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## **People with disability help organise a great day out for league fans!**

It was a stiff competition when the Multicap Pine Rivers Tigers went head-to-head with the Endeavour Tornado Bugs at the ninth annual Inter-Service Rugby League Day at Deception Bay Junior Rugby League Club on Wednesday August 9.

The Tigers were up by a try at half time, with the score sitting at 16-12. By the second half, the Bugs levelled the score, with the teams drawing xx –xx at full time.

People with disability were involved in all stages of the event.

On the day itself, over 230 people with disability helped both on and off the field – either as players, cheerleaders or helping cheer on their teams from the sidelines while assisting in the canteen, parking or with armbands.

“The aim is for customers to take full control of the event,” the Petrie Hub Service Leader and Inter-Service Rugby League day organiser Sharon Rowe said.

“We just assist them to get it all done.”

The day opened with ball skills and drills, including tackling, kicking and understanding rugby league rules. The training gives all people with disability the chance to participate in the game.

The drills were run by the under 17 Deception Bay Junior Rugby League Club, who have been assisting with event since they were thirteen. They also helped train the teams in the twelve weeks leading up to the game.

Sharon’s favourite part of the day was the game itself.

“I am competitive so it was great to see our guys giving a bit to the opposition,” she said.

The event began in 2009, as the brainchild of Sharon and local Rugby League identity Arthur Vernon, whose son plays for the Under 17 Deception Bay Junior Rugby League Club.

The event has grown over the years, with a total of 280 people attending the event this year, including parents and carers.



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For the third year running, former Bronco and Queensland Origin great Petero Civoneceva was also there on the day to show his support.

Disability organisations – Multicap, Rope, Horizons, Endeavour

Rugby League – NRL Game Development, Brisbane Bronco's, NRL One Community (Petero Civoneceva), Deception Bay Raiders JRLC.

Government – Chris Whiting State Member for Murrumba, David Friis Head Master Deception Bay High School

Sponsor – Bunnings

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