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20 NRL WHEELCHAIR CHAMPIONSHIP 26

10 - 12 JULY

COOMERA INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE

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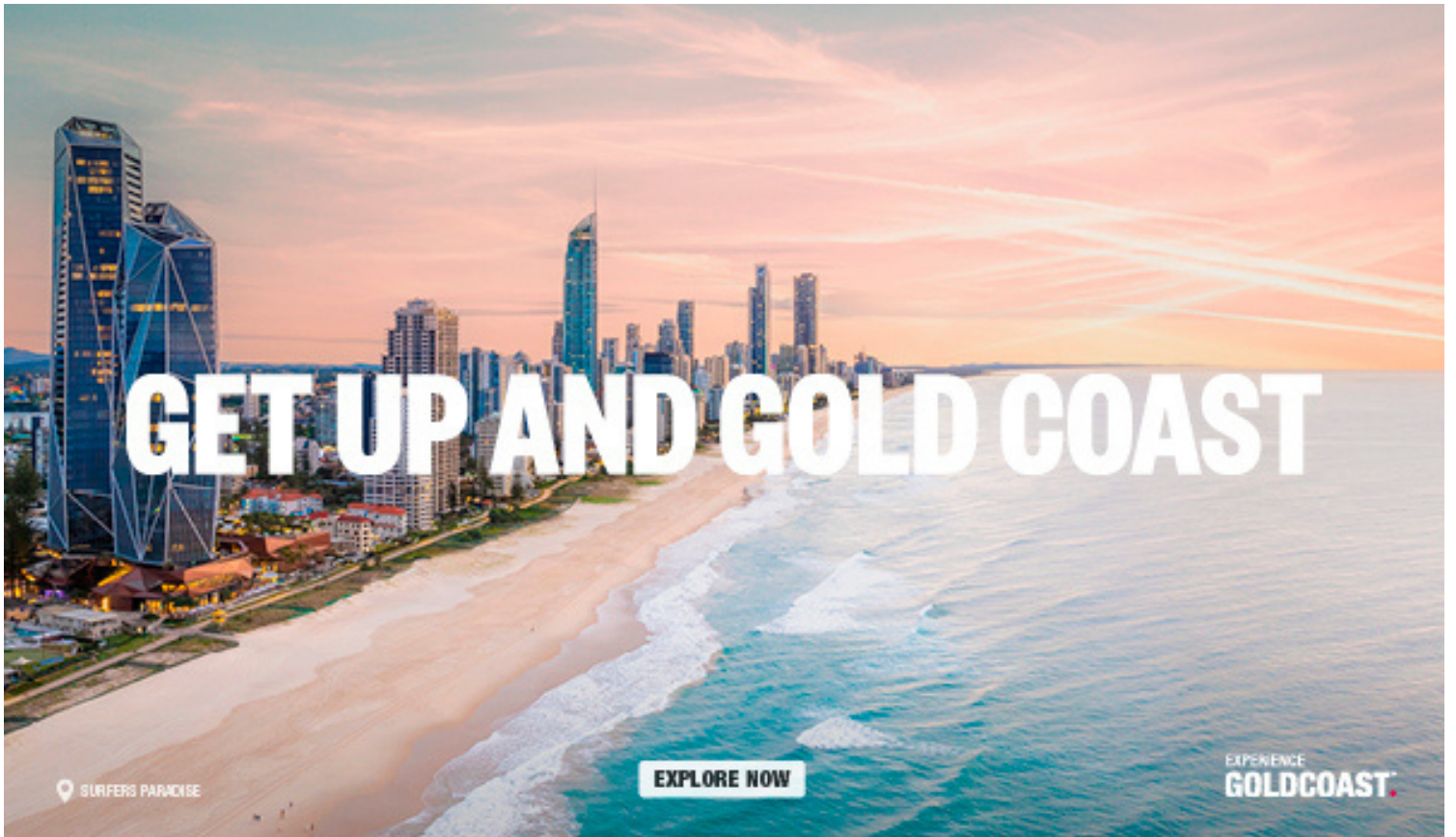
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WELCOME



Welcome to the second staging of the Leagues Clubs Australia National Championship, hosted by Wheelchair Rugby League Australia. Last year's inaugural Championship was a resounding success, providing unprecedented promotion and opportunity for our sport.

So, it is with pride and excitement that we again host this incredible tournament on the Gold Coast. We will have seven teams from across Australia and NZ competing for the coveted Joseph Chidiac Cup, being defended by the ACT, as reigning champions.

This landmark event showcases the power of sport to bring people together and provides our amazing athletes with a high standard competition opportunity. The championship will again highlight our ambitions for the sport, showcase the talent, spirit and intensity of our game and inspire the next generation of players.

Wheelchair Rugby League has come a long way over the last few years. We have more people participating, right across the country and we are providing more opportunities for people to be a part of this great sport, in whatever capacity they choose. With promotion, awareness and participation continuing to grow, the Championship again represents a pivotal moment in the development of our game.

