



Penrith District Rugby League

Referees' Association Inc.

31st Annual Report and Financial Statement



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SLEEVE SPONSOR

1997 Annual Report



The aftermath - The players in the Senior -v- Junior Game. Final Score 16-16

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1997 Office Bearers

PATRONS:	Len Manuel, Ian McCall, Les Matthews
PRESIDENT:	Gary Haines
SECRETARY:	Jason Robinson
TREASURER:	Jennifer Yates
VICE PRESIDENT:	Don Courts
ASSISTANT SECRETARY:	Peter Browne
NSWRL DELEGATE:	George Jankowski
NSWRL PROXY DELEGATE:	John Skinner
PENRITH DJRL DELEGATE:	Peter Butler
PDJRL PROXY DELEGATE:	John Kearns
SOCIAL SECRETARY:	Greg Yates
SOCIAL COMMITTEE:	Barry Beveridge, Ricky McFarlane, Fred Lucas
GEAR STEWARD:	John Robinson
REFEREE'S CO-ORDINATOR:	John Mewett
APPOINTMENTS BOARD:	Peter Browne, Peter Butler
ADVISORY PANEL:	John Robinson, Jason Robinson, Barry Beveridge, John Jordan, Gary Haines, Steve McFarlane
COACHING DIRECTORS:	John Jordan, Jim Kelly
INTERNAL AUDITORS:	John Robinson, Aaron Jones
LIFE MEMBER:	Ray Steele
MERIT AWARD COMMITTEE:	T. Sperring, L. Manuel, P. Butler

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Patron's Report



The commencement of the Thirty-first year of the Association saw the District Junior League following the Australian Rugby League, with the Penrith Panthers following Super League.

Unfortunately, the decision by the members in February to appoint referee's to the Super League Under 17's and Under 19's competitions was followed by drastic action by some members. It is hoped that the present discussions between the two powers will eventuate in one competition in 1998.

The decision to allow appointment of referees to the Super League junior competitions put a big load on all referees. We had rules for "Mini", "Mod", "Safeplay", "International" (ARL) and "Super League". This required a real effort to concentrate on rulings of the respective games. I feel that training came to the fore. "Physically fit is mentally fit" is an old adage but true. To date I have yet to see lectures or classes for those appointed to Super League.

Following the National Referees Accreditation Scheme (NRAS) requiring the different status of referees, our constitution had to be amended. This caused the Junior Branch, after 31 years, to be eliminated. As one who formed the Junior Branch with my three sons in Executive positions over the years, the demise was a sad event. I only hope that the new system will bridge the gap in companionship and meeting procedures as evident in the Junior Branch.

To our Executive, my congratulations on their efforts in a very difficult year, with two new Executive members and the district following two competitions.

With the dropping of the Presidents Cup by the ARL, opportunities for our referees in the representative competition was limited. Those who officiated in the various competitions were proud ambassadors for our Association.

To all active referees, my congratulations on their various appointments, both during the competition and the finals. Of course some referees enjoyed the finals so much that they had a repeat.

Unfortunately we still have a lot of referees leaving our ranks. Somehow our coaching classes seem to keep our numbers up. The strength of the Association is an achievement in loyalty.

The Senior - Junior football match was enjoyable in the manner it was played. A fun match. To those referees who achieved awards at Presentation Night, my congratulations.

May the season 1998 bring stability in our game and one of success to both active and non-active referees. Fitness and consistency should be the goal for all.

L. O. Manuel JP
PATRON.



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President's Report



The 1997 Season has been another exciting and challenging time for the Association.

We are very fortunate to have a major sponsor of the calibre of **TIP TOP BAKERIES**. This was the second year of our three year sponsorship and we look forward to extending the agreement beyond 1998. To Colin Davies and his team, we say thank you.

For the first time, the Association also secured a sleeve sponsorship with **GALAXY TV**. We thank both Nigel Houghton and Cath Ekhold for their support and hopefully can extend this agreement also.



Tip Top General Manager, and major sponsor, Col Davies receives a plaque of recognition from Association President, Gary Haines.

The Association and its members are to be congratulated for their efforts during the season, both on and off the field. To the active referees my sincere compliments for your commitment, effort and contribution to a very successful year. We officiated in matches from Blacktown to Dubbo, Windsor to Adelaide and anywhere else members were asked to go - a great effort.

A few members deserve special mention, particularly those who refereed Saturdays, Sundays, week days, trials, school games and the list goes on and on. Sometimes you don't get the recognition you richly deserve!

Remember a few of these names - Ricky McFarlane, Phillip Haines, Matthew Pritchard, Stewart Cook, Brett Harding, Shannon Lewis, Greg Yates and Joel Edwards. Their average age is 18 years and they all displayed skills and talent which will hold us in good stead for many years.

Jason Robinson refereed his inaugural A Grade Division One grand final, whilst Malcolm Brown won appointment to the A Grade Division Two finale. Is this a changing of the guard? I offer my congratulations to all members who officiated in the 1997 finals series.

Don Feltis and the Board of the Penrith Junior Rugby League are to be congratulated for their work this year. The finals' series for Saturday and Sunday football was truly outstanding - record crowds, great football and of course, great refereeing. To Don and his team, my personal thanks for their continued support of the Association.

Ray Steele was posthumously awarded Life Membership at our Annual Ladies Night. Rays wife Yvonne accepted this award on a very moving occasion.

Presentation Day was again combined with the annual Seniors versus Juniors match which ensured a good attendance by members. To all award winners, well done; your efforts only makes your colleagues strive a little harder!

The Junior Branch conducted their meetings for the final time this year. Changes to the constitution resulted in the merger of the Junior Branch with the senior body. The Junior Branch has been a terrific training ground for some of our best referees and whilst they might not be holding meetings, the youngsters can certainly hold their heads high as they are an integral and important part of the Association.

Congratulations to all junior members and I look forward to seeing you all again in 1998.

1998 will see the implementation of several changes to the administration of the Association following amendments to the constitution. For example, the Discipline Committee, Life Members Committee, and membership status are just a few of the changes that will occur. On the field, members will wear a striking new jersey designed in-house and eliminating the need to carry different coloured jerseys as part of our uniform.

The Executive, as always, encourages members to submit new ideas to improve **your** Association. We have already considered and continue to review the recruitment and retention of referees, the format of coaching classes and timings of meetings. Your thoughts are most welcome.

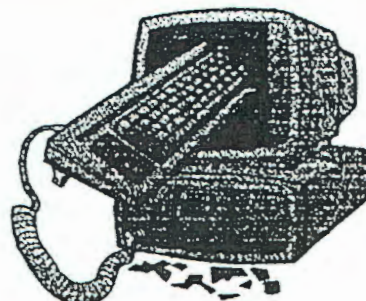
In closing I offer my sincere thanks to all members who held office in 1997, including my Executive colleagues, who supported one another and worked hard for the Association.

To all members and their families best wishes for the festive season and for prosperous 1998.

Gary Haines
PRESIDENT

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Secretary's Report



It is my privilege to present to the members, for consideration and adoption, the 31st Annual Report of the Penrith District Rugby League Referees' Association Inc. I trust that it is to your satisfaction.

The 1997 season was a season of challenge and change for the Association. The members stood up to the challenges and many received the rewards, not only in the way of appointments, but with personal satisfaction and achievements. Each and every member should be congratulated for the way that you faced the changes and confronted the challenges. By doing so you all helped to strengthen the image of *your* Association, in the eyes of the clubs, the Junior League, District Club and even other Associations.

The administration of the Association was a personal challenge and a team challenge for the members of the Executive. On behalf of the Executive I would like to thank the members of the Association for their input and understanding. Personally I would like to thank the other Executive members Gary Haines, Don Courts, Peter Browne and Jenny Yates for their patience and encouragement in my first year as an Executive member.

John Mewett and the Appointments Board, Peter Browne and Peter Butler, must be congratulated for the way they undertook their somewhat thankless tasks this season. Focussing on the development of the active members, and issuing their own challenges, they ensured that the standard of refereeing in the district improved immensely. We could probably learn a lot about dedication and commitment from this team who receive few personal rewards for helping us achieve our goals and dreams. To the Appointments Board, Advisory Panel and Development Panel, from the active members - Thank you.

