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## 40th Annual Report and Financial Statement Season 2006





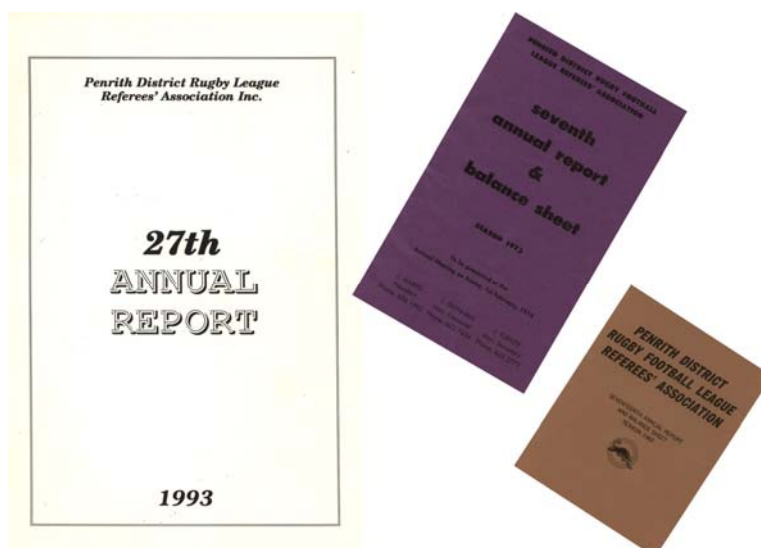
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## FOREWORD

In 1966, Penrith and Cronulla-Sutherland were granted admission to the NSW Rugby League's Premier Competition for the 1967 season. With this "reward" came the challenges of developing and managing their own Junior Leagues, and the implementation of the Districts' own Referees' Associations. Essentially the then Parramatta District was divided at the Sunnyholt Road (Blacktown) border.

This Association is very privileged to still have so many inaugural members still involved with the Association. We are also very fortunate that those inaugural members, and subsequent office bearers, have had such strength and integrity to build the Association to the organisation that is today. Many Associations boast that they are "The Blue Ribbon Association", or "the Best Association" or other such immeasurable claim. This Association has always let our results speak for themselves, and our results over the last forty years have been enviable.

We have had many – far too many to mention – members who have influenced the course of the Association's success. This report will give a brief glimpse of some of these people and events. Many names reoccur, and many more may have been missed. The purpose of the "Retrospective Reports" is two fold – to take the "older" members on a nostalgic journey, and to give the newer members an idea of the changes that the Association, society and life have made over the last forty years.

Two very influential Secretaries continue with this Prelude to the Fortieth Annual Report. Merv Edwards was the inaugural Secretary, long before emails, mobile telephones, fax machines and even photo copiers. I cannot imagine distributing the appointments, let alone producing an Annual Report, without the current technology. Gary Haines was Secretary when I first became involved in the Association, and with due respect to all Secretaries, Gary has always been an inspiration to me in my Association duties.

To those members who attended that meeting in 1966 that gave birth to this proud Association, on behalf of all members since, "Thank You" is not nearly enough.

Jason Robinson  
Life Member (2004)  
Secretary  
1997 – 2000, 2005 - 2006



1966 and 1967 would truly be memorable years in the Penrith District Referees'. Believe me they were probably the most exciting years that I can recall as a referee. 1966 the first meeting was held to form a Referees Association in the district following Penrith's inclusion into the NSW Rugby League Competition. Twelve members from the Parramatta Association who resided in the Penrith boundaries, two of these being Junior members. In 1966 ten senior members sat down with Merv Cartwright (the District Club Secretary) who chaired this meeting forming the Penrith District Referees Association. From this meeting the following men formed your first executive, President Jack, Harris Secretary Merv Edwards, Assistant Secretary Len Manuel, and Treasurer Les Brennan. Keith Holmes and Les Brennan were elected as Coaching Officers, Keith operating within the Penrith area and Les operating within the Blacktown area. From the twelve members there was nine active (2 graded Jack Harris and Jack Turner) two junior members and one non-active, so you can see we had a real challenge on our hands but by the end of the 1967 season there were fifty four (54) members - Forty one (41) seniors (32 active - 3 graded - 5 non-active) with thirteen (13) Junior Members. In the early years members put in long hours into coaching and building up the association. I see to-day that these hours were well spent

Merv Edwards  
Life Member (1974)  
Inaugural Secretary 1967 – 1971

As the Association celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, it's timely to reflect on the work undertaken by the inaugural members when the Association was formed in 1966. What should not be lost by today's membership is the outstanding contribution that continues to be made by three of those members, namely Don Courts, Keith French and Len Manuel. Between them, these men have attended in excess of 1,000 Association meetings! Their work deserves much recognition.

Another interesting statistic is that since 1983, 18 of the 24 A Grade grand finals have been refereed by former members of the Junior Branch. This is no fluke and again much credit must go to people such as Noel Cahill, Jack Turner and Reg Newsome who had the foresight and bravery to begin development programs that continue to provide referees to the NSWRL Referees' Association and NRL.

The Association members performed with distinction at all levels from NRL to school football with many highlights in a very successful year. Individual performances are best addressed elsewhere in this report but the keyword for all aspiring referees is "patience".

The Association's success is built around its tradition and members only have to reflect on the foresight of many former office bearers to understand how important the work done in the early days has proven to be over time. We must continue to work together as we head towards another milestone in the Association's short history – our Golden Jubilee.

Gary Haines  
Life Member (1991)  
Patron  
Secretary 1985 - 1986, 1988 - 1993

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**NOTIFICATION OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

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Notification is hereby given to all Financial Members and Life Members of the Penrith District Rugby League Referees Association Inc., that the Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held at Emu Plains Sport and Recreation Club, Russell St, Emu Plains, on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2006 commencing at 7.30pm. All members are invited to attend.

The “Order of Business” for the Annual General Meeting is as follows:

1. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
2. Apologies
3. Correspondence
4. Presentation of Annual Report
5. Financial Statement and Auditors Report
6. Election of Officials for 2007
7. Other Elections
8. Notice of Motion
9. Life Membership
10. General Business

Applications for positions on the Executive Committee (President, Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary) must be received, in writing, by the Secretary, no later than Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2006.

Jason Robinson  
Honorary Secretary  
Penrith District Rugby League Referees Association  
PO Box 818  
PENRITH MC NSW 2751

30<sup>th</sup> October 2006



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**2006 OFFICE BEARERS**

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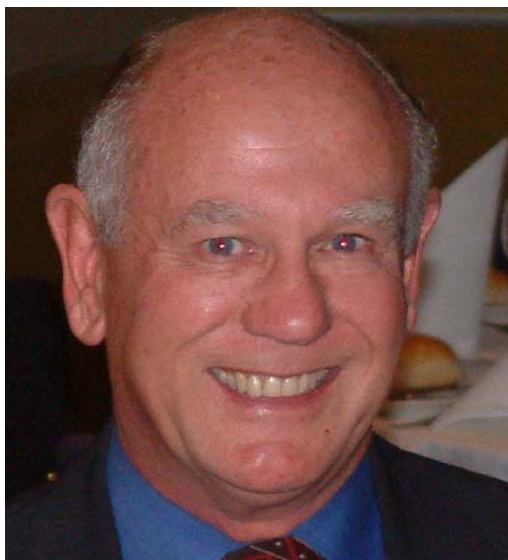
Patrons:	Peter Browne, Don Courts, Tony Danks, Gary Haines, Ian McCall, Len Manuel, Les Matthews
President:	John Robinson
Vice President:	Fred Lucas
Treasurer:	Greg Yates
Secretary:	Jason Robinson
Referees' Coordinator:	Brett Lynch
Board of Management:	Thomas Aylett, Rohan Best, Luke Evans, Chris Heinmeyer, John Woods
Assistant Treasurer:	Jay Farlow
Minute Secretary:	John Woods
Gear Steward:	Rohan Best
NSWRLRA Delegate	Jay Farlow
NSWRLRA Proxy Delegate	Rohan Best
Penrith DJRL Delegates:	Fred Lucas & Rohan Best
Penrith DJRL Proxy Delegate:	Chris Heinmeyer
Social Secretary:	John Woods
Social Committee:	Rohan Best, Thomas Aylett, Paul Burton, Brian Waiting, Sarah Lewis, Courtney Goldsmith, Luke Evans, Curtis Lucas, Mitchell Lucas, Fred Lucas, James Davidson, Rebecca Reid
Appointments Board:	Barry Beveridge, Chris Heinmeyer, Brian Waiting, Casey Wouters
Advisory Panel:	Thomas Aylett, Paul Burton, Shane Dicinoski, James Davidson, John Woods, Col Smith, Shannon Lewis
N.R.A.S Coordinator:	Barry Beveridge
Coaching Directors:	Chris Heinmeyer and Fred Lucas
Internal Auditors:	Luke Evans & Casey Wouters
Life Member:	Brett Lynch
Merit Award Committee:	Luke Evans, Russell Turner, Brett Lynch
Life Membership Committee:	Peter Browne, Don Courts, Fred Lucas
Welfare Coordinator:	Luke Evans



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### PATRON'S REPORT

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It is my pleasure to say a few words for this annual report. Firstly to the Board of Management and the Executive thank you for the excellent manner in which you have run the association this past twelve months. With such a large association your efficient management and guidance has enabled all members to enjoy a most successful season.

To all members congratulations on your efforts on and off the field. It is most pleasing to see the large numbers of members who attend our meetings and contribute to the Association. It is your participation in Association matters that helps to keep us strong. Take a great pride in your Association and represent it to the best of your ability at all times. To the members of the various committees, especially the Social Committee - thank you for your enormous effort.

Strive for success in your refereeing and this will come with a lot of hard work. You will need to show enthusiasm both on and off the field. If you did not achieve your goals this season then strive harder next year and success will not be too far away.

In concluding may I say best wishes for a successful year in the coming season.

Don Courts  
Life Member  
Patron



## PRESIDENTS REPORT

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This season has been relatively quiet with regard to both on field and off field incidents. It was pleasing to note the occurrences of referee abuse, both verbal and physical, has declined appreciably this year and this can be attributed to the strategies and procedures the Junior League have implemented to combat such occurrences. We can only hope further improvements to these strategies and procedures as indicated by the Junior League C E O - Mr. Don Feltis - will go a long way to hopefully eradicate such behaviour. Our Association fully endorses the Junior League for their commitment to this “ugly” aspect of Junior Rugby League.

This was a year of innovation for our Association with the holding of three functions for the first time:

- Weekend seminar and bonding sessions at Yarramundi
- Season Launch and Fundraiser at Penrith Panthers
- Life Member Reunion at Penrith Paceway Function Room

Although the seminar and season launch/fundraiser were not supported by some of our members it was considered the events were indeed a success. The fundraiser allowed the Association to support the sending of Sarah Smith to Disneyland with her daughter Madeleine who was granted a wish from the “Make a Wish Foundation”. It is the recommendation of this Board that the functions are again held in 2007. The two-fold approach being that our members have a “Season Launch” (most other social events happen toward the end of the season), and we can help a member or charity with the funds raised on the night.

Strict budgeting in 2005 and 2006 and a Treasurer who is committed to maintaining the viability of the Association has seen our financial situation become stable, however it must be noted our financial arrangements with our sponsor Watts Commercial Furniture and the District Club conclude at the end of 2007. It is hoped Watts will take up the option contained with their sponsorship agreement and the District Club will continue to support our Association.

Our Welfare Officer, Luke Evans was busy this year with a number of members or family members not in the best of health or who lost family members during the year. To those members, on behalf of the Association, the Board extends their best wishes for the future. It was with sorrow and regret that our association was informed of the passing of Mavis Kandelas in April. Mavis was elected an Honorary Life Member of our association in 2006, and her late husband, Bob was a Life Member of our Association who passed away in 1979. Mavis remained involved with the Association following Bob’s passing, attending Ladies Nights, Presentation Days to present the “Bob Kandelas Trophy” and other functions of the Association. Mavis’s contribution will be greatly missed, but the name “Kandelas” will forever remain a part of our Associations history.

The commitment to training was encouraging and it was pleasing to see the newer and younger referees attending on a regular basis.



To all active referees if you did not quite achieve your set goals in 2006 starting setting new ones for 2007 and start working towards them. The rewards are there and will be available to you with some hard work and dedication.

The bond between the Junior League and our Association is going from strength to strength which holds us both in good stead for the future.

Our constitution is in the midst of a revision and a draft proposal should be available for review by the members early in 2007. The revision is required to fall in line with current procedure and operational requirements and to eliminate any anomalies which are present in the current constitution.

**Congratulations to:**

- Brett Lynch, awarded Life Membership for his valuable and unselfish contributions to the association
- Dale Lynch for her “behind the scenes” contributions
- Jason Robinson for nearly 60 NRL games
- Russel Turner for his appointment to City v Country, State of Origins 2 and 3 and his appointment to the Premier League Grand Final as a Side Line Official
- Melissa Yates for her appointment to Grade
- To all other referees mentioned in the Notable Appointments, NSWRL Development Squad, NSW RL and NRL
- To all the award winners – each and every one is truly deserved
- John Woods and the Social Committee for another successful “social season”

**Thank you** to the following both personally and on behalf of the Association:

- Watts Commercial Furniture for their invaluable sponsorship
- The Board of Management
- Brett Lynch, The Appointments Board and all members of the various Boards, Panels and Committees
- Michael Leary, Anne McLaren and the District Club for their continued support
- Don Feltis, Helen Wright and the Junior League for the support and assistance
- Daniel Olford, Grant Atkins and the training staff
- All members of the Association for their contribution and support

To Sue, Chloe and Daniel thank you for your understanding and support.

On behalf of the Board of Management we trust you have a safe and pleasant Christmas and New Year and enjoy the off season.

John Robinson  
President



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**VICE-PRESIDENTS REPORT**

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The 2006 season has been both challenging and rewarding for our Association.

I was very lucky this year to be able to watch Saturday Football, travelling around to several grounds in our District, watching our new and up-and-coming Junior Referees.

I was very pleased to see a number of our Senior Referees with the Development Panel Officers, helping and guiding our Junior Referees with positive input and sharing their knowledge and experience.

I was also privileged to see some of the best refereeing from our Senior Referees as I was travelling around on Sundays.

I would like to thank all the members for their commitment during the 2006 season.

Looking after and running the Association, places enormous demands, time and energy on our office bearers. I would like to express a BIG “Thank You” to the members of our Committees, Board of Management and especially my fellow Executive Members for their tireless efforts during the 2006 Season.

Lastly I would like to extend my Best Wishes and many Thanks to all the partners and parents of our members for their patience and dedication through out the 2006 season.

Looking forward to seeing all of you back again for the 2007 Season!

Fred Lucas  
Vice President

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**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

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My Fellow Members,

It is a privilege to present to you the Associations 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Report. Traditionally, the Annual Report reflects on the season past, but this Anniversary Report will also give us a glimpse of the history of the Association, since that first season in 1967.

At the beginning of the season, despite heavy advertising in the local media and to Junior League Clubs, our first Level One Accreditation Course only drew five candidates. While the number may have been less than desirable, the quality of candidate certainly made up for this. Alex Organ, Bryson Madigan, Scott Filmer and Chris Kingston all completed the course successfully and more importantly completed the season officiating in Grand Finals, with Scott Filmer also receiving the "Rookie of the Year" Award.

A further twenty candidates attained their Accreditation at the May course. Pleasingly, the quality of the candidates matched the quantity with Blake Bentley, Bryson Bowers, Andrew Collins, Alexander Daubney, Thomas Doull, Adrian Ferrari, Zach Hansford, Brad Flewitt, Troy Howard, Graham Lagerlow, Dennis Lowe, Brett McDonald, Craig Mylchreest, Mitchell Newham, Clay Robinson, Alex Shuttleworth, Aaron Stubbings, Grant Suttcliffe, Luke Tidyman and Cameron Turner all gaining their Accreditation, with most joining the Association.

With the further growth of the Junior League this season, there were 199 matches on a Saturday, on up to twenty grounds, over eight or nine hours each Saturday, to be officiated by – on a best case scenario - 85 referees. Obviously, the logistics of this very positive growth in playing numbers made it nearly impossible to have qualified referees appointed to each game. In consultation with the Junior League Executive Officer, Don Feltis, and the National Education Manager, Peter Corcoran, the Association developed a radical plan to overcome this issue.

The Associations coaching staff, headed by NRAS Provider Barry Beveridge and Referees Coordinator Brett Lynch, aided by Coaching Directors Chris Heinmeyer and Fred Lucas, produced an introductory course enabling "club" personnel to officiate as qualified officials in (and only in) Under 6 matches. As the Under 6 matches are not considered a "competition", this is an ideal way to introduce other Rugby League participants to officiating.

The Junior League funded, Association conducted, initiative saw 65 participants attend this introductory course, all of whom officiated in the Under 6 matches – greatly alleviating the workload on our officials. Already, several of these "Referees-in-training" have made enquiries to complete the remaining modules to become fully accredited referees.

By any measure, introducing nearly 100 participants in one year to the "art" of refereeing is surely a success. One cannot appreciate the work that Barry Beveridge, Brett Lynch, Fred Lucas and Chris Heinmeyer do to make these courses successful. Our thanks and congratulations to them, but also to all those who had the courage to undertake a course this season – and stick with it!



In concert with the Junior League, we are already working on new strategies whereby the Association may benefit from the growth in playing numbers, in particular by placing some responsibility for recruitment of officials back onto the ever growing Junior League Clubs.

Congratulations to Russell Turner who officiated in all 26 National Rugby League rounds, the City versus Country clash, two State of Origin Matches, and the NRL Finals Series culminating in the VB Premier League Grand Final.

Melissa Yates was Graded at the beginning of the season, while Phillip Haines, Rickey McFarlane, Peter Sciberras and George Jankowski all officiated in the NSW Rugby League Finals Series. Rickey was appointed to be an in-goal official to the VB Premier League. Philip was appointed to stand-by for both the Jersey Flegg and Premier League Grand Finals, and was awarded the “Premier Squad” Clubman of the Year Award.

Jay Farlow refereed in the NSW Rugby League Academy Finals Series and the Under 15's Australian Schoolboy Championships, with Grant Atkins, Thomas Aylett, James Davidson, Tristan K'Nell, Lawrence McDonnell, Daniel Olford, and David Ryan all performing well in the Inter-District Development Squad.

At District Level, the current and past Development programs again bore fruit. Jay Farlow and Shannon Lewis refereed their first A Grade Grand Finals, and the competition for Grand Finals over both Saturday and Sunday was unprecedented. Active members Grant Atkins and Daniel Olford took in the arduous task of training the Associations officials, with a number of senior volunteers assisting with drills and coaching. The participation at training this year is a credit to all involved.

