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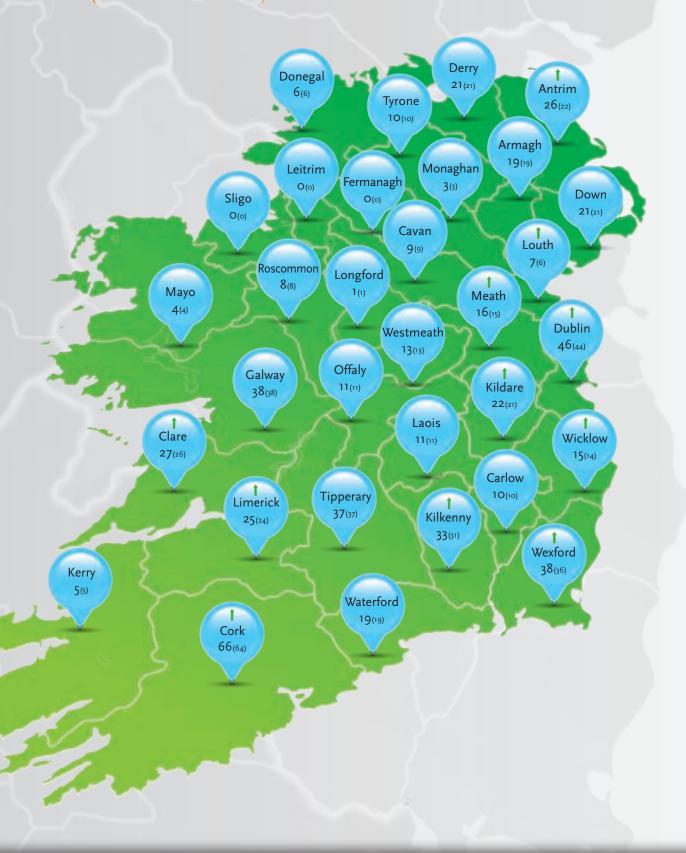
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Clubs by County 2017 (2016 Data in Brackets)



Comhairle Connacht

TUAIRISC AN RÚNAÍ 2017

Winners	Runners-Up
Mullagh (Galway)	Eyrecourt (Galway)
Oran (Roscommon)	Liam Mellows (Galway)
Galway A	Roscommon A
Galway B	Roscommon B
St. Dominic's (Roscommon)	Shamrocks (Galway)
Bóthar na Trá (Galway)	Na Brídeoga (Mayo)
Athenry (Galway)	Cappataggle (Galway)
	Mullagh (Galway) Oran (Roscommon) Galway A Galway B St. Dominic's (Roscommon) Bóthar na Trá (Galway) Athenry

It is a privilege to present my annual report on the activities of Connacht Council for the past year.

In January 2017, Connacht was represented at the All-Ireland Club Championships Semi-Finals by Sarsfields and Cappataggle from Galway in the Senior and Intermediate Championships respectively against the Leinster champions. Unfortunately, Cappataggle lost to Myshall of Carlow, however Sarsfields progressed to the All-Ireland Finals in March.

In February the County Volunteer of the Year winners were presented with their awards in Croke Park and the winners were:

Gerry Dolan – Galway Miriam Page – Mayo John Haughey – Roscommon

In March Sarsfields represented the province at the All-Ireland Senior Club Championship Final in Croke Park. Unfortunately, they were beaten by a strong Slaughtneil team from Ulster on the day.

The province in co-operation with the Connacht GAA Council organised the Connacht Poc Fada at the Connacht GAA Centre in Ballyhaunis. This proved to be very successful once again with competitors from Galway, Mayo and Roscommon taking part with Sarah Healy from Galway taking the senior title after moving up to this grade from last year. Due to a clash with county fixtures Sarah was unable to represent the province and Susan Earner from Eyrecourt in Galway took her place and claimed the Senior National title for the first time. Maeve Muldoon from Killimor, Galway won the Under 16 Poc Fada and came 2nd in the National final.

A team comprising of players from Galway, Mayo and Roscommon represented Connacht at the Junior Interprovincial Competition.

All-Ireland success came to the province at underage level with Galway winning the Minor A All-Ireland Championship and Galway also retained the Under 16 A title making it three-in-a row for Galway. Mayo claimed the Under 16 All-Ireland Progress to Success title and also won their division at the National Under 14 Blitz. Roscommon were unfortunate to lose the All-Ireland Minor B final to Carlow.

The Connacht Club Cup Finals proved to be very successful with the winners coming from Galway and Roscommon. Salthill from Galway won the Rose Nixon Cup, St. Dominic's from Roscommon won the Pat Barrett Cup and Athenry from Galway won the Fr. Vincent Lawless Cup. All cups were renamed after consultation with family members during the year.

Development

Due to changes in roles our Regional Development Officer Yvonne Byrne changed jobs within the organisation and on behalf of Connacht Camogie I would like to thank Yvonne for all the hard work she put into the development of Camogie in Connacht.

Through the funding received for Development, the Council provided assistance to counties and awarded 3rd level bursaries once again in 2017 with two bursaries going to players from Galway and one bursary each going to a player from Roscommon and Mayo.

An Under 16 Club 7-a-side Blitz was organised by John Mullins the newly appointed Growth and Participation Officer for Connacht in the Connacht GAA Centre and it was a great success.

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Comhairle Connacht & Balance Sheet Balance Sheet as at 30th November 2017

	30/11/2017	30/11/2016
FIXED ASSETS	€ 2,670	€ 2,670
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors/Prepayments Stock Bank Deposits	0 0 468 ———————————————————————————————————	0 0 4,603 4,603
CURRENT LIABILITIES Creditors/Accruals		2,779
NET CURRENT ASSETS	468	1,824
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	3,138	4,494 =====
Represented By: REVENUE ACCOUNT	3,138	4,494

Gerry Dolan once again co-ordinated the Under 14 Blitz.

The Council would like to thank John, Gerry and the County Development Officers for their assistance throughout the past year in developing Camogie in new areas and also at 2nd level.

Congratulations

I would like to congratulate all teams and mentors on their success in 2017 and hopefully more titles will come to the province in 2018.

Thanks

I would like to thank all my fellow officers for all their help and assistance – it makes my job easier to have such support. I wish Fiona Hamilton the very best in 2018 as she steps down as Cathaoirleach of Connacht Camogie Council and thank her for giving so much of her time and energy to our game.

I would also like to thank the various County Boards for their help, the Clubs who provided pitches and to those who took gates for holding our Club and Provincial Finals and to the Referees and all others who helped me and the province in any way.

