

# 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'.

### 2018 CARNIVAL

- Dates: **Friday 20 – Saturday 21 July 2018**, Townsville (Cowboys v Dragons, Round 19)

### BACKGROUND

- Running 1997-2018 (22<sup>nd</sup> year)
- One of the largest junior rugby league carnivals in Australia
- Contributes approximately \$1M to the Townsville economy
- Over 2,000 parents and family members attended in 2017

### PREVIOUS PLAYERS

- Michael Morgan (Townsville Brothers)
- Kyle Feldt (Norths Thuringowa)
- Jake Clifford (Tully Tigers)
- Enari Tuala (Edmonton Storm)
- Mitchell Dunn (Mackay Brothers)

### 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.

