBALL
2.30PM	PITCH 2	HURLING





- 1. Men's intermediate football and hurling competitions have five teams. Each team will play everyone once. Group games will be 20 minutes a half.
- 2. Camogie, men's senior football, and women's intermediate football competitions have three teams. Each team will play everyone twice. Group games will be 20 minutes a half.
- 3. The women's senior football competition has four teams. Each team will play everyone once. Group games will be 25 minutes a half.
- 4. 2 points for a group game win.
- 5. 1 point for a group game draw.
- 6. 0 points for a group game loss.
- 7. The top two teams in the group progress to the final.
- 8. If teams finish with equal points in the group stage, the tie will be decided by the following means in the order specified:
  - Scoring difference (subtracting the scores against from the scores for).
  - Highest total score for.
  - Where only two teams are involved the outcome of the previous meeting of the two teams in the competition.
  - Scoring average divide total score against into total scores for.
- 9. If a team is disqualified or retires during the group stage, the team's played games will stand and their unplayed games will be awarded to the opposing teams.
- 10. All finals will be 30 minutes a half.
- 11. If a final ends in a draw, extra time will be played. If extra-time ends in a draw, a penalty shootout will be used to decide a winner five each followed by sudden death, if required.

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 where friendships flourish, and lifelong
 bonds are formed. Here's to the next
 50 years of unity and connection.









# TEAMS & COMPETITIONS

### **AUSTRALASIA CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024**

WOMEN'S SENIOR FOOTBALL

New South Wales Queensland Victoria

Western Australia

MEN'S SENIOR FOOTBALL

New South Wales Queensland Victoria WOMEN'S INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL

Auckland South Australia Victoria

MEN'S INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL

Auckland
Canterbury
Queensland
South Australia
Victoria

CAMOGIE

New South Wales Victoria Western Australia

HURLING

New South Wales New Zealand Queensland Victoria Western Australia





## **NEW SOUTH WALES**

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### NAME

- 1. Ellen O'Brien
- 2. Niamh Moore
- 3. Rachel Monaghan
- 4. Alicia McGuigan
- 5. Ciara Scott
- 6. Méabh McGleenan
- 7. Eadaoin Fox
- 8. Sarah Bohannon
- 9. Emer Heaney
- 10. Aisleen Cunningham
- 11. Laura Gallagher
- 12. Una Galligan
- 13. Aoife Connolly
- 14. Emma Troy
- 15. Niamh Kelly
- 16. Ciara O'Malley
- 17. Nicole Mulholland
- 18. Orlaith Higgins
- 19. Orla Mc∆teer
- 20. Katelyn Hickey
- 21. Amy Turpin
- 22. Zoe Fitzmaurice

### **AUSTRALASIA CLUB**

Craobh Phadraig

Craobh Phadraig

Penrith Gaels

Penrith Gaels

Penrith Gaels

Cormac McAnallens

Cormac McAnallens

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Michael Cusacks

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**Central Coast** 

Young Irelands

Central Coast

Cormac McAnallens

### **IRELAND CLUB & COUNTY**

Adamstown, Wexford

Kilmore, Wexford

Drumcliffe/Rosses Point, Sligo

Galbally Pearses, Tyrone

St Rynaghs, Offaly

Aodh Ruadh Dungannon, Tyrone

Sperrin Óg, Tyrone

Cúil Gaels, Clare

Ballymore, Longford

Killybegs, Donegal

Glenswilly, Donegal

Crosserlough, Cavan

Garrycastle, Westmeath

Boardsmill, Meath

Bennekerry Tinryland, Carlow

Fergus Rovers, Clare

Teconnaught, Down

Castleknock, Dublin

Baile na nGalloglach, Donegal

St Michael's, Cork

Glanmire, Cork

Castleknock, Dublin



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## **QUEENSLAND**



NAME	AUSTRALASIA CLUB	IRELAND CLUB & COUNT
2. Jessica Mackie	Easts Celts	The Rock, Tyrone
3. Sinéad Mooney	Brisbane Harps	Tourlestrane, Sligo
4. Tierna Maguire	Brisbane Harps	Mullabrack, Armagh
5. Christine Quinn	Brisbane South	Mohill, Leitrim
6. Ellen Campbell	Easts Celts	St Nauls, Donegal
7. Claire Higgins	John Mitchels	Ardrahan, Galway
8. Edel Kelly	Easts Celts	Dromahair, Leitrim
9. Hayley Breen	Brisbane Souths	O'Toole's, Dublin
10. Rachel Gargon	Brisbane Harps	Kingscourt Stars, Cavan
11. Gráinne McCann	Brisbane Harps	Killclogher, Tyrone
12. Maeve Lappin	Brisbane Harps	Middletown, Armagh
13. Laurissa O'Neill	Brisbane Souths	Derrylaughan, Tyrone
14. Finola Keely	Brisbane Souths	St Thomas, Galway
15. Tammy Hennessy	Easts Celts	Carnew. Wicklow
16. Michaela Walsh	Easts Celts	Lisdowney, Kilkenny
17. Laura Carroll	Cairns Chieftains	Kiltimagh, Mayo
18. Róisín Healy	John Mitchels	Kilcommon Mavo
19. Aoife Nic a Bháird	Townsville Wolfhounds	
	Brisbane Souths	Éire Óg, Cork
20. Niamh Foley 21. Eabhnait Ní Scannláin	Gold Coast Gaels	Piltown, Kilkenny
		Duagh, Kerry
22. Colene McGrath	Easts Celts	Glengin, Donegal
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### **MANAGER**

Brendan Tierney Brisbane Youths Breaffy, Mayo

### COACH

Jam Tierney Brisbane Youths

### **VICTORIA**



NAME	AUSTRALASIA CLUB	IRELAND CLUB & COUNTY

<ol> <li>Lara Reynold</li> </ol>	ıs
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2. Ciara Cassidy

3. Cliodhna Doherty

4. Shauna Stevenson

5. Therese McCafferty

6. Anna Healy

7. Megan Conlon

8. Lisa Loughnane

9. Jane Moore

10. Shannon Conlon

11. Joyce Dunne

12. Niamh O'Neill

13. Aoibheann Flynn

14. Mairi Moynihan

15. Niamh Kearnev

16. Naoimhín Dalv

17. Áine Bennett

18. Leona Corr

19. Aoibhínn Henderson

20. Maeve O'Halloran

21. Emma Finlay

22. Orla McGonigle

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Sinn Féin

**Padraig Pearses** 

**Padraig Pearses** 

Sinn Féin

Sinn Féin

St Kevin's

**Padraig Pearses** 

Padraig Pearses

Sinn Féin

St Kevin's

**Wolfe Tones** 

Dunshaughlin Royal Gaels, Meath

Tempo Maguires, Fermanagh

Saval, Down

Killeeshil, Tyrone

Termon, Donegal

Park Ratheniska, Laois

Latton, Monaghan

Kilkishen O'Callaghans Mills, Clare

St Brigids, Laois

Latton, Monaghan

Sarsfields, Laois

Sperrin Óg (Greencastle), Tyrone

Ballinamore Seán O'Heslin's, Leitrim

Lucan Sarsfields, Dublin

Spa Killarney, Kerry

Irvinestown St Molaise, Fermanagh

Oldcastle, Meath

Parnells, Dublin

Clann Eireann, Armagh

Adare, Limerick

Shanahoe, Laois

Gaeil Fhánada, Donegal

MANAGER

Claire Ryan Sinn Féin Cashel, Tipperary

**COACHES** 

Niall Murray Padraig Pearses

Sinn Féin

Dohenys, Cork

Kill, Waterford



**Conor Hennessy** 

PHYSIO/RECOVERY TEAM

**Aoife Kennedy** 

Jess Byrne

# WESTERN AUSTRALIA



NAME	AUSTRALASIA CLUB	IRELAND CLUB & COUNTY
1. Robyn Williams	Southern Districts	
2. Amy Langan	St Finbarr's	Corofin, Galway
3. Rachel Lyons	St Finbarr's	Aghamore, Mayo
4. Laura Basquel	Southern Districts	Ballyboden St. Endas, Dublin
5. Marie Corbett	Greenwood	Carnacon, Mayo
6. Arianna Bonner	St Finbarr's	Na Rossa, Donegal
7. Paula Faulkner	Morley Gaels	Baltinglass, Wicklow
8. Eva Higgins	St Finbarr's	Corofin, Galway
9. Natalie Prendergast	Morley Gaels	Louisburgh, Mayo
10. Aideen McKiernan	Morley Gaels	St Francis, Leitrim
11. Michaella Dunne	Western Shamrocks	St Gabriel's, Galway
12. Maud-Annie Foley	St Finbarr's	Coralstown/Kinnegad, Westmeath
13. Annie Duffy	St Finbarr's	Hollymount, Mayo
14. Aoife Norris	Morley Gaels	Naomh Molaoise, Offaly
15. Anna Kearney	St Finbarr's	All Saint's Ballymena, Antrim
16. Jenny O'Hara-Doyle	Western Shamrocks	Naomh Barróg, Dublin
17. Lisa Reynolds	Morley Gaels	Cloone/Keeldra Gaels, Leitrim
18. Sarah Everard	St Finbarr's	Moyle Rovers, Tipperary
19. Rosemary Courtney	Western Shamrocks	Donaghmoyne, Monaghan
20. Rebecca Smith	Morley Gaels	Cornafean, Cavan
21. Michelle Lynch	Greenwood	Cill Chomáin, Dublin
22. Clare O'Rourke	St Finbarr's	St Mochtas, Louth
23. Nicola Downey	Western Shamrocks	Saval, Down
TEAM MANAGEMENT		
Ronan Cullen	St Finbarr's	Fingallians, Dublin
Meadhbh Moloney	St Finbarr's	Corofin, Galway
Gary McCarthy	St Finbarr's	Carrick Emmett's, Monaghan
Mark McCrea	Morley Gaels	Naomh Bríd, Donegal





Skryne, Meath

St Finbarr's

St Finbarr's



# CAMOGIE

### CAMOGIE

## **NEW SOUTH WALES**



### NAME

- 1. Roisín Higgins
- 2. Chanice Corcoran
- 3. Maria Walsh
- 4. Niamh Black
- 5. Aisling Cunningham
- 6. Jackie Quigley
- 7. Katie Gallagher
- 8. Sadie Mai Rowe
- 9. Olivia Keehan
- 10. Anna Kinsella
- 11. Linda Collins
- 12. Oonagh Doyle
- 13. Niamh Fleming
- 14. Gráinne Egan
- 15. Orla Lowney
- 16. Katelyn Hickey
- 17. Áine Tangney
- 18. Siobhán Tangney
- 19. Leanne Foley
- 20. Lauren Keenahan