With so many of our matches (80%) being officiated on Saturday in the Under 6 to Under 15 age groups, the Board felt that it was time to recognise those members who contribute to the Districts “nursery”. It was also time to acknowledge the long term contribution of some of our Life Members. With the inception of the Peter Browne Award, Barry Beveridge Award and Phil Sanders Memorial Award, we are able to provide recognition for the work that these gentlemen have performed for Referee Development over many years, and provide reward and encouragement for the current active referees. We also acknowledged all Grand Final Referees with the presentation of medallions at the Presentation day.

The Pre-Season weekend seminar held at YMCA Yarramundi was a great success, although attendance could have been better. Phil Haines and his assistants organised and oversaw a weekend that included abseiling, rope climbing challenges and other confidence and team building activities. All who participated learned a great deal about themselves, being removed from their comfort zones and challenged to push themselves through physical, psychological and emotional boundaries. Congratulations to all who took part.

Financially the Association is in sound shape, due to the excellent management by the Treasurer, Greg Yates, and the Board generally. A look at the audit report may indicate that we have a great deal of money in the bank, however there is approximately \$20,000 worth of un-presented cheques as well as many projects and “capital” purchases to be undertaken between now and early next season, that will assist further our coaching and development programs, as well as some necessary

administration purchases. This budgeted expenditure is for the benefit of the members, and includes:

- Purchase of video recorder, television, DVD/VCR player for review and coaching purposes
- Replacing coaching boards, training equipment, communication equipment and barbecue
- Printing of new dismissal, match and incident report forms.
- Production and issue of updated Procedures Manuals
- Review and distribution of the Association Constitution.
- Training attire for the Development Squad.

The current financial position will also allow the incoming Board to consider such future purchases as:

- Replace on field jerseys
- Issue training shirts to active members
- Supply Appointments Board with tracksuits or other such “covering”.
- Pre-season seminar
- Exchange programs with other Associations

Two new functions were included in the 2006 Social Calendar, which, as they grow, should become very important events in the Associations year. The Season Launch and Fundraiser, while not very well attended, was still a success. The Board decided to include this function, initially as a get-together for the members prior to the season kicking off. While organising the function we received a request for support from one of our members. The function was able to raise enough money to grant the wish of a young girl, and made Shane Smith and his family very happy.

The Life Members Reunion was planned to allow our Life Members an informal luncheon to catch up with old mates, reminisce and, for some, to reacquaint themselves with the Association. Thanks to all who attended. We are sure that this function will grow in popularity in the future. Special thanks to Courtney Goldsmith who undertook a great deal of the organising of the event.

The Life Members Presentation and Ladies Night was again an outstanding function. Daniel Olford and his mother Sandra accepted a presentation of Honorary Life Membership on behalf of his late grandmother, Mavis Kandelas.

Brett Lynch was presented with Life Membership of the Association. With his wife Dale, Brett has been a tireless worker and influential member of the Association. Congratulations to Brett and Dale, and thank you for your efforts.

The Association is fortunate to have a very good working relationship with both the Junior League and District Club. At times it may be easy to be critical of any Junior League, but when you consider that the Penrith Junior League administers some 20 clubs, 500 teams, 6,000 matches and over 10,000 players, officials, volunteers and administrators, the professionalism of this Junior League is very easy to see. Over recent years, Don Feltis and his team have been active in supporting our Association, particularly with strategies and decisions to protect our members. The moral and



financial support we receive from Michael Leary and Penrith Football Club is also a testament to the ongoing positive relationship that we have with these bodies, and the hard work being done by the management teams of the three organisations.

WATTS COMMERCIAL FURNITURE have been an active supporter of our Association since 2005, and ask for very little in return for their financial backing. Their assistance has enabled the Association to further our development and coaching programs, and invest in such items alluded to earlier in this report.

2007 is the final year of our initial sponsorship arrangement. Early in the new year our incoming Board will be discussing with Watts the opportunity to exercise the two-year extension option. It is up to you, the member, to provide the support of our sponsor for this to occur. The Association would like this relationship to continue for many years to come, but cannot achieve this without your support.

Emu Plains Sport and Recreation Club, and St Mary's Leagues have also been important supporters of the Association, providing meeting rooms and other support as required. Thanks to Peter Butler and Jim Jones for ensuring that our needs are met with very little fuss, and with nothing asked in return.

Personally, I would like to thank a number of people who have supported me in my endeavours, whether within the Association, my own career or personal life:

- Brett Lynch – well, for everything
- Dale Lynch, for everything Brett didn't do – still the Secretaries Secretary
  - John Woods – without his help, I couldn't have done my job (again)
- The Executive and Board of Management for your assistance, understanding and support.
  - My role models and "go to" men: Peter Browne, Don Courts and Gary Haines.
- Natasha Robinson – chief envelope stuffer and stamper every Wednesday, my inspiration and my princess.
  - My wife, Jennifer. My biggest supporter and most honest (and harshest) critic.
  - My friends who may have felt "deserted" with my poor time management

I would like to thank all the members, your families and our various other supporters for your dedication and commitment throughout the season, and would like to wish you all the very best for the upcoming Christmas season and the new year ahead.

Jason Robinson  
Honorary Secretary

***Vale***

*The Association extends its deepest sympathies to those who have lost loved ones.*

### CONGRATULATIONS

- Jay Farlow for his first A Grade Division One Grand Final and recipient of the Joe Beacroft Memorial Award, and for his successful Inter-District Representative season.
- Shannon Lewis – A Grade Division Two Grand Final, and recipient of the Ray Steele Memorial Award
- Brett Windon – A Grade Division Three Grand Final, and recipient of the Don Courts Trophy
  - Daniel Olford on being awarded the Bob Kandelas Referees' Referee Award
- Casey Wouters for being recognised by way of his receiving the Jack Harris Merit Award
  - Courtney Goldsmith for being awarded the Michael Grady Merit Award
  - Matthew Harpley – Reg Newsome Most Improved Junior Referee
    - Scott Filmer, the Len Manuel "Rookie of the Year"
- Rickey Heinmeyer, leading Saturday Referee and recipient of the inaugural Phil Sanders Memorial Award
- Luke Burton, recipient of the Barry Beveridge Award for the Highest Mod-footy Grand Final
- Steve Reinicke, highest Mini-footy Grand Final Referee and recipient of the Peter Browne Award
  - All other Grand Final Officials
- Brett Lynch on being presented Life Membership of the Association
- Russell Turner for his appointment to, City versus Country, State of Origin II and III, NRL Finals' Series, VB Premier League Grand Final
  - All members of the NRL and NRL Feeder Squads
  - Melissa Yates on being Graded to the NRL Feeder Squad
  - All Members of the NSWRL Development Squad

### THANK YOU

#### THE ASSOCIATION WOULD LIKE TO THANK...

- All active referees for your efforts
- The Board of Management, All Office Bearers, Committee Members, helpers and volunteers
  - Parents, partners and all others who helped support our members
- Don Feltis, Helen Wright, Sheila Stephenson, Veronica Vella and the Junior League Board and Committees
  - Michael Leary and Penrith Panthers
- Emu Plains Sport and Recreation Club, and Peter Butler – our liaison with the Club
  - St Mary's Leagues Club for the use of their facilities
- Daniel Olford and Grant Atkins for assuming the Training Duties with great success
  - John Woods and his Social Committee
  - Courtney Goldsmith for the Life Members Reunion Function
- Ian Lisle, Pat Leto and everyone at WATT'S COMMERCIAL FURNITURE





**VALE – MAVIS KANDELAS**

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Mavis was a dear friend to many of our members, particularly those who have been involved with the Association for many years on the administration side.

Mavis was elected an honorary Life Member of the Association in 2006 and her late husband, Bob was a Life Member of our Association who passed away in 1979. Mavis' grandson, Daniel Olford is a current active member.

The late Bob Kandelas is fondly remembered as the “*Father of the Junior Branch*”, having dedicated much of his time to developing and inspiring young referees to fulfil their refereeing ambitions.

Former graded members and Association Life Members Tony Danks, Peter Filmer and Gary Haines are just three of many who benefited from his dedicated work. Mavis remained involved with the Association following Bob's passing attending Ladies Nights, Presentation Nights to present the “Bob Kandelas Trophy” and other functions to support our Association.

Her battle with arthritis restricted her mobility but it was an inspiration to many as she defied doctor's orders and logic to go shopping at Penrith Plaza, and in recent times to watch Daniel referee.

Mavis' contribution will be greatly missed, but the name “Kandelas” will forever remain part of our Association's history.

Vale Mavis Kandelas.

(Thank you to Gary Haines for this Tribute the Matriarch of the Association)





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**TREASURERS REPORT**

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next season.

It gives me great pleasure to be able to submit my second Treasures report. The season 2006 saw the Association start in a very strong financial position and with some smart purchases throughout the year and once again a solid Board of Management. The Association has once again come up with some financial growth to maintain a comfortable amount of cash within the Association to be able to handle any problems which could arise in the future, and to allow some more spending on Coaching and Development equipment prior to the start of

One thing that was introduced this season was to send out a fees statement to the members during the season to help find any changes that needed to be made before the issuing of payments to the members. As a whole I believe this was successful as it not only let the members know where they were up to financially during the season, but it also enabled all changes to be made prior to the final payments to members. This procedure could be done every season and would help chase up any discrepancies while they are fresh in the members minds.

The direct debit payments for this season went a lot smoother as all members who asked for direct debit were paid before the presentation day. Though it was after all payments were made that I realised we didn't have all the changes in place from Brett and the last two rounds of Sunday football were missing. I apologise to the members for any inconvenience caused by having to make two trips to the bank to deposit cheques. I would like to congratulate all the members for their achievements both on and off the field and hope that next season you can all continue to closer to your ultimate goal that you want to achieve through refereeing.

I would like to thank the Board of Management for there support throughout the season, which has enabled our Association to go forward financially. I would also like to thank Luke and Casey for the work and effort they put in as internal auditors. Thanks also need to go to Jay Farlow who assisted tirelessly throughout the season with anything assistance that I required. A big special thanks to Helen Wright from the Junior League who once again worked tirelessly with me in chasing up money owed to us by the clubs. At the time of writing this Helen had just sent us a cheque for the remaining money owed to us by the clubs. In saying that it was only four clubs who had outstanding fees owing, so to the remainder of the clubs we should also thank them.

A big special thanks to my wife Sylvie for all her support and help during the season, it was really appreciated and I look forward to the new challenge of the birth of our third child who will be born a week prior to the AGM.

Finally, I would like to wish all the members and their families a very safe and Happy Christmas and hope to see you all back again next season.

Greg Yates  
Treasurer.



AUDIT REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

**PENRITH DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUES REFEREES ASSOCIATION INC.**  
**ABN 60 123 939 512**  
**Auditor's Report**

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**Scope**

We have audited the financial statements of PENRITH DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUES REFEREES ASSOCIATION INC. , being the Statement by Members of the Committee, Income and Expenditure Statement, Statement of Financial Position and Notes to Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31 October 2006. The Committee is responsible for the financial report. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members.


Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the association's financial position and performance as represented by the results of its operations.

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

**Audit opinion**

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements the financial position of PENRITH DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUES REFEREES ASSOCIATION INC. as at 31 October 2006, and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

Signed on : *9 November 2006*



James Lumsden, MNIA  
PINNACLE TAXATION SERVICES (PENRITH)

PENRITH DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION  
40<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT – 2006 SEASON

**PENRITH DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUES REFEREES ASSOCIATION INC.**

**ABN 60 123 939 512**

**Income and Expenditure Statement**

**For the year ended 31 October 2006**

	2006 \$	2005 \$
<b>Income</b>		
Grants - NSWRLRA	9,000.00	6,750.00
Ladies Night	7,780.00	7,800.00
Match Fees	116,196.28	119,526.64
Pre Season Camp	60.00	272.73
Members' Levies	9,206.38	10,443.43
Raffles	185.00	4,545.46
Social	7,259.37	627.27
Training	490.00	586.39
Gear	4,727.00	3,800.18
Interest received	1,502.88	686.84
Term Deposit Interest	393.85	466.77
Sponsor Income	10,000.00	10,000.00
Other income		781.82
Total income	166,800.76	166,287.53
<b>Expenses</b>		
Accountancy		227.27
Affiliation Fee		9.09
Annual Report	1,700.00	3,181.82
Audit fees	1,210.00	900.00
Bank fees and charges	29.60	416.58
Depreciation	764.00	756.00
Development costs	3,549.50	286.36
Donations	4,100.00	264.10
General expenses	147.00	113.64
Meeting Expenses	1,423.25	878.33
Match Fees	104,921.86	113,984.35
Gear	7,716.50	8,150.29
Postage & Stationery	4,837.00	4,023.98
Ladies Night	3,383.70	10,164.34
Presentation Day	1,138.28	310.74
Rule Books & Kits	95.00	2,063.64
Social	1,227.50	

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



PENRITH DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION  
40<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT – 2006 SEASON

**PENRITH DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUES REFEREES ASSOCIATION INC.**  
**ABN 60 123 939 512**

**Income and Expenditure Statement**  
**For the year ended 31 October 2006**

	2006 \$	2005 \$
Staff training	1,850.38	1,514.08
Telephone	2,536.28	3,932.11
Mobile telephone	851.77	45.68
Trophies	1,137.00	506.40
Trivia Night	2,246.50	
Total expenses	144,865.12	151,728.80
<b>Profit from ordinary activities before income tax</b>	<b>21,935.64</b>	<b>14,558.73</b>
Income tax revenue relating to ordinary activities		
<b>Net profit attributable to the association</b>	<b>21,935.64</b>	<b>14,558.73</b>
<b>Items recognised directly in equity:</b>		
Net increase in Asset Revaluation Reserve		
Increase (decrease) in retained profits due to:		
- Prior year adjustment		14,695.97
<b>Total revenues, expenses and valuation adjustments attributable to the association and recognised directly in equity</b>		<b>14,695.97</b>
<b>Total changes in equity of the association</b>	<b>21,935.64</b>	<b>29,254.70</b>
Opening retained profits	66,015.88	36,761.18
Net profit attributable to the association	21,935.64	14,558.73
Adjustments:		
- Prior year adjustment		14,695.97
<b>Closing retained profits</b>	<b>87,951.52</b>	<b>66,015.88</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

PENRITH DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION  
40<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT – 2006 SEASON

**PENRITH DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUES REFEREES ASSOCIATION INC.**  
**ABN 60 123 939 512**  
**Detailed Statement of Financial Position As At 31 October 2006**

	2006 \$	2005 \$
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Cash Assets</b>		
Cash at bank	78,966.03	45,550.34
Term Deposit - Commonwealth	15,085.71	14,691.86
	<u>94,051.74</u>	<u>60,242.20</u>
<b>Receivables</b>		
Accounts Receivable	5,018.51	5,191.33
	<u>5,018.51</u>	<u>5,191.33</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u><b>99,070.25</b></u>	<u><b>65,433.53</b></u>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>		
<b>Property, Plant and Equipment</b>		
Plant & equip - at cost	8,153.07	5,943.06
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(3,477.00)	(2,713.00)
	<u>4,676.07</u>	<u>3,230.06</u>
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>	<u><b>4,676.07</b></u>	<u><b>3,230.06</b></u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u><b>103,746.32</b></u>	<u><b>68,663.59</b></u>

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PENRITH DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION  
40<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT – 2006 SEASON

**PENRITH DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUES REFEREES ASSOCIATION INC.**  
**ABN 60 123 939 512**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Position As At 31 October 2006**

	2006 \$	2005 \$
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
<b>Payables</b>		
<b>Unsecured:</b>		
- Accounts Payable	5,129.16	
	<u>5,129.16</u>	
<b>Current Tax Liabilities</b>		
GST Collected / Paid	5,678.64	4,741.39
GST Paid		(1,120.68)
GST clearing	4,987.00	(973.00)
	<u>10,665.64</u>	<u>2,647.71</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b><u>15,794.80</u></b>	<b><u>2,647.71</u></b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>15,794.80</u></b>	<b><u>2,647.71</u></b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b><u>87,951.52</u></b>	<b><u>66,015.88</u></b>
<b>Members' Funds</b>		
Accumulated surplus (deficit)	87,951.52	66,015.88
<b>Total Members' Funds</b>	<b><u>87,951.52</u></b>	<b><u>66,015.88</u></b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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**PENRITH DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUES REFEREES ASSOCIATION INC.**

**ABN 60 123 939 512**

**Notes to the Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 31 October 2006**

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**Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies**

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act NSW.

The financial report covers PENRITH DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUES REFEREES ASSOCIATION INC. as an individual entity. PENRITH DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUES REFEREES ASSOCIATION INC. is an association incorporated in NSW under the Association Incorporations Act 1984.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the economic entity in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

**Income tax**

The Association is exempt from income tax.

**Property, Plant and Equipment**

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried out at fair cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

**Comparative Figures**

Where required by Accounting Standards comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation for the current financial year.

**Revenue**

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised upon the delivery of goods to customers.

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking in to account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established. Dividends received from associates and joint venture entities are accounted for in accordance with the equity method of accounting.

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customers.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

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**REFEREES COORDINATORS REPORT**

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I am pleased to present my report to the members for the 2006 season.

The 2006 season was in some respects, much like any other. We had the same recruitment/retention challenges as we have had in any other season. This year, just like other years, there were always too many bloody games to Referee.

The 2006 season was also like none other in the quality of Refereeing displayed by some individuals, especially at the “Business end” of the season. This year, was the first year that I can remember that there were no complaints about Referees performances after a Grand Final. Many Referees excelled themselves, and indeed ended up in a fierce but friendly rivalry with fellow Referees. This brought out the best in both and ensured there were some top flight performances. Grant Atkins/Jay Farlow, John Woods/Shannon Lewis, David Ryan/Thomas Aylett, Ricky Heinemeyer/Ryan Tucker, Ryan Thomas/Luke Burton... Just to name a few, were fine examples of this. Each performed magnificently.

Two Referees I would like to mention are Jay Farlow and Ricky Heinemeyer. Both achieved respective “firsts” with regards to their Grand Final appointments. Jay was appointed to his first ever A (1) Grand Final and acquitted himself well. In ten years time, someone will look at the score-line and think that a 41-8 Grand Final must have been easy to Referee. The reality is, it was the hardest Grand Final I have seen since the A (2) game of Jenny Robinson back in 1999. Ricky achieved his goal of a 15(1)’s Grand Final and the distinction of being the No.1 Saturday Referee. Having waited so long for this appointment, he decided that the regulation time wasn’t enough and had extra time just to soak up a little more atmosphere.

The major challenges that lay ahead for the Association in the years ahead are and will remain the recruitment/retention of Referees. Another challenge will be covering the loss of our top Referees as they are increasingly being used to cover Sunday Junior Representative and NSWRL appointments. Whilst we are well serviced at the top end of both our Saturday and Sunday Refereeing ranks, it’s the bottom end of each that we struggle to fill. I fear, with the current rate at which the Junior League is expanding, that it may come to pass that games are called off due to a lack of available Referees.