Deirdre Burke Rúnaí

Comhairle Laighean



TUAIRISC AN RÚNAÍ 2017

Competition	Winners
Senior	Kilkenny
Intermediate	Laois
Junior	Offaly
Minor A Championship	Kilkenny
Minor A Shield	Dublin
Minor B Championship	Kildare
Minor B Shield	Westmeath
Under 16 A Championship	Dublin
Under 16 A Shield	Kilkenny
Under 16 B Championship	Laois
Under 16 B Shield	Wexford
Under 16 C Championship	Kildare
Senior Club Championship	Thomastown, Kilkenny
Intermediate Club Championship	Johnstownbridge, Kildare
Junior Club Championship	Kilmessan, Meath
Leinster League	
Division 1	Rathnure, Wexford
Division 2	St. Cillian's, Offaly
Division 3	Kilmacud Crokes, Dublin
Division 4	St. Claires, Kilkenny

2017 was once again a great year for Leinster counties which started off with Myshall claiming All-Ireland Intermediate Club Championship glory. Kilkenny retained their Division 1 title, and Dublin won their first League title since 1987 and their first ever Division 3 title. September had mixed fortunes for Leinster counties with Kilkenny losing their All-Ireland crown to Cork.

Congratulations to Westmeath and Meath on winning the All-Ireland Premier Junior and Intermediate Championships respectively and I would like to take this opportunity to wish them the best of luck in their new grades in 2018.

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Congratulations also to Kilmessan of Meath on winning their second All-Ireland Junior Club title in four years.

May saw our Under 14 Development Blitz take place in Rathleague, Portlaoise and I would like to thank Angela Gahan and all my fellow officers for their assistance in making this another successful day out for all Development Squads. Congratulations to all of the winners on the day. Thanks also to Portlaoise GAA for allowing us to run our Blitz with 5 pitches at our disposal. This year Leinster ran its second Wall Ball Challenge during our Blitz, where each County had members of their Development Squad compete to win equipment for their squad. The winner on the day was Aoibheann Mernagh of Wexford.

The Interprovincial Tournament was ran once again in Abbotstown this year as the Junior sides took part this year. I would like to thank Patsy Hetherton who came on board as our Leinster Manager and to her backroom team of Johnny Greville, Shane Plowman, Ann Colgan and Mick Ward. Unfortunately, we lost out to a strong Ulster team in the Final after beating Connacht in the Semi-Final. Thanks to all the counties for releasing their players to us and to the players themselves who travelled to Dublin for the day.

Our Poc Fada Competition was ran in conjunction with Leinster GAA in Beann Éadair GAA Club in Howth. Thanks to Humphrey Kelleher and Lester Ryan for making us so welcome on the day and congratulations to our winners:

Senior – Faye McCarthy – Dublin Under 16 – Abbey Donnelly – Meath

This year saw Leinster run our second Leinster Skills Star Competition, which was hosted by Portlaoise GAA in June. It was a very successful day where every County was entitled to send in two competitors. I would like to thank all the Leinster Officers and Volunteers who officiated on the day. 18 girls competed on the day.

Congratulations to Rebecca Sheehan of Carlow for coming out on top on the day.

Congratulations to all the Leinster Winners of 2017.

We were delighted to welcome 11 new clubs in Leinster in 2017 and I would like to wish these clubs the best of luck in 2018.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers who have contributed to Camogie in Leinster over the past year

in particular the officers of Leinster Council and our Committee Members.

Finally, as I step down as Leinster Secretary after serving 5 years in this role I'd like to thank all who have helped me in this role and in particular to my County Laois and my Club Camross for always supporting me.

Sarah Conroy Rúnaí

Balance Sheet as at 30th November 2017

	30/11/2017	30/11/2016
FIXED ASSETS	€	€ -
CURRENT ASSETS Bank Current Account Bank Deposit Account	47,061 10,591	41,947 10,587
	57,652	52,534
CURRENT LIABILITIES Creditors/Accruals	 	0
NET CURRENT ASSETS	57,652	52,534
TOTAL ASSETS LESS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES	57,652 =====	52,534 =====
Represented By: REVENUE ACCOUNT	57,652 =====	52,534 =====

Comhairle Mumhan



TUAIRISC AN RÚNAÍ 2017

Competition	Winners	Runners-Up
Munster Senior Club Championship	Burgess-Duharra (Tipperary)	Inagh Kilnamona (Clare)
Munster Intermediate Club Championship	Lismore (Waterford)	Newcestown (Cork)
Munster Junior Club Championship	Clanmaurice (Kerry)	Na Piarsaigh (Limerick)
Munster Minor A Club Championship Cup	Clare	Tipperary
Munster Minor A Club Championship Shield	Cork	Limerick
Munster Under 16 A Championship Cup	Cork	Tipperary
Munster Under 16 A Championship Shield	Clare	Waterford
Munster Under 16 B Championship Cup	Cork	Clare
Munster Under 16 C Championship Cup	Limerick	Waterford

I would like to thank all my fellow officers for their help during this my first year as Munster Council Secretary. The role is a challenging one but I have enjoyed my year. The weather did hamper fixtures early and late on in the year but never the less we soldiered on and got all competitions finished. I would like to thank all of the GAA clubs in Munster for the use of their facilities. Without them we wouldn't be able to run our Championships. To the many referees, umpires and lines people who officiated at our games, thank you all. Also, thanks to all the volunteers at Club and County level.

The 2016 Camogie Association Mick Dunne media awards took place in Croke Park on Saturday February 4th. 3 awards came to Munster; Tom Fox of Limerick won the Photography Award, Shirley Moloney of Cork won the PRO of the Year Awards and Sarah Leahy of Kerry won the Best Media Innovation Award.

The AIB All-Ireland Senior and Intermediate Club Championship Semi-Finals took place on Sunday January 29th. The Senior match between Burgess-Duharra,

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Tipperary and Slaughtneil, Derry was an enthralling and close contest which Slaughtneil just edged on a score line of 3-8 to 3-6. The Intermediate game between Gaillltír, Waterford and Eglish, Tyrone was another close contest which saw the Ulster champions come out on top on a scoreline of 1-5 to 1-4.

Senior Championship

On Saturday May 20th in Charleville Limerick defeated Cork to win the Munster Senior Camogie Championship for the first time ever on a scoreline of 1-13 to 0-14, player of the match on the day was Niamh Mulcahy of Limerick who scored 11 points.

Junior Championship

The Munster Junior Camogie Championship final between Cork and Kerry took place in Killeedy GAA, Limerick on Sunday 14th May. On a very wet day it took extra-time to separate the teams with victory going to Kerry on a scoreline of 0-14 to 1-10. Player of the match was Kerry's Patrice Diggin who scored 13 points.

Munster Club 7s

As part of the further development of Camogie within Munster and to give playing time to Club players during the summer months when National Intercounty Championships are taking place, Munster Camogie introduced the Club 7s. Each county held their own blitz on the July 2nd with Regional Blitzes on July 16th, the top two teams at both Senior/Intermediate and Junior levels qualified for the Munster 7s Finals in Mallow on Saturday July 29th. In the Senior, Inagh Kilnamona (Clare) took home the Graham Cup with Na Piarsaigh (Limerick) winning the Shield. The Junior Cup was won by Shannon Rovers (Tipperary) with Charleville (Cork) winning the Shield. Tara Camogie Club (London) were invited guests of Munster Camogie and contested the Shield Final. Huge thanks to all involved in organising this competition the referees and also the GAA clubs for the use of their facilities.

