



***50<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REPORT  
AND FINANCIAL  
STATEMENT  
SEASON 2016***

## District Referees' Association



On behalf of the Penrith District Referees' Association, I take this opportunity to congratulate the Penrith District Junior League for a great first year as a District Junior League.

The high standard of officialism is indeed a credit to each and every club within the district, and with the 1968 season approaching I know the standard will remain.

It gives me great pleasure to pass on our sincere thanks for the way the Junior League looked after the referees, especially whilst the semi-finals, finals and grand finals were being played. All members of the Association join me in saying thank you one and all.

Difficulties have arisen throughout the year between our Association and the Junior League, but all have ended harmoniously. The liaison between the Referees' Association and the Junior League is a strong one and will continue to be so.

Finally, I wish the Penrith District Junior League a successful and a prosperous 1968 from the Referees' Association.

MERV EDWARDS, Hon. Secretary.

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# 2016 OFFICE BEARERS

Patrons	Peter Filmer, OAM, Brett Lynch
Chairman	Gary Haines
Executive Officer	Luke Burton (until Feb) / Brian Waiting (from March)
Head of Finance	Joshua Burton
Head of Referee Development	Jenny Yates
Head of Media and Communications	Rohan Best
Head of Member Services	Stephen Bourke
Board of Management	Rohan Best, Stephen Bourke, Joshua Burton, Luke Burton (until Feb), Gary Haines, Ian Robinson, Jenny Yates, Brian Waiting (from March)
Assistant Director of Finance	Tom Stindl
Registrar	Katina Geale
Welfare Officer	Casey Wouters
Sunday Appointments Manager	Greg Yates
Saturday Appointments Manager	John Nematalla
Gear Steward	Chris Fitzgerald
NSWRLRA Delegates	George Jankowski, Dan Olford
Penrith DJRL Delegates	Col Smith, Paul Williamson
Appointments Board	John Jordon, Jim Kelly
Referee Development Officers	Sarah Ford, Daniel Ford, John Kearnes, Col Smith, Jeff Mizzi, Casey Wouters, Barry Beveridge, John Nematalla, Amber Fitzgerald, Rhyss Harwood, Mitchell Robinson, Steven Bourke, Luke Burton, Chris Fitzgerald, Katina Geale, Rickey McFarlane
Life Membership Committee	Rohan Best, Luke Evans, Casey Wouters
Judiciary Representative	Greg Yates



# SPONSORS

Thank you to all our sponsors for their support during the 2016 season!

## MAJOR SPONSOR



*Our Deepest  
Sympathy*

### VALE

In remembrance of all those that we lost from our extended Rugby League and Refereeing families this year. Be they an official, a volunteer or just a family member.



# PATRONS

**PETER FILMER**

**BRETT LYNCH**

Winston Churchill once said, "Success is not final, failure is not fatal, it is the courage to continue that counts."

50 years for any organisation brings with it many successes, a number of failures but more than ever we continue to count as a vital component of rugby league in Penrith. Our 50th birthday celebrations which culminated with a great night at the Rooty Hill RSL were a fitting tribute to an organisation that can be very proud of its outstanding achievements.

Penrith Referees Association is a great organisation. Please remember that the culture of this Association has been developed over 50 years, sometimes tested by various events and situations but always strong enough to take its rightful place in the great game of Rugby League.

We would like to congratulate all members for their contribution to our Association through the course of the 2016 season. Wonderful young referees continue to emerge and those that have gone before them continue to coach and mentor this talent. The stewardship of our Association remains strong.

So, when the first whistle rings out to herald in the 2017 season, the next 50 years of our history will commence. These are and will continue to be exciting times!

To end as we started, Winston Churchill also once said "The further I look back the further forward I can see."

**PETER FILMER, OAM**  
**BRETT LYNCH**

**LIFE MEMBER**  
**LIFE MEMBER**



# CHAIRMAN

## GARY HAINES

Members,

I am privileged to present to you my report for Season 2016, which is our 50<sup>th</sup> year since the Association was formed on 24<sup>th</sup> August 1966.

Our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations were undoubtedly the highlight of another successful year for the Association. More than 260 members and guests gathered in the Tivoli Room of the Rooty Hill RSL on a very wet evening to celebrate a landmark event in our short history. It was a night of recognition for many of our members but also one for us to meet up again with old friends and make new ones.

There were highlights, too many to mention them all, but to have seven of our inaugural members or their families in attendance was remarkable and their presence was an inspiration to all. The presentation of Honorary Life Membership to the late Merv Cartwright was richly deserved to a man regarded as the father of rugby league in the Penrith district. I would again express my thanks to the members and supporters who made this event an outstanding success.

The Association is very fortunate to have the support of many sponsors. Penrith Homemaker Centre has been our major sponsor for several years and I thank Kevin James for his ongoing support. Nepean CrossFit, Channel 9, Thought Design and Baker's Delight Springwood all contribute in different ways to support the Association and on behalf of the members, I thank you and look forward to continuing our relationship in the years ahead.

Recruitment of referees is a difficult and time-consuming task for all Associations, but more so for us when we have such a large Junior League to cover. This season recruitment was a high priority for the coaching staff and I congratulate Jenny Yates and her team on their efforts in 2016. It is pleasing that Penrith was the leading Association in the "Recruit a Ref" campaign coordinated by the NRL.

I would like to express my appreciation for the great support provided by Phil Cummings and his team at the Penrith Junior League. We are very fortunate to be able to work with a professional organisation that is willing to support us and vice versa for the good of the game of rugby league. This season was a first for the Association when the Junior League paid referees' fees directly to us, thereby making payments to referees much more efficient. The Board of Management will continue to collaborate with the Junior League to ensure the best outcomes are achieved for everyone involved in our game.

At a District club level, the Panthers achieved outstanding results in 2016 from Harold Matthews all the way through to the NRL team. The success of the NRL and under 20's sides saw Penrith win the club championship for the first time. Congratulations to everyone at Panthers, and in particular to Matt Cameron and Jim Jones for their ongoing support of our coaching and development program.

On the field, our members performed exceptionally at all levels of the game.



A special mention to Russell Turner who achieved a personal milestone of 400 NRL games following his appointment to the South Sydney versus Canberra game at ANZ Stadium. The 54-4 result ensured those “young” legs got a solid workout!

Congratulations also to Tom Stindl on his first A Grade Division 1 grand final and Dillan Wells who refereed the Under 15 Division 1 and Under 17 Division 1 grand finals. To all members who took the field in 2016, thank you for your commitment and dedication.

It's not an easy task being a referee but with experience, coaching and mentoring, you can achieve your goals.

My thanks to the Board of Management for your efforts during a very busy year for the Association. I am grateful for the advice and support provided. Apart from attending Board meetings, general meetings, training, functions, judiciary and so on, we do have other commitments apart from our voluntary roles with the Association that is sometimes forgotten.

We had some difficult issues to deal with and decisions made are for the betterment of the Association and not to please individuals. Members must refrain from taking matters externally when this is unnecessary as it can be embarrassing for all parties. I can assure members that the Board will continue to act professionally at all times and we seek that same assurance from all members.