The Ashes contest last year, where our Wheelaroos took on England, the current World Champions, provided a promising platform. With the Rugby League World Cup being staged on home soil later this year, and all games being televised live on the Seven Network, it is an exciting time for Wheelchair Rugby League.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our partners and sponsors, including Leagues Clubs Australia, the NRL, Experience Gold Coast, the Coomera Indoor Sports Centre, Astris PME and new partner AtkinsRealis. I would also like to thank our supporters, volunteers and staff, whose commitment and generosity have made this event possible. Your belief in the potential of our sport continues to drive us forward.

To all players, officials, and fans - welcome and enjoy what promises to be an unforgettable Championship.

Darren Gocher
Chairperson, Wheelchair Rugby League Australia

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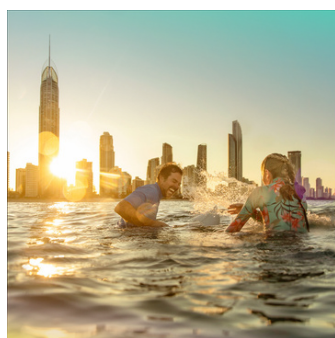
The Gold Coast is a city on the move, working hard to attract the best sporting festivals on offer. The 2026 NRL Wheelchair National Championship fits the bill perfectly as we welcome champion athletes and their supporters for this fantastic tournament.

This year's program follows on from the successful 2025 championship held at the GC Sports and Leisure Centre. As Mayor, I welcome teams from North, Central and South-east Queensland as well as New South Wales, the ACT, Victoria and affiliate states. It's great to see the mighty Kiwis here to challenge for the 2026 crown - bring on the ANZAC spirit!

Hosting this national title underscores our continued support for some of the best para and inclusive sporting festivals on offer. In 2018, we hosted the Commonwealth Games including a full para-athlete program and it's now time to light up the stadium for the 2026 NRL Wheelchair Championships.

It's showtime at Coomera. See you there.

Tom Tate
Gold Coast Mayor



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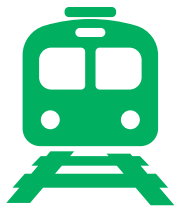


Coomera Indoor Sports Centre is a state-of-the-art venue designed for flexibility and convenience. The open-floor sporting arena is built to world-class competition standards, offering a flexible and spacious environment perfect for hosting large-scale events.



Bus

TX7, 723, 725.



Train

BRVL, VLBD,
BDVL, VLBR.

The nearest stations to Coomera Indoor Sports Centre:

- Lorenzo Dr at Beattie Road stop is 442 meters away, 7 min walk.
- Dreamworld Pkwy at Foxwell Rd stop is 981 meters away, 14 min walk.
- Reserve Rd at Dreamtime Zone stop is 2661 meters away, 35 min walk.
- Coomera Station is 3250 meters away, 42 min walk.

NB: July extended track closures - Beenleigh and Gold Coast lines

Monday 6 to Friday 10 July

Beenleigh and Gold Coast lines will run as combined services between Varsity Lakes and Banoon stations.

- No trains will run between Banoon and Boggo Road stations.

Saturday 11 to Sunday 12 July

Beenleigh and Gold Coast lines will run as combined services between Varsity Lakes and Banoon stations.



Parking

Extensive parking – 510 outdoor parking spaces



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VENUE INFORMATION

Coomera Indoor Sports Centre (CISC) - Building map



Cashless payments

Please note that the Coomera Indoor Sports Centre does not accept cash. Payment can be made by debit or credit card, Mastercard or Visa.

Accessibility

Accessible tools have been developed to help visitors understand accessibility of this venue before arrival. For a 360-degree virtual tour, visual, sensory, audio and access guide as well as keyword sign boards visit [Cerge](#).



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Leagues Clubs Australia is proud to support the LCA
NRL Wheelchair Championship in 2026.

We look forward to supporting the continued
growth of the game and creating more
opportunities for athletes, clubs, and communities
across Australia.

Good luck to all teams competing!



TEAM NSW



- 3 LIAM LUFF**
- 4 RICK ENGLER**
- 5 BRAD GROVE**
- 6 STEPHAN ROCHECOUSTE**
- 7 DIAB KARIM**
- 12 CORY CANNANE**
- 13 JOEY ABBOUD**
- 27 EDGE IOLE**

MANAGER: CHERRIE MOULANG
COACH: DIAB KARIM
CAPTAIN: BRAD GROVE



TEAM ACT



CANBERRA REGION
RUGBY LEAGUE

- 1 BRAD BURNS
- 3 SARAH MCCONVILLE
- 5 MATT TASKER
- 6 TOM FRIEDRICH
- 7 JAI COOMER
- 8 CHRIS OBRIEN
- 9 TOBY POPPLE
- 10 MITCH STONE

MANAGER: JUSTIN OAG
COACH: TOBY POPPLE
CAPTAIN: TOBY POPPLE



TEAM VIC



- # CRAIG JARRETT
- # PATRICK MCKAY
- # HAYDEN AUBER
- # MICHAEL TELBAN
- # ANTHONY PERITO
- # JUDE ANTONY
- # CALEB LOGAN
- # TROY HAWKINS