Bridget Stanley Rúnaí

Balance Sheet as at 30th November 2017

	30/11/2017	30/11/2016
CURRENT ASSETS	€	€
Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	8,925 83,831	8,500 115, 892
	92,756	124,392
CURRENT LIABILITIES Trade creditors	10,687	1,200
Net Current	82,069	123,192
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	82,069	123,192
NET ASSETS	82,069	123,192
FINANCED BY RETAINED EARNINGS	82,069	123,192

Comhairle Uladh



TUAIRISC AN RÚNAÍ 2017

Competition	Winners
Ulster Senior Championship	Derry
Minor Championship Cup	Antrim
Minor Championship Cup	Cavan
Under 16 Championship Cup	Antrim
Under 16 Championship Shield	Monaghan
Ulster Senior Club Championship	Slaughtneil (Derry)
Ulster Intermediate Club Championship	Eglish (Tyrone)
Ulster Junior Club Championship	Crosserlough (Cavan)
Ulster Junior B Club Championship Bridie McMenamin Shield	Naomh Treasa (Dungannon)
Ulster Under 14 Blitz - Section A	Antrim
Ulster Under 14 Blitz - Section B	Armagh
Ulster Under 14 Blitz - Section C	Armagh
Ulster Under 14 Blitz - Section D	Donegal
Ulster Senior Poc Fada	Orlagh O'Hara (Antrim)
Ulster Under 16 Poc Fada	Róisín McCormac (Antrim)
All-Ireland Senior Club Championship	Slaughtneil (Derry)
All-Ireland Under 16 C Championship	Armagh

Ulster Camogie had a very busy year off the field of play this year having to put major focus and energy on Sport NI requirements necessary to retain funding. The support of the clubs and county are a must if we are to retain our funding going forward.

Sport NI has been central in the outstanding developments being made by Ulster Camogie. The continued funding of a full-time Administration Manager and Club Officer has seen Ulster Camogie flourish.

Integration within Ulster

The strength of integration in Ulster remains high with the continued highlight again in 2017 being the high-profile double-header Senior Camogie Club Championship Final and the Senior Hurling Club Championship Final in the Armagh Athletic Grounds. I would like to give thanks and best wishes to Ulster GAA for their continued support to Ulster Camogie across many areas.

Ulster Camogie is very proud of the Slaughtneil Camógs. Being crowned All-Ireland Senior Camogie Club Champions was richly deserved for such a great team and club. Congratulations to all in Slaughtneil and Derry Camogie.

We have had greater levels of co-operation with GAA County Boards and clubs regarding securing facilities for our games and we thank Armagh, Derry and Tyrone, in particular for hosting high profile Camogie games again in 2017.

Our relationships with Ulster LGFA also continue to develop and grow whilst we embark on continued joint initiatives.

National Competitions

Ulster was well represented on the national stage in both League and Championship. Congratulations to Derry on reaching the Division 2 Final against a very strong Cork squad who won the final. Congratulations also to Armagh on winning the All-Ireland Under 16 C National title.

2017 was the turn of the Junior Ulster Squad who retained their Interprovincial title. Well done to all involved.

PR & Media

Ulster Camogie successfully recorded and live streamed a number of games but much more could be done here. The recruitment of a PR Intern Niamh McCarthy in the Ulster Camogie Office resulted in more coverage and social media exposure. I would like to thank all PROs for their

contributions and work to promote their own counties, clubs and colleges.

Gaelic Life Newspaper have again included Camogie for their All-Stars Club Presentations. Ulster Club Finalist players received nomination and were selected by the editors of the newspaper. Slaughtneil received the highest number followed closely by Loughgiel and Eglish.

Education Sectors

Ulster Colleges has again gone through a busy year and credit must go to Ulster Colleges Council for administering the large level of games in a school year. Throughout the year Ulster Camogie and Ulster Colleges are in regular contact and continue to work hand in hand.

Coaching & Games

Coach Education building on the success achieved in the previous year, continues to deliver courses across the province. The benefits of full-time staff to support volunteers and provide education opportunities will continue to have positive benefits to our game.

Moving forward

We acknowledge the support of many key individuals, Mary O'Connor in her position as Director of Camogie now gone to pastures new, Ard Stiúrthóir Joan O'Flynn and Uachtarán Catherine Neary for assisting in and regularly attending events in Ulster.

Thanks also to the hard working members of the Ulster Council and the staff of Ulster Camogie for their support throughout the year. To Uachtarán Tofa Kathleen Woods taking up her new position in April, we are very proud of you and all your achievements and we wish you every success and know you will do a brilliant job.

Finally, I thank all Provincial, County and Club volunteers for their continued hard work and wish them all the best for 2018.

Rosemary Hughes Merry Rúnaí

Balance Sheet as at 30th November 2017

	2017	2016
CURRENT ASSETS	£	£
Debtors	11,300	8,131
Paypal Account	29,232	15,842
Bank of Ireland Keady	9,330	16.380
First Trust Euro (Converted Stg 87%)	48,037 (80	%) 41,641
BOI Keady UCC Awards & Grants	23,675	25,501
Cash on Hand	53	
	121,627	107,495
CURRENT LIABILITIES Creditors	18,232	(15,810)
NET CURRENT ASSETS	103,395	91,685
TOTAL ASSETS LESS		60-
CURRENT LIABILITIES	103,395	91,685
Capital Account:		
Brought forward from prior year	91,685	73,000
Add surplus for the period	11,710	18,685
	103,395	91,685
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Players in action in Australia



Young players in action in Australia

Australasia

Gaelic Football & Hurling Association of Australasia

Camogie continues to develop and prosper in Australasia, with New South Wales (Sydney), Queensland (Brisbane), Western Australia (Perth) and Victoria (Melbourne) running highly competitive leagues. Demonstration and challenge games have also been played in Adelaide, Christchurch and Wellington. Unfortunately, we did not have teams participate at the 2017 Australasia Games but this year our games will be held in Melbourne and we aim to have the Australasian Camogie Championships back in Gaelic Park.

Youth Development

With the growing number of young Irish families in the main Australian and New Zealand capital cities, youth development continues to be a major priority for the association, with a number of States now actively engaged in various initiatives. Championed by the Gaelic Games Junior Academy of Western Australia in Perth in 2015, New South Wales GAA (Sydney) and Victoria GAA have established youth training camps over the course of the seasons, with large numbers of both primary school aged boys and girls attending the sessions.

In Sydney, a mixed children's team played a "grassroots" curtain raiser game to the New South Wales GAA League Finals in July. It is encouraging to see such a healthy level of interest in the games at grassroots level.