More changes were brought about with the recommendations from the Constitution Committee. These changes could be considered a little radical or extreme, but were necessary for the Association to keep up with the changing of the game and the times and to allow us to move forward, and help improve the professionalism of the Association. To Don Courts and his committee, congratulations for your open minded approach to the challenge that was put to you, and to the members congratulations for the way that you received the recommendations.

The Social Committee had another change with a new Social Secretary and a few new members. Then a some time later (yes another change and new challenge) Greg Yates was elected Social Secretary. To Greg and his committee (especially his hard working family) thank you for your efforts in providing the convivals at training and after meetings. Ladies Night was a huge success and you must be congratulated for this effort in particular.

Ray Steele was posthumously awarded Life Membership this season. Ray was a thoroughly deserving recipient, respected by the members, as well as being a good mate. I think Yvonne pretty much summed it up when she received the blazer on behalf of Ray.

Congratulations to all the members who received awards at the presentation night. It was always a pleasure to turn up to a ground after Grant Atkins had refereed. The comments from supporters and club officials were encouraging and Grant was a deserving winner of the Most Improved Junior Award. Adam Dengate displayed all the qualities of being a worthy recipient of the Junior Merit Award. As Junior President he was a great ambassador for the Junior Branch and as an active referee he worked hard to improve himself and the image of the Association. John Robinson, as Gear Steward and member of the Advisory Panel, was thoroughly deserving of the Merit Award. His input into the design of our new jersey, supplying of gear to the members (despite a geographical hurdle) and his efforts to improve the quality of refereeing in the district is something he should be proud of - I am. Congratulations guys.

The Association would not run the way it does without the support of our sponsors. Tip Top Bakeries, as our major sponsor were joined for the first time by Galaxy, our sleeve sponsor. To Col Davies and his team at TipTop, and Kath Ekhold and Nigel Houghton and their team at Galaxy, we thank you for your support. Through your sponsorship we were able to provide our members with essential "tools of trade" to make our job a little easier. I encourage all members to support our sponsors as they have supported us.

We also have been strongly supported by the Junior League and in particular Don Feltis. We now enjoy a great relationship with the Junior League and this greatly assists the running of the Association both with administration and active refereeing. To Don, Wendy Beale and Yvonne Purtell, thank you and we look forward mutual support next season and in years to come.

I would personally like to thank everybody who made my job as Secretary much easier. To the Executive, Gary, Don, Jenny and Peter, thanks for your patience and guidance throughout the year. To all the members, your support and tolerance was very encouraging. Also to Les Matthews, thanks for your advice that was always available whenever I needed it.

A very special thank you to all the partners and parents of our referees. You are our greatest supporters and the people behind the scenes. We could have the best sponsors, the best referees and the best gear, but without your understanding and support, it would amount to nothing. Once again, **THANK YOU!**

Finally, to Jenny, thanks for once agin keeping me on the "straight and narrow" both with my Secretary duties and active refereeing. To have a friend, confidante, student, teacher and mentor all rolled into one person, I am a lucky guy and it makes my job so much easier.

I wish you all a Merry and Safe Christmas and a successful 1998 in all your ventures.

Jason Robinson
SECRETARY

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Treasurer's Report



Well another season has ended, and what a great season it was! Trials, tribulations and testing moments for us all, particularly the finals series.

Anyone who believes that the Treasurers job is easy is greatly mistaken. My own naivety led me to believe that it was simple - WRONG!

I would like to thank all the people who assisted me throughout the year - The Executive, Jason, my family (for allowing my mess to be spread around the lounge room), and Aaron Jones for his tolerance and assistance.

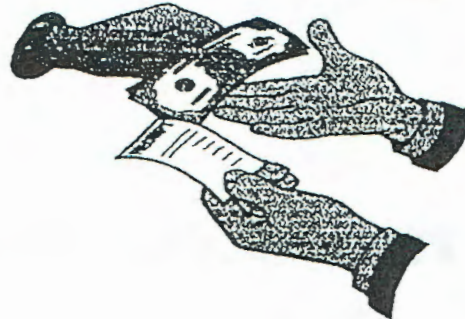
Thanking all the members for their tolerance and understanding, and thankyou to all the people who helped me with my refereeing. I hope nobody was disappointed.

Hope to see you all again next season. Have a great summer break.

Jennifer Yates
TREASURER

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Auditor's Report



AUDIT REPORT

TO

the members of PENRITH DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION
INCORPORATED

SCOPE

I have audited the attached special purpose financial report of the Penrith District Rugby League Referees Association Incorporated for the year ended 31st October, 1997, comprising Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Statement. The Committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information contained therein, and have determined that the basis of accounting used is appropriate to the needs of the members. I have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members. No opinion is expressed as to whether the basis of accounting used is appropriate to the needs of the members.

The special purpose financial report has been prepared for distribution to the members of the Association for the purpose of fulfilling the Committee's accountability requirements. I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates, to any person other than the members, or of any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My procedures included examination of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act.

The audit opinion in this report has been formed on the above basis.

QUALIFICATION

I have been unable to confirm the existence of debts due from Members as shown on last year's and this year's Balance Sheet.

QUALIFIED AUDIT REPORT

In my opinion, subject to the existence of the limitation as described in the qualification paragraph, the financial report of the Penrith District Rugby League Referees Association Incorporated presents fairly the Assets and Liabilities as at 31st October 1997, and the Income and Expenditure of the Association for the year then ended.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Denis Merrick'.

DENIS MERRICK, FCPA
PENRITH, 18th November, 1997

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 1997

1996	INCOME	
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103,409	Trial & Match Fees	115,018.00
6,000	Sponsorship	10,000.00
1,600	Grants	1,274.80
1,102	Bank Interest	707.58
110	Non - Active Membership Fees	110.00
1,670	Social	295.00
742	Interest on Investment	658.75
982	Sundry Income	414.00
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115,615		128,478.13
	LESS EXPENDITURE	

81,455	Match Fees	91,105.40
13,632	Gear	16,227.80
12,432	Social	11,594.34
2,299	Trophies & Gifts	-
1,396	Telephone	1,314.81
651	Postage & Stationery	923.40
200	Printing	585.38
308	Insurance	200.70
372	Rule Books & Kits	900.00
711	Bank Charges	421.98
400	Audit Fee	450.00
267	Advertising	620.00
-	Wreath	57.00
129	Mobile Phone	-
3,680	Funeral Expenses & Headstone	-
20	Affiliation Fee	-
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117,952		124,400.81
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(2,337)	SURPLUS FOR YEAR	\$ 4,077.32
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PENRITH DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUES REFEREES ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 OCTOBER 1997

1996	ACCUMULATED FUNDS	
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47,947	Balance as at 1st November 1996	45,610.05
(2,337)	Plus Surplus for year	4,077.32
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45,610		49,687.37
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	Represented by:-	
	Assets	

25,024	Colonial State Bank (A/C 721396-81)	30,071.41
10,375	Colonial State Bank (Term Deposit)	10,714.06
3,619	Sundry Debtors	1,959.00
5,596	Other Debtor	5,195.85
367	Colonial State Bank TFN	319.15
629	Members	628.90
-	Equipment - Printer	319.00
-	- Barbeque	480.00
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45,610		\$ 49,687.37
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Social Secretary's Report

R.S.V.P.

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It gave me great pleasure to be the social secretary for the past season.

I would first like to thank my social committee, who consisted of Fred, Ricky and Barry. Thanks for your support and well done for the season.

Thanks also to the junior branch and their parents for becoming more involved in the functions that were held in the past season.

Thanks also to the following people who were not on the social committee but helped me no end. Those people being Peter Butler, Jenny Yates and Jason Robinson.

The ladies night was once again a highlight of the season, put together from the ideas from previous ladies nights. We were able to come up with a night that enabled people to sit and watch a show and get up and dance the rest of the night. I express my appreciation for the praise that the social committee received from those who attended, who all had a good night.

We, as an Association had many conviviais, so I would like to thank the members for their support of these throughout the season.

I was proud to work with a really good committee, it might have been small in numbers, but there were always plenty of ideas floating around that were for the benefit of the members.

Best Wishes to all members and their families for the festive season

Greg Yates
SOCIAL SECRETARY



Fred Lucas barges over for a try (?) for the Seniors despite some fierce Juniors defence by Greg Yates and Phillip Haines.

