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# **41<sup>st</sup> Annual Report & Financial Statement Of The Penrith District Rugby League Referees Association**

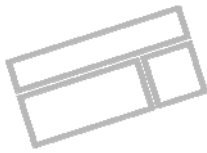
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### **Dedication**

The 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Report and Financial Report of the Penrith District Referees Association, Is dedicated to the memory of one our founding members and Life Member, the Late Len Manuel, may he rest in peace and the Association continue to move in a direction that would make him proud.

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Welfare Coordinator:	Luke Evans

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## PATRONS REPORT

Another successful season has been completed and my congratulations must go to all those both on and off the field who have contributed to the success.

To be a great Association we depend on the effectiveness of those who referee the games each weekend. Each of us needs to strive to become an effective referee. In doing this you should review your performance continuously. At the end of each game spend 15 minutes considering your successes and mistakes and learn from them.

Be determined to improve. Experience alone will not bring improvement. Welcome constructive criticism from your peers and members of the appointments board. Work hard- there is no easy way to the top. Expect to have prove yourself in every game you referee.



Read the rule book continuously and watch the techniques of your fellow referees. Adopt those you feel comfortable with. Always look for ways to improve your effectiveness and efficiency on the field.

As we get older we have to fight the inclination to cling to the way we use to do things. Do not be frightened to change your style if needed.

Plan your future. Occasionally you will get a lucky break but do not rely on it happening. Set yourself realistic targets and plan ways to achieve them.

Remember the old adage “success is a matter of working hard to achieve it – ask those who have failed.”

In conclusion may I wish you all success in your achievements in the coming season.

Don Courts  
Life Member  
Patron

## PRESIDENTS REPORT

Well that was the year that was. Personally and from a management point of view it could be a year to forget for a number of reasons. I will put the negatives aside and dwell on the positives which include our major sponsor Watts Commercial Furniture taking up their two year option until the end of 2009, the extension of the District Club agreement for another five years until the end of 2012 and the procurement of our new sleeve sponsor Airstall Air Conditioning for three years. These agreements ensure the continued capability of the Association to stand alone now and in the future; however it is you the members in conjunction with the future Boards of Management that will ensure this capability is maintained for many years to come. All the hard work by the respective Boards of Management over recent years to achieve this status should not be fruitless. Continued budgeting, prudent financial control and a committed Treasurer are mandatory to ensure this outcome.



Again as in 2006 the season was relatively incident free. It was most pleasing to note the incidents involving referee abuse was on the decline. A major initiative this year involving our Association, the Junior League and the South Wales Rugby League was to trial the “learner vests” for our new and inexperienced referees. This initiative proved a great success and those referees who contributed are to be congratulated.

It was disappointing to report our fund raiser this year again was not supported by the members, notwithstanding it was a success, albeit minor. The contribution or should I say the lack of contribution by our members puts these type of nights in jeopardy.

As reported last year our constitution was overhauled and presented to our members at a Special Meeting held in September. Although not all suggested revisions were accepted by the members both Gary Haines and Jason Robinson are to be thanked for their efforts in this regard and for their ongoing commitment to this Association in general.

Sadly before a whistle was blown this season over the Christmas Holiday period our Association lost one of its favourite sons and also one of its closest friends. Len Manuel finally succumbed to an ongoing illness. Len was a tireless contributor not only to our Association but also for the Junior League and District Club for well in excess of 50 years.

Additionally the Junior League lost a long time contributor and friend to our Association, Jack Myers. Jack was the Chairman of the Junior League Board and Judiciary Committee for many years.

Both will be sadly missed by all associated with Rugby League in the Penrith District.

Sadly also a number of members lost loved ones this year – to those members the Board of Management extend its deepest sympathies.

On a brighter note, it was pleasing to see the emergence of a number of Junior Referees and especially the number of juniors we now have. This and the coaching and development of these referees ensure our Association will remain at the forefront of referee retention and development.



**Congratulations to:**

- Chris Heinemeyer, awarded Life Membership for his valuable contribution to our Association
- Russell Turner for his appointment as a Side Line Official to the Anzac Test, 2 x State of Origins and the NRL Grand Final
- Rickey McFarlane for his appointment as In Goal Judge for the Premier League Grand Final
- Melissa Yates for her appointment as Side Line Official to the Jersey Flegg Grand Final
- To Phillip Haines for his appointment to the NRL Full Time Squad
- To all other NRL Squad Members, NSWRA Graded Members, Development Squad Members and all active members of our Association
- To Daniel Olford on a “fantastic” year culminating in his appointment to his first 1<sup>st</sup> Division A Grade Grand Final and for “scooping the pool” with the Jack Harris Merit Award and The Bob Kandelas Referees Referee Award
- To all the other award winners – congratulations and well done
- To all referees who participated in the finals series for both Saturday and Sunday games
- Luke Evans and the Social Committee yet again another successful “social season”
- Penrith DRL for their great success with their Junior Representative teams
- To those members who become parents again in 2007

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

- Watts Commercial Furniture for their continued and invaluable sponsorship
- Airstall Air Conditioning for “signing” for 3 years as our sleeve sponsor
- Brett Lynch, The Appointments Board and all other members of the various Boards, Committees and Panels
- Michael Leary, Anne McLaren and the District Club for their ongoing support and commitment for the next 5 years
- Don Feltis, Yvonne Purtell and the Junior League for their support and assistance
- To the respective Boards of Management I have worked with over the last 5 years
- To Tony Danks for his support personally and at an Association level and for “those words” – I shall never forget them

For those of you who are considering nominating for the position of President/Chairman of the Board of Management it may be prudent to note the following:

This role over the past number of years has changed to a large degree. We as an Association now turn over in excess of \$160,000.00 per season compared to about \$100,000.00 only a short number of years ago – and increase in turnover of 60%. The President should now have the following skills as a minimum, obtained from a position in employment of “middle management” or greater:

The ability to chair BOM Meetings and General Meetings, mature attitude, have good communication skills both written and oral, have good negotiation skills, have a knowledge of Association policies and procedures, be computer literate in Word, Excel and Outlook, have leadership and management skills, have an ability to maintain and manage budgets and finances to ensure the Association remains viable and stable and have good conflict resolution skills.

Notwithstanding my previous comments any one nominating for one of the other three critical positions on the Executive, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer should have similar qualifications for that of the President nominations.

As you are aware I tendered my resignation from the Presidency mid season due to a number of external pressures. I subsequently withdraw this resignation after some discussions with a few senior members. To those who consider I caused the Association some inconvenience I sincerely apologise.



To Sue, Chloe and Daniel thanks again for your understanding and support.

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

See you all in 2008,  
John Robinson  
President

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

## VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT

This season has been very busy for our board's working very hard behind the scenes and for our President Mr. John Robinson stabilizing and securing the Association's future in maintaining sponsorship with Watts Commercial Furniture and the District Club for the next couple of years. We are also lucky to have onboard Airstall, which is owned and operated by one of our long serving Referees Mr. Phil Hattch.

Again we held many functions with great results and success, Thank you to our Social Secretary Mr. Luke Evans and his Social Committee.

A special thank you to our Senior Members who dedicated time to the Coaching and Development of our newest Referees and assisting and mentoring our up and coming Junior Referees.



Around the grounds this year has been very pleasing for me watching Saturday and Sunday Football. We had several knockout competitions and the under six gala day was again very successful.

In 2007 we had such an outstanding and high standard of Refereeing that is known throughout our district and a big thank you to all referees.

I would like to congratulate all our Members for their efforts in Season 2007.

To the Board of Management and to all the Members of various boards, panels and committees, thank you for your help and assistance through out the year. A special thank you to all the Parents and Partners of our Members for your patience throughout the 2007 season.

To my Wife Sharon and Family, thank you for all your love and support and encouragement this year.

On behalf of the Board Of Management, we trust you will have a safe and pleasant Christmas and would like to see you all in the New Year.

## VALE LEN MANUEL

Len Manuel was one of the original members who helped to start this association in August 1966. Len was a dedicated and untiring worker for the Association for the past 40 years. He was a member of the appointments board in the early days and he was a very passionate about the duties of a member of the board. He has held positions on many committees since (too numerous to list). His role as a referee's adviser on the Junior League judiciary committee was carried out with diligence and his support for new referees facing the committee for the first time was greatly appreciated by all members. I think he only missed a couple of the meetings and that was due to sickness. His role in the position provided great assistance to the Executive and Board of Management.



Len was a great assistance to the formation of the junior branch and his sons also became active members of the association. He took a great interest in the younger members of the Association and his attendance at representative games provide them with a friendly supportive face.

For his work to this Association Len was granted life membership in 1989.

Len's commitment and dedication to Rugby League was well known throughout the Penrith district and before that in the St George district.

He held the position of treasurer of the Junior League and also held other positions on that body. He was time keeper for the district club and traveled all over Sydney and the State to carry out those duties. He was so highly thought of he was granted Life Membership of both of these organizations also along with the St George Referees Association.

During his final year Len had to curtail his ability to carry out his various roles due to ill health but this did not dampen his enthusiasm or his commitment to Rugby League. He continued to attend games and never missed a meeting, unless he was in Hospital.

Wherever you saw Len, you would find his wife Nancy. She was a great stalwart and companion and her support of his various actives enable him to provide the great service he gave to Rugby League in the district.

In paying tribute to Len I would like to exhort all members to try to emulate his dedication to the Association. Whereas some Associations and Junior Leagues are struggling it is only when you have devoted hard working people like Len who keep us strong. People like Len, are one of a kind and his unselfish devotion to Rugby League will be sadly missed but never forgotten.

Len, I appreciate your friendship and support. I am sure that all members join me in thanking you for your contribution to each of our lives.

Forever in your debt,  
Don Courts

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

It gives me great pleasure to present to all members the 41<sup>st</sup> annual report and financial statement. The season itself was a very different one in a lot of ways.