The Gaelic Games Junior Academy of Western Australia continues to go from strength to strength thanks to the hard work of local parents and volunteers. Following on from last year's success, the Academy once again ran the popular Cúl Camps during school holidays featuring Football, Hurling and Camogie.

As many clubs across Australia are starting back their preseason training, we look forward to another successful year for Camogie Development in our region.

Michelle McCarthy PRO

International Board Reports

Camogie Board Britain

Competition	Winners	Runners Up
Senior Championship	Tara	Croydon
Senior Midweek League	Tara	Croydon
Intermediate Championship	John Mitchels	Tara
Junior Championship	Fullen Gaels	Liverpool Wolfe Tones
Junior League	Liverpool Wolfe Tones	Fullen Gaels
Mixed League	Fr. Murphys	John Mitchels

2017 was another busy year for Camogie Board Britain and included below are some of the main highlights;

- All 2017 competitions were completed, with a vastly improved and commendable fulfillment of fixtures compared to 2016.
- Erin go Brágh and Tara held two very successful one-day tournaments to ease the clubs back into action in the early part of the year.
- A new Senior Midweek League was introduced in order to give Senior players more game time. The Intermediate Championship introduced in 2016 was once again implemented and this worked well for clubs, with no walkovers occurring. A Junior Championship and League remained, as did a Senior Championship. The Mixed League remained, with both Senior and Intermediate teams taking part, playing mixed teams to even out the standard.
- Tara, as Senior champions, travelled to Ireland to play in the All-Ireland Junior Club Championship Preliminary Round, playing Athleague of Roscommon. Tara lost by a narrow margin after a gallant effort.
- Much more progress has been made over the past year regarding the Gaelic Games Council of Britain with the Chairperson and Secretary of Camogie Board Britain appointed as Directors of the new Gaelic Games Council of Britain.

Some of our main objectives and initiatives for 2018 include the following;

- Maintaining an increased participation level: we would like to contain the low level of walkovers this year and review and develop our competition structure in 2018 again to tailor to the level of clubs in Britain. A competition survey has been sent to all clubs in advance of the drafting of 2018 fixtures.
- Renewed focus on underage structures: Denis Neenan continues to make great strides with underage development in Birmingham, but there is lots of work to do in London.
- Improving the standard of refereeing and the number of referees.
- Achieve recognition from Sport England, Scotland and Wales through the formation of a National Governing Body, being the Gaelic Games Council of Britain (where we will have equal representation alongside the GAA and LGFA).
- Improved use of digital and social media platforms: starting with the launch of a new website.

Conclusion

2017 was a challenging but successful year, and in particular it was pleasing to see clubs' positive response to the restructuring of competitions, as well as adding a Senior Midweek League. We have a busy year ahead with some significant hurdles to overcome, particularly in our efforts to put underage development plans in place. We look forward to putting in place a strong Board for 2018 in order to continue the successful implementation of our competitions and promotion of Camogie at both underage and adult level in Britain.

Joni Traynor Rúnaí



Dubai Celts with Mícheál Ó Muircheartaigh

Middle East GAA

The Middle East season commenced with clubs returning to training in August 2017 following the conclusion of the 2016/2017 season with the Championships Finals held in Dubai. The first Tournament of the 2017/2018 season was held in Dubai in October of 2017.

The remaining fixtures of the league are scheduled for Al Ain on March 2nd 2018 and the Championship will be held in Abu Dhabi on the April 19th 2018.

Seán O'Sullivan Rúnaí

Gaelic Games Europe

Camogie continues to grow in Europe, with 2017 seeing more teams compete and more clubs represented than ever before. Whilst Gaelic Games Europe spans 22 countries and 89 clubs, Camogie is the smallest code with only Austria (1 club), Belgium (1 club), Germany (6 clubs), Luxembourg (1 club), Netherlands (4 clubs) and Switzerland (2 clubs), providing players for tournaments.

Highlights in 2017 included:

- April saw a European selection (from 4 clubs) winning the Junior division of the Tara 7s Tournament in London.
- Our season ran from May to September, with 4 tournament rounds played with Belgium GAA winning the overall championship.
- Workshops for Camogie were organised in May and November by Frankfurt Sarsfields, with input from Darmstadt GAA coaches.

Our focus for 2018 is on recruitment, and supporting the development of the sport in our other existing European GAA clubs. Clubs often travel to tournaments without a full squad, or send one or two players, with teams amalgamating on the day. In 2018 we hope to see more full squads travelling, and with increased player numbers we can move up to 9-a-side games more often (from 7-a-side). The fantastic growth of Camogie in Germany means that geography is a bigger consideration now, as we move from our traditionally Benelux-heavy tournaments.

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We enjoy a good relationship with an Cumann Camógaíochta and were delighted once more to welcome representatives to our finals in Dresden with both an Uachtarán Tofa Kathleen Woods and Kathleen Egan of the Camogie Association staff team travelling to Germany in September. We thank the Camogie Association for their continued support, and look forward to working together closely this season.

Gráinne Corry European Camogie Officer

USGAA

2017 was a year of continued growth for Camogie in USGAA. Renewed focus on development work resulted in an increase in the number of registered clubs – the return of Camogie to the San Francisco division being one highlight.

As always, the key metric is "How many people are playing games", and in that regard it was pleasing to see our playing base increase slightly to over 400 registered players – with clubs spread across 7 of 10 USGAA Divisions.

Across the country a very healthy 81% of players are American born and this aligns with USGAA's long-term vision of realising untapped potential outside the traditional Irish base.

The re-establishing of the Camogie Development Committee, as a partner to the Hurling Development Committee, was a successful initiative – the three main areas that the Committee focused on were:

- Leveraging the experience of the Hurling Development Committee
- Working with Camogie clubs and players on defined goals
- Making recommendations on Team Grading for USGAA Finals

This year the USGAA County Finals took place in Treasure Island, San Francisco. Championships at three Grades were competed for by 13 teams (including invitational teams from Canada and New York).

As the unseasonable 30-degree weather of Friday gave way to cooler weekend temperatures, the display of Camogie on offer was of a high standard and drew large crowds to witness the skills and commitment of the players.

After a number of very competitive games, the following teams were crowned 2017 USGAA Champions:

Senior: Liberty Gaels (New Jersey)
Intermediate: Cú Chulainn (Western Division)
Junior: Cú Chulainn (Western Division)

Going forward, the key goals for 2018 and beyond include:

More games;

- Camogie-only tournaments
- Increase Camogie-only games between clubs
- Establish more local Camogie leagues

Upskilling;

- Player upskilling to raise the standard of play
- Referee upskilling to ensure Camogie-focused officials
- Coach upskilling to work with players on the standard of play

Finally, we would like to thank Camogie Association for their ongoing support and commitment to promoting the games in the US, and particularly for the attendance of Executive Members at our various events. With your support, we look forward to promoting and growing the game of Camogie to new heights in 2018.

