



NEW SOUTH WALES RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES' ASSOCIATION INC.



2021

114TH ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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**‘As you drink
from the well
take time to remember
those members
who dug it.’**

NEW SOUTH WALES RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES' ASSOCIATION BACKGROUND

The NSWRL REFEREES' ASSOCIATION was founded along with the first foundation Rugby League clubs in 1908.

A proud association with a fine heritage and a rich, deep history. For over 114 years we have developed, coached, supported and mentored aspiring referees from our districts through to 1st Grade NRL & NSWRL and into International matches around the world.

From the first Association President elected at the inaugural meeting in 1908, Mr J Hoyle #18 and the first appointed Association Secretary, Mr A Welch #39 the NSWRLRA has been at the forefront of the game - a much admired member of the NSWRL.

1028 referees have been graded during those 114 years. The newest graded members Micheal Ford #1026, Brendan Mani #1027 and Ethan Murray #1028 joined the Association's ranks during the 2021 season. Each and every one showing the competencies, aptitude, commitment and passion to be part of the 'greatest game of all'. We ARE an important part of the great history of the game.

2021 will go down as a significant year in the history of the Association. At the Special General Meeting in November, the membership endorsed a new constitution that will see an Amalgamation between the Country Rugby League Referees and the NSW Rugby League Referees. This merger will no doubt enhance the plight of referees right across the state from the grassroots through to the upper echelons of the game.



#806 - Paul Duncan, #834 - Mogsheen Jadwhat, #817 - Peter Digby



#499 - Don Lancashire



#742 - Ian Parnaby



#895 - Glenn Toland

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

Notice is hereby given that the 114th Annual General Meeting of the NSWRL Referees' Association will be held as follows:

Wednesday 16 February 2022

Brad Fittler Lounge

NSWRL Centre of Excellence, 12 Dawn Fraser Ave Sydney Olympic Park NSW

You are cordially invited to attend either in person or via Zoom.

Please note that the Board has agreed to members participating via Zoom. Only financial members and a nominated delegate (1) from an Affiliate Association of the NSWRLRA can vote. Delegates must be registered with the Executive Officer prior to the meeting.

The Order of Business will be:

1. Motions of Condolence
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 113th Annual General Meeting
4. Correspondence
5. Chairman's Address
6. Adoption of Annual Report
7. Adoption of Financial Statement & Auditor's Report
8. Notices of Motion
9. Honorariums
10. Election of Directors for the reconstituted amalgamated Board
11. Board Recommendations - Consideration of Nomination of David Nissen for Associate Member for Life
12. Announcements

Recommendation:

* In relation to item 10 - Election of Board Members. The members will be requested to support the following proposal:

"The current Board remains in place subject to the proposed amalgamation being accepted by the CRLRA and a new Constitution is adopted".

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Greg McCallum JP

Executive Officer

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



CHAIRMAN
Peter Filmer



EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Greg McCallum



DIRECTOR OF FINANCE
Matthew Hewitt



DIRECTOR OF REFEREE DEVELOPMENT & AFFILIATE LIAISON
Steve Clapson

PATRON'S REPORT

Ian McCall & Doug Wintin OAM



“A player in possession is tackled when he is held by one or more opposing players in such a manner that he can make no further progress”, “Once a player in possession has been tackled it is illegal for any player to move or try to move him from the point where the tackle is effected”, “Players of the side not in possession at the play the ball having retired 10 metres may not advance until the ball has cleared the ruck”.....memories, much in keeping with this report which will be the last covering the current Association’s format for the last 113 years. Having been instructed by the NSWRL we will form a new body, under a new constitution, combining with the NSW Country Rugby League Referees Association. We either accept the challenge or blow the full-time whistle.

It is fully understandable that the change of this magnitude does not sit comfortable with many of our members but what needs to be appreciated is how in recent years decision making in the broad scope in our sphere of Rugby League has been taken out of our hands. Without a successful amalgamation the League will have the right to fully take over all refereeing responsibilities. Although expenditure has been somewhat limited compared to those early years of being self-funded, if you take a look at the last financial report that was unaffected by a Covid year you should note the items such as Association Grants, Coaching

and Development, Equipment and Gear, Social and Squad Functions and associated amounts. We don’t believe that we should lose the ability to control such vitally important items.

With this understanding a number of our members, in particular our Finance Director, have recognised and worked hard to at least achieve continuing financial support from the NSWRL for the grass roots in refereeing. This has already been rewarded during 2021 with money made available to the Metropolitan District affiliates and similarly to the Country Group Associations. It is imperative that the coaching of referees be left in the hands of referees.

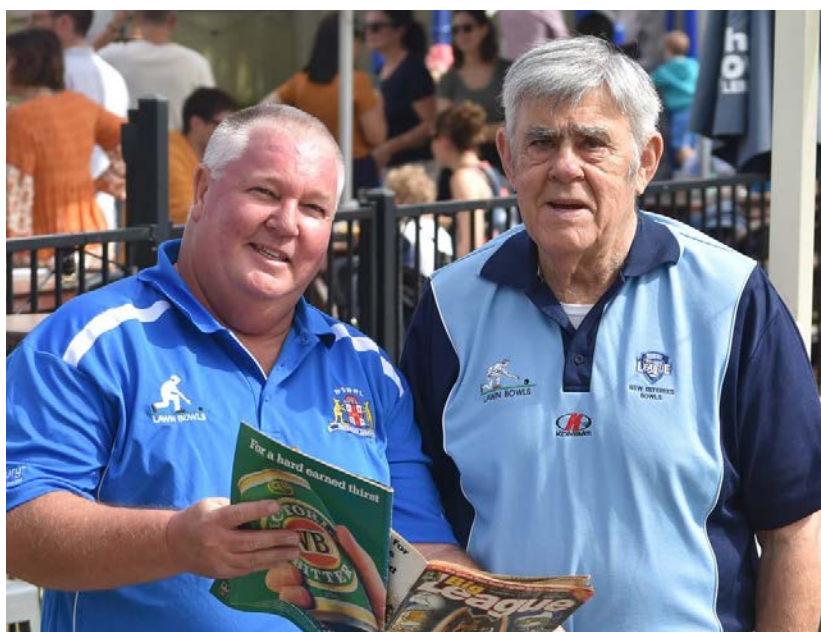
Despite the disruption to the regular activities of Association, behind the scenes work by the Board has continued and we thank them all for those efforts in what has been an extremely challenging and confronting year.

We sincerely hope, that by the time of this publication that the new Constitution has been accepted and 2022 active season returns to some normality.

We wish all the active members a rewarding season and trust that our social activities can continue under the new Board’s control.



Doug Wintin



Ian McCall with a member Peter Digby

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Peter Filmer OAM

I have put pen to paper to write this report it is the day after the night before. The night at which our members, at least in part, determined a future direction for the Association.

As I did indicate at our special meeting what we have now created is the vehicle to form an amalgamated Association with the Country Rugby League Referee's Association. There is a bit more work to be done to formalise this arrangement which I would hope, by the time you read this report, will have been completed. From here there is a great deal to do and the future board, guided by the new constitution, will have something of a mountain to climb before they find the promised land!

Reflecting on the Association since our last Annual General Meeting and perhaps a little bit before that these have been very difficult times. I want to now park away any further reference to the amalgamation process because, for our part, it's done, let's all move on.

The 2021 season as all know commenced with great promise. District Associations were in full swing, junior representative competitions up and running and the grade squad were officiating in four very strong competitions. And alas, as with the previous season, the pandemic wreaked havoc through all of our community football. It was a great shame because as I attended various grounds from early February I could





sense a real focus on football and its very importance not only as a sporting outlet but for broader social interaction. A great shame that it was curtailed.

Notwithstanding, the difficulties of the season the importance of our Association was clearly evident. On behalf of grade squad, we were able to negotiate a pretty good outcome in response to referees' fees and other conditions which were under threat due to a critically diminished NSWRL budget. After some lengthy but always proactive discussion the final position for our referees was, in my view, much better than it might have been. No one enjoys the prospect of a pay cut but I firmly believe that we got a good outcome given the circumstances.

Another example of the importance of our Association was the magnificent afternoon held at the Leichardt Bowling Club for the annual bowls day. To this end I must thank and congratulate our Ambassador Brian Barry for organising a fabulous day notwithstanding that due to poor weather the bowls element has cancelled. The comradery on show was simply magnificent. It was also great that on this day we could, belatedly, present life member blazers to Paul Simpkins and Matt Hewitt. Both men are highly deserving of this honour and it was wonderful that they could receive formal recognition with so many other life members present.

As this is my last report as your Chairman there are many people I wish to thank not only for last season but during my three-year tenure. Firstly, to our current board, Greg, Matt and Steve I offer my sincere appreciation in guiding our Association through difficult times. In April Greg indicated that he would stand down. We had no success in securing another Executive Officer so Greg generously stayed in the role to get us through for which I am eternally grateful. I have said many times before that Matt's stewardship of our funds is outstanding and the importance of this diligence was never more apparent than the last little period we have come through. Our financial stability is critical and although tested in more recent times we are still very sound. Steve Clapson is just one of those great blokes who goes about his business with a minimum of fuss but with maximum dedication. His link to our affiliates is so vital in the coaching domain.

Whilst not formally on the board but so important to how we function is Daniel Luttringer. Daniel's initiative to create the life member series of videos was a masterstroke. In cooperation with Greg they created a wonderful series

of videos which contained some priceless insights and thoughts about people and characters in the history of our Association. I want to thank Daniel for this work and all of the other "stuff" that we ask of him.

I wish to thank Stu Raper and the coaching staff of the NSWRL referee's unit for their work with our grade and Junior Rep Squads and also, I do appreciate the work that they do to include and engage with our Association. I should note also the departure from the NSWRL of Dave Nissan. Dave has been a true friend to our Association over many years. I wish to thank Dave Trodden and the staff of the NSWRL for their support through what has been a tough period. At times the conversations between Dave and myself have been difficult and we have not always agreed but I have always respected the difficulty of the CEO role of the NSWRL. A good relationship between the NSWRL and our Association is absolutely vital and long may this continue into the future.

I offer my thanks and congratulations to the office bearers of all of our affiliated Associations. The often-forgotten coal face practitioners many of whom have been long term in their roles and have been the life blood of those organisations. I think at times, unwittingly, we take these people very much for granted which is a big mistake as they are the people who provide the impetus to produce referees to cover games from the under 6 age right through to the ultimate career path of becoming an NRL referee.

My final thank you goes to my wife Debbie, my kids and grand kids for without their support and understanding I could not have served in this and other roles in the game. They do put up with a lot.

It has been my honour to have been Chairman of this Association for the last 3 years. It is no secret that I am very disappointed not to have the opportunity to contest for the position in season 2022 but, so be it. I wish all of the members of our Association including our Affiliates my best wishes for season 2022 and beyond. Let's hope that community football and for that matter community sport can enjoy a full season uninterrupted by outside forces such as Covid.

In closing I can think of one quote to sum up my tenure as Chairman. It comes from the German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche who said, "What does not kill me makes me stronger."

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Greg McCallum JP

In compiling this report and looking back over season 2021 I am overcome with a strong feeling of Déjà vu.

As we bade farewell to 2020, who would have dared to think that this year could have been even more debilitating the game than last year, due to Covid-19.

For the second year in a row, competitions commenced and were suspended. Training sessions wiped out and even the ability to meet was restricted to Zoom.

On the positive side we did complete the Inter District Competitions enabling the young referees from our Affiliate Districts the opportunity to officiate in finals competitions and gain valuable experience in important end of season games. From that group of fine referees, we welcomed 3 new graded referees. Michael Ford #1026, Brendan Mani #1027, Ethan Murray #1028 into the fold.

The Inter-District presentation night was held at Canterbury Leagues Club where a season of success and recognition was celebrated and the traditional awards announced.

I recognize Gavin Badger & his coaching staff for their outstanding coaching and development of these young referees whose season starts with training in October each year so that they are top physical shape when the season commences.

Another difficult and frustrating season for the NSWRL competitions. High Performance Coach Stuart Raper and his staff prepared the Grade Squad for a bounce back season after Covid-19 ravaged the 2020 season. However, the season again saw health restrictions enforced and all NSWRL competitions suspended and then cancelled. I am sure all graded referees are looking forward to a full season of games in 2022.

A number of graded members have announced their retirement during 2021 and we present a tribute to their fine contribution to this Association and the game in this report. We thank them and their families all for their contribution, commitment and sacrifice to making the great game even greater.

The NRL continued to defy Covid-19 and continued albeit with relocation to Queensland of referees, players, coaching staff and administrators. It is certainly a 'can do' management under Commission Chairman Peter V'landys and CEO Andrew Abdo. To have a full season of the Telstra Premiership completed along with three State of Origin games against a backdrop of lockdowns and health restrictions was nothing short of remarkable. Many of our members, were of course, part of the relocation and necessary bio-security controls, and we acknowledge their, and that of their families, great sacrifice to enable the season to be played in full.

I acknowledge and congratulate the work of the NRL

Referee's High Performance Manager Jared Maxwell and his staff during the challenging season. Jared is always available to the Association and sees the important link in the game the NSWRLRA provides. He supports our initiatives and we in turn support wherever we can, the work he does. A special note of thanks to NRL Operations Manager and member, Gavin Reynolds, who was always available and willing to assist during the season. His friendship and contribution is greatly appreciated.

A couple of significant events occurred during the season that I would like to make mention. Ben Cummins broke both the 400-match barrier and the record of Bill Harrigan (393 games) for most NRL games as a referee. We congratulate Ben on this achievement and his longevity at the highest level over such a long period of time. His tally now stands at 405 games. What a career.

Matt Cecchin retired at the end of the season after a stellar career that saw him reach the very pinnacle of his profession. The send-off Matt received as he left the field in his final game by the players spoke volumes to the great respect he is held in.

Ben and Matt balanced their on-field professional refereeing careers with always being available to assist those young referees who one day will replace them as well as being active within the Association. Ben was part of the Coaching panel of the Inter-District squad.

Both Ben and Matt epitomize the full package of being a member of the NSWRLRA.

Vales

I pass on my condolences to the families and colleagues of members who have passed away during 2021, along with members and affiliate members who lost families and friends during this most difficult year. Vales appear in this Annual Report

Meetings

Meetings as they were in 2020 were difficult to hold and I would like to sincerely thank the Board of Directors of the Canterbury Leagues Club for waiving the hire fee for us to hold meetings and the Inter-District Presentation Night. In particular, to Sandra Somani, Events Manager and her staff





a big thank you for your professionalism and assistance. Nothing was ever a problem.

As restrictions eased, we were able to return to the NSWRL Centre of Excellence and held our important Special Meeting there in late November. Thank you in particular to David Trodden, Ruth Geisler and Jarred Farlow from the NSWRL for their assistance in helping that happen particularly Jarred who made the Zoom experience work.

Social events

A very successful lawn Bowls Day was held in early May in Leichhardt under the fine management of our ageless Ambassador & Life Member Brian Barry ably assisted by Life Member Brien Gately. A large representation from our colleagues from Newcastle ensured great competition on the green and even greater friendship in the club house. I was honoured to be guest speaker and I spoke about the great history of this event dating back many decades as we remembered many past members who promoted conviviality amongst the refereeing fraternity.

A Bowls and Life Members Presentation & Reunion Day was held at Leichhardt Bowling Club in late November. A great turnout of members were not deterred by heavy rain and our latest Life Members were finally presented with their Blazers. Matthew Hewitt was presented his blazer by Robert Garwood and Paul Simpkins was presented his by Brian Barry and Joe Griffiths.

The Brooklyn Bash. The 32nd Brooklyn Bash again as it did in 2020 stood against Covid-19 and provided an opportunity for some of our members to get together and celebrate a time-honoured event. A full account of the day appears in this report. I thank Life Member Brien Gately for his continued enthusiasm and drive to see this event take place.

The NSWRLRA Les Matthews Memorial Golf Day fell victim to health restrictions and could not be held this year but will be back bigger and brighter in 2022

Special Meeting

The Special Meeting of the NSWRLRA held on November 29th 2021, has paved the way for an amalgamation with the CRLRA in 2022. The new Constitution will herald some changes that will see a reconstituted Board of Directors presiding with a first ever Independent Chair. An enormous amount of work is now ahead of the new Board both strategically and operationally to provide a peak refereeing body for referees across NSW.

To my colleagues on the current Board, Chairman Peter Filmer, Director of Finance Matthew Hewitt and Director of Referee Development & Affiliate Liaison Steve Clapson, I thank them for their resilience, support, passion for this Association and assistance in keep things moving forward over what has been

for many reasons, a challenging 18 months or so.

Peter Filmer OAM, whom I work closely with, has served this Association with distinction as Chairman over a number of years. My hope is that Peter will continue on as a Director, to support this Association as it recalibrates for the future. We need Peter's passion and ability to contribute with his extensive knowledge and experience as we bed in the new amalgamated body.

The incoming Independent Chairman Kevin Greene is a very experienced sports administrator with great knowledge of the workings of peak sporting organisations, in a notable career as a senior public officer. Kevin, amongst many public roles was NSW Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Sport and Recreation, and Minister for Major Events. He has strong personal connections to refereeing and I welcome him to the role.

A huge thank you to and recognition of the outstanding work and contribution member Daniel Luttringer has made in 2021. Daniel completed series 3 of our Life Member series completing the rugby league refereeing story of Doug Keen, Barry Ruttle, George Jankowski, Brett Lynch and Tony Danks. All so well researched and presented. We have now presented 32 in the Life Member series in 2 years.

Another project that Daniel involved himself in was the collection of photographs of members so that our digital records could be as complete as possible. We started with just on 240 images - we now have over 600 recorded and placed into our digital record. An enormous result. Thank-you Daniel also for being our IT guru for our various Zoom meetings throughout 2021. Your contribution to this Association is enormous.

We need to ensure that we need to focus on what is in front of us now and not gaze too often into the rear-view mirror. This Association has a proud and rich history and along with our colleagues from the CRLRA we can build on the traditions of both as we provide a clear representation for all referees across NSW and the premier body for rugby league referees across the world.



2021 SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

32nd Brooklyn Bash

Once again, the Angler's Restaurant at Brooklyn was the venue for the 32nd Brooklyn Bash. A wonderful cross section of members gathered on a warm afternoon in October to share stories and enjoy the company of their refereeing companions. After a dip in numbers last year (due to obvious circumstances), there was a strong group of 16 in attendance. The traditional putt putt championship caused much debate when it was declared that there would be a four-way tie. This was due to the unlikely event of multiple successful attempts at putting into the schooner glass. The scrutineers will be out in force next year to ensure that a tie breaker situation takes place. Re-enactments of Barry Goldsworthy's chat with Tommy Raudonikis and Scott Portsmouth's "it's serious" send off incident took place with much humour. A big thank you must again go to the Association for their financial contribution and the busy bees; Brian Barry & Brien Gately for their work on the day ensuring that everyone was fed.



NSWRLRA Lawn Bowls & Life Members Luncheon

Unfortunately, due to the beast that is COVID-19, the Association was unable to hold its Life Members Luncheon in its usual format at the SCG. After sometime passing since Matt Hewitt and Paul Simpkins were endorsed by the membership to be the next Life Members of the Association, this function provided the opportunity to recognise this achievement. Thank you to Association Ambassador Brian Barry for his efforts in combining the Lawn Bowls and Luncheon together for 2021. Leichhardt Bowls Club provided a nice setting for Matt and Paul to receive their blazers. Upwards of 90 members were in attendance for the event. This included faces such as John Gocher, Mogsheen Jadwhat and Steve Carrall. It was great to see several faces

that members hadn't seen in a while. Due to the horrendous weather, the bowlers weren't able to get out on the greens but that didn't dampen spirits. As the bar opened up, the stories began to flood in. Each year they seem to involve less and less truth. The hospitality by the Bowls Club was first class. No one went home hungry. After lunch, Bob Garwood and Joe Griffiths were involved with the presentations to Matt and Paul respectively. Brian Barry was instrumental in the smooth running of the event. He had the group in stitches when sharing recollections of being hit by a projectile during the 1977 Grand Final Replay. It was a fantastic afternoon. Most pleasing was to see that again there was a good mix of the membership, young and old. This is imperative in order to keep our history and traditions going.



Cliff Haynes & Peter Longhurst



Bryan Gilchrist & Mogsheen Jadwhat



Bill Harrigan & John Gocher



Brien Gately



Brian Barry



Bill Pearson



Doug Keen & George Jankowski



Tony Kelly & Joe Griffiths



Barry Ruttle, Steve Betts, Phil Cooley



George Braine



Scott Portsmouth



Barry Goldsworthy, Brien Gately, Brian Barry, Steve Wilson, Luke Bugden

To all member's families that have suffered bereavements this year the Board of the NSWRLRA pass on their deepest sympathies.



ERNIE COOK

It is with sadness that I report of the passing of NSWRLRA member Ernest (Ernie) Claude Cook #568.

Ernie was a member of Manly Warringah Referees Association.

Ernie was an active graded official in the 1960's and early 1970's.

A family man Ernie had three children and four grandchildren and retired to Banora Point before his health deteriorated. Ernie passed away aged 87.

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PETER FITTON

2021 saw the loss of NSWRLRA member Peter Fitton #560

Peter was graded from Balmain Referees Association and became a very accomplished referee - officiating in many games and went onto to be a high-quality first grade touch judge.

Peter was made a Life Member of Balmain and was a regular in our many social events where his company and views were highly respected by all.



ALLEN FOSTER



It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Allen Foster in late 2021 - a highly regarded official who was appointed touch judge in a number of State of Origin games and over 100 NRL matches in the early NRL era.

Allen was a Group 6 Referees Association Life Member and served many years on the Group 6 RL Management Committee and as the Group 6 Senior Director of Referees.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Allen's wife Diane and family and his many friends and colleagues from the NRL and NSWRLRA with his loss.



MICHAEL O'MALLEY

It is with great sadness that we report the death of one of our popular members, Michael O'Malley #804.

Michael was graded from the Balmain Association and became a highly respected first grade touch judge. He was an International and State of Origin Touch Judge in State of Origin. Michael was also a Life Member of Balmain Referees Association after his early days as a member of Parramatta.

A few words from our Life Member Ian Parnaby who knew Michael well.

"Michael's ("Mick") original kindred Association was Parramatta. His membership was typified by a most active profile: often noted as being one of those on-field "work-horses" that could be relied upon and keen to jump in when needed. He officiated at the most senior levels in a most competitive district. His involvement and willingness was more than adequately displayed in officiating in all age groups. Michael was a most able and hard-working member: a good mate to be involved with and relied upon.

