



***51st ANNUAL REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEASON 2017***



***Dedicated to Luke Evans
26 July 1965 – 31 July 2017***

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2017 OFFICE BEARERS

Patrons	Peter Filmer, OAM and Brett Lynch
Chairman	Gary Haines
Executive Officer	Curtis Robinson
Head of Finance	Tom Stindl
Head of Referee Development	Phil Haines
Head of Member Services	Mitchell Robinson
Head of Media & Communications	Rohan Best
Assistant Head of Finance	Dillan Wells
Welfare Officers	John Kearnes
Independent Board Advisor	Ian Robinson
Sunday Appointments Manager	Luke Burton
Saturday Appointments Manager	Luke Burton
Gear Steward	Chris Fitzgerald
NSWRLRA Delegates	Cameron Turner and Stephen Bourke
Penrith DJRL Delegates	Col Smith and Casey Wouters
Referee Development Officers	Layton Bellamy, Stephen Bourke, Chris Catlin, Sarah Ford, John Kearnes, Jim Kelly, John Jordan, Jeff Mizzi, Curtis Robinson, Mitchell Robinson, Col Smith, Tom Stindl, Ryan Thomas, Dillan Wells, Paul Williamson.
Life Membership Committee	Rohan Best, Rickey McFarlane, Casey Wouters
Judiciary Representative	Brett Lynch
Social Committee	Stephen Bourke, Chris Catlin, Chris Fitzgerald, Stuart McLean, Reece Nuttall, Curtis Robinson
Internal Auditors	Peter Filmer and Russell Turner

OUR SPONSORS

Thank you to all our sponsors for their support during the 2017 season.

MAJOR SPONSOR



PATRONS' REPORT

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Another football season has come and gone and again our Association can be justly proud of its achievements both collectively and individually.

The rugby league refereeing family is evolving and changing almost every day. I will leave it up to each member to assess the positive or negative effect of change but I would suggest that our tiny part of the bigger rugby league world is becoming more and more of a challenge.

Refereeing is simply a mirror image of life in general and people are busier than ever. The commitment that is now required at all levels of our game are unprecedented and I congratulate our members for the diligent way you go about fulfilling your obligations. The Penrith Rugby League Refereeing Alumni is vast and belonging to this Association is something of which you should be very proud.

In closing I would like to acknowledge those members and friends of our Association who have passed this life in the last 12 months. Their loss is always felt deeply and I would like to make special mention of Roger Cowan. Roger was a good friend to this Association during what were very turbulent times during the 1980's. His steady hand and stewardship were very necessary during this period.

PETER FILMER, OAM, LIFE MEMBER 1990

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my pleasure to add a few words to the Annual Report for Season 2017.

As the world of Rugby League and refereeing changes, there is one constant that remains the same. It is important to remember that a referee's duty to the Association, and to the game in general, does not cease once the Refereeing Accreditation has been achieved. Further avenues of success are only available if you are prepared to keep up to date with the laws of the game, and maintain or better your physical fitness. You never know when you may be called upon for a higher appointment.

Congratulations to those members who officiated on Junior Representative fixtures and District Semi-Final, Finals and Grand Finals. Congratulations also to new members and those with little experience who found themselves thrust into higher grades and performed so creditably, which should auger well for them in coming Seasons.

In conclusion may we all continue to keep the continued success of the Association our main objective not only for the coming season but for all times.

BRETT LYNCH, LIFE MEMBER 2006

VALE LUKE EVANS

At the end of July, the Association was deeply saddened by the passing of its 37th Life Member, Luke Evans.

Luke first joined the Association as a junior member in 1981 and became a senior member in 1984 through until 1992. After a short time away, Luke returned to the Association in 1998 and served with distinction as one of our most valued contributors for the next 20 years.

In his time with the Association, Luke served as the Treasurer, Sunday Coordinator and was a member of the Board of Management. He also spent time as the Social Secretary, as a Coaching Director and an Internal Auditor. Luke served on a number of committees, which included the Social Committee, the Merit Award Committee, the Appointments Board and the Life Membership Committee.

In 2008, Luke was the recipient of the Association's most prestigious honour when he was awarded Life Membership for his meritorious service and dedication to the Association and its members over such a long period of time.

Luke will rightly be remembered as someone who was always ready to put his hand up and help out in any way he could. He formed many lasting friendships through his involvement with refereeing and was a worthy Ambassador for our Association both on and off the field.

On Friday, 4 August 2017, a large number of past and present members of the Association were in attendance at St Patrick's Church in Blacktown to farewell Luke. That weekend members wore black armbands across all Penrith Junior League fixtures in his honour. A minute's silence was also observed at a number of grounds.

Luke is survived by his wife Joanne and children Ignatius and Elise who are both members of our Association. The Penrith Referees' Association thanks Luke for his service and friendship to so many and the incredible contribution he made to the betterment of rugby league.

May he rest in peace.

The Board of Management also wishes to acknowledge those members and their families who lost a loved one in 2017 or who suffered illness. We are proud of being a refereeing family and will always support our members in difficult times.

CHAIRMAN

Members,

I am pleased to present to you my report for Season 2017, a year of many highlights, personal achievements and sadly the loss of members and family members.

Elsewhere in this report, we pay tribute to, and dedicate this Annual Report to Life Member, Luke Evans who tragically passed away earlier this year. Luke's passing hit the Association hard as we have lost a dedicated member who contributed so much to refereeing over three decades. We were very fortunate to have Luke as part of our Association and he will be greatly missed.

The Association has for many years benefitted from the support of our sponsors. Penrith Homemaker Centre has been our major sponsor for several years; Nepean CrossFit, Channel 9, Thought Design and Baker's Delight Springwood all contribute to support the Association financially and in kind. Without this support, the financial burden would be one where the costs to members would be far greater and result in potential loss of members. On behalf of the members, I thank you all and look forward to continuing our relationship in the years ahead.

On the subject of finance, the Association receives financial assistance in the form of grants from the NRL (Recruit a Ref), NSWRL Referees' Association (Administrative and Coaching and Development) and Panthers (Coaching and Development). These funds allow us to focus on the recruitment, coaching and development of referees, which is our highest priority and has been for a very long time and I acknowledge the ongoing support of these organisations.

Recruitment of referees is a challenge every year for us and most other Associations. There are new hurdles to climb and with the increase in the number of young members who both play and referee, there is even more work to do juggling appointments. Two level 1 courses were held in 2017 and whilst numbers were down slightly on 2016, the quality remains.

I would like to thank Dave O'Neill, Chairman of Panthers, Brian Fletcher, Panthers CEO, Matt Cameron and Jim Jones for their positive and ongoing support of our Association. Their doors are always open if we need their advice and it's great to be included as part of the Panthers family.

I would also like to express my appreciation to Phil Cummings and his team at the Penrith Junior League. There will always be issues to deal with when you manage the biggest Junior League and one of the largest Referees' Associations, but with regular contact and open discussions, we are able to resolve these matters to everyone's satisfaction. The Boards of both organisations will continue to foster and where possible improve our relationship to ensure the best outcomes are achieved for everyone involved in our game.