Paul Keane Rúnaí







Comhairle Camógaíochta na nIarbhunscoileanna (Post-Primary Camogie Council)

No. of Meetings held: 4

No. of meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	Role	Number of meetings
Brendan Williams	Cathaoirleach	4
Dónal Burke	Leas Cathaoirleach	0
Mairéad Ní Mhaoileóin	Rúnaí	4
Proinnsias Ó Críodáin	Cisteoir	0
Teresa McAvinchey	Clárathóir	4
Paul Beecher	Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí	3
Geraldine Clarke	Oifigeach na bPáistí	1
Ger Donovan	Oifigeach Forbratha	0
Cathy Mulholland	Toscaire Cúige	3
Fiona Paige	Toscaire Cúige	1
Ciarán Ó Murchú	Toscaire Cúige	2
Jerry Drennan	Toscaire Cúige	1

Achievements in 2017:

The present committee has been very busy ensuring that our registrations are up-to-date. This has required quite a bit of chasing down of schools who qualify for the All-Ireland series by our registrar. They are now up-to-date.

The uncertainty with regard to the position of Servicing Officer made the running and co-ordinating of our matches more difficult. A member of the committee has offered to help out and take on some of the duties of Servicing Officer. This is most unsatisfactory and should not be seen as a long-term solution. We would hope that somehow the duties could be incorporated in the duties of the permanent staff.

The Interprovincial 7s Blitz was held on October 18th 2017 and was very well co-ordinated by Kathleen Egan, Club and Education Support Co-ordinator. The winners on the

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day were: A Presentation Athenry, B St. Mary's Nenagh and C Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál Blarney. The Senior and Junior Finals are scheduled for March 3rd and 10th respectively.

The AGM for Comhairle Camógaíochta na nlarbhunscoileanna has been provisionally set for Saturday May 19th 2018 and we look forward to continued commitment from those tasked with developing this sector. While we acknowledge the support received from the Uachtarán and Ard Chomhairle we feel this support and understanding is not as obvious throughout the Association. It is important that the value of this sector in the long-term development and promotion of our game is realised by all our members. This is the age at which we either lose or retain our players and the age at which future administrators can be identified and nurtured.

The teachers who give their time to coach and look after Camogie players in our 2nd level school cannot be thanked enough. Without them 2nd level Camogie would not exist. Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir agus bíodh 'fhios agaibh go n-imíonn an tuirse ach go bhfanann an tairbhe.

Mairéad Ní Mhaoileóin Rúnaí

Comhairle Camógaíochta Ard Oideachais (CCAO)

Members:

Michelle Molloy - Cathaoirleach Jennifer Norris - Rúnaí Eimear McCarthy - Treasurer Emma Loo - PRO Niamh Hegarty - Registrar

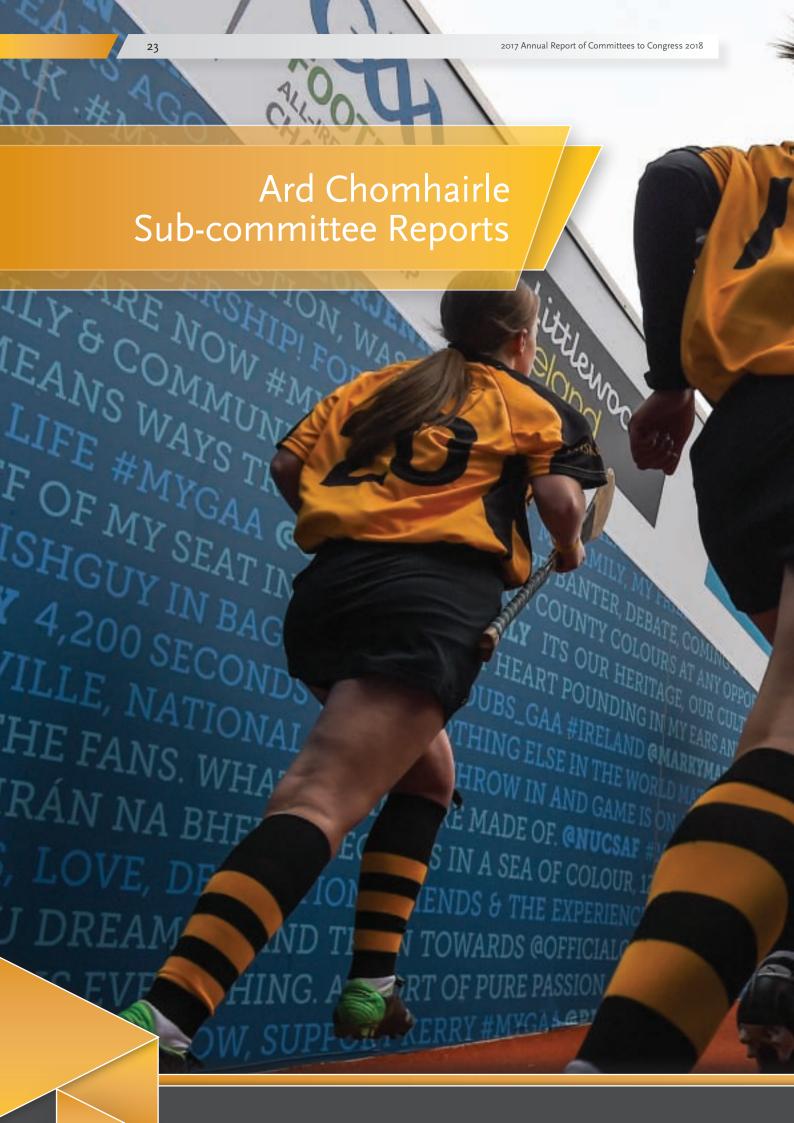
No. of Meetings held: 1

Given the location of all members, the Cathaoirleach has met other members individually on several occasions.

Achievements in 2017

This is a new committee since last year's Congress. At the start of our year we set our short and long-term goals for the CCAO, some of which have been achieved to date. We look forward to using this year to help achieve our goals and objectives.

Michelle Molloy Cathaoirleach









National Resource Management Committee

No of Meeting held: 6

No. of meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	Role	Number of meetings
Catherine Neary	Uachtarán	6
Sheila O'Donohoe	Committee Member	4
Miriam O'Callaghan	Committee Member	2
Aileen Pierce	Committee Member	3
Fiona Hamilton	Committee Member	4
Pat Martin	Committee Member	5
James Moynihan	Committee Member	1
John Foley	Committee Member	0
Kathleen Woods	Committee Member	6
Geraldine Beat- tie-Greene	Committee Member	4
Anne Nee Kennedy	Committee Member	4
Joan O'Flynn	Ard Stiúrthóir	6
Feena Hosford	Finance Manager	6

Achievements in 2016

- Made recommendations to Ard Chomhairle on 2017 Annual Budget and monitored control of budget performance
- Considered Draft Financial Statements for 2017
- Continued indebtedness review and financial reviews of units
- Reviewed and recommended to Ard Chomhairle an updated Internal Financial Controls Policy
- Commenced development of Recruitment and Selection Policy
- Recommended to Ard Chomhairle amendments to Employee Handbook
- Recommended to Ard Chomhairle amendments to structure of employee pension contributions to facilitate greater staff participation in pension scheme
- Recommended to Ard Chomhairle terms of reference for Risk Management Committee

National Competitions Management Committee

No. of Meetings held: 8 Meetings and 25 Conference calls

No. of meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Hilda Breslin	Chairperson	8
Jennifer Cultra	Committee Member	7
Maeve Healy	Committee Member	8
Fiona Godfrey	Committee Member	3
Liz McGuinness	Fixtures Administrator	8

Achievements in 2017

- Implementation of the 2017 National Fixtures
 Plan involving over 265 fixtures. This work includes
 the scheduling of games, venues and appointments of
 match officials.
- A review of the 2017 National Fixtures Plan resulting in recommendations to Ard Chomhairle for consideration on the 2018 Competition Structures and scheduling of games.
- Preparation of the 2018 National Fixtures Plan subject to Ard Chomhairle approval.

