

NORTH SYDNEY DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUE

Referees' Association Inc.

Annual Report Season 2009

Notice of Annual General Meeting
For the Presentation of the
**Annual Report and Balance Sheet for
Season 2009**

To be held at
NORTH SYDNEY LEAGUES CLUB LIMITED
12 Abbott Street,
Cammeray
McKinnon Room

On

Wednesday 16th December 2009

At 7:30pm

AGENDA
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2008

1. A MINUTE SILENCE IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR FELLOW REFEREES'
2. WELCOME VISITORS
3. APOLOGIES
4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
5. CORRESPONDANCE
6. PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET
7. NOTICE OF MOTIONS
8. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

 CHAIRMAN

 EXECUTIVE OFFICER

 DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

 DIRECTOR OF COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT

 DIRECTOR OF MEMBERS SERVICES

9. LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
10. GENERAL BUSINESS

MICHAEL QUAILEY
CHAIRPERSON

JONATHAN STONE
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

OFFICE BEARERS SEASON 2009

CHAIRMAN

Mr Michael Quailey

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Mr Jonathan Stone

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Mr Michael Haynes

DIRECTOR OF COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT

Mr Stan Watson

DIRECTOR OF MEMBERS SERVICES

Mr Scot Murray

DELEGATE TO NSWRL REFEREES'

Mr Stan Watson

DELEGATE TO NORTH SYDNEY JUNIOR LEAGUE

Mr Paul Taylor

HONARARY AUDITORS

Mr Martin Ryan & Mr Geoff McManus

CONTROLLER OF PAYMENTS

Mr Michael Haynes

PUBLIC OFFICER

Mr Michael Quailey

LEVEL 2 COACHING STAFF

Mr Stan Watson - Accreditation

Mr Stan Watson, Mr Michael Quailey, Mr Colin Jones, Mr Jonathan Stone, Mr Michael Haynes

GEAR STEWARD

Mr James Charman

COMMITTEES

LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Messrs: Colin Jones, Geoff McManus, Steve Betts

BOB PURCELL TROPHY COMMITTEE

Messrs: Michael Quailey, Geoff McManus, Martin Ryan, Michael Haynes, Col Jones

APPOINTMENTS BOARD

Messrs: Michael Quailey, Stan Watson

ADVISORY BOARD

Messrs: Stan Watson, Michael Haynes, Michael Quailey, Colin Jones

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE JUDICIARY

Messrs: Brian Barry, Bill Lalor

VALE

Unfortunately, 2009 did not pass without our families and friends losing loved ones. Our deepest sympathies are extended to all that have suffered bereavement during the last year.

A more in depth tribute to Mr John Quinn can be found later in this report.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Fellow Members,

Perhaps, the best way to surmise 2009 was that it was a Roller Coaster.

Like 2008, the year started with our numbers down again and it has now reached a stage where the matter is critical, especially on Sundays. We now have insufficient numbers for us to meet our commitments and we have to rely upon assistance from outside our Association. Our thanks go to our friends at Manly and University Cup for their assistance.

The reasons for our declining numbers were varied but mainly involved moving outside the District and employment commitments. Already, we have been advised by Asher Moore that he will not be available in 2010 due to family and employment commitments.

While the situation maybe bleak, there is a ray of light on the horizon. The light comes from our very own lighthouse, our Director of Coaching, Stan Watson. Three new Juniors joined us towards the end of 2009, namely Mico Towning, Sam Morgan and Jeremy McGrath. To these three we added Frank Reale, a more than capable Senior who joined us from Balmain. To those four gentlemen, we bid you a warm welcome. Already, we have received enquiries from two Juniors from the Asquith Club for 2010.

Thank you Stanley for efforts in 2009. You are a vital cog in our machine.

Our existing crew stepped up and shouldered even greater responsibility. I would like to make special mention of Paul Taylor, Michael Colla and Daniel Ruhan for the great improvements in their refereeing in 2009. Bigger and better things lie ahead in 2010 for these gentlemen.

To our two pillars, Nathan Smith and Scot Murray, thanks for all your help and commitment to your on field duties.

While on commitment, sometimes a person surprises and this year it was Matt Dayhew. Young Matt put his hand up to help out where and when ever he could. On occasions, he would also volunteer for appointments that he was not qualified for. Thanks Matt for enthusiasm and dedication. You were a worthy recipient of the Vince Smith Memorial Award.