A most competent and popular referee amongst his peers and those in the wider rugby league fraternity: he was most keen to assist those less experienced referees.

Michael was most fortunate to be able to officiate within the Parramatta district with his many cousins and uncles. The O'Malley family has been one of those iconic groups that all Associations have had in the past. Michael proudly developed and maintained a profile which supported the O'Malley family's, hard work ethic."

Michael was also active in the Balmain Referees Association and was a former President of that Association.

RICK SINCLAIR

Rick Sinclair, joined the Parramatta Referees Association in the early 1970's. In 1974, he touch judged the Jersey Flegg Grand Final played at the SCG prior to NSW vs Great Britain. The match was refereed by that late Les Matthews and the other touch judge was Dennis Spagarino. The following year he was graded. In 1977, he returned to district football for the year and refereed the Parramatta District A Grade Grand Final. He was graded again in 1978 through to 1980.

He was certainly a larrikin. One fellow Parramatta graded member spoke of Rick "A very funny man. He stood up at a grade training camp at Newport and introduced himself like a journalist advising he was Rick Sinclair.....Toongabbie Tribune, to ask his question to Eric Cox et al".

Away from Rugby League, Rick was a policeman. He was known around the Parramatta District for driving around Wentworthville Oval in his police mini cooper with the sirens on for no reason whatsoever and spotted with his Ford F100 Paddywagon at a Parramatta Knockout threatening to put cheeky young blokes in the back. He always had a smile, no matter what the circumstance.

Rick leaves behind his son's Steve, Craig and Mitchell.



DAVE BARSLEY



Dave Barsley was a popular and long time player with Newtown and Western Suburbs playing 177 first grade games before being graded in 1978 along with fellow former players Ron Murray and Bob Hunt.

Dave had a brief career as a Referee and refereed reserve grade in that short time.

He continued to support the Western Suburbs Referees Associations after his retirement from the active ranks.



Dave Barsley, Mick Stone, Dennis Spagarino - Wests Juniors

BRUCE BUCKINGHAM



*Bruce Buckingham
Schoolboys Carnival*

Bruce Buckingham took up the whistle in 1955 with the Manly Referees Association. In 1956 he was graded and went on to have a successful career as a first grade touch judge. He touch judged 42 first grade games from 1957-1964.

In 1963, along with Colin Schomberg, he touch judged the Australia vs New Zealand Test Match at the SCG controlled by referee Jack Bradley. Away from the football field, Bruce was heavily involved in Surf Life Saving. He joined the South Curl Curl club at 17 years of age in 1947. His service to the club was recognised in 1967 when he became a Life Member.

In recent years, Bruce enjoyed caravanning with his wife Betty, eventually parking the caravan and moving into a retirement village at Fingal. After Betty passed on, Bruce spent his final years in a nursing home at Shoal Bay. Bruce passed away 5th June, 2021 aged 94.



DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT



Matt Hewitt

Members I have pleasure in submitting for your consideration the financial statements of the Association for 2020/2021 year.

Like most people in Australia, I hoped that in 2021 life would return to normal. However, 2021 turned out to be worse in New South Wales than 2020. Whilst our lives didn't improve, we saw a modest improvement in the Association's finances.

Due to our amalgamation with the CRLRA not being finalised, our normal funding arrangements with the NSWRL were temporarily put on hold. However, we did receive a commitment from the NSWRL that funding would be made available to our affiliates. It was vital that these funds be released as our affiliates received no funds in 2020.

I know that these funds were gratefully received by our affiliates and I thank the NSWRL for their support. We also secured funding for the CRLRA affiliates. The CRLRA affiliates will benefit directly with the forthcoming amalgamation. Apart from Illawarra, Central Coast & Newcastle (all previously joint affiliates) the other CRLRA group affiliates have not received this level of funding in the past. The coaching and development grants issued to our affiliates are well established. Our affiliates understand their obligations. The challenge for the new board will be

implementing a tailored criteria for the regional affiliates.

I am also pleased to advise that Parramatta Referees Association paid back the 15K loan that was made to them in late 2019. The NSWRLRA looks forward to Parramatta improving their financial position.

This year was about consolidating our financial position in readiness for the forthcoming amalgamation with the CRLRA. After the amalgamation is completed, we look forward to the transfer of assets from the CRLRA. The transfer will further consolidate our financial position.

We do need to enter into a formal agreement with the NSWRL for our future funding if possible. I acknowledge the difficulties that game has had with its own funding as a consequence of the virus. However, the new board will need long term certainty of funding in order to adequately plan for the future.

It has again been my pleasure to serve as a director of the NSWRLRA. I look forward to the new board being able to assist and promote referees in New South Wales.

The fully audited financial accounts of the NSWRLRA are an appendix to this Annual Report.



Matt Hewitt & Phil Cooley



DIRECTOR OF REFEREE DEVELOPMENT & AFFILIATE LIAISON REPORT

Steve Clapson



The year of 2021 in Coaching and Development was conducted in two parts. The start of the season was an extremely difficult one with the Associations trying to assess where they all were with numbers and who they had lost due to the Covid situation in 2000. With this in mind I must thank each and every Association for the hard work that they put in to ensure that all games were covered each week. Well before the season started it was determined that numbers were well down on previous years. With the assistance from Gavin Badger a large number of courses were conducted to qualify as many referees prior to the season starting. This year we were fortunate in the fact that the 2021 re accreditation would be done on line instead of face to face. This made it easier for the referees as they could do it at a time that suited them and not having to come to a face to face session. The downside to this is it created more work for the Executive Officers as they had to continuously check to see who had completed it and chase up those who had not.

Once the season had started we planned a number of events to develop the Referee's performance on a weekly basis. This included combined training sessions in which we were looking at extending these activities to involve the Country areas as well. We also set up a calendar to bring the Ref Cam to all Districts, including Country areas, and this was an area where all were excited for they could see it as a great development tool, not only for the referees involved, but also for the entire Association as all members would learn from the experience. I must thank our camera men Pete and John who always make themselves available and get encouraged by the differences that the Ref Cam makes. We continued our good relationship with Gavin Badger as Junior Representative Coach and were given referees that were on his watch to be viewed for 2022.

As with all good plans, an interruption occurred from the end of June 2021 when the entire state of NSW went into lockdown. All Associations stayed positive and were hoping that it was only going to be for a short time but it was not long before it was evident that the rest of the season was in doubt. Then came the worst news for all the Associations that had put in so much hard work, that the season was cancelled.

Finally I have a number of thank you from me personally including the Board of the NSWRLRA which has always put Coaching and Development as their number one priority for the development of the game. To all Associations whose support that they give me and the Board cannot be measured so thank you so much. To Gavin Badger who responds always with "YES how can we do it or what do you need?" To Stuart Raper-- Thanks for your ongoing support. And lastly, but most importantly, thank you to all the Grade members and NRL members who continually give back to the Districts on a weekly basis.

Next year will be an interesting year with NSWRL and CRL coming together but my main aim is to have a complete season uninterrupted in 2022.



NRL HEAD OF FOOTBALL ELITE COMPETITIONS

Graham Annesley



The 2021 NRL season will long be remembered for a number of extraordinary reasons. Firstly, the standard of football under uniquely difficult circumstances was remarkable. The season delivered more than its fair share of highlights with outstanding individual and team performances culminating in one of the best finals series in recent memory.

However, if we thought the worst of the Covid impact was behind us after the trials and tribulations of the 2020 season, little did we know what the virus had planned for us in 2021. The season started quite routinely but that all came to an abrupt halt when the Sydney and Melbourne outbreaks left the Commission with no alternative but to relocate the remainder of the season to Queensland to ensure the continuity of the competition and protect the health and welfare of all participants. It is fair to say the entire economic model of the game would have collapsed around us had we been forced to again suspend the competition. As most would appreciate, the implications of taking this action fell heavily on those who had to pack up and relocate with almost no notice. Match Officials were no exception and I have nothing but admiration for the way everyone put their regular lives on hold to move to Queensland and ensure the continuity of the Telstra Premiership. This includes not only the squad members, but also coaching and support staff as well as family members. It was a huge disruption and everyone involved deserves great credit for the sacrifices they made over several months. Hopefully, the 2022 season will return to some degree of normality, but only time will tell.

In closing, I would like to congratulate those who achieved honours in the 2021 Origin and Finals Series. To those who missed out, I hope you feel you performed to the best of your ability despite your disappointment. Determination and perseverance will usually reward those who channel the energy of disappointment into motivation to succeed.



Zigg and Todd Smith



NRL squad 2021



NRL Covid Marshall Doug Keen

NSWRL REFEREES HIGH PERFORMANCE MANAGER'S REPORT

Stuart Raper

Again, the Covid Pandemic created havoc for all during 2021. We started the year with great hope of having our officials be part of many initiatives and competitions that were planned. Unfortunately, we got to Mid-June and everything came to a halt again.

Thankfully we got through both the Metropolitan and Regional Development competitions with several officials standing up and performing well in some very competitive games. Congratulations go out to all those officials who officiated these games.

For the 1st time this year we had to officiate in the City v Country games for the men's, women's, 16's,18's and 20's age groups as well as the Steel City Challenge between the representative sides from Illawarra and Newcastle. Again, all those selected did an admirable job in some very tight games.

I would like to thank all the coaches and MDA's on their diligent work in preparing and reviewing of all the games throughout 2021. We continually look for gradual improvement in our systems on how we give the officials all the tools to do a good job and everyone within the NSWRL Officials team buy into what we are looking to achieve.

Whilst working from home the coaching staff have been able

to work on several initiatives with the new profiling system on top of that list. Paul Kalina did a wonderful job putting this together and countless meetings with myself and Gavin Badger to get the specifics on how it will be utilised took many hours of Zoom/phone calls and emails.

We also now have our own page on the NSWRL website which will give all officials access to education, accreditation and up to date news on what's happening in the state in the referee's area.

Thanks to all at the NSWRLRA that I have communications with over the course of the year and I know it's been a lot of work, but with merger likely to be in place by 2022, the



Nathan Loveday #1004



Tom Cambourn #1002



future of officials in NSW as well as all the associations and volunteers that do such a good job, look to have a bright future. Being part of some community workshops that was instigated by NSWRL Community manager Peter Clarke, has also given us a better understanding of how we could assist community footy and improve pathways. There were many association representatives contributing to these workshops to share ideas and possibly improve aspects in what we all do.

Jimmy Oliveira retired this year after 450 games for the NSWRL. Good luck to Jimmy and hope to see him around assisting the younger officials. Also, Congratulations to Darian Furner who earned himself a contract with the NRL squad this year.

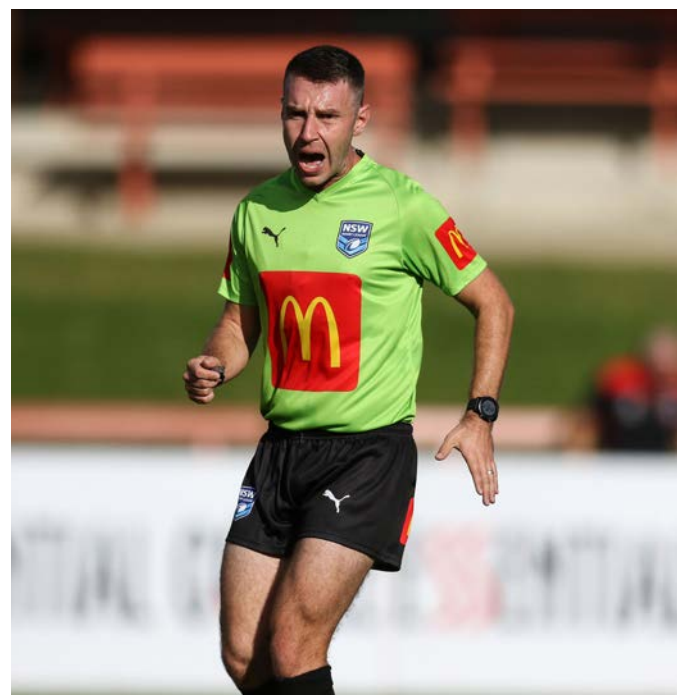


Jake Sutherland #996

Thanks to Dave Trodden and all the staff at the NSWRL that assist us throughout the year. Without Troddos support and some great work by people like Adam Bohan HR and Yvette Downey (Head of Competitions) we could not do what we do.

Gavin Badger who has now joined us full time and his experience and enthusiasm will help us develop the right referees for the future. Thanks again to PK on what he does as Operations manager. I couldn't ask for a better right-hand man and all the work he does behind the scenes as well as the work he does as coach of the Regional Development squad is much appreciated.

I am looking forward to season 2022 and fingers crossed it will be an uninterrupted season. All squads are working off a program sent out electronically by our S & C coach Mick Stierli. He monitors and assists this through an app, so there is no excuse for anyone to fall behind in what will be a very important pre-season considering the time they have had off. The HP squad has already started training and so far, testing has been very good. The Metro development squad are being fine tuned by Badge and his team, and we are excited with the quality of officials in that squad. The regional squad will be up and running soon as well with all the squads excited as anyone to get back on the field and do what they do best!!!!



Daniel Luttringer #1007

NRL ELITE REFEREEING SQUAD REPORT

Jared Maxwell

As we head into November 2021, few would argue that we hope to never have to deal with the challenges that a global pandemic, as we all know it, COVID, has had on all of our lives in many different ways.

With what seemed to be a sense of 'normality' as we began 2021, our sport was operating as it always had. Entertaining, controversial, and conversational. Then, in June another outbreak, and this one was much tougher than before.

Within three days, the ARLC, and the Executive of the NRL, packed up the Telstra Premiership and took it too Queensland.

On behalf of the NRL Match Officiating department, we all are very grateful to the ARLC, and the NRL Executive in keeping our great competition going. It is an absolute miracle in many ways, especially with what was occurring in NSW and Victoria, that we were able to complete 201 games of Rugby League, and to do that, on time.

During that relocation, and with many aspects of the media focusing on the players, one of the more 'prouder' aspects of my career, and especially in the role I now play within the Officiating Department, was how our professional referees, our coaches, our Strength and Conditioning staff, adhered to the call. With three days' notice, 20 on field match officials and 5 staff left their families at home, with an exemplary attitude in adhering to protocols that had been placed on us all, and took the journey to Queensland, and for some, not be home for over 100 days. The performances, in an environment that was nowhere near being close to 'normal', is testament to a modern-day match official. Get on with the job, albeit, in tough circumstances was the aspect that created a high sense of pride amongst the management of this department.

Unique is a word that can only best describe season 2021, and a simple 'thank you' to all of the on- field Match Officials, NRL Bunker Officials, Match Day Coaches, Post Game Coaches, Strength and Conditioning Coaches, and Staff simply does not seem to even come close to hitting the mark.

On the field, 2021 began to adjust to several new rules introduced. We had tackle count restarts for 10 metre infringements, 2 point field goals, less scrums, new Bunker processes and building on the return to a single referee which was reintroduced the previous season, shows the ability of this group to adapt no matter the circumstances.

Season 2021 had also some of the more incredible personal achievements from our squad members.

I congratulate the officials below on their personal milestones, some of which may never be surpassed:

400 Games as Referee

Ben Cummins - WESTS TIGERS V WARRIORS, SUNCORP STADIUM, 30TH JULY 2021

350 Games as Referee

Matt Cecchin - TITANS V BRONCOS, CBUS SUPER STADIUM, 19TH MARCH 2021

300 Games as Referee

Gerard Sutton - SEA EAGLES V BRONCOS, SUNCORP STADIUM, 14th MAY 2021

200 Games as Referee

Grant Atkins - KNIGHTS V BRONCOS, SUNCORP STADIUM, 5TH AUGUST 2021



Kieren Irons NRL debut



Grant Atkins



100 Games as Touch Judge

Kasey Badger - STORM V BRONCOS, AAMI PARK, 2ND APRIL 2021

Phil Henderson - KNIGHTS V BRONCOS, SUNCORP STADIUM, 5TH AUGUST 2021

NRL Touch Judge Debut

Wyatt Raymond- COWBOYS V TITANS, QUEENSLAND COUNTRY BANK STADIUM, 28TH MARCH 2021
Kieren Irons - BULLDOGS V EELS, STADIUM AUSTRALIA, 1ST MAY 2021

Tyson Brough - BULLDOGS V RAIDERS, SUNCORP STADIUM, 15TH MAY 2021

Congratulations to you all on these personal milestones.

It would be remiss of me to not mention the following two officials.

Season 2021 would be the final time we see Matt Cecchin and Henry Perenara take part in a decision-making capacity within a NRL Premiership game.

Two of the more popular people within our group, both Matt and Henry have decided that 2021 will be their final season as an official.



Ash Klein

Matt has had an incredible career. He has achieved absolute everything and then some, that this game can offer. An absolute genuine person, who has contributed greatly over the years. Matt, on behalf of the refereeing fraternity, the NRL and the Rugby League world, we thank you for your commitment over what seems 'decades'. Never lose sight of the impact you have had on several careers. We all wish you well in your retirement. Enjoy greatly, the next chapter that you and Brent will undertake, which includes that caravan attached! Thanks for your personal support this year. Take care mate.

These statistics for Matt prove what a great referee he was:

Referee - 371 games Touch Judge - 166 games Video Referee - 34 games

Grand Finals - 5 (3 as referee, 2 as touch judge)

State of Origin - 5 (4 as referee, 1 as touch judge)

To Henry - H has had a well-documented health concern which came to the surface in a big way during 2021. He tried to battle on yet the intensity of NRL Rugby League caught up with him, and he has clearly made the tough, yet correct decision to retire. H has been part of Rugby League for his whole life. He played for nearly every NRL club (!!). He will always be the most successful player to transition into a Match official. Tremendous for the refereeing group with his knowledge and a true teammate. He will be sorely missed; however, I am still working on trying to talk him around to remain involved in some shape! A big change for you mate, yet one I am sure you will succeed at.

You will always have good people around you, use them as you move into a new world of Finance. Good luck and never forget the good times that refereeing has given you.

These are simply incredible number for an ex-player to achieve. Referee - 205 games

Touch Judge - 33 games Video Referee - 153 games

Every referee, no matter what level you are at, aspires to be part of the biggest stage. Not many sports have a bigger stage than a State of Origin Series and a NRL Grand Final. Congratulations to all the officials who took part, no matter the role you undertook. To be part of it, is testament to you. We can't forget however, with everything else that was occurring in 2021, that we had the first State of Origin game moved a couple of days prior to kick off to Townsville, whilst game two went ahead at Suncorp, we had to send our officials into Queensland a week earlier due to border closures, and game three, was moved to the Gold Coast as late as possible, yet we just went about our business in

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Adam Gee

a very professional manner and came through the series relatively well.

Another outbreak just before the NRL Grand Final through more chaos toward the game! A cracking game of football, deservedly Grand Final quality. We had Gerry Sutton undertake his 7th Grand Final along with Todd Smith backing up from 2020, and David Munro, who took part in his first Grand Final. Grant Atkins, who took to Video Refereeing very well through this season also took part in his first Grand Final, with Ash Klein right next to him. Congratulations to you all.

The Women's State of Origin was once again a success. The first ever NRL controlled game that consisted of an all-female officiating team. History was made. Belinda, Kailey and Karra-Lee all deserved to be part of this history. Well done and I hope that this is the catalyst for future all female match appointments.

Congratulations to each of you.

AMPOL State of Origin Series Match Officials

Referee - Gerard Sutton

Touch Judges - Todd Smith & Phil Henderson

Bunker Review Official - Ashley Klein, Henry Perenara

AMPOL Women's State of Origin Match Officials

Referee - Belinda Sharpe

Touch Judges - Kailey Beattie & Karra-Lee Nolan
Bunker Review Official - Grant Atkins

NRL Telstra Premiership Grand Final Match Officials

Referee - Gerard Sutton

Touch Judges - David Munro and Todd Smith
Bunker Review Official - Grant Atkins

2021 Indigenous All Stars vs Maori All Stars

Referee - Adam Gee

Touch Judges - Phil Henderson, Ziggy Przeklasa-Adamski
Bunker Review Official - Henry Perenara

2021 Indigenous Women's vs Maori Women's

Referee - Belinda Sharpe

Touch Judges - Wyatt Raymond, Nick Pelgrave
Bunker Review Official - Steve Chiddy

I opened this report with a 'hopeful' attitude that our great game can have a season that is not impacted by a pandemic. Season 2022 has potential to be one of the best seasons to be involved in. We have two NRLW competitions to oversee, a Telstra Premiership, fingers crossed for some Pacific Nations Rugby League, Men's State of Origin Series, Women's State of Origin, and culminating with a Rugby League World Cup.

We are all very grateful to be part of this game, and to look at what next season could bring, should be enough motivation to hit the ground running.

On a personal front, I would like to extend my thanks to:

New South Wales Rugby League - Stuart Raper and Paul Kalina
Queensland Rugby League - Paul Stephenson and Shayne Hayne
NRL - Graham Annesley and Andrew Abdo

The support from the above people is not measurable. I knew exactly what this role undertakes, it did not surprise me however to survive it, without ageing 10 years every season, comes down to the support around you. I thank you very much for your input into what we all have achieved this season. I have a great deal more work to do, to take this department to another level, yet with the support mechanisms around me, helps every step of the way.

To all our Community Match Officials and volunteers, our NSW, and Victoria State match officials, stick with it. I know you are starved of Rugby League. It will soon be back to normal. If there is anything at all, that the NRL Match Officials can do to have you all, remain part of our game, please do not hesitate to reach out to your state to get into contact with us. We are all one body at the end of the day, lets start to help each other through these tough times. The game needs you.

May I wish everyone involved at all levels of Officiating, a safe 'off season', a wonderful Christmas, and I look forward to being part of this incredible 'ride' come season 2022.

INTER-DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT SQUAD COACH'S REPORT

Gavin Badger



The NSWRL Metropolitan Development Squad were very fortunate in the fact that we were able to complete our entire 2021 season plus some representative games thrown in at the end.

Training started in Mid-November 2020 in what were very uncertain times but the squad and coaching staff, utilising the best facilities of any rugby league officiating program in the world at the NSWRL centre of excellence worked hard to be in the best position to get out on the field and officiate to the high standard that the competition demands.

On that note I would like to thank and congratulate the coaching staff of the NSWRL Metropolitan Development squad.

This season we had Ken McNaught, Sean Villa, Adam Reid, and Ben Cummins as our coaches.

The quality, experiences, and general caring nature of all coaches was evident throughout the season with each member of the squad showing improvements not only in their on-field officiating but also improvements in their physical, mental, and personal qualities. These areas are a major factor in the goals the coaching staff set out each year.