Special mention should be made of the work done by Casey Wouters, Col Smith, Phil Whilesmith, Barry Beveridge, Fred Lucas, Col Potts, Paul Burton, Brian Waiting, John Woods, Shane Dicoski and Chris Heinemeyer assisting the Saturday referees – I thank you all for your efforts.

This year at times appeared to drag on and become onerous, yet at other times, it was most enjoyable, even exhilarating. Hopefully, my work arrangements next year will allow me to devote even more time to the role which will make it even more enjoyable, I look forward to the challenges that lie ahead.

There may be major changes ahead, especially for the Sunday Referees. There is talk of having some of the Sunday games video taped for use at Judiciary. Whilst this will make us all more



accountable for our actions/decisions, the Video is a most wonderful coaching tool and it shouldn't be feared.

Being Coordinator would not have been possible without valuable support from the following people, which I would like to thank:

- ◆ Barry Beveridge for dedication and commitment that goes above and beyond the call of duty. I really am very grateful for the support you gave to all the active referees and myself.
- ◆ The Board of Management for their support throughout the year.
- ◆ Daniel Olford and Grant Atkins for conducting training sessions enjoyed by all.
- ◆ Members of the Appointments Board, Advisory Panel and Development Panel – your efforts in assisting with the development of our referees is much appreciated.
- ◆ Don Feltis, Helen Wright, Veronica Vella and the Junior League Board of Management.
- ◆ NSWRL Referees' Association.
- ◆ All award winners and grand final referees.
- ◆ All active Referees for the way in which you went about your duties this year.
- ◆ Last, but by no means least, my children Caroline and Alexander for their patience and understanding and my wonderful wife Dale who kept me focused when I needed it and carried out the duties of the Coordinator's "Personal Assistant" superbly.

Enjoy the off season; the trials will be here before you know it.

Brett Lynch  
Referees Coordinator

### 2006 A GRADE REFEREES



Anthony Anderson  
James Davidson  
Rydall Govender  
Tristan K'Nell  
Daniel Olford  
Brett Windon

Grant Atkins  
Adam Dengate  
Phil Hattch  
Shannon Lewis  
Colin Potts  
John Woods

Thomas Aylett  
Jay Farlow  
Kristy-Lee Heinemeyer  
Lawrence McDonell  
David Ryan

### 2006 UNDER 15 DIVISION ONE REFEREES

Steve Alexander  
Josh Burton  
Emmanuel Grima  
Chris Heinemeyer  
Colin Potts  
Ryan Tucker  
Jordan Williams

Anthony Anderson  
Shane Denning  
Sean Grisedale  
Ricky Heinemeyer  
Ben Schoer  
Brian Waiting

Shaun Bowen  
Shane Dicinoski  
Phil Hattch  
Chris Kolkman  
Shane Smith  
Phil Whilesmith

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**APPOINTMENTS BOARD REPORT**

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It seems only yesterday that we were starting trials & complaining about having a break one week into the competition & here we are, grand finals over with, & talking about next year. In reflection, we have had a great year. The standard of referees that we have must be the envy of other districts. I was pleasantly surprised by the performance of quite a few referees, especially in the finals series. I can't recall a year, when referees who started in May of that year, refereed right through into the finals series. I have learnt as an Appointment Board member & I hope those that I reported on, also learnt.

When it came time to pick the referees for the Sunday finals, the list was quite open. The Appointments Board was undecided on the top referee & it was left to the referees to perform. In fact, right down to U16/3, the pressure was on. As has been said by others, all referees performed to their best & then some. I think a few might have even surprised themselves with the level that they achieved.

As Appointments Board members, we observe, report and advise. It is up to the referee to listen to what is being said, to agree or disagree and to then make whatever changes are required. It is pleasing to report that most members did listen & act upon the advice given. Gone are the days of "Here's your report, read it and weep." We will discuss what we saw as your strengths & weaknesses, along with ways to resolve any issues. There will always be interpretation differences, especially between referee & Appointment Board member. Ask Brett, who fielded a few calls through the year from referees who didn't agree with the report that they got.

The Appointments Board would like to thank all referees for their contribution throughout the season & look forward to working with them again in season 2007. The board appreciates the work done by the senior referees who mentored & contributed reports on the junior referees. Also, we should thank Paul Burton for his contribution as Advisory Panel. Last, but not least, a big thank you goes out to Brett for his patience, wisdom, diplomacy & experience as Coordinator. It is not an easy job, but, when done properly, it makes the Appointments Board member's job less difficult.

Brian Waiting  
On behalf of the Appointments Board

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**JUNIOR LEAGUE AND DISTRICT CLUB REPORTS**

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

Apart from a number of incidents of poor behaviour at venues by some people, the 2006 season has been another successful one for the Junior League and I hope that your Association has also enjoyed a similar level of success. The Junior League respects and appreciates the assistance and support received from all members of your Association and we are committed towards protecting and looking after the interests and welfare of referees and touch judges whilst they are officiating at games.

The Junior League Board's annual conference in November will be totally taken up with discussion about codes of conduct and crowd and ground control strategy and we are determined to get rid of the mugs who are trying to ruin our game. The 2007 season will see the most intense move against those people who want to engage in anti social behaviour and there will be no sympathy shown towards offenders. We are overhauling judiciary, conduct review hearing procedures and every rule associated with crowd and ground control and codes of conduct.

As Chief Executive I am determined to take our strategy to the next level and I really don't care whose toes we tread on. It is sad that it has come to that, but we have been forced into a corner by the anti social behaviour by some people and we have to come out on the attack and we will do that without fear or favour. There are some people who have been involved in Junior League who don't deserve our respect and we are on the warpath to get a loud and clear message to them that they either do things our way or go to another sport.

One of the most productive things the Referee's Association could do to assist the Junior League in our endeavours is to appoint at least one experienced non active member to each ground, particularly on Saturdays to help towards protecting the welfare and interests of young and inexperienced referees and working with the club ground managers appointed to venues. I acknowledge this will probably require additional volunteers, but it certainly would be a very positive and constructive step towards overcoming a major concern we have.

Thank you all once again for your support. I thought the overall standard of referring during the 2006 semi-finals was on a very high level. Best wishes for the remainder of 2006 and myself and the Junior League board look forward to working alongside you all again throughout the 2007 season.

Don Feltis  
Chief Executive  
Penrith and Districts Junior Rugby League



### **JUNIOR LEAGUE CHAIRMAN**

It gives me great pleasure to submit this report to be included in your Association's 40<sup>th</sup> Annual report.

During my association with the Junior League which spans some thirty years I have admired and respected the young women and men (and the not so young) for their dedication and expertise in their chosen role within our game of Rugby League.

We have often had cause to sing your praises for the standard of refereeing our district enjoys – a standard that is second to none. This is proved with the number of referees going on to higher levels.

I know I speak with the support of the Junior League Board in saying that we have great appreciation of the work your board performs for the betterment of the Junior League and its ongoing commitment to further improve relations between our two groups.

Please be assured of my total support and that of the Junior League Board in obtaining and maintaining a safe and enjoyable culture for all to enjoy.

Jack Myers  
Chairman  
Penrith Junior Rugby League

### **DISTRICT CLUB**

I would like to thank you for the great work you and your fellow members of the Penrith District Rugby League Referee's Association have done during the 2006 Season.

As everyone knows, refereeing is a thankless job and can only be done by a dedicated and committed individual - someone who is in it for the betterment of the game and definitely not for self-glory. I believe your members are of the highest quality referees that the game has to offer. They are also the right people to make sure Penrith is at the forefront of quality refereeing in junior league.

I hope that we can continue the great relationship between the Penrith District Rugby League and the Referees Association. Our dependence on your association for good, clean, honest refereeing is priceless and it is this that will see us into the 2007 season and beyond.

Good luck for the rest of the year and I look forward to working with you in the future

Michael Leary  
General Manager – Rugby League  
Penrith District Rugby League

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**NRAS COORDINATORS REPORT**

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On the recruitment side, the year started slowly with 5 people attending the 1st Level One Course in March. Our second course in May was attended by 25 people, which made the appointments easier, as the Junior League had increased in size so that we had 199 games each Saturday.

To assist the Association it was suggested to Junior League Chief Executive, Don Feltis, that a new course be introduced in the District that would allow club personnel to actually referee the Under 6 format. This was possible because the Under 6 games are not considered a competition. With the assistance of the Associations Coaching Directors Fred Lucas and Chris Heinmeyer, we formulated a course that covered the laws of mini footy together with the SafePlay Code, and an exam. This course was extremely well supported by the Junior League Clubs, with the 65 people attending, learning basic laws of mini footy. On presentation to the National Education Manager, Peter Corcoran OAM, the concept was then approved as a recognised course in its own right. Currently, six of the people who participated have decided to complete the necessary components to receive their Level One Accreditation.

As this report goes to print Penrith again hosts the combined Level Two Course in October, with Barry Ruttle, State Education Manager, as the Provider

In closing it would be remiss if I did not thank the following people for their assistance in 2006:

- Jason for your expertise,
- Russell Turner - for your valued contribution at our Level One and Level Two Courses,
- Chris and Fred - for your help with the Level One and Under 6 Courses;
- Don Feltis, Sheila Stephenson and the staff at the Junior League for the use of the Complex and other logistical support,
- My friend, supporter, chauffeur and wife – Yvonne

May you all have a happy and safe Christmas season, and I hope to see you all in 2007.

Barry Beveridge  
Provider  
National Referees Accreditation Scheme





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**COACHING DIRECTORS REPORT**

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The 2006 Season was a very rewarding one for the Coaching Directors.

During the season we held two Level One Referees courses in which 30 Candidates obtained their level one tickets, with a mixture of Juniors and a couple of Seniors. With these great results it should benefit our Association for years to come.



We held an under six Club Official/Referee's Course in which 62 Candidates passed and started Refereeing in the 2006 season which has helped out our Association immensely.

Chris and I would like to thank all of our members who assisted us in conducting these classes.

Special thanks to our partners Shirley and Sharon and Barry Beveridge for all his help throughout the year.

We hope to see you all in the 2007 Season.

Fred Lucas & Chris Heinmeyer  
Coaching Directors

**PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

For some years Fred Lucas has been making an annual pilgrimage to Papua New Guinea to coach the locals to become referees, and help to develop their current crop. While this is an ARL initiative, and therefore something that the Association can't really take credit for, it is certainly something we can be proud of. To highlight the massive task that Fred and the ARL undertake, I would like to point out a few facts:

- Papua New Guinea is the only country in the world where Rugby League is their National sport.
- PNG was really only "westernised" a bit over twenty years ago
- People from the same towns, villages or tribes are considered "brothers" - and are expected to look after their own accordingly.
- It is impossible to count the number of languages and dialects used throughout the country.
- It is quite common to see people climbing trees with television antennae to try to pick up the Australian National Rugby League Broadcasts.
- Players – and Referees – from Australia are treated like royalty. Bill Harrigan officiates in the PNG Grand Final (because it's safer for local officials) and quite often flies in by helicopter and is given a "rock-star" reception.
- They really love their footy

Fred and the Australian Rugby League are to be congratulated for their efforts.



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## TRAINERS REPORT

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2006 saw an improved attendance at Association Training. One of the most pleasing aspects of the season was the attendance of the younger members of the association. Of those who did attend the sessions, most of these took part in around 80% of the 2006 training regime.

Throughout the year training varied in its approach from speed and strength training to endurance and stamina building. We aimed the training at trying to get everyone involved and participating so as to encourage the members to attend. This is evident in the number of participants we had week in and week out throughout the year.

On two different occasions we met with the Parramatta referees. Unfortunately on both occasions we came away without the money. One thing that was very pleasing about these challenges was the attendance, in particular when we went down into Parramatta territory. A change in the theme of these nights saw the members thoroughly enjoy both evenings. The 2006 Challenge moved towards fun and enjoyable team events rather than individual fitness challenges. These allowed members of all fitness levels to actively participate.

One of the biggest challenges in developing a training program for a Referees Association is developing one that is inclusive and effective. When training a football team, all of the players are of a similar fitness standard as they are all competing in the same game. With the variety of referees that are at training each week, it is vitally important that training incorporates all of the members and takes into account the levels of football they are officiating in.

Thanks must go to the Social Committee for catering a number of BBQs during the year. These nights seemed to be the most popular. Thanks must also go to the parents who supported their child's hobby and helped them develop their refereeing skills by bringing them to training each week. The members of the appointments board and development panel also assisted in building the skills and confidence of the new members away from the spotlight of 200 screaming parents. The work done in the background often goes unrecognised and it was pleasing to see how many actively training members received Grand Final awards on Presentation Day.

As we finish this long season and look forward to the upcoming 2007 year, we would like to thank all of the members that attended training throughout 2006. Your attendance and enthusiasm is something we have cherished and which has motivated us to continue training the Association. Finally congratulations to all of those members who have been selected in the 2007 Development Squad. Keep fit and we will see you next year.

Grant Atkins and Daniel Olford  
Training Coordinators



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**SOCIAL SECRETARY REPORT**

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The social committee had a huge year this season with many functions and BBQ's to put together in our 40<sup>th</sup> season.

I would firstly like to thank the committee of Thomas Aylett, Rohan Best, James Davidson, Luke Evans, Courtney Goldsmith, Fred Lucas, Mitchell Lucas, Curtis Lucas, Paul Burton, Rebecca Reid, Sarah Lewis & Brian Waiting; all of your work over the season has made the job easier and made sure that all BBQ's and functions ran smoothly.

To the Board of Management and the Executive thanks for all of your support and patience over the season.

At the start of the season the committee and I were asked to put together a fundraising function to launch the 2006 season. This was done with a trivia night held at Panthers. The night was also a fundraiser for a wonderful family of member Shane Smith who need help getting Sarah to Disneyland with their little girl Madeleine who had been given a wish by the Starlight Foundation.

The night was a huge success we raised enough monies to help grant Sarah her wish of getting to travel to Disneyland. Big thanks have to go to all of the members and clubs who came along on the night.

The night itself would not have been able to be the success it was without the work of a few people our big thanks to you Jason Robinson for all of his work in getting many of the prizes for the night.

A big thanks to my family who were our judges and question writers on the night - Jeff & Carmel Woods, scorer Kayla Woods and runner Scott Burns. Without your kind help and knowledge the night would not have been as great as it was.

Our next major function of the year was our Life Member Reunion Lunch that was held at the Penrith Paceway. It was great to see so many people who have worked so hard in the past to get our Association to where we are today, come together with current active members to have a great afternoon.

The lunch could not have been the great afternoon it was without the work of Courtney Goldsmith who did a lot of the ground work in getting this afternoon to happen. Thanks Courtney for a job very well done.

The next event on the social calendar was the big night for the year - our Life Members Presentation and Ladies Night, again held at Panthers Leagues Club. It was also a night we celebrated our 40 years of refereeing in the Penrith district.

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We had two Life Memberships presented this season. The first was the induction of the late Mavis Kandelas as an Honorary Life Member for all of help and support given to the Association over many years.

The night was highlighted by Brett Lynch receiving his Life Membership. Brett has been a huge contributor to the running of the Association over the years. Great job Brett you deserve it.

A Huge thanks to Courtney Goldsmith who came up with a very sought after gift for the ladies.

Big thanks must also go to Dale Lynch for all of her work that she does with helping out for the big night with no reward. Dale your work makes the night seem to happen so much easier.

The night was a great success with 170 people attending the function. The food and beverages were merrily consumed by all the members and partners who enjoyed a walk down memory lane with a slide show compiled by John Woods. Who could forget the comedy styling of Peter Kay and his tour of the world - he had all the members in fits of laughter

The annual Junior V Senior match was held at the Western Weekender Stadium. The game was one of the toughest for some years. However the seniors did run out winners for the Third year in a row with a score line that did not represent the closeness of the match.

Thanks to Russell Turner and Kylie Black for filling the worst job in football - refereeing two teams of referees. A job well done.

The post match BBQ and presentation were held in the Beer Garden of the St Mary's Leagues Club. Thanks to the members and wives who jumped in a cooked up a storm for all of the hungry members.

Thanks to the St Mary's Club and Jim Jones who organized the venue at no charge.

Well done to all the award winners who have worked hard over the season on and off the field to keep the association moving in a forward direction.

I would like to thank the few members who supported ALL functions throughout the year. We have many great stories to tell of the great times that we all enjoy at these functions.

To all members and families I hope you have a happy and safe Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

John Woods  
Social Secretary



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**GEAR STEWARDS REPORT**

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Well yet another year has gone by and it was another great season for our association.

Season 2006 introduced many new faces to Penrith, which meant the production and distribution of a lot of new on and off-field gear. We revived the tracksuit and thanks to the creativity of Jason Robinson and the guys at Kombat sportswear, we can now arrive at our games in style.

This season in particular I need to thank a few people for their assistance and support in making my job a whole lot easier. My long-term absence in the latter part of the season complicated gear distribution but with the help of some fellow members, no one missed out on their desired gear. Thomas Aylett, James Davidson, Casey Wouters and Daniel Olford all played a large role in getting the gear out to the guys at training when I was unable to attend and for that I am very grateful. I also wish to thank Jason for another great season in his secretarial role; his patience and initiative made my life a whole lot easier, especially in the production and ordering of the tracksuits and new on-field gear supplies.

Finally, a big thank you is required for another fantastic year of support from our sponsors at Watts Commercial Furniture. Without their ongoing support this association simply wouldn't function as fantastically as it does. Congratulations to everyone on their achievements in 2006 and I will see you on the flip side.

Rohan Best  
Gear Steward

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**WATTS COMMERCIAL FURNITURE**

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**WATTS A PRESENCE IN THE COMMUNITY**

WATTS COMMERCIAL FURNITURE has received positive feedback from clients, suppliers and associates following our sponsorship with the Association. We have had a record sales year up by 20% over the previous financial year. Whilst there were many factors contributing to our result there was no doubt some influence from our sponsorship. As a manufacturer, we face difficult times competing with cheap and often sub-standard products. Australian consumers have always demanded a high standard from local manufacturers and it is difficult to recognize the change to the throwaway society. How do you tell employees put a top effort into this product however only spend half the time on the next?

I think we have similar problems to referees – more scrutiny, more demands to get it right, but do consumers appreciate the extra effort required to achieve these performance levels? We enjoy our task and congratulate referees in their achievements.

We are committed and look forward to supporting your organisation in 2007.

Richard Prior  
WATTS COMMERCIAL FURNITURE



**NSW RUGBY LEAGUE DEVELOPMENT SQUAD REPORT**

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**HEAD COACH REPORT**

It is indeed a pleasure to be asked to submit this report to the members regarding the 2006 season for the NSWRLRA Junior representative squad with particular emphasis on the performances of the Penrith referees.

