

## QMA GOES REGIONAL

QMA has introduced a new concept to add a greater degree of competition and “spice” to our inter-club competition. At the present time the number of “club” members (i.e. Sunshine Coast, Gold Coast, Ashgrove) is far outweighed by independent QMA denoted members and this makes the “competition” quite lop-sided.

So, the new concept is to introduce competition based on the geographical regions where our members live. The regions have been chosen to be both meaningful and to represent, as far as possible, a balance of membership numbers so competition should be close and exciting.

These regional zones are:

- A. North Queensland - the area currently serviced by Athletics North Qld.
- B. South Queensland - south of the Tropic of Capricorn, but excluding the 5 coastal zones, C to G.
- C. Coastal North - coastal and hinterland areas from the Sunshine Coast to south of Rockhampton
- D. Metro North – northern suburbs of Brisbane, and Moreton (Redcliffe and Pine Rivers)
- E. Metro Central - inner Brisbane suburbs, both northside and southside.
- F. Metro South - southern suburbs of Brisbane, Redlands and Logan
- G. Coastal South – coastal and hinterland areas south of Logan extending into northern NSW to Grafton.

Do you have to do anything to be assigned your Region? No, members will be attached to their region according to the post code of the address given by them on their registration form. The allocation of Post Codes to Regions will be displayed at SAF competition from mid-November, to enable members to ascertain the region they attach to.

Where will the regions appear? The new format weekly competition results (which include Age Graded Performances and Percentages) posted at the track or on the web will continue to show a member’s particular affiliation (e.g. Ashgrove Rangers) while for other members their region will be shown instead of the current “QMA”.

They will also show in the Inter-regional competition that will take the place of inter-club competition. The first of these competitions will take place at the Gold Coast on Sat 5<sup>th</sup> December, with the *Heather Doherty Shield* awarded to the highest point scoring region.

Members will represent their regions as noted above with the exception being that, because it is a regional level competition, members who have indicated a club or other affiliation on their registration form will attach to the region of their club. That is, Sunshine Coast Masters Club members will attach to Coastal North, Ashgrove Rangers members to Metro North, Thompson Estate members to Metro Central, and Gold Coast members to Coastal South.