For those that don't know, Ben Cummins passed Bill Harrigan in becoming the most capped first grade referee of all time and also passed 400 first grade games, the first referee in the history of the game to do so, all whilst giving up his time to assist in the future of rugby league refereeing.

Congratulations Ben on some amazing achievements.

I would also like to thank our strength and conditioning coach Dan Olford. Dan plays a bit of a dual role in our staff, as not only is he highly regarded in his field as a strength and conditioning coach, he was also a highly regarded graded referee who understands what it takes not only physically, but also mentally to be the best official you can be. I'm not sure if any other program is lucky enough to have a S&C coach that has a strong understanding of all the aspects that it takes to be a high-quality official.

A big reason our officials can grow and develop is through the week in week out feedback they receive from the various match day and post-game coaches.

I would like to thank you all for giving up your time and imparting your knowledge to ensure that rugby league refereeing in NSW continues to flourish and we keep producing referees of the highest quality.

The 2021 season saw a thrilling finals season, with some great games enabled through high quality officiating.

As with every season, only a handful of officials get the honour of representing the squad on grand final day and 2021 was one of the hardest for coaches to appoint to. The standard of officiating was of the highest calibre.

The 2021 grand final appointments were:

Tarsha Gale Cup

Referee: Blake Williams (Western Suburbs)

Touch Judges: Harrison Bayssari (Parramatta) Todd Pieters (Parramatta)

In Goal Judges: Olivia Lawne (Parramatta) Lukas Durant (Parramatta)

Stand By: Adam Sirriani (Balmain)

Harold Matthews Cup

Referee: Micheal Ford (Illawarra)

Touch Judges: Jake Walsh (Manly) Corey Fisher (Parramatta)

In Goal Judges: Nathan Lorenti (Balmain) Jayden Kastelan (Penrith)

Stand By: Blake Williams (Western Suburbs)

SG Ball Cup

Referee: Brendan Mani (St George)

Touch Judges: Gage Miles (Canberra) Ethan Murray (Parramatta)

In Goal Judges: Ramzi Daizli (Canterbury) Jack Gerrie (Balmain)

Stand By: Micheal Ford

Congratulations to appointed on grand final day, your performances added to what was a great day for junior rugby league and the feedback that was received from the clubs and board of the NSWRL was all high praise.

At the conclusion of the season there was a Country v City carnival of football. The Metropolitan Development squad were asked to appoint referees and touch judges to the u18's representative game. The coaches decided that the team that officiated the SG Ball Cup grand final would be appointed to the game off the back of their performance.

Well done to that team.

NSWRL Country v City u18's

Referee: Brendan Mani (St George)

Touch Judges: Gage Miles (Canberra) Ethan Murray (Parramatta)

Throughout the year I continually work with the NSWRLRA, particularly Steve Clapson. I would like to personally thank Steve for his assistance, friendship, knowledge and general

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passion for rugby league refereeing. It's great to have someone to bounce ideas off who I know has a genuine love for what he does.

To the Board of the NSWRLRA thank you for your assistance throughout the season and the assistance in running our presentation night, the squad appreciates the time and funding that you provide.

This brings me to our annual awards:

- Frank Walsh Trophy- Brendan Mani (St George)**
- Michael Ryan Medal- Brendan Mani (St George)**
- Frank Leonard Trophy- Blake Williams (Western Suburbs)**
- Kevin Jeffes Trophy- Adam Sirriani (Balmain)**
- Les Matthews Award- Hayden Hooker (Western Suburbs)**

Congratulations to all who received awards and once again thank you to the board of the NSWRLRA for putting on a fitting end to our season.

I would also like to take this time to thank both Stuart Raper and Paul Kalina from the NSWRL Referees High Performance unit for their continued assistance in pushing our squad to higher levels of professionalism as well as working on making the transition between the squads a much smoother process with the inclusion of the accelerated learning group (ALG)

This enables development squad referees the opportunity to train and officiate with members our high-performance squad on completion of the junior rep competition.

From this program 3 members of our squad were graded into the NSWRL high performance squad, they were
 Brendan Mani (St George)
 Micheal Ford (Illawarra)
 Ethan Murray (Parramatta)



Les Matthews Award winner Hayden Hooker with Craig Matthews (son of Les)

Best of luck to those graded and I look forward to watching your career going forward, I hope you achieve everything you want out of refereeing.

Lastly, I would like to thank and congratulate the entire squad for not only the effort week in week out, but also the continued growth and development of each of the squad which is a credit to you all.

As coaches our aim is obviously to make you the best match official you can be, but we take our greatest pride out of seeing you all grow as young women and men not only on the field, but more importantly off it.

Being a part of this squad requires a lot of time, effort, and energy and we are grateful of how well you all do this which allows us to be able to impart our knowledge to you hopefully helping you achieve all your goals.

Really looking forward to the 2022 season.



Ben Seppala - Junior Rep Canberra, Harrison Bayssari - Junior Rep Parramatta, Mitchell Pitscheider - Junior Rep South Sydney

INTER-DISTRICT AWARDS



Frank Walsh Trophy recipient Brendan Mani with David Trodden & Gavin Badger



Frank Leonard Trophy recipient Blake Willams (Western Suburbs), with Dan Olford and Frank Leonard

Harold Matthews Grand Final Referee Micheal Ford with Ken McNaught & Steve Clark



Michael Ryan Award Recipient Brendan Mani with Julie Ryan

Kevin Jeffes Award Recipient Adam Sirriani with Chairman Peter Filmer





THE NSWRLRA 300 CLUB

During 2012, the Board of the NSWRLRA accepted a proposal from its Chairman, Life Member Chris Ward that a '300 CLUB' be established, similar to the recognition of players who achieve the milestone of 300 appearances in their careers.

The criteria included that the referee must be a member of the NSWRLRA and had officiated in first grade fixtures (NSWL / ARL / NRL) or their equivalent including representative games.

Central Referee, Touch Judge, In-Goal Judge and Video Referee performances would count towards a minimum of 300 games for eligibility.

The first inductions were made at the NSWRLRA Life Members Luncheon in September 2013 held at the NSW Leagues' Club.

300 CLUB INDUCTEES

Tony Archer
Grant Atkins
Gavin Badger
George Benson*
Steve Betts
Steve Carrall
Matt Cecchin

Steve Chiddy
Steve Clark
Phil Cooley
Ben Cummins
John Gocher
Sean Hampstead
Bill Harrigan

Shayne Hayne
Paul Holland
Ashley Klein
Darcy Lawler*
Tim Mander
Jared Maxwell
Col Pearce*

Henry Perenara
Alan Shortall
Paul Simpkins
Michael Stone
Gerard Sutton
Max Tomsett*
Russell Turner

Chris Ward
Eddie Ward
Graeme West
Martin Weekes
Jeff Younis

**deceased*



#617 John Gocher



#709 Phil Cooley



#727 Bill Harrigan



#821 Steve Carrall

COMMUNITY OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR – THE DENNIS BRAYBROOK AWARD

John Taylor - Newcastle Coalfield RLRA

John Taylor was driving past a sporting field 27 years ago when he noticed a children's game of Rugby League in desperate need of a referee. That sparked a lifelong passion to become an official which has now taken in 500 games, 20 Grand Finals and seen him win the NSWRL Dennis Braybrook Referees Association Award.

"I thought to myself, 'Gee, I could do that'," he said. "I'd only just become a father myself and I thought I could help those kids out and be a referee so that is what got me into it."

An active member of the Newcastle Coalfield Rugby League Referees Association, Taylor boasts an impressive resume. He was also part of the NRL squad from 2001- 2003 as a touch judge and has taken on roles including Welfare and Support Officer, Director of Coaching & Development, Senior Referee Operations Manager, NCRLRA Training Coordinator and NCRLRA Chairman of Life Member committee.

He has also seen his fair share of players come through the ranks at Newcastle who have gone on to pursue professional Rugby League careers.

"There have been certainly some great players even through to the likes of current day Knights player Brodie Jones from Cessnock," Taylor said.

"You can remember these guys when you refereed them when they were 10-years old and they just stand out and you think, 'Oh this young fella he can make it all the way.'"

Taylor has also come across other NRL players in the local competitions in Newcastle he has officiated in, with his most memorable match being a 2013 Elimination Semi-Final between the Macquarie United Scorpions and the Kurri Kurri Bulldogs which included Knights cult hero Nathan Ross and former hooker George Nadira

"I think Macquarie lead 24-0 at a home crowd and Kurri ended up winning the game something like 44-30 and it was one of those games in September," he said.

"The guys I had on the line that day, we always reminisce on that game how incredible it was."

Taylor takes satisfaction from coaching the next generation of referees coming through the ranks and the positive influence he can have on them, including his son who has now picked up the whistle.

"I have been fortunate enough that when I started, I had just become a father and my son as that was, is now a first-grade referee in Newcastle so there is a fair bit of satisfaction in that as well," he said.

"He started refereeing as a 14-year old and certainly has



gone on with that as well and has refereed about 100 first grade games."

Taylor is also a staunch advocate of making sure officials in community football are treated with respect.

"One of my mottos that I like to use when I am talking to junior coaches of teams is, that every game that is played from Under 6s through to State of Origin, the people watching always expect that the referee is going to be of the quality of a Gerrard Sutton or Bill Harrigan just because they put the shirt on but that is not the case," Taylor said.

"We have to encourage the referees, no matter what this referee does today at the end of the game just go up and shake his hand and just say, 'You did a great job' and 'Thanks for refereeing us today.'"

"That kid will go home and when his grandmother rings up and asks, 'How you did you go?' today he will say, 'Oh the coach said I did good' rather than 'The coach yelled at me, I don't think I will go back.'"

The Referees Association Award is one of 18 Volunteer of the Year Awards the NSWRL issues every year to acknowledge the tireless work volunteers contribute to community football every season.

DISTRICT AFFILIATE & ASSOCIATE REPORTS

BALMAIN REFEREES ASSOCIATION



Well for the second year in a row COVID played a role in reducing the season, only this time we weren't able to recommence which was a real shame for all involved. I was well aware of all the work the junior league put into getting the season up and running, especially the work involved in getting the season draw up and running.

This season the Balmain referees welcomed four new referees into the fold and they performed extremely well given the limited opportunities they had due to the shortened season.

The Balmain refereeing arena was expanded in 2017 to cover games weekly at Waverley Oval and Burrows Park, Clovelly and we have managed to develop referees who reside in the Eastern Suburbs & largely cover games in that region.

This increase in senior games has seen Balmain being able to field four [4] members into the 2021 Junior Reps squad.

With the Balmain junior league participants surging in 2021, the Balmain referees were placed in the difficult position of not being able to officiate in the under 8 and 9 age groups. To be able to regularly officiate in the younger age groups we will need to recruit further. Discussions have taken place with the junior league and the clubs in the hope that recruiting can occur internally to boost our numbers.

We are fortunate to have a solid, collegial relationship with our partners. Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club, our major sponsor has continued to support our Association and our relationship with the Balmain Football Club was strong again and we thank them for their financial assistance in 2021.

On a sad note, Life Member Matt Cecchin announced that 2021 would be his final year as an NRL official and in his final game was given a guard of honour by both teams as he exited the field.

Matt looks forward to having his weekends to himself and his family now and is planning an extended trip around Australia.

We struck the Matt Cecchin Medal some years ago which is

the award presented to the best performed referee during grand finals, both junior and senior.

Hayden Gerrie [pictured above] was the 2020 recipient of the Matt Cecchin Medal for his performance in the U15 grand final which involved a send-off in the first minute, an 8 point try and failure to attempt a kick at goal as well as numerous penalties for poor player discipline.

Hayden's coach on the night was his brother Jack, who is a member of the Junior Reps squad.

CANBERRA REFEREES ASSOCIATION



2021 - Unfortunately another year disrupted due to weather and Covid 19 restrictions.

We commenced the year full of hope that competitions would return to some form of normality and consistency. It was pleasing to see the local Canberra Region Rugby League competitions return with increased numbers overall and therefore challenge us every weekend. It was a very trying year to appoint match officials to all games throughout the year and a real challenge to our members. This "challenge" presented an opportunity for a number of members to progress to officiating at higher levels, which I am happy to say our members took with open hands and performed above expectations. This certainly puts us in good stead for 2022 and beyond. We continued to recruit well for the Referees Foundation One courses with twenty one new candidates undertaking the course.

Covid-19 restrictions continued throughout the season and Community Rugby League adapted to the challenges. Unfortunately, the competitions were cut short due to the Delta variant and both the ACT and NSW went into lockdown just a few weeks before the finals series. The on-field performances of our members was going to present our Appointments Panels with some difficult decisions going into the Finals. These difficult decisions will now pass onto 2022.

Training was very well attended during the year and the change to Wednesday night appeared to be a great success

with additional juniors participating and benefiting from the skills sessions undertaken. Thank you to NSWRL for allowing our Association to utilize the facilities at Bruce. The ability to run indoor sessions using the AV system is an invaluable tool, especially in the unpredictable Canberra weather.

We have been extremely lucky to have organisations such as the Canberra Raiders and Canberra Region Rugby League actively assist in recruitment and development of referees. The support from the CRRL staff, especially General Manager Mark VERGANO and Chairman Gary GREEN cannot be under-estimated. Any incidents involving unsavoury conduct by players, officials or spectators was swiftly dealt with by the League. The working relationship between our Association and the League continues to be strong. Thanks are also extended to the other CRRL staff who assisted with changes to game times etc. Without this assistance there would have been a number of competition level games throughout the season where we would not have been able to supply match officials.

The NSWRL and CRL Referees Associations are expected to vote to amalgamate prior to the commencement of the 2022 season. This will present new opportunities for our members and Association to navigate.

On a local level, all games were very competitive and every match official represented CDRLRA to a very high level. During the year it was encouraging to see so many senior referees providing support to our newer members. Planning has already commenced for 2022. Some highlights involving members at the representative level were:-

- Gage MILES - Touch Judge SG Ball Grand Final
- Ben SEPPALA (Referee), Liam RICHARDSON & Tristan BROOKER (Touch Judges) officiated the Australian Defence Force game as the lead-in match for the Anzac Test.
- Braiden McINTOSH - Referee CRL Open Country Championship
- Phil HENDERSON - Touch Judge State of Origin games
- Ben CUMMINS - set the record for the most number of NRL games refereed.

I would like to thank all members of Canberra Referees Association for their cooperation throughout the year with the many changes and challenges we were presented with.

The Association was very fortunate to sign a major sponsorship agreement with Mayner & Cochrane, Appliance Repair Specialist to the Canberra Region. Combined with sponsorship from the Canberra Raiders (Gungahlin Raiders Club) and grants from NSWRL Referees Assn this has left our Association in a very stable financial position. We look forward to expanding our relationships with all parties in 2022.

CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN REFEREES ASSOCIATION



Well after what many thought was a tough season in 2020, unfortunately things only got worse in 2021.

Our Association had high hopes for 2021, being our 100th Anniversary, with many events planned throughout the season to mark such an historic event.

Things kicked off with our Centenary Gala Dinner held Saturday 23rd January at the William Inglis Hotel in Warwick Farm.

A stunning venue for a truly historic night, with over 150 invited members and special guests. A wonderful way to kick start our Centenary Season as an Association.

Things progressed to our AGM where most of the Committee were re-elected unopposed. It was announced that the Association would welcome 2 Life Members to the fold at our Annual Blue & White Cabaret. It was an honour for myself and Nathan Loveday to be endorsed as the 88th & 89th Life Members of Canterbury Referees.

On the field, our referees wore a brand-new uniform to mark our 100th season. This uniform was well received by the membership and the junior league clubs.

We welcomed 5 new referees to our Association this season but unfortunately, they only managed to get 1 day of refereeing in before Sydney went into lockdown. At the time we weren't to know, but that weekend be the last weekend of rugby league for the year, with the lockdown shutting down the 2021 season.

Whilst it was a disappointing season, I think many of us are fortunate enough to be coming through the other side, and I for one am excited to see what is ahead in 2022.

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A special mention to Daniel Luttringer for his efforts during lockdown with the Life Member Profiles on social media. It has been a difficult 2 years with lockdowns and limited opportunities to see family and friends, so I think these videos did a great job in keeping people connected!

Thank you to our Association sponsors for all their support throughout a difficult season.

- Canterbury League Club
- Bankstown RSL
- DeVel Pty Ltd
- Soneta Plumbing & Civil
- First National Daystar Real Estate
- Club Menangle
- Cleanrite Sydney

As always, thanks to the NSWRLRA Board (in particular Matt Hewitt & Greg McCallum) for the support offered throughout a difficult season and I wish all Association's well as we move ahead and hopefully get back to 'normal' in 2022!

CENTRAL COAST RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION



Just when we thought nothing could beat the craziness of 2020, season 2021 came around and knocked all of us for a loop!

Despite obvious hurdles of tightened gameday protocols, longer hours at football, and ultimately the competitions being cancelled, Season 2021 was a fairly successful one for the CCRLRA. We have continued to grow our membership base, seen an increase in the professionalism and work ethic of our referees, put in place protocols to ensure a smoother running Association, and continued to work and develop relationships that will hopefully lead to sponsorships and

community participation in the years ahead. The key to this success is the hard work, dedication and enthusiasm of everyone at the CCRLRA; from those at the Executive level to the referees and mentors, to the life members who can only get to a few games to say hello. We thank each and every one of you for your efforts this year.

Season 2021 saw an increase in our overall membership base from 2020. We had 79 members this season, up from 63 last season. This was a tremendous achievement, as numbers have been going down for a number of years. A bigger effort was put into retention this season, with a number of executive members contacting previous members to gauge interest on coming back. The end of season survey conducted also yielded results and gave us a greater understanding of where we are as an Association. Hopefully we can build on this type of "retention drives" for years to come.

Strong numbers can also be attributed to the recruitment process we put in place this off season. Our executive lead a multi-faceted approach, which led to more community and club engagement. Shopping centre drives, club advertising, social media posts, the use of targeted advertising all paid dividends, with 18 new faces joining us this season.

There were some fantastic on field achievements for our association as well, with so many junior members showing tremendous promise, and making great strides towards their goals before the season unfortunately was cut short due to Covid. We also had a number of members make their seniors debuts, either on the line or in the middle. This is extremely exciting to have so many young members in this position, with the hope they continue to develop and grow, and give the CCRLRA a strong senior referee group for future seasons.

We had three members represent us at the Junior Representative level, with Deacon Cameron (Regional), Tobi Holder (Metro) and Callum Richardson (Regional) all running lines and centres in their respective competitions. Congratulations to you all on your seasons, keep working hard and striving to your goals.

Training is a big part of on field success, so it was no coincidence that the fantastic on field performances coincided with our greatest training turnout for a number of seasons. In recent years we have seen training nights cancelled for lack of numbers, so it was a breath of fresh air to see 15-25 people every Wednesday night ready to train the house down.

A big thankyou to our sponsors Diggers @the Entrance and Bendigo Bank, for your continued support of us throughout these very uncertain times. Although Covid had an impact financially, you have been very supportive of us this season, and we could not have had the year we had without you. Unfortunately, the end of season and a change in their structure means that Bendigo will be saying goodbye to us

as a sponsor moving forward, however we thank them for their great support over the past 3 seasons. Diggers have agreed to a sponsorship that will keep them as our major sponsor for 2022-2024, and we are thrilled to have them back.

Season 2021 sees a change at the top here on the Central Coast. Jack Greentree comes in as President, replacing Josh Davies who had decided not to run again as President. A big thankyou to Josh from everyone involved in our association for all the hard work he has put into the role of President over the years. Ben Thompson returns in the role as Treasurer and Patrick Webb returns in the role as Secretary.

On a sad note we saw the passing of life member Lindsay Mungovan. Lindsay was a tremendous asset not only to the refereeing ranks, but to Central Coast Rugby League in general. His knowledge of the game, fun loving personality and love of Rugby League will be sadly missed. Vale Lindsay Mungovan

CRONULLA SUTHERLAND REFEREES ASSOCIATION



It's a pleasure to provide an update on the Cronulla Association from 2021.

Unfortunately COVID-19 once again put an end to Community Rugby League in NSW with extended lockdowns prohibiting any further play after only a few rounds.

In what was a promising start for the Cronulla Association, we had a significant increase in our junior numbers including a number of new female officials. While the number of tackle games are consistent, Cronulla district continues to thrive in touch and tag. We unveiled our new on-field jersey and announced a partnership with Gotcha4Life. Gotcha4Life promotes mental fitness and does excellent work in the community which is something our association is proud

to be behind. We secured Gus Worland, the founder of Gotcha4Life to speak to Cronulla, St George and Canterbury Referee Associations however the lockdown beat us to it. Being such a beneficial session, we will run this program again next season and open it up to the wider Refereeing community to attend. We welcomed Aramex as our new sleeve sponsor and welcomed back Tradies and Zed & Zed Jewellers as partners of our association.

While it was disappointing to have to cut short the 2021 season, we have much to look forward to in 2022. George Chehoff and Peter Khoury are due to accept their life membership of the Cronulla Referees Association, our numbers of referees are strong throughout the junior grades, our digital growth through Facebook has been excellent and our coaching and development plans are well underway.

Thank you to the NSWRLRA for their continued support of our association and we look forward to contributing to Rugby League in the Sutherland Shire in 2022.

ILLAWARRA REFEREES ASSOCIATION



When we thought we couldn't get another year like 2020, 2021 arrived on our doorstep. With a record recruitment, with 20+ referees joining our association, we were off to a great start. Unfortunately, the season was cut short mid-way through our season. While it was disappointing to have a year with finals, celebrations of end of year achievement and functions were grateful to have some football played.

With minimal opportunities available this year for members, we would like to congratulate the following members on their achievements for 2021. Micheal Ford who was referee for the Harold Matthews Grand Final and subsequently graded to the NSWRLRA. Also, William Damato (Grand Final Referee - Women's Country Championships), Tyler Hindle (Grand Final Referee - Opens PSSA) and Ruby Keen (National Women's Tournament).

We also thank the ongoing support of our sponsors MMJ Dapto, Cleary Bros and First Choice Couriers.

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MANLY-WARRINGAH REFEREES ASSOCIATION



It was the same story that unfolded across the Sydney Metropolitan area, active members of the Manly Warringah Referees Association were gearing up for a full season to make up for what transpired the year before. We all know what happened next.

While the impacts of lockdown will be the defining event of the year, our Association had bright moments nonetheless.

