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### Queensland Firebirds play first match of 2010 on the Gold Coast

The Queensland Firebirds will spread their wings in 2010, playing their first home game of the season outside of Brisbane at the Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre.

The move is set to reignite the passion for netball outside the Brisbane area and attract Firebirds fans from the Gold Coast region as well as NSW Swifts supporters from Northern NSW.

The Firebirds first home game on the Gold Coast in round one of the ANZ Championship will be against the NSW Swifts on March 21, 2010.

Netball Queensland Chief Executive Officer Cameron O'Hara said it was an exciting development to have the Firebirds play the first home match of the season on the Gold Coast.

"The Golden South region is one of the fastest growing sporting centres in Queensland and it has always been my vision to take the Firebirds outside Brisbane for one game of the ANZ Championship," Mr O'Hara said.

"It will give our fans on the Gold Coast the chance to get along to a home game and cheer on their side as well as provide an opportunity for some more healthy rivalry between the Firebirds and NSW Swifts."

"Fans from Northern NSW will be encouraged to cross the border and cheer on the Swifts live while still being close to home," he said.

"The Firebirds is Queensland's only professional netball team, and this is a great chance for Gold Coast sporting fans to view up-close what is an exciting exhibition of athleticism and what is sure to be a tough State of Origin opener for the 2010 ANZ Championships."

The Firebirds remaining six home games will be played at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition centre between April and June (see draw attached).

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Netballers and netball fans from all over South East Queensland and Northern NSW are expected to converge on the Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre for the match, which has a capacity of about 5000 people.

For ticket information stay tuned to the Queensland Firebirds website at [www.firebirds.net.au](http://www.firebirds.net.au) for the announcement of general ticket sales.

To register your interest for a season membership in 2010 send your details to [info@netballq.org.au](mailto:info@netballq.org.au).

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