Again, we thank the NSW Rugby League Referees Association's continued support in providing grants, which greatly assist in easing the financial burden of running our Association.

North Sydney Leagues Club continues to support Rugby League in the District and we thank you for your support.

Our Annual Presentation Function returned to an evening function and was an outstanding success. This was due to the efforts of our Director of Member Services Scot Murray.

Now to our Board Members:

- Our Executive Officer Jon Stone continued to excel in Grade which included an appointment to the centre of the Arrive Alive Cup Grand Final. Such are the commitments of a Graded Referee it keeps Jon away from us more than he would have liked but he continued to fulfil his duties with distinction. Jon was also awarded his Life membership of our Association this year and it was my great privilege to present Jon with his Blazer. This was a fitting reward for Jon's years of dedicated service to North Sydney. Congratulations Jon.
- Director of Finance Michael Haynes, as always, continues to maintain sound financial acumen in handling the Association's finances. This year, Michael undertook further studies to add to his list of already impressive credentials so he was not around as much as he would have liked. Also, he became engaged to Claire which was very happy news indeed. Congratulations Michael and Claire.
- Director of Member Services Scot Murray. Scot returned to the Board this year and brought renewed enthusiasm. He has matured greatly over the last few years and for his sterling efforts this year, he was a worthy recipient of the bob Purcell Trophy.
- Director of Referee Development Stan Watson. On occasions, I find it difficult to put into words how valuable Stan is to the Association. His work is untiring from March to September. Given all the concerts and shows he has been attending, he is now our Cultural Ambassador as well. Thank you Stan.

A number of other members continue to serve the Association well:

- Over the years, Wayne Edwards has developed into a rock solid foundation for our Saturday Referees. This year he put his hand up to help out on Sundays. Thanks so much Wayne for your efforts. In October, Wayne and Kylie celebrated the birth of their fourth child Eliza Jane (I wonder if they knew my grandmother's name was Elizabeth Jane?). Congratulations Wayne and Kylie and I believe they are now looking for the off switch.
- James Charman stepped up and assumed the role of Gear Steward and pleased our Director of Finance, no easy task. Thanks and well done James.
- Thanks and a job well done also to Paul Taylor for taking on the role of Junior League Delegate.
- Martin Ryan continued as the Association's representative on the Incident Review Committee and provided valuable assistance to the Board when asked. Martin also continues to be active on Sundays and his wealth of experience is there for all to see.
- Col Jones also continued to take a keen interest by continuing to act on the Advisory Board. Many thanks Col for your efforts.
- Bill Lalor and Brian Barry continued as representatives on the Judiciary Committee. Thank you both for time you dedicate to this task. It is much appreciated.

The bottom of our roller coaster ride occurred mid September when John Quinn passed away. There is a special tribute to John elsewhere in these pages. John meant so much too each and every one of us and he will be missed in ways that we do not even realise. You can be assured that our Board is considering ways to suitably commemorate John's memory.

For me personally, thank you for to all our members for your support and friendship. To my wife Lizzie, thank you so much for your patience and understanding as you continue to learn about the ups and downs of refereeing. Only last Friday night at Manly Referees' Dinner, we sat next to Greg McCallum. Lizzie's first question to Greg was "Are you a referee?" As we all know, refereeing is a large learning curve.

Let's enjoy our break and approach 2010 the way we finished 2009.

Michael Quailey
Chairman



Is an A-grade comeback in order.... Quails in pre season training on the Reef!

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

Mr Chairman and Fellow Members,

It gives me great pleasure to present the Annual Report and Balance Sheet for 2009.

As seems to be the case year after year the season approached and it appeared that our number one challenge as an association was not the upcoming season with the thousands upon thousands of on field decisions or cold Monday night's training at Headon Park, once again it was our active membership numbers. As is the case across the board in Rugby League, Referees Associations and Clubs alike and I guess all sports in general the 'silly' season is always the toughest, particularly from a Board point of view as in our position we don't really know if all appointments are going to be filled for the upcoming season. But as has been the case over the last couple of seasons come Round 1, through the hard work of guys like Stan Watson and Michael Quailey, the appointments are filled, at times very much stretched but through the hard work of a lot of you, the membership we get the job done, and for that all of you who perform active duties deserve congratulations, along with a big thank you to the Manly and University Cup Associations for their assistance in fulfilling these appointments.

