

# **PENRITH DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION**

## **46<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT**



**SEASON 2012**

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# 2012 OFFICE BEARERS

<b>Patrons</b>	Thomas Aylett, Barry Beveridge, Peter Browne, Don Courts, Luke Evans, Gary Haines, Fred Lucas, John Robinson, Dennis Spagarino
<b>President</b>	Jason Robinson (until June), James Davidson (from June)
<b>Vice President</b>	James Davidson (until June), Grant Atkins (from June)
<b>Executive Officer</b>	Sarah Ford
<b>Director of Finance &amp; Sponsorship</b>	Phillip Haines
<b>Referees Coordinator</b>	Luke Evans
<b>Board of Management</b>	Grant Atkins (until June), Brett McDonald, Rickey McFarlane, George Jankowski, Casey Wouters, Courtney Goldsmith (from June)
<b>Assistant Director of Finance &amp; Sponsorship</b>	Russell Turner
<b>Minute Secretary</b>	Courtney Goldsmith
<b>Welfare Officer</b>	Casey Wouters
<b>Social Secretary</b>	Rickey McFarlane
<b>Gear Steward</b>	Brett McDonald
<b>NSRLRA Delegates</b>	Daniel Olford & Mark Bohan
<b>Penrith DJRL Delegates</b>	Phillip Haines & Rickey McFarlane
<b>Appointments Board</b>	Barry Beveridge, John Jordan, Jim Kelly, John Woods,
<b>Advisory Panel</b>	Stephen Bourke, Joshua Burton, Luke Burton, Christopher Catlin, Sarah Ford, Daniel Ford, Brett McDonald, Jeff Mizzi, Lyndsay Packer, Tom Stindl, Cameron Turner, Brian Waiting, Trista Walker, Casey Wouters
<b>Social Committee</b>	Grant Atkins, Luke Evans, Sarah Ford, Daniel Ford, John Fyfe, Katina Geale, Courtney Goldsmith, John Jordan, Jim Kelly, Brett McDonald, Trista Walker
<b>Coaching &amp; Development Manager</b>	Jason Robinson (until June) Casey Wouters (from June)

<b>Internal Auditors</b>	Mark Bohan, Thomas Stindl, Trista Walker
<b>Merit Award Committee</b>	Grant Atkins, Rickey McFarlane, Daniel Olford
<b>Life Membership Committee</b>	Thomas Aylett, Luke Evans, Fred Lucas
<b>Disciplinary Committee</b>	John Robinson, Don Courts, Gary Haines
<b>Judiciary Representative</b>	Greg Yates
<b>Conduct Review Representative</b>	Peter Browne

### **Junior Branch**

<b>Patrons</b>	Mark Bohan, Rickey McFarlane & Casey Wouters
<b>President</b>	Erik Mizzi
<b>Vice President</b>	Blake Shepherd
<b>Secretary</b>	Katina Geale
<b>Minute Secretary</b>	Owen Buckley

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# PATRON

## PETER BROWNE

I am pleased to be able to make a brief contribution for this annual report.

Thank you to the Board of Management and Executive for the professional manner in which you have managed Association affairs after a difficult start to the year. The Association is on a sound financial footing thanks to the tireless efforts of our Director of Finance. Sponsorship is vital for our Association to function and we should make every effort to support these generous contributors wherever possible.



On field our members have completed a most successful season at both a District and NRL level. This is a testament to our professional recruitment and development policies and the time members devote to these activities.

Our Association is indeed fortunate to receive the level of involvement and support we receive from our graded members in both the management and development areas.

Your Board has been most proactive in beginning preparations for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and I'm sure more members will become involved as the occasion becomes closer.

One disappointing aspect has been the attendance and support of the Junior Branch. Many of our past and present administrators received their initial experience through the Junior Branch and we must make a concerted effort for it to grow and flourish into the future.

In conclusion I send best wishes to members for the 2013 season as we continue to be the benchmark for District Associations in NSW.

# VALE

## RAYMOND FRANCIS CUNNINGHAM

Raymond Francis Cunningham passed from this world in the early hours of Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2012. He is survived by his wife Heather, two sons William and Paul and 3 grandchildren

Ray and his son William obtained their tickets in 1994. Ray used to bring William to the classes that were being conducted at that time. On exam night he was persuaded to sit for his ticket, a decision he never regretted. A nephew Shaun Cunningham obtained a ticket some time later.

Ray spent his entire refereeing career doing mini and mod football matches. Every Saturday he would attend a ground, referee his own matches and would also assist with the development of junior referees who had been appointed to the same ground. Ray would also attend the under 6 gala day plus carnivals of a similar nature with the sole intention of assisting the younger / inexperienced referees who had been appointed to such games.

It was not a difficult decision to make as to whom to appoint to look after the younger referee at the gala day and knockout games. You would put Ray's name at the top of the appointment's sheet and he would just turn up and do what had to be done

Ray's career was cut short by ill health. It was only in the last 2 years that he felt that he was well enough to come back with the sole intention of again assisting the younger referee. Ray indicated to me not long prior to his passing that he was really looking forward to assisting the Association in season 2012' However the Lord in his infinite wisdom decided that Ray's time was up and called him home.

Nothing seemed to rattle Ray. His commitment to the Association will be sadly missed

Raymond Francis Cunningham Rest in Peace

*Thank you to John Jordan for preparing the above*

# VALE

## KEVIN PETER KERR

Kevin Peter Kerr (known to us as Peter Kerr) passed from this world in the early hours of Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> of October 2012. He is survived by his wife Lou, sons Colin and Mark, daughter Joanne and several grandchildren.

During the 1970s Peter obtained a cricket umpire's ticket and umpired grade cricket in the Sydney Grade Competition. Peter was also a member of Blacktown Netball Association and was an accredited coach and umpire with that organisation. Peter was active in the affairs of both organisations for some time. In late 1978 Peter obtained his referee's ticket following an examination by the legendary Jack Harris. Peter joined the Association shortly thereafter. He remained as an active referee until the early 90s. In approximately 1984 Peter became a coaching director of the Association and held that position for several years. In those days the examinations were conducted differently to what they are today. Due to the way in which Peter and those with him instructed candidates you were almost certain to obtain your ticket. Peter was also a member of the video committee at this time. It was the function of that committee to video various games and so further instruct the referees concerned as to how to improve their games.

Peter was also a member of the Appointments Board for some time. He acquired an extremely good reputation from all concerned for both the quality of the reports that were written and his efforts to help referees improve the quality of their performances. As a result of his dedication to and support for the Association Peter was awarded life membership in 1993.

In the late 90s Peter and his wife began to plan for their retirement. Construction of their new home at Swansea near Newcastle was commenced. Following his retirement from the workforce both Peter and his wife took up residence there where they began to spend most of their time. Both Peter and his wife looked forward to a long and healthy retirement and to spending as much time as possible with their children and grandchildren. However the Lord in his infinite wisdom had other plans for Peter and called him to himself in the early hours of Thursday morning.

On his journey through life Peter came into contact with many people and so shared to some degree in their journey. By his willingness to help all those he met in that journey he helped them to carry their "load" irrespective of what that may have been.