Before going into lockdown, Jake Walsh continued his rapid progression through Junior Reps and was appointed to touch judge the Harold Matts grand final in just his second year in the squad. Then when the grounds on the Northern Beaches fell silent, two of our own - Matt Noyen and Todd Smith - remained active on the field in the NRL competition. Todd, who holds a board position in our Association, had another outstanding season, and for the second year in a row, was appointed to touch judge the NRL Grand Final and three State of Origin matches.

Our membership also grew, which reflects positively on what happens at football fields across the peninsula. When kids follow through with refereeing courses, and then turn up each week to train and officiate, it suggests that they feel well-supported and safe. Maintaining this culture is a responsibility we all share both locally and beyond. We have seen time, and time again, what happens at the higher levels of our game and broadcast into living rooms is mimicked at parks on weekends. The question is what example we want to set.

We thank the NRL and NSWRL for their continued support of Associations, for that is where the game's next generation of officials learn their craft from generous volunteers who give up their time. We look forward to a constructive relationship in the coming years.

Our Association would once again publicly extend its

appreciation to its platinum sponsor, Axia Office. Like many small businesses, Brad Keen and his team have continued to show their generous support even through the pandemic's challenging financial times. Likewise, gold sponsor, McDonald's has remained committed to our members and we thank them for our ongoing relationship.

The last question of our Association's inaugural online trivia night was, 'how many [referee and touch judge] appointments did Manly Referees fulfil for the Junior League this season?' The answer is 917. We hope that there will be a lot more next year. This year may just have reinforced that you do not know what you have, until it is taken away

NEWCASTLE COALFIELDS RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION



The end of 2021 sees the end of my second year as CEO.

2021 has been another difficult year for all involved, it was unfortunate that we were not able to see the season through to finals, but at least we got most of the season of footy.

We had 118 active members for 2021, slightly up from the 114 financial members last year, but still far from the numbers we need to completely fill all games every week.

Thank you to those who assisted with the multiple F1 courses we held this year and to all the CMO's who made themselves available to help out the new members, we had 34 F1's in total this season. Hopefully we see them all again next year.

Congratulations go to all award recipients this season; it is very special to have your achievements recognized. Unfortunately, the end of season presentation as we know

it was unable to proceed this year due to the lockdown. A massive thank you to Wallsend Diggers and their events coordinator Catherine Burgess for the assistance and support they provided throughout the year.

A massive congratulation to Life Member John Taylor, who was this year, awarded the "Dennis Braybrook Community Official of the Year".

This award is presented by NSWRLRA to a District official that has been involved in the administration of an affiliated district association over a period of time, has promoted that district and improved refereeing in the district by being involved in coaching and mentoring of referees.

Past NCRLRA recipients of this prestigious award include Geoff Whiddon in 2009, Gerry Hinds joint winner in 2011 and Gerry Hinds again joint winner in 2014.

I'm sure everyone will agree that John Taylor is a most worthy recipient and our association would not be what it is without him.

Congratulations to Brendan Callander, who was the only member to be added to the list of 10 Years' service recipients this year.

As part of our partnership with member Dan Ebert and his business "Surge Graphic Design" our order of shorts this year was to bear his business logo in return for his services; however Dan has graciously donated this space to the Mark Hughes Foundation. As gear steward, Tony Adams did a fantastic job ordering all the new shorts with the MHF logo on them and distributing a pair to each active member of the association. I would like to acknowledge and thank Dan Ebert for continuing to provide his services to the association.

On a final note, I would like to acknowledge and thank our major sponsor The Good Guys for their continued support, along with all our other sponsors and supporters including Wallsend Diggers, Bentleys, and Surge Graphic Design.

It was with pleasure that I was able to act as CEO for the NCRLRA in 2021 and I hope the efforts I went to again this year did not go unnoticed.

Unfortunately though, I have made the difficult decision to not re-apply for the role for next season. I have spent way too many hours' away from my family this year and have decided to take a back seat next year to spend more time with my kids while they are small.

I wish everyone the best, hope all our members have a good off-season, Christmas & New Year and I look forward to a new season in 2022.

NORTH SYDNEY REFEREES ASSOCIATION



An excellent if truncated year for the North Sydney District Rugby League Referees Association in season 2021 with many new faces young and old thanks largely to the wonderful work of our Director of Member Services Ilana Crawford and the North Sydney junior league. The junior expanded its numbers for another straight season, particularly in the league tag format. This brought a commensurate increase in the numbers of new referees that we welcomed to Norths this season and whom we very much hope to see retained in the seasons to come!

To all of our referees and refereeing coaches, the Association and all involved in the junior league say a big thank you for your time, patience and your passion and commitment to have dealt with a second straight Covid impacted season.

This season again saw the further development of several of our young referees which culminated in the selection of James Leane, Dylan and Nathan Guptill for the junior representative squad. This year also saw joint winners of the Vince Smith memorial award for junior encouragement and the Board congratulates Bailey Clark and Roy Merrick for their award.

Jon Stone continued to fly the flag (quite literally) for North Sydney at NRL level, which included his eventual appointment to the NRL grand final as one of the touch judges. We congratulate Jon on his sterling efforts and look forward to having him continue to represent North Sydney in season 2022!

Finally, as we look towards a bright and exciting new season and 100th birthday of the Norths Referees Association, the Board are pleased to see encouraging signs that North Sydney Referees continues to go from strength to strength.

Roll on 2022!

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PARRAMATTA REFEREES ASSOCIATION



Significant progress was made throughout the 2021 season which should allow the Association to build into next season nicely.

It was pleasing to see most of our active members return after the difficult year that was 2020. Despite the solid retention rate, there was still a need to bring in more new referees to cover the shortfall that we have carried over the past few seasons, which becomes increasingly noticeable early in the year when our Junior Rep contingent is away. It was great to see 17 new referees join the Association this year – the most the Association has had join in a number of years. An Association record was established with 5 of our new recruits being female.

Plenty of work was done to ensure the Association was put back into a strong financial and administrative position after some downfalls in previous seasons. The efforts put in resulted in the acquisition of two new sponsorship arrangements with Professionals Real Estate and Outback Steakhouse, as well as a rise in referees match fees provided by the Parramatta Junior League.

We were also able to introduce a range of initiatives and

technologies in order to enhance the performance of the Association both on and off the field. This includes the development of our own software system which contains automated payroll calculations and member management features, the extension of our website to include an ecommerce feature which allows members to purchase gear and RSVP to events online, the introduction of an inventory tracking system for our gear & equipment, an upgrade to open-mic referees communication gear and our own subscription to the coaching tool HUDL, which allows referees & coaches to conduct post-game reviews for more extensive coaching. We were also able to trial a new digital reports system through our new software which will allow coaches to submit reports through an app, which will then be sent to each referee via email and stored on the system for coaches to review past assessments of referees. This is expected to be rolled out in full at the start of 2022.

This year continued to be a challenge in relation to the planning of events and functions. We were able to hold our Season Launch in the early part of the year, however, we were forced to cancel our Old Members Day which was scheduled for July. Despite this, we are hopeful that we will be able to hold our major event, the Life Members Gala Evening, in December after an 18-month delay.

Whilst it was disappointing that our season was cut short due to the COVID-lockdown, the beginning of the season saw a great level of commitment from all our members who were either out there on the field officiating or on the sidelines as a coach. It was especially good to see our average attendance at training increase again even though we had a change of venue & day midway through the year.

Parramatta was also again very well represented across the NSW Junior Representative, NSW High Performance and NRL Elite squads, with a total of 26 members involved at these levels in a direct capacity both on and off the field – congratulations to these members on their efforts throughout the year. A further congratulations to both Robert Morey (#1025) and Ethan Murray (#1028) for their elevation to the NSW High Performance Squad and subsequent gradings to the NSWRLRA. It is also important to highlight the work of our own, Daniel Luttringer, for continuing his work in producing the NSWRLRA Life Member Series – this year saw the addition of one new episode featuring a Parramatta referee, namely George Jankowski.

We are hopeful that we can get back to a full season of rugby league in 2022, as there are many goals which the Association is committed to achieving and exceeding. Thank you to all those who have supported the Association in 2021.

PENRITH REFEREES ASSOCIATION



Another year, another crisis! Hopefully, there is light at the end of the tunnel - after fires, floods, a mouse plague and now an enduring global pandemic, we are hopefully starting to emerge back into “normal” life.

As a community we have seen more than two years of stressful situations lead to worry, angst and sadly at times, aggression. The roller coaster of emotions has seen state against state, metro vs regional, postcodes vs postcodes and vaccinated vs unvaccinated. Social media has again fuelled the debate with radical voices and ranges of “truth” propagated by armchair experts.

For decades to come we will be recalling the memories of 2019-21 to future generations.

Throughout it all there has been huge positivity – people spending more time together, weekends uninterrupted by football season, home renovations, time to tend to gardens, family games nights, working from home and even home-schooling opportunities (although for some of us, not all of these have been so positive!). The pinnacle of positivity on the eve of “freedom” was the mighty Panthers winning the 2021 NRL Premiership – the suburbs around the base of the mountains were truly vibrant and we saw community spirit that was more likely an emotional release from the long lockdown we have all endured. Congratulations and thank you Panthers!

Now that normal life is resuming, we all need to maintain and draw on these positivity’s. As we try to renew our balance in life, we should enjoy and appreciate the freedom but also continue to relish opportunities to spend time with those around us who make us who we are and have supported us over the last 2 years. Keep checking on the welfare of family, friends, neighbours and colleagues, because everyone needs to continue to stay connected and feel part of a community.

Thank you to the executive and all members for their continued patience and support of the Association despite the restrictions and limitations. Every member should be commended for their adaptations with technology and other ways that they stayed connected to each other.

I am confident that community sport will again become consistent and engaging, with rugby league at the forefront. I look forward to welcoming everyone back to games, training and functions next season. Being part of the Association and reconnecting around the game that we love will help us all return to a good balance in our “new normal” lives.

Please stay safe and continue to be nice to each other.

SOUTH SYDNEY RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION



2021, albeit truncated, was another successful year for the South Sydney Referees Association. With the support of our valued sponsor Park Sydney we were able to provide all of our members with brand new on and off field gear which everyone agreed looked fantastic. We were able to cover over 110 games of football each and every weekend with our dedicated team of referees and coaches.

On the field we had 7 new referees join us with a further 3 returning after an extended period of absence. Our training sessions every Tuesday evening at Snape Oval were well attended, particularly by our cohort of junior referees, with much fun had and many friendships made. We were thrilled to have our long-time member Kieren Irons make his NRL debut on the line, with many more of our members making their mark in the representative squads.

A special congratulations to Kieran Casey for his nomination to the Junior Rep squad for 2022. Throughout the year we

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were afforded with unequivocal support from the South Sydney Junior League who always made sure to back us in any situation which was great to see. Off the field we were thrilled for both Scott Dalby and John Butler who had their life memberships endorsed by the broader membership - their life membership jackets will be presented in 2022.

Here's hoping to a successful and less disruptive 2022 season!

ST GEORGE DISTRICT REFEREES ASSOCIATION



We secured 5 fantastic sponsors this year which was a huge achievement after losing all sponsorship in 2020 due to Covid. Our Major Sponsors are Club Rivers and SSI Security and Investigations, our minor sponsors Zed n Zed Jewellers and Quality Air Equipment (QAE). We also had Nathan Loveday return as our gear supplier and sponsor from Jets Teamwear. Nathan assisted us in putting together a brand new on and off field kit to help showcase our amazing new sponsors.

On the active referee front our coach Joel Mani got our Elite Development Squad up and running again. This is a squad designed to up-skill referees and help them improve their on-field performance. It also creates a pathway from association level to Junior Reps. The ED Squad do extra training sessions every week, complete physical testing as well as rules quizzes and seminars about interpretations and game laws. This year our Elite Development Squad

comprised of 8 members, 2 of which are currently in the train on squad for Junior Reps. These members also take on mentor roles for new referees joining the association. We had 10 new referees join our ranks this year and were very pleased with their progress in the shortened season.

WESTERN SUBURBS RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION



Season 2021 was our second season dealing with COVID 19, and once again it was a Season reduced to only 7 rounds.

However, in May we managed to hold our postponed "Centenary Celebration Round", where our Members went back to 'Yesteryear' wearing the jersey, shorts & socks based upon attire of the 1920's. The day was well received & acknowledged by the local Rugby League Clubs and supporters.

Our three Members Adam Reid, Brad Kiehne & Paul Eden continued to represent our Association in the NSWRLRA Graded Squad, whilst Blake Williams & Hayden Hooker were in the NSWRLRA Junior Reps Squad. Hayden Hooker was deservedly selected as the recipient off the Les Matthews Award for the "Rookie" in the Junior Reps Squad.

We were successful in gaining six new Rookies this year, and these members showed sound potential in a shortened period of time.

We finished the year off with our delayed 'Centenary Dinner / Presentation Night, which was a huge success and enjoyed by all who were able to attend and had the chance to view the Historical Photos / Documents and Attire of the Association, dating as far back as 1942.

Finally, we would like to acknowledge our Sponsors, Western Suburbs Leagues Club & Enzos Cucina - a local Italian Restaurant, for their support this year.

We now look forward to hopefully, a full Season in 2022, where the Macarthur Conference Competition will commence in its inaugural Year.

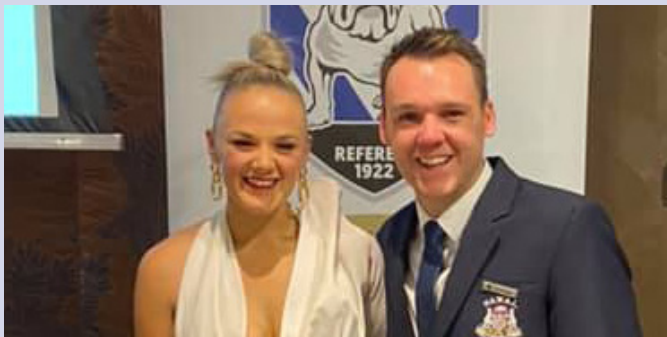
DISTRICT ASSOCIATION LIFE MEMBERSHIPS 2021 – GRADED MEMBERS

In a rare occurrence, 2021 saw three current graded members receive their Life Membership Blazers for their local Associations. This is fitting and a testament to the amount of work that many of our current graded members are putting in at the grassroots whilst still pursuing their own ambitions on field in the Grade Squad. In June, #1004 Nathan Loveday received his Life Membership of Canterbury-Bankstown Referees. Nathan received his jacket at the Blue & White Cabaret. He becomes the 89th Life Member of that

Association. Recently at the Penrith Referees Life Member & Presentation Night, #1019 Tom Stindl received his Life Membership of Penrith Referees. Tom becomes the 52nd Life Member of the Penrith Referees Association. #1007 Daniel Luttringer also received his Parramatta Referees Life Member blazer at their Gala Night in December. Daniel becomes the 72nd Life Member of the Parramatta Referees Association. Below is a snapshot of each member's service to their local association.

NATHAN LOVEDAY

Canterbury-Bankstown Referees Association



Record of Service

- Joined 2007
- Farrelly-Dick Trophy (Most Improved): 2010
- Archer-Garwood Award (Member's Member): 2016
- Clubb-Johnson Trophy (#1 District Referee): 2013 - 2016
- Social Secretary: 2012 - 2017
- Vice President: 2018 - current
- Social Committee: 2010 - 2011
- Gear Committee: 2009, 2012, 2014 - 2017
- Training & Development Coordinator: 2015 - 2018
- Leo Randle Finance Committee: 2018 - current
- NSWRLRA Deputy Delegate: 2010 - 2011
- NSWRLRA Delegate: 2012 - 2013
- Assistant Director of Referees: 2018 - current

DANIEL LUTTRINGER

Parramatta Referees Association



Record of Service

- Joined 2009
- Active in Trials 2009 - 2017
- Active Member 2009 - 2019
- Assistant Executive Officer 2011 - 2012
- Director of Recruitment & Retention 2013 - 2016
- NRAS Coordinator 2016 - 2017
- NSWRLRA Delegate 2011 - 2013; 2019
- Junior Appointments Panel 2014 - 2015
- Auditor 2013; 2015 - 2016; 2019
- Recruitment & Retention Committee 2010 - 2011; 2017
- Social Committee 2010; 2012
- PDJRL Alternate Delegate 2012 -2013
- NSWRLRA Alternate Delegate 2010; 2015; 2018
- Total Meetings Attended = 70

TOM STINDL

Penrith Referees Association



Record of Service

- Joined 2007
- 13 years service
- Len Manuel Rookie of the Year 2007
- Reg Newsome Most Improved Referee 2009
- Michael Grady Junior Merit Award 2010
- Social Committee 2011
- Advisory Panel 2012-2014 & 2018
- Auditor 2012-2014
- Assistant Director of Finance & Sponsorship 2015-2016
- Bob Kandelas Referees' Referee 2015, 2016 & 2017
- Director of Finance & Sponsorship 2017-2021
- A Grade 1st Division Grand Finals 2016, 2017 & 2018
- NSWRLRA Delegate 2019
- Meeting Attendance 60.7% (no records for 2010)
- Meeting Attendance 82.4% between 2011-2019

CENTENARY YEAR CELEBRATIONS



Canterbury-Bankstown District Rugby League Referees' Association - Paul Archer (Chairman)

2021 marked the 100th anniversary of the Canterbury-Bankstown District Rugby League Referees' Association. The Centenary was an opportunity to pause and consider our achievements and to honour the generations, the hundreds of members who all have played a role in our development. It provided a unique opportunity to reaffirm the relevance of our Association but also to chart a path that will enable us to meet new challenges as we enter our second century. When the 8 foundation members met on 6 June 1922 little would they realise that 100 years later the Association they formed would be strong, resilient and still serving rugby league community with a current membership base of 155.

The Association to date has had 860 members of which 89 have been elevated to life membership status. Not only have CBRA provided officials for their district but numerous members were graded and in total they have provided 17 first grade referees, including current NRL referee Adam Gee, 4 of which refereed a first grade grand final, 38 first grade touch judges of which 12 officiated in top grade grand finals and 11 in state of origin fixtures as well as numerous test match appointments.

CBRA has the distinction of having a member receive a first-grade grand final appointment in their first year as a graded referee, that being Jack Bradley in 1962 and Jack O'Brien who refereed 7 grand finals with his final appointment in 1954. Former President John Martin was touch judge in 9 consecutive first grade grand finals from 1960, a wonderful achievement.

Further, CBRA members have held several Executive positions with head body including Colin Turnell (Secretary), Peter Longhurst (Treasurer), Les Matthews (Secretary/EO) and Matt Hewitt (Finance Director).

In typical CBRA fashion they celebrated with several social events during the year with the highlight being a formal black-tie gala dinner in January where current President, Paul

Archer & the Executive entertained 180 members and special guests, numbers limited due to the pandemic but a fantastic night of celebrations, wonderful speeches, entertainment, presentations and a function befitting such a special occasion. The Association commissioned the publication of the 100 years of CBRA book, a most impressive record of the history and achievements over the past centenary.

The Association has a wonderful group of sponsors including Canterbury League Club (25 years), Soneta Plumbing, DeVel Pty Ltd, Bankstown RSL, First National Daystar and Club Menangle whose financial input assisted with our centenary celebrations.

CBRA has implemented the motto of "**Integrity, Service and Friendship**" which perfectly describes the Association's values. We continue to develop our membership base to ensure we provide a safe and friendly atmosphere for the participants of our great game. We are proud of the achievements over the past 100 years and look forward to the next chapter in our history and the challenges it will bring.

The support from the NSWRL, NSWRLRA and affiliated Associations is acknowledged and we look forward to the ongoing close bond between our respective groups.





Western Suburbs Referees Association - Colin White (Chairman)

Western Suburbs Referees Association was due to celebrate its Centenary Year in 2020. Due to the COVID 19 restrictions all our planned events had to be postponed.

However, on Saturday 2nd May, 2020 - (the exact date our Association was founded 100 years ago), we released a Centenary Video containing Interviews from members detailing their experiences over the years - some of them representing the past 50 years, Michael Stone, Dennis Spagarino, Michael Seery, Maria Arthur & Paul Eden all contributing to this video.

So, in 2021 as restrictions were eased, we were able to fully celebrate our Centenary. The first event was in May with a "Centenary Round", where all our Referees wore a special 100th Jersey to recognize the Centenary, and also with some Referees wearing the Jersey, shorts, & socks replicating the "Gear" worn 100 years ago.

Unfortunately, "Lockdown" occurred once again, and our Centenary Dinner had to be postponed from its intended date in October 2021. We were on "tender hooks" awaiting approval to hold our delayed, well organised Dinner.

Thankfully, the Centenary Dinner was held on 20th November, 2021 and was well attended by both Life Members, Current & Past Members, along with invited guest, Dave Trodden, & Peter Filmer and Federal Member for Werriwa Right Honorable Mrs Anne Stanley, all enjoying a successful evening, professionally conducted by our "MC" Greg McCallum.

We now look forward to our next chapter in recruiting and developing referees.



AWARDS HONOUR ROLL

THE DOUG WINTIN AWARD - FORMERLY THE GEORGE & AMY HANSEN AWARD

Presented to a Graded member who has made an outstanding contribution to the Association over a period of time but especially during 2019, has attended most General Meetings, whose personal demeanor is beyond reproach and has performed special acts for the benefit of the NSWRLRA.

1975	F.O. Cohen	1990	I. Parnaby	2006	D. Keen
1976	C.E. Wigzell	1991	P. Cooley	2007	L. Bugden
1977	F.W. Walsh	1992	R. Styles	2008	F. Leonard
1978	A. Shiner	1993	Kevin Jeffes	2009	G. McCallum
1979	D. Wintin	1994	T. Danks	2010	G. Jankowski
1980	J. Gocher	1995	B. Gilchrist	2011	S. Clapson
1981	D. Braybrook	1996	J. Griffiths	2012	R. Culkin
1982	I. McCall	1997	D. Spagarino	2013	B. Barry
1983	C. Gilchrist	1998	B. Ruttle	2014	P. Filmer O.A.M.
1984	P. Longhurst	1999	T. Healy	2015	M. Lewis
1985	B. Wiseman	2000	K. Roberts	2016	B. Gately
1986	L. Matthews	2001	Martin Ryan	2017	A. Zapantis
1987	L. Williams	2002	A. Farlow	2018	P. Simpkins
1988	Michael Ryan	2003	D. Alchin	2019	N. Loveday
1989	M. Stone	2004	P. Kalina	2020	<i>Not awarded due to Covid-19</i>
		2005	J. O'Sullivan	2021	<i>Not awarded due to Covid-19</i>

FRANK WALSH MEMORIAL TROPHY

Presented to the Referee, chosen from the Junior Representative Squad, appointed to the Final of the S.G Ball Competition.