Congratulations to all Junior League clubs and in particular to St Clair on winning the A Grade Division 1 grand final.

At a District club level, the Panthers made the finals series in all competitions, NRL, Intrust Super Cup and Toyota Cup. While the NRL and Toyota Cup sides fell short, the Intrust Super Cup team was crowned premiers and then National Champions.

Well done and congratulations to Anthony Griffin and his team and we look forward to 2018 with great enthusiasm.

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

Congratulations to Tom Stindl on defending his status as the No. 1 referee following his appointment to the A Grade Division 1 grand final. Tom also received the Joe Beacroft Memorial Trophy and, the Bob Kandelas Referees' Referee Award for the third time. He may have to use some of his earnings to buy a large trophy cabinet! My congratulations to all award winners, grand final referees and most importantly every member that officiated in 2017 – your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Our members were prominent in Junior Representative, Grade and NRL fixtures throughout 2017.

Stephen Bourke became our latest addition to the grade ranks, joining Dan Olford, Mark Bohan, Lyndsay Packer, John Woods and Tim Hannon, whilst Grant Atkins, Rickey McFarlane, Rohan Best, Dave Ryan and Russell Turner featured regularly in NRL matches.

Congratulations to James Davidson on receiving Life Membership, a very worthy recipient.

My thanks to the Board of Management for their support, camaraderie and most importantly their work for the Association and its members. A few highlights include our Strategic Plan, a new logo, maintaining sponsorships and a review of the constitution. We had our youngest and least experienced Board for many years and the contributions from Tom, Mitch and Curtis are a great credit to them and I thank them for their efforts.

The work undertaken by our Independent Board Advisor, Ian Robinson goes unnoticed by any but certainly not by the Board. Ian works tirelessly for the Association with advice, mentoring, organising and contributing to many areas and he is a great asset to the Association.

2018 will bring new challenges, least of all changes to the Board of Management, as some members will not be seeking re-election. This will provide an opportunity for other members to step up and make a positive contribution to the operations of the Association.

It would be remiss if I didn't thank my wife Irene for her ongoing support and understanding.

In closing, 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

It is with great pleasure that I get to present the 51st Annual Report to the members.

I would first likely to thank all of the members within the association for their patience with me as I learned the ropes as the Executive Officer this year.

I would also like to thank Brian Waiting for all his hard work while he was in the role of Executive Officer and for making my transition into the role easier.

2017 saw some fresh faces on the Board of Management with some new ideas and saw a very successful season for the Association. With one of our main goals to get a design of a new logo, which I believe, looks very good and was a major accomplishment. I would like to thank our Chairman, Gary Haines and the Board of Management, Ian Robinson, Tom Stindl, Phil Haines, Rohan Best and Mitchell Robinson for their ongoing support and guidance when I stepped into the role and throughout the season.

Congratulations to all members for their achievements at District, Junior Reps, Grade and NRL levels. Special congratulations to James Davidson on receiving Life Membership and to those members who received awards at the Life Members' Presentation evening.

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 Manager, Referee Development Officers, Social Committee, Casey Wouters and James Davidson who were our representatives at Judiciary and Conduct Review as well as all those who did not hold positions but were still willing to help wherever needed.

Our Association would not be the same without the backing of our sponsors, thank you to all of sponsors in 2017. A big thank you has to go to Daniel Olford and Nepean Crossfit for revamping training that often saw smiles on our members' faces even after some very tough sessions.

I wish all members and their families a safe and happy holiday season, a refreshing off season and I look forward to seeing you all back in 2018 which is shaping to being bigger and better for our Association.

CURTIS ROBINSON
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

HEAD OF FINANCE

Members,

It gives me great pride and pleasure to present my debut Head of Finance report for Season 2017.

This season saw the Association start in a very strong financial position and with our continued support from our sponsors and the grants from the NRL, NSWRL and Panthers, we still find ourselves in such a position. As such I would like to thank our valuable sponsors for their ongoing support; our major sponsor Penrith Homemaker Centre, Nepean CrossFit, Channel Nine, Thought Design and Baker's Delight Springwood.

This year saw the Association smoothly transition to an online accounting system with Xero. This new system has made the role much easier to keep on top of things and shall be quite efficient for future individuals who take on this role. We also need to thank the Junior League for their continued support, in particular, for paying our match fees and then invoicing the clubs individually. This continued support to the Association does not go unnoticed and we are greatly appreciative.

The Board of Management this year consisted of many debutants, mixed in with some experienced campaigners. We should all be very thankful for all the hard work and effort that they all put in. To all of you, I would like to thank you for the support and advice throughout the season. I know I have gained many new skills and experiences that I will take away from this season.

A major role like this is never just the work of anyone alone; there is inevitably individuals behind the scene who make it all possible. To my assistant Head of Finance, Dillan Wells, I would like to thank you for your tireless efforts throughout the season with the collation of match fees for 2017. I know we had our fair share of challenges and it is not the easiest gig but you made my role a lot easier and even a little fun to say the least. Further, Luke Burton provided timely changes for each week which eased the workload and for that we thank you.

To all the members who I see at training, games on the weekend or at meetings, thank you for making what we do such an enjoyable experience. I have had such a great year at Penrith Referees and it is all of us, as a collective, that makes this Association so great to be a part of.

Finally, I would like to wish all the members and their families a very safe and happy festive season, and looking forward to all members raring to go for Season 2018.

TOM STINDL
HEAD OF FINANCE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – 2017

Profit and Loss

Penrith District Rugby League Referees Association Inc. for the year ended 31 October 2017

Trading Income

Bank Interest	149.51
Club Fees	124,340.22
Grants	21,467.73
Membership Levies	160.00
Sponsorship	26,181.82
Total Trading Income	172,299.28

Gross Profit **172,299.28**

Operating Expenses

Accounting Fees	467.70
Audit Fees	4,150.00
Bank Fees	110.00
Co-ordinator Costs	6,434.50
Co-ordinator Costs:Development Squad	492.86
Co-ordinator Costs:Mobile Phone	4,154.61
Co-ordinator Costs:Stationary	155.75
Co-ordinator Costs:Training	7,130.00
Gear	3,569.07
Gear Steward Costs	294.55
Gifts & Donations	3,920.00
Laptop Repairs	50.00
Match Fees	113,858.84
Secretary Costs	2,697.75
Secretary Costs: Annual Report	862.04
Secretary Costs: Postage	178.18
Secretary Costs:Stationary	113.70
Secretary Costs: Trophies	955.26
Social Costs	351.87
Social Costs: External Presentations	230.91
Social Costs: Golden Jubilee	50.78
Social Costs: Ladies Night	13,602.08
Social Costs: Meetings	314.36
Social Costs: Season Launch	2,300.00
Social Costs:Training	232.85
Total Operating Expenses	166,677.66

Net Profit **5,621.62**

HEAD OF REFEREE DEVELOPMENT

Members,

Season 2017 started late in the Coaching and Development Unit and starting behind the eight ball in any role within the Association is notoriously fraught with obstacles, eventually over time these were dealt with to the best of our ability in such a short time.