Season 2009 under the guidance of Scot Murray, saw Monday night training continue out of Headon Park. Although at times numbers were not great, all who attended gave 100% effort and I am sure saw the benefits of their hard work. During the season the guys were lucky enough to have Ben Cummins and Chris James from the NRL fulltime Match Officials squad give up their time and attend Headon Park to put the members through a skill session, I am sure that all present took something out of this session, and hopefully this is something we can continue in the future.

Once again the board formed a working relationship with the Manly Referees' Association board maintaining the strong relationship that has been built over previous seasons. As the seasons pass by, this relationship only seems to grow stronger, although there are hiccups along the way, these are all learning curves for both associations and give us a base to work on and improve with seasons to come. I would like to thank Jason Walsh and Chris Bignold from the Manly Referees' Association and we look forward to working with you in the seasons to come.

To the usual suspects Michael Quailey, Stan Watson and Michael Haynes, the work that these three men do for the association behind the scenes is remarkable, they complete their duties with minimal fuss to make your time as members as enjoyable as possible, and they ensure that the association is constantly moving forward and running smoothly, on behalf of the members I thank you guys for your hard work.

Now to the man who in his occupation they call 'Tickets', Scot Murray, Scot took on one of the harder jobs in the association this year as Director of Members Services, this is not as easy role having filled this position in the past I know that it is extremely difficult especially when trying to organise social functions, but as is always the way with Scotty he did a great job and organised a fabulous presentation evening which was enjoyed by all. But I think Scot's work on the field and around the training paddock this season is what brought out the best in him. Whilst being a member of the Junior Development squad and having a successful season there, Scot ensured that training at North Sydney continued smoothly and whenever there were games that needed to be refereed Scotty put his hand up. Mate you are a valued member of the association and a well deserved recipient of the Bob Purcell Trophy. Congratulations Scot and all the best in the upcoming season of the Junior Development Squad.

Our advisors and coaches were an instrumental part of the Association, their hard work and dedication, along with their experience allow all of our members to receive the coaching and assistance to ensure that their on field performances are continually improved. To Stan the man, Quails, Haynesy, Colin Jones and Martin Ryan we are grateful for the time that you put in to the association and the guidance you bring.

To the North Sydney Junior League thank you for your support in 2009, in particular Kevin Nicholls for his ongoing work for the game of Rugby League in North Sydney District. To the District Club, Congratulations to Greg Florimo and all of his coaches and staff on keeping Rugby League a reality in the North Sydney District. We wish you and all of your teams the best of luck in 2010, and look forward to the bid to have the Bears back in the competition in 2013!

Congratulations to Nathan Smith on his fourth A-grade Grand Final appointment and winner of the Erle Carroll Trophy, and well done on being invited back into the Junior Development Squad for 2010. Congratulations are also in order for Matty Dayhew on winning the Vince Smith Junior Encouragement Award, well done and we look forward to watching you grow as a referee in years to come. To the quiet achiever, Michael Colla congratulations on taking out the NRL sponsored most improved senior Referee award, this was a much deserved award, you have a lot of potential and as an association we look forward to helping you reach your goals over the seasons to come.

There have also been a number of off field achievements during 2009, congratulations are in order for our Director of Finance Michael Haynes and Clair on their engagement along with Paul Taylor and Cassie on their engagement. Welcome to the family ladies and we wish you all the best in your future.

On a personal note I would like to thank the Life Membership Committee for seeing me fit to be put before the members and to the members of the association on accepting me as a Life Member of this Association, I can honestly say that it is the proudest moment of my life to date, and an honour to be named Life Member of such a great association.

Which brings me to the sad part of my report, I often refer to our association as a family, and I strongly believe that. We are very much like a family, we have fights, we share good times, we stand up for each other, we stick together through the good times and the bad and although at times footy and refereeing maybe getting on our nerves, there is always someone there to have a chat with. On the 16th of September this year we lost a family member, one who I think deservedly can be called and often was called 'father', Life Member, Mr John Quinn. Mr Quinn epitomised what it was to be a member, even up until 12 months ago Mr Quinn attended grounds and looked over his 'family' with great interest always there to give guidance and of course a smile. We will miss Mr Quinn, a man who gave his life to football in particular his beloved Bears, and our Association.

Finally to my girlfriend Dani, thank you for your support this season with my endeavours both on and off the field.