Kevin Peter Kerr Rest In Peace"

*Thank you to John Jordan for preparing the above*



# PRESIDENT

## JAMES DAVIDSON

Season 2012 for the PDRLRA was not without its difficulties but has finished with a lot of positives for the Association moving into 2013 and beyond. The loss of Jason Robinson as President mid-season left a gap which I had the honour of filling for the rest of the 2012 season. I would like to thank the members for their understanding and patience during this transitional period.

The Board of Management along with members from all areas of the Association and John Nematella have laid the ground work for what will be the Strategic Plan for the Association moving forward. This is a very exciting time for the Association as we have a clear plan moving forward which has been driven by the consensus of the membership.



Association training for 2012 saw a move away from the norm of two separate nights for senior and junior referees to one night with two different start times. We also saw the inclusion of Brett Suttor as the Association's new Fitness and Conditioning Trainer along with Phil Haines, Grant Atkins and Rickey McFarlane concentrating on coaching for positioning, rules, touch judging and all other aspects of refereeing. We must recognise the dedicated contribution of these members who have given up their personal time at cost to themselves.

I would like to thank all the active referees in our district on the way you conducted yourselves both on and off the field during the 2012 season and congratulations to all that refereed Grand Finals. 2012 was also the first season that referees were recognised for their efforts at the Junior League Presentations Evening with presentation of the Junior and Senior Referees of the Year. Congratulations to the inaugural winners Chris Catlin and Mark Bohan.

Casey Wouters was presented with Life Membership in 2012. Casey has been a very active member over several years and his love and passion for teaching and nurturing young referees is still as strong as it has ever been. He is indeed worthy of the Association's highest honour, congratulations Casey.

Congratulations to the members that received awards for their achievements for the 2012 season. All awards are listed at pages 38-41. We have also had a very successful year in the NSW Junior Rep, NSW graded and NRL ranks. In particular congratulations to all 16 officials that officiated in Round 19 of NRL, Toyota Cup, NSW CUP and Round 12 of Bundaberg Red Cup for which the Association received the Junior League Achievement Award at the Penrith Junior League awards night. Also congratulations to the following NRL and NSW graded and NSW junior representative members on your achievements for 2012 season:

All NRL, NSW Graded and NSW Junior Rep Referees	Junior League Contribution to Rugby League Award
Russell Turner	NRL Grand Final Touch Judge, State of Origin 2 & 3 Touch Judge & NRL Touch Judge of the Year
Jason Robinson	200 First Grade matches
Phillip Haines	Refereeing Prime Minister's XIII and Papua New Guinea test match in Papua New Guinea
Grant Atkins	NRL U20's Toyota Cup Grand Final Referee
Dave Ryan	NRL U19's Toyota Cup Grand Final Touch Judge
Jay Farlow	NRL Debt as a Touch Judge NSW Cup Grand Final Touch Judge
Lawrence McDonnell	NRL U20's Toyota Cup Debt and Awarded Brad Fittler Medal for the Most Improved Graded Referee
Daniel Olford	Bundy Red Cup Semi Final Referee and Stand by for the Grand Final
John Woods	U18's State of Origin Touch Judge & NSW Cup Semi Final Touch Judge
Mark Bohan and Michael Signoretti	Australian School Boys National Championships

The relationship between the Junior League and our Association has continued to grow with both sides working together to achieve a common goal. Thank you to Don Feltis, Yvonne Purtell, Ian Robinson and the Junior League Board for all your support and feedback for the 2012 season.

On behalf of the Board of Management, I would like to thank the members for their continued support and trust with the management of the Association for 2012. To the Board of Management, Phil, Sarah, Grant, Luke, Casey, Ricky, George, Courtney and Brett thank you for your continued support and effort in helping manage the Association. I would also like to extend the thank you to our other boards and committees for their hard work throughout the year. I would also like to thank Phil Haines, Sarah Ford, Grant Atkins, Don Courts, Peter Browne and Gary Haines for your guidance, support and input, which has been invaluable in the transition from Vice President to President after the resignation of our previous president.

I would like to mention and thank my family; my fiancée Natasha and daughter Layla, for their support in allowing me to give back a little to this Association that has given me so much over the past seventeen years.

The 2012 season brought many achievements for our members and there is no doubt in my mind that the Association is moving in the right direction for 2013 and beyond. To all our members, your families, and all involved in the Association, thank you for your many efforts and dedication in 2012. I hope you enjoy the off season and I look forward to seeing everyone back fit and healthy for 2013.

# VICE PRESIDENT

## GRANT ATKINS

The 2012 season has been a challenging one as a member of the Executive but also a very rewarding one on the field. I am going to use this opportunity to speak about what is important to us as referees - enjoyment and success on the field.

Firstly, thank you to my wife Lisa and daughter Emilee for allowing me to put back into the game.

People may question why I came back into the Association and become a Board member in 2011. The answer is quite easy. To provide opportunities to kids to be the best they can be. In 1997 I was just a skinny kid from the Blue Mountains who was fed up with the coach at my junior club and didn't want to play for a year. A mate from school was refereeing on the weekends and said I should just do it for a year. As a son and grandson of former first grade players, I always wanted to be in the NRL. Too small to make it as a player, the Penrith Referees Association provided me with the opportunity to be part of the greatest game in the world. I never forgot this.



In 2011 my career became more established and I reflected on the days when a skinny kid from western Sydney first walked into Warrimoo oval and was loaned a jersey from Peter Browne to referee his first game. In Round 26 this year, I refereed in front of 45,000 people at ANZ Stadium and honestly it reaffirmed why I am back helping out, to give our 'westy' kids the chance to progress from the humble dust bowls of Penrith to the great stadiums of the NRL.

I was very proud accepting the Junior League Special Achievement Award on behalf of the Association in September in recognition of our 16 active appointments from the Bundaberg Red Cup to the NRL on one weekend. We clearly have a factory of quality officials right here in the heartland of rugby league.

I would like to make some special acknowledgements for the 2012 season. Congratulations to Chris Catlin on his appointment to the under 15/1's and Mark Bohan on his appointment to the A Grade Division One Grand Finals. Very fine achievements for referees of the future. Congratulations must go out to all referees who were appointed to any grand final in the 2012 season. Nobody is ever appointed to a grand final if they do not deserve it. Well done.

Congratulations to a good friend of mine, Jay Farlow. Jay and I sat together in the same course in 1997. His appointment to the NRL for his debut game in round 23 is another success story for the Association and one, that as a friend, I am very proud of.

Congratulations to Phil Haines, who was appointed to the Prime Minister's XIII v Papua New Guinea game in September. This caps off a great season in the NRL for Phil. To Daniel Olford, we must acknowledge his great season finishing with his appointment to the Bundaberg Red Cup Grand Final as Stand By Referee. Rickey McFarlane, you have greatness ahead of you and you must be acknowledged for being appointed the State of Origin Standby Touch Judge for Origin 1.

Dave Ryan was once again appointed to NRL fixtures throughout the season and finished the season in the Toyota Cup final series. Lawrence McDonnell had his opportunities in the Toyota Cup this season and was awarded the Brad Fittler award for the most improved official at the NSW level.