1990	Michael Lewis (Parramatta)	2006	David Munro (South Sydney)
1991	Sean Fielder (South Sydney)	2007	Michael Laverty (Canberra)
1992	Craig Tracey (Eastern Suburbs)	2008	Shane Charman (Manly)
1993	Darren Gocher (Cronulla-Sutherland)	2009	Daniel Olford (Penrith)
1994	Brett Lynch (Penrith)	2010	Lawrence McDonnell (Penrith)
1995	Rod Lawrence (South Sydney)	2011	Kasey Badger (Parramatta)
1996	Jason O'Brien (South Sydney)	2012	Warwick Bowden (Parramatta)
1997	Jason Weinstien (Western Suburbs)	2013	Joshua McGowan (Central Coast)
1998	Jeffery Younis (Balmain)	2014	Kieren Irons (South Sydney)
1999	Jason Robinson (Penrith)	2015	Martin Jones (Canberra)
2000	Jennifer Robinson (Penrith)	2016	Jake Sutherland (Central Coast)
2001	Brad Rye (Western Suburbs)	2017	Clayton Wills (Central Coast)
2002	Ben Cummins (Canberra)	2018	Cameron Turner (Penrith)
2003	Alan Shortall (Parramatta)	2019	Luke Saldern (Manly)
2004	Chris James (Western Suburbs)	2020	Ben Seppala (Canberra) (on Merit)
2005	Gavin Reynolds (Parramatta)	2021	Brendan Mani (St George)

DENNIS BRAYBROOK MEMORIAL TROPHY

Presented to a District Official that has been involved in the administration of an affiliated District Association over a period of time, has promoted that District and improved refereeing in the District by being involved in coaching and mentoring of referees.

1994	Phil Ellis	2004	Col White	2013	Jim Hawker
1995	Kevin Jeffes	2005	Bob Garwood	2014	Michael Qualiey and Gerry Hinds
1996	Jack O'Sullivan	2006	Dave Pickering	2015	Paul Tape
1997	Doug Wintin	2007	Noel Bissett	2016	Matthew Hall
1998	Bruce Chapman	2008	Barry Beveridge	2017	Ken McNaught
1999	Les Matthews	2009	Geoff Whiddon	2018	Gary Haines
2000	No Recipient	2010	David Field	2019	Col White
2001	Reg Austin	2011	Ken McNaught and Gerry Hinds	2020	Chris Nightingale
2002	Pat Walsh	2012	Lionel Brown	2021	John Taylor
2003	Max Mannix				

BILL HARRIGAN TROPHY

Presented by Bill Harrigan, to the referee of the Intrust Super Premiership NSW Grand Final.

2004	Gavin Badger	2014	Liam Nicholls
2005	Ben Cummins	2015	Liam Nicholls
2006	Steve Lyons	2016	Jon Stone
2007	Gerard Sutton	2017	Chris Treneman
2008	Gerard Sutton	2018	Adam Cassidy
2009	Adam Gee	2019	Todd Smith
2010	David Munro	2020	<i>Not awarded due to Covid-19</i>
2011	Jon Stone	2021	<i>Not awarded due to Covid-19</i>
2012	Matt Noyen		
2013	Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski		

MICHAEL RYAN MEDAL

An award presented to a Junior Representative Squad member elected by his/her peers as the "Referees' referee".

2008	Mitchell Stone (Parramatta)
2009	Lawrence McDonnell (Penrith)
2010	Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski (Parramatta)
2011	Liam Nicholls (Illawarra)
2012	Drew Oultram (Newcastle Coalfields)
2013	James Vella (South Sydney)
2014	Kieren Irons (South Sydney)
2015	Daniel Luttringer (Parramatta)
2016	Pat Mackey (Parramatta)
2017	Tom Cambourn (Parramatta)
2018	Mitchell Currie (Cronulla) & Ben McMurray (Parramatta)
2019	Luke Saldern (Manly)
2020	<i>Not awarded due to Covid-19</i>
2021	Brendan Mani (St George)

ERIC COX MEDAL

Presented to a Graded Member of the NSWRLRA, who has received Life Membership and has made a very significant contribution to the NSWRLRA for at least ten years after receiving Life Membership.

2008	Jack O'Sullivan	2015	Doug Wintin
2009	Dennis Spagarino	2016	Peter Filmer
2010	Max Dunn	2017	Tony Danks
2011	Ian McCall	2018	Brian Gilchrist
2012	Kevin Roberts	2019	Steve Clapson
2013	Phil Cooley	2020	<i>Not awarded due to Covid-19</i>
2014	Frank Leonard	2021	<i>Not awarded due to Covid-19</i>

LES MATTHEWS AWARD

Junior Representative Squad member deemed to be the best performed of the referees officiating in their first year in the Squad.

2009	Laurie Lawira (Manly-Warringah)
2010	Anthony Grady (Illawarra)
2011	Peter Crombie-Brown (University Cup)
2012	Martin Jones (Canberra)
2013	Nathan Loveday (Canterbury-Bankstown)
2014	David Gorman (Group 6)
2015	Jake Edwards (Central Coast) Mike Smail (University Cup)
2016	Robert Morey (Parramatta)
2017	Paul Eden (Western Suburbs)
2018	Brendan Mani (St George)
2019	Joshua Bradstock (Cronulla)
2020	<i>Not awarded due to Covid-19</i>
2021	Hayden Hooker (Western suburbs)

AWARDS HONOUR ROLL continued

COL PEARCE MEDAL

The medal is judged by the Coaching Staff of the NRL Squad and awarded to the most consistent and best referee throughout the full twenty six rounds of the NRL Telstra Premiership.

2004	Tim Mander
2005	Paul Simpkins
2006	Steve Clark
2007	Tony Archer
2008	Tony Archer
2009	Shayne Hayne
2010	Tony Archer
2011	Shayne Hayne
2012	Ben Cummins
2013	Shayne Hayne
2014	Gerard Sutton
2015	Gerard Sutton
2016	Ben Cummins
2017	Matt Cecchin
2018	Gerard Sutton
2019	Gerard Sutton
2020	Gerard Sutton
2021	Gerard Sutton

KEVIN JEFFES TROPHY

2012 was the inaugural year for the award of this trophy donated by Betty Jeffes in memory of Kevin Jeffes who took such a great interest in the development of referees in the Junior Representative Squad. The award is presented to the most improved referee in the squad.

2012	Joshua McGowan (Central Coast)
2013	Damien Simes (St George)
2014	Martin Jones (Canberra)
2015	Jo West (Canberra)
2016	Cameron Paddy (Cronulla)
2017	Ben McMurray (Parramatta)
2018	Paul Eden (Western Suburbs)
2019	Ben Seppala & Jack Bird (Canberra & Illawarra)
2020	<i>Not awarded due to Covid-19</i>
2021	Adam Sirianni (Balmain)

FRANK LEONARD TROPHY

Awarded to the Referee appointed to the Grand Final of the Tarsha Gale Womens' Under 18's Competition.

MICHAEL STONE MEDAL

This medal is awarded to a referee considered to be a referees' referee. The award is determined through a voting system in which the only participants are the members of the Graded Squad.

A secret ballot, on a 3, 2, 1 basis is conducted over the season.

2006	Chris James
2007	Gerard Sutton
2008	Adam Reid
2009	Peter Sciberras
2010	Jon Stone
2011	Jon Stone
2012	Matt Noyen
2013	Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski
2014	Adam Cassidy & Liam Nicholls
2015	Liam Nicholls
2016	Ryan Jackson
2017	Darian Furner
2018	Liam Nichols
2019	Kieren Irons
2020	<i>Not awarded due to Covid-19</i>
2021	<i>Not awarded due to Covid-19</i>

JACK O'SULLIVAN TROPHY

Jack O'Sullivan was a great supporter of Junior referees and a willing and dedicated member of the Referee Recruitment and Coordination team over the three days of many All Schools' Carnivals. The Jack O'Sullivan Trophy is awarded to a referee officiating in the Primary Schools' Section on Day 1 of the All Schools' Carnival who demonstrates significant potential as a referee.

2014	Oscar Murphy (Manly)
2015	Elysia Higgins (Balmain)
2016	Ben Thompson (Central Coast)
2017	Josh Hughes (St George)
2018	Nathan McGarry
2019	Todd Pieters (Parramatta)
2020	<i>Not awarded due to Covid-19</i>
2021	<i>Not awarded due to Covid-19</i>

2017	Dillan Wells (Penrith)
2018	Noah Simpkins (South Sydney)
2019	Joshua Bradstock (Cronulla)
2020	<i>Not awarded due to Covid-19</i>
2021	Blake Williams (Western Suburbs)

LIFE MEMBERSHIP HONOUR ROLL

S. Betts	2000
B. Bolton	1993
B. Bonnie	2007
L. Bugden	2013
P. Bungate	2009
S. Clapson	2010
S. Clark	2014
J. Connor	1985
P. Cooley	1994
T. Danks	2001
M. Dunn	1998
P. Ellis	1978
A. Farlow	2005
P. Filmer O.A.M	1995
R. Garwood	1988
B. Gately	1992
B. Gilchrist	1998
J. Gocher	1983
B. Goldsworthy	2002
J. Griffiths O.A.M	2003
S. Hampstead	2018
T. Healy	2004
M. Hewitt	2019

G. Jankowski	2012
P. Kalina	2004
D. Keen	2011
F. Leonard	2006
M. Lewis	2013
P. Longhurst	1986
B. Lynch	2014
I. McCall	1984
G. McCallum	2011
J. McCormack	2008
I. Parnaby	1996
R. Pearce	2001

B. Ruttle	1999
P. Ryan	1991
L. Samuelson	1973
P. Simpkins	2019
D. Spagarino	1997
M. Stone	1989
C. Turnell	1984
C. Ward	1990
M. Weekes	1997
G. West	1999
D. Wintin O.A.M	1981
B. Wiseman	1987



New Life Members - Paul Simpkins & Matt Hewitt

LIFE MEMBER NSWRL

Congratulations to Steve Betts #694 on his elevation to Life Member of the NSWRL.

Steve - A Life Member of the NSWRLRA (in 2000) and a member of the '300 Club' joins a select few players, officials and referees to achieve this status.

A member of the North Sydney Referees Association Steve has completed 40 years service and is still active in providing his vast experience in the game.

A Grand Final, State of Origin and Test touch judge Steve had a long and successful career.

Steve has held various roles within the NSWRLRA as well as being CEO of the former ARLRA.



GRADED REFEREES (NSWRL & NRL SQUADS)

Atkins, Grant
Badger, Kasey
Beashel, Nicholas
Bird, Jack
Bohan, Mark
Brady, Damian
Cambourn, Tom
Cecchin, Matthew
Cummins, Ben
Currie, Mitchell
Eden, Paul
Furner, Darian
Gee, Adam
Gilchrist, Andrew
Greatbatch, Billy
Ford, Michael
Hannon, Tim
Heckendorf, Luke
Henderson, Phil
Irons, Kieren

Jones, Martin
Kiehne, Brad
Klein, Ashley
Loveday, Nathan
Luttringer, Daniel
Mackey, Patrick
Mani, Brendan
Mani, Joel
Matheson, Louis
McFarlane, Ricky
McMurray, Ben
Mitchell, Cameron
Morey, Robert
Munro, David
Murray, Ethan
Nicholls, Liam
Nolan, Karra-Lee
Noyen, Matt
Oliveira, Jimmy
Oultram, Drew

Paddy, Cameron
Perenara, Henry
Przeklasa-Adamski, Zbigniew
Reid, Adam
Saldern, Luke
Smith, Todd
Stindl, Tom
Stone, Jonathan
Stone, Mitchell
Suters, Charlie
Sutherland, Jake
Sutton, Chris
Sutton, Gerard
Teague, Benjamin
Turner, Cameron
Wells, Dillan
Wills, Clayton
Woods, John



Michael Ford #1026, Brendan Mani #1027, Ethan Murray # 1028

GRADE RETIREMENTS

ANDREW GILCHRIST

Earlier in the year, the Grade Squad was met with the news that one of their favourites, Andrew Gilchrist, would be retiring from on-field officiating due a heart condition. Andrew finished his career on 77 NSW Grade matches. Along the way, he officiated as a touch judge in the NRLW, being a member of the officiating team in the inaugural NRLW premiership match. He made his NSW Cup debut as a touch judge in 2018 when Newtown played St George. No doubt, there was a lot more to come from Andrew should he been able to continue to forge his on-field career. The Association wishes Andrew all the best and thank him for the unique role that he plays in the history of the NSWRLRA being a third generation member.



JIMMY OLIVIERA

After over 450 grade games, Jimmy Oliveira has called time on his on-field career. Jimmy joined the Grade Squad in 2007 as a touch judge. Included in his 455 NSW Grade games is 206 NSW Cup matches. He is one of very few to achieve this feat. Jimmy has had a very successful career at grade level. Appointments of note include the 2009 Australian Schoolboys Grand Final, 2010 Metro Cup Grand Final, 2012 Sydney Shield Grand Final and the 2014 Metro Cup Grand Final. In recent years, Jimmy has helped mentor many of the up-and-coming officials in the Grade Squad. Off the field, Jimmy served this Association well as the Director of Finance from 2011-2015. The Association congratulates Jimmy on his outstanding career and wishes him all the best for the future.



TIM HANNON

Upon returning to training to begin preparations for the 2022 season, Tim Hannon announced to the NSW Grade Squad that he would be retiring from refereeing to pursue career opportunities in the Police Force. Tim took up the whistle in 2005. He quickly worked his way through his local Penrith Association and into the Junior Reps Squad. In 2015 he refereed the Harold Matthews Cup Grand Final and then was graded the following year. Tim was a consistent performer in Sydney Shield and Ron Massey as a referee before deciding to take up the flag in 2019. Highlights of his career as a touch judge include officiating in 23 NSW Cup matches and officiating in the 2019 season of the NRLW competition. The Association congratulate Tim on a wonderful career and wish him all the best for his pursuits beyond refereeing.



MARK BOHAN

Just prior to the commencement of Preseason training, the Grade Squad was informed that one of its senior members, Mark Bohan, would be moving to Queensland. Whilst it's not rugby league that takes Mark to Queensland, his plan is to continue his career through the pathways at the QRL. Mark was graded in 2015 from the Penrith Referees' Association. He officiated in 184 NSW Grade matches and in the process made his 1st Grade debut as a touch judge in Round 23, 2018 when Manly played the Gold Coast. Other achievements to date include touch judging both the Women's Interstate match and Ron Massey Cup Grand Final in 2017. The Association wishes Mark all the best for his ongoing career in Queensland.



NRL RETIREMENTS

MATT CECCHIN #831

Leading Referee Matt Cecchin #831 has announced his retirement from active refereeing.

A highly respected and popular referee Matt has been a member of the NRL squad for 20 years.

He is highly admired across all aspects of the game and especially his colleagues of the NSWRLRA.

Matt has refereed 370 NRL matches (570 in total including games as a touch judge and video referee).

He officiated three grand finals, four Origins and 13 Tests.



Matt Cecchin with the late May Pearce widow of Col Pearce



HENRY PERENARA #941

The Board & members of the NSWRLRA pass on our best wishes to Henry Perenara #941 who has retired from active refereeing.

Henry made the successful transition from NRL player to NRL and International referee.

Henry refereed 214 NRL fixtures and numerous International and Tri Nation series games in a career that took him to officiate around the world.

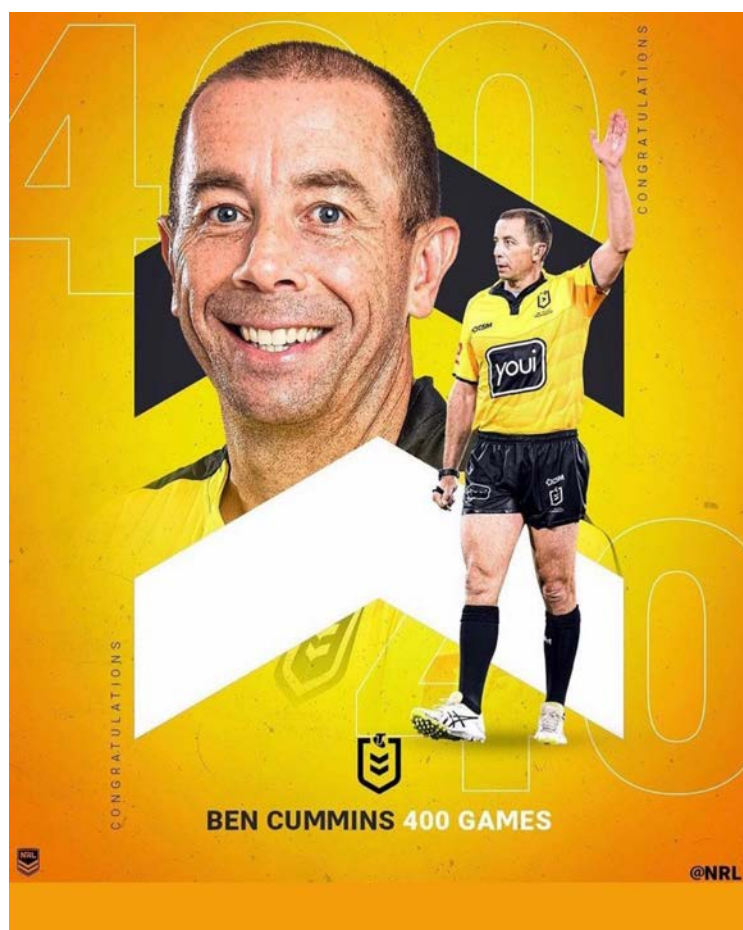
In recent seasons Henry has also been a Bunker official.



2021 NRL MATCH OFFICIALS GAME COUNTS - NSWRLRA MEMBERS

NAME	REFEREE	TOUCH JUDGE	VIDEO REFEREE
Adam Gee	185	43	1
Ashley Klein	328	0	215
Ben Cummins	405	26	15
Chris Sutton	159	77	0
Darian Furner	0	23	0
David Munro	118	151	0
Drew Oultram	0	61	0
Gerard Sutton	317	54	2
Grant Atkins	205	102	16
Henry Perenara	205	33	155
Jon Stone	68	74	0
Kasey Badger	0	118	0
Liam Nicholls	0	36	0
Kieren Irons	0	3	0

NAME	REFEREE	TOUCH JUDGE	VIDEO REFEREE
Matt Noyen	70	48	20
Matt Cecchin	371	166	34
Mark Bohan	0	29	0
Nick Beashel	0	255	0
Phil Henderson	40	110	0
Ricky McFarlane	0	284	0
Todd Smith	2	91	0
Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski	51	96	0
Alan Shortall	243	46	69
Jared Maxwell	271	14	306
Steve Chiddy	12	325	443
Jason Robinson	210	12	133



Matt Noyen

GRADE SQUAD – GAME COUNTS

NAME	NSW CUP		PRESIDENT'S CUP		RON MASSEY CUP		SYDNEY SHIELD		JERSEY FLEGG	
	REF	TJ	REF	TJ	REF	TJ	REF	TJ	REF	TJ
#899 – Rickey McFarlane	29	22	0	0	20	20	0	1	0	3
#917 – Adam Reid	0	107	0	5	0	34	0	14	0	5
#918 – Jimmy Oliveira	0	206	0	0	0	132	0	88	0	29
#936 – Nic Beashel	0	50	0	0	0	30	0	5	0	3
#942 – John Woods	0	243	0	8	0	83	0	42	0	12
#957 – Liam Nicholls	75	52	0	0	21	24	7	10	0	6
#960 – Mitchell Stone	0	124	0	6	1	133	0	79	0	12
#974 – Darian Furner	53	15	6	2	21	20	46	10	0	0
#975 – Kieren Irons	59	25	6	2	38	17	33	10	0	1
#976 – Ben Teague	0	124	6	2	0	40	0	30	0	13
#977 – Mark Bohan	0	87	0	0	0	58	4	27	0	8
#987 – Martin Jones	29	19	4	2	25	4	31	3	3	5
#988 – Tim Hannon	0	23	0	1	5	32	39	17	8	7
#991 – Cameron Mitchell	0	65	0	5	0	42	1	34	0	16
#994 – Patrick Mackey	0	23	0	1	0	67	2	68	0	8
#995 – Cameron Paddy	31	36	6	3	32	10	23	5	2	1
#996 – Jake Sutherland	13	37	3	3	42	6	23	5	4	0
#1000 – Andrew Gilchrist	0	13	0	3	0	25	2	27	0	7
#1001 – Clayton Wills	2	12	3	0	22	11	23	14	12	3
#1002 – Thomas Cambourn	1	14	0	1	15	12	25	21	12	12
#1004 – Nathan Loveday	0	12	2	3	25	22	35	37	15	7
#1005 – Brad Kiehne	0	0	0	1	0	16	41	41	26	19
#1007 – Daniel Luttringer	4	11	1	0	34	17	31	28	11	4
#1009 – Damian Brady	20	17	3	3	42	8	5	6	1	2
#1010 – Luke Heckendorf	0	0	0	1	0	26	0	54	0	28
#1013 – Mitchell Currie	0	0	0	0	7	11	26	18	10	18
#1014 – Paul Eden	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	19	12	20
#1015 – Billy Greatbatch	0	2	2	2	0	7	2	12	22	10
#1016 – Louis Matheson	0	0	0	0	3	6	10	4	8	9
#1017 – Ben McMurray	0	0	0	0	0	8	3	18	19	18
#1018 – Karra-Lee Nolan	0	1	0	1	3	10	14	16	9	10
#1019 – Tom Stindl	0	0	0	0	0	13	29	16	10	15
#1020 – Charlie Suters	0	0	0	0	0	4	8	17	19	28
#1021 – Cameron Turner	0	4	0	1	2	10	22	26	16	8
#1022 – Dillan Wells	0	0	0	0	0	5	8	20	21	19
#1023 – Luke Saldern	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	7	10	3
#1024 – Jack Bird	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	6
#1025 – Robert Morey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	5
#1026 – Micheal Ford*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
#1027 – Brendan Mani*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
#1028 – Ethan Murray*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

