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## Sharks splash out with a big victory celebration

by PAUL WESTON

SEVERAL Southport Sharks players were celebrating their grand final win with a swim in the landscaped ponds at the front of their modern Musgrave Park clubhouse.

Many other players and supporters stood in the club, sheltered from warm afternoon sun, splashing amber fluid.

In every sense of the word, spirits were high among the 200-strong crowd that had gathered yesterday at the home of the Queensland Australian Football League's best team.

Club stalwart Wally Fankhauser was busy in the manager's office fending off phone calls from their girlfriends and wives.

Fankhauser, who gave \$2 million from his own pocket to develop the new clubhouse, is satisfied with the dividend of back-to-back grand finals.

The 59-point win by the Sharks against Morningside at the Gabba on Sunday completed their most outstanding year in the QAFL.

Southport won the pre-season series, the Winfield State Championship and, in fact, every game they played.

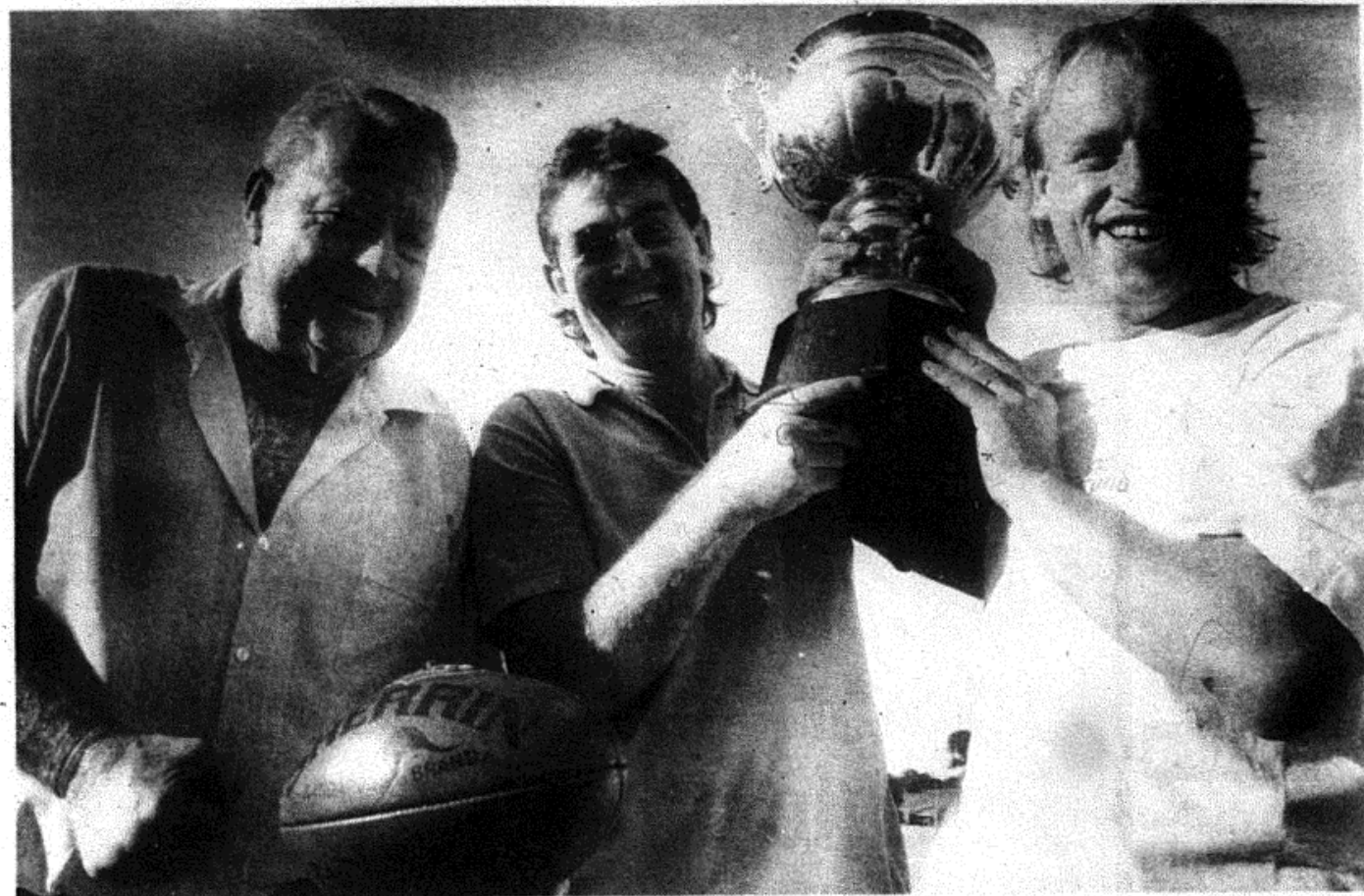
'General' Fankhauser yesterday predicted his troops would perform as well next year.

"At this stage we're talking with a few beers in our mouths, but not one of them is going to leave. They're all stopping here," he said.

The short-term problem for the 'General' was how long.

There was also the problem of finding the premier-ship cup, which was filled with rum and milk and passing through several hands.

"First I better find another club that will have a happy hour tomorrow," said the General, grabbing the phone in time to stop another inquiry about the whereabouts of his players.



Sharks stalwart Wally Fankhauser (left), club coach Gavin McGuane and team captain Craig Crowley celebrate the team's back-to-back grand final win

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