The 2007 season off the field was a very challenging one for us as an Association, no one could have planned or wanted the start to the year that we had. All members were shocked and saddened to hear of the news of the passing of the Junior League chairman just prior to Christmas, Jack Myers, this news was a blow to not only the Referees Association as we had lost one of our closest friends and supporters but we had lost a mate and a figure head from the district. The funeral service was well attended by many members of our association and Junior League clubs and board members. We pass our thoughts and prayers on to the Myers family and wish them a happier Christmas in 2007.



Within a matter of days of attending the funeral for Jack we were all shocked again to hear about the passing of one of our foundation members Len Manuel. I can still remember receiving the phone call from Gary Haines with the news that we had lost Len, you could have knocked me over with a feather at that point, the next few hours were the toughest that a new secretary could ever have to face trying to make the phone call to all of the board members and life members and inform them that the man who we all turned to at some point was gone.

For me to try and reflect on what Len was to this Association is not something that I can give a full picture on as I have only been around for ten years and I did not see the amount of work that he put in to this District in the early days. However on that afternoon when I was speaking with many members who were a part of the early days, I came to fully understand how important this man was to our district and the fact that we would not be where we are today without his driving force to be the best.

The Funeral service for Len was well attended by not just life members and older members of this Association but a number of younger members, and it was pleasing to see them come and pay their respects to a great man, Len was given a guard of Honour that contained the original executive of the association right through to current active members, I am sure he would have been very pleased to see a large amount and such a mix of members there to support him.

A full remembrance of both Len and Jack is available for your reading in this report by two men who knew them both very well.

All of this and the season had not even started! This season we saw a small changing of the guard with three new Board of management members elected and a new secretary, this in itself held a lot of new challenges however the board took this opportunity to take a look at some new fresh ideas. This is something that we need to continually have for the Penrith Association to remain at the forefront of Rugby League refereeing in NSW.

The board this year had a lot of major achievements that has helped make the future of this Association a lot more financially secure with thanks to John Robinson, Gary and Phillip Haines for securing the extension of our sponsorship agreement with Watts to the end of the 2009 season.

Also, this season we saw Airstall come on board as a sleeve sponsor. This company is owned and operated by one of our own members Phil Hattch. Airstall has come on board to the end of the 2009 season. We thank both sponsors very much for getting behind us, without their support we would not be able to look as good as we do both on the field and off it, and continually turn out the number of top shelf referees that we do.

With a new sponsor and a change of logo from our major sponsor saw the need for members to have new on field attire. The board took this chance to update our look on field as well and bring in a second jumper for our members; the black and orange jumper that will be used on Sundays, with the green and black jumpers used on Saturdays. This in itself is taking pressure off members who officiated on both Saturday and Sunday with them now not having to rush home and clean their gear for the next day.

A lot of thought and effort went in to this project from our gear steward and board members. At the end of this process we had new gear supplied by ISC. I think all members can agree that it is of top shelf quality and can not wait to see what they produce for us in terms of off field gear in the 2008 season.

During the 2007 season we had three different level 1 courses two run by the association and the third started by Doug Keen and completed by our coaching directors, these courses saw some 40 new members join the referees ranks in Penrith this season. I hope that all of these members enjoyed their first season as referees and we will see them back in 2008 for them to build on their experience from this season.

Mid season the board supported a program that was presented to us by Tony Danks and the Department of Sport and Reaction. The program was called “if I’m wearing yellow don’t see red” referees in training vest programme. This was launched mid season with the help of the Junior League moving all mini games to Whalen reserve for the day for us to launch this program with the two mid season level one courses held.

The day its self was a great success when all of these new referees where given weeks of coaching in one day. The day was so well received by all that it will be put on the calendar for the 2008 season. After this programme was launched we did not see any new referees get the verbal abuse that other referees were subjected to. This programme was so successful that the Junior League and the Referees Association have been nominated for a sports award for running this program.

The social front was a good one again this season with the usual training BBQ’s held. This season we also held a trivia night although night was not well supported by members it was still a good one for all of those who attended. Thanks to Peter Butler and the Emu Sports club for donating the room at no cost. Thanks to all those who helped get the night of the ground especially to Jeff Woods who tested the members with some tough questions that had a lot of people scratching their heads for answers.

The High light of the season as always was Life Members night when Chris Heinemeyer received his life member’s jacket. The night was a great success and the entertainment was a lot of fun with all members laughing along at the great Scottish puppet.

On the field we had some great success both locally and at NSW and NRL level. This season we saw Russell Turner appointed to The Anzac test match, 2 state of Origin matches and the NRL grand final. Russell also won the Penrith Valley Referee or Umpire of the Year award. He must be congratulated on a great season.

Penrith Referees supplied at least one on field official in all of the senior NSWRL grand Finals congratulations to Peter Sciberras (Arrive a live in goal) George Jankowski (Jim Beam Cup In goal) Melissa Yates (Jersey Flegg Touch line) Rickey McFarlane (Premier League in goal and NRL interchange), a big congratulations needs to go to Rickey for officiating in his fourth consecutive Premier League Grand Final.



On the local front we saw Daniel Olford appointed to his first A grade grand final, Jay Farlow to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Grand Final and Ricky Heinemeyer to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Grand Final. Josh Burton to the 15/1's grand final. Well done to all referees on their appointments, also to all other referees who pushed these referees all the way to these grand finals. This season was a very quiet one in terms of incidents on the field this is due to the great work that the Junior League and the Referees Association have done over the past season to support our members on the field.

Good luck to members in the development squad working hard over the off season to push themselves to bigger and better performances in the 2008 season.

In closing I would like to thank all the members for their support and patience in my first season as secretary I am sure that next season will be a lot more fruitful for all members both on and off the field. I would like to wish all members and their families a happy and safe Christmas and a safe New Year and I look forward to seeing you in the new year for a bigger and better 2008.

I would like to thank the following people without your help the season would not have been as good as it was.

- The Executive and Board of Management for your assistance, understanding and support.
- Brett and Dale Lynch – for all your help this season
- Kayla Woods, my Sister, for all your help with putting this report together.
- Finally my family who with their help and support I would not be able to do this job



## Congratulations

- Daniel Olford for his first A Grade Division One Grand Final and recipient of the Joe Beacroft Memorial Award, his successful Inter-District Representative season, for being recognised by way of his receiving the Jack Harris Merit Award and on being awarded the Bob Kandelas Referees' Referee Award
- Jay Farlow – A Grade Division Two Grand Final, and recipient of the Ray Steele Memorial Award
- Ricky Heinemeyer – A Grade Division Three Grand Final, and recipient of the Don Courts Trophy
- Alex Organ for being awarded the Michael Grady Merit Award
- Tim Hannon – Reg Newsome Most Improved Junior Referee
- Thomas Stindl, the Len Manuel “Rookie of the Year” and highest Mini-footy Grand Final Referee and recipient of the Peter Browne Award
- Josh Burton, leading Saturday Referee and recipient of the Phil Sanders Memorial Award
- Scott Filmer, recipient of the Barry Beveridge Award for the Highest Mod-footy Grand Final
- All other Grand Final Officials
- Chris Heinemeyer 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, NRL Grand Final and Penrith Valley Referee of the year award.
- All members of the NRL and NRL Feeder Squads
- Grant Atkins 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, Yvonne Purtell, 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 Lawrence Mc Donell for assuming the Training Duties with great success
- Luke Evans and his Social Committee
- Finally our two wonderful sponsors, without your help we would not be able to be as strong as we are.

John Woods  
Secretary



## VALE JACK MYERS

Jack Myers was a man's man.

He had the respect of everyone who knew him. His handling of the difficult task of chairman of Judiciary was an example of how a capable leader can mix humility and understanding with the need to have penalties.

Jack had the respect and confidence of most who came before him and whilst they knew they were facing some form of penalty, they also knew he would treat them decently, with respect and fairly.

He was a friend of all referees and went out of his way to greet and say hello to them on game day and protected their interests and welfare at hearings and other meetings.

The first thing Jack did when he arrived in a room or a group of people was go round them, shake hands and offer a friendly greeting. When he was faced with an irate supporter, parent, official or player he always had patience, remained calm and his response and attitude usually guaranteed the person concerned settled down quickly, simply because they appreciated the manner of Jack's response and attitude.

Following his election to the junior league board of management, his leadership qualities soon emerged and he became chairman of the junior league a position he held until his death.

It is only fitting that Blacktown City Council will be honoring Jack and his family by naming playing fields at Blacktown 'The Jack Myers Fields.'

Many believe Jack Myers will always be regarded as perhaps the most outstanding chairman the Junior League has had since its inception in 1967.

As remembered by

Don Feltis

## TREASURERS REPORT

It gives me great pleasure to be able to submit my second Treasures report. The season 2007 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. This always enabled the Board of management to transfer a large amount of cash to the Term Deposit, which was last year approved to be the account to fund our 50<sup>th</sup> Year celebrations. The amount of money in this account now stands at \$40,000, so come our 50<sup>th</sup> Year the celebrations should one to remember.



Again this year as I did last year I sent out to members their fees sheet during the year showing what they were going to be paid and getting any changes out of the way early, that way not having to chase changes at the end of the season. This year that was taken one step further and with the help from Brett and Barry we were able to send an updated sheet out straight after Grand Final day, that way members knew straight away what they were going to be paid and asked for any alterations that might be required. This method seemed to be successful because for the first year I can remember I had no one come up to me on Presentation day and say that their pay was wrong.

This year saw the Association introduce the option to members of being paid half way through the season, rather than waiting until seasons end. As a result of all the wet weather this year, this option wasn't taken up by as many members as was expected. With the introduction of the first division clubs increasing Referees fees for C grade to A grade saw for the first time a member reaching the \$3,000 mark in match fees for a season. The thing that pleased me most this year was the decision that the Board of Management made when we decided to bring back the Pre-Season camp and have it completely funded by development money and at no cost to the members.

I would like to thank the Board of Management for their support throughout the season, which has enabled our association to remain financially strong. The board this year had some ups and downs, but that only adds to the strength of the Association because it is better to be discussing different ideas all the time rather than everyone just agreeing. I would also like to thank Luke and Matthew for the work and effort they put in as internal auditors. A thanks also needs to go to Jay Farlow who assisted tirelessly throughout the season with any assistance that I required during the season. A big special thanks to Yvonne Purtell from the Junior League who worked tirelessly with me in chasing up money owed to us by the clubs. At the time of writing this, Yvonne had once again confirmed that the Junior League would pay any monies still owed to us by the clubs, this year there only remains three clubs outstanding. 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 off season with my family.