It was a tough gig appointing our active members to multiple games per day and per weekend which our members handled with aplomb despite the odd double up and late birthday party.

Training again as usual started with great numbers and then dropped off during the cooler months. Thanks to those regular members who attended and to Dan Olford for the fitness components. Everyone surely benefitted from these sessions and the last few skills sessions were indeed fun to be involved in.

Due partly to necessity and some development opportunity Luke and I had over eight referees debut into Sunday footy this year in Round 1 - unheard of really but we were so impressed with the enthusiasm and lust for games these referees showed. Some standout performers from this next batch and when the Stindl's, Thomas' and Turner's of the ranks move onto greener pastures the likes of the Rushby's, Lee's and Robinson's of the Association will hold us in good stead.

Congratulations must go also to the "older brigade" including Rob McDonald - simply phenomenal performances week in week out, Jeff Mizzi doing game after game and fighting for grand finals when the whips were cracking, Richard Bailey on his A Grade Division 3 grand final appointment and lastly, Shane Smith - so reliable every week and let us know in advance of when footy fitted in your life – to all of you guys, your service to the Association this year hasn't gone unnoticed.

To Burto - my good mate and partner in crime, with the hours of phone calls and conversations about rugby league and all the issues we dealt with was actually a pleasure to do it with you. Missing my time with the family is well spent doing the gig with you.

For all the people who were upset during the year in regards to appointments or being dropped or not developed I'm sure 2018 will be the same. Most years will be. My 22 years in refereeing has taught me plenty and in regards to appointments, my advice to you is "who cares"? Its only one person's opinion of you. You only need to be concerned when 13 mirrors say the same thing.

Congratulations to all the officials on your grand final appointment. Thanks to my wife and family, after retiring to give another eight months to the game that has taken so much, I'll be home a bit more now.

PHIL HAINES

HEAD OF REFEREE DEVELOPMENT

HEAD OF MEMBER SERVICES

I am pleased to present the Head of Member Services report for 2017.

To the Social Committee and the Board, thank you for your assistance this year. I would also like to thank Gary Haines and Ian Robinson for their guidance and mentorship as I learned the ropes and got settled into the position.

The year started with the season launch in the Chairman's Lounge at Pepper Stadium which had a fantastic turnout by members and the great attendance continued at the training BBQ's that were held throughout the year.

This year we had John Kearnes in the role of Welfare Officer. Thank you for your tireless efforts in working with members throughout the year.

The 2017 Life Members and Presentation Night was back at Panthers after our 50th Anniversary celebrations last year. 2017 saw James Davidson receive Life Membership of the Association an honour well deserved by James for his many years of hard work and contribution to the Association. I would also like to congratulate all members who received awards on the night.

Being my first year in the role I underestimated how much work was involved in the planning of such a night. I would like to thank the Board for their assistance and support in the planning of the night. I would also like to make a special mention and thank you to Luke Burton for your enormous amount of effort you put into assisting me not only on the day but also in the weeks leading up to it.

A special thank you to our sponsors as without their support the Association would not be able to provide for our members as we are so privileged to be able to do.

2018 will see the members receive new gear in line with the Association's policy of replacing our clothing every two years. Without saying too much, we will only have the one colour jersey next season as we no longer have to provide a yellow jersey for first year referees.

Finally, congratulations to all members on another successful season. Enjoy the off-season and I look forward to seeing you in 2018.

MITCHELL ROBINSON
HEAD OF MEMBER SERVICES

"The most important game of rugby league you will ever referee is the one you are just about to start. All the things you might do in the future haven't happened yet, and all the things you have done in the past don't mean a thing to the 26 players who just took the field". Len Manuel

HEAD OF MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

It is with great pleasure that I am able to deliver this report as the Head of Media and Communications for the 2017 season. This was the second year of the two-year term for which I was elected to the position and I was again proud to be able to make a positive contribution to the Board of Management and the Association.

Following on from our 50 year celebrations, as we moved forward to the next chapter in our Association's history, it was important to me that we continued to build on our brand and gain widespread exposure in the local Western Sydney community, as well as the greater rugby league community. Finding new ways to engage with the public and share information with our members is one of the ever-evolving challenges of this role and something I have enjoyed.

From an administrative perspective, I felt privileged to be a part of the 2017 Board of Management and believe that as a collective, led by our Chairman Gary Haines, we were able to steady the ship and have a relatively calm, yet successful season. The contribution of our Independent Advisor Ian Robinson was also invaluable and requires a great level of recognition and admiration.

For the second time in two years we required a new logo moving into the season. Our 50 Year Anniversary Logo had served us well in 2016 but a new chapter called for a fresh and vibrant logo we could be proud of for years to come. With the assistance from our great sponsor Thought Design, I was introduced to Paul Yarrow from Yarrow Design who would ultimately complete the project. Paul was incredibly patient and flexible with our many queries and requests and the logo he produced was nothing short of sensational.

One of the main issues I sought to address over the past twelve months was the extensive review of our Constitution. At the conclusion of the 2016 season this was something that I clearly outlined as an objective for the following year. My time on the Board of Management, and in other positions within the Association, has allowed me to gain experience in the day-to-day running of the Association, and therefore see what works and where improvements can be made. Our constitution is vital to preserving the values and history of our Association, but also needs to be adaptable and able to mature with the changing times.

With the approval of the Board, I formed a sub-committee to assist in the review of the existing constitution and to recommend and collaborate on any necessary amendments. In addition to myself, the sub-committee comprised Life Members Peter Filmer, Brett Lynch and Russell Turner, along with current active members Tom Stindl and Ryan Thomas. This allowed for us to tap into a great wealth of knowledge and experience across a broad section of Association members.

The task proved a challenging and time-consuming one and included a complete re-write of the Association's Social Media policy. Given the way social media has now become such a huge part of everyday life, the expansion of this policy is a pivotal part of the constitution moving forward. At our Board meeting at the beginning of October, I presented a draft of the new Constitution that included changes to Office Bearers, Life Membership, Disciplinary and Appeal Procedures and the aforementioned Social Media Policy. This document is something I am very proud of and look forward to presenting to the members for endorsement prior to the upcoming Annual General Meeting. I thank all of the contributors from the sub-committee and the Board for their patience and assistance.

Social media continued to be a huge part of my role this year. I would often be pulling out the phone to respond to inquiries or post updates for members via our various platforms. Early in the year we were required to transform our whole Facebook presence into a business like 'page' to effectively replace our existing account. This took some time and some discussion around how information would be shared but ultimately we ended up with a professional and informative Facebook page where we could advertise courses or engage with the public. In addition to this we also had a private members-only 'group' where we could share more relevant information around training, meetings, etc. Our public Facebook page finished the season with 238 'likes' whilst our members-only group has 125 members. We also had 400 followers on Twitter (up from 379 this time last year) and 140 followers on Instagram (up from 97 in 2016).