### **AUSTRALASIA CLUB**

Central Coast

Micheal Cusacks

Clan na Gael

Cormac McAnallens

Micheal Cusacks

Central Coast

Central Coast

Central Coast

Micheal Cusacks

Central Coast

Clan na Gael Central Coast

Central Coast

Clan na Gael Clan na Gael

Craobh Padraig

Clan na Gael

Clan na Gael

Central Coast

Clan na Gael

### **IRELAND CLUB & COUNTY**

Rathnure, Wexford

Celbridge, Kildare

Milford, Cork

Oranmore Maree, Galway

Killeedy, Limerick

Rathnure. Wexford

Oulart the Ballagh, Wexford

Butlerstown, Waterford

Ardrahan, Galway

Kilrush, Wexford

Courcey Rovers, Cork

Rathnure, Wexford

Mooncoin, Kilkenny

Shinrone, Offaly

Clonakilty, Cork

Blackrock, Cork

Craogh/Kilfinny, Limerick

Craogh/Kilfinny, Limerick

Rathnure, Wexford

St. Sinchills, Offaly



### MANAGER

Tomás Oakes Central Coast Kilr

Kilmessan, Meath

### CAMOGIE **VICTORIA**



NAME	AUSTRALASIA CLUB	IRELAND CLUB & COUNTY

1. Caoimhe Rice 2. Aleisha Malone 3. Sarah Keehan

4. Caroline Farrelly

5. Emma Barry 6. Aoife Keane

7. Ellie Dovle 8. Orla Beagan

9. Emma Casev 10. Niki Kaiser

11. Lauren Clarke

12. Laura Loughnane

13. Eimear Smyth 14. Eimear O'Reilly

15. Jen Hosford

16. Erin Hagan

17. Ella Moore

18. Rachel Sinnott

19. Ashling Lynskey

20. Ciara Kelly

21. Emma Cody

22. Elana Bradlev

Garryowen

Sinn Féin

Sinn Féin

Shamrocks

Shamrocks

Garryowen

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Shamrocks

Sinn Féin

Garryowen

Sinn Féin

Shamrocks

Garryowen

St Kevin's

St Cillian's, Tipperary

Corofin, Clare

Ardrahan, Galway

Butlerstown, Waterford

Celbridae, Kildare

Inagh-Kilnamona, Clare

Mount Leinster Rangers, Carlow

Lucan Sarsfields, Dublin

Sarsfields, Cork

Newmarket on Fergus, Clare

An Riocht, Down

Eyrecourt, Galway

St Brenda's Ballymacnab, Armagh

Courcey Rovers, Cork

Glen Rovers, Cork

Ballygalget, Down

Tullaroan, Kilkenny

Oulart the Ballagh, Wexford

Tooreen, Mayo

Kilcoole, Wicklow

Muine Bheag, Carlow

Éire Óa. Clare

TEAM MANAGEMENT

**Eoin O'Brien** William Abbott

Joe Ryan

**Suzy Power** Alisha Pvne Shamrocks

Sinn Féin

Sinn Féin

Sinn Féin

Garryowen

Windgap, Kilkenny

Borris in Ossory/Kilcotton, Laois

Camross, Laois

Carrickshock, Kilkenny

Kilmaley, Clare





### CAMOGIE

### WESTERN AUSTRALIA



1.	Kate	Marv	Cullinane

2. Roisín Cunningham

3. Áine O'Neill

4. Louise Curtin

NAME

5. Neamh Curtin

6. Áine Kirby

7. Denise Cagney

8. Eileen McElroy

9. Siobhán Hutchinson

10. Áine Cunningham

11. Samantha Coomey

12. Aisling Lee

13. Maire Kirby

14. Mikaela Keyes

15. Ciara Lohan

16. Emily Kealey

17. Aislinn Craig

18. Emma Ashe

19. Katelynn Phelan

20. Rebecca Haberlin

21. Mary Cunningham

**AUSTRALASIA CLUB** 

St Gabriel's

St Gabriel's

Western Swans

Western Swans

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St Gabriel's

Killeagh, Cork
Killeedv. Limerick

Rathcoffev. Kildare

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Ballybrown, Limerick

Ballybrown, Limerick

Na Fianna CLG. Meath

Newtownshandrum, Cork

Castleblaney, Monaghan

Eire Og, Cork

Killeedy, Limerick

Ballincollig, Cork

Kinsale, Cork

Na Fianna, Meath

Ballybrown, Limerick

Cappataggle, Galway

Kildalkey, Meath

Wolfe Tones Bellaghy, Derry

Larne, Antrim

Piltown, Kilkenny

Kilmacow, Kilkenny

Killeedy, Limerick

**MANAGER** 

Ciara Sheils Western Swans Laragh UTD, Cavan

**COACHES** 

Andrea Mangan

**Gary Lally** 

Lee Murphy

Western Swans St Gabriel's

St Gabriel's

St. Catherine's, Cork

Padraig Pearse's, Galway

Padraig Pearse's, Galway

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# WOMEN'S INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL



### WOMEN'S INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL

### **AUCKLAND**



1.	Sophie	Loughran

- 2. Katie McGrath
- 3. Elaine Murray
- 4. Sarah Griffin

NAME

- 5. Jenna Donohoe
- 6. Eimear O'Rourke
- 7. Yvonne Gill
- 8. Jemma McNultv
- 9. Tanya Flynn
- 10. Róisín Kelly
- 11. Lauren Clancy
- 12. Louise Conway
- 13. Siofra Dunne
- 14. Orna Walsh
- 17. Niamh Cahill
- 18. Angela Byrne
- 19. Breda Mangan
- 20. Alison Healy
- 22. Wyllowe Poata
- 23. Helen Mangan

### **AUSTRALASIA CLUB**

- St Patrick's Emerald City
- St Patrick's Emerald City
- St Patrick's Emerald City
- Harps
- Harps
- Harps
- Harps
- Harps
- St Patrick's Emerald City
- St Patrick's Emerald City
- **Marist Rangers**
- St Patrick's Emerald City
- St Patrick's Emerald City
- St Patrick's Emerald City
- Celtic
- Celtic
- Harps
- Marist Rangers
- Celtic
- Harps

### **IRELAND CLUB & COUNTY**

- City : Antrim
  - Louth
  - Mayobridge, Down

St Colman's, Cork

- Moycullen, Galway
- Rosscarbery, Cork
- Roger Casement's, Warwickshire

Castlebar Mitchels, Mayo

- Cuala, Dublin
- St Michael's, Sligo
- Fermanagh
- Maynooth, Kildare
- Kilmaine, Mayo
- Auckland
- Belmullet, Mayo
- Kilshannig, Cork
- Auckland



MANAGER

Richie Crehan Celtic Ratoath, Meath

### WOMEN'S INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL

### **SOUTH AUSTRALIA**



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NAME	AUSTRALASIA CLUB	IRELAND CLUB & COUNTY

	1.	Karina	Heinson
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2. Chloe Millbrook

3. Kate Fenton

4. Alex Beaton

5. Anita Doecke

6. Rebecca Higgins

7. Siena Covino

8. Noe Llamas Gomez

9. Amy Jones

10. Holly Hays

11. Kathryn Hamill

12. Penny Rawinski

13. Jacqui Schar

14. Aoife O'Connell

15. Jess van der Wal

16. Lauren Frost

17. Ashling O'Hara

18. Gaby Bentley

19. Paige Hays 20. Julia Bortoli

21. Eleni Vos

Celtic Flames

Irish Australians

Irish Australians

Celtic Flames

Irish Australians

Irish Australians

Flinders O'Neill

Celtic Flames

Na Fianna

Celtic Flames

Flinders O'Neill

Irish Australians

Irish Australians

Adelaide Shamrocks Adelaide Shamrocks

Flinders O'Neill

Adelaide Shamrocks

Flinders O'Neill

Celtic Flames

Irish Australians

Flinders O'Neill

**Antrim** 

Kerry

Shannon Gaels, Cavan

MANAGER/COACH

**Kate Fenton** Irish Australians

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**CELEBRATING 50 YEARS** 

# **VICTORIA**

COACHES
Niall Murray

**Conor Hennessy** 



NAME	AUSTRALASIA CLUB	IRELAND CLUB & COUNTY
1. Jackie Doyle	Garryowen	Clonee, Wexford
2. Ashley Maher	Garryowen	Clonmel Commercials, Tipperary
3. Rhona McDonagh	Garryowen	Kilbride, Roscommon
4. Bronagh McDermott	Sinn Féin	Errigal Ciarán, Tyrone
5. Rebecca Gamble	Wolfe Tones	Killeavy, Armagh
6. Alisha Lenehan	Padraig Pearses	St Marys Tulsk, Roscommon
7. Róisín Byrnes	Sinn Féin	Clonlara, Clare
8. Ciara Cahill	St Kevin's	Doora Barefield, Clare
9. Amy Troy	Padraig Pearses	Boardsmill. Meath
10. Whonita Hagan	Sinn Féin	Galbally Pearses, Tyrone
11. Bonnie Leitch	St Kevin's	Templeogue Synge Street, Dublin
12. Anne Sweeney	Padraig Pearses	Milltown, Kildare
13. Sue Kiernan	:	,
	Padraig Pearses Sinn Féin	Kilbeggan Shamrocks, Westmeath
14. Sheila Brady		Micheal Glaveys, Roscommon
15. Theima Sheehan	Padraig Pearses	Cahir, Tipperary
16. Niamh McCamphill	St Kevin's	Cuchullain Dunláthaí, Antrim
17. Aisling Barrett	Padraig Pearses	Corca Dhuibhne, Kerry
18. Kim White	Sinn Féin	St Sylvesters, Dublin
19. Laura Murphy	Padraig Pearses	Ardrahan, Galway
20. Niamh Darcy	St Kevin's	Clonguish, Longford
21. Katie Considine	Sinn Féin	Liscannor, Clare
MANAGER		
:	01	Outled Transport
Claire Ryan	Sinn Féin	Cashel, Tipperary



Dohenys, Cork

Kill, Waterford

**Padraig Pearses** 

Sinn Féin



# MEN'S SENIOR FOOTBALL



### MEN'S SENIOR FOOTBALL

# **NEW SOUTH WALES**



NAME

- 1. Stephen O'Sullivan
- 2. Eoin Finnegan
- 3. Cian Sheehan
- 4. Pauric McNicholl
- 5. Eoghan Bateman
- 6. Jack Bambrick
- 7. Eunan McAteer
- 8. Cormac Howley
- 9. Kieran Histon
- 10. Anthony Kidney
- 11. Diarmuid Larkin
- 12. Niall Kearns
- 13. Sam Duncan
- 14. Ciaran Keating
- 15. Colm Mannion
- 16. Evin Scanlon
- 17. Ciaran Tinnelly
- 18. James McCloskey
- 19. Ciaran Bradlev
- 20. Brian Donavan
- 21. Diarmuid Raffety
- 22. David Lynch

### **AUSTRALASIA CLUB**

Penrith Gaels

Michael Cusacks

Michael Cusacks

Cormac McAnallens

Clan Na Gael

Clan Na Gael

Penrith Gaels

Cormac McAnallens

Cormac McAnallens

Cormac McAnallens

Penrith Gaels

Cusacks

Penrith Gaels

Penrith Gaels

Bondi Gaels

Michael Cusacks

Young Irelands

Young Irelands

Young Irelands

Michael Cusacks

Penrith Gaels

Penrith Gaels

Templenoe, Kerry

Mountbellew-Moylough, Galway

**IRELAND CLUB & COUNTY** 

Newcastle West, Limerick

St Canice's Dungiven, Derry

Naas, Kildare

Ardclough, Kildare

Kickhams, Antrim

Round Towers Lusk, Dublin

Nemo Rangers, Cork

Passage West, Cork

Bellaghy, Derry

Sean McDermotts, Monaghan

Milltownpass, Westmeath

Skellig Rangers, Kerry

Mountbellew-Moylough, Galway

Naomh Barróg, Dublin

Ballyholland, Down

Robert Emmetts Slaughtneil, Derry

Erin's Own Cargin, Antrim

Monaleen, Limerick

St Colmcilles Grange, Armagh

St Malachys, Westmeath

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### TEAM MANAGEMENT

Donncha Lynch Barry Devine Clan Na Gael
Penrith Gaels

Allen Gaels, Leitrim

Cookstown Father Rocks, Tyrone

### MEN'S SENIOR FOOTBALL

# QUEENSLAND



# NAME

- 1. Ronan Geraghy
- 2. Harry Houlihan
- 3. Emmet Donaghy
- 4. Chris O'Neill
- 5. Mark Harley
- 6. Niall Sharkey
- 7. James Cullen
- 8. Marcus McElwee
- 9. Conor Flannery
- 10. Eric Casserly
- 11. Joey Fitzpatrick
- 12. Pa Meehan
- 13. Stephen Kearney
- 14. Cathal Molloy
- 15. Paddy O'Malley
- 16. Declan Cheasty
- 17. Brian Hogan
- 18. Shane Walsh
- 19. Cathal McKenna
- 20. Karl McGlynn

### **AUSTRALASIA CLUB**

- Easts Celts

  Easts Celts
- Brisbane Harps
- John Mitchels
- Fasts Celts
- Brisbane Harps
- **Easts Celts**
- Brisbane Harps
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- **Fasts Celts**
- Brisbane Harps
- Gold Coast Gaels
- Easts Celts
- John Mitchels
- Brisbane Harps
- **Easts Celts**
- John Mitchels
- Easts Celts
- John Mitchels
- JOHN MINCHE
- Easts Celts

### **IRELAND CLUB & COUNTY**

- Dunshauglin, Meath
- Hollywood, Wicklow
- Kilrea, Derry
- Moy, Tyrone
- Cloich Chean Fhaola, Donegal
- Glyde Rangers, Louth
- Trim. Meath
- Loup, Derry
- Round Towers Clondalkin, Dublin
- Dunshaughlin, Meath
- St Finbarr's, Cork
- Cahir, Tipperary
- Hollywood, Wicklow
- Clonmore, Armagh
- Éire Óg, Clare
- Ballyduff Lower, Waterford
- Lorrha Dorrha, Clare
- Piltown, Kilkenny
- St Colmcilles, Armagh
- Glenfin, Donegal