I would like to congratulate all the members on their achievements throughout the year and hope that you all return next season to continue chasing your goals for your future in refereeing.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT & AUDIT REPORT



## REFEREES COORDINATORS REPORT

I am pleased to present my report to the members for the 2007 season.

What a funny season we had! Almost like the game of Rugby League itself, the season had two distinctive halves, as well as a sizeable half time break. With an unprecedented four week rain break in the middle of the season, it almost felt like the trials had started again when we finally got going again in early July.

This season saw many good up and coming Referees make their A Grade debut, and in all, 18 Referees had the distinction of being appointed to an A Grade Fixture. To Rohan Best, Mark Bohan, Shane Denning, Ricky Heinemeyer, Luke Parker and Mitchell Peachey, I hope your initial A Grade Appointments are just the start of many.



During the year, we were given many different “Representative” fixtures to Referee. In these, our Referees excelled themselves. In the U13 District Challenge, Ryan Thomas had his first real taste of top flight football. Ryan was rewarded again with a semi final of the U13 Challenge as was Luke Burton. In front of the best teams from the Sydney Area as well as officials from the NSWRL academy, both performed admirably. In the A Grade Challenge match versus Parramatta, Jay Farlow performed excellently, and even drew praise from the Junior League CEO.

The Semi Finals and Grand Finals were once again keenly contested and the performances of our Referees were also praised by the clubs and the Junior League. I was heavily involved with the Saturday Division 1 semi's, the performances of those young Referees was superb. Josh Burton managed to Referee the U15(1) grand final, but he was pushed all the way by Brad Filmer, Tim Hannon, Ryan Thomas, Stephen Bourke as well as a bit of sibling rivalry from Luke. All of these Referees had outstanding Grand Finals, and with the NSWRL Referees Coaching staff in attendance, hopefully they got an entry into the “little black book”.

In the Sunday series, Daniel Olford capped off a good year by doing his first A Grade Division 1 grand final. And what a cracker of a game it turned out to be. Col Potts again just tipped out Phil Hattch to do the Reserve Grade Grand Final. Col showed all of his experience in this match, including “engineering” and intercept try in the final minute to avoid extra time! The A Grade Division 2 grand final was refereed by Jay Farlow and the Division 3 Grand Final by Ricky Heinemeyer.

All of the on-field efforts are not possible without an equally good Appointments Board. Just ask the Referees on the Central Coast who don't have any board at all. This doesn't just happen, it takes a lot of hard work by a lot of people over a long time. Many of the current board members are benefiting not only from great Penrith Referees of the past, but also from expert training provided by the NSWRL Referees Association. To Casey Wouters, Col Smith, Barry Beveridge, Fred Lucas, Paul Burton, Brian Waiting, John Woods, Luke Evans and Chris Heinemeyer – I thank you all for your efforts.

This year in conjunction with both the NSWRL and Junior League, we trialled the learner vests for new Referees. This initiative coincided with a Mini Gala day held at Whalan Reserve. All the mini games in the district were played at the one venue. This allowed us to have our entire Development Panel on hand to assist with coaching and encouraging our new referees through their all important first few matches. This was a great initiative and I'm thankful to Don Feltis for the support he gave to the concept. The “Mega Mini Day” also gave rise to the U15 day held later in the year at the Western Weekender. All the division one and division two under 15's games were played back to back at this wonderful venue. I sincerely hope that these ventures occur well into the future.

Being Coordinator would not have been possible without valuable support from the following people:

- Barry Beveridge for dedication and commitment that goes above and beyond the call of duty. Whilst people can be critical of you from time to time, no one else has put their hand up to try and fit 90 Referees into 200 games over 22 venues each and **every** week.
- The Board of Management for their support throughout the year.
- Daniel Olford and Lawrence McDonell 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, Yvonne Purtell, 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, without your support over the many years I could never have achieved as much as I have.

I will leave you with some wonderful words of advice given to me by the late Len Manuel. "The most important game of Rugby League you will ever Referee is the one you are just about to start. All the things you might do in the future haven't happened yet, and all the things you have done in the past don't mean a thing to the 26 players who just took the field."

### **Brett Lynch**

Referees Coordinator

### **2007 A Grade Referees**

Anthony Anderson  
 Mark Bohan  
 Jay Farlow  
 Ricky Heinemeyer  
 Daniel Olford  
 David Ryan

Thomas Aylett  
 James Davidson  
 Phil Hattch  
 Shannon Lewis  
 Luke Parker  
 Brett Windon

Rohan Best  
 Shane Denning  
 Kristy-Lee Heinemeyer  
 Lawrence McDonell  
 Mitchell Peachey  
 John Woods

### **2007 Under 15 Division One Referees**

Stephen Bourke  
 Brad Filmer  
 Chris Heinemeyer  
 Shannon Lewis  
 Brett McDonald  
 Lyndsay Packer  
 Shane Smith  
 Brian Waiting

Josh Burton  
 Tim Hannon  
 Phillip Johnson  
 Curtis Lucas  
 Lawrence McDonell  
 Col Potts  
 Ryan Thomas  
 Phil Whilesmith

Marty Dumas  
 Rhyss Harwood  
 Chris Kolkman  
 Brett Lynch  
 Daniel Olford  
 Brendan Smith  
 Shane Turnbull  
 Brian Zammitt



## JUNIOR LEAGUE REPORT

Once again the Junior League offers congratulations and well done to the Penrith Referee's Association. The 2007 season whilst another successful one, did offer some challenges in some areas. The mandatory sentencing policy certainly had impact around the clubs and whilst the majority supported the concept, there was strong opposition from one or two quarters at club level, however, by the time the season was nearly completed the majority of stakeholders had accepted it was here to stay and conformed to it's guidelines.

Apart from several slight adjustments mandatory sentencing will be firmly on the agenda for the 2008 season and all members of the Referee's Association are thanked for their support. Over all there were 100 less cases before judiciary in 2007 and a marked reduction in referee abuse and incidents, and whilst we will unfortunately be unable to entirely eradicate referee abuse, we will keep working on reducing it as much as we can. Various Junior League initiatives such as the referee in training concept, the mini carnival at Whalan Reserve, the blocking of under 15 games at St Marys, the under 6 gala day, the semi-final series just to mention several were all successes mainly due to the involvement and support received from the Referee's Association and it's members and for that we thank you all sincerely. There is a special segment at the Junior League annual conference at the end of October dealing with all the positive ways the relationship and co-operation between the Junior League and the Referees Association can be improved even better than what it is, which is already on a high level.

The appointment of two referee development managers by the NSWRL was well received and to have Tony Danks an old Penrith identity involved has been a very positive move which the Junior League supports 100%. I thought the refereeing at the Sunday second and third division grand finals at Penrith CUA Stadium was as good as I have seen and is a clear indication of the significant development that has been made over the years. Perhaps the only one negative was the difficulty experienced several times in the Sunday competition having sufficient referees to appoint to all games and particularly the under 16 age group, however, I am sure between all of us we will overcome that problem during 2008.

Thank you once again for your support and best wishes for the remainder of 2007 and for the 2008 season.

### Don Feltis

Chief Executive

Penrith & Districts Junior Rugby League



## NRAS COORDINATORS REPORT

The 2007 season was a little different to previous years on the recruitment front. The Penrith Panthers moved from the football complex in Coombes Drive to state of the art facilities at the back of CUA stadium. The facilities at CUA were so good, it was almost impossible to get a free weekend to hold NRAS courses. Luckily, Emu Plains Sport and Recreation Club stepped in to fill the gap and we were offered the use of those facilities. The NRAS state education manager was similarly impressed with the facilities at "EMU" and the level two courses were also held here. I would like to thank the management and staff at Emu plains for all their help, in particular, Peter Butler for his help in organising the venue at such short notice.



This year, we managed to recruit 34 new referees, 8 from the first course held in March, 12 from a special mid week course run by the NSWRL and 14 from the course held in May. The people from the May course and the Mid week course were part of a special trial of Referees "Learner Vests" similar to "L" plates from new drivers. With the Penrith District growing each year, with no signs of the growth slowing down, the big challenge for the Association is to retain as many of these new Referees as possible. Hopefully, the learner vests will help in this area.

The first Level 2 course held in March contained no Penrith Referees, which is hardly surprising given that we have dominated the previous 6 course numbers. The second level two course contained 23 persons from six associations; South's, Parramatta. Penrith, Canterbury, West's, and St George. As you know the course went well, and the five members from Penrith were successful. There has also been six referees apply to do their level-3 accreditation so again recruitment wise it was a good year.

The following people are to be thanked for their input into recruitment; I could not do the job without their help, Chris Heinemeyer, Fred Lucas. Brian Waiting, John Woods, Luke Evans and Casey Wouters a again, a big thanks to Peter Butler and Emu-plains Sporting and Recreation Club for the level-1-2 courses, to Don Feltis, Sheila and Yvonne from the Junior League, to Barry Ruttle for his friendship and expertise. May all referees and their families have a happy and safe Christmas season, see you all in 2008.

Barry Beveridge.  
NRAS provider Penrith



## COACHING DIRECTORS REPORT

Season 2007 was a very busy year with level one and level two courses and further courses run by Doug Keen

In season 2007 we introduced for new referees a vest to wear to identify that the referee is currently learning which took the pressure off the referees and gave the surrounding spectators understanding of the learning curve.

We had a lot of help this year by some of our senior members helping us to run courses, our thanks go to Brian Waiting, Paul Burton and Casey Wouters thanks for all your help with running the course.

Thank you also to John Woods for your administration work and to all the other members who help and contributed to the courses in 2007.

On behalf of Chris and myself, thank you all for your support and help for this season.

A big thank you to our wives Sharon and Shirley and our families for putting up with us during the season.

We wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and new year and are looking forward to seeing you all in 2008 for another successful season.

Fred and Chris

Coaching Directors



## TRAINERS REPORT

In 2007 training went through a number of changes, with two changes in venue and the changing of one of the trainers. Grant Atkins being accepted into grade saw Lawrence McDonell step into his role as training coordinator.

The change in venues firstly was brought about by the Brothers clubs need for a new home ground. We were transferred over to Jamison Park, albeit a dark Jamison Park. For three month those who participated in training had to do so in semi darkness, for this I would like to commend those who did participate. On occasion attendance reached 45 and for the time at Jamison Park we averaged around 26 members attending training.

Then the heavens opened up and training along with 4 weekends of football were called off. After the rain had dried up we saw another venue change with Casey Wouters helping to secure a far superior training venue at Minchinbury. This venue enabled us to have lights, change rooms, football field with regulation sized goal posts and even a 400m running track around the out side. The lights were a great addition to training as never before this year did we have such good lighting at training. The lights actually let us see the members who were attending training. Unfortunately after the move, training attendance dropped to about 11 or 12 on average.



On two occasions we met with Parramatta, firstly with us going down in to their territory and then a return leg at Minchinbury. The theme of having fun and playing more games was carried over from last year. Attendance at both these night was excellent. Both sides had lots of fun; unfortunately we were unsuccessful once again this year in winning the trophy back. Although we did see the inauguration of the duck, duck, goose warm up.

A big thank you must go out to all of those taxis out there and by taxis I mean parents and anyone else that drove a younger member to training.

We would also like to thank the social committee for catering for the BBQ's we had through out the season and also the KFC night we had on the last night of training. Yes that's right we had KFC, those of you that went home early, you missed out. Thank you also to Brett, the development panel and appointments board members and the other senior members who helped out with skills especially with the new members.

As this long season draws to a close we thank each and every member that attended training this year. Your attendance shows your commitment to your own refereeing and also shows your commitment and support to your fellow referees. Finally congratulations to all those members who have been selected in the development squad.

Keep fit and we will see you all in season 2008.

Daniel Olford and Lawrence McDonell  
Training Coordinators

## SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

It gives me great pleasure in presenting this year's report.

I would like to thank the social committee for their assistance during the year and to the Executive and BOM for their support.

We have had many functions during the year which started with a training BBQ, then later in the season a trivia night was held at Emu Plains Sports Club. Thank you to everyone who assisted with these two events.

The annual Parramatta challenge was held this year, with Parramatta being winners again. The members were treated with a BBQ after training in recognition of their efforts.

Life Members Night was held this year at Penrith Panthers. Congratulations to Chris Heinemeyer who obtained his Life Member's jacket this year. The food and service were of its usual high standard, and the entertainment provided plenty of laughter and good dancing.

As this report goes to print the last function to be held is the presentation day, with the traditional annual 'Senior V Junior' football match taking place at St Mary's League Club. I know it will be played in the right spirit, as it usually is.

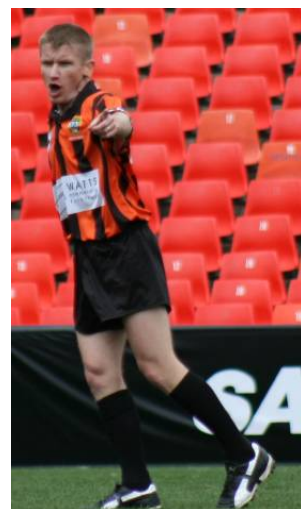
Congratulations to the merit award winners for 2007 and all other trophy recipients.

Lastly a big thank you to my wife and children for their support during the year.

Enjoy the off season.

Yours in sport

Luke Evans



## GEAR STEWARD'S REPORT

In 2007 our Association has further adapted to the modern world of refereeing, especially in the area of on-field gear.

Whilst it wasn't until late in the season that this gear became available to members, I believe the introduction of an alternate on-field jersey, as well as a synchronized training shirt provided to every active member is a positive step for our Association.

The members who officiated in both Saturday and Sunday Grand Finals did so in the brand new gear and definitely looked the part. This new gear was the result of much hard work from numerous parties in securing a gear provider who we can have a long and successful relationship with. In the end it was ISC Sportswear who took the reins as our major gear supplier and if the gear we have received so far is anything to go by, they will be a key contributor to our Association for a long time to come.



As this is my final years as Gear Steward, at least for the time being, I would like to thank all the people who made my job that much easier over the past five years. I would especially like to thank the Secretary's in that time, being Brett Lynch, Jason Robinson and John Woods who all contributed greatly to the smooth running of gear ordering and distribution.

There is a bright future ahead for our Association and it's members and I look forward to watching it all unfold.

Rohan BEST  
Gear Steward





## JUNIOR REP REPORT

Well another rep season has come and gone and the Penrith Referees Association can be very proud of the contributions made by your members in our 2007 Junior Rep. Squad.

The members of the Penrith Association that were a part of the Junior Rep. Squad were Jay Farlow, Lawrence McDonnell, Dave Ryan, Daniel Olford, Thomas Aylett, Jamie Davidson, Mark Bohan and Kylie Black.

All in all, the Penrith Members of the squad performed very well and the Association can be very proud of the manner in which they performed both on and off the field.

The greatest difficulty in being a part of this squad is to get the window of opportunity. Our squad continues to provide referees to the two principal junior rep. competitions but beyond that opportunities are somewhat limited. That said the Penrith boys this year had mixed fortunes with some outstanding results to note. Jay and Daniel performed well in the centre. Jay should still be eyeing off a spot in the higher levels of the game whilst Daniel had an up, down then up again season culminating in his appointment to the Australian Schoolboys Under 15 Championships Final. The other members of the squad received some good appointments principally on the line.



As I said in this report last year refereeing at junior rep level requires many things in terms of preparation but also is spiced with that little bit of luck or sometimes you need a giant slice of good fortune. Most frustratingly, for me, as the Head Coach of this group the opportunities to appoint and promote referees is somewhat limited so for me, my coaching staff and the squad members we have to maximise every opportunity. I continue to look forward to the talented people from Penrith joining our ranks as the first step to being a part of that big, sometimes bad but always challenging NRL.

Peter Filmer  
Head Coach



## JUNIOR REP SQUAD REPORT

The NSW Junior Representative Squad continues to carry a strong representation from the Penrith District. We started the season with Grant Atkins, Jay Farlow, Daniel Olford, Lawrence McDonell, David Ryan and Thomas Aylett. Several members of the Penrith Development Squad were invited to come along and train. From this contingent Luke Parker was added to the ranks with Mark Bohan and Kylie Black being regular trainers.

The season began for us way back in November 2006 and before training had started Jay Farlow and Grant Atkins were invited to train with the Premier League Squad. This meant a step up to two nights of training a week to begin with as well as a range of other sessions later on.. After a hard pre season Grant Atkins was invited into the graded ranks.



For the rest of us the season began like most others....with a fitness test. For any of those aspiring to make the jump up into junior reps here's a taste of what was covered on our first night of training. One 500m sprint (apparently half a kilometre is now considered a sprint), 400m sprint, 200m sprint, 150m sprint, 100m sprint, 50m sprint and 6x40m sprints all timed. For all the heat, wind and soreness from the previous nights training it is a credit to all those who got through it.

Training continued along with similarly tortuous sessions including an outing to the Wanda Sand Dunes. The squad bonded well in these early stages and Daniel Olford was selected to be a Team Leader. Finally trials began in late January and a few of those who had come down to gain some experience found themselves running touch lines. The Penrith contingent battled the summer heat jostling for a chance to referee in Harold Matthews and SG Ball. Jay Farlow and Daniel Olford were lucky enough to get a start with both gaining experience in the Harold Matthews and SG Ball competitions. Both were very unlucky to miss out on quarter-final opportunities and will be looking to stamp their authority on these competitions next year.

David Ryan and Lawrence McDonell both made their debuts in Harold Matthews after a long and patient wait and performed strongly. Just a tip, if you're making your debut in Harold Matthews in Nelson Bay drive carefully lest you write off your car beforehand. (It is a probably a good forum for me to pass on personal thanks to Daniel Olford for getting me to that game on time.)

The Junior Reps season finished with Thomas Aylett and David Ryan both being appointed to quarter-final touchlines, which is a huge honour. Once the formal competition had finished Squad Members continued to be appointed to Jersey Flegg fixtures as well as the occasional standby in Jim Beam Cup and Premier League. A special mention also goes to Daniel Olford who made the flight to Adelaide to referee in the U15's School Boy Championships. After strong performances he was awarded the final in this very prestigious competition. Well done.

As this report is being written all squad members and hopefuls will no doubt be preparing themselves to start the process all over again. With so many of our members now having experience in the Junior Reps Competition and with the introduction of the U20's Youth Competition there are plenty of opportunities for our members to shine in season 2008.

Best of luck.  
Lawrence McDonell

## NRL REPORT

Following the conclusion of the 2006 season there were a number of changes to the National Rugby League referees squad. Russell Smith, Pat Reynolds and Paul Kalina all announced their retirements from refereeing and the full-time squad was expanded to include a number of “rookie” referees.

The new-look squad came together in mid-November after a 6 week break. Training commenced with typical “off season” intensity, and there was no let-up until the season started. All training sessions were again designed to keep us off our legs to give them a good rest. Post-Christmas saw a transition to more match specific training and drills. Every few weeks, fitness and fat levels were tested to ensure that all members were on the right track.



The new season saw the introduction of a new team, the Gold Coast Titans. It also saw an expanded weekly format, with the 8 games now including two Friday fixtures and a Monday night game as well.

Penrith Referees Association was represented in the squad by 3 members this year, Jason Robinson, Phillip Haines in the full-time referees’ squad, and Russell Turner as a sideline official.

Jason commenced his second year as a full-time referee this season. Refereeing in six NRL games this year, 2007 was a frustrating year due to a couple of long-term injuries. Showing great motivation and discipline, Jason was able to overcome these set backs and return to the NRL before the completion of the season. At the conclusion of the season Jason has now refereed 66 NRL matches overall.