I look forward to seeing you all next season and wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Jon Stone
Executive Officer

DIRECTOR OF COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Before a whistle was blown and a football kicked, it appeared as though this association would be struggling. Many thanks go out to kindred associations Manly and Balmain that assisted us throughout the season.

After the season kicked off, we had Frank Reale join our ranks from a kindred association. Frank performed tirelessly throughout the season and was rewarded with an A Grade grand final appointment as touch judge.

At this stage I would like to congratulate all the members on their grand final appointments. Throughout the season it was a very close contest for the top job. The A Grade grand final appointment was not decided until late on the Sunday after the final.

We started the season with a training seminar prior to kick off. Halfway through the season the members were given a 30 question quiz that had to be completed within two weeks. This quiz started plenty of discussions regarding the Laws of the Game.

I would like to thank the active members who put their hands up to assist by running on both days and run they did. A majority of the active members were video taped throughout the season and their video taped performances were critiqued at our training sessions. The active members that were video taped benefitted from this style of coaching.

I would like to thank the NRL for allowing two of their active members, Ben Cummins and Chris James to attend one of our training sessions and conduct a skills session with the members. At the completion the members were given the opportunity to ask questions that were answered by both Ben and Chris. Both Ben and Chris gave a short insight into the training and preparation of an NRL referee. Whilst I'm on a roll, Lewis Williamson was nominated to attend an NRL referee training session under the NRL Referee for a Day scheme that is being conducted by the NRL. From all accounts, Lewis enjoyed himself.

Lastly I would like to thank my coaching/advisory staff for their assistance throughout the season. If it were not for these people, then our members would not benefit. I would like to thank the six members that have accepted to undergo the Level 1 Coaching Match Official Course. This will assist the association by increasing the coaching staff.

Stan Watson.
Director Referee Coaching & Development.

ACCREDITATION PROVIDERS REPORT

Throughout season 2009, I conducted three Level 1 Accreditation Courses with a seven candidates in total. From the three courses only three recruits emerged with one candidate deciding at the last minute not to pursue a refereeing career. Two candidates hopefully joined a kindred association while the last candidate is still active playing the greatest game of all will decide in season 2010 whether to pursue a refereeing career.

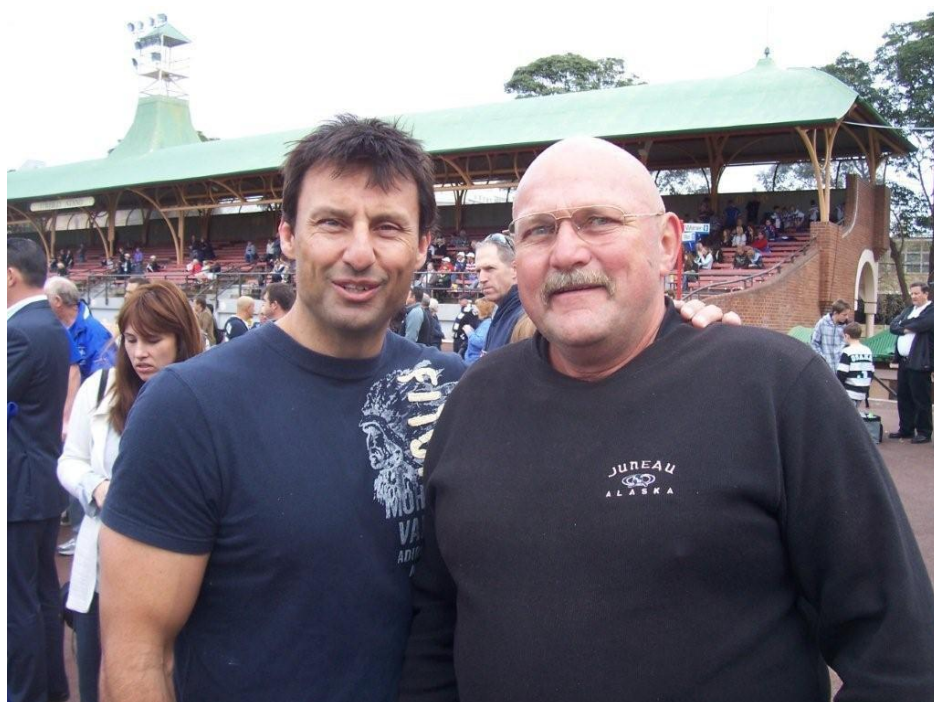
At this stage I would like to thank the Lane Cove Council Youth Centre, especially Mr Rhian Gerard the Lane Cove Council Youth Worker who supplied four of the candidates as well as himself. I would also like to thank the Lane Cove Council for the use of their conference room and facilities to conduct the Level 1 Course.