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### TEAM MANAGEMENT

**Tiernan Donohoe** 

Joey Fitzpatrick

John Mitchels

Brisbane Harps

Moy, Tyrone

St Finbarr's, Cork

# MEN'S SENIOR FOOTBALL **VICTORIA**



#### NAME **AUSTRALASIA CLUB IRELAND CLUB & COUNTY**

- 1. David Kirk
- 2. Agron Timlin
- 3. Carl Stewart
- 4. Cormac O'Neill
- 5. Connor Faulkner
- 6. Conor Gaffney
- 7. Denis Greaney
- 8. Dinny O'hÉallathe
- 9. Eoin Doonan
- 10. Eoin McCluskey
- 11. Eoghan Daly
- 12. Jason Boylan
- 13. Neil Flynn
- 14. Peadar Cody
- 15. Ronan Meehan
- 16. Ronan Carlin
- 17. Rvan Donoahue
- 18. Rvan Gillespie
- 19. Seán Forkan
- 20. Seamus Collins
- 21. Shane O'Connor
- 22. Stefan McKenna

- St Kevin's
- St Kevin's
- Padraia Pearses
- Sinn Féin
- Garryowen
- Padraia Pearses
- Garryowen
- Garryowen
- St Kevin's Padraia Pearses
- Sinn Féin
- St Kevin's
- **Wolfe Tones**
- Padraia Pearses
- **Wolfe Tones**
- Sinn Féin
- Padraia Pearses
- St Kevin's
- **Wolfe Tones**
- St Kevin's
- Garryowen
- Sinn Féin

- Magheracloone, Monaghan
- Knockmore, Mayo
- Clara, Offaly
- Omagh St Enda's, Tyrone
- Caherlistrane, Galway
- Drumreilly, Leitrim
- Athea, Limerick
- Micheál Breathnach, Galway
- Templeport, Cavan
- Éire Óg, Armagh
- Tullysaran, Armagh
- Belmullet, Mavo
- Maynooth, Kildare
- Rathgarogue Cushinstown, Wexford
- Belcoo O'Rahilly's, Fermanagh
- Ghleann Fhinne, Donegal
- Tulsk Lord Edwards, Roscommon
- Naomh Columba, Donegal
- Kiltimagh, Mayo
- Lissycasey, Clare
- Dromid Pearses, Kerry
- Dungannon Thomas Clarkes, Tyrone

### TEAM MANAGEMENT

Tom O'Connor

Michael McShane

**Diarmuid Vauahan** 

**Eamonn McCormack** 

**Kieran Flatley** 

St Kevin's

**Wolfe Tones** 

Garrvowen

**Wolfe Tones** 

**Wolfe Tones** 

Donaahmore/Ashbourne, Meath

Crossmaglen Rangers, Armagh

Bishopstown, Cork

St Aidans, Roscommon

Williamstown, Galway





# HURLING



### HURLING

# **NEW SOUTH WALES**

# onells G & K FANT'S COVE FTY LTD

### NAME

- 1. Eoin Purcell
- 2. Cathal Derivan
- 3. Seán O'Meara
- 4. Adam Butler
- 5. Dan Neven
- 6. Conor Kelly
- 7. Seán Gannon
- 8. Mark Walsh
- 9. Cian Bracken
- 10. Agron Power
- 11. Brian Cody
- 12. Brian Verlina
- 13. Odhran McKeever
- 14. Liam Dunne
- 15. Seán McAdam
- 16. Dylan Desmond
- 17. Dean Power
- 18. Jason Lynch
- 19. John O'Callaghan

### **AUSTRALASIA CLUB**

Craobh Phadraig

Michael Cusacks

Cormac McAnallens

Craobh Phadraig

Michael Cusacks

Cormac McAnallens

Craobh Phadraig

Cormac McAnallens

Michael Cusacks
Michael Cusacks

Craobh Phadraig

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Cormac McAnallens
Cormac McAnallens

Craobh Phadraia

Ordobit i fladialg

Cormac McAnallens

Cormac McAnallens

Michael Cusacks

Michael Cusacks

Michael Cusacks

### Mooncoin, Kilkenny

St Mary's Leixlip, Kildare

**IRELAND CLUB & COUNTY** 

Lorrha, Tipperary

The Village, Kilkenny

Cappataggle, Galway

Kevin Lynch's, Derry

Mooncoin, Kilkenny

Cloughduy, Cork

St Mary's Leixlip, Kildare

Caherline, Limerick

Ballyhale, Kilkenny

Cloughduv, Cork

Kevin Lynch's, Derry

Raheny, Dublin

Macdonagh's, Tipperary

Éire Óg, Cork

Caherline, Limerick

Feohanagh, Limerick

Castlemagner, Cork



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# NEW ZEALAND



### NAME

- 1. Niall Quinn
- 2. Ryan Ward
- 3. Ger Sheehan
- 4. Gary Browne
- 5. Eoghan Rutledge
- 6. Ronan Cahill
- 7. Seán Nolan
- 8. Kevin Lynch
- 9. Kieran Movnihan
- 10. Conleth McLarnon
- 11. Dan Butler
- 12. Keith Cleere
- 13. Tomás Griffin
- 14. Tadha Forde
- 15. John 'Bobs' Dalv
- 16. Seán McMahon
- 17. James Durkan
- 18. Graham Enright
- 19. Mark O'Brien
- 20. Mark McClatchey
- 21. Ruairí Conway

### **AUSTRALASIA CLUB**

Waimak Gaels, Canterbury

Waimak Gaels, Canterbury

St Patrick's Emerald City, Auckland

Harps, Auckland

Wellington/Hutt Valley

Celtic, Auckland

Wellington/Hutt Valley

St Patrick's Emerald City, Auckland

Waimak Gaels, Canterbury

Waimak Gaels, Canterbury

Celtic, Auckland

Wellinaton/Hutt Valley

St Patrick's Emerald City, Auckland

Marist Rangers, Auckland

Wellington/Hutt Valley

St Patrick's Emerald City, Auckland

St Patrick's Emerald City, Auckland

Wellington/Hutt Valley

Marist Rangers, Auckland

Wellington/Hutt Valley

Waimak Gaels, Canterbury

### **IRELAND CLUB & COUNTY**

Brosna Gaels, Offaly

Lavey, Derry

Cappamore, Limerick

Seán Mac Cumhaill's, Donegal

Na Fianna, Dublin

Clonea Power, Waterford

Half Way House Bunclody, Wexford

Sixmilebridge, Clare

Erin's Own. Cork

Ratoath, Meath

Celbridge, Kildare

Horeswood, Wexford

Annaghdown, Galway

Maynooth, Kildare

St Mary's, Cork

Cappamore, Limerick

Boardsmill, Meath

Ballincollig, Cork

Castlepollard, Westmeath

Abbeyside, Waterford



### COACH

Richie Crehan

Celtic, Auckland

Ratoath, Meath

### HURLING

Paul Kirwan
 Rob O'Callaghan

6. Conor Byrnes

7. Eoin Hourigan

8. Liam Hearne

9. Kaelan Power

10. Eric McKay

11. Brian Hogan

14. Justin Byrne

15. Liam Carev

17. Shane Walsh

19. Fiach Ó Loingsigh

16. Cúl Báire

18. Duine Eile

20. Will Heazle

22. Leo Morgan

21. Declan O'Kane

James Murtagh
 Mikey Barea

# **QUEENSLAND**



# NAME AUSTRALASIA CLUB 1. Conor Keane Emeralds Brisbane 2. Aaron Brennan Gold Coast Gaels Emeralds Brisbane

**Emeralds Brisbane** Gold Coast Gaels **Emeralds Brisbane Emeralds Brisbane** Na Fianna Brisbane **Emeralds Brisbane Emeralds Brisbane Emeralds Brisbane Emeralds Brisbane Emeralds Brisbane Emeralds Brisbane** Gold Coast Gaels **Emeralds Brisbane** Na Fianna Brisbane Na Fianna Brisbane **Emeralds Brisbane** Na Fianna Brisbane Na Fianna Brisbane Na Fianna Brisbane Na Fianna Brisbane

**IRELAND CLUB & COUNTY** Éire Óg, Cork Kilvon, Meath Ballyduff Lower, Waterford Éire Óg, Cork Inniscarra, Cork Murroe/Boher, Limerick Murroe/Boher, Limerick Graignamanagh, Kilkenny Bredagh, Down Boardsmill, Meath Lorrha, Tipperary Old Christians, Limerick Broadford, Kildare Cuala, Dublin Meath Tír na nÓa Piltown, Kilkenny Tír na nÓa Donaghmore-Ashbourne, Meath Butlerstown, Waterford Kevin Lynch's, Derry Naomh Gall, Antrim



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### MANAGER

**Liam O'Sullivan** Cu Chullains Brisbane Knockaderry, Limerick

Na Fianna Brisbane

### COACH

Fiach Ó Loingsigh Na Fianna Brisbane Donaghmore-Ashbourne, Meath

# VICTORIA

	NAME	AUSTRALASIA CLUB	IRELAND CLUB & COUNTY
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	NAME	AUSTRALASIA CLUB	IRELAND CLUB & COUNTY	
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21.	James Hammersly	Wolfe Tones	Clonulty Rossmore, Tipperary	
22.	Dom Costigan	Shamrocks	Cratloe, Clare	
23.	Ger Powell	Geelong Gaels	Clonlara, Clare	
24.	Adrian Sheridan	St Kevin's	Wolfe Tones, Longford	All parce
25.	Conor Relihan	St Kevin's	Newcastle West, Limerick	ne.
26.	Conor Thompson	Wolfe Tones	Clonkill, Westmeath	
27.	Liam Molloy	Shamrocks	Gorey, Wexford	
28.	James Warren	Shamrocks	Newmarket on Fergus, Clare	
29.	Eanna Mulvihill	Wolfe Tones	Parteen-Meelick, Clare	
30.	Conor Frisby	Wolfe Tones	Mullinavat, Kilkenny	



Sean O'Leary	Garryowen	Watergrasshill, Cork
Martin Phelan	Wolfe Tones	Lisdowney, Kilkenny
Eanna Mulvihill	Wolfe Tones	Parteen-Meelick, Clare
Darren Murphy	Garryowen	Oulart the Ballagh, Wexford
Phillip O'Kane	Wolfe Tones	Erin's Own Lavey, Derry





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5. Kevin Palmer

6. Jack Reck

7. Cormac Dunphy

8. Patrick (Pa) Carroll

9. Jack Lyons

10. Jack McMahon

11. Niall Barry Murphy

12. Seán Kenny

13. Sam Lawless

14. Shane Murtaah

15. Cathal Bulfin

16. Conor Quinn

17. Elian Scanlon

18. Oisin Royston

19. Calum Lyons

20. Seán Buckley

21. Niall Weir

22. Pat Morrissev

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St Gabriels

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Ferrybank, Waterford

Carrick Swan, Tipperary

De la Salle, Waterford

Kilnadeema-Leitrim, Galway

Blackrock, Limerick

Oylegate-Glenbrien, Wexford

Ballyduff Lower, Waterford

South Liberties, Limerick

Ballyduff Lower, Waterford

Ringtown, Westmeath

Aghabullogue, Cork St Rynaghs, Offaly

Ferrybank, Waterford

Ringtown, Westmeath

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Dunhill, Waterford

Broadford, Kildare

Portumna, Galway

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- 3. James Durkan
- 4. Robert Beirne
  5. Dermot Gleeson
- 6. Shane Galloaly
- 7. Daire Morrin
- 8. Dan Butler
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- Cian McQuillan
   Jordan Pender
- 10. Joidan Fende
- 11. Eoin Rice
- 12. Brendan Mullen
- 13. Dominic McFaul
- 14. Craig Mooney
- 15. Éanna Corry
- 16. Mark O'Brien
- 17. Paddy Doherty
- 18. Garv Browne
- 19. Ronan Cahill
- 20. Kevin McLoughlin
- 21. Tomás Griffin
- 22. Oisín Coleman