*Graded midway through season 2021 before season suspended



*Pictured from top:
Louis Matheson #1016
Dillan Wells #1022
Ben McMurray #1017*



LIFE MEMBERS IN MEMORIAM

K. Arnold	1971	H. Elliot	1929	T. Murphy	1985
L. Baggott	1945	F. Erickson	1964	J. Murray	1934
A. Ballerum	1917	J. Farquhar	1929	W. Neil	1946
J. Bates	1946	J. Farrely	1977	A. Neville	1987
T. Bellew O.A.M	1961	A. Farrow	1922	J. O'Brien	1952
G. Benson	1977	A. Fifield	1947	R. O'Donnell	1965
G. Bishop	1950	E. Fletcher	1941	J.O'Sullivan	1974
N. Bissett O.A.M	2000	W. Fry	1936	A. Oxford	1952
J. Black	1928	M.Godfrey	1979	K. Page	1978
G. Boyd	1918	C. Gilchrist	1983	E. Paine	1948
D. Bratton	1953	T. Grew	1958	C. Pearce	1960
D. Braybrook	1982	G. Griffin	1951	G. Pearce	1953
T. Brennan	1940	J. Griffin	1939	H. Pierce	1963
R. Brock	1967	R. Hall	1939	H. Poulton	1925
L. Bruyeres	1972	J. Hansen	1925	K. Roberts	1992
C. Brown	1963	J.Harris OAM	1980	L. Rosen	1955
J. Buchanan	1924	A Holt	1966	H. Rowlands	1928
E. Buckley	1937	C.Hudson	1975	M. Ryan	1991
S. Carey	1956	K. Jeffes	1995	L.Samuelson	1973
J. Clarke	1943	J. Jewell	1988	C. Shomberg	1972
N. Clement	1981	J. Kelly	1954	H. Schutema	1940
O. Cohen	1948	J. Kelly	1982	A. Shiner O.A.M	1955
J. Colenso	1989	W. Kelly	1969	A. Shipway	1959
A. Collins	1947	K. Keough	1970	R. Smyth	1951
T. Costello	1936	E. Kerr	1938	A. Soane	1971
B. Cowley	1969	A. Konnecke	1968	A. Spankie	1945
E. Cox O.A.M	1970	D. Lawler	1957	R. Styles	1994
W. Cuke	1956	P. Lee	1942	J. Turner	1942
R. Cummins	1966	T. Leffler	1956	M.Tomsett	1979
J. Davies	1954	D. Macdonald	1976	E. Tinsley	1967
A. Davis	1950	M. Maloney	1941	B. Wales Snr	1935
L. Deane	1935	J. Martin	1968	F. Walsh	1965
F. Delaney	1932	L.Matthews	1986	R. Ward	1949
A Dennis	1936	J.McGauley	1944	A. Welsh	1921
W. Devine Snr	1949	T. McMahon	1915	C. Wigzell B.E.M	1938
R. Dick	1976	H. Millington	1934	L.Williams	1957
T. Dickenson	1921	J. Moses B.E.M	1944	G. Wirth	1939
R. Drake	1937	J. Montgomery OAM	1973	C. Yorke	1943

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS FOR LIFE

G.Carr
P. Goener*
C.Turner

HONORARY MEMBERS

Duffy, Graham
Watson, Stan
Bettioli, Chris

NON-ACTIVE MEMBERS

Abood, David	Hayne, Shayne	Oaten, Mark
Allard, Kevin	Haynes, Cliff	O'Brien, Jason
Almond, Neil	Heaton, Grant	Olford, Daniel
Archer, Tony	Hensley, Ross	O'Malley, Michael*
Bailey, Gerard	Hewitt, Peter	Pearson, Bill
Battin, Phil	Higgins, Jason	Penfold, Luke
Beacroft, Michael	Hinton, Mark	Picard, Ross
Belgre, John	Holland, Paul	Portsmouth, Scott
Best, Rohan	Hoffman, Mitchell	Povah, Keith
Blomfield, John	Holton, Mark	Reynolds, Gavin
Bowen, Pat	Howell, Mick	Reynolds, Pat
Bowron, David	Humphreys, Richie	Robertson, Graham
Brown, Riley	Jackson, Glenn	Robinson, Tim
Burtenshaw, Darren	Jackson, Ryan	Ryan, David
Carrall, Steve	Jadwat, Moghseen	Ryan, Martin
Castle, Peter	James, Chris	Scriberras, Peter
Constantine, Danny	Jay, David	Shepherd, Scott
Cranston, Rod	Jones, Col	Shortall, Alan
Cini, Trent	Jones, Michael	Simes, Damien
Cox, Jim	Kelly, Greg	Simpkins, Paul
Daizli, Richard	Kelly, Peter	Sung, Philip
Damaso, Mat	Kelly, Tony	Stuart, Phil
Deland-Cleveland, Taylor	Keram, Feras	Sutton, Bernard
De Las Heras, Tony	Kiddle, Robert	Suttor, Brett
Del Vecchio, Silvio	Lee, Gary	Taylor, Michael
Devcich, Adam	Lehane, Faye	Treneman, Chris
Digby, Peter	Loveday, Wayne	Treneman Mathew
Dorahy, Phil	Macinante, Paul	Todd, Scott
Duncan, Paul	Maksoud, Tony	Turner, Russell
Edney, Leon	Mander, Tim	Turvey, David
Elias, George	Manton Ken	Van de Moosdyk, Darren
Farlow, Jay	Maxwell, Jared	Villa, Sean
Field, Paul	McDonnell, Lawrence	Walters, Ryan
Fielder, Sean	McGowan, Joshua	Webber, Brian
Gary, Haines	McRae, Andrew	Wheeler, Andrew
Gocher, Darren	Moon, Peter	Wood, Brenden
Gray, Kerry	Murphy, Scott	White, Colin
Harrigan, Bill	Murray, Scot	Yates, Greg
Hartley, Greg	Murray, Peter	Zapantis, Andrew
Hartup, Jeff	Neal, Jim	

NEW ZEALAND HONORARY MEMBERS

Shane Rehm (T/J)	Antoinette Watts (TJ)
Chris McMillan (T/J)	Simon Taylor (TJ)
Nathan Barker Pringle (TJ)	Anthony Elliott (TJ)

INTER-DISTRICT SQUAD 2021

NAME	DISTRICT/GROUP
NAME:	Association/Group
Harrison Bayssari	Parramatta
Michael Bonnici	Cronulla
Jabril Daizli	Canterbury
Ramzi Daizli	Canterbury
Lukas Durant	Parramatta
Isaac El-Hassan	Parramatta
Brett Eyb	Newcastle
Zac Fares	Parramatta
Corey Fisher	Parramatta
Micheal Ford	Illawarra
Jeremy Framke	Illawarra
Nicholas Freund	Penrith
Jack Gerrie	Balmain
Matthew Gomes	Canterbury
Lachlan Greenfield	Illawarra
Dylan Guptill	North Sydney
Nathan Guptil	North Sydney
Darcy Hind	Cronulla
Hayden Hooker	Western Suburbs
Tobi Holder	Central Coast
Brayden Hunt	Newcastle
Jayden Kastelan	Penrith
Ethan Klein	Parramatta
Olivia Lawne	Parramatta
James Leane	North Sydney
Dante Liu	Parramatta

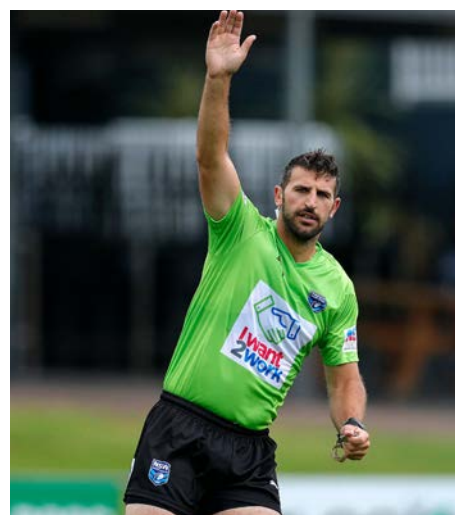
NAME	DISTRICT/GROUP
Nathan Lorenti	Balmain
Mitchell Lothian	Penrith
Zac McDonald	Manly
Brendan Mani	St George
Gage Miles	Canberra
Ethan Murray	Parramatta
Daniel Perry	Group 6
Todd Pieters	Parramatta
Joel Pitscheider	South Sydney
Mitchell Pitscheider	South Sydney
Aidan Richardson	Canberra
Liam Richardson	Canberra
Ethan Rix	Cronulla
Curtis Robinson	Penrith
Mitchell Robinson	Penrith
Scott Rothery	South Sydney
Brodie Rushby	Penrith
Justin Saadah	Balmain
Reece Sammut	Penrith
Benjamin Seppala	Canberra
Cody Simmons	Illawarra
Adam Sirianni	Balmain
Ebony Tzoukas	South Sydney
Jake Walsh	Manly
Blake Williams	Western Suburbs
Thomas Williamson	Penrith



Ethan Klein - Junior Rep Parramatta



Blake Williams - Junior Rep Western Suburbs



Adam Sirianni - Junior Rep Balmain

LIFE MEMBER SERIES 2021



Researched & Hosted by Daniel Luttringer

The interviews provided a wonderful insight into the early days, active and post retirement of the careers of our members who have achieved Life Member status.

Many great stories, old images and videos were unearthed.

The interviews can be seen on our Facebook, Website or You tube channels.

THE INTERVIEWEES:

Doug Keen
Barry Ruttle
George Jankowski
Brett Lynch
Tony Danks

NSWRLRA LIFE MEMBER SERIES



Series 3



NSWRLRA
ESTABLISHED 1908

BOARD OF DIRECTORS HONOUR ROLL 1908-2021

YEAR	CHAIRMAN	EXECUTIVE OFFICER	DIRECTOR OF FINANCE	DIRECTOR OF REFEREE DEVELOPMENT	DIRECTOR OF AFFILIATE LIAISON	DIRECTOR OF MEMBER SERVICES	DIRECTOR OF MARKETING & COMMUNICATION
2003	T Danks	L Matthews	P Kalina	D Spagarino	B Gilchrist	T Healy	J Robinson
2004	T Danks	L Matthews	P Kalina	D Spagarino	B Gilchrist	A Farlow	J Robinson
2005	T Danks	L Matthews	P Kalina	D Spagarino	D Keen	A Farlow	J Robinson
2006	T Danks	L Matthews	P Kalina	P Filmer	D Keen	A Farlow	S Clark
2007	D Spagarino	L Matthews	D Alchin	P Filmer	G Jackson	L Bugden	T Healy
2008	D Spagarino	L Matthews	D Alchin	G McCallum	G Jackson	L Bugden	G Jankowski
2009	D Spagarino	F Leonard	D Alchin	G McCallum	G Jackson	L Bugden	G Jankowski
2010	D Spagarino	F Leonard	D Alchin	G McCallum	D Keen	L Bugden	G Jankowski
2011	D Spagarino	F Leonard	J Oliveira	G McCallum	D Keen	L Bugden	G Jankowski
2012	C Ward	F Leonard	J Oliveira	G McCallum/ S Hayne/G Badger	D Keen	J Stone	G Jankowski
2013	M Stone	F Leonard	J Oliveira	T De Las Heras	D Keen	L Bugden	G Jankowski
2014	P Simpkins	F Leonard	J Oliveira	G McCallum	D Keen	L Bugden	G Jankowski
2015	P Simpkins	F Leonard	J Oliveira	M Hewitt	D Keen	L Bugden	G Jankowski

The Board structure changed in 2016 with a reduction in members with changes to Director roles

YEAR	CHAIRMAN	EXECUTIVE OFFICER	DIRECTOR OF FINANCE	DIRECTOR OF REFEREE DEVELOPMENT & AFFILIATE LIAISON	DIRECTOR OF MEMBER SERVICES, MARKETING & COMMUNICATION
2016	P Simpkins	F Leonard	D Gocher	M Hewitt	B Wood/T Robinson
2017	P Simpkins	F Leonard	D Gocher	M Hewitt	T Robinson (resigned in May) M Jones (appointed in August)
2018	P Simpkins	M Jones (Resigned in February) P Filmer (Appointed in March)	M Hewitt	S Clapson	F Lehane
2019	P Filmer	F Lehane	M Hewitt	S Clapson	G Jankowski
2020	P Filmer	F Lehane (Resigned in February) G McCallum (Appointed in February)	M Hewitt	S Clapson	D Briscoe
2021	P Filmer	G. McCallum	M Hewitt	S Clapson	N/A

Associate Presidents

J. HOYLE & E. HOOPER	1908
E. HOOPER	1909 - 1912
T. McMAHON	1915 - 1915
A. BALLERUM	1916 - 1920
J. FARQUHAR	1921 - 1924
H. ROWLANDS	1925 - 1929
B. WALES	1930 - 1931
H. ROWLANDS	1932 - 1933
B. WALES	1934
A. DENNIS	1935 - 1942
J. GRIFFEN	1943 - 1951
C. WIGZELL	1952 - 1958
A. DAVIS	1959 - 1967
A. SHINER	1968 - 1977
L. BRUYERES	1978 - 1979
D. McDONALD	1980 - 1984
I. McCALL	1985 - 2000
T. DANKS	2001 - 2002*

*Continued as Chairman in new board structure from 2003

Association Secretaries

A. WELSH	1908
W. FINNEGAN	1909 - 1912
H. ALCORN	1913 - 1914
A. FARROW	1915
A. THORNTON	1916 - 1922
F. DELANEY	1923 - 1937
T. BRENNAN	1938 - 1962
E. COX	1963 - 1977
F. WALSH	1978 - 1983
C. TURNELL	1984 - 1985
F. WALSH	1986 - 1989
L. MATTHEWS	1990 - 2002*

*Continued as Executive Officer in new board structure from 2003

Association Treasurers

G. BOSS	1908
A. WELSH	1909
A. BALLERUM	1910 - 1912
A. FARROW	1913 - 1914
C. YARD	1915
B. YARD	1916
V. DICKINSON	1917 - 1922
H. MILLINGTON	1923 - 1941
H. MILLINGTON & C. WARD	1942
H. MILLINGTON	1943 - 1966
O. COHEN	1957 - 1978
J. GOCHER	1979 - 1983
P. LONGHURST	1984 - 1985
M. STONE	1986
G. LEE	1987 - 1989
P. FILMER	1990 - 1998
P. KALINA	1999 - 2002*

*Continued as Director of Finance in new board structure from 2003

REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS 2021



STATE OF ORIGIN 1
Queensland Country Bank Stadium
Queensland v New South Wales

Referee: Gerard Sutton
Touch Judges: Todd Smith, Phil Henderson
Bunker Review Official: Ashley Klein
Stand by Referee: Grant Atkins
Stand by Touch Judge: David Munro



STATE OF ORIGIN 3
CBUS Super Stadium
New South Wales v Queensland

Referee: Gerard Sutton
Touch Judges: Todd Smith, Phil Henderson
Bunker Review Official: Henry Perenara
Stand by Referee: Grant Atkins
Stand by Touch Judge: David Munro



STATE OF ORIGIN 2
Suncorp Stadium
Queensland v New South Wales

Referee: Gerard Sutton
Touch Judges: Todd Smith, Phil Henderson
Bunker Review Official: Ashley Klein
Stand by Referee: Grant Atkins
Stand by Touch Judge: David Munro



NRL GRAND FINAL
Suncorp Stadium
Penrith Panthers v South Sydney Rabbitohs

Referee: Gerard Sutton
Touch Judges: David Munro, Todd Smith
Bunker Review Official: Grant Atkins
Stand by Referee: Ashley Klein
Coaching Staff: Russell Smith



WOMEN'S STATE OF ORIGIN
Sunshine Coast Stadium
Queensland v New South Wales

Referee: Belinda Sharpe
Touch Judges: Kailey Beattie, Karra-Lee Nolan
Bunker Review Official: Grant Atkins
Stand by Referee: Tyson Brough



REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS 2021



TARSHA GALE CUP

Leichhardt Oval

Sydney Roosters Indigenous Academy v St George Dragons

Referee: Blake Williams
Touch Judges: Harrison Bayssari & Todd Pieters
In-goal Judges: Olivia Lawne & Lukas Durrant
Stand by Referee: Adam Sirriani
Coaching Staff: Dan Olford



HAROLD MATTHEWS CUP

Leichhardt Oval

Manly Warringah Sea Eagles v Parramatta Eels

Referee: Micheal Ford
Touch Judges: Jake Walsh & Corey Fisher
In-goal Judges: Nathan Lorent & Jayden Kastelan
Coaching Staff: Ken McNaught



SG BALL CUP

Leichhardt Oval

Illawarra Steelers v Canberra Raiders

Referee: Brendan Mani
Touch Judges: Gage Miles & Ethan Murray
In-goal Judges: Ramzi Daizli & Jack Gerrie
Coaching Staff: Sean Villa



REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS 2021



COUNTRY V CITY U16'S
Bank West Stadium
Country U16's V City U16's

Referee: Braiden McIntosh
Touch Judges: Anthony Pond & Bailey Warren
Coaching Staff: Steve Betts



COUNTRY V CITY MEN'S
Collegians Sporting Complex
Country V City

Referee: Daniel Luttringer
Touch Judges: Tom Cambourn & Mark Bohan
Coaching Staff: Rod Cranston



COUNTRY V CITY U18'S
Bank West Stadium
Country U18's V City U18's

Referee: Brendan Mani
Touch Judges: Gage Miles & Ethan Murray
Coaching Staff: Ken McNaught



ILLAWARRA V NEWCASTLE U20'S
Collegians Sporting Complex

Referee: Louis Matheson
Touch Judges: Pat Mackey & Michael Ford
Coaching Staff: Andrew Gilchrist



COUNTRY V CITY WOMEN'S
Bank West Stadium
Country V City

Referee: Cameron Turner
Touch Judges: Ben McMurray & Mitchell Stone
Coaching Staff: Peter Filmer



ILLAWARRA V NEWCASTLE MEN'S
Collegians Sporting Complex

Referee: Clayton Wills
Touch Judges: Karra-lee Nolan & Ben Teague
Coaching Staff: Chris Treneman



MINUTES OF THE 113TH AGM

Tuesday, 30th March 2021

Canterbury Leagues Club, Commenced: 7.06pm

Attendance – As per the Official Roll

Apologies –

Cameron Paddy #995, Tim Robinson #985, Sean Hampstead #777, Steve Betts #694, Pat Mackey #994, Cliff Haynes #669, Jim Cox #760, Doug Keen #878, Graham Annesley #671 & Rohan Best #971

Moved – Brian Barry #08

Seconded – Luke Bugden #883

Motion of Condolence

Minute Silence for those members and associates who have passed away in the previous 12 months

Terry Murphy #670, Noel Bissett #707, Ron McJannett #599, Barry Cross #579, Tony Butler #759, Jack Danzey #634, Alan See #633, Paul Goener (Honorary Member for Life), Len Willis (St.George), Greg O’Keefe (Trainer), Don Furner (OAM – NSWRL Refs Co-ordinator), May Pearce (Wife of Col Pearce)

Motion to move the minutes

Moved – Doug Wintin #622

Seconded – Michael Lewis #791

Correspondence

No Correspondence of note to report at this time

Chairman’s Report

- Most points were covered in the Chairman’s report of the Annual Report
- Notable omission was thank you to Daniel Luttringer #1007 for all the work behind the scenes that he has done and the Life Members
- The other omission was highlighting the work that Greg McCallum #717 has put into the compilation of the Annual Reports
- The Chairman acknowledged NRL Referees’ Boss Jared Maxwell #891 for being in attendance tonight. He thanked him in finding time in a tough role to be able to be here tonight
- Thanked all Life Members for their attendance tonight and their continued input into the Association

Moved – Robert Morey #1025

Seconded – Tony De Las Heras #865

Presentation of the Annual Report

- Executive Officer Greg McCallum #717 noted what a tough

job it was to fill the 50-60 pages for the season without much football

- In compiling the report, he saw the importance of sharing the stories of the affiliate associations, current members and the Life Members

- He stressed the importance of strong digital records

- He thanked all for their contributions to the Annual Report

Moved – Brian Barry #508

S – Bryan Gilchrist #748

Question – George Jankowski #862 highlighted no Director of Member Services, Marketing & Communication report. Chairman Peter Filmer #744 explained that basically there was nothing for him to report on with minimal social activities

Adoption of the Financial Statements

- In moving, Peter Longhurst #654 highlighted the tough year that we had in a COVID affected year with minimal grants and other incomes

- Peter thanked Matt Hewitt #728 for all he has done this season

- In seconding the statements, Col talked to the quality of the job conducted by Matt Hewitt

- These sentiments were echoed by the Chairman. He congratulated Matt on running a very tight ship

Moved – Peter Longhurst #654

Seconded – Col Turnell #642

Election of Board Members

- With the current circumstances elections will not be taking place.

- Motion to keep the current board in place until the merger

Moved – Doug Wintin #622

Seconded – Peter Longhurst #654

Notices of Motion

- No notices of motion

Board Recommendations

- None at this point. More information about the merger to come later in general business

Presentations / Announcements

- The Chairman highlighted that Jeff Younis has retired from the NRL as a 300 Club member and a present

- Grading Presentation - #1024 – Jack Bird (Canterbury)

- Grading Presentation - #1025 – Robert Morey (Parramatta)

- Life Member Presentation – Matt Hewitt

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

- Life Member Presentation - Paul Simpkins (Online attendance with work commitments)

General Business

- Frank Leonard #788 asked a question about he recently re-registered with the NRL as a referees coach. Are there any CMO courses available or can he act as a coach with his current title. Paul Kalina #825 answered the question. There is an online process that Paul will assist Frank with
- Peter Filmer #744 gave an update on the status of the merger. The landscape has changed in the last few days. It has become apparent that the Tierney Report is not a binding document but a guide. The board of the NSWRL has now informed the Association that it is 'our' responsibility (both of the Associations) to get this across the line. Peter complimented Matt Hewitt #728 on the email he compiled that summed up perfectly the Association's stance going forward. Peter admitted the toll that this has placed on him and that he will always fight for the best interests of the Association. He apologised for any errors of judgements that he has made in this process. He stressed that he will always protect the history and heritage of this association
- Matt Hewitt #728 shared the email with the membership. The email was sent to Geoff Whiddon of the CRLRA. In summary, the email highlighted that our members had rejected the Tierney Report and the affordances that we have made. It stood firm on the Association's stance on the voting rights and the make-up of the board. It outlined the promise of funding from the NSWRL and how funds could be shared for the development of referees across the state. Empathy for the loss of the CRLRA entity was shown
- Doug Wintin #622 asked if Matt cc'd David Trodden in on that email. Matt said that he had and if there were any issues, David would normally reply. This was not the case
- Bryan Gilchrist #748 stressed that the Chairman should not need to apologise for any of his actions taken throughout this process. This was seconded by Doug Wintin #622 with the meeting agreeing
- Frank Leonard #788 indicated that he attended a meeting recently of the Illawarra Association and the question was asked if they believe that they are dual members. They believed that they are dual affiliate
- In closing the meeting, Chairman Peter Filmer #744 thanked all in attendance tonight. He acknowledged that these are hard times but we are optimistic of coming out on the other side in better shape

Meeting Closed: 7.56pm

The NSWRLRA membership met on Monday 29th of November 2021, to consider a new Constitution that would pave the way for an historic amalgamation with the CRLRA. The venue was the NSWRL Centre of Excellence, Sydney Olympic Park.