Finally, Russell Turner and Jason Robinson both have had successful seasons in 2012. Both men were involved in the NRL final series and Russell was appointed as a touch judge during the State of Origin series. To recognise the season Russell has had, he was awarded the 2012 Touch Judge of the year at the NRL's Col Pearce Medal function. Congratulations.

So far this submission for the annual report has primarily focused on the achievements of the graded and NRL officials. There is a purpose to this. As mentioned right at the top, I was the skinny kid who wanted to be in the NRL. Yes, as a player but eventually as a referee. I'm hoping that as many of the younger referees read this article, you look at the names and see the faces around and think, I'm going to give this referee caper a real shake; I want to be the next Haines, Turner, Olford etc. This submission should provide inspiration through true and tangible examples of success, people that were in your shoes dealing with the difficult parents in the crowd each week. You can do it; you can be in the NRL.

Andrew Voss writes *"I've got two words for the refs: Thank You.... Good Luck to all the men and women, old and young, who have chosen to be referees. You mightn't hear this too often from the fans but.. Thank you"* (Big League, Week 3 Finals, 2012).

With a strategic plan being conducted for future years, the Association will continue to foster an environment of opportunity and enjoyment for people of all ages to be part of the greatest game of all.



# EXECUTIVE OFFICER

## SARAH FORD

It gives me great pleasure to present the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Report and Financial Statement to the members.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of the following people in contributing to the production of the annual report: Luke Burton, Daniel Ford, Katina Geale, Matthew Harpley, Lyndsay Packer and Susan Geale. Your help was invaluable and this report would not be what it is without you all!

This season was a challenging one for the Board of Management and I would like to acknowledge my fellow Board members for their hard work and efforts this season: James, Grant, Phil, Luke, Rickey, Casey, George, Brett, Courtney and Jason. The work that every one of them put into ensuring the continuing success of our Association is invaluable. It was also great to see the time and mentoring these Board members and other senior members put into the reintroduced Junior Branch. The Junior Board members Erik Mizzi, Blake Shepherd, Katina Geale and Owen Buckley should be congratulated on the way they conducted themselves and although attendance at these meetings weren't the best at times hopefully we can see the Junior Branch grow over the next season.

The Association looked towards ensuring a positive future for all members by putting together a Strategic Plan which will be implemented in 2013. This process was guided by John Nematalla who gave up countless hours this year leading several meetings which were attended by the Board and just under half the general membership. The commitment to these meetings which was shown by members proves that the Association has a strong future ahead of it.

There are many people that work "*behind the scenes*" to ensure the day to day running of the Association. This does not only include the Board of Management but also the Appointments Board, Advisory Board, Social Committee, Disciplinary Committee, Peter Browne and Greg Yates who were our representatives at Judiciary and Conduct Review as well as all those who did not hold positions but were still willing to help wherever needed. We are very lucky to have so many members willing to give back to the Association.

This year training moved in a new direction with going back to one night but with staggered starting times for junior and senior referees. Brett Suttor came on as Fitness and Conditioning trainer with Grant Atkins, Phil Haines and Rickey McFarlane focusing on coaching and skills. Thank you for the time and effort you all put into to ensuring members got the most out of training this year. This has not stopped with the end of the season, with the Development



Squad well underway with their off season training. Congratulations to those selected for the 2012/13 Development Squad.

This season has also seen an increase in our number of female officials with Penrith having 5 active female referees. A sign of the continuing growth and development of these female referees saw all 5 of them controlling grand finals this year – lets hope this number continues to increase in the coming seasons!

I would like to thank our sponsors, Watts Commercial Furniture, Penrith RSL and New Dimensions Health Club for their support.

The relationship between the Association and the Junior League has continued to flourish with both Boards meeting throughout the season. Thank you to Ian Robinson, Yvonne Purtell, Don Feltis and the Junior League Board for all your support and during the 2012 season. I look forward to this continuing for the 2013 season and beyond.

Unfortunately we experienced a few serious on-field incidents this season however I would also like to acknowledge the way in which Don Feltis and the Judiciary and Conduct panels handled these incidents. Your support of referees in these types of situations is greatly appreciated. The Junior League is currently undergoing a review of their disciplinary process which will see significant changes to the process for judiciary and conduct review hearings. These changes will be explained to all members before they come into effect, however it is anticipated that these changes will reduce the need for referees to attend hearings.

Congratulations to all members who officiated during the junior representative season, our graded members and NRL members. Russell Turner's NRL Report details the long list of achievements for these members this season.

Congratulations to all the merit award recipients, each one was well deserving of their respective awards. Casey Wouters was presented with Life Membership this year. Over the years Casey has contributed to the development of our younger referees through presenting at courses, coaching, mentoring and simply turning up to a game to provide some guidance to whichever referee happened to be at the same ground as him. He is well deserved of Life Membership.

Last, but certainly not least, I would like to thank my husband Daniel for his support and patience for yet another year.

I hope you all enjoy the off season and look forward to seeing you all back for 2013!

# DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & SPONSORSHIP

## PHILLIP HAINES

It gives me pleasure to provide my first Director of Finance and Sponsorship report for season 2012.

This year saw some challenges with this position, as we all know and love. Hopefully I'm sure subsequent years in this position those issues will be avoided.

We saw a number of positives come out of our strong financial position as an Association in 2012.



The Association purchased in excess of \$40,000 worth of gear for active and non active members. A variation in previous years where members paid a gear "levy" as opposed to a pay per item issued. I think this was a real positive, and a more equitable way for the Association to disperse funds to members. I feel we could go down this road again in 2013.

Something to consider for the future, and working closely with the Junior League, referee fees for 2013 are under review. All major stakeholders including NSWRL, clubs, The Junior League and the referees Association will be part of these discussions. The landscape of Junior Rugby League has changed and we need to be at the point of that change.

Another positive spend for the Association was the purchase of the Association trailer, which looks more like a tank. With its fully enclosed 100% weather proof walls, high sided edges and internal BBQ capabilities, this provides the Association with large storage area of all its training equipment, gear, social requirements for BBQ's and also an avenue for our sponsors to gain further exposure. We are currently looking into our sponsorships for 2013 and beyond and a great negotiating tool is the moving advertising that will be the trailer.

Looking forward to 2013, we have locked in our shorts sponsor of New Dimensions Health Clubs on an ongoing basis. James and Matt are extremely happy with our brand and we are delighted to have them on board again. Their role within the Association has increased in regards to training and development, and some exciting opportunities have presented James, the Association and the Junior League to work on some community based projects that will leave an indelible footprint on the community. This is exciting.

Season 2012 marks the end of a very significant era within the Association, as Watts Commercial Furniture, major sponsor for some 7 years have decided to move away from the major sponsorship role with the Association. For 7 years we have enjoyed the financial support

and contribution of Watts and without it we may be in a very different financial situation. I'd like to thank Watts for their commitment to the Association over the past 7 seasons; it could've been very easy for a manufacturing company like Watts to walk away a lot earlier with the financial crisis the way it is the world over, however through those tough economic times they stuck it out. For this, we are all grateful.

With this it presents some challenges for the Association to secure funding for the up coming seasons. Rest assured this work is being undertaken as you read this, and hopefully at the AGM, I'll have some very positive announcements to make in regards to these outstanding sponsorships.