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Coaching Directors' Report



The 1997 season was initially a frustrating one for the coaching directors.

The success rate that had been enjoyed in previous years was not maintained due primarily to the fact that rule books could not readily be obtained.

However as this obstacle was overcome, the success rate began to increase.

During the season, 18 candidates obtained their Preliminary tickets. A further four candidates obtained their Level One tickets. One additional candidate completed a rules revision course.

Although the number of successful candidates was not as high as in previous years, we feel that the result was a good one having regard for the general quality of candidates who obtained their tickets.

As a significant number of new members were juniors, the results this year should benefit the Association for years to come.

We wish to thank:

1. The principal of St Dominics College for making the classrooms available on Thursday Evenings to enable the coaching classes to be held.
2. All those persons who assisted us in the conduct of the classes during the season.

John Jordan
Jim Kelly
COACHING DIRECTORS

Jack Harris Merit Award

The Jack Harris Merit Award is our Associations most prestigious award. This year it proved just as difficult to arrive at one recipient as there were several members whose efforts during the year identified them as worthy candidates.



Jack Harris Merit Award Winner - John Robinson.

Some factors used to determine this years winner were:

- A willingness to stand for positions of office and fulfil these positions beyond their obligations. Always willing to assist when/where required.
- A participant in events both on and off the field with all members best interests being the ultimate result. Never putting their personal goals before the chance to improve the qualities of their fellow referees display.
- A sense of humour, no matter how frustrating the situation, when dealing with others both as a pupil and a teacher. Always treating fellow members and others with dignity, fairness and respect.
- Being dependable and dedicated in their duties as a referee. Showing their knowledge of the rules and the effects on others.

This years winner, John Robinson, has displayed all these qualities and more. He has met all challenges front on showing a competence in all duties undertaken. As a member of the Advisory Panel he has nourished the development of his fellow referees. In his position as Gear Steward he has assisted in the designing of the associations new uniform.

Congratulations John. You are a worthy recipient of this award for 1997 and, as always, an example to all your fellow members.

Len Manuel
Peter Butler
Trevor Sperring
MERIT AWARD COMMITTEE

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Sponsors

Penrith District Rugby League Referees' Association Inc acknowledges and greatly appreciates the support of Tip Top Bakeries, our major sponsor, and our sleeve Sponsor Galaxy.



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Honour Roll

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Steve Carey (dec)
Frank Walsh (dec)
Cyril Wigzell (dec)

HONORARY MEMBERS

Rosemary Wilkinson
Ian McCall
Mavis Kandelas

LIFE MEMBERS

Jack Harris OAM	Merv Edwards	Trevor Murphy	Joe Beacroft	Don Courts
Keith French	Herb Creighton	Les Brennan	Barry Kendall	Herb Reedy
Reg Newsome	Jack Turner	Phillip Sanders	Graeme King	Peter Filmer
Bob Kandelas	Noel Cahill	Len Manuel	Gary Haines	Peter Browne
Peter Kerr	Barry Beveridge	Peter Butler	John Jordan	Ray Steele

BOB KANDELAS REFEREE OF THE YEAR

1980	Barry Izzard	1988	Tom Peet	1996	Jason Robinson
1981	Len Davies	1989	Tom Peet	1997	Jason Robinson
1982	Keith Hogan	1990	Graeme Priest		
1983	Peter Filmer	1991	Ken Evans		
1984	Kevin Russell	1992	Ray Steele		
1985	Michael Quinn	1993	Steve McFarlane		
1986	Tony Butler	1994	Steve McFarlane		
1987	Gary Haines	1995	Aaron Jones		

JACK HARRIS MERIT AWARD

1972	Bob Kandelas	1981	Graeme King	1990	John Jordan
1973	Herb Creighton	1982	Brian Kidd	1991	Gary Haines
1974	Trevor Murphy	1983	John Skinner	1992	John Skinner
1975	Arthur North	1984	Brett Cowan	1993	John Mewett
1976	Ron Beetson	1985	Peter Shaw	1994	Peter Browne
1977	Barry Beveridge	1986	Reg Newsome	1995	Trevor Sperring
1978	Herb Reedy	1987	Peter Butler	1996	Jennifer Yates
1979	John Bryant	1988	John Jordan	1997	John Robinson
1980	Reg Newsome	1989	Peter Browne		

JOE BEACROFT MEMORIAL TROPHY

1989	Gary Haines	1992	Ken Evans	1995	Ray Steele
1990	Gary Haines	1993	Brett Lynch	1996	Gary Haines
1991	Ken Evans	1994	Brett Lynch	1997	Jason Robinson

RAY STEELE MEMORIAL TROPHY

1996	Steve McFarlane	1997	Malcolm Browne
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A GRADE GRAND FINAL REFEREES

1967	D. Courts	1975	N. Cahill	1983	M. Bunnage	1991	K. Evans
1968	D. Courts	1976	T. Murphy	1984	P. Filmer	1992	K. Evans
1969	D. Courts	1977	B. Izzard	1985	A. Butler	1993	B. Lynch
1970	M. Beacroft	1978	K. Hogan	1986	M. Bunnage	1994	B. Lynch
1971	B. Kandelas	1979	B. Izzard	1987	G. Haines	1995	R. Steele
1972	B. Kendall	1980	K. Hogan	1988	G. Haines	1996	G. Haines
1973	K. French	1981	K. Hogan	1989	G. Haines	1997	J. Robinson
1974	K. French	1982	J. Mewett	1990	G. Haines		

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Looking Back

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS SINCE 1967

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER
1967	J. Harris	M. Edwards	L. Brennan
1968	J. Harris	M. Edwards	L. Brennan
1969	J. Harris	M. Edwards	L. Brennan
1970	E. Mitchell	M. Edwards	L. Brennan
1971	J. Harris	M. Edwards	L. Brennan
1972	J. Harris	J. Turner	L. Brennan
1973	J. Harris	J. Turner	L. Brennan
1974	D. Courts	J. Turner	H. Creighton
1975	D. Courts	B. Kendall	H. Creighton
1976	D. Courts	B. Kendall	H. Creighton
1977	B. Kandelas	B. Kendall	H. Creighton
1978	J. Harris	H. Reedy	H. Creighton
1979	K. French	H. Reedy	H. Creighton
1980	K. French	H. Reedy	H. Creighton
1981	H. Reedy	J. Turner	H. Creighton
1982	H. Reedy	S. Tyrell	H. Creighton
1983	J. Harris	P. Filmer	S. Tyrell
1984	J. Harris	P. Filmer	S. Tyrell
1985	N. Cahill	G. Haines	P. Filmer
1986	D. Courts	G. Haines	P. Filmer
1987	D. Courts	M. Lynch	P. Filmer
1988	D. Courts	G. Haines	P. Filmer
1989	D. Courts	G. Haines	P. Filmer
1990	A. Danks	G. Haines	M. Lynch
1991	A. Danks	G. Haines	M. Kerr
1992	A. Danks	G. Haines	M. Kerr
1993	A. Danks	G. Haines	G. Haines
1994	A. Danks	A. Butler/C. Williams	S. McFarlane
1995	G. Haines	S. McFarlane	A. Jones
1996	G. Haines	S. McFarlane	A. Jones
1997	G. Haines	Jason Robinson	J. Yates

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Co-Ordinator's Report



The problem with this report is deciding where to begin. It has been a year of change with the introduction of Super League and our Association agreeing to referee in both camps, being ARL and Super League.

As an Association, I believe we have become more professional in our approach and outlook on and off the field and we have shown we are capable of keeping pace with the changes that are thrust upon us and to the game. Many more changes will come and I know we have the capacity to meet any challenge with our Association, particularly with the support of the District Club and the Junior League.

This year was about developing you, the referee, to compliment the game in its new structure, whether it be ARL or Super League. This meant devising a way to compliment the speed of the game. We achieved that by working on our reading of the game and the importance of effective penalties. The idea was to keep it simple by focusing on a consistent ten metres with the blind side open, keeping the markers square and using the old voice box.

This season saw a consolidation of the above with quality refereeing from Under 6 to 'A' Grade with uniformity in our approach to the game without sacrificing our own individuality.

No matter what grade you refereed or reached, your performance was and will always be significant. However, you cannot referee in the past, referee always in the present whilst preparing for the future. Past, present and future do come together to some extent when you set yourself a goal in football. The past provides the background on which to build, the present is a continuation of the intense dedication required to maintain and to gradually improve your standard and the future is the ever changing aspiration to succeed. As soon as one goal is achieved, another takes its place.