The behaviour and attitude of members towards social media in 2017 showed significant improvement from years past, with only a handful of members needing to be spoken to about their online activities. I hope the new Social Media policy will continue to aid in the education of members with regards to what they should and should not post online and provide clearer guidelines around how breaches will be handled.

Our website www.penrithreferees.com.au again continues to gather unique hits on a daily basis through social media referrals, Google searches and direct visits. I continued as the administrator of the website and took pleasure in writing a number of positive stories around the remarkable achievements of our members and sharing them with our followers. Recognition of the many achievements of our members from junior footy to the NRL is something we should always take great pride in. People are all too quick to jump on us when they think we aren't doing a good job, but few 'on the outside' will take the time to acknowledge the hard work and dedication that goes into forging a career as a match official. We must continue to produce these positive stories and acknowledge the great work of our members both on and off the field.

Finally, as we move forward into the 2018 season it is with some sadness that I plan to take a step back from the Board of Management and hand over the reigns to some new blood. I have thoroughly enjoyed this role over the past two years, and the role of the Media Officer prior to that, but with a new baby at home and an on field career that I am still working to pursue, I think now is the time to allow some fresh eyes to bring a new perspective to the Head of Media and Communications role. As a Life Member of this Association you can be assured that I will never be far and have every intention of staying closely involved and continuing to give back to an Association that has given me so much. I hope the next person who takes over this role can continue to give it the time and passion it deserves.

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 the Board of Management and to Omar and his amazing team at Thought Design. A very special thanks goes to my wife Chloe and our baby boy Noah, for their patience and understanding. 2017 has been a crazy year for us, Chloe never ceases to amaze me with her constant love and unwavering support in everything I do. For that I am truly grateful.

ROHAN BEST

HEAD OF MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

MEMBERS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the following members on their achievements in 2017:

- ✚ Tom Stindl on his appointment to his second A Grade Division 1 grand final and winning the Bob Kandelas Referees' Referee Award for the third time.
- ✚ Brodie Rushby on his appointment to the Under 15 Division 1 grand final and receiving the Fred Lucas Memorial Trophy as the Most Improved Senior Referee.
- ✚ Rob McDonald and Richard Bailey on their appointments to the A grade Division 2 and Division 3 grand finals respectively – two guys who love their refereeing and thoroughly deserve their reward.
- ✚ To our NRL and graded members who continue to represent the Association with pride and distinction.
- ✚ Dillan Wells on his appointment to the inaugural Tarsha Gale Cup grand final.
- ✚ Brayden Lee and Mitch Robinson being invited to trial for the Junior Representative squad in 2018.
- ✚ Brodie Rushby and Jayden Kastelan being selected in the Emerging Talent Referees squad.
- ✚ Luke Burton as a worthy winner of the Jack Harris Merit Award.
- ✚ Finally, to Russell Turner who retired from the NRL after officiating in 429 matches as our most decorated member. He is so humble, an ornament to refereeing and a proud family man. Well done Russ and thank you!



JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Once again we reach the end of another long and exciting season in the Penrith district, particularly for our Junior Representative referees whose season began way back in November of last year. This year saw many changes compared to previous years as we welcomed Gavin Badger, Allan Shortall and Paul Holland to the coaching staff as well as Peter Burke who is now the head trainer of both the Junior Reps and Grade squads.

As always, pre-season was tough work in the searing heat with the squad participating in everything from field sessions, to beach sessions, to indoor sessions as well as a four hour slog with the Sand Hill Warrior and his mate Rock Solid pre-Christmas (ask the guys about that day).

There was also plenty of trial games pre-Christmas meaning that many referees were backing up from refereeing on the Saturday for a training session on the Sunday so it was safe to say that the Christmas break was a welcome relief. After Christmas saw a greater focus on skill specific training with the Junior Rep guys having to implement the vocab used by the NRL referees. This was overall quite challenging but from all reports the Penrith guys adapted to these changes seamlessly and overall did a wonderful job.

The Penrith guys also got to experience refereeing ladies Rugby League through the Tarsha Gale and week to week competitions which was a little different but again all reports were quite positive as well as some new competitions including the Tertiary and Challenge Cups which allowed the guys to experience a range of different styles of Rugby League and further enhance their refereeing skills.

Overall the season proved to be very successful for the Association with some fantastic individual achievements that I would like to make note of. Tom Stindl made his NYC (under 20s) debut on the touchline, his Sydney Shield debut as a referee and was also selected in the NRL High Performance Academy. Dillan Wells made his debut in the squad this year and capped off a fantastic season by refereeing the Tarsha Gale Grand Final. Cameron Turner capped off a fantastic season by being appointed to referee a Harold Matthews Quarter Final, the Tertiary Cup grand final, made his debut as a touch judge in the NYC competition, his debut as a referee in the Sydney Shield competition and was also selected in the NRL High Performance Academy.

Rhyss Harwood also made his debut in the squad this season and was a touch judge in both Harold Matthews and SG Ball competitions and refereed a Sydney Shield trial match. Stephen Bourke made his debut as a referee in the SG Ball competition and was a touch judge in an SG Ball semi-final, made his debut as a touch judge in the NYC competition and was also selected in the NRL High Performance Academy. He then topped it off by being graded to the NSW Graded Squad number 1006. I also was a touch judge in a Harold Matthews Quarter Final.

So overall a fantastic season from the Penrith Junior Rep referees who have once again done our Association proud with their fantastic achievements and are thoroughly deserving of these achievements given how hard they all work so congratulations to all. Now all that's left is to rest up and be nice and fresh and ready to go come November for another long season in the greatest game of all.

RYAN THOMAS

NRL REPORT

The 2017 NRL season started for the Referees' Squad with a team camp in central-western NSW. The 3-day camp was based in Forbes and included a full day physical challenge around the property belonging to the family of former NRL player (and now NRL Referee Welfare Officer) Bryan Norrie. The day included a never-ending run along country roads, carrying salt bags, rolling hay bales, swimming in waterholes, catching sheep in pens and wrestling sheep in the shearing house. The camp drew on the skills of former AFL legend Nick Maxwell to bond the group closer we certainly learned that, despite being so close for 43 weeks a year in the office and out on the field, we still didn't know each other really well on a personal level.

The 2017 competition ran over 31 weeks – 26 regular competition rounds, 1 representative round and 4 weeks of finals. By the time the Grand Final came around, there had been the usual media and community focus on the refereeing ranks, which was often unfair.

On Grand Final Day, the Melbourne Storm were victorious over the North Queensland Cowboys. Matt Cecchin and Gerard Sutton were appointed to both referee their third Grand Final with Nick Beashel and Chris Butler assisting on their first Grand Final line.

During the year a number of debutants appeared on the field. Referee Ziggy Przeklasa-Adamski (Parramatta) became the 239th first grade referee of all time. Michael Gordon (QRL) became the 348th first grade Touch Judge since WWII, being followed later in the year by Chris McMillan (NZ), Jarrod Cole (QRL) and Chris Treneman (Illawarra).



The pre-season started strongly with Penrith Referees making up 3 of the 4 officials in the 2017 NRL Indigenous vs All-Stars match (Referee Atkins and Touch Judges McFarlane and Best).

