Brothers HISTORY

Brothers Football Club began operation in Ipswich in 1920, formed with the guidance of brother TC Seery, Principal of the Ipswich Christian Brothers College, Saint Mary's.

In the early days, Brothers did not have a permanent home and trained at any ground that was available to them in the Ipswich area, including soccer grounds at Blackstone and the Ipswich Showgrounds. It was not until 1963 that brothers finally found a home of its own when a dedicated committee with tremendous foresight decided to move to grounds at Wildey Street, Raceview – the well-known grounds which the club calls home to this day.

In 1974, a major development saw the erection of a modern two-level clubhouse which opened in September of that year. It was the only licensed football club in the district and became a very popular venue for entertainment and private functions. This saw the birth of Brothers Leagues Club. The road to success was not always smooth for Brothers. Several 'outside elements', including the closure of a number of the district's coal mines, greatly affected the disposable income of the community. By late 1991, the club's membership had been reduced to 300 and credit was non-existent.

Fortunately, 1992 saw the introduction of gaming machines into Queensland which was the 'saviour' of many clubs. An extended and renovated clubhouse was opened on 18 September, 1993 by then Governor General, Bill Hayden, and once again Brothers was booming. It enjoyed a renewed resurgence in the community as a venue for social gatherings and good quality food and entertainment.

The club's success story kept on writing itself when, after two years of planning and management, the 'new' Brothers was opened on December 19, 1996. The extensive building renovation of the club has since thrust brothers to the forefront of entertainment and associated services in the Ipswich district. Renovations have included new change rooms for players, first-aid rooms, canteen, public toilets, a new international-size rugby league field with viewing mounds strategically placed, and of course, a larger clubhouse with more facilities for all of our members and guests.

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1974	Construction of the Original Clubhouse as small two storey besser block building with Bar on bottom level and function room above.
1992 -Mar	20 EGMs approved and 7 arrived.
1992 - Sep	Total renovation and expansion of club including installation of air-conditioning and 50 EGMs.
1994 -Sep	'Tryline Steakhouse' constructed.
1995 -Mar	Opening of TAB in Sports Bar.
1995 -Oct	Function Room make-over including installation of Air Conditioning extension of floor space and new roof constructed.
1996 -Dec	Opening of $7 million extension including new Casino Bar, Coffee Shop and Lounge and additional floor space for Gaming Area and new Bistro servery. New facility also provided 310 sealed car park spaces. Additional sporting facilities included an additional international sized football field with aluminium stands on raised viewing area with change room, gym and canteen facilities.
1998 -Sep	Acquisition of vacant land at 242 South Station Road.
1998 -Oct	Acquisition of dwelling at 34 Wildey Street.
1999 -Mar	Acquisition of dwelling at 30 Wildey Street.
1999 -Oct	Acquisition of dwelling at 32 Wildey Street.
1999 -Nov	Acquisition of dwelling at 28 Wildey Street. Revamp of gaming floor design and replacement of carpet throughout the Club.
2006 -Jan	Acquisition of dwelling at 26 Wildey Street.
2006 -Jun	Completion of additional 110 sealed car park spaces.
2006 -Oct	Completion of new sports bar and steakhouse facility with new entrance from club foyer.
2007 -Mar	Completion of new gaming lounge with 205 gaming machines.
2007 -Aug	Completion of new Coffee Shop, Bar and Lounge area near Gaming area. Completion of Dining area refurbishment. Completion of Bottle Shop and Reception refurbishment.
2008 -Dec	Completion of the Water Management Plan
2010 - 2011	Completion of the enclosure of the Tryline
2011 - 2012	Planning: Master Plan Stage 2, Swim Centre and South Station Road Sporting Fields
2012 -2013	South Station Road Project commenced, valued at $1.6 million. $600,000 of Minor Refurbishment to all member areas of the Club.
2013-2014	Official opening of "Brother Ted Magee" Playing Fields. Celebration 40 years Brothers Leagues Club & 100 years Brothers Football Club.

Club HISTORY CONTINUED

2014-2015	Planning: Re-activated Master Plan Stage 2 and commenced planning for additional third playing field & cricket pitch at South Station Road. Brother Ted Magee Fields expansion: the agreement in principal with Ipswich City Council to carry out a land swap which will enable the 3rd playing field to run North/South as well as providing the required space for a turf cricket pitch.
2015-2016	Master Plan Stage 2 is progressing with development approval received from Ipswich City Council. Successful application to the Queensland Government to increase the approved number of entitlements to 300.
2016-2017	Master Plan Stage 2A commenced with expected completion March 2018.
2017-2018	Master Stage 2A completed March 2018.
2019-2020	A period of forced closure followed by restrictions to trading as directed by the QLD Government to combat Covid-19 resulting in limited trading potential.
2020-2021	Learning to adapt to the new normal "living with covid". Continuation of forced closures and mandatory face masks. Successful year of patronage resulting in record for net profit for the Club $1,604,363.
2021-2022	Introduction of environmentally focused projects with an installation of a 100kw solar system and electric vehicle charges. Commencement of an undercover car park for the comfort of the Club's members and guests. Commencement of a major air conditioning upgrade project to deliver improved efficiency and reduce repair & maintenance costs. Planning and development application for a car park extension. Record Gaming and Catering revenue results achieved resulting in consecutive net profit results. Review of the Club's constitution and process to convert from an Incorporated Association to a Company Limited by Guarantee.
2022-2023	Continuation of sustainability focused projects with an installation of an additional 285kw solar system. Completion of an undercover car park for the comfort of the Club's members and guests. Completion of major air conditioning upgrade project to deliver improved efficiency and reduce repair & maintenance costs. Commence project for car park extension to deliver additional car parking for the comfort of our patrons. Record Gaming and Catering revenue results achieved resulting in consecutive record net profit results. Completion of the Club's constitution review and transition from an Incorporated Association to a Company Limited by Guarantee. Review and development of a new Master Plan for capital works development.
2023-2024	Construction of car park extension providing 72 new spaces for our members. Planning and commencement of the Restaurant, Lounge and Kid Zone renovation. The second year of our community donation program “Brothers Helping Others”. Brothers Big Bash 50th Birthday celebration with over 5,500 members of the community celebrating with rides and entertainment.