At the end of the Committee's three year term I would like to thank all of the members of the Committee for their tireless work and commitment regarding National Competitions Management. The Committee would like to express our gratitude to all the counties officers, grounds personnel and match officials who have co-operated ensuring the successful completion of programmes of games. Finally I'd like to thank the staff of the Camogie Association for their ongoing support to our Committee.

Hilda Breslin Cathaoirleach

Volunteer and Officer Support, Training and Development

No. of Meetings held: 4

No. of meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Eilís Kavanagh	Cathaoirleach	4
Roberta Farrell	Committee Member	4
Kathleen Egan	Club and Education Support Co-ordinator	4
Eve Talbot	Provincial and County Officer Training and Support Co-ordinator	4

Achievements in 2017

- · Club Officer Training took place in Wicklow.
- Club and County Officer training took place with one workshop in each province.
- County THDC training took place with one workshop in in each province.

Sincere thanks to our dedicated panel of Tutors, Provincial Growth and Participation Co-ordinators, our Ard Stiúrthóir, Uachtarán and staff at the National Camogie Office for their continued support.

Thanks to those counties who participated in the Volunteer of the Year Awards and congratulations to the winners. Thanks to staff at the National Camogie Office for coordinating entries and organising the Awards Ceremony.

Eilís Kavanagh Cathaoirleach



National Coaching and Games Development Committee

No. of Meetings held: 8 Meetings and 3 Conference Calls

No. of meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Eamonn Browne	Cathaoirleach	8
Bridget Barnville	Committee Member	8
Sheila O'Donohoe	Committee Member	7
Rob Lotty	Committee Member	8
Gerry Dolan	Committee Member	3
Liam Kelly	Committee Member	5
Ailish Whitty	Committee Member	6
Angela Gahan	Committee Member	5
Ger O'Donovan	Committee Member	1
Siobhán Poulter	Committee Member	2
Niall Williams	Coach Education and Develop- ment Co-ordinator	2
Mary O'Connor	Former Staff Member	7
Yvonne Byrne	Former Staff Member	2
Clare Dowdall	Youth Development Co-ordinator	4

Achievements in 2017

The underage Blitzes evoke an amount of discussion and the opinions of those who regularly attend and run Blitzes should be listened to more. They are at the coalface of all that happens in Development. I have attended a few Blitzes during the year and spoken to a number of people who are involved and they are passionate about our game and its further and future development.

There is great support for some of the Development initiatives facilitated by the Committee. The Underage Blitzes – Under 14, Under 15 and also Féile na nGael were organised and run by members of the Committee amongst others with great success. The Under 17 Blitz is finding it difficult to get off the ground despite the great efforts of some people. We wish Niall who has taken over the mantle from Yvonne every success and Clare who has stepped into the breach since Mary departed has shown great enthusiasm also. I would like to personally thank Mary and

Yvonne for their help and support during my term on the Committee.

Eamonn Browne Cathaoirleach

National Child Welfare and Protection Committee (NCWPC)

No. of Meetings held: 4

No. of meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Mary Connor	Cathaoirleach	4
Marie O'Brien	Committee Member	4
Barbara Ryan	Committee Member	4
Kathleen Woods	Committee Member	2
Stephen Flynn	Operations Co-ordinator	1
Caroline Fitzsimons	Operations Co-ordinator	2

Achievements in 2017

The committee would like to recognise the links forged with the GAA around training and awareness of Child Safeguarding and the engagement on further strengthening our Child Safeguarding procedures. There has also being a very positive response about information sharing and circulation between Associations and then to all Units.

The National Child Welfare Audit conducted by the GAA during 2017 was a very valuable resource in identifying the volume of ongoing work conducted by our units on a day-to- day basis. It also highlighted the shortcomings of the Association and where gaps in the data will need to be addressed. We must thank all Units who completed the survey and for their co-operation as the data compiled gave a magnificent insight into Child Safeguarding within the Association.

As directed by Ard Chomhairle in the November meeting under rule each unit must have a Child Welfare Officer and then that person must sit on the Unit Executive. Failure to comply with this mandate will result in underage activity

being suspended within the Unit. This proved decisive as all Units were fully compliant by the deadline date. A number of Children's Officer courses were delivered provincially and then each county delivered Safeguarding 1 courses.

Children First Legislation came into effect from December 11th 2017 and reinforced the importance of good practice within our Association. The main crux of the legislation is the identification of key people that need to be appointed in each Unit. There needs to be a Designated Liaison Person (DLP) in each Unit and a Mandated Person appointed nationally.

Mary Connor Cathaoirleach

National Player Welfare Committee

Members:

Melanie Ní Dhuinn Stellah Sinnott Mairéad Ní Mhaoileóin

Achievements in 2017

The National Player Welfare Committee provided advice and support to the Player Welfare Co-ordinator Paul O'Donovan in the design and delivery of the Camogie Association Player Welfare Questionnaire.

Melanie Ní Dhuinn Cathaoirleach

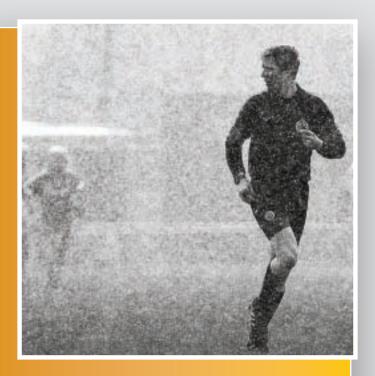
Remuneration Committee

Members: Mellany McLoone (Cathaoirleach), Joan O'Flynn (Ard Stiúrthóir), Aileen Pierce (Ard Chomhairle), Anne Nee Kennedy, Simon Moroney

No. of meetings held: 3

The Remuneration Committee met on three occasions during 2017 to meet its responsibility to make recommendations in relation to pay for all staff up to and including director level (or equivalent).