Phillip commenced his cadetship as a NRL official with a new-found enthusiasm and willingness to listen and learn. Along with the other rookie members, Phillip officiated in Premier League and other lower grade fixtures whilst learning about the attributes required that will take him the next step in his career. Throughout the season, Phillip has become an integral component of the daily mechanisms of the squad, and has been retained as a full-time official for next season.

Following a strong conclusion to the 2006 season, Russell started the season with some career goals in mind. This motivation saw him rewarded with a number of representative appointments during the year, including State of Origin I, II (as standby) & III, and the Anzac Test Match between Australia and New Zealand. During the year Russell was awarded the Penrith Valley Sports Foundation Referee/Umpire of the year, an award that was won by Jason Robinson a few years earlier.

Following the season proper, Russell entered the finals series where he officiated in a further 4 NRL finals matches, culminating in the appointment as Sideline Official to his first National Rugby League Grand Final. This appointment also served as a career milestone, being his 150<sup>th</sup> first grade appointment.

Congratulations must go to the rest of the NRL Grand Final team as well: Tony Archer (Referee), Steve Chiddy (Sideline Official) and Bill Harrigan and Phil Cooley (Video Referees).

Following the completion of the 2007 season there are a number of announcements and initiatives for the next season. These include the retirement of senior referees Paul Simpkins and Steve Clark, and the recruitment of former players Luke Phillips, Paul Mellor and Henry Perenara as cadet referees.

Looking forward to an interesting season in 2008.

Russell Turner



## RUSSELL TURNER'S NRL GRAND FINAL EXPERIENCE

Six people filed into the NRL office at Telstra Stadium on the Tuesday morning before the Grand Final. Two referees and four sideline officials had been competing for the three positions that were available on the biggest day of the 2007 season, and we had assembled to find out the news.

The coach entered the room with the same look on his face that I had seen before. He would say that "This is the toughest decision that I have to make because everyone has been performing so well".

He then went on to name and congratulate Tony Archer on his appointment to referee his first Grand Final. Warm applause broke out through the room, all those present were happy that his hard work, "team" ethic and current form had been recognised and rewarded.

Then, the pause until **the** news was broken. "Tony, your sideline officials this weekend will be Steve Chiddy and....". *Bugger, I knew that we were competing against another person who would be an automatic selection. Looks like I was off to the Premier League Grand Final for the second year in a row.* "Congratulations to Russell Turner on his first NRL Grand Final appointment".

What?!

Another round of applause followed by a round of handshakes and back slaps. Then Tony Archer was whisked off to his first Grand Final function – the media conference. And everyone else went to the park and completed a 90 minute training session.

The next few days were a whirl wind of excitement, and I was glad to have taken Annual Leave from work to enjoy that time. Grand Final breakfast, lunches and a couple of dinners were enjoyed along the path to Sunday night.

Grand Final came quickly and the day was spent doing nothing much, but I made sure that I arrived at the ground a little earlier than usual. Making sure that the family were looked after, the match preparation was physically no different to any other match, but the atmosphere was a bit different.

When the warm up was over we took the opportunity to test the communications gear whilst enjoying the live music, the atmosphere, the crowd and a few run-throughs out in the darkened in-goal area.

Lined up for the National Anthem, it was a proud moment for Penrith – sharing the centre of the Stadium with Ricky McFarlane was a fair indicator of the work and development of the Referees Association over the last couple of decades.

The match flew by too quickly. A few times reality seemed a long way away, and after 90 minutes Melbourne Storm would prove too strong and take out the trophy. The shortest time in the week was between kick-off and the medal presentation, and it was certainly the most enjoyable.

The Prime Minister presented me with my medallion, an invaluable and irreplaceable memento of reaching the pinnacle of Rugby League refereeing. I was also fortunate that some of our family members could join us on the field and share this time with us.

The post-match function in the dressing room lasted about twice as long as the match, a great buzz filling the room filled with a pile of friends and family, and an even happier event when it was realised that the team had performed well and not made any impact on the score or the result.

Was it better than State of Origin? The week build up and the “event” probably was but it was different – a different crowd, a different atmosphere and different tribalism from the people who were at the ground. Origin is where the grand stand is filled with 60 to 80 thousand screaming fans who all hate one side and love the other. But the Grand Final is where people gather to enjoy the game and send off the season on a happier, more sober and more sporting note.

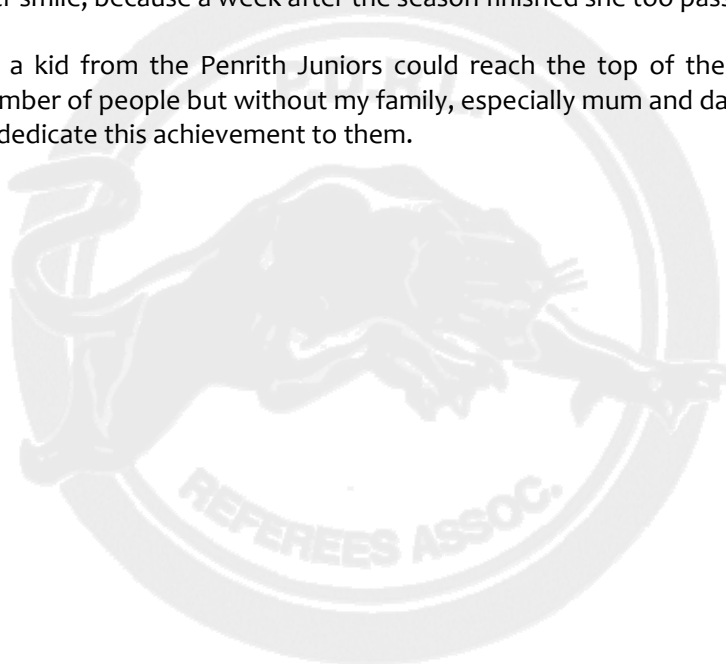
We made it home well after midnight but rose to grab the papers for the scrap book. Mad Monday was upon us and the mid-November 2006 start seemed a lifetime before.

After a few celebratory drinks (or maybe more), all members of the referees’ squad parted ways to pay back the time to our families that we had stolen through the year.

The proudest moment of the entire day, week and season was a couple of mornings’ later when I took my medallion to show my mum who was sick in hospital. Unfortunately my father had passed away a week before the 2007 season started, and when my mother saw the medal she sat up in bed, put on her glasses and smiled. It was special because that was the last time that I saw her smile, because a week after the season finished she too passed away.

So who would have thought a kid from the Penrith Juniors could reach the top of the tree? This would have been impossible without a great number of people but without my family, especially mum and dad in the early years, this would not have been possible, and I dedicate this achievement to them.

Russell Turner



## 2007 GRAND FINAL TEAMS



A grade team  
James Davidson  
Daniel Olford  
& Dave Ryan

A res grade  
Clinton Dunn-Brindell  
Colin Potts  
& Luke Parker



C Grade Team  
Lyndsay Packer  
Shannon Lewis  
& Josh Burton



Under 17's Team  
Ryan Thomas  
Lawrence McDonnell  
& Tim Hannon

Under 16's Team  
Sarah Lewis  
John Woods  
& Scott Filmer







A Grade Div 2  
Anthony Anderson  
Jay Farlow  
& Shane Denning



A Grade Div 3  
Mark Bohan  
Ricky Heinemeyer &  
Dave Sullivan



C Grade Div 2 Shane Dicinoski Luke Parker & Ryan Thomas



17's Div 2  
Stephen Bourke  
Mitchell Peachey  
& Luke Burton



16's Div 2  
Ryan Thomas  
Anthony Anderson  
& Marty  
Dumas  
Saturday  
Grand Finals







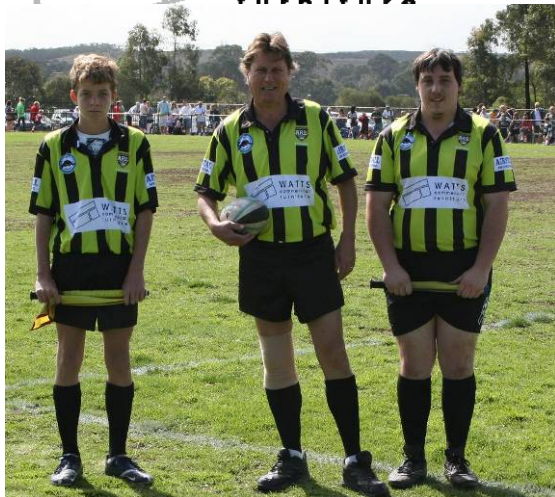












## 2007 GRAND FINAL APPOINTMENTS

### Referee

### Touch Judges

#### Mini Grand Finals

7(6)	A Cox	G Sutcliffe	B Thorne
7(5)	N Sutcliffe	A Cox	B Thorne
7(4)	B Thorne	A Cox	B Beveridge
7(3)	S Cantrill	B Roberts	A Cox
7(2)	B Roberts	J Kapaun	B Beveridge
7(1)	J Kapaun	B Roberts	B Beveridge
8(6)	B Beveridge	B Bonnici	T Henderson
8(5)	B Bonnici	A Wallace	T Henderson
8(4)	T Henderson	B Bonnici	A Wallace
8(3)	A Wallace	J Vernon	T Henderson
8(2)	J Vernon	T Stindl	A Wallace
8(1)	T Stindl		J Vernon
9(5)	B Bentley	A Snook	C Mylchreest
9(4)	B McDonald	J Kingston	A Stubbings
9(3)	A Snook	B Bentley	S Reinicke
9(2)	J Kingston	B McDonald	A Stubbings
9(1)	S Reinicke	B Crommard	A Snook

#### Mod Grand Finals

10(6)	R Harwood	B Crommard	A Carrasco
10(5)	T Lucas	A O'Keefe	A Carrasco
10(4)	M Cantrill	A O'Keefe	R Harwood
10(3)	C Wouters	M Cantrill	R Harwood
10(2)	N Jury	T Stindl	A Wallace
10(1)	T Walker	T Stindl	A Wallace
11(7)	A Stubbings	J Humphries	P Johnson
11(6)	Michael Dumas	J Kingston	P Burton
11(5)	J Humphries	Michael Dumas	P Johnson
11(4)	P Johnson	P Burton	B Martin
11(3)	C Smith	P Johnson	Michael Dumas
11(2)	P Burton	C Smith	B Martin
11(1)	B Martin	P Burton	C Smith