The two candidates that emerged from the Lane Cove Youth Centre were Sam Morgan and Jeremy McGrath.

I would also like to thank John Henry Kay for introducing a new candidate, Mico Towning. Welcome to all three new candidates.

At this stage there are three active members that will undergo the Level 2 Accreditation in October and in keeping with tradition, these members should pass with flying colours. Good luck to John Kay, Michael Colla and Asher Moore.

Stan Watson.
Accreditation Provider.



DIRECTOR OF MEMBER SERVICES REPORT

Firstly, it was with great sadness earlier this year that we lost life member John Quinn. He was not only a great loss to the North Sydney District Referees Association, but to the game of Rugby League as a whole. His efforts with the referees and the North Sydney club will most likely never be repeated. A father figure to the majority of our referees, he was always one to give advice, no matter what the level of game that was being refereed. And if you didn't take notice of his advice, more fool you!! As has been mentioned before, JQ was not the best for remembering everybody's names, however I was always greeted with 'hello Constable'.

Training this year was solid, with the same faces turning up week in and week out. I would like to thank Daniel Ruhan for his efforts at training when I could not make it due to work commitments. Hopefully 2010 will see an increase in training numbers as I already have a few ideas about varying the work we do.

Congratulations to Jon Stone for receiving his life membership this year, very well deserved. Congratulations to Nathan Smith for receiving the Earl Carroll trophy, Michael Colla for winning the most improved senior referee award and Matthew Dayhew for winning the Vince Smith Junior Encouragement Award.

Social functions this year were minimal, with the ladies night at the Vibe Hotel being the highlight. A great night was had by all and the Vibe put on a good show as they have for the past few years. 2010 will hopefully see an increase in social activities, I am open to any ideas and have a few in the pipe line.

Thank you to the board of directors for their support this year, I look forward to much the same for season 2010. To our members and their families, I wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas and New Years. See you all at training in the new year!!

Scot Murray
Director of Members Services



New South Wales Rugby League Referees' Association Delegate Report

North Sydney Referees Association had only one member in the graded ranks in season 2009. Congratulations to Jon Stone who had an excellent year in grade in season 2009. His achievements were being appointed as a central referee to the Bundy Red Cup and State Cup competitions.

Jon was also appointed as a touch judge to both Bundy Red Cup, State Cup and Toyota Cup (U20) competitions throughout the season.

Jon's dedication and hard training paid off which earned Jon an appointment to the Bundy Red Cup quarter finals and semi finals as an in goal judge. Jon was also appointed as a central referee to the semi finals and grand final of the Arrive Alive Cup.

Once again, congratulations Jon, well done.

The other member of this Association, Scot Murray was a member of the Junior Development Squad. Scot had an excellent season. Scot's achievements throughout the season were as follows: Scot was appointed as a central referee to all but one Harold Matthews Cup competition. Scot was appointed as a touch judge to one S.G Ball Cup competition match that was played in Melbourne.

As a result of Scot's hard work and dedication to training, Scot was appointed as a central referee to a Harold Matthews Cup quarter Final. Scot's other achievements were being appointed travel to South Australia for the National U/15s competition where Scot was appointed as a central referee to a curtain raiser to the final. One final achievement was that Scot was appointed to control the grand final of the University Shield.

Congratulations Scot and well done.

Stan Watson.

Delegate to NSWRLRA Inc.



DISTRICT CLUB REPORT

Congratulations are in order for North Sydney Football Club led by Greg Florimo on another successful season in Premier League. 2009 saw the side fourth however bowing out in the Preliminary Final to Balmain. 2009 saw a continuance of the alliance between North Sydney Bears and the South Sydney Rabbitohs in the Premier League competition.

Again the Junior representative sides in the SG Ball and Harold Matthews competition were competitive and showed a lot of promise for the future.

LEAGUES CLUB REPORT

At this point the North Sydney District Rugby League Referees' Association would like to pass its thanks to the catering and functions staff of the North Sydney Leagues Club for their help and support throughout the year. They once again provided facilities to hold our meetings throughout the year.