### **AUSTRALASIA CLUB**

- **Marist Rangers**
- St Patrick's Emerald City
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- Celtic
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- St Rynagh's Hurling Club, Offaly
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- Fuerty, Roscommon
- Bellaghy Wolfe Tones, Derry
- Celbridge, Kildare
- Oranmore Maree, Galway
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- Westmeath
- Bun an Phobail, Donegal
- Seán Mac Cumhaill, Donegal
- Clonea Power, Waterford
- Manor Kilbride, Wicklow
- Annaghdown, Galway
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COACH

Richie Crehan Celtic Ratoath, Meath

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# **CANTERBURY**



### NAME AUSTRALASIA CLUB IRELAND CLUB & COUNTY

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2. Harry Staunton

3. Damien Dunne

4. Brian O'Driscoll

5. Rory Lawn

6. Oisín O'Toole

7. Cathal Brohan

8. Jason Earley

9. Eoin Donegan

10. Damien O'Grady

11. Darren Costello

12. Jamie Woods

13. Michael Lynn

14. Shane Flanagan

15. Christy Conlon

16. Dylan Guihen

17. Ben Nyhan

18. Colm Brennan

19. Leon Doherty

20. Adam Cunningham

21. Liam Purcell

22. Brian Kelly

McKennas

Rakaia

Waimak Gaels

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McKennas

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Meelick Eyrecourt, Galway

Doneraile, Cork

Pettigo, Fermanagh

Dromard, Longford

Balla, Mayo

Abbeylara, Longford

Wolfe Tones, Meath

Burrishoole, Mayo

Denn, Cavan

Lisgoold, Cork

Ardboe, Tyrone

Aughawillan, Leitrim

Aghamore, Mayo

Shannon Gaels, Cavan

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# **VICTORIA**



#### **AUSTRALASIA CLUB IRELAND CLUB & COUNTY** NAME

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- 2. Shane Scott
- 3. Mark Grant
- 4. Ciarán Markev
- 5. Conlaoch Garvey
- 6. Aibhistín Ó Duibhgeanain
- 7. Brendan Murphy
- 8. Kieran Flatley
- 9. Jason Hogan
- 10. Ken Hogan
- 11. Dan Kelleher
- 12. Kieran Turner
- 13. Brian Norris
- 14. Liam Shier
- 15. Dan Malone
- 16. Eimhin Morrin
- 17. Colm O'Braonáin
- 18. Tom Hamilton
- 19. James McDonagh
- 20. Aidan Brogan
- 21. Dan Malone

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Westport, Mayo

St Johns, Down

Naomh Fionnbarra, Louth

Mullaahbawn, Armaah

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Cappincur, Offaly

Garristown, Dublin

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Breaffy, Mayo

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### **TEAM MANAGEMENT**

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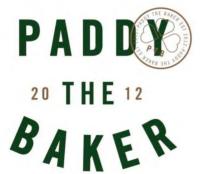
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# **AMENITIES & GROUND INFORMATION**

### **VENUE:**

GAELIC PARK, 324 PERRY ROAD, KEYSBOROUGH MELBOURNE VIC 3173

#### DATE:

WEDNESDAY 2 TO SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER 2024



#### **DRESSING ROOMS**

Teams will be allocated dressing rooms for each game. Please be prompt in changing and warming up as any delay will have an impact on the running and schedule of games. Your allocated dressing room before and after your games may be different, so you must bring all belongings with you.

### WARM-UP AREA

There will be a designated warm-up pitch available. See site map above. Do not use any other areas for your warmup.

#### MEDICAL INFORMATION

Activ8 Physio will be available to provide first aid. Playing injuries will take precedence over other physio services, such as strapping.



### **FOOD & BEVERAGE**

Jimmy O'Neill's food caterers will be serving food daily with set menus available for purchase.

The bar will also be open daily, with strict RSA rules in place. BYO is not permitted, due to licence agreements at Gaelic Park. Any BYO alcohol will be confiscated.

#### ADMISSION

There will be no admission fees from Wednesday 2 October to Friday 4 October. There will be a \$10 fee on Saturday 5 October for finals day. This does not apply to players and mentors.

# **STAY INFORMED**

### **ONLINE**

We will be covering the tournament throughout the week on our website and social media channels. Saturday's finals will be livestreamed on our Facebook page and our YouTube channel free of charge.

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Facebook: @gfhaaustralasia (Finals livestreamed here on Saturday 5 October)

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**Director** - Matthew Doecke, South Australia

Director - Tom Murphy, Western Australia

Director - Emma O'Neill, Tasmania

Director - Davey Rynne, Wellington

Director - Paul Sheehy, Victoria

### **UPCOMING AUSTRALASIA TOURNAMENTS**

### Australasia Regional Games - Tasmania 2024

Tasmania will host the sixth edition of the Australasia Regional Games at Rugby Park, Hobart on Saturday 16 November 2024.

Held annually, the Gaelic football competition caters to Australasia teams in regional areas, as well as teams with mostly non-Irish-born players.

The competition has grown in prestige and popularity year-on-year since its debut in Tasmania in 2017. We're looking forward to heading back across the Bass Strait for another thrilling day of Gaelic football this November

#### Australasia Feile - Perth 2025

The Australasia Féile tournament will take place at Tom Bateman Sporting Complex, Perth from Saturday 8 to Sunday 9 March 2025.

It's set to be the largest Gaelic games national youth tournament to date, with teams from across Queensland, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia participating. It will be the second edition of the competition, with the first games played in Adelaide in 2023.

### **GALA BALL**

### Australasia Championships 2024 Gala Ball

We will be celebrating a great championship and our 50th anniversary with a gala ball at Zinc, Federation Square, Melbourne from 6.30 to 11pm on Saturday 5 October. The band Zeon will be playing, and competition All-Stars will be presented – it promises to be a great night.



MAIN GROUNDS: Moire Park

**COLOURS:** Blue, black

**CURRENT CLUBS:** Celtic, Harps, Marist Rangers, St Pat's Emerald

City

Auckland GAA is the governing body for Gaelic games in the Auckland region in the North Island of New Zealand. The largest New Zealand affiliate, the association has over 150 playing members across four clubs, who regularly compete in local and national competitions.

#### **EARLY DAYS OF AUCKLAND GAA**

Possibly the most renowned historical figure associated with Gaelic games and Auckland is Archbishop Thomas Croke. Croke served as Catholic bishop of Auckland from 1870 to 1874, and although there are no records of his involvement in Gaelic games in the city, he went on to become one of the founding patrons of the GAA in Ireland. Today, of course, he continues to be honoured by that famous stadium that bears his name.

Gaelic games have been played on an organised basis in Auckland since 1949. Under the Auckland Irish Society's guidance, the games flourished post World War II. In 1950, Auckland, Wellington, and Christchurch fielded teams at the annual Feis of the Irish societies in Christchurch, marking the beginning of regular provincial games. Each Feiseanna thereafter featured

representative teams in football and hurling right up until the early 2020s when the competition was disrupted by COVID.

A pivotal year for Gaelic games in the region was 1953 when a power station construction in Meremere led to the formation of a Gaelic football team by Irish workers, resulting in the establishment of an independent association.

The 1950s and 60s saw a resurgence in the games, with the Auckland Rugby League providing a field at Cornwall Park.

While local and national games prospered in this period among Irish and Kiwis alike, we also had the good fortune of welcoming some overseas visitors. In 1959, the Kerry team who were on a world tour after winning their 21st All-Ireland title visited Auckland and played at Carlaw Park. The game was intense, with Kerry winning, but the Auckland team impressed the visitors. There were also some notable visits from New York in 1964, 1968, 1975, and later in 1997, organised by the doyen of New York GAA, John Kerry O'Donnell.



Auckland senior men's footballers – winners of the 1992 Australasia Men's Senior Football title in Adelaide.



St Pat's Emerald City women's footballers of Auckland (right) and Christchurch McKenna's at the 2024 New Zealand Championships in Queenstown. Photo credit: Australasia Gaelic Games

### **GOLDEN AGE IN AUSTRALASIA**

The 1980s saw our association affiliate with the Australasia association and our first participation in the Australasia Championships. We competed at our first championships in 1980 and hosted our first championships at Carlaw Park in 1985. In 1989, we claimed our first silverware winning the men's minor football title followed by wins in 1990 and 1991. This success was the result of years of hard work and foresight from when the first junior board was set up by Fr Leo Doyle in the early 1960s. The success at underage augured well for our adult teams and we enjoyed a fruitful period in the 1990s. Hosting the competition in 1991, our senior men's footballers fell short, but redeemed themselves a year later in Adelaide in 1992 to win Auckland first men's senior football title.

1996 saw the Australasian team travel to Ireland with four Auckland players in their line-up: Chris Connolly, Brendan McCahill, Frank Roberts, and Gerard Heffernan. The trip served them well as the following year in 1997 was our finest yet on the trans-Tasman stage. At the Australasia Championships in Wellington, we claimed a trio of titles, as our senior men's and women's teams and our men's minor football team were victorious. To top off a great year we concluded with a game against New York in Auckland, their first visit in 22 years.

Our last appearance at the Australasia Championships came when we hosted the tournament in 2010. After a lengthy hiatus, we're thrilled to have men's and women's teams lining out in this year's intermediate competitions, as well as several hurlers on the amalgamated New Zealand team. Here's hoping they can bring some trans-Tasman silverware back to Auckland.

### RECENT YEARS OF AUCKLAND GAA

The 2010s saw our focus shift to local and national competitions in New Zealand. Labour Weekend in October 2012 marked the inaugural New Zealand Championships held at Fowlds Park in Auckland. Teams from Auckland, Wellington, and the newcomers Canterbury competed fiercely.

The 2013 season saw the revival of hurling in Auckland, with Harps, St. Pat's, Celtic, and Marist competing in a summer sevens league. Football in Auckland reached its peak between 2010 and 2016, with five competitive teams: Harps, St. Pat's, Celtic, Marist, and Gaels, with Dublin All-Ireland winner and All-Star Rory O'Carroll lining out for Marist.

In early 2019, we hosted the New Zealand Championships where the late Mícheál Ó Muircheartaigh commentated on the men's football final. And it was more than fitting to have the legendary broadcaster call the game, which saw Marist Rangers land a last-minute goal to defeat cross-city rivals Celtic to win the national title.

Post-COVID, our association is rebuilding with a strong committee. Led by Shane Chambers, we have plans to develop a new ground in Massey West Auckland. The 2024/25 season will see the New Zealand Championships return to Auckland, with an event planned at the Irish Club to celebrate 50 years of GAA in Australasia. We're looking forward to the years ahead, and on expanding and improving Auckland GAA.

### MAIN GROUNDS:

Spreydon Domain

**COLOURS:** Blue, white, red

**CANTERBURY** 

**CURRENT CLUBS:** Christchurch McKennas; Christchurch Celtic Wolfhounds; Rakaia; Waimak Gaels

Canterbury Gaelic Athletic
Association is the governing body
for Gaelic games in the South
Island of New Zealand. Founded
in Christchurch in 2013, the
association caters for around 150
players, and it holds the distinction
of being the furthest official Gaelic
agmes association from Ireland.

### OPPORTUNITY OUT OF NATURAL DISASTER

Gaelic games have been played sporadically in Canterbury in New Zealand's South Island over the last century. But it wasn't until the 2010s that saw Gaelic games in the region really take hold. Significant earthquakes struck Canterbury in 2010 and 2011 - the February 2011 earthquake being particularly devastating. Tragically, 185 lives were lost, including Monaghan native Owen McKenna, and significant damage was caused to the city and its infrastructure.

However, out of tragedy arose opportunity as many people travelled to the region to help with the rebuild. This included a wave of young, enterprising Irish migrants. Naturally, GAA clubs in the 'Garden City' and surrounding areas quickly sprung up, including the Christchurch McKennas club, named in memory of Owen.

## A NEW ERA OF GAELIC GAMES IN NEW ZEALAND

Canterbury GAA was established in 2013 as the governing body for Gaelic games in the region. Since then, games have flourished with competitive local championships becoming a staple of the summer months in Christchurch and Rakaia.

Christchurch is the second largest city in New Zealand with a population of 480,000, and has a strong lish presence as demonstrated with our four GAA clubs, and a thriving Irish society at Spreydon Domain. Rakaia, a small town around 60km southwest of the city, is a hub for agriculture in the South Island making it ever a popular destination for Irish immigrants.