“ The meeting passed the 75% of votes, required for the Constitution to be endorsed. ”

The major change sees the formation of a new Board of Directors formed from two 'colleges' - Metropolitan and Regional and the appointment of an independent Chair for an initial 2-year period.

2021 will see the newly structured Board become operational and provide a powerful base for the recruitment, development and representation for all referees across NSW.

The newly reconstituted body identity will remain the NSWRL Referees' Association.



MEMBERSHIP RECORD 1908-2021

1	BALLERUM ARTHUR	83	BLACK JOE	165	EMMETT G	247	CHRISTIE A	329	RIGHETTI L	411	MCGUINNESS VINCE
2	BOSS GEORGE	84	BOLTON	166	SEAGE C	248	CLAMBACK GEORGE	330	RUSSELL L	412	ODONNELL RAY
3	BRODIE T	85	BURROWS	167	THOMPSON J	249	LATTA ALF	331	WARD C	413	POWELL LES
4	BROWN A H	86	CAMPBELL	168	TOBY V	250	LATTA J	332	SMYTHE RAY	414	SHIPWAY A
5	BUCHANAN J	87	CLARENCE	169	BOSSI SYDNEY	251	MCGRATH CHRIS	333	ARMSTRONG B	415	TARRANT M
6	BURDEN	88	COHEN	170	BRANNIGHAN MICK	252	MOSES LOU	334	ARNOLD K	416	WEBSTER J
7	COSTELLO TOM	89	DAVIS	171	COHEN S	253	ORGAN G	335	COHEN M	417	WUNCH G
8	CULLAN	90	DICKINSON V	172	COX P	254	OXFORD R	336	COOPER W	418	BLOOMFIELD T
9	DUFFIN R	91	DOYLE I	173	CRANTITCH C	255	POTTER W	337	GOSS EDDIE	419	DAVIS C
10	FARROW ARTHUR	92	FAYE SPEL	174	FREEMAN G	256	TIERNAN R	338	HARRISON V	420	DOWLING T
11	FINIGAN WILLIAM	93	FISCHER	175	GLAZEBROOK T	257	YORKE CHARLES	339	LYNCH J	421	GRAHAM W
12	FROST VINCE	94	FORD	176	JACKSON S	258	ELDERS F	340	MUSGRAVE R	422	GRIFFIN HENRY
13	GILTINAN	95	GARRETT	177	JOLLY S	259	HAYCOX SAM	341	NEARY A	423	HOLT ALBY
14	HANDEN L	96	GILMORE G	178	KENNY G	260	MACQUARIE H	342	PERRY M	424	LOWE J
15	HAY G	97	HILL	179	LEA V	261	MALONEY B	343	OBRIEN JACK	425	MARONEY J
16	HENLEN FRED	98	HOOD	180	MASON	262	MALONEY M	344	SOUTHCOMBE H	426	MORONEY JACK
17	HOOPER EDWARD	99	HOWELL	181	MILLER JOE	263	MORRIS S	345	SHINER AUSTIN	427	PIERCE HARRY
18	HOYLE	100	JARVIS	182	MURRAY JOHN	264	OGILVEY J	346	WATSON A	428	SCULLY E
19	HUTCHINSON CHARLIE	101	KENDALL	183	SULLIVAN C	265	TURNER J	347	CHARLTON F	429	SHEPHERD ROBERT
20	KNOX	102	KENNEDY	184	TOST V	266	LUPTON A	348	CARRICK HARRY	430	TAAFFE E
21	LARKIN TED	103	KING	185	AGNEW	267	BARNES F	349	HALL ALBERT	431	TAYLOR G
22	MCCABE T	104	MCDONALD J	186	BROGAN S	268	KELL K	350	HALL R M	432	CARTER MAX
23	MCDERMONT	105	MCGRAW JOSEPH	187	BROWN O	269	BATES J	351	MCMILLAN A	433	MILLS JIM
24	MESSINGER DALLY	106	MCINTOSH T	188	BUCKLEY ERIC	270	PAINE R	352	OGDEN FRANK	434	RANDLE LEO
25	MOORE H	107	MIDDLETON	189	COHEN J	271	MCGAULEY JOE	353	QUINLIVAN C	435	SHORTALL J
26	MUNN WILLIAM F	108	MILLS	190	EDENBOROUGH H	272	BOWAN D	354	SINCLAIR N	436	SPENCER WILLIAM
27	OBORG	109	NORTON	191	GRIFFEN J	273	SPANKIE ALEX	355	SKINNER T	437	WILDE L
28	ODBERT H	110	NUTT	192	KERR EDDIE	274	WARD R J	356	WELLS M	438	WALES BADEN JNR
29	OFARRELL	111	OBRIEN	193	PHELAN T	275	BOWEN W	357	ALBERT T	439	WALSH FRANK
30	PHELAN	112	POWDITCH	194	PURVIS C	276	COHEN OS	358	ALLEN L	440	WINCHESTER JACK
31	PLUMB A	113	REES	195	SHEEHY T	277	COLLINS ARTHUR	359	DONOVON A	441	BOWEN JACK
32	POULTON M	114	ROGERS C	196	SHIRLEY H	279	DAVIS A	360	GOLDSMITH P	442	DOUGLAS E
33	ROHAN P	115	SWEENEY	197	SMALL C	280	DAVIS ARTHUR	361	HARRISON E	443	EDMONDS W
34	SEABROOK GEORGE	116	VICKERY W	198	EDWARDS A	281	DENNIS A	362	HODGE A	444	GRIFFITHS PADDY
35	STANTON P A	117	WATTERS	199	FRY WILLIAM	281	ERWIN R	363	IVERS J	445	KENT A
36	TREAMEN J	118	WOODLEY	200	GROVES W	282	HEYDON V	364	KIRBY J	446	LINDSAY ERIC
37	TREANOR J	119	YARD	201	MAHER W	283	HIBBARD RON	365	KELLY JACK	447	LOW A
38	TRUMPER VICTOR	120	FRANKS	202	MCGRABE B	284	HORAN R	366	ROONEY R	448	NICHOLSON E J
39	WELCH AUB C	121	KEMP SPELL	203	O'HALLARAN G	285	MATTHEWS F	367	OXFORD AUB	449	ROACH J
40	WILLIAMSON	122	BARKER	204	QUINLAN J	286	PAINE E	368	WRIGHT C	450	TINSLEY ERNIE
41	WOODHILL H	123	BROSON	205	RYAN V	287	PONCHARD D	369	DAVIES J	451	TURBRIDY J
42	BRYCE	124	DICKENSON VIC	206	WIRTH G	288	WALSH H	370	GALBRAIGHT A	452	TYE E
43	HENNESSEY A	125	DUNLOP	207	ALLAN A	289	WOODS A	371	KNIGHT A	453	COWLEY BERT
44	JORGE	126	FRANKLIN A	208	DOLAN A	290	CHIPPENDALE T	372	MASON JACK	454	CUMMINS ROB
45	MARTIN	127	HANSEN L	209	KELLY J	291	CLICKSON T	373	LAWLER DARCY	455	EDMONDS C
46	MURRAY	128	IREDALE W	210	LONG W	292	FIFIELD A BERT	374	LEFFLER TERRY	456	HAYES C
47	POWELL	129	KEARNEY LAURIE	211	GREEN E	293	GRIFFIN JIM	375	PATTERSON J	457	MOSES CYRIL
48	WHITBREAD T	130	MCNAMEE R	212	GREEN W	294	MCLEOD A	376	WARD W	458	REES W
49	ADAMS	131	MILLINGTON HORRIE	213	LAWLER MATT	295	MURRAY V	377	PEARCE GEORGE	459	ROSEWELL N
50	ASHER	132	NEGUS C	214	WIGZELL CYRIL	296	ROSEN L	378	DECARLE L	460	VALLER BOB
51	BOYD GEORGE	133	RINUSCHNIDER	215	BUTLER T	297	STEWART D	379	HALL F	461	WHITE W
52	CALLUM	134	DAVIDSON A	216	ROBB F	298	SUMMERHAYES ERNIE	380	PULBROOK WILLIAM	462	BRICE J
53	CARROLL	135	FITZPATRICK B	217	SCHUTEMA H	299	WALKER C	381	WILLIAMS LES	463	BUTCHER R
54	CLIFFORD	136	HARRISON	218	SPRING F	300	BECK L	382	CULKIN ROBERT	464	CONNELL T
55	COOPER	137	HEFFERNAN C	219	THOMPSON R	301	CAVES H	383	GREW TOM	465	CRAWFORD TOMAS
56	EDWARDS R	138	KEARNEY L	220	WALES	302	COSTELLO	384	HALLWOOD G	466	CZISZ FRED
57	ELLIOTT HERB	139	PIPER S	221	BROWN J	303	MANSFIELD J	385	BROWN M J	467	DEVINE WILLIAM JNR
58	GOUNDRIE	140	SHEEN L	222	CASEY H	304	PHEGHAN ALBERT	386	COHEN WILLIAM	468	ERICKSON FRED
59	HARDING O	141	THORNTON ARTHUR	223	FLETCHER TED	305	TENNANT A	387	COLLINS D	469	JACKMAN BRUCE
60	HARDWRIGHT	142	DALTON S	224	GRAY BERT	306	ADAMS J	388	CUBIS C	470	MATTEWS C
61	HEDLEY CHARLIE	143	GOULDING V	225	LEONARD R	307	BEAMAN G	389	FITTER S	471	STOKES J
62	HERMAN	144	MCGREGOR	226	VAUGHAN S	308	EMERY A	390	FREWRELL C	472	CAMPBELL K
63	HOUGHTON	145	MULLINS	227	BRENNAN TOM	309	BISHOP GEORGE	391	MASON L	473	CAREY R
64	JOHNSON	146	ROWLANDS H	228	CLARKE J	310	GOLD D	392	MORGAN H	474	EZART TOM
65	KNOWLES	147	SINCLAIR E	229	ERWIN J	311	HOGAN M	393	PARSONS J	475	FISHER R
66	LEES	148	NEILL WILLIAM	230	HEWARTH W	312	MEGSON J	394	WALSH E	476	KONNECKE ARTHUR
67	LINDSAY	149	RUSSELL CHARLES	231	HILLIER J	313	MOFFITT J	395	BROWN CLIFF	477	MARTIN JOHN
68	MACKENZIE	150	CODY R	232	IRVINE H	314	MOSES JOE BEM	396	CAREY STEVE	478	PARKINSON KEITH
69	MCBURNIE	151	DALANEY FRANK	233	LEE PH	315	STORRIER E	397	CHAMBERS A J	479	BANKS N
70	MCCULLUM	152	FARQUHAR J	234	MASTERS L	316	CAMERON W	398	COLLYER ALBERT	480	DENGATE ALEX
71	MELVILLE	153	O'MALLEY LARRY	235	MCFARLANE W	317	CAVEIK H	399	FEWTRIE C	481	JEWELL JACK
72	NORMAN F	154	SHIRLEY C	236	MCLEAN G	318	FITZPATRICK G	400	HYDE FRANK	482	NEVILLE ARTHUR
73	OSHEA	155	TERRY	237	MEINRATH VIC	319	COLE W	401	NICHOLSON DUDLEY	483	ORME JOHN
74	PETHERBRIDGE	156	FINNEGAN L	238	MURPHY JOE	320	GRIFFIN GEORGE	402	PEARCE COL	484	ADAM F
75	RILEY	157	FINNEGAN W	239	ROBINSON GEORGE	321	HAINES W	403	STEWART W	485	BROCK ROBERT
76	ROBERTSON	158	MORGAN W	240	SAMPSON N	322	HARDY N	404	BELLEV TOM JOE	486	CLUBB KEITH
77	ROSWELL	159	SHOEBRIDGE C	241	SEYMOUR W	323	HAWSON V	405	CLUNE B	487	COFFEY JOE
78	SCHOFIELDS M	160	UNWIN T	242	TAIT R	324	MAY G	406	COUCH K	488	FRANCIS J
79	SCOTT	161	BLACKER J	243	TIERNAN L	325	MCMAHON TOM JNR	407	CUMMINGS DICK	489	O'CONNOR JAMES
80	SHAW EDDIE	162	BYRNES J	244	BAGGETT LEO	326	BRATTON DON	408	DENGATE ALEX	490	SAMUELSON LES
81	TANNER W	163	DEANE LAL	245	BARRETT C	327	CUKE WILLIAM	409	DOWN R	491	SCHOMBERG COLIN
82	ALCORN H	164	DRAKE R H MB	246	BENNETTS J	328	DEVINE BILL	410	EEDY JACK	492	BRADY N

493	BUCKINGHAM BRUCE	585	CLEMENT D JAMES	676	CONNOLLEY RAY	768	LEWIS RICK	860	WEINSTEIN JASON	950	MELLOR PAUL
494	COOK TED	586	CRAWFORD WILLIAM	677	HUNT BOB	769	MATTHEWS BRETT	861	HOLLAND PAUL	951	PHILLIPS LUKE
495	DAVIS T	587	DARMODY ROBERT	678	MURRAY RON	770	MUIR IAN	862	JANKOWSKI GEORGE	952	MORRIS GAVIN
496	HEDGER GORDON	588	KELLY JOHN	679	PEARCE RON	771	NEAL JIM	863	ROBINSON JASON	953	SHEPHERD SCOTT
497	KELLY WILLIAM	589	LANGTON CARL	680	SHIPTON BRUCE	772	RUTTLE BARRY	864	BADGER GAVIN	954	BADGER KASEY
498	KEOUGH KEVIN	590	MENSER RAY	681	STONE MICHAEL	773	SMITH OWEN	865	DE LAS HERAS TONY	955	JACKSON RYAN
499	LANCASHIRE DON	591	BOWEN PAT	682	RUDEY H	774	WARD EDDIE	866	HARRADINE MICHAEL	956	MURRAY SCOT
500	McMILLAN R	592	BUCKLEY LYLE	683	YARD JOHN	775	WILLIAMS ROSS	867	HAYNE SHAYNE	957	NICHOLLS LIAM
501	NEILL B	593	EDWARDS MERV	684	HEYLBUT WILLIAM	776	CLARK STEVE	868	SPROULE DON	958	CROMBIE-BROWN PETER
502	PARKINSON JE	594	GILCHRIST CARL	685	BLOMFIELD JOHN	777	HAMPSTEAD SEAN	869	YOUNIS JEFF	959	KING GAVIN
503	TIBBLES F	595	GRONO BILL	686	HAYMER DAVE	778	JAY DAVID	870	ADAMS DAVID	960	STONE MITCHELL
504	TIPPER P	596	HUMPHRIES RICHARD	687	GRADY MICHAEL	779	JEFFES KELVIN	871	ASTILL DAVID	961	LUCAS BRENDAN
505	WHYBROW JOHN	597	MAHER GARY	688	HOLWELL KIM	780	KELLY PETER	872	JACKSON GLENN	962	BRISCOE-HOUGH DAMIAN
506	GREW J	598	McCOLL JACK	689	SPAGARINO DENNIS	781	MANDER TIM	873	ROBINSON JENNIFER	963	HARTUP JEFF
507	SOANE A	599	MCJANNETT RON	690	KELLY GREG	782	MCCORMACK JOHN	874	SCIBERRAS PETER	964	OULTRAM DREW
508	BARRY BRIAN	600	EDWARDS CLIVE	691	THOMPSON MICHAEL	783	MELVILLE JOHN	875	WALSH JASON	965	SUNG PHILIP
509	BRUYERES LAURIE	601	MCCALL IAN	692	WEEKES MARTIN	784	OATEN MARK	876	CASTLE PETER	966	TRENEMAN CHRIS
510	COX ERIC	602	MCCARROLL PHIL	693	ALLARD KEVIN	785	TURVEY DAVID	877	JONES MICHAEL	967	BRESLIN FAYE
511	SAUNDERS E	603	MCLEAN DES	694	BETTS STEVE	786	DUNKS TONY	878	KEEN DOUG	968	MCGOWAN JOSH
512	DENNY J	604	MORIATAS NICK	695	DAVIS KEN	787	LAWS STEVE	879	MILDWATER KEN	969	SMITH TODD
513	HINCHCLIFFE C	605	WISEMAN BRIAN	696	HEATON GRANT	788	LEONARD FRANK	880	RYE BRAD	970	WILLIAMS REECE
514	HIRD A	606	BENNETT GARY	697	SMITH IAN WILLIAM	789	PORTSMOUTH SCOTT	881	SUTTON GERARD	971	BEST ROHAN
515	NELSON PAT	607	COOK GARY	698	PICARD ROSS	790	PEET TOM	882	BAILEY GERARD	972	CINI TRENT
516	PERRY ALBERT	608	CRIPPS BARRY	699	COLWELL JOHN	791	LEWIS MICK	883	BUGDEN LUKE	973	VELLA JAMES
517	RILEY M	609	HENSELY ROSS	700	JONES COLIN	792	SULTANA RAY	884	CUMMINS BEN	974	FURNER DARIAN
518	HIRD N	610	KEOGH W	701	MCMAHON PHILLIP	793	BELGRE JOHN	885	LANG DARRYN	975	IRONS KEIREN
519	HUDSON COL	611	PARDEY DOUG	702	HOWELL MICHAEL	794	BROWN RILEY	886	MEREDITH BRETT	976	TEAGUE BEN
520	JENNISON K	612	TIECEHURST JOE	703	MOON PETER	795	CHIDDY STEVE	887	BETTS PETER	977	BOHAN MARK
521	JOHNSON BERNIE	613	WARNER RAY	704	ROBERTSON GRAHAM	796	DOUGLAS CRAIG	888	EASTWOOD DAN	978	CLEVELAND-DELAND TAYLOR
522	LAWLESS RAY	614	BARNES BARRY	705	RYAN MICHAEL	797	FARLOW ALAN	889	FAJAJO MOHAMED	979	SIMES DAMIEN
523	MCREYNOLDS LES	615	BRAYBROOK DENNIS	706	RYAN PETER	798	HENDERSON GLYN	890	HAINES PHIL	980	TRENEMAN MATTHEW
524	MONGOMERY JOHN	616	COLLINS ASHLEY	707	SMITH VINCE	799	GRECH BILL	891	MAXWELL JARED	981	HINTON MARK
525	TAYLOR RALPH	617	GOCHER JOHN	708	BISSETT NOEL	800	HOFFMAN MITCHELL	892	SHORTALL ALAN	982	KARAM FERAS
526	TERRY J	618	GOLDSWORTHY BARRY	709	COOLEY PHIL	801	MAHER NEIL	893	SMITH DARREN	983	MCHATTON SHAUN
527	WINTER BARRY	619	GRAY KEN	710	ELIAS GEORGE	802	MAKSOD ANTHONY	894	SUTTON BERNARD	984	PACKER LYNDSAY
528	BOWMAN RUSSEL	620	OKEEFE JOHN	711	HERD GRAEME	803	MURRAY PETER	895	TOLAND GLENN	985	ROBINSON TIM
529	DIMON CYRIL	621	PEARSON WILLIAM	712	HIGSON COL	804	OMALLEY MICHAEL	896	YATES GREG	986	VAN DE MOOSDYK DARREN
530	HANSEN J	622	WINTIN DOUG	713	BARSLEY DAVID	805	WOODWARD SHANE	897	DAIZLI RICHARD	987	JONES MARTIN
531	WILLIAMS STAN	623	BEACROFT MICHAEL	714	HOLTON MARK	806	DUNCAN PAUL	898	DEVCIICH ADAM	988	HANNON TIM
532	BOLT A	624	BISSETT JOHN	715	KEENAHAN BARRY	807	FIELD PAUL	899	MCFARLANE RICKY	989	BURTENSHAW DARREN
533	BROOKS L	625	BRAIN GEORGE	716	LAW COL	808	FELDER SEAN	900	JAMES CHRIS	990	WHEELER ANDREW
534	GODFREY MAX	626	DELAUNEY TOM	717	MCCALLUM GREG	809	HEALY TOM	901	MURPHY SCOTT	991	MITCHELL CAMERON
535	JEFFES KEVIN	627	HARTLEY GREG	718	MARTIN STEPHEN	810	LOUDEN CHRIS	902	NEALE ADAM	992	CONSTANTINE DANNY
536	MARTIN B	628	GUNNEE GEORGE	719	ODONNELL GILES	811	MCBLANE PAUL	903	POTTER LUKE	993	POVAH KEITH
537	MARTIN C	629	KANDELLAS BOB	720	O'KEEFE DAVE	812	MANSON DAVID	904	DELVECCHIO SILVIO	994	MACKAY PATRICK
538	MCINTOSH ROBERT	630	PIERSE PETER	721	PICKARD KEITH	813	RYAN MARTIN	905	EVANS SHAUN	995	PADDY CAMERON
539	MORRIS ROWLEY	631	ROBERTS KEVIN	722	SKEED ANTHONY	814	TRACY CRAIG	906	HENRY ANGUS	996	SUTHERLAND JAKE
540	OSULLIVAN JACK	632	PIERSE RITCHIE S	723	TYRELL STEVE	815	BROOKS DEAN	907	KIRBY PETER	997	WALTERS RYAN
541	PEPPER TED	633	SEE ALAN	724	WEST GRAEME	816	CLOSE WAYNE	908	MCHATTON BRENTON	998	WEST JOSIAH
542	STEWART J	634	DANZEY JACK	725	WHITE COLIN	817	DIGBY PETER	909	ZAPANTIS ANDREW	999	EID JOSEPH
543	WALLER KEVIN	635	KENDALL BARRY	726	BLACK ANDREW	818	LEE GARY	910	REYNOLDS GAVIN	1000	GILCHRIST ANDREW
544	WILLIS ALAN	636	McALISTER NOEL	727	HARRIGAN WILLIAM J	819	MACINANTE PAUL	911	SMITH RUSSELL	1001	WILLS CLAYTON
545	BENSON GEORGE	637	GUNDONNELL ROB	728	HEWITT MATT	820	LEIS RUSSEL	912	BOWEN ROBERT	1002	CAMBOURN THOMAS
546	BRADLEY JACK	638	MITCHELL J	729	EVANS KEN	821	CARRALL STEVE	913	WEST GAVIN	1003	MCRAE ANDREW
547	CHAPMAN D	639	WEBBER BRIAN	730	LUCAS PETER	822	CLAPSON STEVE	914	YATES MELISSA	1004	LOVEDAY NATHAN
548	COLE ARTHUR	640	NORBERRY GEOFF	731	MILLER ALLAN	823	GOCHER DARREN	915	DAMASO MAT	1005	KIEHNE BRAD
549	FISHER FRANK	641	REYNOLDS JOHN	732	MILLER PAUL	824	SIMPKINS PAUL	916	MUNRO DAVID	1006	BOURKE STEPHEN
550	DICK REG	642	TURNELL COL	733	O'NEILL MICHAEL	825	KALINA PAUL	917	REID ADAM	1007	LUTTRINGER DANIEL
551	HARRIS JACK	643	APPS BRUCE	734	SNARE JEFF	826	VILLA SEAN	918	OLIVEIRA JIMMY	1008	MANI JOEL
552	JONES WILLIAM	644	BRADSTOCK BARRY	735	BOYD GREG	827	ABOOD DAVID	919	ATKINS GRANT	1009	BRADY DAMIEN
553	KELLAHAN G	645	GARWOOD ROBERT	736	BUNGATE PETER	828	ALEXANDER ROBERT	920	GEE ADAM	1010	HECKENDORF LUKE
554	WESTON A	646	GOBITS ROBERT	737	CASSIDY MICHAEL	829	ARCHER TONY	921	BERRY DANIELLE	1011	TYLER DEAN
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556	AGGETT ALAN	648	SEMMINS ROBERT	739	HARRADINE PAUL	831	CECCHIN MATT	923	ELKINS JASON	1013	CURRIE MITCHELL
557	ALEXANDER JOHN	649	GREEN LIONEL	740	BILTON MICHAEL	832	FIELDING ROD	924	HILL NATHAN	1014	EDEN PAUL
558	CONOR J	650	CISLOWSKI NOEL	741	KIDDLE ROBERT	833	HOUSTEN PHIL	925	SUTTON CHRIS	1015	GREATBATCH BILLY
559	FARRELLY JOHN	651	GOLD PETER	742	PARNABY IAN	834	JADWAT MOGSHEEN	926	KIDD GREG	1016	MATHESON LOUIS
560	FITTON PETER	652	BOWRON DAVID	743	RUSSELL KEVIN	835	LYNCH BRETT	927	WOOD BRENDEN	1017	MCMURRAY BEN
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562	LANE GEORGE	654	LONGHURST PETER	745	STYLES ROBERT	837	LOVEDAY WAYNE	929	SUTTOR BRETT	1019	STINDL TOM
563	LEE GARY	655	MATTHEWS LES	746	TAYLOR MICHAEL	838	STONE BRUCE	930	HAWKINS MATTHEW	1020	SUTERS CHARLIE
564	McDONALD DON	656	KEEBLE MICHAEL	747	GEGG KEITH	839	LYONS STEVE	931	HENDERSON PHIL	1021	TURNER CAMERON
565	MANTON KEN	657	MURPHY TERRY	748	GILCHRIST BRYAN	840	MACKINTOSH IAN	932	LAVERTY MICHAEL	1022	WELLS DILLAN
566	McGILVRAY ANGUS	658	REEDY BERT	749	HARRIGAN LANCE	841	MAHON KEVIN	933	RYAN DAVID	1023	SALDERN LUKE
567	SAVAGE N	659	SAINSBURY LES	750	PRESLAND MERV	842	MCPHERSON COLIN	934	STONE JONATHAN	1024	BIRD JACK
568	COOK ERNEST	660	SINCLAIR WARRICK	751	BATTIN PHIL	843	NEALE KEITH	935	FARLOW JAY	1025	MOREY ROBERT
569	TURNER LIN	661	BOLTON BARRY	752	KELLY ANTHONY	844	LAWRENCE ROD	936	BEASHEL NICK	1026	FORD MICHAEL
570	CONNOR JOHN	662	COFFEY ROBERT	753	SERCOMBE ALAN	845	WATKINS PETER	937	CHARMAN SHANE	1027	MANI BRENDANI
571	HENNESSY CLAUDE	663	DREWES JACK	754	STUART PHIL	846	WOOL WAYNE	938	ELLISON STEVE	1028	MURRAY ETHAN
572	DONOVAN K	664	FREEMAN PAUL	755	WEEKS GEOFF	847	HEWITT PAUL	939	KLEIN ASHLEY		
573	FREEMAN RON	665	GRIFFITH H	756	ALMOND NEIL	848	ALCHIN DARREN	940	MOORE ROBERT		
574	HOLMAN KIETH MBE	666	DUNN MAX	757	BONNIE BRIAN	849	CAFFERELLI MARIO	941	PERENARA HENRY		
575	KIRK WALLY	667	GATELY BRIEN	758	BUNNAGE MICHAEL	850	CRANSTON ROD	942	WOODS JOHN		
576	MCCAFFREY DENNY	668	ATKINSON ROB	759	BUTLER TONY	851	FALLAH ALAN	943	CASSIDY ADAM		
577	SMITH RON	669	HAYNES CLIFF	760	COX JIM	852	IRWIN ROBERT	944	NOYAN MATT		
578	TURNER JACK	670	MURPHY T	761	EDWY LEON	853	OBRIEN JASON	945	OLDFORD DANIEL		
579	CROSS BARRY	671	ANNESLEY GRAHAM	762	FLINT ROBERT	854	PENFOLD LUKE	946	SMITH SHANE		
580	ELLISS PHIL	672	NASH STEVE	763	GLYNN BILL	855	TODD SCOTT	947	MCDONNELL LAWRENCE		
581	GRIFFITHS JOE	673	WARD CHRIS	764	GOENER DAVID	856	DORAHY PHIL	948	PRZEKLASA-ADAMSKI		
582	PAGE KIETH	674	TULLOCH WILLIAM	765	HEWITT PETER	857	REYNOLDS PAT	949	SMITH NATHAN		
583	PATTERSON REG	675	ATKINS PETER	766	LATHAM MICHAEL	858	RICHARDS STEVE				
584	TOMSETT MAX			767	GRANT BRIAN	859	TURNER RUSSELL				