It would be remiss if I didn't thank my wife Irene for her ongoing support in a year when it seemed I was away more times than I was at home.

In closing, 2017 is the beginning of a new chapter in our Association's history. I extend best wishes to all members and their families for a safe and happy Christmas and a prosperous new year.

**GARY HAINES**  
**CHAIRMAN**





# EXECUTIVE OFFICER

## **BRIAN WAITING**

It gives me great pleasure to present the Annual Report and Financial Statements to the members in this our Golden Jubilee year.

I would like to thank and acknowledge all who contributed to make this report what it is, in particular Gary Haines for his guidance, Brett Lynch who provided all the old reports and the Golden Jubilee data and Jenny Yates for the grand final photos. A report of this size requires help from many sources and without it this report would not be what it is.

I would like to thank my fellow Board members for all of their support this season: Gary Haines, Rohan Best, Stephen Bourke, Joshua Burton, Jenny Yates and Ian Robinson. The work that everyone of them put into ensuring the continuing success of our Association is invaluable.

There are many people that work *"behind the scenes"* to ensure the day to day running of the Association. This does not only include the Board of Management but also the Appointments Board, Advisory Board, Social Committee, Greg Yates who was our representative at Judiciary, Katina Geale who became Registrar in March this year and Tom Stindl who was Assistant Head of Finance and covered for Josh whilst he was on leave.

I took over this role in March this year after the resignation of Luke Burton from this position. It has been a baptism of fire as I learnt the ropes and made the occasional mistake. I thank the members understanding for these. Minute taking can be particularly difficult as you need to be concise, but still capture the intent without resorting to recording every word. At times I found the role to be trying as issues arose that I had not anticipated and had not had to deal with previously. Going forward I believe that next year will be a lot easier given what has occurred this year.

We are 50 years young and reached this milestone thanks to the foundations laid by the original group of 13 that met to form this Association. I would like to thank them for the legacy they left and hope that we continue to grow and honour that legacy.

I hope you all enjoy the off season and look forward to seeing you all back for 2017

**BRIAN WAITING**  
**EXECUTIVE OFFICER**



# HEAD OF FINANCE

**JOSHUA BURTON**

It is with great pride that I can submit the audited financial statements for the Penrith Rugby League Referees Association for the period of November 1 2015 – October 31 2016 as the Director of Finance. The audited Financial Statements will be available to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

After having the first year to 'learn the ropes' per se, the second year was more of what can be done to make the role more efficient.

The financial year started with the eventual news of a new invoice structure. Instead of invoicing the clubs directly, the referees association eliminated this process & invoiced games played in the Penrith district directly. This was great news for all members of the Penrith Referees Association as it streamlined the payment process. We thank the previous Director of Finance/President, Phillip Haines for making this possible, as it ensures efficiency for future holders of the Director of Finance position.

In this our 50<sup>th</sup> year, there was a considerable amount of pressure to ensure everything was perfect for our Golden Jubilee. With the past management of the referees association, we were able to fully fund this event at no cost to the members. More funds were put back into the membership base with a collection of jerseys for our on-field presentation in our games, with the three jerseys being shown every Saturday & Sunday, as well as off field gear to complement our celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> year.

I would like to thanks to Board of Management for their support & patience, again in a year that had its unique challenges. I have learnt a substantial amount in my time in the role of Director of Finance that will carry on into the future years of my life, both personally & professionally. I want to thank especially Gary Haines for his support, patience & overall calm demeanor throughout the whole year, particularly when it was related to the Golden Jubilee committee.

I would like to thank my Assistant Director of Finance, Tom Stindl. He took a more hands on approach this year, in his role & did provide him with a few heart attack moments when I mentioned I would off of the country for 5 weeks & he was in charge. In saying this, I couldn't ask for a better person to work with & he provided incredible support so I could my job the best I could.

Lastly I would like to thank my family for putting up the talk of footy & refereeing throughout the year, even with both active members gone off the field this year, there was still enough to deal with.

Now that we have found our way to 'raise the bat' for 50, the challenges are still ever present which make it interesting to see where this association ends up for the next years & closer to 100.

**JOSHUA BURTON**  
**HEAD OF FINANCE**

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Financial Statement is not available. The audited version will be available at the AGM



## Extract from the First Annual Report

<u>FINANCIAL STATEMENT</u>					
<u>INCOME</u>		\$.	c.	<u>EXPENDITURE \$C</u>	
Donation - Penlith R.L.C.		450.00		Affiliation NSWRF.L.R.A.	1.50
Loan - " "		300.00		Purchase - Typewriter	61.66
				" Roneo Machine	152.00
				Stationery - Ink &c.	
				Postage	22.27
				Presentation	10.00
				Magnetic Boards	66.00
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					313.43
				Credit Balance	436.57
Total		750.00		Total	\$750.00
L. Brennan <u>Hon. Treasurer</u>					

**DO YOU RECOGNIZE ANY OF THESE FACES FROM THE PAST?**



## ***One is Ray Steele***



# HEAD OF MEMBER SERVICES

**STEPHEN BOURKE**

As the year 2016 comes to a close I would like to thank everyone who helped make my time as Head of Member Services a success. To the Social Committee and also the Golden Jubilee Committee I thank you for your tireless effort throughout the year. A special mention must go to Mitch Robinson and Gary Haines who helped endlessly with every social aspect of this season.

The 2016 season saw the Penrith Referees engage with Zibara, who are now the current suppliers of our on field and off field apparel. With the Association moving into its 50<sup>th</sup> season, the Board has agreed to move with a retro design for the on field jerseys and the polo shirt for this season. This was a success with the Junior League and most clubs commenting positively on the gear for this season.

The Golden Jubilee evening was a major success and I have heard nothing but positive feedback from this night. We must thank the Rooty Hill RSL for their hospitality from the evening and also their assistance throughout the entire planning of the event. Also Channel 9 for their assistance with providing Tim Gilbert as the MC for the evening.

With the Golden Jubilee evening being a night to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the association, we had to make a change to our awards presentation. This year it was held at St Mary's Leagues Club who were more than happy to accommodate the Association for the afternoon. The attendance to this awards presentation is the most I have seen at an event held post season, so I must thank everyone for their attendance. I hope everyone had a great time and enjoyed themselves thoroughly and congratulations once again to the award winners of 2016.

Throughout 2016, Penrith Referees Association approached one of our current sponsors, Nepean CrossFit for a restructure of our current sponsorship agreement. With the help of Joshua Burton and Gary Haines, we were able to sign Nepean CrossFit on for a 3 year sponsorship deal. This will include Nepean CrossFit training the Development Squad and the Association training over this time.

I would like to thank Daniel Olford and Steve Zekic for their willingness to provide these services to the Association. This is one area the Association has unfortunately not been strong in over the last few seasons and we cannot wait for this relationship to flourish over the years to come.

Finally, I would like to thank every member for their help and assistance over this year. Without the speedy responses for events and asking if there was any help that was needed, nothing went astray.