Mellany McLoone Cathaoirleach



National Referee, Support and Development Committee

No. of Meetings held: 3

No. of meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Aileen Lawlor	Cathaoirleach	3
Frank McDonald	Committee Member	3
Walter Cole	Committee Member	3
John McDonagh	Committee Member	1
Jenny Byrne	Committee Member	3
Louise Reilly	Committee Member	3
Alan Lagrue	Committee Member	3
Lizzie Flynn	Referee Education and Develop- ment Co-ordinator	3

Achievements in 2017

- Held fitness tests for National Referees before the 2017 National Leagues and Championship.
- Commenced new online rules testing for National Referees in line with other Gaelic Games codes.
- Held Forums for National Referees including updates in rule changes after Congress 2017.
- Continued to roll out the Camogie Association's second Referees Academy now called 'The Peter Downey Referee Academy'.
- Upskilled existing Referees Assessors.
- Camogie Tutors delivered Referees courses nationally.
- Collated suggested rule changes and sent to Ard Chomhairle for consideration for Congress 2018

Aileen Lawlor Cathaoirleach

National Communications and Marketing Committee

No. of Meetings held: 3

No. of meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Fiona Casey	Cathaoirleach	3
Roberta Farrell	Committee Member	1
Sarah Conroy	Committee Member	3
Gerry O'Sullivan	Committee Member	3
Olive Leonard	Committee Member	3
Cian Nelson	Communications Manager	1

Achievements in 2017

- Media Awards held in February 2017. While always a good entry rate, improvements can still be made.
- Roll out of PRO Workshop in conjunction with Féile na nGael 2017 in Carlow, attended by all the host counties. A successful rollout was accomplished, with a number of issues identified.
- Plan established to roll out nationwide PRO
 Workshops in 2018 as part of the National
 Development Plan in Connacht, Leinster & Munster
 (possibly as part of the hosting of Féile na nGael)

Fiona Casey
Cathaoirleach

All-Stars Committee

No. of Meetings held: 5

No. of meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Sheila Coen	Cathaoirleach	5
Sheila O'Donohoe	Committee Member	5
Mary Burke	Committee Member	5
Alice Dowling	Committee Member	5
Darren Kelly	Committee Member	4
Patsy Hetherton	Committee Member	5
Rachel Hogan	Committee Member	5
Marian Graham	Committee Member	5
Maura McCloy	Committee Member	5

Achievements in 2017

- The only change to the All-Stars Committee's way of working was to the Soaring Stars Awards format. In 2016, 18 Premier Junior nominations and 18 Intermediate nominations were selected, from which 6 winners were selected in both categories. In 2017, there was 36 nominations from both the Premier Junior and Intermediate Junior grades of which a 15 player team selection of winners were selected made up from 3 Goalkeepers, 7 Full-Backs, 7 Half- Backs, 5 Midfielders, 7 Half-Forwards and 7 Full-Forwards.
- The Committee worked in conjunction with the WGPA in shortlisting for the Players' Player of the Year Awards.

Sheila Coen Cathaoirleach



National Development Plan Implementation Committee

No. of Meetings held: 4

No. of meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Sheila O'Donohoe	Cathaoirleach	4
Brendan Waters	Committee Member	4
Tom Hayes	Committee Member	4
Grainne McIntyre	Committee Member	4
Annette Ní Dhathlaoi	Committee Member	4
Joan O'Flynn	Ard Stiúrthóir	4

Achievements in 2017

- Initial work done on scoping player insurance market/ models (Section 3.1.2 of NDP).
- Review of the remit of the Provincial Councils (Section 3.3 of the NDP).
- Exploration of the use of census/other data to asses participation rates regarding club sustainability and scope for new clubs and teenage retention; Kildare/ Meath Project and an overview of its progress to date and the key challenges and sustainability of such models (sections 1.2 and 1.3 of NDP)
- Discussion with Commercial Manager regarding overview of the commercial strategy and current priorities including identification of sponsors/linkages (Section 2.3 of the NDP)
- Initial work on financial forecasting over the life of the National Development Plan (2016-19) and scoping of a Value for Money Framework for the National Development Plan projects/activities (Section 3.1 of the NDP).

Sheila O'Donohoe Cathaoirleach

National Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Committee (NTHDC)

Members: Richard Mulholland - Cathaoirleach, Joe O'Donnell - Rúnaí, Rachel Hogan, Noeleen McCarthy, Deirdre Mitchell-Canning, Miriam Murphy and Róisín Walsh

No. of Cases Referred: 34

The NTHDC has been quieter this year in comparison to the two previous years. The majority of the cases were related to appeals.

The hearings are confidential but it would seem evident from these hearings that THDCs need more support in terms of training in order for them to carry out their role. The training needs to be more extensive than the two hours currently provided.

Finally, I would like to extend my thanks to the members of the committee who have spent many hours over the last three years dealing with hearings as well as teleconferences. I hope that attendees at hearings have felt they were listened to even if they did not get the result they were expecting.

Richard Mulholland Cathaoirleach

National Finals Appeals Committee (NFAC)

Members: Eilís Kavanagh - Cathaoirleach, Mairéad Finn, Jackie Brien, Marian McCarthy

No. of Meetings held: 2

- Two appeals were heard in 2017 this low number is a credit to our players and Clubs and County, Provincial and National THDCs.
- The second appeal was connected to the first appeal, so three extra members (Christopher Mangan, Marie O'Brien and Germaine Noonan) were co-opted onto the Committee, with the agreement of an Uachtarán as required under procedure.

Eilís Kavanagh Cathaoirleach











GAA National Child Welfare and Protection Committee

Members: National GAA Committee - Marie O'Brien, Camogie Association Representative

Achievements in 2017

- The first Child Welfare Audit was carried out in June and over 1,300 Clubs responded. 34% responded as a joint-club response, 42% on behalf of the GAA, 14% on behalf of Camogie and 10% on behalf of the LGFA. Of the 33,500 coaches working with underage teams, 29,500 had been vetted and 21,700 had a coaching qualification at the time of the audit. 99% had appointed a Children's Officer and 83% had appointed a Designated Liaison Person (DLP).
- Two National Child Welfare Seminars were held in May and November.
- The DLP Workshop was completed and is currently being piloted.
- The Camogie Association and the LGFA joined the E-Vetting system.
- An information booklet providing information and guidance for Clubs on Children First was issued.
- The delivery of certified Child Protection in Sport
 Awareness Workshops and Children's Officer Workshop
 is ongoing and available to all Clubs and Counties in the
 Gaelic Games family. Workshops for County Hearings
 and Determining Committees will be delivered in 2018.
- The Code of Best Practice in Youth Sport (Our Games Our Code) has been reviewed and a revised edition will be published in March 2018, renamed Code of Behaviour (Underage).
- A template has been prepared for the completion of a Risk Assessment and Safeguarding Statement, which all Clubs must complete under Children First. The template will be issued to all Clubs.