The Association had a total of 8 representatives in the squad this season and they were Grant Atkins, Thomas Aylett, Jay Farlow, Jamie Davidson, Tristan K' Nell Lawrence McDonnell, David Ryan and Daniel Olford.

At the start of the junior rep. season we were handed some pretty clear riding instructions from the coaches at the higher levels and those instructions were that we needed to adopt coaching strategies that were in keeping with the models being utilised at the Premier League and NRL levels. Let me say that from the outset I was not all that comfortable with this approach as I feared that our squad members did not have the experience and more importantly the resources to adopt all of these things readily. However, it would also prove to be folly if we did not progressively work towards adoption of this coaching model. If we did not move in this direction the only people to be disadvantaged were the referees however difficult this whole approach could be. I am happy that we took the coaching and development a long way down the road towards the Premier League/ NRL model and should I and my fellow coaches be engaged next season the transition, I believe, can be fully achieved.

With particular reference to the Penrith guys can I say that all of the eight referees performed very well in a pretty tough environment. Training!!!! This element is really tough and it seems to me that many retired referees who now have coaching roles appear to take great delight in seeing the current crop of referees 'bashed in to submission'. I am not one of those people but I do hasten to advise that if you, in the future, are nominated to this squad or higher, if you have not trained and are not fit don't bother.

The season started badly for Grant due to illness but he did get opportunities later in the year in Flegg and refereed very well. Jay was the stand out from the Penrith Referees being appointed to a Harold Matthews Quarter Final. Jay has a new found confidence which I am sure will lead to bigger things. Daniel, Lawrence, Jamie and Dave were all given opportunities in Flegg throughout the season and acquitted themselves very well. Certainly they created some solid building blocks for next season. Thomas was the "new kid" and if his performance in the Under 16 Grand Final is a guide he is well on the way to bigger things in the 2007 squad. Lastly, Tristan has been in the squad for some years and has been a loyal and willing servant. Tristan, as we all know, lost his enthusiasm during the season and it would appear will not return to refereeing. Should this be the case I wish to thank Tristan for his dedicated participation in the squad and I wish him every success in whatever he chooses to do.

In closing, I wish to thank Brett Lynch for his understanding and support in relation to this squad which does, from time to time, make many unreasonable demands on his personnel at the local level. I wish all of the Penrith members who are in the squad or aspiring to join every success in reaching their goals, 2007 is just around the corner.

Peter Filmer  
Head Coach  
NSWRL Inter-District Development Squad  
Director – Coaching and Development  
NSWRL Referees Association

#### **SQUAD REPORT**

The Penrith District continues to have a strong presence in the NSWRL Inter-District Squad with Jay Farlow, Grant Atkins, Thomas Aylett, Tristan K'Nell, David Ryan, Daniel Olford, James Davidson and Lawrence McDonell all participating throughout the season.

Training began in November 2005, and with new trainer Klinton Hoare in charge, there was no punching in the air but plenty of hard work to be done. With the changes to refereeing at the top level, the Inter District Squad had to train on their own this year. After a few lighter sessions we were soon into heavy training in the summer heat. The Penrith members trained hard with Daniel Olford being invited to tackle the Wanda Sand Dunes with the Grade and NRL Squads.

Junior Representative Trials began in late January and most squad members got an opportunity to taste what it's like in the middle for these encounters. The season proper got underway with Thomas, Tristan, Dave, Daniel and Lawrence touch judging in both the Harold Mathews and SG Ball competitions. All members performed strongly and are getting hungry for that opportunity to take the whistle and prove themselves in the middle. Grant spent the earlier part of the season recovering from injury while Jay Farlow managed to gain and hold a position in the SG Ball competition, earning himself a quarter final and ensuring that he left a mark in the minds of those who count.

Despite his early injuries Grant was given the chance to referee several games in the Jersey Flegg competition where he performed well and was rewarded with the touch line for the NSW vs. Qld Police game at Telstra Stadium. James, Daniel, Dave, and Lawrence also refereed in the Jersey Flegg competition which served as a good opportunity to make a claim for next year. Dave earned himself the reputation as the million dollar man by officiating on several lines as well as getting plenty of standby and interchange work throughout the season. Jay Farlow continued his strong year after the Junior Reps season was over by flying to Perth to officiate in the U/15's Australian Schoolboy Championships.

Overall it was a very successful year for Penrith Members in the Inter District Squad. Next year is set to be just as good with the more established members' one step closer to getting their shot and more young talent coming through from the District. Training begins again in November and then we are set to do it all over again.

Lawrence McDonell





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**NATIONAL RUGBY LEAGUE FEEDER SQUAD REPORT**

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This year the Graded Squad had a new look to what it had been in previous years. With NRL playing a major roll, and a name change to the Premier League/NRL feeder squad, the squad went through a number of changes since our first session with Robert Finch in early November 2005. Yes 2005!

The Coaching staff of Robert Finch, Mick Stone and Steve Nash coached us on how to be a first grade referees with the introduction of KP's (key performance indicators) which is how our performances were judged. No more written reports but video reviews. We worked closely with the first grade squad to get the inside on what it takes to referee first grade and after 46 weeks of training and 138 sessions (compared to 40 sessions last season) we certainly got to see what is required to take the next step.

We developed a culture within the squad never experienced before as we bonded together to form good working relationships as we knew we would need each other during the year, whether it was for a bit of encouragement to get through another 400m sprint at training, some advice for a game, or just someone to whinge to when got dropped.

“Under the pump” all year from trainers Klinton Hoare and Peter Bourke there was no place to hide as fitness levels went to a new level. These changes showed with the on field performances of the team Penrith. After being graded at the start of the year, Melissa Yates started slow but found her feet mid way through the season - refereeing consistently in Jim Beam Cup with a taste of Premier League, running a touch line before being sidelined for the final series. Peter Sciberras ran the touch line (sideline officials now) consistently all season in the Premier League and was rewarded in the finals series with a grand final in-goal in Jim Beam Cup. George Jankowski showed you're never too old as he kept up with the young guys and was a constant performer in the Premier League and Jim Beam fixtures resulting in being appointed to the Flegg Semi Finals series. Phillip Haines had a sensational year this season and got down to business refereeing the entire 26 rounds in the Premier League. These consistent performances saw Phil rewarded with appointments to a number of televised Aussie Home loan games and one forgettable trip to Melbourne. He also was standby referee for the NSW v QLD residents game and refereed his guts out in the Jim Beam and Flegg semi finals resulting in Phil being appointed standby ref for the Jersey Flegg and Premier League Grand finals. Finally, Rickey McFarlane started the season refereeing in Jersey Flegg and Jim Beam Cup resulting in Rickey's debut in Premier League and then doing 4 in a row. He was appointed standby ref for the NSW v QLD u'19s State Of Origin, but a mid season slump saw him put on the line for 5 weeks. This was just what the doctor ordered as he returned to the centre in Jim Beam and quickly moved back to Premier League. Constant good performances resulted in a premier league centre in the finals series but as the number of games fell so did the refs so it was back to the in-goal for where I was appointed to my 3<sup>rd</sup> Premier League Grand Final In-goal and NRL interchange. All the team will be appointed to world cup qualifying matches so team Penrith should hold there heads high. It's back to training in 5 weeks!

All this extra work load does take it toll on family so to my Beautiful daughter Sammi and Fiancée Jo and all the other family members who have had to put up with our “crap” over the season



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we thank you and without that support we wouldn't be where we are today. To all the other members of the association, congratulations on another fine year.

Rickey McFarlane

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*Grant Atkins and Jay Farlow have been invited to trial for selection for the NRL Feeder Squad for the 2007 season*



### NATIONAL RUGBY LEAGUE SQUAD REPORT

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Following the conclusion of the 2005 season Tim Mander announced his retirement from refereeing in the National Rugby League. The new-look squad came together mid-November following a 6 week break after the Grand Final. Over the next 5 weeks the squad underwent up to a dozen training sessions per week in various endurance disciplines including cycling, biathlons, rowing, beach carnivals, sand running, swimming and the annual eco-challenge weekend. All of these were designed (mostly) to keep us off our feet and give them a good rest following the season that had just finished.

Following a short Christmas siesta, the squad began game and movement specific training, comprising endurance running, agility drills, sprint work and weights. Decision-making under fatigue was commenced as the new season drew near.

When the first weekend approached all members were tested in fitness disciplines such as aerobic/anaerobic run, agility run, sprint times, body fat composition and weight lifting.

This year, the NRL introduced a system that exposed more young match officials to refereeing at NRL level. This was developed as an essential investment for the future years, which will see more fixtures each weekend and the possible retirements of some senior long-time referees. As a result, Ben Cummins, Jarred Maxwell and Tony De Las Heras all made their NRL debut as central referees in 2006.

Penrith Referees Association was represented in the squad by 2 members this year, Jason Robinson and Russell Turner.

Jason commenced his first year as a full-time referee in late 2005. He was immediately appointed to officiate in the Tri-nations competition held in the UK. He successfully refereed a number of fixtures in the second-tier competition and was rewarded for his good form by being appointed as a sideline official for the final of the main competition between Australia and New Zealand.

Refereeing in sixteen NRL games this year, 2006 was a period of consolidation for Jason and he says that his highlight was being part of the Tri-Nations Series. At the conclusion of the season he was appointed to the World Cup qualifier competition, and has now officiated in 60 NRL matches overall.

Jason's position within the squad meant that he selflessly (if not – reluctantly) had to forego his position to give the new members their opportunities and as such has played a great role in ensuring the future success of the NRL Referees squad.

Russell resumed his spot as an NRL Sideline Official (S/O). For the first time he was not relegated to Premier League during the entire season. This good form saw him appointed to a number of key S/O appointments during the year:

- City Origin vs. Country Origin (Dubbo)
- Standby S/O: State of Origin I (Sydney)
- State of Origin II & III (Brisbane & Melbourne)

Following the season proper, Russell entered the finals series where he officiated in a further 3 NRL finals matches, culminating in the appointment as Sideline Official for the Premier League Grand Final, as well as Standby S/O for the NRL Grand Final. At the end of the season Russell now has a career tally of 124 NRL matches.

All in all a very successful year for Jason, Russell and the NRL referees.

Congratulations to the NRL Grand Final team this year: Paul Simpkins (Referee), Steve Carrall and Rod Lawrence (Sideline Officials) and Bill Harrigan and Chris Ward (Video Referees).

It was surprising (or probably not too surprising) to note that yet again the NRL referees became the target of a number of media organizations who seemed to delight in “bashing” all and sundry at every opportunity. Yet again the NRL competition was the best ever but the refereeing, somewhat amazingly, was at an all-time low.

On a positive note there were more crack-downs on referee abuse by players. In a sign that abusing a match official should not be tolerated at any level for any reason, a number of well-publicised examples occurred during the year. Any young player watching their role models on television were shown that not even the elite players can carry on and get away with it. Hopefully this attitude will be supported in the future at all levels.

Following the completion of the 2006 season there are plenty of changes to look forward to. These include:

- The inclusion of Gold Coast Titans to the NRL Premiership
- An additional match each weekend (8 next year)
- An additional Friday night and Monday night match each week
- Russell Smith and Pat Reynolds have announced their retirement from active refereeing from the end of this season, opening the door to further opportunity for the “up-and-comers”.

We would like to thank every Penrith member that assisted, asked questions, sent best wishes and who showed interest in refereeing at the NRL level this year. It was only a few years ago that both Jason and Russell were members of the junior branch of the Penrith Referees, a beginning that provided the base that still helps them achieve their current goals. We can see the same base developing in a number of the young up-and-coming members and look forward to seeing where this base leads to in the future.

Russell Turner

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*Phillip Haines has been included in the 2007 season NRL Fulltime Referee Squad*



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**NOTABLE APPOINTMENTS**

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**2006 PENRITH JUNIOR LEAGUE GRAND FINALS**

**Mini-footy Grand Finals**

Grade	Referee		Touch Judges
7(5)	N Jury	B Flewitt	B Beveridge
7(4)	G Lagerlow	N Jury	B Flewitt
7(3)	B Flewitt	G Lagerlow	B Bentley
7(2)	B Beveridge	A Daubney	C Robinson
7(1)	B Bentley	A Daubney	C Robinson
8(6)	A Organ	C Smith	C Mylchreest
8(5)	J Cobb	A Organ	C Mylchreest
8(4)	C Smith	A Collins	B Bowers
8(3)	A Collins	J Cobb	A Organ
8(2)	B Bowers	A Collins	J Cobb
8(1)	S Reinicke	A Daubney	C Robinson

**Mod-footy Grand Finals**

Grade	Referee		Touch Judges
9(5)	K French	M Harpley	A Azzorpardi
9(4)	R Harwood	R Reid	C Wouters
9(3)	A Azzorpardi	K French	B Beveridge
9(2)	R Reid	R Harwood	P Burton
9(1)	M Harpley	J Lauer	B Beveridge
10(7)	C Wouters	R Harwood	R Reid
10(6)	P Burton	C Kingston	R Harwood
10(5)	P Ross	C Kingston	T Walker
10(4)	C Kingston	C Turner	G Lagerlow
10(3)	P King	C Wouters	G Lagerlow
10(2)	C Turner	T Walker	P King
10(1)	T Walker	C Turner	P King
11(6)	J Lauer	J Hewitt	M Harpley
11(5)	M Dumas	J Lauer	J Hewitt
11(4)	S Bowen	M Dumas	S Filmer
11(3)	J Hewitt	S Bowen	C Lucas
11(2)	S Filmer	J Hewitt	M Dumas
11(1)	C Lucas	J Hewitt	M Dumas
12(6)	S Bourke	A Ferrari	M Newham
12(5)	C Sutton	A Ferrari	B Flewitt
12(4)	L Packer	G Lagerlow	J Lauer
12(3)	C Goldsmith	B Bentley	B Madigan
12(2)	R Thomas	B McDonald	T Doull
12(1)	L Burton	T Walker	B Bowers

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**Saturday International Grand Finals**

Grade	Referee		Touch Judges
13(4)	S Smith	T Browne	P Ross
13(3)	Sarah Lewis	C Kingston	A Azzopardi
13(2)	E Grima	S Reinicke	R Harwood
13(1)	C Potts	D Abbey	M Dumas
14(5)	S Dicinoski	Z Hansford	A Stubbings
14(4)	P Hattch	C Mylchreest	A Organ
14(3)	P Whilesmith	T Hannon	R Thomas
14(2)	S Grisedale	P Hattch	P Whilesmith
14(1)	S Denning	S Filmer	C Turner
15(3)	J Burton	J Rose	P King
15(2)	R Tucker	M Harpley	J Hewitt
15(1)	R Heinemeyer	B Filmer	C Lucas

**Sunday Grand Finals**

Grade	Referee		Touch Judges
16(3)	Daniel Olford	Daniel Marshall	Emmanuel Grima
16(2)	Anthony Anderson	Curtis Lucas	Josh Burton
16(1)	Thomas Aylett	Ricky Heinemeyer	Ryan Tucker
17(3)	Lawrence McDonnell	Chris Sutton	Lyndsay Packer
17(2)	Kristy-Lee Heinemeyer	Shane Dicinoski	Sarah Lewis
17(1)	James Davidson	Luke Parker	Mark Bohan
19(2)	John Woods	Matthew Sosimenko	Phil Whilesmith
19(1)	Grant Atkins	Anthony Anderson	Kristy-Lee Heinemeyer
AR	Col Potts	Adam Dengate	Phil Hattch
A(3)	Brett Windon	Mark Bohan	Dave Sullivan
A(2)	Shannon Lewis	Ricky Heinemeyer	Luke Parker
A(1)	Jay Farlow	Rydal Govender	David Ryan



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**Jay Farlow**

Referee - Harold Matthews Quarter Finals: Parramatta v Manly  
Referee – Australian Schoolboy Championships (U/15), Perth, WA

**Tristan K'Nell**

Stand-by Referee - Harold Matthews Quarter Finals

**NSW RUGBY LEAGUE**

**Phillip Haines**

Referee – Jim Beam Cup Semi Final: Newtown v Wentworthville  
Referee – Jersey Flegg Semi Final: St. George v Manly-Warringah  
Referee – Jersey Flegg Preliminary Final: Penrith v Canterbury-Bankstown  
Stand-by Referee – VB Premier League and Jersey Flegg Grand Finals

**Rickey McFarlane**

Referee – VB Premier League Qualifying Finals: Parramatta v Cronulla  
Sideline Official – Jersey Flegg Qualifying Finals: St. George v Canterbury  
In-Goal Official – VB Premier League Semi Final: St. George-Illawarra v Canberra  
In-Goal Official – VB Premier League Preliminary Final: Parramatta v Manly-Warringah  
In-Goal Official – Jersey Flegg Preliminary Final: Newcastle v St. George  
In-Goal Official – Jersey Flegg Preliminary Final: Penrith v Canterbury-Bankstown  
In-Goal Official – VB Premier League Grand Final: Parramatta v Newtown

**Peter Sciberras**

Sideline Official – Jim Beam Cup Semi Final: Newtown v Wentworthville  
In-Goal Official – Jersey Flegg Semi Final: St. George v Manly-Warringah  
In-Goal Official – Jim Beam Cup Grand Final: Sydney Bulls v Newtown

**George Jankowski**

Sideline Official – Jim Beam Cup Semi Final: Newtown v Wentworthville  
In-Goal Official – Jersey Flegg Semi Final: Sydney Roosters v Canterbury  
Sideline Official – Jersey Flegg Preliminary Final: Newcastle v St. George

**Russell Turner**

Sideline Official – VB Premier League Grand Final: Parramatta v Newtown, Telstra Stadium

**NATIONAL RUGBY LEAGUE**

**Russell Turner**

Sideline Official – NRL Semi-Finals Week One: Melbourne v Parramatta, Olympic Park, Melbourne  
Sideline Official – NRL Semi Finals Week Two: St. George-Illawarra v Manly-Warringah, Aussie Stadium  
Sideline Official – NRL Semi Finals Week Three: Melbourne v St. George-Illawarra, Telstra Stadium  
Stand-by Sideline Official – NRL Grand Final: Melbourne v Brisbane

## STATE OF ORIGIN

### Russell Turner

Sideline Official – City v Country, Dubbo

Sideline Official - State of Origin II, Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane

Sideline Official - State of Origin III, Telstra Dome, Melbourne



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**MY STATE OF ORIGIN EXPERIENCE**

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Following the appointment as stand-by sideline official to Origin I in Sydney, I thought that I had a fair idea of what to expect.

I was wrong.

We were greeted by a city that had Queensland jerseys on every street corner and large groups of maroon-wearing people roaming the streets. Everyone wanted to chat about the upcoming match and give "friendly" advice on how we should officiate in it.

On arrival at the ground the mood amongst our team (Steve Clark, Rod Lawrence, Graeme West and I) was quite calm and our preparation for the kick off was not a great deal different to any other match. We had a rub, stretched and warmed up as usual but there was a definite buzz in the air. After we were presented with our Origin II jerseys in a short ceremony I felt a great deal of pride and accomplishment putting it on.

