

Winner - Cairns

Basketball Queensland congratulates Cairns Basketball on winning the Vince Hickey Award for Champion Association in the 2016 State Championships. It's a historic moment for Cairns being the first time they have claimed this Award, joining five other associations who have won since its inception in 1990.

Cairns run to the title this year was built on their incredible consistency, placing top 6 in seven out of eight Division 1 competitions. The highlight from these results was their championship-winning U16 Boys team, while the U14 Boys and U18 Girls clinched silver and bronze respectively for the association.

Townsville finished runners' up for the Award, just a solitary point behind Cairns, however they would be delighted with their campaign which included two Division 1 gold, one silver and one bronze. Southern Districts were a further two points behind to finish third overall, ending their proud and record run of five straight Awards, while Brisbane put in another commendable performance to finish fourth.

The consistency of these four associations at the State Championships is enviable; it is now the fourth straight year they have made up the top four in this Award.

2016 Vince Hickey Award standings:

Rank	ASSOCIATION	U12 Boys	U12 Girls	U14 Boys	U14 Girls	U16 Boys	U16 Girls	U18 Boys	U18 Girls	Total
1	Cairns	21	19	41	29	41	28	36	24	239
2	Townsville	15	24	40	33	37	32	34	23	238
3	Southern Districts	23	22	42	31	40	24	33	21	236
4	Brisbane	29	14	37	24	35	27	40	25	231
5	Gold Coast	26	21	36	32	33	23	41	13	225
6	Ipswich	18	20	28	28	39	31	31	22	217
7	Mackay	20	17	33	25	31	30	37	18	211
8	Logan	19	23	38	30	30	25	19	26	210
9	South West Metro	25	12	34	26	34	33	29	12	205
10	Seahawks GC	27	18	26	27	28	26	35	15	202
11	Northside	24	13	39	23	38	20	24	16	197
12	Sunshine Coast Rip	22		32	20	36	29	27	19	185
13	Sunshine Coast Phoenix	13	15	35	14	26	21	39	20	183
14	Rockhampton	28	16	31	19	23	22	15	17	171
15	Toowoomba	16	8	25	18	20	17	28	2	134
16	Bundaberg	17	11	23	12	32	9	22		126
17	Gladstone	5	7	17	22	9	14	30	5	109
18	Redlands PCYC	8		29	16	10	4	32	9	108
19	Caboolture			18		6		9	8	41
20	Burdekin				17	17	6			40
21	Mulgrave Coastal					27		12		39

Points are allocated to Associations based on the overall ranking of all teams in an age group. Points are given to an Association only for their highest ranked team per age group and gender. The number of points awarded is determined by the number of teams who competed in that Championship - for example the U12 Girls consisted of 24 teams so the Division 1 winning team was awarded 24 points.