**STEPHEN BOURKE**  
**HEAD OF MEMBER SERVICES**



# DELEGATES TO THE JUNIOR LEAGUE

Firstly I would like to thank PDJRL Association for all the help and support they give to our referees throughout the football season, also thank you to all the clubs who do likewise. The clubs at all Junior League meetings have been very good with providing feedback on our referees and offering some great advice.

At these meetings we try to answer all their questions and concerns to the best of our ability and if we can't then we pass it onto our board for further follow up. We have a great relationship with the Junior League and clubs which is fantastic.

In this role you need to attend monthly meetings and liaise with the Junior League / Clubs at these meetings, you will need to be able to listen, advise answer questions and relay their concerns back to our board. You will need to be able to report monthly back to members at our association meeting regarding the Junior League Meeting.

Once again I would like to thank the Junior League for their ongoing support to the Penrith Referees Association. It has been a great relationship for many years and for many years to come

**COL SMITH**  
**JUNIOR LEAGUE DELEGATE**



**LIFE MEMBER 2016**





# **SUNDAY APPOINTMENTS MANAGER GREG YATES**

Members,

It gives me great pleasure to be able to write the report as the Sunday Appointments Manager. I started the season stating that it would be a season of opportunities for everyone and I am extremely pleased to say that a number of members achieved firsts this year and they were all greatly deserved and all these members should be proud of their achievements throughout the season.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank every member that officiated on Sunday, even those who may have only officiated in one game during the season, your efforts and commitments made a difference and without members helping out, we would not have been able to cover all the matches during the season.

I would like to congratulate all Grand Final officials, both Saturday and Sunday, you all did yourselves and the Association proud with your performances and efforts. To the Sunday officials, a job well done and you all deserved your appointments through your performance on the field and also your attitude and commitment both on and off the field.

For the members who unfortunately did not receive the appointments they were hoping for, the decisions this season were very difficult. Whilst a couple of small errors in the final series made it a little easier, it is never easy making the phone call to tell a member that they did not perform as well as we had expected them to. But a credit to all members in that position you took the news as well as could be expected. The key for next season is to use what you have learnt this season along with the disappointment from this season and use this as motivation to have a bigger and better season next year.

I would like to thank all the members who spend their own time out assessing the members throughout the season, without your dedication and commitment the job would be much harder, special thanks to John Jordan, Jim Kelly and Casey Wouters who spent most weekends away from their families.

I would like to thank Jenny, whilst we never agreed all the time on the appointments, we got through the season and I am thankful for all the work you put in during the season making sure we had all games covered.

Finally, I would like to thank my family, my wife Sylvie and three amazing kids Jessica, Danielle and Ryan, without your support and allowing me to spend time away on the weekends doing something that I love.

To all members and their families, have a great off season, stay safe and have an enjoyable Christmas and I look forward to see you all again next season.

**GREG YATES**

**SUNDAY APPOINTMENTS MANAGER**



## MEMBERS' ACHIEVEMENTS 2016

- Russell Turner: 400 NRL games
- Grant Atkins: City v Country
- Russell Turner: Pacific Test PNG v Fiji
- Rohan Best: Junior Test AUS v NZ
- Mark Bohan: Holden Cup Debut as TJ
- Tim Hannon: Holden Cup Debut as TJ
- Tim Hannon being graded
- Cam Turner: U15 National Schoolboy Championships in Port Macquarie and Melbourne exchange
- Mitch Hall: A Grade Debut
- Dillan Wells: A Grade Debut
- Current NRL Members: Dave Ryan, Russell Turner, Grant Atkins, Rickey McFarlane and Rohan Best.
- Current Grade Squad Members: Mark Bohan, John Woods, Jay Farlow, Tim Hannon, Daniel Olford.
- Current Junior Rep: Cam Turner, Stephen Bourke, Tom Stindl, Ryan Thomas, Amber Fitzgerald, Chris Catlin.

This year has seen the recruitment of 26 referees. All will make their Mod league debuts by the end of the season. Many have gone into Sunday football running the lines. This group is a mixture of young players mainly and also more experienced gentlemen.

This year we have had two exchanges with Brisbane and Canberra, both very successful and of great benefit for those members selected to represent the Association. They were able to experience refereeing in a different district and have different coaching which is always valuable to a referee's growth. The reciprocal referees' also enjoyed their exposure to football in the Penrith district.

In Junior Reps this year we had Tom Stindl debut in Harold Matthews and Cam Turner debuting in SG Ball. Ryan Thomas and Stephen Bourke also ran centres in HM. Cam refereed a quarter final as well as ran as a standby throughout the finals, with Ryan Thomas too. Stephen Bourke ran through the finals series as a TJ until the week before Grand Final.

# NRL REPORT

## RUSSELL TURNER

The season commenced in mid-November with a few changes in the NRL Referees squad. Some retirements were announced following the end of the 2015 season, including veteran Touch Judge Steve Carrall and up-and-coming Referee Gavin Morris.

In a loss to Penrith Referees and the NRL Squad, Lawrence McDonnell announced during the trials period that was also retiring to dedicate more time to his family. The entire squad understands the toll that refereeing at the highest level takes on your personal life, and we commend him on this decision. We wish him the very best in his time away from football in the future. In his short career he ran the touch line in 9 NRL matches during the 2015 season.

After many years of planning and research, the new NRL Central Command Centre ("The bunker") was introduced to provide a new world class technological resource that could be used to assist on-field officials in decision making. For the first few weeks the bunker was hailed a success, however this early opinion was quickly turned around by many. As with all new technologies a teething period continued during the season as issues were identified. The Bunker has also given the NRL Referees squad the ability to thoroughly review matches from all angles to assess decision making and identify coaching issues from 11 different high-definition, slow-motion camera replays.

Because the bunker was able to access and store all camera angles, it made the Video Referee redundant, and we bid farewell to a number of long-serving officials who had worked in this capacity. As we know, one referee's downfall is always an opportunity for another, and this change provided an opportunity for former NRL Referee (and Penrith Life Member) Jason Robinson to return to the NRL group, taking up a role as a review official in the bunker.

Penrith again supplied a number of officials at the national level:

Grant Atkins consolidated his position of Head Referee, being the lead official in 24 out of 26 matches this year. He was appointed to referee the City vs County game in Tamworth and also refereed in his first NRL Finals Series match. Grant has now refereed 81 matches.

In Round 21 Russell Turner became the first official in the history of Australian Rugby League to officiate in 400 first grade games in either Referee or Touch judge capacity. In the representative round, he ran the line in the Fiji vs Papua New Guinea match, and in the finals series ran in his 406<sup>th</sup> Touch Judge appointment.

Rickey McFarlane ran and in Round 26 became the 11<sup>th</sup> Touch Judge to join the NRL 200 Club. The week after, he also ran in the Finals Series. Always the machine on the training paddock, Rickey was one of a very small number that officiated every week during the competition. At the end of the season Rickey has run the line in 201 matches.