Super League gave some of our referees a chance to referee games that they thought were years away by being in control of Penrith's Under 19 and Under 17 competitions and some Reserve Grade (trials) fixtures. If you refereed these fixtures you will agree it was a new and exciting experience and we all learnt a lot, including me. We got it right with Gary Haines refereeing early in the season whilst I feed off him to prepare the others for their appointments. Some of our (no, all) performances were totally awesome with feedback from people in high places to back this up, including the coaches.

The Junior League introduced a new innovative idea of playing a combined Second and First Division 'A' Grade sides against the might of the grade players. Malcolm Brown and Gary Haines had the centres and one of the highlights was the incredible performance on the touches by two of our Senior Legends being Steve McFarlane and John Robinson. *Speed shall not weary them.* All these referees stepped out in our new trial jersey and it was very impressive. With a few adjustments we should look terrific in '98.

Our boys in the ARL squad had a good season and did their grade prospects no harm with Russell Turner going on to touch judge on the Harold Matthews Grand Final. We will again supply a new breed of referee to the ARL Train On Squad, being Malcolm Brown, Ricky McFarlane, Matthew Pritchard, Shannon Lewis, Greg Yates, Stewart Cook and Peter Scibberas. An intensive skills and development program will be held over the summer months.

The accreditation scheme got under way this season headed by Peter Kerr and the Coaching Directors. Coupled with our development panel they set about evaluating and assessing our newer referees. This saw many hours of commitment put in by these members. Many new and junior referees have now been put on the road to success.

This was evident by the number of younger referees officiating in semi-finals, finals and grand finals. Their performance did the Association proud and I look forward to their continued development as they move on to bigger and better appointments. Congratulations to Matthew Pritchard on his Under 15 Division One Grand Final, well done.

With an increase in Junior League teams this season, our ranks were once again stretched to the limit, particularly in International football which placed a greater burden on referees than I would have liked. As the Junior League continues to grow, this will remain a problem and the area of recruitment must be addressed very strongly. On the brighter side our numbers in mini/mod are quite good and hopefully these referees will progress to ease the problem we are facing at the moment.

Training sessions started out with a bang and ended up in a fizzle until semis came around but the appointments had already begun. Thanks to Aaron Jones and George Jankowski for their help. The appointments board and your Executive understand the personal sacrifices referees endure in their dedication to Rugby League and time away from your families. Refereeing at the level at which you wish to compete in the future must take priority. Everything you do must fit in with your training and development programs. Your working and personal life will become interrelated with your refereeing, but the rewards are there if you are willing to work for them.

Other highlights during the year were the exchange programs which took place with Illawarra (ARL) by Jason Robinson, Greg Yates and Chris Heinemeyer, and Adelaide (Super League) by Gary Haines. Congratulations on a job well done and we look forward to the continuation of these exchanges in the future.

A special mention to Joel Edwards for his performance in the Under 13 Penrith versus Wagga Wagga fixture at Penrith Stadium and also to Matthew Pritchard for his handling of the Penrith Under 18's versus Super League Under 19's.

It took Gary Haines two goes to get it right for his match at Dubbo, once to get it right and the other to do the match. They say I organised this but I reckon it was Jim Jones. We all had good time anyway.

Shannon Lewis was appointed to the Penrith Schoolboys versus B.A.R.L.A. (British Schoolboys) at the Stadium. The poms loved him - they won!

Melbourne Junior Rugby League sent a development squad to our district in the Under 13 to Under 16 age groups and played various district sides and the Under 17 Western Division also visited us. To those who did these games, well done.

I believe the development programs we have initiated over the last two years and the cooperation received from all parties within our Association and the Junior League has brought much respect to us through our performances on and off the field.

The Junior Branch which comes to an end after this season can feel very proud of their achievements in 1997 with near record numbers officiating in semi-finals and grand finals. Their performances did the Association proud and I look forward to their continued development as they move on to bigger appointments.

To all the referees who officiated in either first or second division Grand Finals, I congratulate you on your achievement. I believe this years Grand Finals were the most competitive and the standard of football was of a very high calibre. Unfortunately some adjustments had to be made to the original division one appointments but as usual we met this challenge as we have with all challenges throughout the year. Well done everyone.

To Jason Robinson, it has been a long wait and you and I have had many challenges over the years, but I think you'll agree it has been worth it. All the best for the future, you're ready.

A lot of people don't realise the amount of school football that takes place in the district as they're not on the appointments. John Jordan played a big part in organising referees for these fixtures which wasn't an easy job considering that most of these games were played in school hours. To John and all the referees who gave up their time to help out, thank you.

I would like to thank the following people for their support this season. Peter Browne, what a legend, Peter Butler and all those members who supported us on the Advisory Panel and Development Panel, the Executive, Don Feltis and his two bosses Yvonne and Wendy and a special mention to the person who helped get you fit, me. To the non-active and more senior members, thank you for your support and assistance.

To the wives, husbands, parents, girlfriends and boyfriends of our referees, I thank you for your support during the year.

May we all have a safe and happy Christmas.

John Mewett
CO-ORDINATOR

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Saturday Football

Weather conditions for the 1997 season allowed the competition to proceed with the minimum of disruption.

As usual trial matches were difficult to cover (despite payment this year) because of limited availability and some members still being involved in summer sporting competitions. Late notification of matches also added to the frustration.

The innovation of accrediting club touch judges for international matches took some load from members, but unfortunately not all clubs participated. Newer referees were again appointed to the home games of clubs with the most teams as this was the only way we could provide a senior referee to be present at the ground, even if they could not watch all matches. Our Development Panel urgently needs more input from members.

Recruitment continues to be a problem and we need to look at ways of retaining referees in the long term.

John Jordan accepted responsibility for appointment to school fixtures and Peter Butler took on the onerous task of making the Saturday changes.

The annual Panther Trophy was well supported by members and some of our newer members performed with distinction over the finals at Penrith Park.

The Accreditation Scheme needs more input from senior members to make it successful.

Having 'A' Grade and 'A-Reserve' Grade referees available on Saturdays helped immensely this year.

I would like to express thanks to John Jordan, Jim Kelly and Phil Sanders for their effort with the Coaching Panel.

To the parents who supplied transport to matches and training -THANK YOU. We don't survive without your support.

Peter Browne
APPOINTMENTS BOARD
(SATURDAY APPOINTMENTS)

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Junior Representative Report



The season started in February, with trials, training, fitness testing and "The Seminar".

For the first time in many years the Junior Rep seminar was taken away from the Narrabeen Fitness Camp, going to the Breakers Resort in Wollongong, where it will also be held in 1998.

Junior Reps this year was one of the toughest, due to a change in the structure of the competition, going from four grades of competition last year, down to only two this year.

Only eleven rounds meant that one mistake could see the end of a very short season, with the top five teams making the semi-final configuration.

Congratulations go to Russell Turner who represented our Association in the Grand Final of the Harold Matthews Cup as a touch judge with Brad Levy from Parramatta. George Jankowski was appointed to touch judge the semi-final of the Matthews Cup for the third year in succession.

Jason Robinson refereed the year in Harold Matthews, with one taste of S. G. Ball.

Both Jenny Yates and Aaron Jones officiated in the centre of at least one Harold Matthews each, and participated as touch judges for the Matthews and S. G. Ball for the remainder of the season.

Good luck for all who make the squad next season.