Penrith Referees Association can take credit for supplying 6 members of the NRL squad in 2017:

Grant Atkins continued to build his reputation as one of the leading referees in the squad. He started the year officiating the Auckland 9's Grand Final. He refereed in 26 matches this year, all but one in the "head referee" position. At the end of the season Grant travelled to Papua New Guinea to referee the Prime Ministers XIII women's match and being selected as one of the 2017 World Cup referees. In Round 20 Grant joined the "100 Club" as an NRL Referee – becoming one of only a handful that have dual membership in the 100 club for both referees and touch judges. At season's end, he has 107 NRL referee and 101 NRL touch judge appointments to his name.

Rickey McFarlane saw some rewards for his ongoing service to the squad. During the year he ran 23 NRL matches and was appointed to officiate in the mid-season Pacific Test match between England and Samoa. Rickey will start 2018 as the second most experienced touch judge in the squad, with 224 games under his belt.

Dave Ryan cemented his position as one of the long-term first grade touch judges. Returning to 2017 much fitter and stronger than last season, he is now on the verge of some well-deserved success. He became a member of the "100 Club" in Round 8 as a touch judge. During the season he ran 25 touch lines in the top grade, bringing his career total to 118 at the end of 2017.

Rohan Best continued to climb the ladder in the NRL touch judge ranks. His hard work was rewarded with appointment to the City vs Country match in Mudgee. During the season he ran 18 NRL matches. Towards the end of the season he was only available for off-field appointments, which saw him in a match day coaching and evaluating role – performing a crucial role helping the Under 20 referees squad in the lead up to the finals series, including the Grand Final in that grade. Rohan has now notched up 47 NRL matches.

Russell Turner became the first NRL official to perform his on-field duties in a hat after a skin cancer scare in the off-season. He was used by the Referee Department this year in an on-field mentoring role, being partnered with new touch judges when they made their debut. Before Round 26 he announced his retirement from on-field NRL duties after 17 seasons in the top grade, including NRL Grand Finals in 2007, 2012 and 2013. After 429 NRL games, 10 Internationals, 13 State of Origins, 3 City versus Country, a World Cup and a World Club Challenge, the time had come to step aside and possibly transition into an off-field coaching and mentoring role.



Rickey McFarlane was appointed to run the other line in Russell Turner's last game.

Jason Robinson continued his role off the field. Working as a Review Official, Jason worked in the bunker for a handful of matches and performed the valuable role as a “game coder”, entering the data into the computer system that is used in the review process used by all members of the squad.

During the year the squad celebrated 300 game referee milestones for Gavin Badger and Ben Cummins and presented “200 Club” membership to referees Gerard Sutton and Alan Shortall as well as Video Referee Ben Galea.

The squad made a conscious effort to contribute back to grass roots refereeing by attending official combined district training sessions, facilitating district referee coaching clinics, participating in the “Back to the Juniors” weekend and attending major tournaments such as the NSWRL All-Schools carnival. They contributed to many community events including special round for “Beanies for brain cancer”, “Women in League” and organ donation awareness. During the year a number of joint training sessions were held with members from other state squads.



At the annual presentation night, Matt Cecchin was awarded the Col Pearce Medal, Nick Beashel – Touch Judge of the year, Henry Perenara – Club Man, Adam Gee – Most improved and Jarrod Cole - Rookie.

A number of members announced their retirements at season’s end, including Chris James (Wests) and touch judges Jason Walsh (Manly), Adam Reid (Wests), Anthony Elliott (NZ) and Shane Rehm (NZ).

RUSSELL TURNER
RETIRED NRL OFFICIAL

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The Life Membership Committee (Rohan Best, Rickey McFarlane, Casey Wouters) has reviewed the list of members eligible for Life Membership of the Penrith District Rugby League Referees' Association in the 2018 season.

The Committee initially shortlisted a number of members for consideration and discussions were held around those members. As part of this process, a full and methodical review of relevant Annual Reports was carried out to ensure the accuracy of the member's records of service and meeting attendance. This included attributing the appropriate number of Life Membership points to each member in accordance with their respective record of service.

Following all discussions and considerations the Life Membership Committee has endorsed **two (2)** members to be nominated for Life Membership in 2018. They are (in alphabetical order) as follows:

Grant Atkins – 185 points

Grant has been a member of the Association since 1997 and in that time has been a significant contributor both on and off the field. He has dedicated significant amounts of time to the numerous positions he has held over that twenty-year period whilst also becoming one of our most successful first grade officials. His record of service illustrates his meritorious service to the Association and this, coupled with his vast number of accomplishments as a proud representative of Penrith Referees, makes him an exceptional candidate to be bestowed the honour of Life Membership.

Grant has served the Association in the following positions: Vice President (2012), Coaching & Development Manager (2013), BOM (2011), Social Secretary (2011), Merit Award Committee (2009, 12), Social Committee (2005, 09, 12-13), and Trainer (2006). In addition to this, he has also received the following awards: Reg Newsome Most Improved Junior Award (1997), Joe Beacroft Award (2004-05), and Bob Kandelas Award (2005).

On the field, Grant presided over two A Grade Division One Grand Finals in 2004 and 2005 and countless other junior and senior fixtures over many years. He became NSWRLRA Graded Member number 919 in 2007 and reached the National Rugby League (NRL) as member number 103 in the year 2009. He is one of only three NRL officials to officiate in 100 first grade games as both a referee and as a touch judge respectively. He has also officiated as a touch judge in State of Origin and the 2013 Rugby League World Cup, and has been selected as a referee for the 2017 Rugby League World Cup.

Grant has previously demonstrated his passion for developing and mentoring junior referees and assisting them in their aspirations to reach the next level. As a current member of the NRL match official's squad, he proudly and professionally represents the Penrith Association every time he steps out on to the field.

In his twenty years of continued membership, Grant has a total meeting attendance of 36%. When considering this it is worth also noting that Grant was absent from many meetings due to 'League Business' however, as these records are not accurately maintained it is difficult to determine how this would reflect on his overall attendance record.

Daniel Olford – 215 Points

Daniel joined Penrith Referees in 1999 and over the past eighteen years he has become a recognised leader within our Association. His work ethic and commitment to the physical development of members has been a tremendous asset over a long period of time and has allowed him to continue to be heavily involved at a grassroots level, whilst still pursuing his own on field goals in refereeing. Daniel's record of service clearly reflects his meritorious service to the Association. He has been an exemplary and loyal member over a long period and has had many significant on field achievements. He is also an exceptional candidate to be bestowed the honour of Life Membership.

Daniel has served the Association in the following positions: BOM (2008), Advisory Panel (2009), Merit Award Committee (20011-12), Delegate to NSWRLRA (2007, 11-12), Proxy Delegate to NSWRLRA (2005, 10), Delegate to PDJRL (2008), Social Committee (2010), Trainer (2006-08, 10-11). In addition to this, he has also received the following awards: Reg Newsome Most Improved Junior Award (2001), Joe Beacroft Award (2007-09), and Bob Kandelas Award (2006-07).

