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Sheppard signs new two-year deal with Mackay Cutters

The QCCS Mackay Cutters are today pleased to announce that head coach Steve Sheppard has agreed to a new two-year deal with the club, keeping him at the helm until the end of the 2020 season.

Sheppard joined the Cutters prior to the 2017 season with an extensive background in youth and junior development. He has spent ten years in senior coaching roles his most recent being assistant coach to the North Queensland Cowboys National Youth U20's team who were placed second in the Holden Cup.

He was also the assistant coach for the winning Qld State of Origin U18's team in 2015 and 2016.

Cutters chairman Steve Dowden said the club was delighted to retain Sheppard's services for a further two seasons.

"I am thrilled to be able to announce to Cutters partners, members and fans that Steve will remain head coach of this club for at least the next two seasons," Dowden said.

"North Queensland born and bred, Steve has been deeply invested in the regional community during both his tenure in previous coaching roles and now as our head coach and understands how important the club and the region are to each other.

"Finalising this deal is what we have all been working towards and it has always been the intention of both parties for Steve to continue being the head coach of this club."

Sheppard said he was extremely excited for the next chapter of his journey as head coach of the QCCS Mackay Cutters.

"I am very thankful to the club for showing faith in me and giving me the opportunity to lead this great club for a further 2 years," he said.

"My family are well settled into Mackay now and we are happy to call it home. The community has been very welcoming, and I look forward to the next chapter.

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“The future looks very bright here at the Cutters. Our Mal Meninga Cup Squad this year making it through to the finals and some talented locals coming through our Hastings Dearing Colts and ISC Squads.

“I look forward to leading this club into the future.”

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INTERVIEW/PHOTO OPPORUNITY

MEDIA INTERVIEWS WITH MACKAY CUTTERS CHAIRMAN Steve Dowden following Mackay Cutters Head Coach Media Interviews

Tues 1 May 2018
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