George Jankowski

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Gear Steward's Report



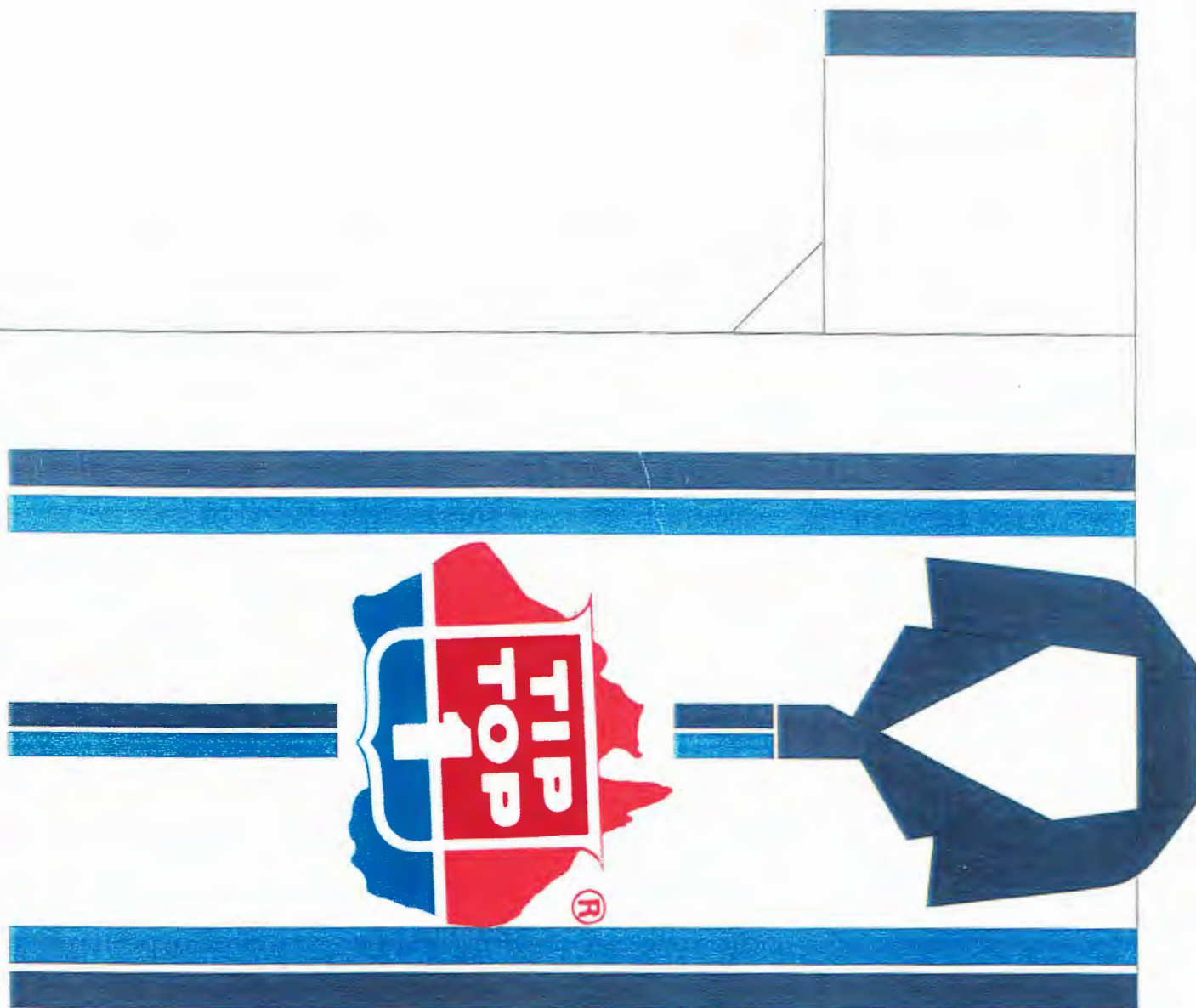
1997 was somewhat an innovative year in that we issued a free set of "fluoro" flags, water bottle and a subsidised spray jacket to each referee. This was made possible by the excellent sponsorship from Tip-Top our major sponsor, and Galaxy, our sleeve sponsor.

1997 also saw a preview on Penrith Park of our "prototype" jersey proposed for the forthcoming seasons and with a few modifications, confirmation of future sponsorship and approval from NSWRLRA, we will hopefully be running in a new strip next year. If nothing else, this should eliminate the problems and dramas which seem inherent with supplying sponsorship logos.

To those people who assisted me this year - many thanks.

Good wishes for the 1998 season.

John Robinson
GEAR STEWARD



New Design of Jersey to be worn by Penrith Ref's in 1998

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Meeting Attendance - 1997

There were nine (9) meetings held during the 1997 season. The list of attendees is below.

M. Allen	4	S. Gillet	3	R. McLean	1	P. Sanders	8
				L. Manuel	9	P. Scibberas	4
P. Battin	1	G. Haines	9	V. Meredith	2	J. Skinner	9
B. Beverage	6	P. Hamrol	5	J. Mewett	9	T. Sperring	8
G. Bond	1	J. Harris	2	R. McFarlane	5	Y. Steele	1
M. Brown	6	B. Harding	1	S. McFarlane	7	D. Sullivan	8
A. Browne	1			M. Mchue	1	G. Stewart	6
P. Browne	9	G. Jankowski	7	C. Morrissey	7	M. Sosimenko	6
P. Butler	6	A. Jones	4				
		J. Jordan	9	L. Natrass	3	R. Turner	2
G. Cloake	2			V. Naumovski	1	D. Toby	1
S. Cook	3	J. Kearns	7				
D. Courts	9	J. Kelly	9	G. Priest	5	B. Windon	1
R. Cunningham	5	P. Kerr	7	T. Priest	1	P. Williamson	3
		J. Knoester	6	M. Pritchard	5	M. Warnock	1
T. Danks	2	C. Kolkman	3	C. Potts	3	D. Wouters	4
D. Dawson	5	T. K'Neil	2				
A. Dengate	2	C. Knoester	1	D. Reynolds	4	G. Yates	8
R. Dickinson	1			Jason Robinson	8	J. Yates	6
B. Dilworth	4	F. Lucas	8	John Robinson	8	M. Yates	3
		J. Lavin	2	P. Ross	1		
J. Emms	2	P. Lea	1				
		B. Lynch	2				
S. Fallon	1	S. Lewis	4				
J. Farlow	1						
K. French	3						

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Saturday Grand Finals

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>REFEREE</u>	<u>TOUCH JUDGES</u>
U/7 Div 5	William Cunningham	T. K'Nell & J. Farlow
U/7 Div 4	Jack Knoester	C. Knoester & T. Sperring
U/7 Div 3	Tristan K'Nell	W. Cunningham & J. Park
U/7 Div 2	Christian Knoester	J. Knoester & T. Sperring
U/7 Div 1	Jay Farlow	J. Park & T. K'Nell
U/8 Div 5	Peter Hamrol	W. Cunningham & J. Farlow
U/8 Div 4	John Park	P. Hamrol & Y. Steele
U/8 Div 3	Daniel Perry	G. Cloake & J. Farlow
U/8 Div 2	Yvonne Steele	D. Perry & P. Hamrol
U/8 Div 1	Glenn Cloake	Y. Steele & D. Perry
U/9 Div 6	Trevor Sperring	R. Cunningham & L. Wayling
U/9 Div 5	Lance Wayling	R. Cunningham & M. Taylor
U/9 Div 4	Ray Cunningham	L. Wayling & J. Kearns
U/9 Div 3	Barry Beveridge	C. Kolkman & M. Taylor
U/9 Div 2	John Kearns	B. Beveridge & M. Taylor
U/9 Div 1	Chris Kolkman	J. Kearns & B. Beveridge
U/10 Div 5	Peter Lea	M. McHue & R. Cunningham
U/10 Div 4	Damien Wouters	M. Sosimenko & R. Cunningham
U/10 Div 3	Bill Lovell	P. Lea & R. Cunningham
U/10 Div 2	Jonathon Lea	D. Wouters & M. Taylor
U/10 Div 1	Michael McHue	B. Lovell & J. Park
U/11 Div 5	James Davidson	K. Hopkins & J. Park
U/11 Div 4	Grant Bond	G. Atkins & T. K'Nell
U/11 Div 3	Kristen Hopkins	J. Davidson & T. K'Nell
U/11 Div 2	Mark Allen	G. Atkins & G. Cloake
U/11 Div 1	Grant Atkins	M. Allen & G. Cloake
U/12 Div 5	Matthew Sosimenko	D. Wouters & J. Farlow
U/12 Div 4	Jennifer Yates	J. Lea & J. Farlow
U/12 Div 3	Bill Diltworth	J. Edwards & J. Farlow
U/12 Div 2	Shane Dickinoski	B. Diltworth & D. Perry
U/12 Div 1	Joel Edwards	S. Dickinoski & D. Perry