Daniel has also been a significant contributor to the Association's Development Squad and has been a driving force behind this squad over many years. In more recent times, he has sponsored and supported the Association and provided training facilities and coaching through his business Nepean CrossFit.

On the field, Daniel presided over three A Grade Division One Grand Finals in 2007, 2008 and 2009 and he officiated in countless other junior and senior fixtures over many years. He was the referee for the 2009 SG Ball Cup Grand Final and prior to the commencement of season 2010 he became NSWRLRA Graded Member number 945. Since that time he has been become a senior member of the NSWRLRA Graded Squad and has officiated in many Intrust Super Premiership, Ron Massey Cup, Sydney Shield and Holden Cup matches. In 2015 Daniel was the referee for the Ron Massey Cup Grand Final and the U16 State of Origin match.

In his eighteen years of continued membership, Daniel has a total meeting attendance of 58%. Again, when considering this it should be noted that Daniel was absent from many meetings due to 'League Business' however, as these records are not accurately maintained it is difficult to determine how this would reflect on his overall attendance record.

The Life Membership Committee respectfully submits these two members for consideration and approval by the members.

ROHAN BEST, RICKEY MCFARLANE, CASEY WOUTERS
LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

THE BUNKER

The Command Centre (the official name for the bunker!) is only one part of the shared NRL Office Area. The bunker shares the space with the NRL Referees Department's second office and other NRL units such as judiciary reviewers, technical support, analysis, social media and marketing.

Inside the bunker itself there are more than 40 screens of various sizes. These are split into four "pods" with each pod able to receive high-definition feeds from the match venues. Each pod has a set of controls that manage the high definition feeds from every camera at the ground. Each control panel uses touch-screen technology – with the ability to multi-screen, zoom and frame-by-frame any camera angle required.

The decision-making "pod":

On the TV footage of the bunker, viewers see a team of three people in a "pod" within the bunker. The Senior Reviewer sits at the back overseeing the decision-making process. They are ultimately responsible for the final decision and can be heard on the TV talking through the decision process. They also operate the primary control panel for replays.

At the front are two people assisting the Senior Reviewer. One is a former first grade referee or player who assists in the decision-making process, and the other is a system technician who operates the second set of controls for the team.



Image courtesy of nrl.com

The "other side"

The opposite side to the decision-making pod is a buzz of activity each game day. On this side (just out of camera view) sits a referee's match reviewer and a "game coder". Sometimes members of the Officiating Department and other approved observers sit here to watch the match.

The reviewer watches the game and checks decisions using their control panel on the screens within their own pod. The game coder then inputs the review notes onto a computer and creates the relevant replay clips from the appropriate camera angles. Within half an hour of the match finishing, the coder uploads the notes and footage to an app that instantly feeds to mobile devices that the referee and touch judge carry to the game.

Did you know?

- The NRL bunker is located in Sydney Technology Park, just south of Redfern Railway Station.
- The bunker isn't underground. It is actually 2 levels above ground!
- The bunker building also houses production sets for many Australian TV shows.
- 6 security "swipes" are needed to get from the street into the room itself!
- The team begins reviewing each decision, even prior to the request coming in. For example:
 - All kicks are paused "on the boot" to check on-side and off-side. This is often done before the ball is caught.
 - Each try near the corner post is paused on the grounding ready for checking. One single touch-screen button instantly brings up all three angles to enable a fast decision.
- All regular NRL grounds are set up to enable feeding high definition footage back to Redfern.
- In case of games being played at remote venues, such as Darwin, Bathurst or the South Island of New Zealand, there are two mobile bunkers built into cargo vans that are driven to the ground and set up in the outer concourse area.
- A Referee Match Day Coach attends each match, doubling as a backup Video Referee in case the system fails.

RUSSELL TURNER

LOOKING BACK

A quick look back at the key achievements and appointments in 1987, 1997 and 2007.

1987 – 30 YEARS AGO

- ✚ Reg Newsome awarded Life Membership.
- ✚ Peter Filmer makes his 1st Grade debut.
- ✚ Gary Haines officiates in his first A Grade Division 1 grand final.
- ✚ Joe Beacroft, affectionately known as “Big Joe”, retires from active refereeing. Saturday football would never be the same.
- ✚ Penrith win the Reserve Grade premiership in a sign of better things to come.
- ✚ Our total income was \$93,429.84.
- ✚ Members refereed in excess of 3,500 matches.

1997 – 20 YEARS AGO

- ✚ A year of instability for rugby league and refereeing with the advent of Super League.
- ✚ The Association secures a sleeve sponsor – Galaxy TV – for the first time.
- ✚ Ray Steele posthumously awarded Life Membership after losing a battle with cancer. Ray’s wife Yvonne accepts the award on an emotional occasion.
- ✚ Jason Robinson referees the A Grade Division 1 grand final.
- ✚ Grant Atkins receives the Reg Newsome Most Improved Junior Referee Award. A quote from the Annual Report, “Congratulations Grant, you have a bright future in front of you” – *Nostradamus!*
- ✚ Russell Turner appointed as a touch judge to the Harold Matthews grand final in an obvious view to the future.

2007 – 10 YEARS AGO

- ✚ Founding member, Len Manuel passes away after battling illness. A dedication written by Don Courts truly reflects Len’s contribution to our Association.
- ✚ Phil Haines appointed to the NRL fulltime squad.
- ✚ Daniel Olford scoops the pool – A Grade Division 1 grand final, Bob Kandelas Referees’ Referee Award and Jack Harris Merit Award.
- ✚ Chris Heinemeyer receives Life Membership.
- ✚ Our total income passes \$160,000.
- ✚ Grand final referees include Ryan Thomas, Stephen Bourke, Luke Burton, Joshua Burton, Mark Bohan, Daniel Olford, Dave Ryan, Tim Hannon, Lawrence McDonell, Jay Farlow, John Woods and Tom Stindl. Where are they now?
- ✚ Russell Turner officiates in his 150th NRL game; the NRL grand final!