On another positive note, in 2013 we look forward to the introduction of the Associations Strategic Plan. This has been undertaken with no shortcuts. John Nematella and I have engaged at least 40% of the Associations population, over 35 hours of collective consulting has been undertaken so we leave no stone unturned. With this Strategic Planning, the Association will have a clear direction, clear roles within the Board of Management, and better communication with all of our stakeholders (parents, clubs, Junior League, active and non – active members, sponsors and the community). Don't be scared of it, I really hope we all embrace it as we have all done throughout the sessions that have been conducted, and with it we can cement the Association as the best represented, best volunteered, most financially viable association not just in NSW but the best run association.

A taste: the Association's mission statement: to foster an environment of enjoyment, friendship and opportunity, for people of all ages, to officiate and actively participate in the development and administration of the game of Rugby League.

On a professional note, I'd like to congratulate all active members who were rewarded with Grand Final appointments this year; I'd also like to congratulate those members invited into the Associations Development Squads.

A big thank you must go to Yvonne Purtell and Ian Robinson from the Junior League. We are working collectively towards the betterment of Rugby League in this district and enjoying numerous challenges, I feel we have a very positive working environment together, and hope to ensure this continues into the future.

On a personal note, thanks to Rus Turner for his assistance in the collation and distribution of fees and match payments for season 2012. Made my role a lot easier and you have simplified this role for future generations so thank you. Also to Joey and Ricool, endless love brothers. To a special man, John Nematalla, your guidance and wisdom is beyond measure and I will be eternally grateful for our worlds colliding as they have done.

Lastly, to Mel at home all those times I attended training and went to 3 meetings on a Monday night without you, thanks for being supportive, understanding and allowing me to contribute to the Association that has given me so much.



# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Financial Statement was not available at the time of printing. It will be provided to members at the AGM.

# REFEREES COORDINATOR

## LUKE EVANS

I would like to thank the Appointments Board/Advisory Panel for their hard work and dedication during the 2012 season. Jeff and Barry thank you for your assistance throughout the year. To those members who refereed trials thank you.

The Association recruited new referees at the start of the season, and these referees were involved in refereeing mini games, out of these new referees some of them started refereeing mod football, which is a positive sign. A couple of young referees moved into Sunday football and they handled the games quite well, also some of our newer referees were involved in touch judging on a Sunday and were quite capable.

Training this year was on one night with the juniors on early followed by the seniors. Thanks to all those who assisted with training.

Saturday finals were once again competitive and congratulations those members who got a grand final. Congratulations to all Sunday referees who participated in the finals and the grand finals.

Thanks to the Junior League for their support during the year. BOM and Executive thanks for your support during the year.

Congratulations to award winners.

Thanks to my family for their support during the year.



(Left) Grant Atkins and Phil Haines accepting the Junior League Special Achievement Award from Yvonne Purtell

# SOCIAL SECRETARY

## RICKEY MCFARLANE

After a change of roles on the Board I reluctantly took over as Social Secretary from Grant early in the season, not really having a clue what I was in for. I quickly learned that although there is a lot of work in this role, it was also enjoyable.

We had a couple of BBQs at training, but for the social side of things, our 2 biggest functions are Life Members night and Presentation Day. This season due to big membership numbers, we moved back to Panthers for our Life Members night, where we inducted Casey Wouters to our honoured list. First of all, I must apologise for putting you through my public speaking, it's not my strong point. But never the less from all the feedback, it was an enjoyable night for all. A great meal from the Catering team at Panthers and some awesome tunes from the band.



On a very hot October day, Presentation day started with an oz tag comp at the Kingsway, where we had four teams battle it out with the seniors eventual winners, captain coached by Chris Catlin. Numbers were disappointing especially after I changed the game to tag and not tackle but those who did play should be given credit for the way they played and conducted themselves. We finished with a BBQ lunch, then showered up and off to the RSL for the official presentation of the awards. Congratulations to all trophy winners. Thanks to Doug Faulkner at St Marys Leagues for the use of the Kingsway and Graeme Catlin for organising that. Thanks to my whole social committee for their help over the season. Mark Bohan for the oz tag equipment, Jim Kelly for cooking the BBQ, the support from the Board of Management and the Executive for their support, Grant Atkins for mentoring me in the role, Phil Haines for backing my spending of money, Sarah Ford for assisting on the presentation of trophies, the Junior League for their constant support and the whole Association for their mateship and contribution to make rugby league better.

Last but not least thanks to my lovely fiancée Jo and beautiful daughter Samantha for the family time I took from them allowing me to do this role.

# JUNIOR LEAGUE DELEGATES

## PHILLIP HAINES & RICKEY MCFARLANE

It gives me great pleasure to provide the Association with the Junior League report for the season 2012.

This year saw a few changes made from the Association in regards to its invoicing of clubs and the Junior League for services rendered and I'd like to thank all clubs and the Junior League for being willing and open to accept these changes.

On behalf of Rickey and myself, I'd like to thank the Junior League for inviting and allowing us to participate in all things Junior League this year. The relationship between the Referees Association and the Junior League is the best it has been for many years, and I look forward to ensuring this healthy relationship continues.

A very big change for season 2012 was the inclusion of a Junior and Senior Referee of the Year award at the Annual Junior League Presentation Night. This was a result of a number of people behind the scenes, however a massive thank you to Yvonne and Ian for even contemplating such an award, and having the faith and courage to go out on a limb, not even the top levels of the game recognise the Referees on an awards night, and for the Junior League to do so is wonderful and very much a sign of the ongoing relationship development between the two organisations.

On a personal note, I would like to publicly acknowledge Yvonne and her assistance to Rickey and I this year. Her guidance to us, suggestion, idea development and professionalism have allowed us to examine what we do and how we do it, stripping it back to basics for the betterment of the Association and for the betterment of Rugby League in this district. I'm sure Yvonne may change her open door policy!!!

Congratulations to all Association award winners this year, and I look forward to seeing everyone in season 2013.

Lastly, Rick and I would like to thank our respective families for their support in season 2012. Allowing us to attend meetings, trainings, Junior League seminars etc all of which wouldn't be possibly without Jo and Mel's love and caring.



# COACHING & DEVELOPMENT MANAGER CASEY WOUTERS

It is with the greatest of pleasure, for me to present this years Coaching & Development report. We as an Association have been fortunate to have had people such as our NRL and Graded members putting so much back into our members training sessions. With physical and skilled based training. All first year referees gained an immense amount of confidence and knowledge.



All the more experienced referees received some of the best coaching I have witnessed in many a year. This definitely showed during the season and semi final series. Thank you to all. Brett Suttor, very big thanks, your assistance was invaluable. To all who attended training sessions your efforts were tremendous.

We had two online courses run this year with 36 applications being registered. After completing their course requirements, only five became referees. We also had two regular courses over two days. These had twelve applicants, with eleven new referees. Welcome to you all, well done on great year, you have done yourselves and the Association proud. See you next year. Thanks must go to the people that ran and helped during these courses.

To the Co-Ordinator, Appointments & Advisory Board, Development Panel, Mentors and all who volunteered their time during another hectic year, without your participation the Association and members would and will suffer. It can be a thankless role at times. This will change as our culture changes.