**Referee**
**Touch Judges**
**Mod Finals Continued**

12(5)	A O'Keefe	Craig Mylchreest	Andrew Snook
12(4)	Brian Zammit	Craig Mylchreest	Andrew Snook
12(3)	Andrew Azzopardi	Jesse Kingston	T Henderson
12(2)	Cameron Turner	Jesse Kingston	T Henderson
12(1)	Scott Filmer	Phillip Johnson	Blake Bentley

**International Grand Finals**

13(5)	Alex Organ	Phillip Johnson	Blake Bentley
13(4)	Lyndsay Packer	Benjamin Crommond	A Ferrari
13(3)	Martin Dumas	Benjamin Crommond	A Ferrari
13(2)	Luke Burton	Thomas Stindl	Brendan Martin
13(1)	Stephen Bourke	Thomas Stindl	Brendan Martin
14(4)	Curtis Lucas	Taylor Lucas	Shane Cantrill
14(3)	Brendan Smith	Taylor Lucas	Shane Cantrill
14(2)	Ryan Thomas	Bryson Madigan	Brett McDonald
14(1)	Tim Hannon	Bryson Madigan	Brett McDonald
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15(4)	Sarah Lewis	Mick Cantrill	Brian Waiting
15(3)	Chris Kolkman	Mick Cantrill	Brian Waiting
15(2)	Brad Filmer	Scott Filmer	Curtis Lucas
15(1)	Josh Burton	Alex Organ	Luke Burton

**Sunday Grand Finals**

16(2)	Anthony Anderson	Ryan Thomas	Marty Dumas
17(2)	Mitchell Peachey	Luke Burton	Stephen Bourke
19(2)	Luke Parker	Shane Dicoski	Ryan Thomas
A (3)	Ricky Heinemeyer	Dave Sullivan	Mark Bohan
A (2)	Jay Farlow	Anthony Anderson	Shane Denning
16(1)	John Woods	Sarah Lewis	Scott Filmer
17(1)	Lawrence McDonell	Tim Hannon	Ryan Thomas
19(1)	Shannon Lewis	Lyndsay Packer	Josh Burton
AR	Col Potts	Luke Parker	Clinton Dunn-Brindell
A (1)	Daniel Olford	James Davidson	David Ryan

## 2007 LIFE MEMBERS PRESENTATION

2007 Life Member Chris Heinemeyer has been a member of the Penrith Referees since 1992 coming to Penrith from the country Chris refereed 2 A grade Grand Finals in Penrith in 1999 and 2001 since retiring from active Refereeing Chris has been a coaching director, appointments board member and Board of Management.

Many young members owe a lot to Chris for his tireless efforts in coaching new referees and setting them on there way to bigger and better games in the future.

Congratulations to Chris on receiving Life membership this season



*Chris accepting his award with his wife Shirley*



## 2008 LIFE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATIONS

The Life Membership Committee has submitted the names of the following members to be considered as the recipient for Life Membership in 2008. The members selected and their record of service is shown below.

### 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, 2007	Social Secretary
2005 – 2006	Social Committee
2005	Internal Auditor
2006- 2007	Board of Management

Luke has attended 50% of meetings as follows:

Year	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	Total
Meetings	14	15	17	15	14	16	10	10	9	9	9	8	6	6	7	9	10	8	192
Attended	10	10	10	11	1	0	0	1	2	2	5	3	3	6	6	9	10	8	97

### Matthew Sosimenko

Joined the Association in 1997.

Social Committee	2000
Treasurer	2001, 2002



### Meeting Attendance

Matthew has attended 68 % of meetings as follows;

Year	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	Tot
Meetings	9	9	10	10	8	6	6	7	9	10	8	92
Attended	6	9	10	9	8	6	1	0	2	7	5	63

### 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 – 2007	Honorary Treasurer

Greg has attended 89% of meetings as follows:

Year	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	Total
<b>Meetings</b>	9	8	9	9	10	10	8	6	6	7	9	10	8	109
<b>Attended</b>	7	8	8	6	8	8	7	6	6	7	9	9	8	97



## 2007 AWARDS

### 2007 Trainers Award

This season our association trainers award a prize to the best trainer of the season this person always put in to the best of there ability when ever doing a drill and may not always finish at the front of the pack but would always give 100%

This season the award was won by Jessie Kingston

*Jessie accepts his award from trainers Daniel Olford and Lawrence Mc Donell*



### Len Manuel Rookie of the Year Memorial Award

The Len Manuel Rookie of the Year Award recognizes the member who, in their first year, has performed and contributed to the Association such a manner that requires special recognition. Thomas Stindl joined the Association early in 2007, and has performed in such a way that he was rewarded with the under 8 1's Grand Final and the "Rookie of the Year Award"

*Lawrence McDonell accepted the award on Thomas' behalf from Nancy Manuel*

### **Michael Grady Merit Award**

The Michael Grady Merit Award recognizes the contribution of the most outstanding junior referee in the Association. It is an award that is highly sought by our young members in recognition of one of the Association's foremost members and first junior member to be graded with the NSWRL Referees' Association.

This year's recipient is **Alex Organ** who epitomizes all the qualities expected of a recipient of this award. Alex joined the Association in 2006 and has been a keen participant throughout the year at training, a regular meeting attendee and officiated on both Saturday and Sunday every weekend. His efforts were rewarded with appointment to the Under 13 Division 5 grand final and as a touch judge to the Under 15 Division 1 grand final. These appointments were just reward for a young referee showing commitment that will ensure a future with the Association if he continues to show the dedication required to "make a career" as a referee.

It is not only Alex's on field commitments that were highly valued by the Committee in assessing the merits of all junior members for the Merit Award. Alex has also shown a keen interest to further his career with the Association by successfully attaining his level 2 accreditation.



We congratulate Alex on his achievements in 2007 – a worth winner of the Michael Grady Merit Award.

*Alex accepts his award from Luke Evans from the merit award committee*

### **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 Thomas Stindl (Under 8 Division One Grand Final).

*Thomas was not at presentation day to accept his award.*



### **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 Scott Filmer (U/12 Division One).

*Scott accepts his award from Chris Heinemeyer*

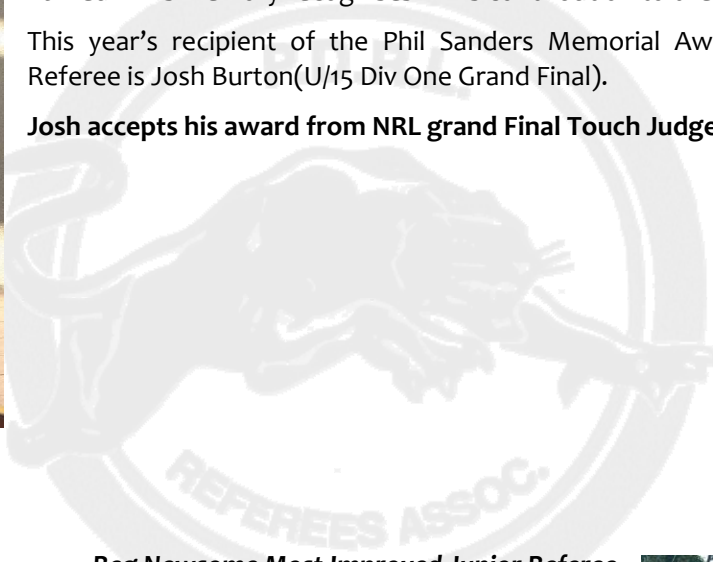


### **Phil Sanders Memorial Award**

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 Phil Sanders Memorial Award for the leading Saturday Referee is Josh Burton (U/15 Div One Grand Final).

*Josh accepts his award from NRL grand Final Touch Judge Russell Turner*



### **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”. Tim Hannon has, this season, shown such improvement and taken the next step in becoming a referee of the future and has thus be rewarded with the presentation of the Reg Newsome Most Improved Junior Award.

*Tim accepts his award from Reg Newsome*





### ***NRL Most Improved Referee Awards.***

This season each referees association was give two awards to reward developing referees, these awards where give to the most improved junior referee and the most improved senior referee.

Tim Hannon won this season junior award, this season he has progressed from a mid rank Saturday to be one of our top Saturday referees in season 2007 he also refereed a few Sunday games this season and managed to referee a C grade game at short notice. We congratulate Tim for a great season full of high lights.

*Tim accepts his award from John Woods.*



Mitchell Preachy won the season senior award Mitchell has had a great season cementing his spot as a Sunday referee this season by the end of the season Mitch had managed to make his A grade Debut late in the season. We congratulate Mitchell on a great season in 2007.

*Mitchell accepts his award from Brett Lynch.*

### **Jack Harris Merit Award**

One of the great challenges for the Merit Award Committee is identifying a short list of members for consideration for the Jack Harris Merit Award. This is never an easy task given the amount of work undertaken by members on the field, in an honorary capacity off the field or a combination of both. In 2007, the enormity of the challenge was no less than in previous years as the Committee first had to whittle down a long list of worthy contenders to an agreed short list. Thereafter, we were faced with a tough task of assessing each member against the agreed criteria.

The previous recipients of the Jack Harris Merit Award read like a “who’s who” of outstanding members of the Association. First awarded in 1972 to the man considered by many to be one of the greats was the late Bob Kandelas. 35 years later the recipient of the Award is Bob’s grandson, **Daniel Olford**.

Daniel has had an outstanding season in 2007 culminating in his appointment to the A Grade Division 1 grand final. During the year, Daniel also took on the role as one of the Association trainers attending all but one of our training sessions, a great achievement. He was also a member of the NSWRL Junior Development squad officiating at S G Ball level and refereeing a Harold Matthews quarter final. In recognition of his performances throughout the season, Daniel was selected to officiate at the Under 15 Australian Schoolboys’ Championships in Adelaide where he was appointed to referee the final.