SATURDAY GRAND FINAL APPOINTMENTS

Age	Division	Referee	Touch Judge	Touch Judge
9	4	Lisa Matheson	Flynn Caston	Frank Cunningham
9	3	Joshua O'Neill	Lisa Matheson	Frank Cunningham
9	2	Flynn Caston	Lisa Matheson	Frank Cunningham
9	1	Mitchell Hearne	Joshua O'Neill	Nick Freund
10	6	Ryan McDonald	James Fitzgerald	Bailey Stivila-Silis
10	5	James Fitzgerald	Ryan McDonald	Bailey Stivila-Silis
10	4	Matt Campbell	James Fitzgerald	Bailey Stivila-Silis
10	3	Corey Nicholson	Matt Campbell	Kyle Wilde
10	2	Kyle Wilde	Matt Campbell	Corey Nicholson
10	1	Nick Freund	Joshua O'Neill	Mitchell Hearne
11	5	Chris Kolkman	Stuart McLean	Adam Lucantonio
11	4	Stuart Mclean	Chris Kolkman	Adam Lucantonio
11	3	Kane Hoggard	Chris Kolkman	Stuart McLean
11	2	Will Flint	Kyle Hufton	Kane Hoggard
11	1	Kyle Hufton	Kane Hoggard	Will Flint
12	5	Liam Turner	Jai Lane	Blade Steer
12	4	Blade Steer	Jai Lane	Liam Turner
12	3	Mitchell Lothian	Michael Doodson	Blade Steer
12	2	Jai Lane	Michael Doodson	Mitchell Lothian
12	1B	Tyler Dekleva	Reece Sammut	Mitchell Hearne
12	1A	Reece Sammut	Tyler Dekleva	Mitchell Hearne
13	4	Lachlan Baker	Ethan Giles	Harrison Cleary
13	3	Ethan Giles	Lachlan Baker	Harrison Cleary
13	2	Trae Williams	Andrew Azzopardi	Jayden Ellia
13	1	Lachlan Atwill	Chase Chapman	Brian Steele
14	4	Layton Bellamy	Matt Sharp	Harry Bazley
14	3	Matt Sharp	Layton Bellamy	Nick Wray
14	2	Stephen Byrne	Phil Marshall	Harry Bazley
14	1	Damien Mizzi	Reece Nuttall	Maaz Goda
15	4	Phil Marshall	Stephen Byrne	Nick Wray
15	3	Chris Fitzgerald	Jayden Kastelan	Stephen Byrne
15	2	Jayden Kastelan	Chris Fitzgerald	Phil Marshall
15	1	Brodie Rushby	Reece Nuttal	Damien Mizzi
13-14 Girls	1	Kevin Hobbs	Reece Sammut	Tyler Dekleva
15-16 Girls	2	Andrew Azzopardi	Trae Williams	Jayden Ellia
15-16 Girls	1	Wayne Pagett	Georgia Edwards	Katie Edwards
17-18 Girls	1	Brian Steele	Chase Chapman	Lachlan Atwill

SUNDAY GRAND FINAL APPOINTMENTS

Age	Division	Referee	Touch Judges	In-Goal Touch Judges
16	2	Paul Williamson	Jake Golden	Kyle Hufton
			Maaz Goda	Harry Bazley
16	1	Brayden Lee	Reece Sammut	Georgia Edwards
			Phil Marshall	Mitchell Hearne
17	2	Kevin Wood	Jake Golden	Katie Edwards
			Rob Thomson	Georgia Edwards
17	1	Dillan Wells	Lachlan Baker	Katie Edwards
			Lachlan Atwill	Will Flint
19	2	Shane Smith	Matt Sharp	Mitchell Lothian
			Brian Steele	Ryan McDonald
19	1	Cameron Turner	Curtis Robinson	Ethan Giles
			Matt Sharp	Lachlan Baker
AR	1	Ryan Thomas	Mitchell Robinson	Kevin Wood
			Paul Clifford	Tyler Dekleva
A	3	Richard Bailey	Layton Bellamy	Matt Campbell
			Brad Peters	Stuart Mclean
A	2	Rob McDonald	Ignatius Evans	Daniel Skybinsky
			Joshua Savage	Kevin Wood
A	1	Tom Stindl	Brodie Rushby	Rob McDonald
			Amber Fitzgerald	Reece Nuttall

"The only friends you have as a referee are your fellow referees. Always remember that".

Gary Haines

2017 AWARDS



**Joe Beacroft Memorial Trophy – A Grade
Division 1 Grand Final – Tom Stindl**



**Ray Steele Memorial Trophy – A Grade Division 2
Grand Final – Rob McDonald**



**Don Courts Trophy – A Grade Division 3
Grand Final – Richard Bailey**



Fred Lucas Award – Most Improved Senior Final – Brodie Rushby



Phil Sanders Award Under 15 Division 1 Grand Referee – Brodie Rushby



Michael Grady Junior Merit Award – Mitchell Hearne



Reg Newsome Trophy most Improved Junior Referee – Tyler Dekleva



Peter Browne Trophy Mini Referee of the Year – Katie Edwards



Len Manuel Rookie of the Year – Georgia Edwards



**Barry Beveridge Award Mod Referee of the Year
Reece Sammut**



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



Jack Harris Merit Award – Luke Burton



2017 Life Member – James Davidson (2nd from left)

MEETING ATTENDANCE

The Association held 7 meetings during 2017. Members' attendance appears below.

Lucy AIGEA	0	Gary HAINES	6	Curtis ROBINSON	7
Tim ARTHUR	0	Phillip HAINES	3	Ian ROBINSON	7
Grant ATKINS	4	Mitchell HALL	0	John ROBINSON	0
Lachlan ATTWILL	3	Timothy HANNON	0	Mitchell ROBINSON	7
Andrew AZZOPARDI	0	Rhyss HARWOOD	1	Peter ROSS	2
Richard BAILEY	2	Mitchell HEARNE	3	Brodie RUSHBY	5
Lachlan BAKER	6	Kevin HOBBS	0	Reece SAMMUTT	3
Harry BAZLEY	3	Kane HOGGARD	0	Joshua SAVAGE	2
Layton BELLAMY	3	Kyle HUFTON	1	Matthew SHARP	0
Rohan BEST	4	Luke JACKSON	0	Corey SIMPSON	0
Mark BOHAN	0	George JANKOWSKI	4	Daniel SKYBINSKY	3
Stephen BOURKE	2	John JORDAN	1	Jason SKYBINSKY	1
Brett BOURNE	0	Jayden KASTELAN	2	Colin SMITH	4
Luke BURTON	3	John KEARNES	5	Shane SMITH	1
Stephen BYRNE	0	James KELLY	4	Brock SPERINCK	1
Flynn CASTON	0	Lachlann KING	0	Brian STEELE	5
Chris CATLIN	7	Chris KOLKMAN	2	Blade STEER	1
William CATLIN	5	Jai LANE	2	Tom STINDL	5
Mitchell CAWLEY	0	Brayden LEE	1	Bailey STIVALA-SILLIS	1
Chase CHAPMAN	1	Mitchell LOTHIAN	2	Aaron STUBBINGS	0
Harrison CLEARY	3	Adam LUCANTONIO	2	Jackson THELAN	1
Don COURTS	1	Phillip MARSHALL	1	Ryan THOMAS	1
Frank CUNNINGHAM	3	William MATHER	0	Ray THOMSON	1
Tony DANKS	0	Lisa MATHESON	1	Timothy THORNTON	2
James DAVIDSON	3	Robert MCDONALD	2	Shane TURNBULL	0
Tyler DEKLEVA	5	Ryan MCDONALD	0	Cameron TURNER	6
Michael DOODOSN	0	Rickey MCFARLANE	4	Liam TURNER	1
Georgia EDWARDS	1	Steven MCLEAN	0	Russell TURNER	1
Katie EDWARDS	1	Stuart MCLEAN	5	Brian WAITING	1
Jayden ELLIA	1	Brendan MILLER	1	Dillan WELLS	6
Elise EVANS	0	Damien MIZZI	2	Kyle WILDE	0
Ignatius EVANS	1	Jeffrey MIZZI	4	Todd WILLIAMS	1
Jay FARLOW	0	Mitchell MORSILLO	2	Trae WILLIAMS	0
Peter FILMER	1	Silas MOSE	1	Paul WILLIAMSON	2
Amber FITZGERALD	1	Corey NICHOLSON	1	Thomas WILLIAMSON	0
Chris FITZGERALD	3	Darren NICHOLSON	1	Kevin WOOD	2
James FITZGERALD	0	Reece NUTTALL	3	Ben WOODS	0
Daniel FORD	1	Daniel OLFORD	2	John WOODS	1
Sarah FORD	1	Josh O'NEILL	1	Casey WOUTERS	4
Nicholas FRUEND	2	Lyndsay PACKER	0	Nathan WRAY	0
Katina GEALE	4	Wayne PAGETT	1	Greg YATES	1
Ethan GILES	1	Brad PETERS	1	Jenny YATES	0
Maaz GODA	3	Daniel RAYWARD	0		
Jake GOLDEN	1	Jaidyn RICHARDS	1		

