



Speech by

Hon. PETER BEATTIE

MEMBER FOR BRISBANE CENTRAL

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Trans-Tasman Club Games

Hon. PD BEATTIE (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier and Minister for Trade) (9.36 am): The Sunshine Coast is set to become the home for the Australian league of a new multisports series with our traditional rivals, New Zealand. The Trans-Tasman Club Games is a newly established annual event open to all members of chartered clubs in New Zealand and registered clubs in Australia, and I seek leave to incorporate details in *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

The inaugural event will be staged on the Sunshine Coast from 2 to 9 September this year.

Thereafter, it will rotate annually between a New Zealand venue and the Sunshine Coast.

It is anticipated that the inaugural games later this year will involve about 1000 competitors with between 600 and 750 of them expected to travel from New Zealand and other Australian states to take part.

The Games are being staged under a six year agreement between Queensland Events and Vintage Sport and Leisure.

The Games will see visitors from New Zealand and around Australia compete in a range of clubs sports including golf, trap shooting, cricket, darts, billiards, and lawn bowls.