We would also like to thank Hans Sarlemyn and the Board of the North Sydney Leagues Club, along with the board of the Asquith Leagues Club for their help and assistance throughout 2009, and look forward to working together in 2010.



DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT

Mr Chairman and members

Once again it gives me great pleasure to present to you the financial statements of the Association for the 2009 season. This year saw a decrease in the number of active referees on Sunday, which put pressure on our members as well as the appointments board to find help through out our affiliated associations. The majority of our revenue depends on the Association being able to appoint referees to each week. As we were required to call on our friends from Manly to help fulfil our obligations to the junior league, we lost our ability to collect the revenue from these fixtures. As such revenue is down on last year by \$2,981.35.

Expenditure this year was materially in line with last season. The main cost to the Association this year was the presentation evening. This was an increase of \$2,638 on last year.

The bottom line for the year is a surplus of \$3,157.93. This is a great position to be in considering we cannot seem to attract sponsorship and we are basically self- sustaining. Sponsorship will continue to be hard to come by considering there is no North Sydney team competing in the National Rugby League. The strength of our Association is the balance sheet which shows our net assets as \$18,090.10.

Looking towards the future it is the current board's belief that we need to continue to keep the Association in surplus in order to have sufficient funds for the Association's 90th anniversary. While our net asset position is strong for an Association of our size we need to maintain it. In the coming year we will be looking for ideas how we can celebrate the Associations 90th anniversary, specifically memorabilia. The new board will welcome any ideas members may wish to put forward.

Finally I would like to thank my fiancée Claire for her support and my fellow board members for the year. I look forward to seeing everyone back on the park next year.

Mike Haynes
Director of Finance



BALANCE SHEET

**North Sydney Rugby League Referees' Association Inc.
Statement of Financial Position as at 31 October 2009**

	Notes	2009	2008
Current Assets			
Cash at bank		35,008.06	14,140.66
Deposits		180.00	180.00
Inventory		1,917.50	2,502.60
Accounts Receivables		288.84	228.84
Total Assets		37,394.40	17,052.10
Current Liabilities			
Accounts payable		19,304.21	2,119.84
Total Current Liabilities		19,304.21	2,119.84
Net Assets		18,090.19	14,932.26
Members funds		18,090.19	14,932.26

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

Income and Expenditure Statement for the period ended 01/11/2008 to 31/10/2009

Income Categories	2009	2008
Donations Received	132.25	0.00
Fines	150.00	100.00
Footy Tipping	475.00	585.00
Function Income	2,930.00	2,805.00
Gear Sales	771.09	2,484.64
Grants	6,052.00	5,020.00
Interest	18.87	54.76
Match Payments Received	25,338.00	27,414.00
Membership Fees	2,788.61	3,103.77
Training Bond (Net)	525.00	500.00
Total Income	39,180.82	42,067.17

Expense Categories		
Administration Expenses	665.25	721.03
Affiliation Fee NSWRLRA Inc	10.00	10.00
Bank Charges	57.69	141.03
Coaching & Training Expenses	592.00	1,351.00
Cost Of Gear Sold	885.10	2,450.80
Footy Tipping	360.00	600.00
Function Expense	7,644.00	5,102.76
Match Payments Paid	25,338.00	27,414.00
Internet costs	0.00	743.15
Trophies	470.85	198.00

Total Expense Categories	36,022.89	38,731.77
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Net Profit/(Loss) For Year	3,157.93	3,335.40
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Member's Funds At 1 November	14,932.26	11,016.70
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Member's Funds At 31 October	18,090.19	14,352.10
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Note 2: Functions	Income	Expense	Net
Annual Dinner	2,930.00	7,324.00	-4,394.00
Presentation night expenses		320.00	-320.00
Total Function Income	2,930.00	7,644.00	-4,714.00

Note 3: Administration Expenses

Postage & stationery	15.25
Accounting software	375.00
Filing fees	45.00
John Quinn funeral expenses	230.00

Total Administration Expenses	665.25
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Note 4: Match Payments

Net Payments To Members	18,918.11
Affiliation Fees	2,788.61
Gear Sales	771.09
Fines	150.00
Presentation evening	1,755.00
Footy tips	225.00
Training Bond	100.00
Donations	630.19
	<u>25,338.00</u>

Note 5: Cost of gear sold

Opening Balance of inventory 1/11/08	2,502.60
Less: Sales to members	-771.09
Add: Purchases	300.00
Stocktake value adjustment from 2008	-114.01
Sub-total	1,917.50
Association gear as per stock take	1,917.50
	<u>1,917.50</u>
Inventory as per Statement of Financial Position	<u>1,917.50</u>

AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO: MEMBERS OF THE NORTH SYDNEY DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES' ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

We report that we have examined the books, records, and vouchers of the Association for the year ended 31st October 2009.