Dave Ryan followed up his 2015 form by having another successful first grade season. He ran in 20 matches, and finishes the 2016 season just 7 games short of his 100-match milestone.





Rohan Best cemented his spot as a permanent member of the NRL squad, running in 24 matches this season. He was rewarded by being appointed as Touch Judge to the Junior Kangaroos vs Junior Kiwis match. He has now run the line in 29 NRL matches.

Jason Robinson returned to the fold after a few years away. In his first round, he refereed 210 matches, ran the line in 12 and was Video Referee 20 times. This time around he reviewed 82 NRL matches from the bunker, was appointed to review the Fiji vs Papua New Guinea test match.

The 2016 NRL Grand Final Day saw a large number of our Penrith NRL Officials participating. In the 2016 Holden Cup Under 20's Grand Final, Dave Ryan ran the sideline while Jason Robinson reviewed from The Bunker. Rohan Best ran the line in the NRL State Championship Grand Final.

Matt Cecchin officiated his second NRL Grand Final and was assisted by Ben Cummins on his fourth. The Touch Judges were Brett Suttor (for the second year running) and Jeff Younis (on his third).

The Col Pearce Medal presentation was won by Ben Cummins. Other awards were won by Jeff Younis (Touch Judge of the year), Trainer Cameron Black (Clubman), Gerard Sutton (Referees' Referee) and Jon Stone (Emerging Referee).

## ***RUSSELL TURNER***

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### ***TRIVIA***

In 2001, what was the then Secretary's excuse for missing the Parramatta / Penrith Training session?

Answer: "I have to go to a Brownies' Meeting"

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The 1990 Annual Report notes that a motion mid-year to ban smoking during meeting was defeated, only to have the Duty Manager of the club install No Smoking signs at the next meeting.

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In 1994 a new method of accrediting referees was introduced of which 10 members received their U9 accreditation, whilst 17 members received their Mini Mod or International tickets under the Examination Board Scheme.

# HEAD OF MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

## ROHAN BEST

After two years performing the role of the Association's Media Officer I was excited to see the emergence of a new position on the Board of Management that would both absorb and expand on the responsibilities I had previously been assigned in that role. In accepting nomination to take on the new position, to be known as the Head of Media and Communications, I hoped to further what I had accomplished as the Media Officer and continue to provide a professional digital presence for our Association that adequately reflected our proud history.

I considered the role to be of even more significance this year given it was our Association's 50<sup>th</sup> year, to be celebrated with our Golden Jubilee Celebration. This event brought about a whole new range of responsibilities and I very much enjoyed the challenges and fulfilment that came with them. I felt privileged to be a member of the Board of Management and the Golden Jubilee Committee in such an important year for our Association.

One of the first tasks I undertook in this new role was to seek assistance in the design of an Anniversary logo to represent the Association both on and off the field in 2016. I was fortunate to gain the services of NSWRLRA graded member James Vella, who took on the project and produced a flawless final product that has been a wonderful inclusion across the season.

The design and production of save-the-date cards, invitations, order of events and PowerPoint presentations for the Golden Jubilee celebration were all tasks that took a considerable portion of my time and led to a number of sleepless nights through the year, but each time the finished product arrived or was delivered I felt a great deal of satisfaction. This Association has given me so much over the past fifteen years and I felt grateful to be able to contribute to such a wonderful event.

As it has in all walks of life around the globe, social media continued to grow in saturation and relevance. I felt our Association remained at the front of the pack in adapting to this ever-expanding online world, keeping members and stakeholders involved and informed through numerous social media platforms. At the conclusion of the 2016 season we had 379 followers on Twitter, up from 329 this time last year, and 265 Facebook friends, an increase of 41 in the last 12 months. We also entered the world of Instagram with 97 people following the Association via this application.

Towards the end of the 2016 season the importance of educating members on the correct and proper use of social media again became apparent. This is a challenge faced by many across the board and is by no means unique to our membership, but nevertheless I believe it is an area in which we need to be proactive, in the hope of removing the need to be reactive to breaches of the social media policy.

Our website [www.penrithreferees.com.au](http://www.penrithreferees.com.au) continues to exceed unique hits on a



daily basis through social media referrals, Google searches and direct visits, with our Golden Jubilee event also drawing a number of referrals to the website and increased interest in our Association. I continued to endeavor to ensure the website was updated on a more frequent basis with news and feature stories; however this was difficult at times with the added workload that came with the Golden Jubilee celebrations. In 2017 I hope to improve in this area and also work with our great sponsors, Omar and his team at Thought Design, to see through a revamping of the website.

As a Board Member and Administrator of our Association, this season was not without its trials and tribulations. As previously mentioned above, this Association has given me so much that I am truly grateful for. My one and only motivation in continuing to serve on the Board of Management is to give back, and to do what I believe is best to secure the proud reputation and longevity of our great Association.

As we move forward into the 2017 season, I have sought permission from the Board of Management to form a sub committee to review our Association's current Constitution and ensure this document steers our Association in the best possible direction, while providing for the fair and equitable inclusion of all members. This will include a revision of the Association's Social Media Policy to ensure it meets the ever-changing requirements of such a policy. I hope to have all members play a role in the review and implementation of the Constitution, so that we can ultimately make 2017 and beyond years in which our Association is spoken about purely for our wonderful successes both on and off the field.

I want to thank everyone who has provided content or assisted me in this role throughout the year. A big thanks to my colleagues on both the Board of Management and the Golden Jubilee Committee, especially to our Chairman Gary Haines who was the driving force behind the celebrations and worked tirelessly to ensure the wonderful event came to fruition. Thank you to the Western Weekender, especially Nathan Taylor, for their continued friendship of our Association and the work they do in promoting grassroots sport in Western Sydney.

A special thanks to my beautiful wife Chloe, for her patience and understanding, especially on those nights I would come home after days away with work or football, only to have to sit down at the computer or head out to another meeting in my role with the Association. I would be lost without your constant love and support.

**ROHAN BEST**  
**HEAD OF MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS**

# WELFARE OFFICER

## CASEY WOUTERS

Members,

I am pleased to submit this year's Welfare Report which is once again a great honour.

Due to the fact I was unavailable for a few weeks I need to thank the Board of Management, Stephen Bourke, Katina Geale and John Jordan for their assistance during the season.

It goes without saying to all who have lost family and friends, please accept the deepest sympathy and condolences of all members.

Congratulations to all having or have had anniversaries.



WEDDINGS



*Birthdays*



It has as in previous years quiet busy both on and off the field. We do have a large family to look after. We have new family members joining every year so members must keep their contact details updated to ensure you can be contacted in times of need. We will be there for members' welfare and concerns just like any family should.

I need to once again thank my wife Vera for always helping and just being there for me when needed.

I hope all members and their families have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year and I want to see you all fit and healthy in 2017.

**CASEY WOUTERS**  
**WELFARE OFFICER**



# NSWRLRA REPORT

## GEORGE JANKOWSKI

Delegate to NSWRLRA

The NSWRLRA had its final meeting for 2015 in September, where the Board of the NSWRLRA was restructured from 7 to 5 Directors; (I was the only member to speak against this), as I thought it would not work. The restructure saw the portfolios of Affiliate Liaisons and Referee Development merging, we also saw the Marketing and Communications portfolio merging with Member Services.