HONOUR ROLL

Honorary Life Members

Merv Cartwright (dec)

Steve Carey (dec)

Frank Walsh (dec)

Cyril Wigzell (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	2017	James Davidson

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	2017	Tom Stindl
1992	Ray Steele	2005	Grant Atkins		

Jack Harris Merit Award

1972	Bob Kandelas	1989	Peter Browne	2006	Casey Wouters
1973	Herbert Creighton	1990	John Jordan	2007	Daniel Olford
1974	Trevor Murphy	1991	Gary Haines	2008	Sarah Ford
1975	Arthur North	1992	John Skinner	2009	Sarah Ford
1976	Ron Beetson	1993	John Mewett	2010	Brett McDonald
1977	Barry Beveridge	1994	Peter Browne	2011	James Davidson
1978	Bert Reedy	1995	Trevor Sperring	2012	Cameron Turner
1979	John Bryant	1996	Jennifer Yates	2013	Phillip Haines
1980	Reg Newsome	1997	John Robinson	2014	John Nematalla
1981	Graeme King	1998	Matthew Pritchard	2015	Jenny Yates
1982	Brian Kidd	1999	Phillip Haines	2016	Jeff Mizzi
1983	John Skinner	2000	Peter Browne	2017	Luke Burton
1984	Brett Cowan	2001	Allan Farlow		
1985	Peter Shaw	2002	Barry Beveridge		
1986	Reg Newsome	2003	Brett Lynch		
1987	Peter Butler	2004	Fred Lucas		
1988	John Jordan	2005	Colin Smith		

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	2017	Mitchell Hearne

Fed Lucas Senior Merit Award

2015	Matt Schild	2016	Dillan Wells	2017	Brodie Rushby
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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	2017	Tyler Dekleva

**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	Philip Haines	2011	James Davidson
1992	Ken Evans	2002	Philip 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	2017	Tom Stindl
1998	Jason Robinson	2008	Daniel Olford		

**Ray Steele Memorial Trophy
A Grade Division Two Grand Final Referee**

1996	Steve McFarlane	2004	Brett Windon	2012	Joshua Burton
1997	Malcolm Brown	2005	Tristan K'Neil	2013	Stephen Bourke
1998	Jennifer Robinson	2006	Shannon Lewis	2014	Luke Burton
1999	Chris Heinemeyer	2007	Jay Farlow	2015	Stephen Bourke
2000	Fred Lucas	2008	John Woods	2016	Phil Haines
2001	Chris Heinemeyer	2009	Mark Bohan	2017	Rob McDonald
2002	Fred Lucas	2010	Shane Denning		
2003	Not Awarded	2011	Rohan Best		

**Don Courts Award
A Grade Division Three Grand Final Referee**

2005	Greg Yates	2010	Col Potts	2015	Shane Smith
2006	Brett Windon	2011	Michael Signoretti	2016	John Nematalla
2007	Rickey Heinemeyer	2012	Luke Burton	2017	Richard Bailey
2008	Luke Parker	2013	Joshua Vernon		
2009	Luke Parker	2014	Tom Stindl		

**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	2017	Georgia Edwards
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	2017	Brodie Rushby

**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	2017	Reece Sammut

**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 Atwill
2008	Steve McLean	2012	Jay Doolan	2016	Harrison Cleary
2009	Nicholas Byrne	2013	Kaylee Banton	2017	Katie Edwards

A Grade Division One Grand Final Referees

1967	Don Courts	1986	Michael Bunnage	2005	Grant Atkins
1968	Don Courts	1987	Gary Haines	2006	Jay Farlow
1969	Don Courts	1988	Gary Haines	2007	Daniel Olford
1970	Michael Beacroft	1989	Gary Haines	2008	Daniel Olford
1971	Bob Kandelas	1990	Gary Haines	2009	Daniel Olford
1972	Barry Kendall	1991	Ken Evans	2010	James Davidson
1973	Keith French	1992	Ken Evans	2011	James Davidson
1974	Keith French	1993	Brett Lynch	2012	Mark Bohan
1975	Noel Cahill	1994	Brett Lynch	2013	Mark Bohan
1976	Trevor Murphy	1995	Ray Steele	2014	Mark Bohan
1977	Barry Izzard	1996	Gary Haines	2015	Ryan Thomas
1978	Keith Hogan	1997	Jason Robinson	2016	Tom Stindl
1979	Barry Izzard	1998	Jason Robinson	2017	Tom Stindl
1980	Keith Hogan	1999	Jennifer Robinson		
1981	Keith Hogan	2000	Martin Duncan		
1982	John Mewett	2001	Phillip Haines		
1983	Michael Bunnage	2002	Phillip Haines		
1984	Peter Filmer	2003	Rickey McFarlane		
1985	Tony Butler	2004	Grant Atkins		

2018 MEETING DATES

All meetings commence at 7.30pm unless otherwise advised by the Executive Officer. The venue for the 2018 meetings will be the Chairman's Lounge at Panthers Stadium.

General Meeting	12 February
General Meeting	16 April
General Meeting	11 June
General Meeting	13 August
Annual General Meeting	26 November

Active referees' meetings will be held monthly alternate to the general meetings in March, May and July. Specific dates, times and venue will be advised to all members. The Head of Referee Development may add additional dates during the season.



2017 Life Members Presentation Evening

2018 OFFICE BEARERS

Patrons	
Chairman	
Deputy Chairman	
Executive Officer	
Head of Finance	
Head of Referee Development	
Head of Member Services	
Head of Media & Communications	
Assistant Head of Finance	
Sunday Appointments Manager	
Saturday Appointments Manager	
Welfare Officers	
Gear Steward	
NSWRLRA Delegates	
Penrith DJRL Delegates	
Referee Development Officers	

Social Committee	
Internal Auditors	
Merit Award Committee	
Life Membership Committee	
Judiciary Representative	
Conduct Review Representative	

2018 SEASON LAUNCH

SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2018

CHAIRMAN'S LOUNGE, PANTHERS STADIUM

10.00AM – 2.00PM

LUNCH AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

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