U/13 Div 5	John Jordan	P. Haines & P. Hamrol
U/13 Div 4	Steve Gillet	C. Morrissey & G. Stewart
U/13 Div 3	Gary Haines	J. Jordan & P. Hamrol
U/13 Div 2	John Skinner	S. Gillet & G. Stewart
U/13 Div 1	Phillip Haines	R. McFarlane & G. Haines
U/14 Div 5	Col Morrissey	J. Skinner & B. Beveridge
U/14 Div 4	Chris Heinemeyer	G. Yates & B. Beveridge
U/14 Div 3	Adam Dengate	C. Heinemeyer & G. Stewart
U/14 Div 2	Shannon Lewis	A. Dengate & J. Kearns
U/14 Div 1	Greg Yates	S. Lewis & J. Kearns
U/15 Div 4	Colin Potts	M. Pritchard & Y. Steele
U/15 Div 3	Graeme Priest	C. Potts & Y. Steele
U/15 Div 2	Ricky McFarlane	G. Priest & G. Jankowski
U/15 Div 1	Matthew Pritchard	M. Brown & G. Jankowski

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Sunday Grand Finals

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>REFEREE</u>	<u>TOUCH JUDGES</u>	<u>IN-GOAL</u>
U/16 Div 2	Greg Yates	Colin Potts Mark Allen	Trevor Sperring Matthew Sosimenko
U/16 Div 1	Matthew Pritchard	Joel Edwards Lisa Natrass	Shane Dickinoski Matthew Sosimenko
U/17 Div 1	Ricky McFarlane	Brett Harding Melissa Yates	John Jordan John Kearns
U/19 Div 2	Peter Scibberas	John Skinner Paul Williamson	Phillip Haines Matthew Pritchard
U/19 Div 1	Aaron Jones	Shannon Lewis Phillip Haines	Adam Dengate Greg Yates
A RES Div 2	Steve McFarlane	Graeme Priest John Robinson	Barry Beveridge Jennifer Yates
A RES Div 1	Jennifer Yates	Stewart Cook John Skinner	Fred Lucas Graeme Priest
A Div 2	Malcolm Brown	Fred Lucas Ken Evans	John Jordan John Kearns
A Div 1	Jason Robinson	George Jankowski Russell Turner	John Robinson Barry Beverage

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Life Membership

Two people have been nominated to be considered for Life Membership in 1998. Next year the Life Membership Committee will nominate members to be considered for this, most prestigious award. The nominees for consideration this year are Tony Danks and John Mewett.

TONY DANKS

Tony joined the Association in 1972 and has been an active participant on various committees within this Association as well as NSWRLRA. A former President of our Association, Tony has gone on to fulfil some outstanding achievements since being graded in 1990.

1972 Joined Association
1973 Member Social Committee
1974 Member Social Committee
1977 Member Appointments Board
1978 Member Appointments Board
1987 Rejoined Association
1988 Auditor
1989 Member Appointments Board
1990 Association President
1990 Graded
1991 Association President
1992 Association President
1992 Appointed to Sate of Origin as In-Goal Official
1993 Association President
1994 Association President
1994 Social Secretary NSWRLRA
1994 Appointed to Sate of Origin as Touch Judge
1995 Appointed to Australia -v- Fiji as Touch Judge
1996 Appointed to First Grade Semi-Final as Touch Judge
1997 Appointed as standby Touch Judge for Reserve Grade (Presidents Cup)
Grand Final

JOHN MEWETT

Since joining the Association in 1978, John has devoted much of his time and efforts to the coaching, training and development of our active referees. Appointed to the A Grade Grand Final in 1982, and our the first Referees' Co-Ordinator, John still dedicates his time and knowledge in developing the Penrith Referees to achieve their goals.

1978	Joined Association
1979	Assistant Coaching Officer
1979	Social Committee
1979	Advisory Panel Member
1980	Social Committee Member
1980	Advisory Panel Member
1980	Coaching Officer
1981	Advisory Panel Member
1981	Coaching Officer
1981	Interdistrict Coaching Panel
1982	Appointed to A Grade Grand Final
1982	Interdistrict Coaching Panel
1983	Assistant Director
1983	Interdistrict Coaching Panel
1985	Appointments Board Member
1989	Appointments Board Member
1989	Interdistrict Coaching Panel
1990	Referees' Co-Ordinator
1990	Interdistrict Coaching Panel
1991	Referees' Co-Ordinator
1992	Referees' Co-Ordinator
1993	Referees' Co-Ordinator
1996	Referees' Co-Ordinator
1997	Referees' Co-Ordinator

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Notices of Motion

Clause 16.1 Add the words "Hon. Assistant Treasurer" after the words "Hon. Treasurer". This will now read:

Clause 16.1 "The officials of the Association shall be Patrons, President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Assistant Treasurer, Hon. Assistant Secretary, Vice President, Social Secretary, Delegates to N.S.W.R.L.R.A., Proxy Delegate to N.S.W.R.L.R.A., two Delegates and one Proxy Delegate to the Penrith and Districts Junior Rugby League Ltd."

Add the following Clauses:

"HONORARY ASSISTANT TREASURER

Clause 18.12 The Honorary Assistant Treasurer will be responsible to, and report to the Honorary Treasurer.

18.13 The Assistant Treasurer will be responsible for the weekly invoicing of clubs, Junior League, District Club and other debtors relating to referee's payments.

18.14 The Assistant Treasurer will allocate fees to referee's according to the information provided by the Appointment Authority.

18.15 Will otherwise assist the Honorary Treasurer as requested from time to time.

18.16 Will, each week, provide the Honorary Treasurer with a written statement of the above."

Moved: Aaron Jones
Seconded: Jennifer Yates

Clause 11.1. Delete the words "18 years of age and over". This will now read:

Clause 11.1 "Voting shall be limited to financial members, Life Members, Patrons, District Club and Penrith Junior League Delegates, and shall be in person only."

Moved: Jason Robinson

Seconded: Peter Butler

VALE

The Association extends its deepest sympathies to those members and their families who lost loved ones during 1997.

May they rest in peace.

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Achievements

- Congratulations to Malcolm Brown for his appointment to the A Grade Division Two Grand Final. At twenty-two years of age, I think some-one should check the record books.
- Also to Matthew Pritchard, for his appointment to, and outstanding display in, the Under 15 Division One Grand Final.
- Illawarra, Adelaide, Great Britain, Canterbury (NZ), NSWRL Junior Reps, Super League Juniors, Melbourne, Canberra, Dubbo, Wagga Wagga, etc. etc. Did you realise that our referees refereed more clubs from outside the Penrith District than there are clubs in the District?
- Brett Lynch was selected to represent NSWRLRA on a PR trip (junket) to Fiji and Tonga. Does anyone know what FAI means in Tongan?
- Adam Dengate had a big year in 1997. Junior Branch President, leading Junior Referee (U/14 Div 3 Grand Final) and winner of the Michael Grady Merit Award. Well Done Adam.
- Congratulation to John Robinson for his outstanding achievement in being presented the Jack Harris Merit Award.
- To the winner of the Reg Newsome Most Improved Junior Referee Award, Grant Atkins. Congratulations Grant, you have a bright future in front of you.
- Ricky McFarlane, Greg Yates and Malcolm Brown have been selected to attend the 1998 Inter-District Junior Representative "Train On Squad". They will join current members Russell Turner, George Jankowski, Aaron Jones, Jennifer Yates and Jason Robinson.
- Speaking of Junior Reps, Russell Turner was appointed as a touch judge in the Harold Matthews Grand Final, and George Jankowski was appointed to touch judge a Harold Matthews Grand Final. Congratulations guys, its good to see someone's "flying the flag" for Penrith.

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Thank You

I would like to thank the following people for their support and efforts throughout the year. Without your help, the 1997 season would not have been as successful as it was.

- Col Davies and his team at Tip Top Bakeries.
- Cath Ekhold and Nigel Houghton and the Galaxy crew.
- Don Feltis, Wendy Beale, Yvonne Purtell and the members of the Junior League and its committees.
- Jim Jones and the District Club.
- John Mewett and the Appointments, Advisory and Development panels.
- Illawarra and Adelaide Associations for their hospitality and the opportunity to participate in exchange programs.
- The Associations various committee members and office bearers. Your efforts have been thoroughly appreciated
- The Executive for your guidance and support.
- The Associations many and valuable members and your families. Your support and input is invaluable.