At the annual NSWRLRA Annual Presentation night in November, where approximately 125 attended, winners of awards were announced, which include the Bill Harrigan Award (for finishing number one referee), going to Liam Nicholls.

The Dennis Braybrook Award went to Paul Tape (from St George District), for improving refereeing at District Level and The Les Matthews Trophy for Volunteer of the Year awarded to a member of an Affiliated Association went Russell Stevens from Cronulla.

The Eric Cox Medal is someone who contributed to the association for 10 years after his Life Membership went to Doug Wintin. The Mick Stone Medal (the Grade Squad Referees Referee) Award went to Liam Nicholls. The Clubman of the year went to Dan Olford.



The George and Amy Hansen Trophy (for outstanding contribution, attendance and demeanour) was awarded to Michael Lewis. There were no Life Members bestowed in 2015.

Late in 2015 the New South Wales Rugby League Referee's Association announced that Penrith member Tim Hannon would join the graded ranks. Tim's grade

number is 989; he is the 36th member to be graded from Penrith since our Association was formed back in 1966.

The NSWRLRA had its annual Les Matthews Memorial Golf Day at Bowral, at the end of November where approximately 45 graded members and members of affiliates attended.

The NSWRLRA had its first general meeting of 2016 on Tuesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of March at Canterbury Leagues Club. At this meeting, the NSWRLRA was made responsible for Sydney Combined Competition (S.C.C.) for appointment of referees and MDAs.





All board members were asked to visit at least 3 association meetings through the year; no board member attended a Penrith meeting.

The “Coach the Coach” program is now to be done by the NRL, through Brad Levy.

Gavin Badger was appointed part time job as Community Football Referees Development Officer with the NSW Rugby League, working with district associations.

On Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> October, the NSWRLRA had its Life Member and Seniors Reunion Lunch at the S.C.G. where Steve Roach was the guest speaker.

Congratulations to former Board Members Jimmy Oliveria (and partner Terri), Doug Keen (and partner Sylvia) on getting married in October.

In closing I would like to mention a small anecdote. Six years ago, when I was the Director of Marketing and Communications for the NSWRLRA, I received a phone call from a softly spoken 94 year old man, he said he was an old referee and wanted to come to a meeting, so I organised a meeting with him and found him to have many stories of the early days of refereeing, including an interesting story of when he met Frank Hyde in 1946, several weeks later I asked Doug Keen to pick him up and bring him to a general meeting of the NSWRLRA. At that meeting Robert was given his grade certificate, dated 1942 and a new referee’s badge, (engraved on it was 382), Doug later introduced him to other members and districts, Doug also creating a great friendship with Robert and his family.

Robert had his refereeing career cut short (1946), due to going to Borneo with the armed services later that year. Two years ago, he was bestowed as the first ever ambassador to the NSWRLRA. Robert officiated at the first ever All Schools knock out at the old Sydney Showgrounds 71 years ago, he appeared on channel 9 News and Fox Sports presenting the S.O.O.3 their on-field jerseys; Robert turned 100 on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July and was interviewed at the Rugby League museum by Todd Greenburg from the NRL.



**GEORGE JANKOWSKI**

Robert died on Saturday, September 3rd, 2016 leaving behind his wife Esme, 3 children, 10 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren. 21 current NRL active referees attended and fittingly formed a guard of honour for Robert, as his coffin left the church.



# SATURDAY GRAND FINAL APPOINTMENTS

Age	Division	Referee	Touch Judge	Touch Judge
9	6	Stuart McLean	Will Mather	Daniel O'Brien
9	5	Lisa Matheson	Blade Steer	Michael Black
9	4	Brendan Miller	Jake Williamson	Lachlan Pelle
9	3	Kaleb Tuxford	Cameron Lloyd	Jake Golden
9	2	Andrew Azzopardi	Kyle Wilde	Liam Thomas
9	1	Reece Nuttall	Harrison Cleary	Flynn Caston
10	5	Layton Bellamy	Michael Doodson	Damien Hill
10	4	Chris Kolkman	Michael Doodson	Corey Simpson
10	3	Nathan Sharp	Corey Simpson	Jai Lane
10	2	Lachlann King	Kyle Hufton	Daniel Rayward
10	1	Ricky Evans	Reece Sammut	Mitchell Lothian
11	5	Will Catlin	Tim Thornton	Phillip Marshall
11	4	Kane Hoggard	Will Catlin	Phillip Marshall
11	3	Trae Williams	Kane Hoggard	Kenneth Fuller
11	2	Liam Turner	Trae Williams	Kenneth Fuller
11	1	Lachlan Attwill	Daniel Skybinsky	Liam Turner
12	5	Todd Williams	Matt Sharp	Maaz Goda
12	4	Chase Chapman	Matt Sharp	Maaz Goda
12	3	Lachlan Baker	Chase Chapman	Todd Williams
12	2	Stephen Byrne	Mitchell Robinson	Lachlan Baker
12	1	Jayden Kastelan	Tyler Dekleva	Josh Peleti
13	4	Tom Williamson	Damien Mizzi	Shane Turnbull
13	3	Wayne Pagett	Tom Williamson	Shane Turnbull
13	2	Damien Mizzi	Wayne Pagett	Tom Williamson
13	1	Brodie Rushby	Daniel Skybinsky	Liam Turners
14	4	Jeff Mizzi	Brayden Lee	Mitchell Morsillo
14	3	Will Jury	Mitchell Morsillo	Curtis Robinson
14	2	Andrew Byrne	Jordan Friday	Wayne Pagett
14	1	Chris Fitzgerald	Brodie Rushby	Daniel Skybinsky
15	4	Luke Jackson	Harry Bazley	Jayden Ellia
15	3	Brayden Lee	Will Jury	Jeff Mizzi
15	2	Curtis Robinson	Richard Bailey	Phil Johnson
15	1	Dillan Wells	Chris Fitzgerald	Brodie Rushby
13-15 Girls	2	Brad Peters	Richard Bailey	Phil Johnson
13-15 Girls	1	Kevin Hobbs	Jordan Friday	Andrew Byrne
16-18 Girls	1	Brian Steele	Dillan Wells	Chris Fitzgerald

# SUNDAY GRAND FINAL APPOINTMENTS

Age	Division	Referee	Touch Judges	In-Goal Touch Judges
16	3	Richard Bailey	Luke Evans	Joshua Peleti
			Elise Evans	Harry Bazley
16	2	Brad Peters	Kane Hoggard	Daniel Skybinsky
			Brodie Rushby	Reece Nuttall
16	1	Brayden Lee	Kevin Woods	Jayden Ellia
			Ethan Giles	Harry Bazley
17	2	Jeff Mizzi	Damian Mizzi	Lachlann King
			Stuart McLean	Tyler Dekleva
17	1	Dillan Wells	Curtis Robinson	Ray Thomson
			Will Catlin	Reece Sammut
19	2	Cameron Turner	Will Jury	Tim Thornton
			Joshua Savage	Lachlan Attwill
19	1	Ryan Thomas	Matt Schild	Mitchell Morsillo
			Mitchell Robinson	Reece Nuttall
AR	1	Chris Fitzgerald	Mitch Hall	Jeff Mizzi
			Rhyss Harwood	Damien Mizzi
A	3	John Nematalla	Luke Jackson	Lachlan Baker
			Layton Bellamy	Liam Turner
A	2	Phil Haines	Brian Steele	Jayden Kastelan
			Shane Smith	Rob McDonald
A	1	Tom Stindl	Stephen Bourke	Brian Steele
			Chris Catlin	Shane Turnbull





















# 2016 MERIT AWARDS

## **Jack Harris Merit Award**

The Jack Harris Merit Award is our Association's most prestigious Award. This year proved particularly difficult to select only one referee as the worthy recipient as there were several eligible members who could have received the award.