We were standing in the tunnel for the Blues' entry and heard the greeting they received, then the massive cheer for the local team. I have never heard a roar like it before. However, the loudest noise was received when the entire 52,000 crowd recited the national anthem. The pride in the song really wound up the adrenaline and it was a moment in my life I will never forget. I cannot begin to think the emotion that a gold medallist would feel if the song and the stadium were singing just for them.

As the anthem finished and the "Queenslander" roar started I glanced around the packed arena and noticed the very last person in the very last row in the very furthest corner was up, pointing and yelling, I knew it was big. I remember thinking "Who'd have thought it.....from Blacktown Workers Under 7's to this??"

The match kicked off and I suddenly noticed that NSW were making a change behind me on the sideline. Gee, I wonder who is injured this early? Then I looked up at the clock and saw that we were actually 25 minutes into it. It felt like 5 minutes. The intensity I experienced in this match, even though the score was blowing out is something I have never seen. There was an intercept try on my side from Justin Hodges, where, although the legs were burning by the half way line, the roar of the crowd pushed me along to the other end of the field.

Half time came and went. The second half went just as quickly as the first but the intensity level never dropped. The only advantage of the score blow-out was that we managed to squeeze in a few breaks behind the goal posts to catch our breath and rest the legs.

Then, it was over. 80 minutes of the fastest, most intense football I have experienced. The legs were gone. After the ice baths and a massage we hit the town for a celebration. 3 days later the heaviness in the legs had eased only slightly, but the memory of Origin II will remain with me forever.

I thoroughly recommend the experience to anyone!

Russell Turner



## LIFE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATIONS

### LUKE EVANS

Luke first joined the Association as a Junior in 1981, joining the Senior Branch in 1984. He left the Association in 1992, rejoining in 1998.



1987 – 1989	Social Committee
1989	Internal Auditor
2001 – 2002	Social Secretary
2001	Proxy Delegate to Penrith Junior League
2001 – 2006	Merit Award Committee
2002	Board of Management
2002	Assistant Treasurer
2003 – 2004	Honorary Treasurer
2004	Social Secretary
2005 – 2006	Social Committee
2005	Internal Auditor
2006	Board of Management

Luke has attended 48% of meetings as follows:

Year	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	Total
Meetings	14	15	17	15	14	16	10	10	9	9	9	8	6	6	7	9	10	184
Attended	10	10	10	11	1	0	0	1	2	2	5	3	3	6	6	9	10	89

### CHRIS HEINMEYER

Chris joined the Association in 1992, having previously refereed in the Country



2000	Coaching Director
2001	Advisory Panel
2002 – 2006	Coaching Director
2002 – 2003	Appointment Board
2004	Advisory Panel
2005 – 2006	Appointments Board
2006	Board of Management

Chris has attended 27% of meetings as follows:

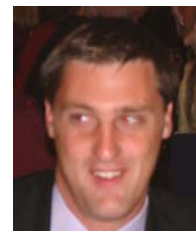
Year	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	Total
Meetings	8	9	10	9	8	9	9	10	10	8	6	6	7	9	10	128
Attended	3	1	0	5	2	0	0	3	1	1	1	2	1	7	7	34



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**GREGORY YATES**

Greg joined the Senior Branch in 1995, having been a member of the Junior Branch since 1992.



1997	Social Secretary
1998 – 1999	NSWRL Referees Association Proxy Delegate
2000 – 2001	NSWRL Referees Association Delegate
2000	Coaching Director
2000	Social Committee
2002	Advisory Panel
2002 – 2003	NSWRL Referees Association Proxy Delegate
2003 – 2004	Board of Management
2005 – 2006	Honorary Treasurer

Greg has attended 88% of meetings as follows:

Year	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	Total
Meetings	9	8	9	9	10	10	8	6	6	7	9	10	101
Attended	7	8	8	6	8	8	7	6	6	7	9	9	89

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**NOTICE OF MOTION**

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At the time of printing there were no Notices of Motion received by the Secretary, although the Associations external Auditor has foreshadowed a possible change to the Constitution.

Should this change be necessary, the details will be forwarded to the members as an addendum to the Annual Report to be dealt with at the Annual General Meeting, or at such other time and manner as the Constitution permits.

## 2006 AWARDS

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### Life Membership Presentation

Brett Lynch joined the Association in 1992, after refereeing in South Australia, NSW Country and St George. He has always contributed to the Association, in positions such as Social Secretary, Appointments Board, Association Secretary and his current position as Referees Coordinator. Brett's wife Dale has always supported Brett, and the Association, and between them, are possibly the hardest working team that the Association has.

Congratulations and thanks to Brett and Dale Lynch



*Brett and Dale Lynch with Russell Turner*

### **Honorary Life Membership Presentation**

At the Annual General Meeting, the Association voted to endorse Mavis Kandelas, as an Honorary Life Member. Mavis had always been an active supporter of the Association, and is certainly worthy of such recognition. Unfortunately we lost Mavis this year, but we will ensure that the Kandelas legacy will continue.



*Daniel Olford accepts Honorary Life Membership on behalf of his Grandmother, Mavis Kandelas*

### Michael Grady Merit Award

The Michael Grady Merit Award was initiated in 1976 to acknowledge the efforts of the “Junior” who has gone out of their way for the betterment of the Association and, in particular, the Juniors. Named after the first member Graded from Penrith who began their career in the Junior Branch, this award is not meant to reflect “on-field” accomplishments. While individual accomplishments are exciting, rewarding and, indeed, necessary, it is most important that we recognise those members, both Junior and Senior, who work towards the betterment of the Association and its’ members.

This years recipient of the Michael Grady Junior Merit Award, Courtney Goldsmith, attended over half of the training sessions and every meeting this year. She also participated in the pre-season camp, the Season Launch and Fundraiser, and other activities. As a member of the Social Committee, Courtney assisted in all Social functions held by the Association.

Courtney also took on the responsibility of organising the Life Members reunion, which – due to the success of the event – we envisage will become an annual event.

Courtney showed a passion and a diligence reminiscent of the Junior Branch of the ‘80’s and is certainly a most worthy recipient of the Michael Grady Merit Award.



*Courtney Goldsmith receives the Junior Merit Award from former Junior Gary Haines*

### **Jack Harris Merit Award**

The Jack Harris Merit Award is our Associations most prestigious Award. This year the committee found it very difficult to separate the members on the short list because all of those on the list would have been worthy recipients of the award.

However the committee would like to congratulate Casey Wouters on being named as the Jack Harris Merit Award winner this season.

Casey was a worthy recipient of the award because of his outstanding dedication and passion shown to the Association. Casey was an active Saturday and fill-in Sunday referee. He was a member of the advisory panel and appointments board.

On any given Saturday or Sunday Casey could be found at some footy field sitting in his Akubra hat on his fold up chair from sun-up to sun-down. He was willing to provide any advice on officiating and any other matter to everyone. He is a person that takes great pride in assisting in the development of the new and the younger members of the association.

At knock-out days and carnivals Casey frequently fulfilled the role of mentor, liaison officer and organizing some facet of the day to the betterment of all present.

At social events Casey was actively involved, be it the cooking of the BBQ or playing along with the comedian at the Presentation Night. Casey attended every general meeting this season.

Casey is very highly respected by people from within the Association, and those from outside, such as Junior League officials.



Award winner in 2006.

At training where the mind was willing but the body was not always necessarily able Casey was involved in every way, from keeping the roll to assisting with skills and drills. There was not a week go by where the call “Have you all signed the roll boys and girls?” could not be heard, followed by “Alright, I’m going over to judiciary”.

The committee thanks Casey for all of his work within the Association and congratulates him on being named as the winner of the Jack Harris Merit

Well done, well deserved.

Russell Turner, Brett Lynch, Luke Evans  
Merit Award Committee



### Bob Kandelas Referees' Referee Award



The Bob Kandelas Referee of the Year (Referees' Referee) Award was established in 1980 to recognise the referee who embodied the qualities and traits that it takes to be a member of the Association. While this award is presented to an active member, it is not necessarily the members on-field performance that would make one a worthy recipient.

While Daniel Olford is a very good referee, his commitment to the Association has certainly endeared him to his fellow members. With Grant Atkins, Daniel undertook the duties of training the Associations members this season. Attending all training sessions and 90% of meetings, Daniel has shown a pride, passion and commitment to the Association and his fellow members. His leadership and enthusiasm has had a positive effect on all members.

Congratulations Daniel, you are a worthy recipient of this award.



*Daniel Olford receives the Bob Kandelas Award from his mum, and daughter of Bob and Mavis Kandelas, Sandra*

**Joe Beacroft Memorial Trophy**

The Joe Beacroft Memorial Trophy is awarded to the referee of the A Grade Division One Grand Final – the Districts Leading Referee. This season, the Associations top referee is Jay Farlow.



*Jay Farlow, winner of the Joe Beacroft Memorial Trophy*



### **Ray Steele Memorial Trophy**

The Ray Steele Memorial Trophy was initiated in 1996 following the passing of Second Divisions most prominent referee at the time, Ray Steele. The award was donated by Ray's widow, Yvonne, to recognise the referee of the Division Two A Grade Grand Final. This seasons recipient is Shannon Lewis.



*Shannon Lewis receives the Ray Steele Award from NRL Sideline Official Russell Turner*

### **Don Courts Trophy**

The Don Courts Trophy was introduced in 2005 to acknowledge the referee of the A Grade Division Three Grand Final. Don was a foundation member of the Association, and our first A Grade Grand Final Referee and has been continuously involved with the Associations activities for the past forty years.

This years recipient is Brett Windon who was not present to receive the award.

### **Phil Sanders Memorial Award**

This season saw the introduction of three awards to acknowledge the efforts of our Saturday Referees.

Phil Sanders was a long time member of the Junior Coaching Panel, and was a passionate supporter of, and dedicated contributor to, the Junior Branch. The award named in his memory recognises Phil's contribution to the development of our referees.

This year's recipient of the inaugural Phil Sanders Memorial Award for the leading Saturday Referee is Rickey Heinmeyer (U/15 Div One Grand Final).



### **Barry Beveridge Award**

Barry Beveridge has been continuously active since joining the Association in 1972. He has contributed to the development of our referees through coaching classes, appointments board, and on-field participation. Barry has an obvious passion for “kids” football, and the development of the referees in charge of it.

The recipient of the Barry Beveridge Award for the Highest Mod Grand Final Referee is Luke Burton (U/12 Division One).



**Peter Browne Award**

Peter Browne has refereed Grand Finals from A Grade to Under 7's, and everywhere in between. He has also been continuously involved in management, coaching and refereeing in his nearly forty years of service.

The Peter Browne Award is presented to the Highest Mini Grand Final Referee. This season's recipient is Steve Reinicke (Under 8 Division One Grand Final).





### Len Manuel Rookie of the Year

The Len Manuel Rookie of the Year Award recognises the member who, in their first year, has performed and contributed to the Association such a manner that requires special recognition. Scott Filmer joined the Association early in 2006, and has performed in such a way that he was rewarded with the Under 11/2 Grand Final and the “Rookie of the Year Award”.



**Reg Newsome Most Improved Junior Referee**

Reg Newsome donated this Award in 1982 to, in Reg's words, "encourage young Referees to improve their standard. It was not for the best Junior Referee - their rewards were there for all to see in their Grand Final Appointments". Matthew Harpley has, this season, shown such improvement to be rewarded with the presentation of the Reg Newsome Most Improved Junior Award (his sister, Sarah Lewis, accepted the award on Matthews behalf).



*Sarah Harpley accepts the Award on behalf of Matthew*

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**HONOUR ROLL**

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**Honorary Life Members**

Steve Carey (Dec)  
Frank Walsh (Dec)  
Cyril Wigzell (Dec)  
Mavis Kandelas (Dec)

**Honorary Members**

Rosemary Wilkinson  
Ian McCall

**Life Members**

1970	Jack Harris OAM	1983	Herbert Creighton	1996	John Jordan
1971	Les Brennan	1984	Not Awarded	1997	Ray Steele
1972	Jack Turner	1985	Noel Cahill	1998	Tony Danks
1973	Don Courts	1986	Graeme King	1998	John Mewett
1974	Merv Edwards	1987	Reg Newsome	1999	Graeme Priest
1975	Bob Kandelas	1988	Joe Beacroft	2000	John Skinner
1976	Barrie Kendall	1989	Len Manuel	2001	John Robinson
1977	Keith French	1990	Peter Filmer	2002	Tony Butler
1978	Trevor Murphy	1991	Gary Haines	2003	Fred Lucas
1979	Phil Sanders	1992	Peter Browne	2004	Jason Robinson
1980	Bert Reedy	1993	Peter Kerr	2005	Russell Turner
1981	Not Awarded	1994	Barry Beveridge	2006	Brett Lynch
1982	Not Awarded	1995	Peter Butler	<b>2007</b>	<b>????????????</b>

**Bob Kandelas Referees Referee**

1980	Barry Izzard	1989	Tom Peet	1998	Peter Sciberras
1981	Len Davis	1990	Graeme Priest	1999	Jennifer Robinson
1982	Keith Hogan	1991	Ken Evans	2000	Fred Lucas
1983	Peter Filmer	1992	Ray Steele	2001	Fred Lucas
1984	Kevin Russell	1993	Steve McFarlane	2002	Greg Yates
1985	Michael Quinn	1994	Steve McFarlane	2003	Jay Farlow
1986	Tony Butler	1995	Aaron Jones	2004	Jay Farlow
1987	Gary Haines	1996	Jason Robinson	2005	Grant Atkins
1988	Tom Peet	1997	Jason Robinson	2006	Daniel Olford



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**Jack Harris Merit Award**

1972	Bob Kandelas	1984	Brett Cowan	1996	Jennifer Yates
1973	Herbert Creighton	1985	Peter Shaw	1997	John Robinson
1974	Trevor Murphy	1986	Reg Newsome	1998	Matthew Pritchard
1975	Arthur North	1987	Peter Butler	1999	Phillip Haines
1976	Ron Beetson	1988	John Jordan	2000	Peter Browne
1977	Barry Beveridge	1989	Peter Browne	2001	Allan Farlow
1978	Bert Reedy	1990	John Jordan	2002	Barry Beveridge
1979	John Bryant	1991	Gary Haines	2003	Brett Lynch
1980	Reg Newsome	1992	John Skinner	2004	Fred Lucas
1981	Graeme King	1993	John Mewett	2005	Colin Smith
1982	Brian Kidd	1994	Peter Browne	2006	Casey Wouters
1983	John Skinner	1995	Trevor Sperring		

**Michael Grady Junior Merit Award**

1976	Steve Tyrell	1987	Jason Robinson	1997	Adam Dengate
1977	John Birrell	1988	John MacDonald	1998	Joel Edwards
1978	Brad McGarry	1989	Russell Turner	1999	Kristy-Lee Heinemeyer
1979	Dean Parkin	1990	Jason Robinson	2000	Jay Farlow
1980	Peter Sutherland	1991	Greg Banks	2001	Thomas Aylett
1981	Paul Quinn	1992	Matthew Brennan	2002	Thomas Aylett
1982	Tom Peet	1993	Paul Carter	2003	Joel Whilesmith
1983	Tony Crane	1994	Shannon Lewis	2004	Rohan Best
1984	Chris Kolkman	1995	Lisa Natrass	2005	Mitchell Lucas
1985	Brett Wright	1996	Lisa Natrass	2006	Courtney Goldsmith
1986	David Quinn				

**Reg Newsome Trophy  
(Most Improved Junior Referee)**

1982	Chris Green	1991	Brendan Egan	1999	John Woods
1983	Paul Blunt	1992	Troy Priest	2000	Robbie Hulston
1984	David Quinn	1993	Rickey McFarlane	2001	Daniel Olford
1985	Brett Wright	1994	Brett Harding	2002	Brad Filmer
1986	David Bonham	1995	Rebecca Lea	2003	Mitchell Peachey
1987	Jason Robinson	1996	James Whitney	2004	Ricky Heinemeyer
1988	Sarelle Woodward	1997	Grant Atkins	2005	Ryan Tucker
1989	Brett Gainsford	1998	Rebecca Van de Pol	2006	Matthew Harpley
1990	Greg Banks				



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**Joe Beacroft Memorial Trophy  
(A Grade Division One Grand Final Referee)**

1989	Gary Haines	1995	Ray Steele	2001	Phillip Haines
1990	Gary Haines	1996	Gary Haines	2002	Phillip Haines
1991	Ken Evans	1997	Jason Robinson	2003	Rickey McFarlane
1992	Ken Evans	1998	Jason Robinson	2004	Grant Atkins
1993	Brett Lynch	1999	Jennifer Robinson	2005	Grant Atkins
1994	Brett Lynch	2000	Martin Duncan	2006	Jay Farlow

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

1996	Steve McFarlane	2000	Fred Lucas	2004	Brett Windon
1997	Malcolm Brown	2001	Chris Heinemeyer	2005	Tristan K'Nell
1998	Jennifer Robinson	2002	Fred Lucas	2006	Shannon Lewis
1999	Chris Heinemeyer	2003	Not Awarded		

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

2005	Greg Yates	2006	Brett Windon
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**Len Manuel Award  
"Rookie of the Year"**

2004	Dave Ryan	2005	Rhyss Harwood	2006	Scott Filmer
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**Phil Sanders Memorial Award  
Leading Saturday Referee**

2006	Ricky Heinmeyer
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**Barry Beveridge Award  
Highest Mod-Footy Grand Final**

2006	Luke Burton
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**Peter Browne Award  
Highest Mini-Footy Grand Final**

2006	Steve Reinicke
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**A Grade Division One Grand Final Referees**

1967	Don Courts	1981	Keith Hogan	1994	Brett Lynch
1968	Don Courts	1982	John Mewett	1995	Ray Steele
1969	Don Courts	1983	Michael Bunnage	1996	Gary Haines
1970	Michael Beacroft	1984	Peter Filmer	1997	Jason Robinson
1971	Bob Kandelas	1985	Tony Butler	1998	Jason Robinson
1972	Barrie Kendall	1986	Michael Bunnage	1999	Jennifer Robinson
1973	Keith French	1987	Gary Haines	2000	Martin Duncan
1974	Keith French	1988	Gary Haines	2001	Phillip Haines
1975	Noel Cahill	1989	Gary Haines	2002	Phillip Haines
1976	Trevor Murphy	1990	Gary Haines	2003	Rickey McFarlane
1977	Barry Izzard	1991	Ken Evans	2004	Grant Atkins
1978	Keith Hogan	1992	Ken Evans	2005	Grant Atkins
1979	Barry Izzard	1993	Brett Lynch	2006	Jay Farlow
1980	Keith Hogan				