In our opinion:

- (a) The accompanying Statement of Income and Expenditure represents a true and fair view of the operation of the Association for the year ended 31st October 2009.
- (b) The accompanying Balance Sheet represents a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 31st October 2009.

Geoff McManus
Hon. Auditor

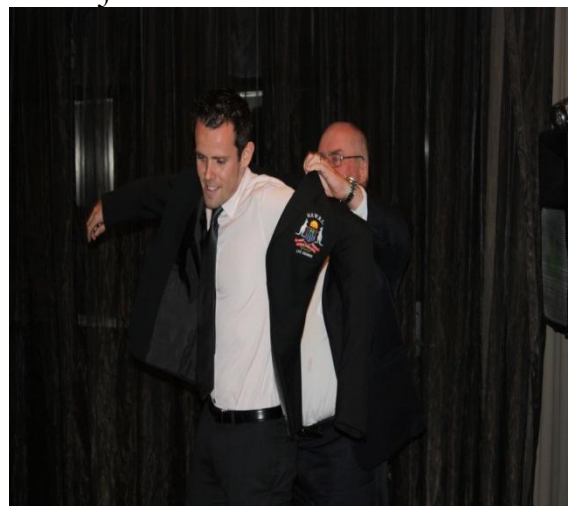
Martin Ryan
Hon. Auditor

Honour Roll

Life Membership

1935	S. Morris (Senior)*	1980	E. Carroll*
1939	M. Hogan*	1981	R. Hammond
	J. Turner*	1983	B. Davoren
1942	J. Burden*	1985	S. Betts
1945	R. Smyth*	1986	A.E Brown
1950	A. Galbraith*	1989	C. Jones
	A. Leane*	1990	J. Byrne
1951	D. Haldeman*	1991	B. Lalor
1953	H. Carrick*	1992	J. Boyle
1955	T. Bellew OAM*	1993	M. Quailey
1956	A. Jones*	1994	R.Kiddle
1959	B. Cowley*	1997	M. Ryan
	S.Morris (Junior)*	2003	S. Watson
1960	E. Tinsley	2006	M. Haynes
1963	R. Carey*	2008	J. Stone
1966	J. Montgomery		
1967	B. Barry		
1969	J. Quinn *		
1975	G. McManus		
1977	J. Porteous*		
1978	B. Minnett		

*Member Deceased



BOB PURCELL TROPHY

1962	B. Burke	1979	S. Betts	1996	S. Edwards
1963	J. Montgomery	1980	E. Carroll	1997	M. Ryan
1964	K. Hubbuck	1981	D. Haberman	1998	M. Quailey
1965	G. McManus	1982	C. Jones	1999	M. Haynes
1966	B. Barry	1983	J. Boyle	2000	N. Smith
1967	J. Quinn	1984	E. Carroll	2001	A. Devcich
1968	B. Daveron	1985	M. Quailey	2002	G. Bailey
1969	B. Minnett	1986	J. Boyle	2003	S. Watson
1970	J. Porteous	1987	M. Quailey	2004	N. Smith
1971	E. Carroll	1988	J. Melville	2005	S. Watson
1972	J. Quinn	1989	S. Clark	2006	J. Stone
1973	R. Atkinson	1990	M. Ryan	2007	M. Haynes, S. Watson
1974	E. Carroll	1991	Not Presented	2008	L. Kelso
1975	F. Payne	1992	J. Neal	2009	S. Murray
1976	A.E. Brown	1993	R. Kiddle		
1977	D. Haberman	1994	S. Watson		
1978	R. Hammond	1995	J. Boyle		



Erle Carroll Memorial Trophy

1985	J. Neal	1998	D. Lombardo
1986	J. Neal	1999	A. Lewis
1987	S. Clark	2000	A. Devcich
1988	S. Clark	2001	A. Brownlow
1989	J. Boyle	2002	A. Devcich
1990	P. Guilbert	2003	A. Devcich
1991	P. Guilbert	2004	N. Smith
1992	P. Guilbert	2005	N. Smith
1993	M. Guilbert	2006	N. Smith
1994	J. Boyle	2007	J. Stone
1995	D. Lombardo	2008	S. Murray
1996	D. Lombardo	2009	N. Smith
1997	D. Lombardo		