The following criteria from the constitution was used to determine this year's winner:

- Active member of the Association.
- Preparedness to stand for office.
- Attend training and meetings.
- Participation in social functions and activities.
- Dependability for appointments.
- Knowledge of the rules of Rugby League and changes; and co-operation with fellow Referees and officials.

The person that best met the criteria was Jeff Mizzi.

## **Michael Grady Merit Award**

This year with so many young referees performing at a consistently high level the decision to determine the member worthy of receiving of the Michael Grady Merit Award was not an easy choice.

Reece Nuttall has displayed all the qualities required to be the recipient for this year's award. Some of these being his dedication, a willingness to learn, presentation, enthusiasm and a good sense of humour. Well done Reece.



**Joe Beacroft Memorial Trophy for  
A Grade Division One Grand Final  
– Tom Stindl**



**Ray Steele Memorial Trophy for A  
Grade Division Two Grand Final –  
Phil Haines**



**Don Courts Trophy for A Grade Division  
Three Grand Final – John Nematalla  
Received by Jenny Yates on  
John's behalf**





**Phil Sanders Memorial Trophy for  
Under 15/1 Grand Final – Dillan Wells**



**Barry Beveridge Award for Under 12/1  
Grand Final – Jayden Kastelan**



**Peter Browne Award for Under 8/1  
Grand Final – Harrison Cleary**



**Len Manuel Memorial Award – Rookie of  
the Year – Harry Bazley**





**Fred Lucas Senior Merit Award –  
Dillan Wells**



**Reg Newsome Award – Liam Turner  
Accepted by Brodie Rushby**



**Bob Kandelas Memorial Trophy – Referees’  
Referee – Tom Stindl**

# MEETING ATTENDANCE

First Name	Family Name	Total
Lucy	AIGEA	0
Grant	ATKINS	8
Lachlan	ATTWILL	0
Andrew	AZZOPARDI	0
Richard	BAILEY	0
Lachlan	BAKER	6
Owen	BARKER	0
Harry	BAZLEY	4
Lachlan	BELLAMY	4
Rohan	BEST	3
Stephen	BOURKE	9
Brett	BOURNE	0
Dyllan	BRYCE	0
Luke	BURTON	5
Joshua	BURTON	4
Andrew	BYRNE	1
Stephen	BYRNE	1
Flynn	CASTON	0
William	CATLIN	8
Christopher	CATLIN	8
Mitchell	CAWLEY	0
Chase	CHAPMAN	0
Harrison	CLEARY	3
Don	COURTS	6
Michael	CRUICKSHANK	0
James	DAVIDSON	7
Brodie	DAVIS	0
Tyler	DEKLEVA	6
Michael	DOODSON	0
Jayden	ELLIA	2
Ricky	EVANS	0
Luke	EVANS	0
Ignatius	Evans	0
Elise	EVANS	0
Jay	FARLOW	0
Tyreese	FERRIER	0
Peter	FILMER	9
Amber	FITZGERALD	1
Chris	FITZGERALD	5
Daniel	FORD	0
Sarah	FORD	0

Keith	FRENCH	1
Jordan	FRIDAY	1
Kenneth	FULLER	2
Katina	GEALE	6
Ethan	GILES	2
Maaz	GODA	4
Jake	GOLDEN	0
Gary	HAINES	9
Phillip	HAINES	4
Mitchell	HALL	2
Rhyss	HARWOOD	5
Lachlan	HAYWOOD	0
Kevin	HOBBS	0
Kane	HOGGARD	0
John	HUMPHRIES	0
Luke	JACKSON	2
Phil	JOHNSON	0
John	JORDAN	0
Neil	JURY	1
William	JURY	2
Jayden	KASTELAN	5
John	KEARNES	9
Dillin	KELLY	0
James	KELLY	8
Lachlann	KING	1
Chris	KOLKMAN	1
Brayden	LEE	8
Anthony	LITTLE	1
Brett	LYNCH	2
Phillip	MARSHALL	0
Jack	MARTIN	4
William	MATHER	1
Lisa	MATHESON	1
Robert	MCDONALD	0
Rickey	MCFARLANE	8
Stuart	MCLEAN	6
Benjamin	MILLER	0
Brendan	MILLER	3
Jeffrey	MIZZI	6
Damien	MIZZI	1
Mitchell	MORSILLO	3
Brodie	MULLETT	0



Luke	MULLIGAN	0
John	NEMATALLA	5
Corey	NICHOLSON	1
Darren	NICHOLSON	1
Reece	NUTTALL	8
Daniel	OLFORD	8
Blake	OTWAY	0
Lyndsay	PACKER	1
Wayne	PAGETT	1
Josh	PELETI	2
Brad	PETERS	0
Jackson	PETERSON	1
Graeme	PRIEST	0
Curtis	ROBINSON	8
Ian	ROBINSON	3
Mitchell	ROBINSON	8
John	ROBINSON	0
Brodie	RUSHBY	2
Joshua	SAVAGE	1
Matthew	SCHILD	3
Nathan	SHARP	4
Matthew	SHARP	6
Corey	SIMPSON	0
Jed	SINCLAIR	0
Daniel	SKYBINSKY	3
Shane	Smith	0
Colin	SMITH	5
Brian	STEELE	6

Blade	STEER	5
Thomas	STINDL	8
Jackson	THELAN	3
Liam	THOMAS	0
Ryan	THOMAS	3
Ray	THOMSON	1
Timothy	THORNTON	3
Shane	TURNBULL	0
Liam	TURNER	0
Cameron	TURNER	8
Russell	TURNER	8
Kaleb	TUXFORD	5
Brian	WAITING	6
Trista	WALKER	0
Dillan	WELLS	7
Kyle	WILDE	4
Todd	WILLIAMS	2
Trae	WILLIAMS	1
Thomas	WILLIAMSON	0
Paul	WILLIAMSON	0
Tristan	WISE	0
Kevin	WOOD	2
Ben	WOODS	2
John	WOODS	1
Casey	WOUTERS	8
Adam	WYLIE	0
Greg	YATES	7
Jenny	YATES	5