### GROWTH IN PLAYING NUMBERS AND GOING TRANS-TASMAN

The influx of Irish into the Canterbury region continued year on year through the mid-2010s to a high of nearly 200. We applied for and were accepted as an affiliate of Australasia Gaelic Games in 2015. Canterbury teams have remained successful at the New Zealand Championships up against traditional strongholds in Auckland and Wellington as well as the Australasia Championships (state games). We have enjoyed participation at the state games in Wellington (2015), Victoria (2018) and Brisbane (2019) across men's and women's football and hurling. Our men's football team reached the intermediate final in 2018 highlighting the progress made by the region in just a few short years.

### THE 2020s AND PLANNING FOR THE

COVID-19 has resulted in a decrease in new players coming into the Canterbury region. As we all remember, inter-region travel was much reduced and international travel was not possible. However, membership numbers have remained steady, even if the average playing age has seen quite the increase. Agricultural workers as always play a big part in the success of Canterbury GAA.

Many of our members have now started families and are interested in passing on the legacy of their Gaelic games. Much effort has been put into establishing and growing kids Gaelic games, and this effort has translated to a dedicated underage board who now provide a great service to the community.

### SEE YOU AT THE GAMES

We're looking forward to competing in this year's Australasia Championships with our men's intermediate football team, as well as some players lining out on the amalgamated New Zealand hurling team. The HIIT squad training, winter sprints and travel down to Rakaia have meant our squad are a tightknit bunch heading into this year's games.

We would like to thank our main sponsors MAG Civil Drainage, Gillion and Maher Plumbing, ProBuild Scaffolding for their support with the Australasia Championships and all who have helped fundraise for our teams.



### MAIN GROUNDS:

Monarch Fields, Ingleburn

**COLOURS:** Blue, navy, white

**CURRENT CLUBS:** Bondi Gaels, Central Coast, Clan na Gael, Cormac McAnallens, Craobh Phadraigh, Michael Cusacks, Penrith Gaels, Sydney Shamrocks, Young Irelands.

New South Wales Gaelic Athletic Association is the governing body for Gaelic games in the state of New South Wales. Based in Sydney, the state is home to nine clubs with over 1,700 players, making it the largest Australasia affiliate by playing numbers.

### History of NSW GAA

The New South Wales Gaelic Athletic Association (NSW GAA) was founded in 1949, with Fr. Peter Paul Galligan from Cavan serving as the first president. The first hurling and football games were played at the convenient location of Moore Park. Along with local games, we travelled to and hosted Victoria in annual interstate games from 1951. Women's football was introduced in the state in May 1987, and the first women's football team participated in the state games in 1995, winning the inaugural title. In Sydney in June 1974, after 45 years of NSW GAA, we were one of the founding members

of the Gaelic Athletic Association of Australia (GAA Australia), which expanded to Australasia in the 1980s.

#### **Future ambitions**

Like any community, we aspire to have a permanent home. Our current goal is to acquire our own grounds and clubhouse. Ingleburn has been a significant location for NSW GAA, providing great games and memories over the years, but unfortunately, it is not our own. Our chairman. Cóilin Daly, and his executive committee have been diligently working towards making this dream a reality. We remain hopeful for a positive outcome in the near future.

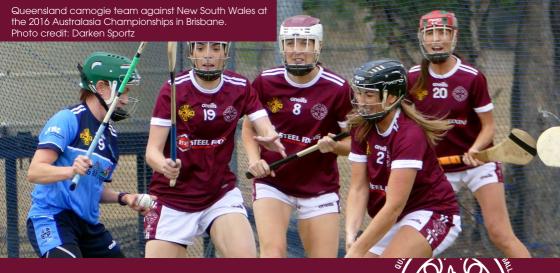
Developing underage games is a priority for us. With many of our members now starting families, they are eager to pass on their love for Gaelic games. We have put considerable effort into establishing and expanding underage Gaelic games in NSW. We're looking forward to a new GAA programme for kids in the Sydney region this October. Designed for children of all ages. the programme will run for four to six weeks, offering a fun and supportive environment for young athletes to learn the fundamentals of Gaelic games. Our goal is to nurture a passion for these traditional sports while promoting teamwork, fitness, and community spirit.

#### **Growth of NSW GAA**

Like many other states, we experienced a significant decline in new members due to COVID in 2020. Many members who had left for regional work were unable to return because of state border closures. Despite these challenges. we managed to stay connected and even held our own 'COVID Cup' tournament. This period of uncertainty tested us, but we supported each other and emerged stronger. Since then, NSW GAA has made remarkable progress, with a substantial influx of new members. We now have over 1,700 registered players, which is a remarkable achievement. Our leagues and championships are the most competitive they've been for many years, with seven competitions across the four codes.

#### Heading to the games

Our men's and women's senior football, and hurling and camogie teams are eagerly preparing for this year's Australasia Championships. We have a proud tradition at the state games, having competed at the first tri-state carnival in 1971, and the first official games in 1974. We're proud to hold the most championships across all codes, and we're current holders of the four senior championships, which we hope to defend in Gaelic Park, Best of luck to our teams, and thanks to all our generous sponsors and those who have supported fundraising efforts for our teams.



**MAIN GROUNDS:** 

Willawong

**COLOURS:** Maroon, white

QUEENSLAND

CURRENT CLUBS: Brisbane Harps, Brisbane Souths, Brisbane Souths, Brisbane Youths, Cairns Chieftains, Easts Celts, Emeralds Hurling, Gold Coast Gaels, John Mitchells, Na Fianna, Townsville Wolfhounds.

Queensland Gaelic Football & Hurling Association is the governing body for Gaelic games in the state of Queensland. The state has over 350 playing members across 10 clubs. Mostly based in state capital Brisbane, clubs have recently been established in the Gold Coast, Cairns and Townsville.

## EARLY DAYS OF GAELIC GAMES IN BRISBANE

The history of Gaelic games in Brisbane goes hand in hand with the history of the city itself. Records show that the first attempts to play Gaelic games in Brisbane go as far back as 1859. It was the very year that Queensland separated from New South Wales to become a colony in its own right.

From 1886 to 1928, there are reports of games being played. A feature of the 1887 St Patrick's celebrations was a hurling match between the Brisbane Hurling Club and a battery of the permanent defence forces. The unexpected opponents are explained by the annual report of the Commandant, which reveals that 21 of the 45 artillery members were lifsh. The game was played at the Brisbane Exhibition Ground in Bowen Hills in very wet conditions, with Brisbane Hurling Club winning three goals and two points to one goal.

### AN ASSOCIATION IS FORMED

Activity picked up in the 1960s when plans to build a new sewerage network were made by Brisbane City Council. This resulted in the arrival of many Irish contractors, most bringing their own crews, and many games were played on the field opposite St Vincent's Orphanage in Nudgee.

In 1972, a new group of Irish migrants came to Brisbane, and as a result, a regular game was organised each Sunday morning. In 1973, the group met at the Alliance Hotel in Spring Hill and officially formed the Brisbane GAA. It began with two teams and the occasional challenge game against New South Wales.

1975 saw us affiliate to the GAA of Australia and we changed our name to Queensland Gaelic Athletic Association. In 1975, a Queensland Gaelic football team travelled to Perth in Western Australia for our first Australian Championships. In 1977, we hosted our first Australian Championship at Coorparoo AFC.

### QUEENSLAND GAELIC GAMES GROWS

We secured a lease on grounds at Willawong from Brisbane City Council in 1981. The workload was increasing





Queensland hurlers against Western Australia at the 2016 Australasia Championships in Brisbane. Photo credit: Darken Sportz

for our association, as we started to develop a playing field and building a toilet block and two dressing rooms.

In 1983, with arowing numbers and improving facilities, we decided that the time had come to expand to four clubs. The division of the clubs was determined on geographical basis: Norths, Souths, Easts and West. At this point, a non-Irish contingent began playing, and this proved to be a huge success with the standard of football and resultant competitions improving immensely. In 1986, Sarsfield's Club was formed; this was followed in 1988 by the formation of John Mitchel's Club, Harps formed in 1992, and unfortunately, Norths folded around the same time. Work started on building the clubhouse at Willawong in 1989 and it was completed in 1990, almost entirely by volunteer labour. The association was so blessed with the volunteers who contributed their time to this project. Of the costs, \$40k was contributed by the Australian Government of the day; however, the balance was raised through a 'Buy A Brick' campaign, and community contributions via functions and other fundraisers.

1996 heralded the growth of the association with the first women's

football team being formed. The team travelled to Wellington, New Zealand in 1997 for the Australasia Championships. The success of women's football over the next decade was a credit to everyone involved.

1997 also saw us negotiate with Brisbane City Council to procure additional playing fields. Thanks to their support, we now have three full-standard playing fields, which has enabled us to host the Australasia Championships on seven occasions.

### **UPS AND DOWNS**

In more recent years, we have continued to see changes, many of which were unforeseen. With the devastating recession in Ireland and resulting flight of young Irish migrants to Australia, the influx of Irish players from 2008 onwards changed the dynamics of our association. We were not prepared to manage such huge numbers at this time, and were unable to take advantage of so much talent in such a short time. Time has shown that this was a missed opportunity to expand.

Our grounds at Willawong were unfortunate to be hit by the 2011 floods, with 2.3 metres of water settling on the fields and clubhouse.

Again, with thanks to the community, we did finally recover, and fulfilled a full program that year, including a family festival day, our regular playing season and the Australasia Championships. We won't forget 2011 for a long time.

Recent years in the state have been more positive with the addition of several clubs outside of Brisbane. In 2013, Gold Coast Gaels were established. They are now regular competitors in the Queensland championship, and on their 10-year anniversary in 2023, they claimed their first silverware at the Australasia Regional Games. 2022 saw the establishment of Brisbane Youths, a club focused on youth development in the state.

In the last two years, we have seen our games grow in the far north in Cairns and Townsville. Cheiftains' and Wolfhounds' progress has been quick, and the clubs have combined to form the Queensland men's intermediate football team at the 2024 Australasia Championships. We wish them and our men's and women's senior footballers, and hurlers the very best at the tournament.



MAIN GROUNDS: St Marys's Park

**COLOURS:** Red, blue, yellow

CURRENT CLUBS: Adelaide Shamrocks, Celtic Flames, Flinders O'Neills, Irish Australians, Na Fianna, Onkaparinga, St Brendan's, Western Ireland.

The Gaelic Football & Hurling Association of South Australia is the governing body for Gaelic games in the state of South Australia. With over 300 playing members across eight clubs, Gaelic football is the dominant sport in the state. The state is one of the only Australasian affiliates where the majority of players are Australian born.

### HISTORY

Founded in 1967, the Gaelic Football and Hurling Association of South Australia (GFHA SA) started with informal matches in Adelaide's parklands. By 1967, the GAA SA was officially established, securing a home ground at TK Shutter Reserve in Klemzig, 10km northeast of Adelaide. The strong Irish immigration during this period fostered a competitive environment with around six teams and 100-150 players annually. Our state played a key role in forming the Gaelic Athletic Association of Australia in 1974. Along with New South Wales and Victoria, we participated in the tri-state carnivals in the early 70s, which led to today's Australasia Championships and the formation of the official Australasia association. We participated in and hosted Australasia Championships in hurling and football, with a rise in non-Irish players in the mid-1980s. However, as Irish immigration declined and Australian Rules football grew in popularity, the association had to restructure in 1997, switching to a summer season and introducing a seven-a-side format.

In 1998, the GAA-SA moved to Brighton Rugby Club, 10km southwest of Adelaide, attracting new players and spectators. The revival included seven men's seven-a-side teams and women's Gaelic football. Support from Croke Park and the international rules series further boosted local interest.

By the 1999/2000 season, our association had expanded to 11-a-side games, with a membership peak of nearly 300. The 2000 Australasia Championships featured South Australian senior and minor teams, along with the first South Australian women's Gaellic football team. Since then, minor teams have won three championships, and men's and women's teams have frequently reached semi-finals and grand finals.

At its peak, our association had 10 men's teams and around 700 players. Today, it has seven men's teams and six women's teams. Despite challenges such as declining Irish migration, AFL's rise, and COVID's impact, our association remains successful, partly due to our strategic shift to summer competitions and strong local relationships.