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1998 Referee's Calendar

- 9 February (Monday) Adjourned Annual General Meeting
- 9 March (Monday) General Meeting
- 4 April Saturday Competition Begins
- 5 April Sunday Competition Begins
- 13 April (Monday) General Meeting
- 11 May (Monday) General Meeting
- 8 June (Monday) General Meeting
- 13 July (Monday) General Meeting
- 7 August (Friday) Ladies Night
- ?? August Saturday Grand Finals (TBC)**
- 14 September (Monday) General Meeting
- ?? September Sunday Grand Finals (TBC)**
- 10 October (Saturday) Presentation/Senior v Junior Match (TBC)*
- 30 November (Monday) Annual General Meeting
- 6 December (Sunday) Christmas Tree (TBC)*

Note: (TBC)* - Dates and venues for these Association Social Functions will be confirmed by the 1998 Social Committee.

(TBC) -** The Junior League have not yet finalised the dates for the completion of the Junior League Competition.

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1998 Office Bearers

PATRONS:

PRESIDENT:

SECRETARY:

TREASURER:

VICE PRESIDENT:

ASSISTANT SECRETARY:

NSWRL DELEGATE:

NSWRL PROXY DELEGATE:

PENRITH DJRL DELEGATE:

PDJRL PROXY DELEGATE:

SOCIAL SECRETARY:

SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

GEAR STEWARD:

REFEREE'S CO-ORDINATOR:

APPOINTMENTS BOARD:

ADVISORY PANEL:

COACHING DIRECTORS:

INTERNAL AUDITORS:

LIFE MEMBER:

MERIT AWARD COMMITTEE:

LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE:

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Junior Branch

HONOUR ROLL

Michael Grady Merit Award

1976	Steve Tyrell	1987	Jason Robinson
1977	John Birrell	1988	John MacDonald
1978	Brad McGarry	1989	Russell Turner
1979	Dean Parkin	1990	Jason Robinson
1980	Peter Sutherland	1991	Greg Banks
1981	Paul Quinn	1992	Matthew Brennan
1982	Tom Peet	1993	Paul Carter
1983	Tony Crane	1994	Shannon Lewis
1984	Chris Kolkman	1995	Lisa Natrass
1985	Brett Wright	1996	Lisa Natrass
1986	David Quinn	1997	Adam Dengate

Reg Newsome Trophy (Most Improved Junior)

1982	Chris Green	1990	Greg Banks
1983	Paul Blunt	1991	Brendan Egan
1984	David Quinn	1992	Troy Priest
1985	Brett Wright	1993	Ricky McFarlane
1986	David Bonham	1994	Brett Harding
1987	Jason Robinson	1995	Rebecca Lea
1988	Sarelle Woodward	1996	James Whitney
1989	Brett Gainsford	1997	Grant Atkins

Junior Branch Office Bearers - 1997

PATRONS:	Jason Robinson, Greg Yates
PRESIDENT:	Adam Dengate
VICE PRESIDENT:	Adam Browne
SECRETARY:	Phillip Haines
ASSISTANT SECRETARY:	Joel Edwards
SENIOR BRANCH DELEGATE:	Phillip Haines

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Junior Branch President's Report

Looking back on the year, the Juniors have done extremely well. They have done their best in representing the Association both on and off the field.

On the field in particular, the Juniors have performed at a high level. They have represented the Association in finals' series of all sorts, including Panther Trophy, various other knockout competitions, and in regional games like the Penrith versus Canberra games. Junior members have also participated in representative fixtures, both in the middle and on the line, like Joel Edwards' exceptional performance in the Glenmore Park versus Wagga Wagga match at Penrith Stadium. We have also participated in the Super League U/19's competition and the Super League U/17's Gala Day at Penrith Stadium.

This year the Juniors have also made a charge at Sunday football giving their all, giving a most impressive display of our refereeing ability. Due to the slight lack of referees the Junior Referees were offered valuable opportunities, and they were not taken lightly. The Juniors made the most of these opportunities, which make a significant part of that ever continuous learning curve. Not forgetting Saturday football where some of the most impressive displays of refereeing were exhibited. Of course, all referees had a fairly large workload this year and because Saturday football is generally Junior based, we are grateful for the help we received from the senior referees who participated in Saturday football, who not only helped us with the workload, but also gave us valuable advice. So thank you to everyone on that front.

Finally, now that I have run out of adjectives and the season is finished, we can look back at an excellent season of refereeing by the whole Association, and reflect on the excellent performances by all members.

On behalf of the Junior Executive, I would like to congratulate those who officiated in finals series at any level. Your effort was very much appreciated, and everyone should be proud of their performances. Also a large amount of thanks go to our Patrons who have also given us valuable information, the Senior Executive, and everyone else who have helped us throughout the year. Your help has and will prove to be a great part of the Juniors' success in the future.

Adam Dengate
JUNIOR BRANCH PRESIDENT

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Junior Branch Secretary's Report

Dashing, amazing, superfluous, breathtaking, exhilarating are all but a few words used to describe the Junior Branch this season. With on field performances peaking at the right time of the season, the Juniors of the Association really shone.

A big congratulations must go to all the Juniors this year as you did yourselves and the Association proud, leaving a hard act to follow for next season. Also a special congratulations to the five very dedicated members of the Junior Branch who enabled us to have meetings and who regularly turned up to training. Well Done!

On behalf of the Junior Branch, a huge thank you to this years Development Panel and the Coaching Co-ordinators who shone the light in our direction and have stood us in good stead for next season; also the helpful patrons of the branch, and last but not least, the very kind seniors who abolished us - thank you.

Looking ahead to the future, there is a bright burning light for the Juniors, as it has been said by many a whistle blower, that the talent among us is as big as ever. For those pursuing their career in the art of refereeing, GOOD LUCK! For those who choose to broaden their horizons and dip their big toe into the wide world of adventure, good luck to you too.

On a concluding note, the 11th of October, where we all get paid, or better known as Presentation Day, Seniors beware as REVENGE is sweet.

Phillip Haines
JUNIOR BRANCH SECRETARY

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Michael Grady Merit Award

The 1997 season saw a further increase in numbers of the Junior Branch. New faces and new ideas assisted the members in striving to achieve the high standards set by their predecessors and fellow members.

The task of selecting the worthy beneficiary of the Michael Grady Merit Award was made all the more difficult as several members showed attributes that were considered essential for this award.

The committee believes that Adam Dengate has displayed all the qualities required to be the recipient of this award. Some of these being dedication, enthusiasm, respect and pride for their chosen sport.

Adam has led the Junior Branch by example, both as Junior Branch President and as an active referee. Adam has always been a willing participant and a good listener at seminars, courses, training and matches.

With a commitment to refereeing both on Saturdays and Sundays, it has shown that he is prepared to work hard to maintain the high level expected of his fellow members. He has justly deserved the appointments he has received during the season.

Showing an enthusiasm in doing what he obviously loves - refereeing - Adam has helped maintain a standard for others to strive to achieve, both at Senior and Junior level.

Congratulations to Adam Dengate, a member prepared to put in the effort and follow it to the end, thus gaining the rewards that are justly deserved.

Therefore we present to you a worthy winner of the Michael Grady Merit Award.