## LOOKING BACK

### Executive Members since 1967

Year	President	Secretary	Treasurer
1967	Jack Harris	Merv Edwards	Les Brennan
1968	Jack Harris	Merv Edwards	Les Brennan
1969	Jack Harris	Merv Edwards	Les Brennan
1970	Errol 'Doc' Mitchell	Merv Edwards	Les Brennan
1971	Jack Harris	Merv Edwards	Les Brennan
1972	Jack Harris	Jack Turner	Les Brennan
1973	Jack Harris	Jack Turner	Les Brennan
1974	Don Courts	Jack Turner	Herbert Creighton
1975	Don Courts	Barrie Kendall	Herbert Creighton
1976	Don Courts	Barrie Kendall	Herbert Creighton
1977	Bob Kandelas	Barrie Kendall	Herbert Creighton
1978	Jack Harris	Bert Reedy	Herbert Creighton
1979	Keith French	Bert Reedy	Herbert Creighton
1980	Keith French	Bert Reedy	Herbert Creighton
1981	Bert Reedy	Jack Turner	Herbert Creighton
1982	Bert Reedy	Steve Tyrell	Herbert Creighton
1983	Jack Harris	Peter Filmer	Steve Tyrell
1984	Jack Harris	Peter Filmer	Steve Tyrell
1985	Noel Cahill	Gary Haines	Peter Filmer
1986	Don Courts	Gary Haines	Peter Filmer
1987	Don Courts	Michael Lynch	Peter Filmer
1988	Don Courts	Gary Haines	Peter Filmer
1989	Don Courts	Gary Haines	Peter Filmer
1990	Tony Danks	Gary Haines	Michael Lynch
1991	Tony Danks	Gary Haines	Marc Kerr
1992	Tony Danks	Gary Haines	Marc Kerr
1993	Tony Danks	Gary Haines	Gary Haines
1994	Tony Danks	Tony Butler/Col Williams	Steve McFarlane
1995	Gary Haines	Steve McFarlane	Aaron Jones
1996	Gary Haines	Steve McFarlane	Aaron Jones
1997	Gary Haines	Jason Robinson	Jennifer Yates
1998	Don Courts	Jason Robinson	Jennifer Robinson
1999	Peter Browne	Jason Robinson	Russell Turner
2000	Peter Browne	Jason Robinson	Russell Turner
2001	Peter Browne	Brett Lynch	Matthew Sosimenko
2002	Peter Browne	Brett Lynch	Matthew Sosimenko
2003	Peter Browne/John Robinson	Brett Lynch	Luke Evans
2004	John Robinson	Brett Lynch	Luke Evans
2005	John Robinson	Jason Robinson	Greg Yates
2006	John Robinson	Jason Robinson	Greg Yates



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**1967 TO 2006 – A RETROSPECTIVE**

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Since the Association was formed in August 1966, we have undergone many changes as we have grown in size and stature. The on-field uniforms, off-field attire and our management structure have changed dramatically and we have produced many characters both on and off the field. As such, we have forty years of memories of these people and events.

For this Fortieth Anniversary edition of the Annual Report, the Life Members were asked to contribute some comments regarding their thoughts and memories of the Association over time.

Reproduced in the following pages are the thoughts, comments and memories of some of our Life Members. While some editing – although minimal - was necessary, I hope that I have done justice to the intentions of the contributors. It is important to note that these are the recollections of the individuals concerned, as opposed to any formal or official record.

It is hoped that this Retrospective section of the Annual Report will rekindle fond recollections for the long serving members, and even fuel debate or discussion amongst them. For the not-so-long-serving, it will provide an insight to the personalities, challenges and changes that have made the Association the successful organisation that it is today.

Many thanks to all who contributed to their thoughts, and to Trevor Murphy, Merv Edwards and Brett Lynch who provided some of the photo's herein. A very special thanks to Gary Haines who enthusiastically offered his support, advice and “proof-reading” skills.

To all members who have contributed over the years, whether a Life member or not, and whether or not your story or name is represented below, the Association offers our gratitude and respect.

I trust that all members will enjoy the following trip down memory lane...



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**1966 TO 1976**

<b>Year</b>	<b>President</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Life Member</b>
1967	Jack Harris	Merv Edwards	Les Brennan	
1968	Jack Harris	Merv Edwards	Les Brennan	
1969	Jack Harris	Merv Edwards	Les Brennan	
1970	Errol 'Doc' Mitchell	Merv Edwards	Les Brennan	Jack Harris OAM
1971	Jack Harris	Merv Edwards	Les Brennan	Les Brennan
1972	Jack Harris	Jack Turner	Les Brennan	Jack Turner
1973	Jack Harris	Jack Turner	Les Brennan	Don Courts
1974	Don Courts	Jack Turner	Herbert Creighton	Merv Edwards
1975	Don Courts	Barrie Kendall	Herbert Creighton	Bob Kandelas
1976	Don Courts	Barrie Kendall	Herbert Creighton	Barrie Kendall

	<b>A Grade Division 1 Grand Final Referee</b>	<b>Jack Harris Merit Award</b>	<b>Michael Grady Junior Merit Award</b>
1967	Don Courts		
1968	Don Courts		
1969	Don Courts		
1970	Michael Beacroft		
1971	Bob Kandelas		
1972	Barry Kendall	Bob Kandelas	
1973	Keith French	Herbert Creighton	
1974	Keith French	Trevor Murphy	
1975	Noel Cahill	Arthur North	
1976	Trevor Murphy	Ron Beetson	Steve Tyrell



### **An Association is born**

“On 24th August 1966 the inaugural meeting of the Association was held in Penrith Rugby League Club in Station Street, in what was their Auditorium. It was attended by 18 referees of whom 16 were eligible for membership. The proviso was they must join Penrith Referees in 1967 and must reside in the Penrith designated district.” Len Manuel

“1966 and 1967 would truly be memorable years in the Penrith District Referees'. Believe me they were probably the most exciting years that I can recall as a referee. In 1966 the first meeting was held to form a Referees Association in the district following Penrith's inclusion into the NSW Rugby League Competition. Twelve members from the Parramatta Association who resided in the Penrith boundaries, two of these being Junior members. In 1966 ten senior members sat down with Merv Cartwright (the District Club Secretary) who chaired this meeting forming the Penrith District Referees Association. From this meeting the following men formed your first executive, President Jack Harris, Secretary Merv Edwards, Assistant Secretary Len Manuel, and Treasurer Les Brennan. Keith Holmes and Les Brennan were elected as Coaching Officers, Keith operating within the Penrith area and Les operating within the Blacktown area. From the twelve members there was nine active (2 graded Jack Harris and Jack Turner) two junior members and one non-active, so you can see we had a real challenge on our hands. By the end of the 1967 season there were fifty four (54) members - Forty one (41) seniors (32 active - 3 graded - 5 non-active) with thirteen (13) Junior Members. In the early years, members put long hours into coaching and building up the Association. I see today that these hours were well spent.” Merv Edwards

“In 1960 I was refereeing in the country, and from 1961 – 1966 I was with Parramatta. This was a learning time with little or no help from others. You were basically on your own with no real teamwork. With the formation of our Association in 1966, I found that the whole atmosphere changed to helping each other to make a go of it. We certainly did that, to name a few: Jack Harris, Les Brennan, Don Courts, Merv Edwards, Len Manuel, Joe Beacroft, E. Cox and Errol Mitchell.” Keith French



Wayne Dillworth, Merv Edwards and Peter Newton  
Penrith U/14 v Ipswich



## Uniform

“In 1966 an official "Guide Booklet for Referees" was issued by the Australian Rugby League Board of Control and I quote:



The standard dress worn by referees is;  
White Guernsey, lightly starched (Keep Guernsey in your shorts)  
White shorts, starched and neatly creased.  
Socks (Royal blue bottoms sky blue tops)  
Laces 1 inch white washed and starched  
Boots, black polished.  
A clean and tidy uniform is essential  
Don't address players by name, use numbers  
Touch Judges: ‘When following the ball keep a few yards behind and a yard clear of Touchline. Only enter the field to report a breach to the referee’

The appearance of referees seemed to be the chore of wives and mothers - in which they excelled. Then the referee was an official and represented himself appropriately. At one stage with me and three sons refereeing it entailed some washing. With referees running Saturday and Sunday it meant two sets of gear. Referees bought their own gear, and were expected to have a blue and red flag. ‘There was no sponsorship then.’ Len Manuel



“Bert (Herb) Reedy, Trevor Murphy and Gordon Sams got to wear the Aussie Green and Gold Jumpers in the D Grade Grand Final at Penrith on 5<sup>th</sup> September 1971, courtesy of St Dominic’s and Blacktown Workers who were both in white” Trevor Murphy

### **Membership, Meetings and Management**

“With only nine members being active, a coaching panel was set up and coaching classes were conducted in Blacktown Workers club, Penrith Leagues Club and my own dining room table. Three coaching boards were used.

By January 1967 twenty-one were qualified with Ray Manuel - a Junior from Parramatta also joined - which was the basis of forming a Junior Branch who held their own meetings. Our present Secretary was a product of the Junior Branch. Initially our meetings were held in the Board Room of the Penrith Rugby Leagues Club until we outgrew it.

Merv Edwards was our first Graded referee with Michael Grady our first Junior product Graded. Don Courts was the first "A Grade" Grand Final referee. Our first female referee was Yvonne Daly. At the time of joining, females were only permitted to referee school games and younger teams.

By 1970 we had 47 active referees, 17 non active, graded were Barry Barnes Merv Edwards, Jack Harris and Jack Turner along with 15 Junior members.

During the early years the Penrith Junior League had expanded, with teams from Blackheath, Katoomba, Warragamba, RAAF (Glenbrook), Londonderry, Colo and one from Emu Plains Correctional Centre.

Our Constitution had several changes over the years, from 1967 to 1977. Life Members had a six year qualification, with service with Parramatta included. Nominations were forwarded to the Executive, who, at their discretion, forwarded them to the AGM. If a number of nominations were submitted, the Executive - at their discretion – would list them in their order of preference. Criticise the Executive during the year... Luckily this has changed with a Life Members committee making recommendations.

In the early years Appointment Board meetings were held in Board members homes, rotating by agreement, with some nights finishing around 1 a.m. All games from "A" grade down to the lowest Saturday were appointed. The Secretary using a "RONEO" machine sent all appointments to members. After a couple of years this was the job of the Appointment Board Secretary. This had to be done to ensure appointments were delivered by post to reach members by Thursday. Special mention must be made to Mrs. Joan Terry who took over the typing and mailing of the appointments. Mrs. Terry was secretary to Roger Cowan. Later the Junior League assumed the duty.” Len Manuel



### Characters and Memories

"Some musical memories from socials of the time include "Walk Right In", "YMCA", "Running Bear" and the Referees theme song "Oh But It's Hard to be Humble". I also remember a straight laced trio of piano, drums and saxophone procured by Herb Creighton who played up a storm for a particular Ladies Night in the '60's". Trevor Murphy

"In refereeing you make many friends with your fellow members; from those early years some real friendships were forged, even today I have great respect for those inaugural members. Members such as Jack Harris are to be admired for his leadership and his never-ending work, Penrith Association was Jack's heart and soul, he was a great President and a real great bloke to work with on the executive. In my opinion Jack was possibly the best referee I had ever officiated with, a real character on the field at times. I can recall many funny comments, ask him about "Blossom from South Sydney (John Sattler)" or how Ken Stonestreet a hooker from the old Western Suburbs Club hearing was in those days. If Jack is unable to tell I will! Another member I admire and have a lot of respect for is Don Courts. He was a tireless worker in those early days, being an active member and a member of the Appointment Board is not an easy position to be in, but Don handled his duties with the honesty and integrity one would expect, it is so encouraging to still see Don actively involved today, I believe one of Penrith's "Greats". Don is another referee I have tremendous opinion of as a referee, although I can't say I officiated with him I did have many opportunities to adjudicate on his performances. It is also my opinion that he was the most unlucky member not to be graded; in those years especially in 1967 politics was a big factor in being graded. I really felt for Don because some of the fellows graded that year would not be in the same class as Don as a referee.

It is great to see Len Manuel around; Len has worked tirelessly as an Assistant Secretary and on the Appointments Board and was an enormous assistance in forming the Junior Branch. Len was a pleasure to work with, he always made sure Penrith came first as you are all aware he originally came from St. George and then from Parramatta.

Being the first Penrith member graded in 1967 I really owe this honour to the members in those early years and I thank them for their support and guidance. Keith French is another member who has worked to make Penrith what it is today. It was actually through Keith's misfortune that I did run in the Grade Trials in 1967, sorry Keith. It is encouraging when I hear that Keith is still around, what you call a true member or maybe you can't keep a good man down. Well done Keith.

There are other members I could say a few words about in those early days but time and space forbids. It would be remiss of me if I did not mention our first Treasurer Les Brennan. A real character is our Les, ask him about the jumper incident when refereeing Junior Reps? Who could ever forget the late Phil Sanders (the Colonel) a truly dedicated member. Penrith was his great love he worked relentlessly especially in the Social area and also the Junior Branch; members such as Phil are the reason our Association has grown to what it is today. I would say the greatest character I have ever met in my time was the late Joe Beacroft (Postman Joe). Joe was a real larrikin. I first met Joe one Saturday morning at Whalan Reserve; he had not officially joined the Association although he had obtained his ticket. I thought this bloke is going to drive me crazy but what a character. After he finished talking to me about becoming a member, he proceeded to hand out the mail to the ladies watching there sons playing - they all new him. In those days Posties delivered on Saturday Mornings; he said he did not want to miss some kids he knew playing! Joe gave all



around him a rev up no matter who; he really was a nightmare for Coaches and or the Appointment Board members.” Merv Edwards

“On the lighter side, we had the good fortune to have amongst us "the happy postman". Joe Beacroft. Though overweight he was the king of the kids, he was always “Mr. Joe” to them all.

In the under 7s, I remember two incidents in particular. Prior to Mini football, matches were played on a full field. In a Grand Final at McQuade Park Windsor, the full time hooter sounded, a player in possession on the opposition 25 yard line, immediately turned and ran back to his own in-goal to ground the ball and end play. When questioned, he did not want to be penalised for a voluntary tackle. Another instance at Doonside, who played on the school grounds, an under 7s ran between the legs of the referee Dave Hegarty to avoid a tackle. Dave refused to referee another under 7s again.” Len Manuel

“When mini/mod games appeared, the table officials were often confused, asking ‘Who scored that try?’ and ‘What number was that?’ Big Joe (Joe Beacroft) – the only referee to award tries from the 25m line said: ‘I’ll fix that’ and when the next try was scored, he lifted the player off the ground to show the table the number of the scorer.

I also remember my first A Grade semi final at Windsor Sports Ground between Richmond and Windsor. Both of my touch judges and both teams had arranged to have an all-in brawl at the first scrum by way of my initiation. No-one was actually hit during the fight, and the game continued in fine spirit until the end. This is an illustration that respect can only be gained by being fair and impartial in all dealings with players, and you just don’t go out onto the field and demand it

The early years saw unlimited tackles, whilst ball control was maintained. Scrums were won by hookers and his pack – not by the halfback feeding as it is today. Three metre play-the-balls then changed to five metres and now to ten metres. You followed the ball and could adjudicate on forward passes more positively. Positioning was paramount, and quick orientation was required as we didn’t have ten-metre lines as is now the case.” Keith French

“In 1967 I played for St Patrick’s in the Schoolboy’s Knockout. In those days it was a weights competition and I played half back in the 4 stone 7 lbs (I could have made the under 4 stone but there was no weight division!). I vividly recall being penalized several times for feeding the ball into the second row – even when I fed the opposition’s second row! I scored the winning try (3-0) and looked up at the referee virtually pleading for him to award the try. “Fair try, son”. Some four years later I was again confronted by my nemesis when sitting for my schoolboy’s ticket in Phillip Street – it was Jack Harris. I thought I would fail for sure but it was not to be.” Gary Haines

“I was Captain/Coached from 1955 to 1967 and met a lot of referees and did not like them. Jack Harris, Barry Barnes and Don Courts all tried to give me a hard time. They thought they were the good guys – not true! So in 1967 I joined them to show them the way, and we became good mates.

“I remember doing Grade trials at Parramatta, standing in the tunnel with Greg Hartley. Jack Harris came past and said: “G’day Noel, Hartley – you get a haircut!”

Tony Danks and Dean Parkin had long hair, and Bob Kandelas asked me why I kept telling them to ignore Jack when he told them to get a haircut? The first time I received a report from Jack, he said “The only thing you did good was to turn up on time” and he gave me a “fair”. I mentioned to Bob Kandelas that I thought it was unfair and that Jack was a hard man. Bob replied: “Well tell Danks and Parkin to get a bloody haircut!” Noel Cahill

### **Junior Branch**

“The Junior Branch was also formed in 1967 with Paul McPhee as President and Ray Manuel as Secretary. The Branch grew rapidly, there would have been many more members but because of the boundary restriction, there was quite a few lads from the Lalor Park and Seven Hills area obtained their ticket but Parramatta refused to allow them to officiate in Penrith. We did accommodate them when St. Pats started a competition on Sunday mornings. This became a solid training ground for our Junior Referees and our Appointment Board oversaw the appointing of the Referees. The branch was the first to admit a young lady who obtained her ticket, Yvonne Lewis joined in 1967 as a Social Member. By the end of 1967 season we had thirteen (13) junior members. I had a very high opinion of both Paul and Ray as referees but University and work commitments cut their refereeing career's short. May I say we have excelled in this area producing some excellent and talented referees from our Junior ranks, to name a few Steve Tyrell, Tony Danks, Gary Haines and Russell Turner, the Coaching Panels over the years must be congratulated, keep up the good work.” Merv Edwards



### Socially

“Family picnics were part of the social calendar and they were held at Colo Warragamba, Prospect, and Yarramundi. Eventually numbers attending dwindled causing their abandonment. Of course Santa was a feature; and Jack Harris usually filled this role. Included in the picnic was a 100 yards. Junior versus Senior sprint races and of course children’s races.” Len Manuel



“Over the years there have been so many excellent functions mostly of a high standard. In 1968 the Senior Vs Junior game was born, the Juniors won that first encounter they sure let the seniors know. I hasten to say they had a little help as Keith Holmes became a Junior for this day and guess what? - so did Postman Joe. Also the Referee came from their branch one young lady. The games were played this year at St. Pats Blacktown. I forgot to mention that the 1st Senior team actually played a Brothers team (known as The Collegians) or so we thought - welcome Father John. We did

remind the Juniors they only played our second side. The day was a benefit day to raise money for the family of a member from Parramatta Jim Shorter who passed away during the season in tragic circumstances. I think the Juniors would be in front on points at the present.” Merv Edwards

“The wit, humour and talents of the Social Committee, led by Brian Kidd, produced these clever posters for several occasions.