To the hopeful and current summer squad members. I know you will be looked after during your off season training sessions. Continue the way you have finished. Train hard and strong, but have fun. The 2012/13 Development Squad is:

Mark Bohan  
Luke Burton  
Andrew Byrne  
Nick Byrne

Christopher Catlin  
Amber Fitzgerald  
Katina Geale  
Mitchell Hall

Tim Hannon  
Kyle McDonald  
Steven McLean  
Erik Mizzi

Tom Stindl  
Joshua Tolley  
Cameron Turner  
Joshua Vernon

The members of the NSWRL Summer Development Squad are: Rohan Best; Steve Bourke; Josh Burton; Adam O'Keefe; Michael Signoretti; and Ryan Thomas

Congratulations to all selected.



# WELFARE OFFICER

## CASEY WOUTERS

Once again it has been a year full of incidents, involving members and their relatives. There were over 50 reports via phone & electronic means. To all Referees who have had difficulties during a long season. Please get better and fit for the 2013 season.

This year is no exemption from last year. We had several fellow members' lose loved ones. To those people, once again please accept my and the Board of Management's sympathies.

We have had engagements, new babies on the way, plus a few births. To all concerned congratulations from all our members.

On a personal note, I have to thank my dear wife VERA. With her love and support, she always manages to make me focus on the bigger picture, that being our junior referees. They are our future in the long term. We wish all a joyous Christmas and a happy New Year



(Left) Mark Bohan accepting the Junior League Senior Referee of the Year award from Bill Demanuele

(Right) Christopher Catlin accepting the Junior League Junior Referee of the Year award from Frank Weber



# NRL REPORT

## RUSSELL TURNER

Season 2011 continued well into the Australian summer with the Four Nations competition being held in the United Kingdom. The NRL Squad's representatives were Matt Cecchin (AUS Referee), Henry Perenara (NZ Referee) and Paul Holland (AUS Touch Judge). While they were away, the remainder commenced their 2012 campaign in mid-November with the traditional pre-season training camp at Wollongong.



The fourth year of the two-referee system commenced in March and continued with some challenges through to the last weekend in September, where the Melbourne Storm was too good for the Canterbury Bulldogs.

Throughout the season a total of seven match officials represented Penrith in the NRL competition. This is quite an achievement given that there was a total of 44 on-field members used by the NRL this year. Another impressive statistic is that 4 out of the 7 Penrith officials were appointed on NRL Grand Final Day.

#64 Russell Turner started the season coming off a disappointing end to season 2011. His form improved and he had a very successful season, officiating in 27 NRL games, including the 2012 Grand Final. He won the "Touch Judge of the year" at the Col Pearce Medal presentation. On the rep scene he ran the line in 2 State of Origin matches and the end of season Test Match between Australia and New Zealand. At the end of the season he has officiated in 293 NRL matches

#73 Jason Robinson cemented his spot nearer to the top of the NRL referees roster with a solid performance during the season. He officiated in 23 NRL games, and was Standby referee during the State of Origin series. He was selected to referee in the first week of semi-finals, and was unlucky to not proceed through to the second week. He starts the 2013 season with a total of 190 NRL refereeing appointments, and is only three games from a position in the 20 most experienced first grade referees of all time.

#96 Phillip Haines refereed 16 NRL matches in 2012. His team ethic, positive attitude and training ability was rewarded at the end of the year selection as the Referee for the Papua New Guinea vs. Prime Minister's XIII match in Port Moresby. To date, Phil has refereed 57 NRL matches, with many more to come.

#100 Rickey McFarlane: Renowned for his fitness and his tremendous decision making, Rickey performed consistently during the year, which resulted in him running 26 touch lines,

and being selected as Standby Official during the finals series. He is the only member of the 2012 NRL Referees Squad to appear on-field in every competition round of the season. At the conclusion of the year he has officiated in 94 NRL matches.

#103 Grant Atkins: This year Grant showed skill with both the whistle and the flag. After running 17 NRL touch lines and refereeing well in the Toyota Cup (National Under-20's), he was promoted back up to referee his second NRL match. As reward for his off-field dedication and on-field performances, Grant was appointed as the referee in the Toyota Cup Grand Final. Grant goes into Season 2013 after running a total of 2 NRL Centres and 65 Touch lines.

#118 David Ryan: Dave returned to the NRL squad on a frequent basis after making his debut last year. This year he showed promise with the flag in 6 games, bringing his career tally to 7. Dave was also rewarded for his performances with a start on the line in the Toyota Cup Grand Final. He is destined to make more regular appearances in the top grade next season and beyond.

#119 Jay Farlow: Jay was the sole debutant in the NRL Match Officials Squad this year. In Round 23 he ran the line in the Parramatta vs. Roosters match at Parramatta Stadium. He went well and backed up again the next week to take his season and career tally to 2 matches. Jay showed how good a prospect he is with his appointment to the Grand Final of the NSW Cup competition.

During the season the exclusive "Referees' 300 club" inducted only its seventh member when Steve Carrall officiated in his 300<sup>th</sup> first grade touch line in Round 26. Steve joins Col Pearce, Bill Harrigan, Steve Clark, Max Tomsett, Steve Betts and Steve Chiddy in this exclusive group.

We would also like to acknowledge the 8<sup>th</sup> Penrith NRL squad "non-active" member – the work that George Jankowski dedicates to our squad should not go unmentioned. Thank you George for your informative updates on NSWRLRA matters on a weekly basis.

2012 was a booming year for the Penrith representatives in the NRL Squad. The future of the game is in very good hands with a number of Penrith Match Officials being on the verge of big things. Patience is a virtue, and with a little time, rewards will come for the "younger" members of the national squad.



2012 MAJOR APPOINTMENTS			
	Referee(s)	Touch Judges	Video Referee(s)
NRL Premiership Grand Final	Ben Cummins Tony Archer	Russell Turner Paul Holland	Chris Ward Shayne Hayne
Toyota Cup Grand Final	Grant Atkins	Dave Ryan Chris Butler	Bernard Sutton Shayne Hayne
NSW Cup Grand Final	Matt Noyen	Jay Farlow Nathan Smith	Phil Cooley Steve Clark

Col Pearce Medal presentation day winners:

Ben Cummins – Col Pearce Medal & Referees' Referee  
 Gavin Morris – Rookie of the year  
 Russell Turner – Touch Judge of the year  
 Allan Shortall – Clubman of the year  
 Phil Cooley – Achievement Award  
 Steve Clark – Achievement Award



# JUDICIARY REPORT

## GREG YATES

Being the first time assisting the Judiciary Committee on behalf of the Referees Association with matters of rules and procedures, I was initially just taking a back seat until I got the workings of my role in the hearings, but thanks to the support shown to me by Bill, Gary, Frank and Alan it didn't take me long to get into the way things were being done and contributing to the hearing through my knowledge of the rules and procedures.



With all the cases that were heard throughout 2012, I would have to say that there are couple of areas that our Referees can work on in order to make the hearings go shorter and smoother. The reporting needs to have a little more detail instead of 2 or 3 line reports. Unfortunately we had a number of less experienced Referees attending judiciary this year and it showed in some of the level of reports being submitted and also the way some of our members conducted themselves during hearings. A trend that I would hope we can stop was the number of referees who didn't appear at the hearings in which they send players off.

