

LAURIE SPINA SHIELD

PROFILE

The Laurie Spina Shield is a two-day rugby league carnival coordinated by the North Queensland Toyota Cowboys and open to players under 11 years of age, with a focus on participation, fair play and enjoying the 'greatest game of all'.

2019 CARNIVAL

- Dates: **Friday 19 – Saturday 20 July 2019**, Townsville (Cowboys v Rabbitohs, Round 18)

BACKGROUND

- Running from 1997-2019 (23rd year)
- One of the largest junior rugby league carnivals in Australia
- Contributes approximately \$1.1M to the Townsville economy
- Over 2,500 parents and family members attended in 2018

PREVIOUS PLAYERS

- Michael Morgan (Townsville Brothers)
- Kyle Feldt (Norths Thuringowa)
- Jake Clifford (Tully Tigers)
- Enari Tuala (Edmonton Storm)
- Mitchell Dunn (Mackay Brothers)
- Dan Russell (Emerald Brothers)
- Nene Macdonald (Cairns Brothers)
- Ben Barba (Norths Devils Mackay)

HISTORY – LAURIE SPINA SHIELD

The Laurie Spina Shield was established in 1997 and is named after the North Queensland Cowboys inaugural captain Laurie Spina.

Laurie played his junior rugby league in the Herbert River district, playing 169 NRL games for North Sydney Bears (1983-84), Sydney Roosters (1985-89), Cronulla Sharks (1990) and North Queensland Cowboys (1995).

Laurie has also been a tireless contributor to the development of junior rugby league in North Queensland. In recognition of his efforts and achievements, a shield is presented in his honour.