Len Manuel
Peter Butler
Trevor Sperring
MERIT AWARD COMMITTEE

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Membership Listing - PDRLRA

ALLEN	MARK	PO Box 107,	Seven Hills 2147
ATKINS	GRANT	6 Shamrock Close,	Winmalee 2777
BATTIN	PHILLIP	12 Careya Close,	Woodford 2778
BEVERIDGE	BARRY	4 Bird Street,	Ryde 2112
BOND	GRANT	41B Earle Street,	Doonside 2767
BRENNAN	LES	8 Bridgeview Street,	Blacktown 2148
BROWN	MALCOLM	5 Vicky Place,	Glendenning 2761
BROWNE	ADAM	30 Sandrigam Avenue,	Cambridge Park 2747
BROWNE	PETER	5 Centre Cres,	Blaxland 2774
BUTLER	PETER	15 Russell Street,	Emu Plains 2750
BUTLER	TONY	7 Reveley Close	Armadaale 6112
CAHILL	NOEL	21 Freeman Street,	St Marys 2760
CARTER	PAUL	15 Hollydale Place,	Prospect 2149
CLOAKE	GLEN	23 Verdi Glen,	St Clair 2759
COOK	STEWART	3 Yate Close,	Orchard Hills 2748
COOPER	BEN	15 George Street,	Old Mt Druitt 2770
COURTS	DON	13 Kilkenny Road,	Penrith 2750
CREIGHTON	HERBERT	Unit 2/5 Belmont Road,	Mosman 2088
CUNNINGHAM	JAMES	3/16-18 Bond Street,	Blacktown 2148
CUNNINGHAM	RAY	10 Fitzell Place,	Minchinbury 2770
CUNNINGHAM	WILLIAM	10 Fitzell Place,	Minchinbury 2770
DANKS	ANTHONY	C/- York Jewelers, 42 The	Corso, Manly 2095
DAVIDSON	JAMES	11 Lady Jamison Drive,	Glenmore Park
DAWSON	DON	39 Oag Crescent,	Kingswood 2747
DENGATE	ADAM	29 Taranaki Ave,	Lethbridge Park 2770
DICINOSKI	SHANE	2 Acres Place,	Bligh Park 2756
DILWORTH	BILL	16 York Street,	Emu Plains 2750
DUNCAN	MARTIN	29 Chestnut Cres,	Bidwill 2770
EDWARDS	JOEL	25 Caines Cres,	St Marys South 2760
EDWARDS	MERV	3 Blue Hills Crescent,	Blacktown 2148
EMMS	JOHN	35 Amiens Street,	Lithgow 2790
EVANS	KEN	22 Marigold Crescent,	Glenmore Park
FALLON	STEVE	1 Aspinall Avenue,	Minchinbury 2770
FALTORE	GINO	19 Addison Street,	Wetherill Park 2164
FARLOW	JAY	9 Balbeek Avenue,	Blacktown 2148
FILMER	PETER	25 Yellow Rock Road,	Winmalee 2777
FRENCH	KEITH	"Mountain View" Amaroo	Road, Borenore 2800
GILLETT	STEVE	14 Ronald Street,	Blacktown 2148
HAINES	GARY	7 Russell Ave,	Valley Heights 2777

HAINES	PHILLIP	7 Russell Ave,	Valley Heights 2777
HAMROL	PETER	212 Bennet Road,	St Clair 2759
HARDING	BRETT	228 The Driftway,	Londonderry 2753
HARRIS	JACK	48 Benaud Street,	Greystanes 2145
HEINEMEYER	CHRIS	12 Heseltine Place,	Rooty Hill 2766
HOPKINS	KRISTEN	12 Caley Crescent,	Lapstone 2773
JANKOWSKI	GEORGE	7/124 Gurney Road,	Villawood 2163
JONES	AARON	42 Riverside Rd,	Emu Heights 2750
JORDAN	JOHN	21 Banool Ave,	Penrith 2750
KEARNES	JOHN	PO Box 196,	Wentworthville 2145
KELLY	JIM	5 Mena Way,	Bidwill 2770
KENDALL	BARRY	25 Mulgi Street,	Blacktown 2148
KERR	PETER	22 The Crescent,	Marayong 2148
KING	GRAEME	35 Larapinta Drive,	Wyee Point 2259
K'NELL	TRISTAN	73 Talagandra Drive,	Quakers Hill 2763
KNOESTER	CHRISTIAN	28 Samuel Foster Drive,	South Penrith 2750
KNOESTER	JACK	28 Samuel Foster Drive,	South Penrith 2750
KOLKMAN	CHRIS	1/15 Stafford Street,	Kingswood 2747
LAVIN	JUSTIN	28 Adrienne Street,	Glendenning 2766
LEA	JONATHON	314 Terrace Road,	North Richmond 2745
LEA	PETER	314 Terrace Road,	North Richmond 2745
LEA	REBECCA	314 Terrace Road,	North Richmond 2745
LEWIS	SHANNON	8/44 Victoria Street,	Werrington 2747
LOVELL	BILL	203 Smith Street,	Penrith 2750
LUCAS	FRED	70 Harrow Road,	Blacktown 2148
LYNCH	BRETT	2 Carmen Place,	Freemans Reach 2756
MANUEL	LEN	25 Jason Ave,	Penrith 2750
McFARLANE	RICKY	2 Dent Street,	South Penrith 2750
McFARLANE	STEPHEN	29 McLean Street,	Blacktown 2148
McHUE	MICHAEL	68 Bombala Crescent,	Quakers Hill 2763
McPHERSON	BRAD	25B Brooke Road,	Glenbrook 2773
McPHERSON	JOSH	25B Brooke Road,	Glenbrook 2773
MEREDITH	VICTOR	7 Coral Place,	Quakers Hill 2763
MEWETT	JOHN	29 Chestnut Cres,	Bidwill 2770
MOFFIT	ROBERT	8 Seventh Avenue,	Katoomba 2780
MORRISSEY	COLIN	3 Berry Street,	Mt Druitt 2770
MURPHY	TREVOR	52 Campbell Ave,	Anna Bay 2301
NAGEL	JEFFERY	3 Moree Ave,	Westmead 2145
NATRASS	LISA	26 Crossgrove Crescent,	Kingswood 2747
NEWSOME	REGINALD	PO Box 590,	Nowra 2541
PARK	JOHN	9 Mackay Street,	Emu Plains 2750
PEET	TOM	5 Lindsay Street,	Wentworthville 2145
PESLEY	ANDREW	35 Pamela Parade,	Leonay 2750
PERRY	DANIEL	12 Napunyah Way,	St Clair 2759
POTTS	COLIN	8 Cumbræ Close,	Erskine Park 2759
PRIEST	GRAEME	28 Excelsior Street,	Merrylands 2160
PRIEST	TROY	42 Jones Street,	Kingswood 2750
PRITCHARD	MATTHEW	110 Richmond Road,	Cambridge Park 2747
RADFORD	CRAIG	165 Felton Street,	Horsely Park 2164
REEDY	HERB	12 Danielle Circuit,	Vermont South 3133
REYNOLDS	DAVID	89 Crudge Road,	Marayong 2147

ROBINSON	JASON	14 Venus Close,	Cranebrook 2749
ROBINSON	JOHN	12 Raymond Ave,	Roselands 2196
RUSSELL	KEVIN	22 Tilanbi Close,	Terrigal 2260
RYAN	MARK	170 Nasmyth Street,	Young 2594
SANDERS	PHILLIP	88 Valda Street,	Blacktown 2148
SCIBBERAS	PETER	9 Pembroke Street,	Blacktown 2148
SKINNER	JOHN	6/25-27 Phillip Street,	Roselands 2196
SOSIMENKO	MATTHEW	67 Hillend Road,	Doonside 2767
SPERRING	TREVOR	6 Ives Court,	St Clair 2759
STEELE	YVONNE	5 Hatfield Place,	Hebersham 2770
STEWART	GARY	73 Wehlow Street,	Mount Druitt 2770
SULLIVAN	DAVE	38 Colonial Drive	Bligh Park 2756
TAYLOR	MICHAEL	6 Bellereve Place,	Leonay 2750
TOBY	DAVID	15 Ellis Place,	Kings Langley 2147
TURNER	JACK	42 Surf Beach Ave,	Surf Beach 2536
TURNER	RUSSELL	8 Centauri Circuit,	Cranebrook 2749
VAN DER POL	REBECCA	1 Billett Street,	Silverdale 2752
WARNOCK	MICHAEL	66 Second Avenue,	Waragamba 2752
WAYLING	LANCE	6 Woods Road,	South Windsor 2756
WHEATLAND	ALAN	6 Ducker Avenue,	Hobartville 2753
WHITNEY	JAMES	27 Loranthus Cres,	Bidwill 2770
WILLIAMS	CLAYTON	102 Wiseman's Ferry	Road, Cattai 2756
WILLIAMS	MARK	102 Wiseman's Ferry	Road, Cattai 2756
WILLIAMSON	PAUL	54 Moore Crescent,	Faulconbridge 2776
WOUTERS	CORNELIUS	6 Lana Close,	Kings Park 2148
WOUTERS	DAMIEN	6 Lana Close,	Kings Park 2148
YATES	GREG	73 Barlow Street,	Cambridge Park 2750
YATES	JENNIFER	73 Barlow Street,	Cambridge Park 2750
YATES	MELISSA	73 Barlow Street,	Cambridge Park 2750