Apart from his on field achievements, Daniel has exhibited a high level of co-operation with fellow referees and officials and a willingness to learn from his peers and to share the experience gained with other members.

The Committee congratulates Daniel on a truly outstanding season and thanks him for his contribution to the Association in 2007.

*Daniel accepts his award from Greg Yates.*



### **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 year's third division a grade grand final was refereed by Ricky Heinemeyer.

*Ricky accepts his award from Don Courts.*



### **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 season's recipient is Jay Farlow. Jay was not able to be at presentation day to receive his award.



### **Joe Beacroft Memorial Trophy**

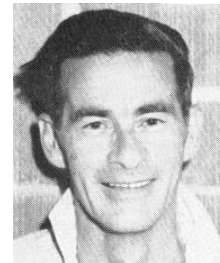
The Joe Beacroft Memorial Trophy is awarded to the referee of the A Grade Division One Grand Final – the Districts Leading Referee. This season, the Associations top referee is Daniel Olford.

*Daniel accepts his award from former A grade Grand Final Referee Rickey McFarlane*



### ***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 Lawrence McDonell 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. This is the second season Daniel has won this award.



*Daniel accepts his award from his mother and Daughter of Bob Kandelas, Sandra Olford.*

## HONOUR ROLE

### *Honorary Life Members*

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

### *Honorary Members*

Rosemary Wilkinson  
 Ian McCall

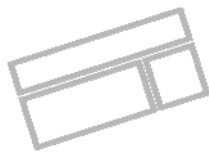
### *Life Members*

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	2007	Chris Heinemeyer

### *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			2003	Jay Farlow
1986	Tony Butler	1994	Steve McFarlane	2004	Jay Farlow
1987	Gary Haines			2005	Grant Atkins
1988	Tom Peet	1995	Aaron Jones	2006	Daniel Olford
		1996	Jason Robinson	2007	Daniel Olford
		1997	Jason Robinson		





**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	2007	Daniel Olford

**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			2007	Alex Organ

**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			2007	Tim Hannon

**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
				2007	Daniel Olford

**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'Neil
1998	Jennifer Robinson	2002	Fred Lucas	2006	Shannon Lewis
1999	Chris Heinemeyer	2003	Not Awarded	2007	Jay Farlow

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

2005	Greg Yates
2006	Brett Windon
2007	Rickey Heinemeyer

**Len Manuel Award**  
**"Rookie of the Year"**

2004	Dave Ryan
2005	Rhyss Harwood
2006	Scott Filmer
2007	Thomas Stindl

**Phil Sanders Memorial Award**  
**Leading Saturday Referee**

2006	Ricky Heinemeyer
2007	Josh Burton

**Barry Beveridge Award**  
**Highest Mod-Footy Grand Final**

2006	Luke Burton
2007	Scott Filmer

**Peter Browne Award**  
**Highest Mini-Footy Grand Final**

2006	Steve Reinicke
2007	Thomas Stindl

***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			2007	Daniel Olford



## LOOKING BACK

### TEN YEARS AGO (SEASON 1997)

President:	Gary Haines
Secretary:	Jason Robinson
Treasurer:	Jennifer Yates
Coordinator:	John Mewett
A Grade (1) Referee:	Jason Robinson
A Grade (2) Referee:	Malcolm Browne
Life Member:	Ray Steele (Posthumously)
Bob Kandelas Referee's Referee Trophy:	Jason Robinson
Jack Harris Merit Award:	John Robinson
Mick Grady Junior Merit Award:	Adam Dengate
Reg Newsome Trophy:	Grant Atkins

Two tribes go to war meaning extra representative games for Penrith Referees. I believe the "game" in Dubbo was a highlight!!!!

Top Junior Referee is Adam Dengate (U14 Division 3 GF Referee)

Junior Branch comes to an end with the introduction of the N.R.A.S.

Interesting Grand Final appointments from 1997:-

Jay Farlow U7(1), Barry Beveridge U9(3), Chris Kolkman U9(1), James Davidson U11(5), Grant Atkins U11(1), Matt Sosimenko U12(5), Shane Dicinoski U12(2), Gary Haines U13(3), Phil Haines U13(1), Chris Heinemeyer U14(4), Shannon Lewis U14(2), Greg Yates U14(1) and U16(2), Col Potts U15(4), Rickey McFarlane U15(1) and U17(1) (Plus replay).

### TWENTY YEARS AGO (SEASON 1987)

President:	Don Courts
Secretary:	Michael Lynch
Treasurer:	Peter Filmer
Coordinator:	Jack Turner
A Grade (1) Referee:	Gary Haines
A Grade (2) Referee:	Keith French
Life Member:	Reg Newsome
Bob Kandelas Referee's Referee Trophy:	Gary Haines
Jack Harris Merit Award:	Peter Butler
Mick Grady Junior Merit Award:	Jason Robinson
Reg Newsome "Most improved Junior" Trophy:	Jason Robinson

Peter Filmer realises a lifelong ambition and Referees the Junior / Senior Match, better than first grade he was quoted as saying after the match. The game was won by the seniors 24 – 20 after an intercept try to Luke Evans 20 seconds from full time.

Interesting Grand Final appointments from 1987:-

Peter Butler U8(1), Jason Robinson U12(3), Barry Beveridge U13(2), Peter Browne U14(4), Gary Haines U14(2), Keith French U14(1), U15(1) and A(2) what a year "froggy", Tony Danks A Reserve TJ.



### THIRTY YEARS AGO (SEASON 1977)

President:	Bob Kandelas
Secretary:	Barrie Kendall
Treasurer:	Herb Creighton
Secretary of Appointments Board	Trevor Murphy
A Grade Referee	Barry Izzard
U23 Referee	Richard Donovan
Life Member	Keith French
Jack Harris Merit Award:	Barry Beveridge
Junior Merit Award	Jeff Birrell

Social snapshot from 1977, Western Night, Disco Night, Schoolboys Knock-out dinner, Dinner Dance, Ladies Night, Junior / Senior Game, Merit Award Night, Junior Camp, Christmas Picnic as well as three senior and three junior convivals. Take note potential Social Secretaries!!!!.

Interesting Grand Final appointments from 1977:-  
Barry Beveridge U7(4), Peter Filmer U7(3), Tony Danks D Reserve (3)

### FORTY YEARS AGO (SEASON 1967)

President:	Jack Harris
Secretary:	Merv Edwards
Treasurer:	Les Brennan
Secretary of Appointments Board	Don Courts
A Grade Referee	Don Courts

Merv Edwards Graded, becoming the first Penrith Member to be so.

Total active members for 1967 season are 33.

Jack Turner had the excuse to end all excuses for non-attendance to meetings and training, he was on active service in Vietnam.

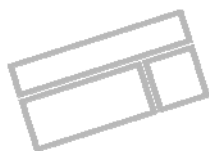
There first ever Ladies Night is held at Blacktown Workers. Junior Members didn't get to go but their parents were invited to take their place!!!

Don Courts and Barry Barnes represent Penrith in the Junior Representative Competitions.

New junior members in 1967 include Tony Danks and Michael Grady.

## MEETING ATTENDANCE

Last Name	First Name	Total	Last Name	First Name	Total
Abbey	David	0	Denning	Shane	0
Alexander	Stephen	1	Dicinoski	Shane	2
Anderson	Anthony	3	Doull	Thomas	2
Atkins	Grant	0	Dumas	Martin	0
Aylett	Thomas	7	Dumas	Phillip	0
Azzopardi	Andrew	4	Dumas	Michael	1
Barton	Simon	0	Dunn-		
Battin	Phillip	0	Brindell	Clinton	0
Bentley	Blake	0	Edwards	Merv	0
Best	Rohan	5	Evans	Luke	8
Bevan	Valma	0	Farlow	Allan	0
Beveridge	Barry	8	Farlow	Jay	2
Black	Kylie	6	Ferrari	Adrian	0
Bohan	Mark	1	Filmer	Bradley	2
Bourke	Stephen	5	Filmer	Peter	4
Bowen	Shaun	0	Filmer	Scott	4
Bowers	Bryson	0	Flewitt	Brad	1
Brennan	Les	0	French	Keith	2
Browne	Peter	7	Goldsmith	Courtney	8
Browne	Thomas	0	Govender	Rydall	2
Burton	Joshua	7	Grima	Emmanuel	0
Burton	Luke	3	Grisedale	Sean	0
Burton	Paul	7	Haines	Gary	8
Butler	Peter	0	Haines	Phillip	5
Butler	Tony	0	Hannon	Tim	4
Cahill	Noel	1	Hansford	Zach	0
Calvert	Shaun	0	Harpley	Matthew	3
Cantrill	Mick	2	Harris	Jack	0
Cantrill	Shane	2	Harwood	Rhyss	5
Cobb	Jessica	0	Hattch	Phillip	4
Collins	Andrew	0	Heinemeyer	Chris	8
Courts	Don	7	Heinemeyer	Kristy Lee	4
Cox	Anthony	2	Heinemeyer	Ricky	7
Creighton	Herbert	0	Henderson	Thomas	1
Cunningham	Ray	0	Hewett	Joshua	1
Danks	Tony	2	Humphries	John	4
Daubney	Alexander	0	Jankowski	George	0
Davidson	James	4	Jeffes	Kelvin	0
Dengate	Adam	0	Johnson	Phillip	1



Last Name	First Name	Total
Jordan	John	0
Jury	Neil	3
Kelly	Jim	2
Kendall	Barry	0
Kerr	Peter	0
King	Graeme	0
King	Peter	0
Kingston	Chris	8
Kingston	Jesse	6
K'Nell	Tristan	0
Kolkman	Chris	2
Lagerlow	Graham	0
Lauer	John	0
Lewis	Sarah	7
Lewis	Shannon	4
Lucas	Curtis	5
Lucas	Fred	7
Lucas	Mitchell	4
Lucas	Taylor	4
Lynch	Brett	7
Madigan	Bryson	0
Maher	Nathan	0
Manuel	Len	1
Marshall	Daniel	0
McDonald	Brett	5
McDonell	Lawrence	5
McFarlane	Rickey	0
Mewett	John	0
Murphy	Trevor	0
Mylchreest	Craig	0
Newham	Mitchell	0
Newsome	Reginald	0
Olford	Daniel	7
Organ	Alex	6
Packer	Lyndsay	0
Parker	Luke	5
Peachey	Mitchell	0
Potts	Colin	2
Priest	Graeme	0
Raby	Greg	1
Reedy	Bert	0