This huge key was part of the tenth anniversary celebrations. It was taken into “safe” custody”. Trevor Murphy



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The official programme, - 1st Junior & Seniors & Sen. V Collegians.

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1977	Bob Kandelas	Barrie Kendall	Herbert Creighton	Keith French
1978	Jack Harris	Bert Reedy	Herbert Creighton	Trevor Murphy
1979	Keith French	Bert Reedy	Herbert Creighton	Phil Sanders
1980	Keith French	Bert Reedy	Herbert Creighton	Bert Reedy
1981	Bert Reedy	Jack Turner	Herbert Creighton	
1982	Bert Reedy	Steve Tyrell	Herbert Creighton	
1983	Jack Harris	Peter Filmer	Steve Tyrell	Herbert Creighton
1984	Jack Harris	Peter Filmer	Steve Tyrell	
1985	Noel Cahill	Gary Haines	Peter Filmer	Noel Cahill
1986	Don Courts	Gary Haines	Peter Filmer	Graeme King

	<b>A Grade Division 1 Grand Final Referee</b>	<b>Jack Harris Merit Award</b>	<b>Bob Kandelas Referees Referee</b>
1977	Barry Izzard	Barry Beveridge	
1978	Keith Hogan	Bert Reedy	
1979	Barry Izzard	John Bryant	
1980	Keith Hogan	Reg Newsome	Barry Izzard
1981	Keith Hogan	Graeme King	Len Davis
1982	John Mewett	Brian Kidd	Keith Hogan
1983	Michael Bunnage	John Skinner	Peter Filmer
1984	Peter Filmer	Brett Cowan	Kevin Russell
1985	Tony Butler	Peter Shaw	Michael Quinn
1986	Michael Bunnage	Reg Newsome	Tony Butler

	<b>Michael Grady Junior Merit Award</b>	<b>Reg Newsome Most Improved Junior</b>
1977	John Birrell	
1978	Brad McGarry	
1979	Dean Parkin	
1980	Peter Sutherland	
1981	Paul Quinn	
1982	Tom Peet	Chris Green
1983	Tony Crane	Paul Blunt
1984	Chris Kolkman	David Quinn
1985	Brett Wright	Brett Wright
1986	David Quinn	David Bonham



### Membership, Management and Meetings

“The early eighties provided a major sea change for the Association. During the period from 1981 to 1988, the Association elected four different Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers. Some might view this as a period of instability but history shows it was more a changing of the old guard to the new regime that would build on the work of the Association’s early pioneers.

Meetings were held fortnightly with attendances sometimes nudging the 50 mark. On average there would be 15-16 meetings per season and it was not unusual for meetings to finish at 10.30pm. The Association introduced a By-law that **‘no new business be entered into after 10.00pm’** – not a problem in 2006! The Association’s membership was strong with senior membership exceeding 100 and the juniors hovering around the 30 mark with the great majority, both senior and junior, being active.

The period also saw the introduction of various initiatives that would stand the Association in good stead for many years. There was a Director of Referees appointed, a summer training squad was commenced, a Junior Coaching Panel was formed and inaugural exchange program commenced with Illawarra which would be extended to include Group 18.” Gary Haines

“When I became Director of Referees, with John Mewett we began the “Summer Training Program” and the Junior Coaching Panel. We asked Reg Newsome, Laurie Watts and Mick Lynch to look after the Junior, and I had good support from the Coaching Directors John Mewett, Trevor Murphy, Keith French and Reg Newsome.

We also received support from NSW Referees though Frank Walsh, Reg Dick and Barry Barnes. Penrith First Grade Coaches Len Stacker and John Peard attended training to talk to the referees and Ron Oxley also gave of his time. This helped to change the Association for the better

Another proud moment was when Michael Bunnage became the youngest referee to be appointed to an A Grade Grand Final. This move was probably not too popular with some of the older members, but it was a changing of the times. Darren Cahill became the youngest A Grade Grand Final Touch Judge. Michael and Darren paved the way for the young referees of today.” Noel Cahill

### Characters and Memories



“Life members Bob Kandelas, Keith French, Jack Turner, Jack Harris, Barry Kendall and Don Courts with Trevor and Val Murphy, at the Presentation of Trevor’s Life membership in August 1978 at Blacktown Bowling Club”. Trevor Murphy.

“Stevie McHugh (how many remember Stevie) he was a scally wag if ever there was one. On his day he was

brilliant but on a bad day - oh boy! He loved a joke (even if it wasn't) and he pushed Thomas Peet all the way. Thomas had to perform because of Stevie.

Who can forget Christopher Green? The first winner of the Most Improved Junior Referee Award. I was with Christopher for his first game. It came time to take the teams out "what do I do" he said as he went out. I went to both coaches and advised them that this was Chris' first game (they were not happy to say the least). Anyhow, here am I running (well walking) up and down the touch line trying to get Chris through the game. He was trembling so much I do not know how he ever got through it. To his credit, and with a bit of help from the touch, he made it.

Chris was not a top referee but his dedication, application and never-say-die attitude saw him through. By the end of the year he was definitely the most improved Junior Referee (I could actually sit in my chair to watch him)." Reg Newsome

"There were a lot of characters among the members and some very funny and quick witted people. I recall the repartee from people such as the late Joe Beacroft and Ian Foote, Laurie Dunn and a young Peter Filmer. They could certainly teach a few of our members a trick or two in 2006." Gary Haines

"The Junior League asked me to put a strong referee on a particular game, so I appointed John Mewett and told him to "Clean them up". When John rang on the Sunday night he asked if I wanted to good news or the bad news. I said: "Give me the good news". "I got out of the ground alive!" he said. The bad news was that he had six in the sin-bin, followed by another eight sent-off." Noel Cahill

"I am sure that Joe Beacroft will feature significantly as he was, in all ways, larger than life. As a player then a referee I will always remember, whilst he was standing on half way he would shout, "If he puts the ball down, it's a try"" Peter Filmer

"During the period when I worked at Hoover as an Engineer, one of my workmates was Wally Kirk, a well established 1<sup>st</sup>. Grade Touch Judge. As is the norm, when you have a chance to be critical of a referee about his performance, when you do not really know the rules, we all often had shots at Wally after his televised matches. This continued into the pre-season of 1970, to the point where he suggested that we should sit for the NSW Rugby League Referees ticket and, if successful within two weeks, he would concede defeat for his continual jibes, that we knew nothing.

What a Chance!

I had no time to attend classes and, Wally gave me a rule book on Monday May 21, 1970. I sat for the Exam the next Monday night with a dear friend of the Penrith Association, Cyril Wigzell. I passed, much to the annoyance of Wally.

Cyril asked me, well, now you have a ticket, you need to call Jack Harris at Penrith. This I did, and soon found myself at the Friday meeting at St. Doms. I was quickly accepted and whisked to the back of the room where Bruce Cameron, the "Gear Man", fitted me out with everything – it was all becoming a little over-awing. It became no better, when I was told I was refereeing an Under 10



match at 10.00 the next morning at Londonderry. I was comforted by being told, don't worry, it's all very easy – just as we had been telling Wally Kirk. I then met the Colonel, who told me, he would see me at the match.

Well, it all happened – after the match, I was not dangling from a tree and, the Colonel said, “You were great and, you will be in Grade before you know it.” The Colonel was always right, for in 1974, I was Graded. That began an incredible era as a Touch Judge.

My first match, and I still do not know how, was as Touch Judge at Cumberland Oval, Parramatta v St. George. The referee was Keith Page who, upset the Parramatta fans to the degree where after the match, without time to change out for our gear, we were escorted out of the rear of the tunnel, into a Police Paddy Wagon, to our cars. My first thought was, is this what Grade is all about?

From that point, I was involved in many memorable matches such as:

- NSW v Great Britain.
- 2 – NSW v Queensland matches, before they became State of Origin.
- 4 x City Country matches.
- Grand Final Day, in Various Grades, over a period of 8 years.
- Australia v New Zealand 1982
- Amco Cup and Commonwealth Cups Night Finals.

During that period, I received incredible assistance and encouragement from the Association, particularly from members such as Bob Kandelas.

Within the Association, I was honoured to hold a number of Executive positions, Assistant Secretary, Secretary and, just prior to moving to Melbourne, President. To receive Life Membership was an incredible feeling, as was winning the Jack Harris Award.

It has also been a huge thrill, to see the number of members, who started their careers in the Junior Branch, reach the level of a Grade referee. I continued to be thrilled, as the NRL Ground Manager in Victoria, to see Penrith Referees Jason Robinson and Russell Turner, reach the levels they have achieved, along with all other members, who are part of the NRL establishment. As Ground Manager, what a huge buzz it was to be appointed to the State of Origin at Telstra Dome this year, particularly as we had Russel Turner on the line.

From the beginnings of the Association, established by very hard working and totally committed people, look where we are today. We should all be so proud to be members of an Association that has remained so strong for so long and, to have members who have devoted years of their life, in coaching and assisting members, to reach their true potential.

It is indeed an honour to say, I am a Life Member of Penrith Referees' Association.” Bert (“Herb”) Reedy



### **Junior Branch**

“On a personal note, I refereed my first grand final (U15) in 1982 and Peter Butler was one of the touch judges – I think he was a bit quicker in those days but as then and now, a great supporter of all referees.” Gary Haines

“In the early ‘80’s one big move was to form the Junior Coaching Panel. In my opinion, the referees who came from the Junior ranks were, and still are, the best in the District.” Noel Cahill

“The Most Improved Junior Referee Award was to encourage young Referees to improve their standard. It was not for the best Junior Referee - their rewards were there for all to see in their Grand Final Appointments. To watch a struggling referee improve throughout the year is an absolute joy as the change in them is remarkable, to watch them grow in confidence and ability.

All of the people on the Junior Coaching Panel, myself included, were not in it for the money (we did not get paid it was a voluntary job). Enjoyment was what we received and we lapped it up.

I had a ball whilst I was in the position it gave me great pleasure to help juniors and watch them blossom into good referees. We gave the senior coaching panel some very good referees to work with in preparation for grade if they were good enough to get through those classes - and believe you me it was a thrill to do so.

My association with the juniors has been a highlight of my life and something I will cherish as long as I live.” Reg Newsome

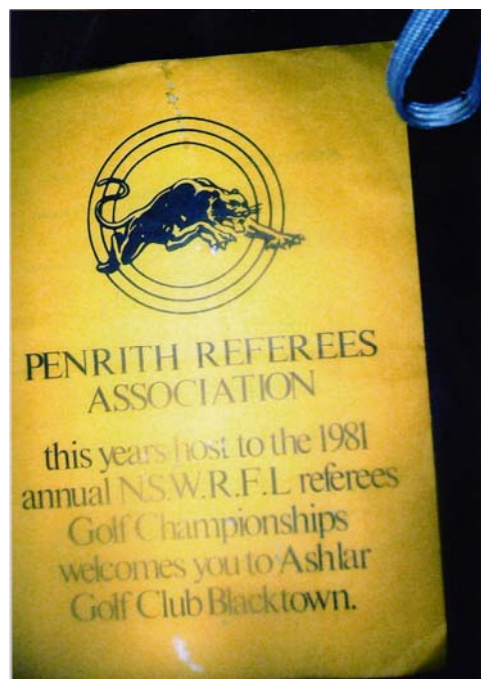
### **Social**

“Social events were a major feature of the referees’ calendar with many functions organised in addition to the traditional Ladies Night and Presentation Night. Many a great night was held at Vicary’s Winery and the annual camp to Cox’s River.” Gary Haines

“One year I was coaching the Juniors in the Senior versus Junior match. We had the smallest team you could imagine, and were getting smashed by the Seniors. I kept sending on my reserves and we were coming back until the touch judge ran on to tell the referee that we had 20 players on!” Noel Cahill



“Bound for Glory – Starring Trevor Murphy and the entire Appointments Board, courtesy of Brian Kidd and His Social Committee. Also the cover of a programme for the NSW Referees Association Golf Day, hosted by the Association in 1981.” Trevor Murphy



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1987	Don Courts	Michael Lynch	Peter Filmer	Reg Newsome
1988	Don Courts	Gary Haines	Peter Filmer	Joe Beacroft
1989	Don Courts	Gary Haines	Peter Filmer	Len Manuel
1990	Tony Danks	Gary Haines	Michael Lynch	Peter Filmer
1991	Tony Danks	Gary Haines	Marc Kerr	Gary Haines
1992	Tony Danks	Gary Haines	Marc Kerr	Peter Browne
1993	Tony Danks	Gary Haines	Gary Haines	Peter Kerr
1994	Tony Danks	Tony Butler/Col Williams	Steve McFarlane	Barry Beveridge
1995	Gary Haines	Steve McFarlane	Aaron Jones	Peter Butler
1996	Gary Haines	Steve McFarlane	Aaron Jones	John Jordan

	<b>A Grade Division 1 Grand Final Referee</b>	<b>Jack Harris Merit Award</b>	<b>Bob Kandelas Referees Referee</b>
1987	Gary Haines	Peter Butler	Gary Haines
1988	Gary Haines	John Jordan	Tom Peet
1989	Gary Haines	Peter Browne	Tom Peet
1990	Gary Haines	John Jordan	Graeme Priest
1991	Ken Evans	Gary Haines	Ken Evans
1992	Ken Evans	John Skinner	Ray Steele
1993	Brett Lynch	John Mewett	Steve McFarlane
1994	Brett Lynch	Peter Browne	Steve McFarlane
1995	Ray Steele	Trevor Sperring	Aaron Jones
1996	Gary Haines	Jennifer Yates	Jason Robinson

	<b>Michael Grady Junior Merit Award</b>	<b>Reg Newsome Most Improved Junior</b>
1987	Jason Robinson	Jason Robinson
1988	John MacDonald	Sarelle Woodward
1989	Russell Turner	Brett Gainsford
1990	Jason Robinson	Greg Banks
1991	Greg Banks	Brendan Egan
1992	Matthew Brennan	Troy Priest
1993	Paul Carter	Rickey McFarlane
1994	Shannon Lewis	Brett Harding
1995	Lisa Natrass	Rebecca Lea
1996	Lisa Natrass	James Whitney

## Uniform

“The Association uniforms changed dramatically with the onset of sponsorship and influence from clubs and NSWRL. Gone were the black boots and white laces and in came the cut down



boots with black laces and electrical tape. We also had coloured jerseys – blue, red, gold and white – it really was fun when you have to change jerseys more than once to ensure you had a neutral; colour. Whilst not really part of the uniform, the Association changed the colour of its Life Member’s blazer and also introduced other items such as tracksuits, jumpers and wet weather gear, or how was it recorded in the constitution – a covering in inclement weather?” Gary Haines

## Membership, Management and Meetings

“I first started attending “Senior” meetings in around 1988. They were held in the old auditorium at Panthers, and were very well attended. There was never a shortage of lively debate, with Phil Sanders, Ray Steele, Noel Cahill and Jack Harris regular and passionate contributors. If anyone was looking for role models when it came to leadership and management, they need not look any further than the head of the room. Don Courts, Gary Haines, Peter Filmer and Peter Browne have always been selflessly professional in their management. I hope that some of them have rubbed of onto me!” Jason Robinson

## Characters and Memories

“I remember my first competition game in Penrith. It was a C Grade game at Richmond Oval between Hawkesbury and Cambridge Park. Hawkesbury had a promising young hooker called Brad Drew and Cambridge Park had an exciting young centre called Scott Pethebridge. Len Manuel was my Appointments Board member that day. I remember that I sent a player off for a High Tackle, after the game I asked Len about Judiciary (Time, Venue), I then made a comment to the effect “Gee, I wonder if anyone else will be there”. It is the first (and only) time I have seen Len laugh uncontrollably. On the following Tuesday, as my case was heard at 10.15pm, I got the true realisation of how big the Penrith District really was.

The trainers that Penrith had in the early 90’s were Jack Harris and Noel Cahill. I remember thinking that things would get easier when Tony Butler took over from Jack and Noel, within two weeks, I wanted Jack Back!!!

The 1993 A Grade grand final I remember vividly, maybe because it took 6 days to get a result. The game finished at 14 all, we then had 10 minutes each way extra time (there was no golden point back then). Despite 6 of the worst field goal attempts I have ever seen, the game was still 14 all at the

end of extra time so we came back the following Saturday. The replay was a fiery affair with one player sent off and two or three others lucky not to join him. I remember having a young promising touch judge in that game who gave me great assistance and I was glad to have him on the line that day. 13 years later when I watched RT make his State of Origin debut, it was a promise fulfilled.”  
Brett Lynch

“As a Junior living in Lalor Park, and attending meetings monthly in Penrith, as well as judiciary, training, and refereeing both days, it was sometimes hard for my parents to keep “ferrying” me around. Phil Sanders insisted that he would pick me up for the meetings each month, and drop me home. I learnt a great deal from spending two-hours each month in a car with him. On the way to the meetings he would talk about family, netball, refereeing, or the air force. On the way home, he would recap the events of the night, giving his opinions on the outcomes of various decisions. Phil was a different person on those trips than the one who appeared when the meeting was opened.”  
Jason Robinson

“I think that the late Ray Steele rates highly with me for his action of putting the captain in the Sin Bin even before the game had started because his team were always late getting onto the field. Great approach!!” Peter Filmer

“It was a bleak May night in 1988 when I took Jason to St Patrick’s College at Blacktown to sit for his Mini-Mod exam - he was in his second year of refereeing after gaining his Junior Ticket in 1986. I had taken Jason to a number of classes which were conducted by Jack Harris, so I gained some understanding of the rules. I was sitting down the back of the classroom as Jack was handing out the exam papers, and he handed me one saying “you’ve been hanging around long enough, you might as well have a go too”. I completed the exam paper, passed (somehow) and, as they say, the rest is history” John Robinson

“How could we forget Garry “the Killer” Stewart? I recall being at the Panther Trophy and Garry was refereeing one of the primary school matches. Jack Harris offered his services and was running the line on this game. I noticed Jack getting frustrated with some of the rulings but the “piece de résistance” came when Garry awarded a try after a kick in general play when dead in-goal, bounced off the bonnet of a parked car and rebounded into the in-goal. Jack threw his flag into the air and walked to the referees’ tent totally bemused.” Gary Haines

“Another folkloric Gary Stewart story is when he visited John Mewett at home. He – allegedly - walked around the back of the house where John’s wife was working in the yard, and announced: Is John home? I’m the Killer!”

“Michael Warnock and I attended the first exchange with the Group 18 Referees where we were privileged to referee Junior League matches on the Gold Coast. We caught the coach to the Gold Coast, but on the return trip, the Coach Company forgot to pick us up to come home! I don’t think they’re in business anymore.” Jason Robinson



### Junior Branch

“I joined the Junior Branch in 1987 with two school friends – John McDonald and Craig Shepherd, and we were immediately accepted by the existing members. The seniors who were involved at the time – Tony and Peter Butler, Reg Newsome, Jack Harris, Jack Turner and Phil Sanders amongst others – had a great influence on us all. The Juniors ran their own meetings under the guidance of these gentlemen, and Reg Newsome and Jack Turner would often hold coaching classes at their houses. Jack Harris is still the only trainer who could make me feel physically ill after a session.