OUR MEMBERS OUT & ABOUT



LUKE POTTER #903

In the Ground Announcer's chair at WIN Stadium for the St George Illawarra Dragons v Raiders match during the 2021 season.



PAUL SIMPKINS #824

Life Member and former Chairman of the NSWRLRA, Paul Simpkins, has been recognised for his outstanding work by receiving the Australian Police Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours this year.



CHRIS BETTIOL & STAN WATSON

In our 114 year history we have had 3 honorary members inducted into our Association. Two of these honorary members, Stan Watson and Chris Bettiol were together officiating the interchange at a NSW Cup game at Stadium Australia prior to the Covid-19 Lockdown.



GREG KELLY #690

Greg Kelly was involved in the Channel 9 series **Under Investigation** hosted by Liz Hayes and with other experts as they set out to solve cases using the very latest forensic techniques.



RUSSELL TURNER #859

Many will know that former 1st grade Touch Judge Russell Turner is a member of Fire & Rescue NSW. His role has involved travel overseas. As has become accustom is the mandatory 14 day hotel quarantine period. Being the man that he is, Russell put his energy into something to make a difference. In the last two years, he has completed two separate marathons inside hotel rooms. Each 42.2km feat raised several thousand dollars for the Children's Hospital Burns Unit, Starlight Foundation and Westcare. What a fantastic initiative Russell, well done.

NSW PHYSICAL DISABILITY RUGBY LEAGUE



NSW Physical Disability Rugby League Association is affiliated with NSWRL and is the trading name of Physical Disability Rugby League Australia (PDRLA).

“ Its mission is - To provide children and adults with a physical disability the opportunity to participate in a fun, inclusive sport and be a part of the Rugby League family. ”

Children, women and men who never thought they could!

The rules and competition are true to the game. But have been modified to cater for those with a passion for rugby league and with a physical disability that affects their strength, speed or coordination - to safely play the game they love.

The most common disabilities of participants include conditions such as cerebral palsy, acquired brain injury (ABI) and stroke but other physical disabilities qualify as well.

Eight of the 10 impairment classes in the Paralympic Movement are eligible to play in PDRLA: impaired muscle power, athetosis, impaired passive range of movement, hypertonia, limb deficiency, ataxia, leg length difference and short stature.

During 2021, several of our members, under the direction of Doug Keen, refereed in the various competitions. Sean Hampstead, Barry Ruttle, Steve Clark, Bill Harrigan along with Doug, volunteered their services much to the delight and appreciation of the players.



NSWRLRA PHOTO PROJECT

The Association has undertaken the task of trying to source an image of as many graded members from our 114-year history. The project has unearthed some fantastic photographs that have brought back many wonderful memories. It has highlighted the transition of refereeing from the early years when pioneers such as Ted Hooper & Charlie Hutcheson were running around the Ovals of Sydney through to our modern-day professional match officials

like Grant Akins and Ben Cummins refereeing in stadiums right across the country. It's important to remember that many of our 1028 members didn't make first grade but had mighty fine grade careers, contributing immensely to this Association and Rugby League moreover. This report features a snapshot of grade images collected from throughout the various eras. It's hoped that this wets the appetite for things to come.

THE FORMATIVE YEARS (1908-1930'S)



Graded 1908

#17 - Ted Hooper

When the NSWRL competition kicked off on Monday 20th April 1908, Ted Hooper was one of the four inaugural first grade referees. Ted was a great advocate for the plight of refereeing and the game of rugby league. Even moving motions to forego match payments. He was the inaugural president of the NSWRLRA. He died suddenly in a changeroom after refereeing an exhibition match in Brisbane.



Graded 1916

#148 - William 'Webby' Neill

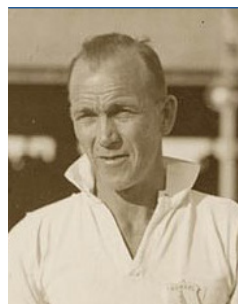
William was one of the pioneer rugby league players who played in the first Grand Final for South Sydney in 1908. He represented NSW and Australia before later becoming a grade referee, refereeing 3 first grade Grand Finals and an Ashes Test Match. He had the distinction of being the first international player to referee a test match.



Graded 1916*

#151 - Frank Delaney

A life member of Balmain Referees, Frank refereed 17 first grade games between 1920 & 1929. Later, he became a regular writer for "The Rugby League News" on matters concerning refereeing. He also played a significant role in the success of the Maher Cup, by appointing referees and even officiating himself.



Graded 1925*

#163 - Lal Deane

Lal began as a player for North Sydney in 1911. A knee injury cut his career short leading him to take up the whistle in 1917 where he was a foundation member of the North Sydney Referees Association. He went on to be extremely successful including refereeing the 1928, 1932 & 1936 Australia vs England Test Matches.

**Unconfirmed*



Graded 1921

#169 - Sydney Bossi

Sydney Bossi was the first Life Member of St George Referees after being instrumental in the formation of the Association. During its early years he served in dual roles as Secretary and Treasurer for 11 years. In amongst his extensive contribution to St George he refereed in the lower grades of the NSWRL competition.



Graded 1937

#309 - George Bishop

The former Kangaroo hooker became a referee and was graded in 1937. He had a successful career refereeing the 1939, 46, 48, 49 & 52 Grand Finals. His Test career as a referee included Australia vs England in 1950 and all three Australia vs New Zealand tests in 1952.

GROWTH & CONSOLIDATION (1940'S-1960'S)



Graded 1940

#345 - Austin Shiner

Austin ran the President's Cup Final line in 1939 before being graded for the 1940 season. In 1941, at just 21 years of age he made the first of 90 first grade appearance as a referee. A well-respected man amongst the rugby league fraternity, Austin served as association president from 1968-1977. The magnitude of his contribution saw him awarded Life Membership of Balmain, NSWRLRA and NSWRL.



Graded 1943

#373 - Darcy Lawler

Darcy was graded from South Sydney Referees in 1943. His achievements in the game are monumental. He refereed 272 first grade games including 8 Grand Finals (1953, 1956-61 & 1963). His Grand Final record is second only to Bill Harrigan. Darcy refereed multiple test matches between 1954 & 1962. Of note were the Australia vs Great Britain series in 1954 and the Australia vs New Zealand series in 1959.



Graded 1954

#482 - Arthur Neville

Arthur was a Balmain prospect who became a life member of both Balmain and NSWRLRA. He was graded in 1954, where he debuted a year later as a touch judge in first grade. Arthur made his first grade debut as a referee in 1962. He amassed 52 first grade matches as a referee. His consistency across all grades led to him refereeing the 1963 Third Grade Grand Final.



Graded 1961

#535 - Kevin Jeffes

Kevin was graded from Parramatta in 1961. Between 1962 & 1972, he touch judged 74 first grade matches. He achieved representative honours in 1965 for NSW vs QLD and then in 1967 when Australia played New Zealand at the SCG. Kevin went on to become a Life Member of Parramatta, NSWRLRA and the ARLRA, fitting recognition for his service post on-field duties.



Graded 1963

#539 - Rowley Morris

Rowley Morris was graded from the Eastern Suburbs Referees Association in 1963. He later became a Life Member of his district association. He touch judged 42 first grade games from 1964 to 1971. In 1965, he was appointed as a touch judge for the NSW vs QLD Interstate Match at the SCG. Rowley was on the line for City Country 1sts in 1966.



Graded 1965

#580 - Phil Elliss

Phil was graded in 1965 after numerous years trialling for grade. Previously, he had refereed the 1962 President's Cup Grand Final. He very quickly rose to referee reserve grade in his first season. Two years later in 1967, Phil made his first grade debut as a referee in the match between South Sydney & Cronulla at Redfern. He later went on to become a successful first grade touch judge with 46 games to his name.



Graded 1967

#591 - Pat Bowen

Pat was a member of a very strong Balmain Association during the middle portion of the 20th Century. In 1967, the year he was graded, he refereed the Reserve Grade Second Division Grand Final. He touch judged the Grand Final of Second Grade in 1971. His final year in grade was 1974.



Graded 1967

#595 - Bill Grono

Bill Grono was graded from the Manly Referees' Association in 1967. He went on to become a first-grade touch judge. He touch judged 18 first grade games between 1969 & 1980. Bill was Secretary of Manly Referees for 21 consecutive years. In the process he received Life Membership.

THE TNT ERA (1970'S-1990'S)



Graded 1970

#614 - Barry Barnes

Barry Barnes was graded from the then, newly formed Penrith Referees Association. Between 1972 & 1987, Barry refereed 142 first grade games, including semi finals in 1983 & 1984. He refereed the 1983 Reserve Grade Grand Final. In 1984, he travelled to Christchurch to referee the test match between New Zealand & Great Britain.



Graded 1971

#623 - Michael Beacroft

Michael was graded from the Penrith Referees Association in 1971 after refereeing the 1970 SG Ball Grand Final. His grade career spanned from 1971-1978. During this time, Michael worked his way to reserve grade as a referee. Interestingly, in only Michael's third game in grade he refereed his brother John who was playing third grade for Parramatta at the time.



Graded 1971

#625 - George Braine

During his active days, George was a member of the St George Referees Association. George was in grade from 1971-1979. After refereeing third grade in his initial season, he went onto referee reserve grade for the next two seasons before refereeing 3 first grade games in 1977. Many years after retiring from on-field duties he was asked to assist Cronulla Sutherland. He became President of that association during the 1990's and maintained a strong presence for the best part of 10 years.



Graded 1983

#650 - Noel Cislowski

Noel was graded from Western Suburbs Referees in 1975. He had a very successful first grade career with 70 first grade games as a touch judge including an Australia vs Great Britain Test in 1984, the 1985 Grand Final and State of Origin in 1986.



Graded 1979

#690 - Greg Kelly

A Parramatta Referees' product, Greg was graded as a 21 year old. Early on in his grade career, Greg had the distinction of being the first referee to send off a player in a televised Commonwealth Bank Cup match. He mostly refereed in the lower grades before making 5 appearances as a first grade touch judge in 1984. Greg was graded from 1979-1985.



Graded 1982

#719 - Giles O'Donnell

Giles was graded in 1982. He sits alongside Stephen Martin and Barrie Keenahan as the first officials graded from Illawarra the year the Association was welcomed into the NSWRL setup. Short in stature, Giles had a very successful career in Sydney, refereeing first grade in his first graded season. He went on to referee 39 first grade matches between 1982-1987.



Graded 1983

#732 - Paul Miller

Paul Miller was graded in 1983 from the Parramatta Referees Association. It was also that year that he made his first grade debut in the match between Easts and Canterbury at the Sportsground. Paul came out to referee the second half after both Michael Stone and Lionel Green succumbed to injury/illness.

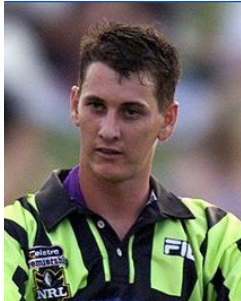


Graded 1995

#843 - Keith Neale

Keith Neale was graded from Western Australia in 1995. His grading coincided with the entry of the Western Reds to the ARL competition. During his time in grade, Keith refereed reserve grade games in the west as well as being an in-goal touch judge on first grade fixtures in 1996.

MOVING INTO THE 21ST CENTURY (2000'S-2021)



#858 – Stephen Richards

Graded from South Sydney Referees in 1998, Stephen quickly worked his way to first grade lines, debuting in 2000. He did the 2001 & 2002 NRL Grand Finals as a touch judge. In that same two-year period, he made 9 appearances as a first grade referee.

Graded 1998



#873 – Jennifer Robinson

Jennifer was the first female graded referee. She was graded from Penrith Referees in 2000 after refereeing the SG Ball Grand Final that year. She refereed the first ever grade fixture to be controlled by all female officials. She was assisted by Danielle Berry and Melissa Yates (Jenny's sister) in the Jersey Flegg match between Parramatta and North Sydney in 2004 at Parramatta Stadium.

Graded 2000



#885 – Darryn Lang

Darryn was graded from the Manly-Warringah Referees Association in 2002 after refereeing the Harold Matthews Grand Final. His list of achievements in grade include touch judging Jersey Flegg Grand Finals (2004 & 2006) along with NSW Residents in 2004 and Malta vs Greece in 2005. Darryn progressed to first grade in 2005, where he touch judged 13 first grade games between 2005 & 2007.

Graded 2002



#898 – Adam Devcich

Adam refereed the Harold Matthews Cup Grand Final in 2003 before being graded from the North Sydney Referees Association the following year. In grade, Adam refereed the Arrive Alive Cup Grand Final in 2007. He had an extremely consistent first grade career, refereeing 131 matches. Representative appointments included refereeing the 2011 PM XIII's and City vs Country (2013 & 2015).

Graded 2004



#922 – Jason Higgins

Jason refereed the 2006 Harold Matthews Grand Final before being graded from South Sydney Referees the following year. He later became a very successful reserve grade touch judge. His representative career included junior State of Origin touchlines in 2010 (U16's), 2012 (U18's) & 2014 (U18's). His grade career also consisted of two Metro Cup Grand Final lines.

Graded 2007



#967 – Faye Lehane

In 2012, Faye touch judged the Women's State of Origin match at Penrith Stadium. The following year, she was graded after touch judging the SG Ball and National U18's Championship Finals. Faye was a member of the Cronulla Sutherland Referees Association. On top of touch judging reserve grade during her career, she also touch judged the U16's State of Origin in 2016. Faye retired from Grade in 2017. Off the field, she served the Association well as the Executive Officer during 2019 and part of 2020.

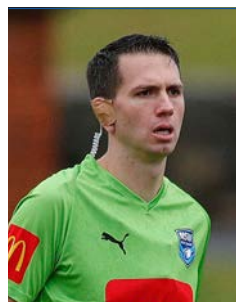
Graded 2013



#1000 – Andrew Gilchrist

Andrew is a third generation Gilchrist. Father Bryan and Grandfather Carl were also graded. After successful seasons in the Junior Reps, Andrew was graded in 2017 as a touch judge from the Cronulla Sutherland Referees Association. He had the distinction of being graded member #1000.

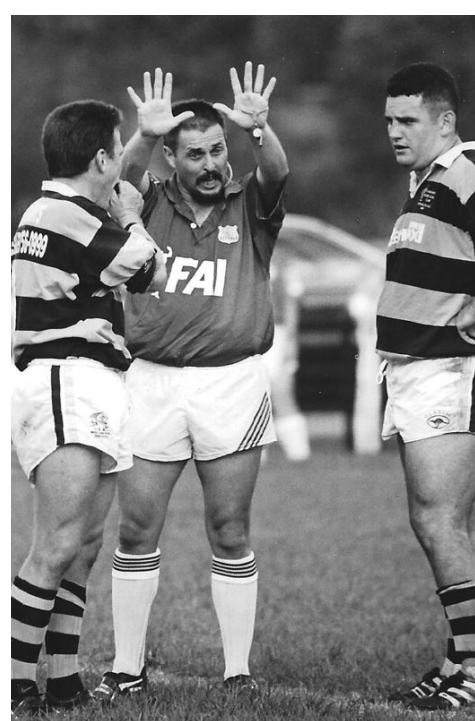
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#1001 – Clayton Wills

Clayton spent much of his Junior Reps career refereeing with Central Coast Referees before moving to Sydney where he was graded from South Sydney Referees in 2017. He refereed the 2017 SG Ball Grand Final and has since had a successful career in Grade, working his way through the ranks. Clayton made his Reserve Grade debut as a referee this year.

Graded 2017



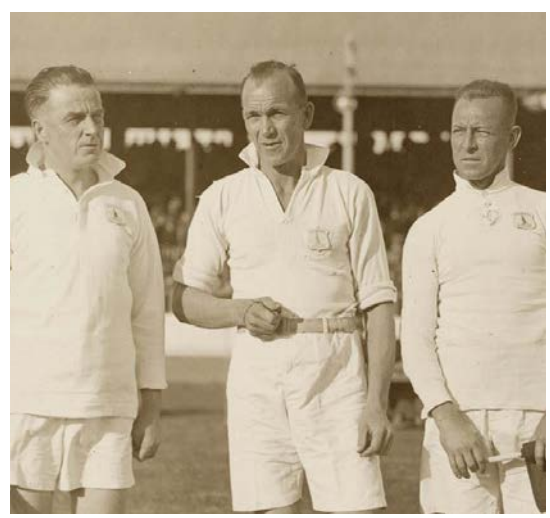
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