Marie O'Brien Camogie Association Representative GAA Committee Reports

All-Ireland Poc Fada Committee

Members: National GAA Committee - Lizzie Flynn, Camogie Association Representative

No. of Meetings: 10

Achievements in 2017

This was the third year of the new structure to Poc Fada with 10 competitors qualifying for the National Competition. A total of six at Senior level (four provincial winners, last year's winner & the invited All-Stars Goalkeeper for 2016) and four at Under 16 level (four provincial winners). We continued to encourage counties to align with the GAA competitions at County and Provincial level where possible. Many competitions took place away from the field and to more relative environs applicable to the national competition which is held in the Cooley Mountains on the August Bank Holiday weekend.

The standard of the competition overall far exceeded previous years as is evident in the results and coverage of our national competition. Galway's Susan Earner set a new course record coming in with only 26 shots. In addition, RTÉ's Nationwide programme aired their piece on the 2017 MD Sports All-Ireland Poc Fada Finals on Friday September 1st with Camogie included in the piece.

Senior Results:

- 1. Susan Earner (Galway/Connacht)
- 2. Áine O'Loughlin (Clare/Munster)
- 3. Aoife Murray (Cork/2016 Winner)
- 4. Mags D'Arcy (Wexford/2016 All-Stars Nominee)
- 5. Orlagh O'Hara (Antrim/Ulster)
- 6. Elaine Gallery (Dublin/Leinster)

U16 Results:

- 1. Molly Lynch (Cork/Munster)
- 2. Maeve Muldoon (Galway/Connacht)
- 3. Róisín McCormack (Antrim/Ulster)
- 4. Abbey Donnelly (Meath/Leinster)

Lizzie Flynn
Camogie Association Representative

GAA Strategic Plan Steering Group

Members: National GAA Committee – Eilís Kavanagh, Camogie Association Representative

No. of meetings held: 3

Achievements in 2017

The GAA has agreed a strategic planning process to develop a Strategic Plan for the Association to cover the period from the end of March 2018 to December 2020. It is chaired by Uachtarán an CLG, Seán Ó hÓráin, and will result in organisation-wide goals and strategies for the Association at national level.

Following a wide consultation process, the group will decide on priorities and goals that will best contribute to the overall mission and vision of the Association. Strategies for achieving the goals will be explored and developed. Once published, the plan will be implemented through communication and through ensuring that appropriate structures are in place to monitor and measure progress. It is hoped

A wide range of expertise and experience is represented in the Steering Group, including representatives from Ladies Football and Camogie. Our remit is to offer our perspective on the many challenges and opportunities that face the GAA in the coming years, rather than to petition for our particular interests.

Eilís Kavanagh Camogie Association Representative



Féile na nGael Committee

Members: National GAA Committee - Clare Dowdall, Camogie Association Representative

No. of Meetings held: 10

Achievements in 2017

The National Féile na nGael competition in association with John West took place in Carlow, Kilkenny and Wexford from Friday June 16th until Sunday June 18th 2017. 112 Camogie took part in National Feile (56 host and 56 travelling).

Results of the Camogie Finals were as follows:

Division	Winners	Score	Runners-up
Division 1 Cup	Sarsfields, Cork	2-13 V 1-2	Knockavilla, Tip- perary
Division 1 Shield	Monaleen, Limerick	1-6 v 1-1	Gailltír, Waterford
Division 2 Cup	Dicksboro, Kilkenny	1-5 V O-5	Kilcormac/Kil- loughey, Offaly
Division 2 Shield	Ballygalget, Down	6-2 v 5-1	Na Fianna, Meath
Division 3 Cup	Naas, Kildare	3-9 V 1-1	Salthill, Galway
Division 3 Shield	Myshall, Carlow	2-4 V O-2	Oylegate/Glen- brien, Wexford
Division 4 Cup	John Locke's Callan, Kilkenny	6-4 v o-1	Muinebheag, Carlow
Division 4 Shield	Duffry Rovers, Wexford	4-1 V O-1	Drumsurn, Derry
Division 5 Cup	Na Brídeoga, Mayo	1-4 v 1-3	Rathgarogue-Cush- instown, Wexford
Division 5 Shield	Kiltegan, Wicklow	2-3 V 1-2	Danesfort, Kilkenny
Division 6 Cup	Cillard, Kerry	3-2 V O-4	Rower-Inistioge, Kilkenny
Division 6 Shield	Westport, Mayo	2-1 V 1-1	St. Kevin's, Louth
Division 7 Cup	Windgap, Kilkenny	2-1 V O-1	Knockananna, Wicklow
Division 7 Shield	Paulstown, Kilkenny	1-3 v O-1	Laochra Óg, Cork

On Saturday June 17th four regional Feile events also took place. 27 competed across the four regions with the results as follows:

Division 1	Athenry, Galway	4-11 V O-1	Cahir, Tipperary
Division 2	Sarsfields, Galway	1-2 V O-1	Kilkishen-Bodyke, Clare
Division 3	Sahmrocks, Galway	0-4 V 0-2	St. Jude's, Dublin
Division 4	Ballycastle, Antrim	6-4 v 0-1	St. Brenda's Ballymac- nab, Meath

Clare Dowdall
Camogie Association Representative

Hurling Development Committee Report

Members: National GAA Committee – Mary O'Connor Camogie Association Representative

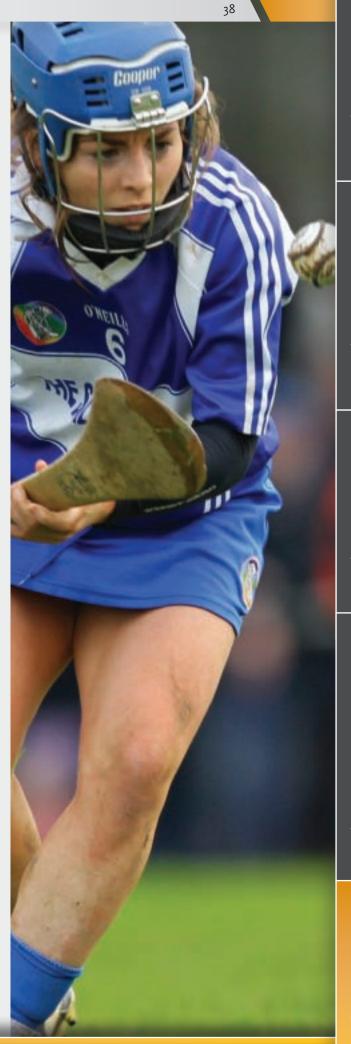
In 2017 the Hurling Development Committee's work focused on the provision of hurling games' opportunity for players at all levels.

Outside of this focus, projects that were progressed, that are relevant to Camogie included:

- Finalisation of the specification and technology required in relation to a standardised sliotar core
- Continued co-operation regarding Ash Dieback and wood technology with stakeholders related to hurley making
- Delivery of Provincial Hurling Development Workshops.

The Committee has identified future areas of priority which include the regeneration of hurling in Belfast.

Mary O'Connor Camogie Association Representative



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