On a positive note for the Referees Association, the Judiciary Committee were always more than fair with our referees and I believe we continue to build a strong deterrent for players who want to break the laws of the game and put players and/or officials at risk of some serious injury. The stance that the Junior League has taken on "Tough Love" continues to reduce the violence in our game due the stronger penalties being handed out by the Judiciary Committee.

Again, I would like to thank the committee for all their continued support shown to the referees during the 2012 season and the Junior League for their continued support in allowing the Referees Association to have a representative present to help our referees during hearings.

I would like to wish all the members and their families a very safe and enjoyable off season.

# JUNIOR LEAGUE DISCIPLINARY REPORT

## DON FELTIS, COMPLIANCE & LEGAL

I am very pleased to acknowledge the strong support provided to the junior league by the Penrith Referee's Association and individual members. Policing the codes of conduct is becoming more demanding every season and whilst the number of offenders and incidents in 2012 decreased, unfortunately because of attitudes and a changing society, the impact and workload will most probably continue to create challenges into the future for your Association, your members and the Junior League.



As most know my role with the junior league is confined to Compliance and Legal matters that result from breaches of the codes of conduct on the sidelines of our game and preparing judiciary and conduct review (discipline) hearing matters and following through afterwards. As a result I read and evaluate every dismissal and incident report submitted by referees to the junior league and I am pleased to acknowledge the overall high standard of same.

It has been a pleasure working with Sarah Ford, James Davidson and others who have the responsibility of communicating all the reports through to the junior league office and I have no hesitation in expressing my considerable satisfaction in the very professional manner in which they have handled those responsibilities and I am looking forward to working with Sarah and James again throughout the 2013 season.

We will be making some significant changes in regard to how we process judiciary and conduct review matters in 2013 which I am sure will be more fully explained as we all move into next season. Briefly, we will be adopting a merit/de-merit points system (Loss of 100 points = suspension for one competition match) and also we will be grading breaches (players dismissed from the field) into three degrees of seriousness, low, moderate and high. Players will also be able to earn merit points for an early guilty plea and also as a first offender.

It is hoped the new process will result in a reduced workload for the junior league judiciary and conduct review committees and also reduce the need for referees to attend hearings. Like all new procedures there probably will be 'teething' problems which we will address as we become more familiar with the process ourselves. In that regard I am confident the experience and background we all have in managing the codes of conduct over many years will be of significant benefit.

I have considerable respect for the challenging task referees have and I can assure every member of your Association, the strong support and leadership that is provided by your members at games is greatly appreciated. I am quite sure whilst ever the junior league and the referee's association can maintain the existing positive and constructive relationship we enjoy, we will be providing a strong platform for the many thousands of players, officials and supporters to enjoy a safe, healthy and enjoyable involvement.



# JUNIOR BRANCH

## KATINA GEALE & ERIK MIZZI

The 2012 season saw the re-introduction of the Junior Branch for all active members under the age of 18 years, with the branch being modelled on the same principles as the Senior Board of management. The only difference being that the Junior Branch was mentored by 3 senior members - Rickey McFarlane, Mark Bohan and Casey Wouters.

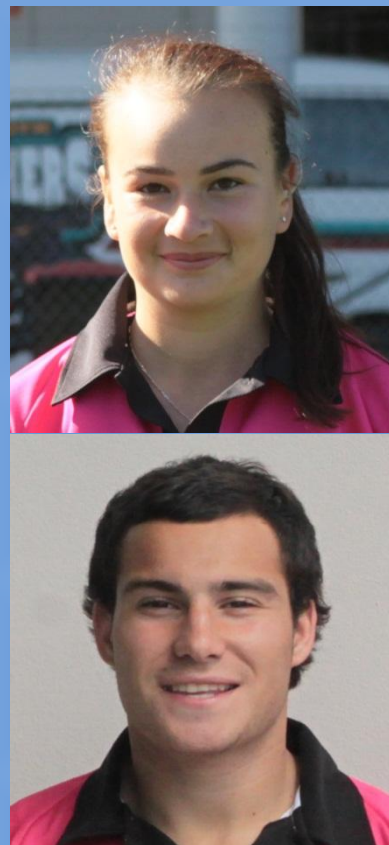
Early in the season saw big attendances at our meetings made of our new first year referees together with our experienced second and third years still under the age of 18 years. Everyone who attended showed great enthusiasm which made our jobs easier considering this was all new to us as well. Many ideas were discussed at the Junior branch, in particular the idea of all referees being able to wear 'approved hats'. This idea was addressed with the senior board and approved!

This year saw an increase in first years thanks to the referees courses which were rolled out in a few of the local high schools. Hopefully we will be able to retain these first years for next season. Unlike previous years, this year we had only one female from all out intake sessions, so it was especially good to see that Katelynn was awarded the Junior Trainer of the year. Let's hope that in years to come we can increase our numbers with a few more females.

Congratulations to all 2012 season merit award recipients in particular our Junior members - Blake shepherd - Michael Grady Junior Merit Award, Matt Lalor - Len Manuel memorial award - Rookie of the Year, Katelynn Todd - junior trainer of the year, Jay Doolan - Peter Browne Award - U8/1 Grand Final, Andrew Byrne - Barry Beveridge Award - U12/1 Grand Final and finally Katina Geale - Reg Newsome Award - Most Improved Junior Referee.

Lastly we would like to thank our fellow Junior Board members - Blake Shepherd as Vice President and Owen Buckley as Minute secretary for the fantastic support they have given us both, with a very special thank you to Rickey, Mark and Casey.

Look forward to seeing you all again in season 2013.



# GRAND FINAL APPOINTMENTS

Game	Referee	Touch Judges	
Under 7 Division 7	Jay Jago	Jordan Stweart	Matt Lalor
Under 7 Division 6	Jordan Stewart	Matt Lalor	Jay Jago
Under 7 Division 5	Matt Lalor	Tyson Kake	Jordan Stewart
Under 7 Division 4	Tyson Kake	William Jury	Matt Lalor
Under 7 Division 3	William Jury	Nick Sherwood	Tyson Kake
Under 7 Division 2	Nick Sherwood	Cameron Wright	William Jury
Under 7 Division 1	Cameron Wright	William Jury	Nick Sherwood
Under 8 Division 7	Katelynn Todd	Bow Lennon	Jessie Howard
Under 8 Division 6	Jessie Howard	Bow Lennon	Katelynn Todd
Under 8 Division 5	Emily Sheldon	Jayden Howard	Jessie Howard
Under 8 Division 4	Jayden Howard	Emily Sheldon	Katelynn Todd
Under 8 Division 3	Tristan Henderson	Tom Schipilliti	Jay Doolan
Under 8 Division 2	Tom Schipilliti	Tristan Henderson	Jayden Howard
Under 8 Division 1	Jay Doolan	Tom Schipilliti	Tristan Henderson
Under 9 Division 6	Brad Peters	Marty Dumas	William Jury
Under 9 Division 5	Jeff Mizzi	Anthony McGee	William Jury
Under 9 Division 4	Marty Dumas	Josh McKay	Jay Doolan
Under 9 Division 3	Anthony McGee	Katina Geale	Jay Doolan
Under 9 Division 2	Josh McKay	Anthony McGee	John Jordan
Under 9 Division 1	Katina Geale	Josh McKay	John Jordan
Under 10 Division 6	Pat Carney	Matt Lalor	Katelynn Todd
Under 10 Division 5	Matt Lalor	Pat Carney	Katelynn Todd
Under 10 Division 4	Casey Wouters	Pat Carney	Matt Lalor
Under 10 Division 3	Brent Garratt	Blake Shepard	Emily Sheldon
Under 10 Division 2	Liam Gleeson	Blake Shepard	Emily Sheldon
Under 10 Division 1	Blake Shepard	Liam Gleeson	Michael Dumas
Under 11 Division 6	Dave Fiddler	Nina Aiono	Jay Jago
Under 11 Division 5	Jackson Peterson	Dave Fiddler	Jay Jago
Under 11 Division 4	Nina Aiono	Jackson Peterson	Tyson Kake
Under 11 Division 3	Morgan Kemenade	Brendan Ross	Tyson Kake
Under 11 Division 2	Jack Seeds	Morgan Kemenade	Jayden Howard
Under 11 Division 1	Brendan Ross	Jack Seeds	Jayden Howard