### ST MARY'S PARK

St. Mary's Park, located 10km southwest of Adelaide in St. Mary's, is the hub for Gaelic games in South Australia. In 2001, we signed a five-year lease with the City of Mitcham for the park, which was



South Australia women's footballers at the 2022 Australasia Championships in Melbourne. Photo credit: An Astráil

shared with the Kenilworth Australian Rules Football Club. In 2006, the St Marys Park Sports Association Inc was formed to manage the facility. With support from the GAA in Ireland, the City of Mitcham, and the South Australian Government, a \$40,000 upgrade of the floodlights was completed in September 2001, allowing for night-time Gaelic football matches. The upgraded ground was officially opened by GAA President Seán McCague in October 2001.

Since then, the park has hosted numerous Gaelic football games, starting with 162 games from 2001 to 2002, and now accommodating nearly 200 games over four nights a week every summer. Lighting upgrades continued in 2003 and 2004, adding a sixth tower and extra lights.

In 2017, an extensive upgrade was undertaken thanks to John Schulz of the Kenilworth Football Club and support from federal and state ministers, the Mitcham Council, the Office of Recreation and Sport, and both park tenants. The \$4-million upgrade included new clubrooms, female-friendly changerooms, storage sheds, LED

lighting, an electronic scoreboard, an environmentally friendly carpark, and permanent goal post sleeves.

### WHERE WE ARE NOW

The South Australian Gaelic State League has long been a vibrant and strong competition. Our league benefits from the expertise of skilled Irish competitors, who teach traditional Gaelic techniques to Australians. Many newcomers, both men and women, find Gaelic football an enjoyable and accessible summer sport, offering a break from soccer, Aussie rules, netball, basketball, and hockey.

Despite a hiatus due to COVID, we continue to invest in our junior programme and actively engage with schools and local clubs to promote the game. We've presented at high school physical education conferences and run development sessions to raise awareness.

South Australia is committed to participating in the Australasia Championships. We welcome the recent introduction of the men's and women's intermediate competitions where we will again be competing at this year's competition. Our women's team won the women's senior

Australasia Championship in 2008
– a cherished achievement. Many
of our players have represented
Australasia at World Games and are
grateful to represent their country
internationally.

We are grateful for the pioneers of our sport in South Australia. Figures like Hannigan, Hanna, Farnan, Fry, McGuiness, Roe, Murphy, Lawlor, Ó'Donnell, Biggs, Dunne, Rankine, Francis, Floreani, and Conlon have greatly contributed to our association and the growth of Gaelic games in our state.



South Australia men's footballers at the 2019 Australasia Championships in Brisbane. Photo credit: Darken Sportz



MAIN GROUNDS: Ruaby Park

COLOURS: Green, vellow,

maroon

The Tasmanian Gaelic Football & Hurling Association is the governing body for Gaelic games on the island state of Tasmania. Established in the state capital of Hobart in 2007, it is the sole Gaelic games association on the 'Apple Isle' with over 63 members playing hurling, camogle, and mostly, Gaelic football.

### A CLUB IS BORN

The first meeting of the association took place at the New Sydney Hotel, Hobart. The inaugural committee included: Barbara Midelton (Belfast); Peter Bresnahan (Hobart); Emily Long (Hobart); Tom Bawle (Westmeath); Jill O'Moore (Cape Town); Seán O'Moore (Dublin); and Rob Howell (Hobart).

Seán O'Moore, our inaugural president, together with his able committee, set about laying the foundations for the club by sourcing grounds, equipment, goals, sponsorship and starting a comeand-try initiative to attract players.

Since its inception in 2007, activity has ebbed and flowed, as members come and go from the transient island across the Bass Strait. However, in recent years, registrations have been growing, with the 2023/24 season seeing our state's largest membership in years.

#### **OUR GAMES**

The smallest Australasia Gaelic Garnes affiliate, our main garnes are played in an intra-club mixed Gaelic football social league. The sevena-side competition is run in spring where four teams compete for the Kieran Middleton Cup: The Hobart Celts, Northern Shamrocks, Na Fianna and Bushrangers. Currently an adult competition, we hope to expand it to include a junior section one day.

This year, for the first time, we held a winter social series to encourage our members to get out and keep up their fitness during the cold winter months in Tasmania.

#### MARTIN MCMATHUNA CUP

A highlight of our calendar since 2007 has been the Martin McMathuna Memorial Cup Blitz. The cup is dedicated to an Irish Association of Tasmania member, who was a great friend to all founding members of the club and holds great meaning to all Tasmanian players.

Between 2007 and 2016 the cup was contested each November in a one-day biltz featuring interstate teams. Winners over the years have hailed from New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania. From 2017 to present day the cup has been contested by Tasmanian teams in a sevens biltz over St Patrick's Weekend.



Tasmania men's footballers at the 2023 Regional Games in Geelong. Photo credit: Australasia Gaelic Games

### INAUGURAL AUSTRALASIA REGIONAL GAMES

In November 2017, 10 years on from our foundation, we achieved a significant milestone as we hosted the inaugural Australasia Regional Games – our first Australasia Gaelic Games-affiliated competition with interstate competitors. The hosting of the games was spearheaded by Alan Whykes, who made a tremendous contribution to our association in the years leading up to the competition, and who also represented us at Australasia level where he served as PRO in recent years.

The fournament was a great success and is now played annually across Australasia. A Gaelic football tournament, it is perfectly suited to clubs like ours as it caters to teams in regional areas, as well as teams with mostly non-Irish-born players. We're thrilled to welcome teams from across Australia back to the Island

on 16 November for the 2024 edition of the tournament. It should be a fantastic weekend of sport, culture and music.

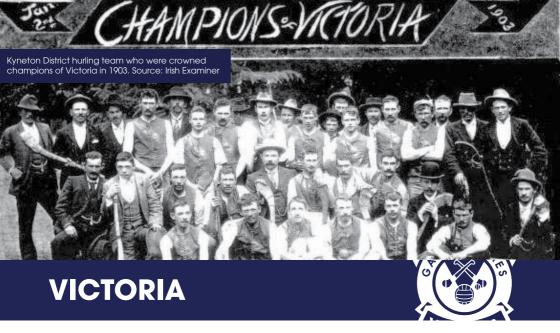
### LOOKING AHEAD

Our annual seven-a-side league continues to develop, and with record numbers, it is at its most competitive yet. Our winter games, too, have been a popular addition to our calendar. This recent growth is thanks in large part to a new generation. Triona O'Neill stewarded the association from 2017 through to 2021 in various roles, including president, and has been instrumental in reviving our activity – from a few players having casual kick-arounds to a thriving an annual four-team mixed sevens league.

Triona's sister Emma assumed the leadership role in 2022, and Emma has built on her sibling's progress in terms of activities and player numbers. Emma is the first representative of the TGFHA to sit as a vice president on the Australasia Gaelic Games Council. She is also now a director of Australasia Gaelic Games along with her mainland counterparts, ensuring that the TGFHA remains well connected with the activity of the overall association.



Tasmania men's footballers at the 2023 Regional Games in Geelong. Photo credit: Australasia Gaelic Games



### **MAIN GROUNDS:**

Gaelic Park; RMIT University; Albert Park

**COLOURS:** Navy, white

### CURRENT CLUBS: Ballarat

Clovers, Garryowen, Geelong Gaels, Melbourne Shamrocks, Naarm Gaels, Padraig Pearses, Peninsula Harps, Sinn Féin, St Kevin's, Wolfe Tones, Youna Melbourne.

Gaelic Games Victoria was established in 2020 and is the current governing body for Gaelic games in the state of Victoria. The state has 11 clubs, most of which are based in the Melbourne metropolitan area with clubs also based in regional centres. By the end of the 2024 season, the state's playing membership peaked to 1,151, making it the second largest Australasia affiliate by playing numbers.

## THE CRADLE OF GAELIC GAMES IN AUSTRALASIA

Many of the earliest accounts of Gaelic games in Australasia originate from Victoria in the 19th century. Gaelic football games are said to have been played in the Colony of Victoria as early as the 1840s. In the years following the Great Famine, hurling also flourished. As Australlan rules football was being codified, Irish emigrants similarly formalised the rules for hurling.

In 1863, a set of hurling rules was published in the Geelong Advertiser, coinciding with a St Patrick's Day game. By 1878, according to Dr. Pat Bracken of Thurles, the Victorian Hurling Association adopted a set of rules from the Lauriston Hurling Club – six years before the foundation of the GAA. These rules served clubs in Melbourne, Kyneton, Collingwood, Brighton, Prahran, and Richmond.

Hurling and Gaelic football continued into the 20th century, with a notable increase in Irish migrants following World War II leading to the establishment of several present-day clubs, Sinn Féin, St Kevin's, Geelong, and Garryowen were all founded in the 1950s. This decade also marked Victoria's first interstate competition. with games against New South Wales starting in 1951 - a rivalry that continues across all codes today. Our state also participated in the first tri-state carnival in 1971 and was a founding member of the Australasian association in 1974.

Notable visits from teams from Ireland include a match in March 1968, where reigning All-Ireland football

champions Meath played an Australian selection at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. In 1981, the great four-in-a-row Kerry team, played a state selection at Gaelic Park.

### SOME NOTABLE FIGURES IN VICTORIA

Born in Ballinakill, County Galway, Paddy Fitzgerald (1941–2023) moved to Corragnoe, County Clare at age 2. At 18, he emigrated with his brother Tom to Melbourne in 1959.



Victoria women's footballers at the 2022 Australasia Championships in Melbourne. Photo credit: An Astráil



Paddy joined Sinn Féin GAA and excelled in hurling and football, later coaching both teams.

He played a crucial role in securing Gaelic Park for the Irish community in Victoria, using his house as collateral and helping to lay its foundations in 1983. The Fitzgerald family was deeply involved in Irish culture; all nine children played traditional music, and several excelled in Gaelic games. Paddy's sons represented Victoria in Australian interstate carnivals, and his grandsons also played for Victoria minors.

Ted O'Sullivan (1951–2020) arrived in Australia from Kerry in 1971 at the age of 19 and quickly became a key figure at Garryowen GAA Club. In the 1970s and 1980s, he helped transform Garryowen into a football powerhouse, winning several trophies. Ted also played for Victoria in interstate carnivals, coached his sons Seán and Kieran, the Victoria minor team, and supported the inaugural Garryowen women's team.

A key member of Garryowen's hurling team in his playing days. At the 1989 Australasia Championships, he stepped in for an undermanned Auckland team, leading them to the semi-finals and earning recognition as the best centre-back in the

tournament. Ted was also a key figure off the field, being instrumental to the development of Gaelic Park. Ted passed away in October 2020, leaving a legacy through the annual Ted O'Sullivan Nines tournament and strengthening Garryowen's position with a diverse and active membership.

#### GAELIC GAMES IN VICTORIA TODAY

Today, Gaelic games in the state are the strongest they have been in many years. Such has been the growth of our games, we now boast well over 1,000 playing members who play in leagues and championships across eight codes: senior, intermediate, and iunior men's football; senior and intermediate women's football; senior and intermediate hurling; and senior camogie. In 2024, we played a total of 140 games across all codes, including 115 league games and 25 championship matches. We will have teams competing across the six competitions at the 2024 Australasia Championships.

The future of Gaelic games in both the Melbourne metropolitan area and regional Victoria is promising, Youth clubs such as Geelong Gaels Grasshoppers and Young Melbourne continue to go from strength to

strength, and with the addition of Peninsula Harps and Naarm Gaels to our association this year, underage games have never been as strong. We're looking forward to seeing them line out at the Australasia Féile Perth next March.

#### ASPIRATIONS FOR OUR STATE

One of our main goals is to increase registered players by 20% annually, aiming for over 1,500 members by the end of 2025. Together with continuing migration, this will be supported by the continued development of our successful youth development programmes.

We have also bolstered our numbers in recent years with the introduction of more competitions in intermediate and junior grades. We're exploring the possibility of introducing more codes in the coming seasons, as well as continuing to support our regional clubs.

Strengthening our infrastructure continues to be a priority and we hope to continue to support to Gaelic Park with improved facilities, including additional pitches, training facilities, and spectator amenities, to accommodate the growing number of participants and spectators.