Last Name	First Name	Total
Reid	Rebecca	1
Reinicke	Stephen	2
Robinson	Clay	0
Robinson	Jason	3
Robinson	John	8
Rose	Joshua	0
Ross	Peter	0
Ryan	David	5
Salmon	Anthony	0
Schmitt	Jamie	0
Schoer	Benjamin	0
Sciberras	Peter	0
Shuttleworth	Alex	0
Skinner	John	0
Smith	Brendan	5
Smith	Colin	8
Smith	Shane	1
Sosimenko	Matthew	5
Stindl	Thomas	1
Stubbings	Aaron	0
Sullivan	Dave	7
Sutcliffe	Grant	0
Sutton	Christopher	0
Thomas	Ryan	3
Tidyman	Luke	0
Tucker	Ryan	0
Turnbull	Shane	1
Turner	Cameron	2
Turner	Jack	0
Turner	Russell	4
Van De Pol	Rebecca	1
Waiting	Brian	6
Walker	Trista	0
Whilesmith	Phillip	0
Williams	Jordan	0
Wendon	Brett	0
Woods	John	8
Wouters	Casey	7
Yates	Gregory	8
Yates	Melissa	0
Zammit	Brian	7

With a total of 8 meetings held this season, we had an average of 45.125 members per meeting

## 2006 AGM MEETING MINUTES

### Meeting Opened: 7:35 pm

Minutes from the previous Annual General Meeting.  
M/S/C

### Apologies:

G Atkins, B Zammit, D Abbey, P Butler, R Best, P Filmer, B Smith, R Heinemeyer, M Bohan & J Farlow.

### Correspondence:

As listed with one late item.

Item 192- From Newcastle re clearance for K Black.

### Annual Report:

Presented by Jason Robinson.

Brett Lynch moved the adoption of the annual report and was seconded by Peter Brown.

A wonderful report that surpasses past reports.

### Financial Statement and Audit Report:

Presented by Greg Yates.

\$58, 084.20 in bank at this stage. Un-presented cheques total under \$1,000 at this time.

### Election of Officials for 2007:

The chairman declared all positions vacant.

See attached page for results.

### Other Elections:

Appointments Board and Assistant Treasure positions were held over till Adjourned Annual General Meeting.

See attached page for results.

### Notices of Motion:

Motion One: Presented by Gary Haines was defeated

### Life Membership:

After the first ballot Luke Evans was eliminated.

After the next ballot Greg Yates was eliminated.

After a third ballot Chris Heinemeyer was elected the life member for season 2006.

Chris then thanked the members.



**General Business:**

Tony Danks spoke to the members about the issues facing NSWRLRA for season 2007. They include Budget Cuts, Grants to Districts, Recruitment and Retention.

Doug Keen NSWRL Recruitment and Retention officer spoke to the members about this issue and also school boy football.

Doug will have two more people working along side him by the start of the season.

Phillip Haines spoke to the members about the current happenings with the NRL squad.

Daniel Olford spoke to the members about the pre season training group.

Russell Turner spoke to the members about the possible new NRL rules.

Keith French announced that on doctor's advice he is retiring from active duties.

Jason Robinson advised the members that the Junior League Chairman is not standing re-election for the 2007 season.

Les Matthews spoke to the members about the inter district rep squad for 2007.

Standing orders suspended to admit new member.

Kylie Black was admitted to the district she comes to us from the Newcastle Association.

Resume standing orders.

All Ballot papers to be destroyed. MSC

Len Manuel thanked Don Courts for the transport to the meeting and for all his help while he has been ill.

Level 2 Course held after the grand finals saw 20 referees from 5 districts gain there level 2 ticket. The minimum age for sitting the level 2 course is now 16 years of age.

Russell Turner thanked all out going BOM members and Jason Robinson for all of their work over the last season.

**Meeting Closed 9:30pm**

## Minutes for Adjourned Annual General Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> February 2007

### **Meeting Opened: 7:35 pm**

Minutes from the previous Annual General Meeting.

M/S/C

### **Apologies:**

Russel & Cameron Turner, Andrew Azzopardi, Daniel Marshall, Rebecca Van De Pol, Matthew Sosimenko, Kylie Black, Mark Bohan, Luke Burton, Matthew Harpley, Mitchell Lucas, Jason Robinson, Brett Lynch, Peter Butler.

Don Courts presented a short remembrance for Len Manuel.

One minute Silence was held for the late Len Manuel & Jack Myers.

### **Correspondence:**

As listed with the following late item.

Incoming:

Item 13 D Marshall Apology for meeting.

Item 14 A. Azzopardi Apology for meeting.

Item 15 R&C Turner Apology for meeting.

Item 16 R Van De Pol Apology for meeting.

Item 17 M Sosimenko Apology for meeting.

Item 18 Clearance for Shane Turnbull

### **Out going:**

Item 10 to all members AGM minutes.

### **Treasures Report:**

We have \$50 640.98 in bank at this time.

\$600 in uncashed cheques, Board of Management have decided to transfer \$25 000 to the term deposit account.

This season all referees can be paid mid season by direct debit only if they wish.

The board are currently setting the budgets for the season.

### **N.R.A.S Report.**

Level 2 course with be run on 24/25 February.

Level 1 course with be held on the 3/ 4 March.

Under six course will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> March.

The new age to sit the level 2 course is now 16 years of age.

### **Training Report:**

Training will start on the 6<sup>th</sup> March at Hickeys Lane

### **Executive Report:**

Competition Dates

Saturday starts 14<sup>th</sup> April

Sunday starts 15<sup>th</sup> April

Last game of the year will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> September.

The Sunday trials are not being run by the Junior Lleague season so the clubs will have to set there own trials.

Don Feltis is ill and not at work we wish him a speedy recovery Helen Wright is the acting CEO until Don returns that is expected to be sometime during March.

The new board has met to complete the elections that are required they are as follows Social Secretary: Luke Evans  
Disciplinary Committee: Any three of BOM  
Minute Secretary: David Ryan  
PDJR Delegates: Fred Lucas, Col Smith & Casey Wouters.

All forms are now well past due I would like to see that they are returned by 16<sup>th</sup> February.

#### **Election of Officials for 2007:**

The remaining positions where filled. See attached page for results.

#### **General Business:**

Tony Danks spoke to the members about his new role as coaching and development manager. Due to his new role he will be stepping down as president of NSWRLRA.

Tony also advised the members that we would be receiving an additional grant this season from NSWRLRA to the amount of \$1000.00

Any member who is able to referee school football please let the secretary know ASAP.

Don Courts members in the annual report are they all financial, if not can they be removed?

Brian Waiting, new rules are there any we need to know about?

For international football only both feet need to behind the referee or the 10 metre mark. And all free kicks are penalties will now be taken in 20 metres from touch.

Gary Haines asked if the web site is going to be put back on the internet. The board is looking into what is the best option for the website.

Barry Beveridge: Can we elected the coaching directors at the AGM the board is looking for the best way to handle this election.

Standing orders suspended to admit new members.

Shane Turnbull was admitted to the district he comes to us from the Group 6 Association.

Kylie Black from Newcastle Referees.

Resume standing orders.

All Ballot papers to be destroyed. MSC

**Meeting Closed 10:00pm**

Next GM 12<sup>th</sup> March 2007

## 2007 Office Bearers

### Patrons:

Tony Danks, Les Matthews, Ian McCall, Len Manuel, Gary Haines, Don Courts, Peter Browne.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**President:** John Robinson

**Vice President:** Fred Lucas

**Secretary:** John Woods

**Treasurer:** Greg Yates

**Coordinator:** Brett Lynch

### BOARD OF MANAGEMENT Executive plus the following:

Thomas Aylett, Luke Evans, David Ryan, Casey Wouters & Col Smith.

**Assistant Treasurer:** Jay Farlow

**Gear Steward:** Rohan Best

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

**Internal Auditors:** Luke Evans & Matthew Sosimenko

**Life Member:** Chris Heinemeyer

**Appointments Board:** B. Beveridge, C. Heinemeyer, B Waiting, L Evans.

**Advisory Panel:** J Woods, S Dicinoski, C & B Smith, M Sosimenko & S Lewis.

**Merit Award Committee:** G Haines, D Courts, L Evans.

**Life Membership Committee:** D Courts, F Lucas, P Browne.

**Judiciary Representative:** Board of Management.

**Social Committee:** L Parker, J Davidson, C Goldsmith, T Aylett, F & C Lucas, S & S Lewis, J Woods

**Delegate to NSWRLRA** Daniel Olford

**Proxy Delegate to NSWRLRA** Lawrence McDonell

### Board Of Management Elections

**Social Secretary:** Luke Evans

**Disciplinary Committee:** Any three of BOM

**Minute Secretary:** David Ryan

**PDJR Delegates:** Fred Lucas, Col Smith & Casey Wouters.



## 2008 MEETING DATES

- Annual General Meeting – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2007
- Adjourned Annual General Meeting – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2008
- General Meeting – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March
- General Meeting – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April
- General Meeting – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May
- General Meeting – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June
- General Meeting – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July
- General Meeting – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August
- General Meeting – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September
- Annual General Meeting – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2008

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)

## 2008 OFFICE BEARERS

Patrons: \_\_\_\_\_

President: \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President: \_\_\_\_\_

Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Positions to be filled at Adjourned AGM** \_\_\_\_\_

Advisory Panel: \_\_\_\_\_

Coaching Directors: \_\_\_\_\_

Internal Auditors: \_\_\_\_\_

Merit Award Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Life Membership Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Board of Management

Executive Committee