# GRAND FINAL APPOINTMENTS

Game	Referee	Touch Judges	
Under 12 Division 6	Wayne Mulligan	Dave Fiddler	Matt Lalor
Under 12 Division 5	Morgan Kemenade	Katelynn Todd	Emily Sheldon
Under 12 Division 4	Wayne Pagett	Dave Fiddler	Matt Lalor
Under 12 Division 3	Trista Walker	Pat Carney	Jay Doolan
Under 12 Division 2	Mitchell Robinson	Aaron Brown	Blake Shepard
Under 12 Division 1	Andrew Byrne	Jessie Howard	Jay Doolan
Under 13 Division 5	Chris Kolkman	Aaron Brown	Blake Shepard
Under 13 Division 4	Kevin Hobbs	Jayden Howard	Liam Gleeson
Under 13 Division 3	Paul Williamson	Jayden Howard	Liam Gleeson
Under 13 Division 2	Kevin Wood	Kevin Hobbs	Paul Williamson
Under 13 Division 1	Richard Bailey	Cameron Wright	Jordan Stewart
Under 14 Division 4	John Humphries	Pat Carney	Jack Seeds
Under 14 Division 3	John Humphries	Pat Carney	Morgan Kemenade
Under 14 Division 2	Col Potts	Pat Carney	John Humphries
Under 14 Division 1	Daniel Ford	Cameron Wright	Jordan Stewart
Under 15 Division 4	Erik Mizzi	Brendan Ross	Jeff Mizzi
Under 15 Division 3	Nick Byrne	Brendan Ross	Jeff Mizzi
Under 15 Division 2	Kieran Stubbs	Trista Walker	Kyle McDonald
Under 15 Division 1	Chris Catlin	Katina Geale	Kyle McDonald
Under 16 Division 3	Kyle McDonald	Brad Peters	Jacob Peters
Under 16 Division 2	Adam O'Keefe	Michael Dumas	Wayne Paggett
Under 16 Division 1 Tier A	Josh Tolley	Katina Geale	Trista Walker
Under 17 Division 2	Shane Smith	Nick Byrne	Andrew Byrne
Under 17 Division 1 Tier A	Ryan Thomas	Kevin Wood	Morgan Kemenade
Under 19 Division 2	Stephen Bourke	John Nemattalla	Trista Walker
Under 19 Division 1 Tier B	Cameron Turner	Jessie Kingston	Brent Garrett
Under 19 Division 1 Tier A	Rohan Best	Steve McLean	Kieran Stubbs
A Reserve Grade Tier B	Sarah Ford	Daniel Ford	Erik Mizzi
A Reserve Grade Tier A	Col Potts	Paul Williamson	Richard Bailey
A Grade Division 2	Luke Burton	Chris Catlin	Mitch Hall
A Grade Division 1 Tier B	Josh Burton	Jeff Mizzi	Lyndsay Packer
A Grade Division 1 Tier A	Mark Bohan	Tom Stindl	Josh Vernon



# SUNDAY DIVISION 2 & 3 GRAND FINAL TEAMS



**Under 16 Division 3**



**Under 16 Division 2**



**Under 17 Division 2**



**Under 19 Division 2**



**A Grade Division 2**

# SUNDAY DIVISION 1 TIER B GRAND FINAL TEAMS



**Under 19 Division 1, Tier B**



**A Reserve Division 1, Tier B**



**A Grade Division 1, Tier B**



# SUNDAY DIVISION 1 TIER A GRAND FINAL TEAMS



**Under 16 Division 1, Tier A**



**Under 17 Division 1, Tier A**



**Under 19 Division 1, Tier A**



**A Reserve Division 1, Tier A**



**A Grade Division 1, Tier A**

# LIFE MEMBERS PRESENTATION

Casey Wouters was presented with Life Membership of the Association for season 2012. Since joining the Association in 1994, and has been a tireless worker especially in regards to coaching and development of our junior members. Congratulations Casey, a most worthy recipient of the Association's highest honour.





# 2013 LIFE MEMBERS NOMINATIONS

The Life Membership Committee has submitted the names of the following members to be considered as the recipient for Life Membership in 2013. The members selected and their record of service is shown below.

## SARAH FORD

**Joined the Association:** 2000

**Positions Held:** Vice President, Executive Officer, Board of Management, Minute Secretary, Social Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, Social Committee, Advisory Panel

**Awards Received:** Jack Harris Merit Award

**Meeting Attendance:**



Year	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Meetings	10	8	6	6	7	9	10	8	9	11	No records	10	10
Attended	3	6	4	4	4	6	10	7	9	11	No records	10	8

## CHRIS KOLKMAN

**Joined the Association:** unknown, around 1984

**Positions Held:** Advisory Panel

**Awards Received:** Michael Grady Junior Merit Award

**Meeting Attendance:**



Year	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Meetings	10	8	6	6	7	9	10	8	9	11	No records	10	10
Attended	3	1	3	4	2	7	7	2	5	4	No records	4	5

## COLIN SMITH

**Joined the Association:** 2001

**Positions Held:** Board of Management, Appointments Board, Advisory Panel,  
Delegate to Junior League

**Awards Received:** Jack Harris Merit Award

**Meeting Attendance:**



Year	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Meetings	8	6	6	7	9	10	8	9	11	No records	10	10
Attended	4	4	5	0	6	10	8	No record	10	No records	6	3

## JOHN WOODS

**Joined the Association:** 1998

**Positions Held:** Secretary, Board of Management, Advisory Panel,  
Minute Secretary, Disciplinary Committee

**Awards Received:** Reg Newsome Award

**Meeting Attendance:**



Year	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Meetings	9	10	10	8	6	6	7	9	10	8	9	11	No records	10	10
Attended	3	8	6	2	4	5	7	9	9	8	9	11	No records	4	4