MANAGER: CHLOE ENE
COACH: NATHAN TANNER
CAM SULLIVAN
CAPTAIN: HAYDEN AUBER



TEAM NQL



- 1 PETE ARBUCKLE
- 2 JAYSON HOOKER
- 3 ROMAN BAZLEY
- 5 JEFF WRIGHT
- 6 BRETT BAZLEY
- 7 BAYLEY MCKENNA
- 8 ZAC
SCHUMACHER
- 9 ADAM TANNOCK



MANAGER: TASH FIELD
COACH: JEFF WRIGHT
CAPTAIN: ZAC SCHUMACHER
TRAINER: STEVEN DOYLE

TEAM SEQ



- 1 JACK KRUGER**
- 2 DAN ANSTEY**
- 3 DAN SCOTT**
- 4 DYLAN GAWTHORN**
- 7 JOHN CLARKE**
- 10 BOSTON CHARLES**
- 11 RYAN CHARLES**
- 88 ZEKE FIELD**



MANAGER: KERRI-ANN WOODBURY
COACH: ADAM SCHEFE
CAPTAIN: DAN ANSTEY
VICE: JOHN CLARKE & ZEKE FIELD

TEAM AFS

- 1 LENNY TAYLOR
- 2 JAMES CHAPMAN
- 3 MICHAEL MILTON
- 4 KAYL JEFFERY
- 5 ZARRA
CHAPMAN
- 6 CHRIS ROBSON
- 8 MICHAEL
MCDONALD
- 10 DOUG MOORE

MANAGER: MELANIE BERARD
COACH: BETH WHAANGA
CAPTAIN: JAMES CHAPMAN





TEAM NZ

- 1 KAURI MURRAY
- 2 JACK BROWN
- 4 CONNER GIBBS
- 5 YUAN ROUX
- 6 JAMIE TAPP
- 7 NIKIA FA'ATAU
- 8 HAYDEN DELVES
- 12 JOSHUA HIRINI-BARCLAY

MANAGER: DAVID MCMEEKEN

COACH: EDIE GEORGE

ROBERT GRAHAM

TRAINER: LINCOLN JEFFERSON





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FRIDAY 10 JULY

TIME	PITCH	GAMES
12PM	1	NSW vs NZ
1PM	1	VIC vs ACT
2PM	1	SEQ vs AFS
3PM	1	NZ vs NQL
4PM	1	ACT vs NSW
4PM	2	AFS vs VIC
5PM	1	NQL vs SEQ



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SATURDAY 11 JULY

TIME	PITCH	GAMES
9AM	1	NSW vs SEQ
9AM	2	NZ vs AFS
10AM	1	NQL vs ACT
11AM	1	VIC vs NZ
12PM	1	AFS vs NSW
12PM	2	ACT vs SEQ
1PM	1	NQL vs VIC
2PM	1	NZ vs ACT
3PM	1	NSW vs NQL
3PM	2	VIC vs SEQ



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SUNDAY 12 JULY

TIME	PITCH	GAMES
9AM	1	AFS vs NQL
9AM	2	NSW vs VIC
10AM	1	NZ vs SEQ
11AM	1	ACT vs AFS
12PM	1	BREAK
1PM	1	3 vs 4
2PM	1	1 vs 2
3PM	1	PRESENTATIONS



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MATCH OFFICIALS

Congratulations to the following people who have been named as Match Officials for the event:

Referees

- Luke Anderson
- Tim Robinson
- Steve Hewson
- Maxine Goodinat
- Rob Burgin
- Ralph Hasna
- Blake Hehir
- Anthony Bishop
- Spencer Kassimir

Referee Lead

Glen Richardson



EVENT PARTNERS

Thank you to our official event partners in 2026



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JOSEPH CHIDIAC CUP



The LCA NRL Wheelchair National Championship legacy is building with the second running of the **Joseph Chidiac Cup** - a perpetual trophy honouring the founder of Wheelchair Rugby League in Australia.

Named after Joseph Chidiac, whose vision and dedication have shaped the sport for more than three decades, the Cup celebrates both the competitive spirit of the game and the legacy of one of its greatest advocates.

Chidiac has dedicated himself to disability sports as an athlete, coach, and administrator.

Living with Spinal Muscular Atrophy has never slowed his determination - instead, it has fuelled his passion for creating opportunities for others.

His vision and tireless commitment laid the foundation for Wheelchair Rugby League in Australia, shaping it from grassroots beginnings into a nationally recognised sport.

Through his advocacy and persistence, the game expanded across Australia, with competitions now operating in Queensland, the Northern Territory, and new growth emerging in Victoria and South Australia.



GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK

We'd love to hear about your experience.

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Thanks for joining us at the 2026 LCA NRL Wheelchair National Championship. Your feedback helps us improve future events and help demonstrate the impact of the Championship for our tourism partner, Experience Gold Coast.

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