# HONOUR ROLL

## HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Steve Carey (dec)  
Frank Walsh (dec)  
Cyril Wigzell (dec)  
Merv Cartwright (dec)  
Mavis Kandelas (dec)

## HONORARY MEMBERS

Rosemary Wilkinson  
Ian McCall

## LIFE MEMBERS

1970	Jack Harris OAM	1986	Graeme King	2002	Tony Butler
1971	Les Brennan	1987	Reg Newsome	2003	Fred Lucas*
1972	Jack Turner	1988	Joe Beacroft*	2004	Jason Robinson
1973	Don Courts	1989	Len Manuel*	2005	Russell Turner
1974	Merv Edwards	1990	Peter Filmer OAM	2006	Brett Lynch
1975	Bob Kandelas*	1991	Gary Haines	2007	Chris Heinemeyer
1976	Barry Kendall*	1992	Peter Browne*	2008	Luke Evans
1977	Keith French	1993	Peter Kerr*	2009	Greg Yates
1978	Trevor Murphy*	1994	Barry Beveridge	2010	Thomas Aylett
1979	Phil Sanders*	1995	Peter Butler	2011	Jim Kelly
1980	Bert Reedy	1996	John Jordan	2012	Casey Wouters
1981	Not Awarded	1997	Ray Steele*	2013	Not Awarded
1982	Not Awarded	1998	Tony Danks/John Mewett	2014	Phil Haines / Rohan Best
1983	Herbert Creighton	1999	Graeme Priest	2015	Rickey McFarlane / John Woods
1984	Not Awarded	2000	John Skinner	2016	Col Smith
1985	Noel Cahill	2001	John Robinson		

\* deceased



### BOB KANDELAS REFEREES' REFEREE

1980	Barry Izzard	1993	Steve McFarlane	2006	Daniel Olford
1981	Len Davies	1994	Steve McFarlane	2007	Daniel Olford
1982	Keith Hogan	1995	Aaron Jones	2008	Lawrence McDonnell
1983	Peter Filmer	1996	Jason Robinson	2009	Mark Bohan
1984	Kevin Russell	1997	Jason Robinson	2010	James Davidson
1985	Michael Quinn	1998	Peter Sciberras	2011	Mark Bohan
1986	Tony Butler	1999	Jennifer Robinson	2012	Rohan Best
1987	Gary Haines	2000	Fred Lucas	2013	Cameron Turner
1988	Tom Peet	2001	Fred Lucas	2014	Cameron Turner / Luke Burton
1989	Tom Peet	2002	Greg Yates	2015	Tom Stindl
1990	Graeme Priest	2003	Jay Farlow	2016	Tom Stindl
1991	Ken Evans	2004	Jay Farlow		
1992	Ray Steele	2005	Grant Atkins		

### JACK HARRIS MERIT AWARD

1972	Bob Kandelas	1987	Peter Butler	2002	Barry Beveridge
1973	Herbet Creighton	1988	John Jordan	2003	Brett Lynch
1974	Trevor Murphy	1989	Peter Browne	2004	Fred Lucas
1975	Arthur North	1990	John Jordan	2005	Colin Smith
1976	Ron Beetson	1991	Gary Haines	2006	Casey Wouters
1977	Barry Beveridge	1992	John Skinner	2007	Daniel Olford
1978	Bert Reedy	1993	John Mewett	2008	Sarah Ford
1979	John Bryant	1994	Peter Browne	2009	Sarah Ford
1980	Reg Newsome	1995	Trevor Sperring	2010	Brett McDonald
1981	Graeme King	1996	Jennifer Yates	2011	James Davidson
1982	Brian Kidd	1997	John Robinson	2012	Cameron Turner
1983	John Skinner	1998	Matthew Pritchard	2013	Phillip Haines
1984	Brett Cowan	1999	Phillip Haines	2014	John Nematalla
1985	Peter Shaw	2000	Peter Browne	2015	Jenny Yates
1986	Reg Newsome	2001	Allan Farlow	2016	Jeff Mizzi



### **MICHAEL GRADY JUNIOR MERIT AWARD**

1976	Steve Tyrell	1990	Jason Robinson	2004	Rohan Best
1977	John Birrell	1991	Greg Banks	2005	Mitchell Lucas
1978	Brad McGarry	1992	Matthew Brennan	2006	Courtney Goldsmith
1979	Dean Parkin	1993	Paul Carter	2007	Alex Organ
1980	Peter Sutherland	1994	Shannon Lewis	2008	Cameron Turner
1981	Paul Quinn	1995	Lisa Natrass	2009	Cameron Turner
1982	Tom Peet	1996	Lisa Natrass	2010	Tom Stindl
1983	Tony Crane	1997	Adam Dengate	2011	Christopher Catlin
1984	Chris Kolkman	1998	Joel Edwards	2012	Blake Shepherd
1985	Brett Wright	1999	Kristy-Lee Heinemeyer	2013	Mitchell Robinson
1986	David Quinn	2000	Jay Farlow	2014	Curtis Robinson
1987	Jason Robinson	2001	Thomas Aylett	2015	Dillan Wells
1988	John MacDonald	2002	Thomas Aylett	2016	Reece Nuttall
1989	Russell Turner	2003	Joel Whilesmith		

### **FRED LUCAS SENIOR MERIT AWARD**

2015	Matt Schild	2016	Dillan Wells
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### **REG NEWSOME TROPHY**

1982	Chris Green	1994	Brett Harding	2006	Matthew Harpley
1983	Paul Blunt	1995	Rebecca Lea	2007	Tim Hannon
1984	David Quinn	1996	James Whitney	2008	Jesse Kingston
1985	Brett Wright	1997	Grant Atkins	2009	Tom Stindl
1986	David Bonham	1998	Rebecca Van de Pol	2010	Amber Fitzgerald
1987	Jason Robinson	1999	John Woods	2011	Josh Humphries
1988	Sarelle Woodward	2000	Robbie Hulston	2012	Katina Geale
1989	Brett Gainsford	2001	Daniel Olford	2013	Jack Seeds
1990	Greg Banks	2002	Brad Filmer	2014	William Catlin
1991	Brendan Egan	2003	Mitchell Peachey	2015	Dillan Wells
1992	Troy Priest	2004	Ricky Heinemeyer	2016	Liam Turner
1993	Rickey McFarlane	2005	Ryan Tucker		



**JOE BEACROFT MEMORIAL TROPHY  
A GRADE DIVISION ONE GRAND FINAL REFEREE**

1989	Gary Haines	1999	Jennifer Robinson	2009	Daniel Olford
1990	Gary Haines	2000	Martin Duncan	2010	James Davidson
1991	Ken Evans	2001	Phillip Haines	2011	James Davidson
1992	Ken Evans	2002	Phillip Haines	2012	Mark Bohan
1993	Brett Lynch	2003	Rickey McFarlane	2013	Mark Bohan
1994	Brett Lynch	2004	Grant Atkins	2014	Mark Bohan
1995	Ray Steele	2005	Grant Atkins	2015	Ryan Thomas
1996	Gary Haines	2006	Jay Farlow	2016	Tom Stindl
1997	Jason Robinson	2007	Daniel Olford		
1998	Jason Robinson	2008	Daniel Olford		