# 2012 AWARDS



**2012 Joe Beacroft Memorial Trophy for A Grade Division One Grand Final (Tier A) – Mark Bohan**

**2012 Ray Steele Memorial Trophy for A Grade Division One Grand Final (Tier B) – Joshua Burton**



**2012 Don Courts Trophy for A Grade Division Two Grand Final – Luke Burton**



**2012 Phil Sanders Memorial Trophy for Under 15/1 Grand Final – Christopher Catlin**

**2012 Barry Beveridge Award for Under 12/1 Grand Final – Andrew Byrne**



*Unfortunately Jay Doolan was not present to accept his award*

**2012 Peter Browne Award for Under 8/1 Grand Final – Jay Doolan**

**2012 Junior Trainer of the Year – Katelynn Todd**

*Unfortunately Katelynn Todd was not present to accept her award*





**2012 Senior Trainer of the Year – Joshua Tolley**



**2012 Len Manuel Memorial Award – Rookie of the Year – Matt Lalor**



**2012 Reg Newsome Award – Most Improved Junior – Katina Geale**



**2012 Jack Harris Merit Award – Cameron Turner**

**2012 Michael Grady Junior Merit Award –  
Blake Shepherd**



**2012 Bob Kandelas Memorial Trophy –  
Referees' Referee – Rohan Best**



# MEETING ATTENDANCE

Name	No. of meetings
Aaron Wallace	3
Adam Simonetta	2
Andrew Byrne	5
Anthony McGee	3
Amber Fitzgerald	4
Barry Beveridge	1
Blake Shepherd	5
Bow Lennon	3
Brad Peters	8
Brett Lynch	3
Brett McDonald	8
Brian Waiting	4
Brian Zammit	2
Cameron Turner	8
Casey Wouters	9
Chris Kolkman	5
Christopher Catlin	10
Colin Smith	3
Courtney Goldsmith	8
Curtis Robinson	3
Damien Fitzgerald	9
Daniel Ford	7
Daniel Olford	7
Don Courts	7
Emily Sheldon	3
Erik Mizzi	8
Fred Lucas	5
Gary Haines	8
George Jankowski	8
Grant Atkins	8
Greg Yates	1
Jacob Peters	3
James Davidson	9
Jason Robinson	3
Jeffrey Mizzi	10
Jesse Howard	1
Jesse Kingston	5
Jim Kelly	6
John Fyfe	4
John Humphries	1
John Jordan	8
John Nematalla	4
John Robinson	1
John Woods	4
Josh Daniel	2
Josh Gow	1
Josh McKay	1

Name	No. of meetings
Joshua Burton	9
Joshua Tolley	3
Joshua Vernon	7
Katelynn Todd	5
Katina Geale	10
Kevin Hobbs	2
Kieren Stubbs	2
Kyle McDonald	2
Kylie Aylett	3
Lesley Lennon	6
Luke Burton	6
Luke Evans	6
Lyndsay Packer	9
Mark Bohan	9
Matt Lalor	1
Matthew Sosimenko	1
Michael Signoretti	6
Mitchell Hall	2
Mitchell Robinson	2
Neil Jury	1
Nick Byrne	1
Owen Buckley	3
Paul Williamson	3
Peter Browne	3
Peter Filmer	1
Phil Haines	10
Phil Johnson	8
Ray Cunningham	1
Ray Thomson	3
Rhyss Harwood	5
Richard Bailey	6
Rickey McFarlane	9
Rohan Best	5
Russell Turner	2
Sarah Ford	8
Scott Callaghan	1
Stephen Bourke	9
Stewart Wiles	2
Steven McLean	1
Thomas Aylett	3
Tim Hannon	1
Tom Schipilliti	1
Tom Stindl	8
Tom Williamson	2
Trista Walker	3
Wayne Pagett	1
William Jury	1

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

## Bob Kandelas Referees Referee

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

### Jack Harris Merit Award

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

### Michael Grady Junior Merit Award

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

### Reg Newsome Trophy

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

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

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

**Ray Steele Memorial Trophy  
A Grade Division One (Tier B) Grand Final Referee**

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

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

2005	Greg Yates	2008	Luke Parker	2011	Michael Signoretti
2006	Brett Windon	2009	Luke Parker	2012	Luke Burton
2007	Rickey Heinemeyer	2010	Col Potts		

**Len Manuel Award  
Rookie of the Year**

2004	Dave Ryan	2007	Thomas Stindl	2010	Kieran Stubbs
2005	Rhyss Harwood	2008	Steve McLean	2011	Andrew Byrne
2006	Scott Filmer	2009	Cassandra Bailey	2012	Matt Lalor

**Phil Sanders Memorial Award  
Leading Saturday Referee**

2006	Rickey Heinemeyer	2009	Joshua Vernon	2012	Christopher Catlin
2007	Joshua Burton	2010	Cameron Turner		
2008	Ryan Thomas	2011	Joshua Tolley		



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

2006	Luke Burton	2009	Aaron Wallace	2012	Andrew Byrne
2007	Scott Filmer	2010	Amber Fitzgerald		
2008	Jesse Kingston	2011	Scott Callaghan		

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

2006	Steve Reinicke	2009	Nicholas Byrne	2012	Jay Doolan
2007	Thomas Stindl	2010	Mitchell Shearer		
2008	Steve McLean	2011	Andrew Byrne		

**A Grade Division One Grand Final Referees**

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

# 2013 MEETING DATES

All meetings commence at 7.45pm unless otherwise advised. The venue for the 2013 meetings will be advised once arrangements are finalised.

Junior Branch meetings for members under the age of 18 years will precede Association meetings on the following dates, commencing at 7.00pm.

Adjourned Annual General Meeting	11 February 2013
General Meeting	11 March 2013
General Meeting	8 April 2013
General Meeting	13 May 2013
General Meeting	10 June 2013
General Meeting	8 July 2013
General Meeting	12 August 2013
General Meeting	9 September 2013
Annual General Meeting	25 November 2013



# 2013 OFFICE BEARERS

<b>Patrons</b>	
<b>President</b>	
<b>Vice President</b>	
<b>Executive Officer</b>	
<b>Director of Finance &amp; Sponsorship</b>	
<b>Coaching &amp; Development Manager</b>	
<b>Board of Management</b>	
<b>Assistant Director of Finance &amp; Sponsorship</b>	
<b>Minute Secretary</b>	
<b>Senior Referees Coordinator</b>	
<b>Junior Referees Coordinator</b>	
<b>Welfare Officer</b>	
<b>Social Secretary</b>	
<b>Gear Steward</b>	
<b>Webmaster</b>	
<b>NSRLRA Delegates</b>	
<b>Penrith DJRL Delegates</b>	
<b>Appointments Board</b>	
<b>Advisory Panel</b>	

<b>Social Committee</b>	
<b>Internal Auditors</b>	
<b>Merit Award Committee</b>	
<b>Life Membership Committee</b>	
<b>Disciplinary Committee</b>	
<b>Judiciary Representative</b>	
<b>Conduct Review Representative</b>	
<b><u>Junior Branch</u></b>	
<b>Patrons</b>	
<b>President</b>	
<b>Vice President</b>	
<b>Secretary</b>	
<b>Minute Secretary</b>	





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