FOUNDED: 1970

#### **MAIN GROUNDS:**

Tom Bateman Reserve and RA Cooke Reserve

**COLOURS:** Black, yellow

CURRENT CLUBS: Bunbury
Gaels, Gaelic Games
Junior Academy of WA,
Greenwood, Morley Gaels,
Na Fianna Catalpa, Perth
Shamrocks, Sarsfields, Southern
Districts, St Gabriels, St Finbarr's,
Western Swans, Western
Shamrocks.

The Gaelic Athletic Association of Western Australia (GAAWA) was formed in 1970 and is the governing body for Gaelic games in the state of Western Australia. The state currently has around 800 playing members with 12 active clubs. This includes some thriving underage programmes, which have led the way in youth development in Australasia.

#### **FOOTBALL**

The history of Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) clubs in Perth reflects the sport's gradual expansion and growing popularity in the region. In 1976, St Finbarr's became the first GAA club in Perth. Two years later in 1978, Greenwood GFC was established, furthering the development of Gaelic football in the area. The growth continued with the founding of Southern Districts in Melville in 1983, followed by Morley GFC in 1984. Morley GFC was created to serve Perth's northern suburbs and was a reformation of the old Kalamunda Gaelic football team.

In 1985, the Goldfields Gaelic football and hurling squad from Kalgoorlie-Boulder hosted a match against \$1 Finbarr's at Boulder Oval, indicating the sport's regional reach. The expansion continued in 1987 when Tom Farrell and Mick McMahon set up Thornlie Shamrocks, now known as Western Shamrocks, to increase the awareness of Gaelic football in Peth's South-eastern corridor.

A significant milestone occurred in 1992 with the formation of the Applecross Gaelic Football Club and the establishment of the GAAWA Minor Football Board, marking a key

development in the organisation's structure. More recent history saw the formation of Coastal Breakers Ladies Football Club in 2007, adding to the diversity of Gaelic football Offerings in Perth. In 2016, the Bunbury Gaels football club was established.

Going back to the early nineteenth century, similar to Archbishop Croke in Auckland, New Zealand, Perth, too, had a Catholic Archbishop of some renown in the GAA world. Selected for the Kerry Gaelic football team in 1924, Redmond Prendiville, played in the 1924 All-Ireland Senior





Western Australia men's footballers at the 2022 Australasia Championships in Melbourne. Photo credit: An Astráil

Football Final, which Kerry won, and was named man of the match.

## HURLING AND CAMOGIE COMES TO WA

It took a while longer for the camán and sliotar to gain popularity out west. We competed in the 1979 Australasia Championship hurling final in Perth, narrowly losing out the Victoria. We did have some hurling clubs come and go around that period, but it wasn't until the 21st century that the small ball really took hold in WA. Western Swans were the first camogie club established in the state in 2009. This was followed by the formation of the Perth Shamrocks hurling club in 2011, and the Sarsfields hurling club in 2012, which was soon joined by St Gabriel's hurling & camogie club. Southern Districts also competes in camogie competitions. In 2015, the Western Swans expanded to include a hurling team.

#### PLAYING INTERSTATE

Western Australia sent a team to compete in the 1973 Australasia Championships and WA representatives were among the founding members of the Gaelic Athletic Association of Australia in in Sydney in 1974. Our president, Tommie Kearns, served as the inaugural president of the national association, and our secretary

Dennis Bratton was elected to the committee.

We hosted Australasia Championships in 1975, 1978, 1987, 1993, 2000, 2006, 2012, and, most recently, the 2017 championships, which were attended by Uachtarán na hÉireann, Michael D Higgins. We have laid claim to titles in both senior men's and women's football, minor men's football and hurling, with our most recent title coming in hurling in Brisbane in 2019. The rapid development in hurling and campaie in the 2010s saw us win five hurling and one campaie Australasia Championship titles between 2012 and 2019. With teams lining out across three codes at this vear's tournament, we're hoping to bring some silverware back west.

## LEADING THE WAY WITH YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

2012 was a landmark year for the association with the creation of the Gaelic Games Junior Academy of WA, aimed at promoting Gaelic games to children aged 4 to 12. This academy was the first of its kind in Australasia and has served as a model for other states in developing their own youth programmes.

The academy has been a huge success and with the addition of Na

Fianna Catalpa Youths in recent years, the youth structure in the state is up there with the best in Australasia.

In 2019, our junior academy made history, becoming the first Australasia team to compete at Féile Peile na nÓg in Ireland. The team recorded some areat wins against strong Irish opposition, making it all the way to the semi-finals. In 2023, the inaugural Australasia Féile was held in Adelaide, where our boys and girls teams enjoyed areat success. Many of our victorious boys went on to form the spine of the Australasia team at the 2024 Féile in Mayo. We're looking forward to hosting the second edition of the Australasia Féile in March next year, welcoming teams from across Australasia.

Gaelic games in Western Australia have gone from strength to strength since the 1960s and we now have clubs in the Perth, Bunbury and Port Hedland regions of Western Australia, a minor board promoting Gaelic football in several schools and over 100 children affiliated to our junior academy.



**FOUNDED:** 1986

#### MAIN GROUNDS:

lan Galloway Park, Prince of Wales Park

#### **COLOURS:**

Green, yellow, black

Wellington/Hutt Valley Gaelic Football & Hurling Association is the governing body for Gaelic games in Wellington, New Zealand. Based in the world's southern-most capital city, the club has over 80 playing members who compete in local, national and trans-Tasman competitions.

#### **OUR HISTORY**

Gaelic games have a long history in Wellington, with the earliest recorded mention dating back to a New Year's Day hurling match in 1891. Although a Wellington GAA Club was formed in 1914, records of activity are sparse. Regular games began in the 1950s, with the establishment of Gaelic football and camogie teams in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch who competed at the annual feiseanna of Irish societies. Our club in its current guise was officially formed in December 1986,

then known as Hutt Valley GAA. Austin O'Carroll served as the first president, and his wife Anne was the secretary. The O'Carrolls played a pivotal role in the club's early development, and the annual O'Carroll Cup pays tribute to their contribution to Gaelic games in the capital. Shortly after our formation, we joined the Australasian association and competed in the 1988 Australasia Championships in Sydney.

Along with local competitions, our men's footballers continued to travel across the ditch for the state games in the 1990s. In 1997, we were lucky enough to host our first Australasia Championships – lucky in more than one sense, as a flood a week prior put the tournament in jeopardy. In fact, one corner of a pitch was washed away, but by some miracle the games went ahead, and our compatriots in Auckland enjoyed a successful tournament.

#### SOCIAL GAELIC GAMES

The early 2000s saw a period of inactivity of Gaelic games in the city, but some recent Irish migrants revived the club in 2007 with the introduction of a weekly mixed social football league, encouraging participation from both Irish and non-Irish players. This initiative, aimed

at addressing Wellington's lower Irish population compared to other Australasian cities, proved successful. The social league has grown significantly, becoming one of Wellington's most popular summer sports, with social membership now surpassing competitive membership. Our social games have been so successful that many non-Irish players have 'graduated' from our social to competitive teams, playing at national tournaments, as well as the state games and the GAA



Wellington hurlers at the 2024 New Zealand Championships in Queenstown. Photo credit: Australasia Gaelic Games



The victorious Wellington women's football team who won the 2022 Australasia Intermediate Football title. Photo credit: An Astráil

World Games. We have recently introduced a hurling and camogie hybrid known as 'hurlogie' and this has been a popular addition, especially amongst our non-Irish players.

## GROWTH OF GAELIC GAMES IN WELLINGTON

In the 2010s, a growth in numbers and the resurgence of national games in New Zealand led to renewed participation in competitive tournaments, including the state games. Our men's footballers narrowly lost to Queensland after double extra-time in the 2010 Australasia Championships decider. In 2015, we hosted the Australasia Championships for the second time, and, like our first state games 18 years earlier, the competition was in jeopardy a week before the tournament due to some heavy rain and flooding. But like 1997, the weather gods played in our favour, and we enjoyed a great tournament.

Traditionally, football has been the dominant sport in Wellington, but hurling and camogie have flourished over the last decade. Our hurlers enjoyed a fruitful period in recent years winning several New Zealand Championships, while 2024 saw our camógs top off year-on-year progress with their first national championships victory.

In 2018, we established Wellington Kids GAA, and although our numbers are limited, progress remains steady, with programmes running through the summer months. In 2022, our club's growth and development came to a crescendo at the Australasia Championships. Having competed at the state games on and off since 1988, our women's footballers broke our duck by winning the intermediate competition, defeating a strong South Australia team - a side who had defeated our women by 29 points in the first game of the tournament. Four players from that team went on to represent

Australasia at the 2023 World Games: Andrea O'Reilly and Elifs Ni Chaiside on the victorious Irish-born team, and Heather Williamson and Tia Verenitani in the non-Irish-born team.

The future is bright for Gaelic games, and numbers are increasing following a post-COVID trough. Although we're not lining out at this year's championships, several of our hurlers will be playing on the amalgamated New Zealand hurling team. We wish them and our 'neighbours' in Canterbury and Auckland the very best at this year's games.



Wellington women's footballers (right) and St Pat's Emerald City of Auckland at the 2024 New Zealand Championships in Queenstown.
Photo credit: Australasia Gaelic Games

## AUSTRALASIA GAELIC GAMES

# **OUR HISTORY**



The Gaelic Athletic Association of Australia was founded in Sydney on 15 June 1974 by representatives from New South Wales, South Australia, Victoria and Western Australia.

Queensland and Tasmania since joined, as well as New Zealand affiliates in Auckland, Wellington and Canterbury, expanding the association from Australia to Australasia. As you'll read in the various state histories, the playing of Gaelic games in this part of the world far predates our association. The first accounts of our games being played in the antipodes go back to 19th century when the arrival of Irish immigrants en masse to Australia and New Zealand saw the proliferation of Irish games and culture.

50 years on from our foundation, our association, now named Australasia Gaelic Games, comprises affiliates in Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Hobart, and Darwin in Australia, and Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch in New Zealand, with teams also playing in regional areas in both countries.

We have more than 120 teams playing weekly in men's and women's football, hurling and camogie. Almost 4,000 registered players made up of 60 percent men and 40 percent women participate across Austraslasia, and our underage agmes are developing rapidly.

#### **Australasia Championships**

The first records of interstate games go back to 1951 where Victoria and New South Wales competed in annual games. These interstate games expanded to three teams in 1971 with the addition of South Australia, and the first 'tri-state carnival' was played in Melbourne.

June 1974 saw the first official national interstate championships take place on the weekend that our association was formed. In torrential conditions, New South Wales defeated Victoria to win the hurling while Victoria beat South Australia in the football final. Remarkably, the competition has been played most years since, which is quite the feat given the distances states travel and the logistics involved.

The first women's football competition at the championships was played in 1995, with New South Wales winning the inaugural title. Success continued for the sky blues, while Auckland, Western Australia and Queensland also laid claim to national silverware in subsequent years. Camogie was introduced to the championships in 2011, and Queensland won the first title, followed by Western Australia and New South Wales.

The competition has developed further in recent years with the popular inclusion of intermediate men's and women's football tournaments. On our 50th anniversary, this year's edition looks to be the biggest yet with over 500 players across 24 teams in six competitions.

#### On the world stage

Australasia has a storied history on the international stage. We have had our fair share of overseas visitors over the years, including the Meath footballers

in 1968, the great Kerry team of 1981, and several visits from New York to name but a few. Tips from these shores, too, abound. In 1978, an Australian hurling and men's football team went on a world tour, travelling to New York, London, and Ireland, competing against local teams. But a highlight of the tour was playing Aer Lingus selections in Croke Park. In 1984, hurling and men's football teams travelled back to Ireland for the GAA's centenary celebrations, and 1996 saw a similar tour of Ireland.

With the growth of our games among non-Irish players in Australasia in the 1990s, we sent men's and women's football teams, made up of Australian players, to compete at the GAA World Cups in the early 200s. Up against fellow international affiliates, our women's team dominated these tournaments. The 2000 decider saw them defeat North America after extra-time, and they defended their world title with a win over London in 2002, and again in 2005.

In 2015, we entered a women's football team to the World Games in Abu Dhabi - the first edition in its current format. Unfortunately, they were pipped in a thrilling final against the Middle East. 2016 saw the World Games take place at UCD, Dublin where Australasia teams competed in men's and women's football, hurling and camogie. We won the camogie competition, and unfortunately, were losing finalists in women's football and hurling. The men's footballers took home the shield trophy.