**RAY STEELE MEMORIAL TROPHY  
A GRADE DIVISION TWO GRAND FINAL REFEREE**

1996	Steve McFarlane	2003	Not Awarded	2010	Shane Denning
1997	Malcolm Brown	2004	Brett Windon	2011	Rohan Best
1998	Jennifer Robinson	2005	Tristan K'Nell	2012	Joshua Burton
1999	Chris Heinemeyer	2006	Shannon Lewis	2013	Stephen Bourke
2000	Fred Lucas	2007	Jay Farlow	2014	Luke Burton
2001	Chris Heinemeyer	2008	John Woods	2015	Stephen Bourke
2002	Fred Lucas	2009	Mark Bohan	2016	Phil Haines

**DON COURTS AWARD  
A GRADE DIVISION THREE GRAND FINAL REFEREE**

2005	Greg Yates	2009	Luke Parker	2013	Joshua Vernon
2006	Brett Windon	2010	Col Potts	2014	Thomas Stindl
2007	Rickey Heinemeyer	2011	Michael Signoretti	2015	Shane Smith
2008	Luke Parker	2012	Luke Burton	2016	John Nematalla

**LEN MANUEL AWARD  
ROOKIE OF THE YEAR**

2004	Dave Ryan	2009	Cassandra Bailey	2014	Brayden Lee
2005	Rhyss Harwood	2010	Kieran Stubbs	2015	Lachlan Baker
2006	Scott Filmer	2011	Andrew Byrne	2016	Harry Bazley
2007	Thomas Stindl	2012	Matt Lalor		
2008	Steve McLean	2013	Ben Woods		

**PHIL SANDERS MEMORIAL AWARD**





### HIGHEST SATURDAY GRAND FINAL

2006	Rickey Heinemeyer	2010	Cameron Turner	2014	Mitchell Robinson
2007	Joshua Burton	2011	Joshua Tolley	2015	Curtis Robinson
2008	Ryan Thomas	2012	Christopher Catlin	2016	Dillan Wells
2009	Joshua Vernon	2013	Amber Fitzgerald		

### BARRY BEVERIDGE AWARD

#### HIGHEST MOD-FOOTY GRAND FINAL

2006	Luke Burton	2010	Amber Fitzgerald	2014	William Catlin
2007	Scott Filmer	2011	Scott Callaghan	2015	Brodie Rushby
2008	Jesse Kingston	2012	Andrew Byrne	2016	Jayden Kastelan
2009	Aaron Wallace	2013	Katina Geale		

### PETER BROWNE AWARD

#### HIGHEST MINI-FOOTY GRAND FINAL

2006	Steve Reinicke	2010	Mitchell Shearer	2014	Stephen Byrne
2007	Thomas Stindl	2011	Andrew Byrne	2015	Lachlan Attwill
2008	Steve McLean	2012	Jay Doolan	2016	Harrison Cleary
2009	Nicholas Byrne	2013	Kaylee Banton		

### A GRADE DIVISION ONE GRAND FINAL REFEREES

1967	Don Courts	1984	Peter Filmer	2001	PhilipPhillip Haines
1968	Don Courts	1985	Tony Butler	2002	PhilipPhillip Haines
1969	Don Courts	1986	Michael Bunnage	2003	Rickey McFarlane
1970	Michael Beacroft	1987	Gary Haines	2004	Grant Atkins
1971	Bob Kandelas	1988	Gary Haines	2005	Grant Atkins
1972	Barrie Kendall	1989	Gary Haines	2006	Jay Farlow
1973	Keith French	1990	Gary Haines	2007	Daniel Olford
1974	Keith French	1991	Ken Evans	2008	Daniel Olford
1975	Noel Cahill	1992	Ken Evans	2009	Daniel Olford
1976	Trevor Murphy	1993	Brett Lynch	2010	James Davidson
1977	Barry Izzard	1994	Brett Lynch	2011	James Davidson
1978	Keith Hogan	1995	Ray Steele	2012	Mark Bohan
1979	Barry Izzard	1996	Gary Haines	2013	Mark Bohan
1980	Keith Hogan	1997	Jason Robinson	2014	Mark Bohan
1981	Keith Hogan	1998	Jason Robinson	2015	Ryan Thomas
1982	John Mewett	1999	Jennifer Robinson	2016	Tom Stindl
1983	Michael Bunnage	2000	Martin Duncan		





## Members Graded From PDRLRA (NSWRLRA graded number in brackets)

1. Merv Edwards(593)	14. Michael Bunnage(758)	26. Rickey McFarlane(899)
2. Barry Barnes(614)	15. Tony Butler(759)	27. Melissa Yates(914)
3. Michael Beacroft(623)	16. Tony Danks(786)	28. Grant Atkins(919)
4. Bob Kandelas(dec)(629)	17. Tom Peet(790)	29. David Ryan(933)
5. Barry Kendall(635)	18. Brett Lynch(835)	30. Jay Farlow(935)
6. Noel McAlister(636)	19. Russell Turner(859)	31. John Woods(942)
7. Bert Reedy(658)	20. George Jankowski(862)	32. Daniel Olford(945)
8. Michael Grady(687)	21. Jason Robinson(863)	33. Lawrence McDonnell(947)
9. Steve Tyrell(723)	22. Jennifer Yates(873)	34. Rohan Best(971)
10. Gary Haines(738)	23. Peter Scibberas(874)	35. Mark Bohan(977)
11. Kevin Russell(743)	24. Phil Haines(890)	36. Lyndsay Packer(984)
12. Peter Filmer(744)	25. Greg Yates(896)	37. Tim Hannon(988)
13. Phil Battin(751)		

## 2017 MEETING DATES

All meetings are to commence at 7.30pm unless otherwise advised.

The venue for the 2017 meetings will be the Chairman's Lounge at Pepper Stadium.

General Meeting	13 February 2017
General Meeting	13 March 2017
General Meeting	10 April 2017
General Meeting	8 May 2017
General Meeting	13 June 2017
General Meeting	10 July 2017
General Meeting	14 August 2017
General Meeting	11 September 2017
Annual General Meeting	11 December 2017

# 2017 OFFICE BEARERS

Patrons	
Chairman	<b>Gary Haines</b>
Head of Finance	
Executive Officer	<b>Brian Waiting</b>
Head of Referee Development	
Head of Member Services	
Head of Media and Communications	<b>Rohan Best</b>
Board of Management	
Registrar	
Senior Referees Coordinator	
Junior Referees Coordinator	
Welfare Officer	
Assistant Head of Finance	
Gear Steward	
NSWRLRA Delegates	
Penrith DJRL Delegates	
Referee Development Officers	



<b>Social Committee</b>	
<b>Internal Auditors</b>	
<b>Life Membership Committee</b>	
<b>Judiciary Representative</b>	
<b>Conduct Review Representative</b>	







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