While there was no shortage of coaching in regards to on-field duties, as important was that there was instruction and expectation on what it takes to be a true member of the Association. The pride and discipline to be productive members was certainly instilled in us from an early age. It is no surprise that many of our highest referees – both in and out of the District – cut their teeth under the guidance of these men, of whom I have the highest regard and respect.

I thank them for their contribution to my career, and I hope that I’ve made them proud.” Jason Robinson

### Social

“In 1991 the Association celebrated its Silver Jubilee with a wonderful function. For me, receiving Life Membership was the obvious highlight but to reminisce with so many of our foundation members was something to be cherished by all in attendance. Now for the Golden Jubilee.” Gary Haines

“My first Senior versus Junior game was at Windsor Oval, under lights, refereed by Peter Filmer. I packed in at hooker against Ray Steele, who “accidentally” raised his knee into my, well, crotch. We won the scum and scored in the corner. Before the kick at goal, Pete came over to check on my injury. His advice: “Don’t rub ‘em, count ‘em!” I was simultaneously laughing and crying! Luke Evans won both the Senior “Players Player” and the Junior “Players Player”.

We also had the annual Father and Son camp. On one particular camp, the sons decided to ditch the tents and sleep under the stars. One of the guys accidentally kicked Craig Shepherd in the foot. Craig jumped out of his sleeping bag, and ran around the campsite screaming that he was being attacked by rabbits! His antics that camp earned Craig the nickname “Nudge” after the character from the sitcom “Hey Dad”.” Jason Robinson



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1997	Gary Haines	Jason Robinson	Jennifer Yates	Ray Steele
1998	Don Courts	Jason Robinson	Jennifer Robinson	Tony Danks/ John Mewett
1999	Peter Browne	Jason Robinson	Russell Turner	Graeme Priest
2000	Peter Browne	Jason Robinson	Russell Turner	John Skinner
2001	Peter Browne	Brett Lynch	Matthew Sosimenko	John Robinson
2002	Peter Browne	Brett Lynch	Matthew Sosimenko	Tony Butler
2003	Peter Browne/John Robinson	Brett Lynch	Luke Evans	Fred Lucas
2004	John Robinson	Brett Lynch	Luke Evans	Jason Robinson
2005	John Robinson	Jason Robinson	Greg Yates	Russell Turner
2006	John Robinson	Jason Robinson	Greg Yates	Brett Lynch

	<b>A Grade Division 1 Grand Final Referee</b>	<b>Jack Harris Merit Award</b>	<b>Bob Kandelas Referees Referee</b>
1997	Jason Robinson	John Robinson	Jason Robinson
1998	Jason Robinson	Matthew Pritchard	Peter Sciberras
1999	Jennifer Robinson	Phillip Haines	Jennifer Robinson
2000	Martin Duncan	Peter Browne	Fred Lucas
2001	Phillip Haines	Allan Farlow	Fred Lucas
2002	Phillip Haines	Barry Beveridge	Greg Yates
2003	Rickey McFarlane	Brett Lynch	Jay Farlow
2004	Grant Atkins	Fred Lucas	Jay Farlow
2005	Grant Atkins	Colin Smith	Grant Atkins
2006	Jay Farlow	Casey Wouters	Daniel Olford

	<b>Michael Grady Junior Merit Award</b>	<b>Reg Newsome Most Improved Junior</b>	<b>Len Manuel Rookie of the Year</b>
1997	Adam Dengate	Grant Atkins	
1998	Joel Edwards	Rebecca Van de Pol	
1999	Kristy-Lee Heinemeyer	John Woods	
2000	Jay Farlow	Robbie Hulston	
2001	Thomas Aylett	Daniel Olford	
2002	Thomas Aylett	Brad Filmer	
2003	Joel Whilesmith	Mitchell Peachey	
2004	Rohan Best	Ricky Heinemeyer	Dave Ryan
2005	Mitchell Lucas	Ryan Tucker	Rhyss Harwood
2006	Courtney Goldsmith	Matthew Harpley	Scott Filmer



## Uniform



“For the first ten years of my career, referees had to carry up to four different coloured jerseys – white, gold, red and blue – with socks to match. The jerseys were short sleeve cotton, with alternating royal and sky blue stripes across the shoulders. In the late nineties, we changed the design and the material to what was – at the time – a pretty radical change. This uniform enabled us to avoid clashes with team uniforms, kept the traditional NSW blue stripes, and was a lighter, more comfortable and more easily maintained jersey.

The Association on-field uniform again fell into line with the senior grades in 2002, with the distribution of the green and black jersey that is worn today.” Jason Robinson



## Membership, Management and Meetings

In 2002, the Association Management structure also undertook a radical change. Previously, the Association was managed by the Executive, under the direction of the General membership. The change to a Board of Management meant that the day-to-day operations were still conducted by the Executive of President, Vice President, Secretary and Referees' Coordinator. The Executive Committee made up half of the Board of Management, who was to represent the interests of the General Committee. This allowed the Association to function more efficiently, and enabled the active referees to referee, while the managers managed.

Our current membership is over 150 members – with over 100 regularly active, officiating 250 games each weekend (with 199 being played on Saturday) at 22 fields across the District.

“When looking back through old copies of the Annual Reports, I came up with the idea of checking through meeting attendances of some of the Life Members over the past 25 years. The results are below (the percentages are representative of meetings attended since 1982 or since joining):

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Year	Total attended	%
<i>Meetings held 1982 to 2006</i>	<i>268</i>	
BEVERIDGE	152	56.72
BROWNE	224/254	88.10
BUTLER	177	66.04
COURTS	230	85.82
FILMER	140	52.24
FRENCH	175	65.30
HAINES	254	94.78
MANUEL	216	80.60
ROBINSON, John	136/178	76.70
ROBINSON, Jason	112/128	88.20

It's interesting to see how the number of meetings per year changed from 17 in 1986 (when Noel Cahill was President) to just 6 in 2002 and 2003.

I also checked through the records I have using information from the Silver Jubilee book on meeting attendances. At that time Jack Harris had attended 309 of 349 meetings with Keith French (305) and Don Courts (300). I added together the meeting attendances from 1991 - 2006 and Don Courts has now attended 419 meetings (86% attendance). That's phenomenal! Keith has attended 374.

There's a nice little anecdote in the '91 annual report. Terry Walsh was waxing lyrical about he and John Williamson attending the Junior League Ball. From the back of the room came, "Who wore the dress?" Ah, where have the jokers gone?" Gary Haines.

### **Characters and Memories**

"Life Member Fred Lucas is well known for his many tattoos and does not mind telling the younger players a story or two. How did Fred feel when a player from Hebersham Under 7's came up to him and asked, "Can I look at your tats ref?" Fred was happy to oblige and was absolutely red-faced when the youngster said, "Can I touch her boobs too?" Anon (GH)

"Some of my highlights over the years include being awarded Life Membership and presenting Life Membership to Jason. Off the field one of the best things about refereeing is the many friends I have made over many years – thanks to all of you." John Robinson

### **Junior Branch**

A combination of the new management structure, and falling attendance at Junior meetings, and the structure of the Accreditation scheme saw the Junior Branch disbanded during this time. Our Juniors became full members of the Association, with the ability to be included as office bearers and on committees.

## Social

“The standard of Social functions that have been arranged by the various Social Secretaries and their committees continues to “raise the bar”. In 2006 a Season Launch/Fundraiser and Life members Reunion were added to the Social Calendar. With the support of members these two functions will soon become very important and regular items on the agenda. The social budget for 2007 is roughly ten times what was spent thirty years ago!” Jason Robinson



Over recent years our Ladies Night and Life Members Presentation has been visited by some high profile guests, including Madonna and Elvis, and the Leaders of the World joined us this year to help celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup>.

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**2006 MEMBERSHIP LISTING**

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**MEETING ATTENDANCE**

There were a total of ten meetings held during the 2006 season

Abbey, David	2	Cobb, Jessica	0	Goldsmith, Courtney	10
Alexander, Stephen	0	Collins, Andrew	1	Govender, Rydall	2
Anderson, Anthony	1	Courts, Don	9	Grima, Emmanuel	0
Atkins, Grant	6	Creighton, Herbert	0	Grisedale, Sean	4
Aylett, Thomas	6	Cunningham, Ray	0	Haines, Gary	8
Azzopardi, Andrew	0	Danks, Tony	0	Haines, Phillip	9
Barton, Simon	0	Daubney, Alexander	0	Hannon, Tim	4
Battin, Phillip	0	Davidson, James	9	Hansford, Zach	0
Bentley, Blake	2	Dengate, Adam	6	Harpley, Matthew	7
Best, Rohan	6	Denning, Shane	1	Harris, Jack	0
Bevan, Valma	0	Dicinoski, Shane	5	Harwood, Rhyss	6
Beveridge, Barry	8	Doull, Thomas	1	Hattch, Phillip	3
Bohan, Mark	1	Dumas, Martin	1	Heinemeyer, Chris	7
Bourke, Stephen	5	Dumas, Phillip	0	Heinemeyer, Kristy Lee	1
Bowen, Shaun	4	Dunn-Brindell, Clinton	0	Heinemeyer, Rickey	3
Bowers, Bryson	2	Edwards, Merv	0	Hewett, Joshua	8
Brennan, Les	0	Evans, Luke	10	Jankowski, George	7
Browne, Peter	9	Farlow, Allan	0	Jeffes, Kelvin	0
Browne, Thomas	0	Farlow, Jay	6	Jordan, John	0
Burton, Joshua	2	Ferrari, Adrian	1	Jury, Neil	0
Burton, Luke	2	Filmer, Bradley	1	Kelly, Jim	0
Burton, Paul	3	Filmer, Peter	2	Kendall, Barry	0
Butler, Peter	1	Filmer, Scott	1	Kerr, Peter	0
Butler, Tony	0	Flewitt, Brad	0	King, Graeme	0
Cahill, Noel	0	French, Keith	7	Kingston, Chris	6
Calvert, Shaun	3	Goddard, Brett	0	K'Nell, Tristan	0

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Lagerlow, Graham	0	Robinson, Jason	9	Williams, Jordan	0
Lauer, John	0	Robinson, John	10	Winton, Brett	0
Lewis, Sarah	10	Rose, Joshua	0	Woods, John	9
Lewis, Shannon	9	Ross, Peter	0	Wouters, Casey	9
Lucas, Curtis	9	Ryan, David	5	Yates, Gregory	9
Lucas, Fred	10	Salmon, Anthony	0	Yates, Melissa	8
Lucas, Mitchell	8	Schmitt, Jamie	0	Zammit, Brian	1
Lynch, Brett	9	Schoer, Benjamin	0		
Madigan, Bryson	0	Sciberras, Peter	7		
Maher, Nathan	0	Shuttleworth, Alex	0		
Manuel, Len	8	Shuttleworth, Derek	0		
Marshall, Daniel	2	Skinner, John	0		
MacDonald, Brett	4	Smith, Brendan	2		
McDonell, Lawrence	2	Smith, Colin	10		
McFarlane, Rickey	7	Smith, Shane	8		
Mewett, John	0	Sosimenko, Matthew	7		
Murphy, Trevor	0	Stephens, Matthew	1		
Mylchreest, Craig	1	Stubbings, Aaron	2		
Newham, Mitchell	2	Sullivan, Dave	9		
Newsome, Reginald	0	Sutcliffe, Grant	1		
Olford, Daniel	9	Sutton, Christopher	0		
Organ, Alex	6	Thomas, Ryan	1		
Packer, Lyndsay	3	Tidyman, Luke	0		
Parker, Luke	1	Tucker, Ryan	5		
Peachey, Mitchell	0	Turner, Cameron	4		
Potts, Colin	3	Turner, Korelle	5		
Priest, Graeme	0	Turner, Russell	9		
Reedy, Bert	0	Van De Pol, Rebecca	0		
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**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

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**Meeting Opened:** 7:25 pm on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2005 at Emu Plains Sport and Recreation Club

**Minutes**

Minutes from the previous Annual General Meeting were presented, accepted and adopted.

**Apologies:**

A. Azzopardi, T Aylett, P Filmer, R Tucker, L McDonald, G Atkins, R Cunningham, B Shoer, B Smith, T Knell.

On league business: T Danks, Jason Robinson, P Haines, R McFarlane and R Turner.

**Correspondence:**

As listed with one late item.

Item 11-Chris Heinemeyer application for positions.

**Annual Report:**

Presented by Brett Lynch in the absence of the Secretary.

Don Courts moved the adoption of the annual report and was seconded by Peter Brown. Carried

**Financial Statement and Audit Report:**

Presented by Greg Yates.

\$41,930.15 in bank at this stage. Three un-presented cheques and with \$4,000 still outstanding.

**Election of Officials for 2006:**

The chairman declared all positions vacant.

*Results of Elections of Office Bearers:*

**Patrons:** Peter Browne, Don Courts, Tony Danks, Gary Haines, Ian McCall, Len Manuel, Les Matthews

**President:** John Robinson

**Vice President:** Fred Lucas

**Secretary:** Jason Robinson

**Treasurer:** Greg Yates

**Coordinator:** Brett Lynch

**Board of Management:** Thomas Aylett, Rohan Best, Luke Evans, Chris Heinemeyer & John Woods

**Assistant Treasurer:** Jay Farlow

Appointments Board, Gear Steward, NSWRLRA Delegates and Proxy positions held over until Adjourned Annual General Meeting.

**Notices of Motion:**

Motion One: Presented by Gary Haines was defeated



**Life Membership:**

After the first ballot Chris Heinemeyer and Greg Yates were eliminated.  
After the next ballot Brett Lynch was elected the life member for season 2006.  
Brett then thanked the members.

**General Business:**

Les Matthews and Jack O'Sullivan spoke to the members.  
Barry Beveridge spoke to the members about the level 2 course held at the end of the season.  
Gary Haines asked about the hearing he was asked to sit on in regards to another member.  
A Motion was moved that Mavis Kandelas be made an Honorary Life Member - Motion Carried

**Meeting Closed** 9:00pm

**MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Meeting Opened:** 7:30pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2006 at Emu Plains Sport and Recreation Club

**Minutes:**

Minutes from the previous Annual General Meeting were presented, accepted and adopted.

**Apologies:**

P. Butler, D Ryan, T K'Neil, S Grisedale, M Bohan & G Haines.

**Correspondence:**

As listed

**Election of Officials for 2006:**

Results of Elections of Officials for positions not filled at Annual General Meeting:

**Gear Steward:** Rohan. Best

**Coaching Directors:** Fred Lucas & Chris Heinemeyer.

**Internal Auditors:** Luke Evans & Casey Wouters

**Life Member:** Brett Lynch

**Appointments Board:** Chris Heinemeyer, Barry Beveridge, Casey Wouters & Brian Waiting.

**Advisory Panel:** Thomas Aylett, Paul Burton, Shane Dicinoski, James Davidson, John Woods & Shannon Lewis.

**Merit Award Committee:** Fred Lucas, Brett Lynch & Russell. Turner.

**Life Membership Committee** Peter Browne, Don Courts & Fred Lucas

**Judiciary Representative:** Board of Management and Senior Members as Required

**Social Committee:** Rohan Best, Thomas Aylett, Paul Burton, Brian Waiting, Fred Lucas, Mitchell Lucas, Curtis Lucas, Sarah Lewis, Courtney Goldsmith, James Davidson, Col Smith, Rebecca Reid & Luke Evans.

**Delegate to NSWRLRA** Jay Farlow

**Proxy Delegate to NSWRLRA** Rohan Best

Positions filled from within the Board of Management

**Social Secretary:** John Woods

**Disciplinary Committee:** Board of Management members as required

**Minute Secretary:** John Woods

**Delegates to Junior League:** Fred Lucas, Chris Heinemeyer & Rohan Best.

**Reports:**

**N.R.A.S Co-ordinator:**

4/5<sup>th</sup> March Level One course

Referees required for school football on 28/2/06

Arrive Alive Cup is on the Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> March & Wednesday 15 & 29<sup>th</sup> March 2006 all games will be held at the Kingsway.

**Social Secretary Report:**

Spoke to members about the upcoming Season Launch/Trivia night.

Monies raised from the night will go to helping the associations running cost and development of referees in the district.

**Executive Committee:**

Jason advised the members about matters arising at the BoM meeting from the 16/1/06.

All game changes need to be advised to the coordinator by the end of the weekend otherwise you will not be paid for the games that you covered.

All 2006 budgets presented and discussed with Treasurer and Secretary to come back with final approved budgets at next meeting.

Capping of members levies.

Motion: "That the membership levy be 10% of members' earnings to a cap of \$150 provided they are available for 75% of trials."

Motion Carried

**General Business:**

L. Manuel thanked the association for the support and tributes paid to his daughter.

Russell Turner spoke to the members about the pre season training of the NRL squad.

Jason Robinson spoke to the members about the upcoming pre season camp on the 4/5/ March.

**Meeting Closed 9:45pm**



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**2007 MEETING DATES AND CALENDAR**

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- Annual General Meeting – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2006
- Adjourned Annual General Meeting – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2007
- General Meeting – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March
- General Meeting – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April
- General Meeting – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May
- General Meeting – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June
- General Meeting – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July
- General Meeting – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August
- General Meeting – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September
- Annual General Meeting – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2006

All meetings are held at Emu Plains Sporting and Recreation Club, Russell St, Emu Plains, unless otherwise advised. General Committee Meetings commence at 7.30pm, generally preceded by an Active Referees Meeting at 6.30pm (with the exception of AGM and A-AGM)

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**2007 OFFICE BEARERS**

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Board of Management	{ Executive Committee	Patrons:	_____
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		_____	
		President:	_____
		Vice President:	_____
		Coordinator:	Brett Lynch
		Treasurer:	_____
		Secretary:	_____
		Committee Member 1:	_____
		Committee Member 2:	_____
		Committee Member 3:	_____
		Committee Member 4:	_____
		Committee Member 5:	_____
		Assistant Treasurer:	_____
		Gear Steward:	_____
Appointments Board:	_____		
_____	_____		
NSWRLRA Delegate	_____		
NSWRLRA Proxy Delegate	_____		
Life Member:	_____		
<b>Positions to be filled at Adjourned AGM</b>			
Advisory Panel:	_____		
Coaching Directors:	_____		
Internal Auditors:	_____		
Merit Award Committee:	_____		
Life Membership Committee:	_____		
Social Committee:	_____		
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The following positions will be filled by members of the Board of Management and advised to members:

Social Secretary:	_____
Penrith DJRL Delegates:	_____
Discipline Committee:	_____
Minute Secretary:	_____







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