We entered the 2019 tournament with six teams, including international-born

men's and women's football teams. Seven states were represented with players from Perth to New Zealand playing. Being crowned World Games champions in camogie again, along with women's football was a great achievement.

2023's World Games in Derry were our most successful. We again entered six teams, with our Irish-born women's footballers, Irish-born men's footballers and our camogie team claiming world titles.

## Reflecting back and looking towards the future

In our 50th year as an association, Gaelic games in Australia and New Zealand are in a healthy position, and the future bodes well. Numbers are increasing at youth and adult level, development pathways for players are improving year on year, and solid structures are in place from national to club level.

As we saw earlier this year, the first Australasia boys football team lined out at the Féile in Ireland - a fantastic achievement for youth Gaelic games, and a testament to the great work happening at youth level right across the region. We have also seen our games grow rapidly outside of the typical urban centres. In New Zealand this year, the national championships were played in Queenstown in the South Island. It is the furthest possible location from Ireland Gaelic games have been played, and hundreds of players and spectators were in attendance

Of course, the progress of our association would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of countless volunteers in clubs, states and at the national level. On the national committee, some members stand out. Jim Farnan, our first secretary, who served from 1974 to 1985, was a great administrator

in the early years. Fellow South Australian, Gerard Roe, who, among other roles in his state and at national level, served as Australasia secretary with distinction from 1985 to 2023. Gerard also officiated a grand total of 30 Australasia Championship finals. Former president, Seamus Sullivan, served for over 30 years, while concurrently serving as president of his home state in Queensland. While Paddy Hegarty of Victoria has also been a key figure in the role of treasurer for over 40 years. In 2023. Gerard, Seamus, and Paddy were duly awarded life membership of the association in recognition of their service

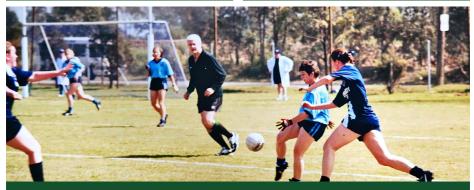
Here's to the next generation, and the coming 50 years and beyond for Gaelic games in Australia and New Zealand.



The inaugural Australasia Gaelic Games (then Gaelic Athletic Association of Australia) committee. Back row (L-R): Noel Dunne (NSW), John O'Dea (NSW), Denie Bratton (WA), Con Cunningham. Front row (L-R): Jim Farnan (SA), Tom Kearns (WA), Eamon Mackin (VIC), Andy White (VIC). Missing: Jim Fry (SA)



Three stalwarts of Australasia Gaelic games. Paddy Hegarty (left), Gerard Roe (centre) and Seamus Sullivan in March 2023



New South Wales and Victoria women's football teams, with Gerard Roe refereeing, at the Australasia Championships in the 1990s.





## SIOBHÁN COYLE

#### CLUB:

Gaeil Fhánada, Donegal

#### **CODES YOU REFEREE?**

Women's and men's football, and hurling

## HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN REFEREEING?

13 years

## HOW DID YOU GET INVOLVED IN REFEREEING?

I was involved in my club as a player, coach, and administrator when the club were searching for a new referee. They approached me, and I decided to give it a try.

## SIGNIFICANT MATCHES YOU HAVE REFEREED?

LGFA Intermediate and Junior Club All-Ireland Finals, 2019 and 2023 LGFA Junior All-Ireland Final 2020 LGFA Intermediate All-Ireland Final 2022

## WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO MOST ABOUT COMING TO AUSTRALIA?

I am looking forward to seeing the standard of football out in Australia. Also having never been to Australia before I am looking forward to seeing and touring parts of the country.



### **MATTY REDMOND**

#### CLUB:

Sarsfields, Kildare

#### **CODES YOU REFEREE?**

Hurling

## HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN REFEREING?

Seven years

## HOW DID YOU GET INVOLVED IN REFEREING?

I got involved through umpiring for fellow clubman and intercounty referee, Brendan Cawley.

## SIGNIFICANT MATCHES YOU HAVE REFEREED?

- Leinster Junior Club Hurling Final 2023
- Kildare Senior Club Hurling Final 2023
- Leinster U20 Hurling Championship Quarter-Final 2024
- Leinster Minor Hurling Final 2024

## WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO MOST ABOUT COMING TO AUSTRALIA?

I am most looking forward to the hurling and the weather.

A WARM WELCOME TO THE FOUR EXPERIENCED REFEREES WHO HAVE TRAVELLED FROM IRELAND TO OFFICIATE AT THIS YEAR'S CHAMPIONSHIPS



### KIERAN OLWELL

#### CLUB:

Moynalty, Meath

#### **CODES YOU REFEREE?**

Women's and men's football

## HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN REFEREING?

I started in 2019

## HOW DID YOU GET INVOLVED IN REFEREEING?

I saw an advertisement in my local paper from Meath GAA stating there was not near enough referees for the number of games in the county and that they were looking for more referees. Had some experience of refereeing before and thought what a great way it would be to make new friends.

## SIGNIFICANT MATCHES YOU HAVE REFEREED?

- Meath Men's Junior Football Championship Final 2021
- Meath Men's Intermediate Football Championship Final 2022
- First men's senior football intercounty match: Dublin vs Offaly 2023
- All-Ireland Men's Junior Football College Final 2024

## WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO MOST ABOUT COMING TO AUSTRALIA?

Taking part in the Australasia Championships themselves. I am aware how big the competition is, what it means to each competing team and how good of a week it is. I'm also looking forward to the Aussie coffee – knowing it's near impossible to get a bad one – and a pint of Carlton Draught.



### **SHANE CURLEY**

#### CLUB:

Glinsk, Galway

#### **CODES YOU REFEREE?**

Women's and men's football

## HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN REFEREEING?

I began my refereeing career 18 years ago in 2006

## HOW DID YOU GET INVOLVED IN REFEREEING?

I got involved when I was manager of the local women's football team in Glinsk. To complement my role as a manager, I undertook a refereeing course, and my refereeing career took off from there.

I just found myself refereeing the training games and then the challenge matches. Before I knew it, I was hooked. Following several years on the Connacht Provincial Panel, and then completing the LGFA's National Referee Accelerate Programme in 2017, I graduated to the national refereeing panel.

### SIGNIFICANT MATCHES YOU HAVE REFEREED?

- LGFA Division 4 National League Final 2019 between Antrim and Fermanagh
- Fourth official at all grades at the LGFA All-Ireland finals in 2019, 2020 and 2022
- LGFA Division 3 National League Final 2021 between Laois and Kildare
- LGFA Intermediate All-Ireland Club Final 2021 between St. Sylvester's and Castlebar Mitchels
- LGFA Intermediate All-Ireland Final between Westmeath and Wexford 2021

- LGFA Senior Munster Final 2023 between Cork and Kerry
- World Games 2023
- 50th Senior All-Ireland LGFA Final 2023 between Dublin and Kerry
- LGFA Toronto Final 2023 between St. Pat's and St. Mike's
- LGFA Division 2 National League Final 2024 between Kildare and Tyrone
- LGFA Senior All-Ireland Semi-Final 2024 between Armagh and Kerry
- Previous International assignments have taken me to the Asian Games in Bangkok and the Middle Eastern Games in Al Ain, Sharjah and Bahrain.

## WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO MOST ABOUT COMING TO AUSTRALIA?

I have never been to Australia, and I am beyond excited to be travelling to Melbourne. I'm also delighted to represent the LGFA at the upcoming games. Having witnessed the Australasian team at the World Games in 2023 in Derry,

I know the standard will be very high and I look forward to officiating the different teams. It's very exciting to see our games played across the world and meeting the people involved who work so hard to keep them thriving. Of course, I'll be looking forward to witnessing the sights and the cultures Melbourne has to offer and I'm sure there will be friends from home I'll burno into while there.

Finally, I have a boomerang here at home that I got as a present one time – maybe someone could show me how to throw it properly.



AUSTRALASIA CHAMPIONSHIPS									
	MEN'S SENIOR FOOTBALL	WOMEN'S SENIOR FOOTBALL	HURLING	CAMOGIE	MEN'S INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL	WOMEN'S INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL	MEN'S MINOR FOOTBALL		
1971	South Australia		Victoria						
1972	New South Wales		New South Wales						
1973	South Australia		New South Wales						
1974	Victoria		New South Wales						
1975	Victoria		New South Wales						
1976	New South Wales		Victoria						
1977	Victoria		Victoria						
1978	Western Australia		Victoria				South Australia		
1979	New South Wales		New South Wales				South Australia		
1980	New South Wales		New South Wales				Victoria		
1981	Western Australia		Victoria				Victoria		
1982	New South Wales		New South Wales				Victoria		
1983	South Australia		New South Wales				Victoria		
1984	-	TOUR OF IRELAND -	ONLY MEN'S MINOR	FOOTBALL CHAMPIC	ONSHIP PLAYED	•	Victoria		
1985	Victoria		New South Wales				South Australia		
1986	Victoria		New South Wales				Victoria		
1987	Western Australia		New South Wales				South Australia		
1988	Victoria		New South Wales				Victoria		
1989	Victoria		Victoria				Auckland		
1990	New South Wales		New South Wales				Auckland		
1991	Victoria		Victoria				Auckland		
1992	Auckland		New South Wales				Victoria		
1993	New South Wales		New South Wales				Victoria		
1994	Victoria		New South Wales				Western Australia		
1995	Victoria	New South Wales	New South Wales				Auckland		
1996			NO CHAMPIONS	HIPS DUE TO TOUR C	F IRELAND				
1997	Auckland	Auckland	NOT PLAYED				Auckland		
1998	New South Wales	Queensland	New South Wales				Queensland		
1999	New South Wales	Queensland	New South Wales				Queensland		
2000	New South Wales	Queensland	New South Wales				Queensland		
2001	Victoria	Auckland	New South Wales				Auckland		
2002	Victoria	Auckland	NOT PLAYED				Auckland		
2003	New South Wales	South Australia	New South Wales				South Australia		
2004	New South Wales	South Australia	New South Wales				South Australia		
2005	New South Wales	South Australia	New South Wales				South Australia		
2006	Western Australia	Western Australia	New South Wales				Western Australia		
2007	New South Wales	Victoria	New South Wales				Victoria		
2008	Victoria	Western Australia	Victoria				Western Australia		



### **AUSTRALASIA CHAMPIONSHIPS**

# ROLL OF HONOUR

	MEN'S SENIOR FOOTBALL	WOMEN'S SENIOR FOOTBALL	HURLING	CAMOGIE	MEN'S INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL	WOMEN'S INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL	MEN'S MINOR FOOTBALL		
2009	Victoria	Victoria	New South Wales				Victoria		
2010	Queensland	Victoria	NOT PLAYED				Victoria		
2011	Victoria	Victoria	Queensland	Queensland			Victoria		
2012	New South Wales	Victoria	Western Australia	Western Australia			Victoria		
2013	New South Wales	Victoria	Western Australia	New South Wales			Victoria		
2014	Victoria	Victoria	Western Australia	Queensland			Victoria		
2015	New South Wales	South Australia	New South Wales	New South Wales			South Australia		
2016	New South Wales	Victoria	Victoria	New South Wales			Victoria		
2017	New South Wales	Victoria	Western Australia	NOT PLAYED			Victoria		
2018	New South Wales	New South Wales	Victoria	New South Wales	Regional Victoria		Victoria		
2019	Queensland	New South Wales	Western Australia	New South Wales	South Australia				
2020	NO CHAMPIONSHIPS DUE TO COVID-19								
2021	NO CHAMPIONSHIPS DUE TO COVID-19								
2022	New South Wales	New South Wales	New South Wales	New South Wales	Victoria	Wellington			
2023	NO CHAMPIONSHIPS DUE TO WORLD GAMES								



Victoria men's intermediate football team after winning the 2022 championships. Photo credit: An Astráil



Ambassador of Ireland to Australia, Joseph Small, presenting New South Wales football captain, Arty Lundy, with the Pat J O'Loughlin trophy at the 1982 championships in Brisbane. Behind are NSW GAA great Kerry Murphy, and GAA Australasia secretary, Jim Farnan. Source: Kerry Murphy's Memoirs – The Diaries of an Irish Immigrant.











