



States assembled for the opening ceremony

In April we celebrated our 30th Anniversary at National Electric Wheelchair Sports at the Sydney Academy of Sport, Narrabeen. His Excellency General The Hon David Hurley, Governor of NSW opened the competition which was enlightening to us all. His presence made the occasion even more dignifying as he was in awe of what we came to achieve. The states competing this year were NSW Strikers, VIC Pride Warriors, QLD Gladiators, SA Scorpions and WA Wasps. We had a sixth team this year made from reserve players from all the states called the Wheelers to give those players a chance to compete at this level. The competition was fierce as usual with all the teams putting 100% effort in every time. The three sports played are Rugby League, Balloon Soccer and Hockey.

The Rugby League round robin was played in good spirits with outstanding moments as the speed of the game intensified more than it had in the past. NSW managed to stay undefeated and won their 8th consecutive Rugby

League Title. It was an awesome team effort by the Strikers. Balloon Soccer was won by the QLD Gladiators. Every team was competitive but the QLD team were too strong. Hockey had nail-biting moments every game. It was the most tension fused game with all teams giving it their utmost but NSW Strikers won the championship in extra time against the VIC Pride Warriors, winning the title for the second time in a row. NSW Strikers achieved the highest honour winning the overall trophy for the most round robin games won in the competition over the week which is The Roger Melnyk Trophy. This was a huge honour to be given the opportunity to hold this trophy on our 30th Anniversary!

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NSW Strikers' Jordan Crane won the overall Best and Fairest Award for the first time, thanking his teammates for making it possible



His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley speaking to NSW coaching staff



NSW Strikers presented the Rugby League Championship