Vince Smith Junior Encouragement Award

1990 D. Lombardo

1991 S. Edwards

1992 M. Haynes & S. Mamari

1993 N. Thurgood

1994 A. Brownlow

1995 I. Budai

1996 N. Smith

1997 J. Stone

1998 S. Murray

1999 M. Clay & A. Osborn

2000 C. Dowel

2001 N. Halliday

2002 J.H. Kay

2003 D. Ruhan

2004 D. Paton

2005 J.A.M Kay

2006 L. Kelso

2007 M. Colla

2008 D. Mammone

2009 M. Dayhew



Matt Dayhew Receiving Vince Smith Trophy



Matt and his father, fellow member Peter



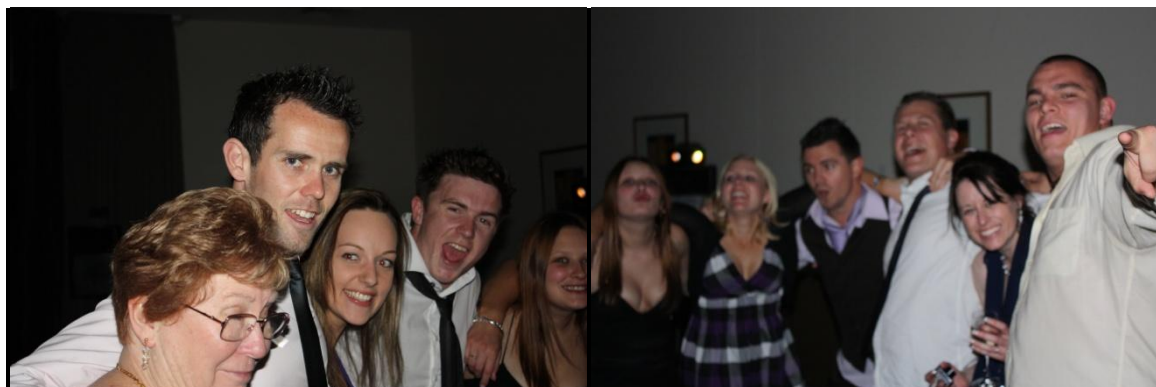
Michael Colla Deserved recipient of NRL sponsored Most Improved Senior Referee

CONGRATULATIONS TO

- ❖ All grade members on their respective appointments
- ❖ All members on their Grand Final appointments
- ❖ Nathan Smith on receiving the Erle Carroll Trophy
- ❖ Scot Murray on receiving Bob Purcell Trophy
- ❖ Matt Dayhew on receiving Vince Smith Junior Encouragement award
- ❖ Matt Dayhew on receiving NRL sponsored most improved junior
- ❖ Michael Colla on receiving NRL sponsored most improved senior
- ❖ Jon Stone on receiving Life Membership
- ❖ Congratulations to Wayne & Kylie Edwards on the birth of Eliza Jane

APPRECIATION TO

- ❖ All active members for their hard work in 2009
- ❖ Our wives, girlfriends, mothers and fathers for help and support throughout the year.
- ❖ The junior league clubs who have looked after our members at various grounds throughout the year. Thank you for your generosity
- ❖ All kindred associations for their kind invitations to attend various functions
- ❖ The executive of the NSW Referees' Association for their help and support throughout the year
- ❖ All advisory members and coaches for their time and effort into referee development in the district
- ❖ North Sydney and Asquith Leagues clubs for providing their facilities which enable us to undertake meetings and seminars throughout the year.



MEMBERSHIP & MEETINGS ATTENDED – 2009

MEETINGS HELD: GENERAL 3 AGM 1 TOTAL 4

BOARD 3

LIFE MEMBERS

			J. KAY	-	2A
			D. RUHAN	-	2A
B. BARRY	-		D. PATON	1	
S. BETTS	1	2A	T. PEET	-	
J. BOYLE	-		S.PALIN	-	
A.E BROWN	-		A. SMITH	-	
J. BYRNE	-	1A	N. SMITH	1	2A
B. DAVERON	2		J. STONE	3	1A
R. HAMMOND	-		P. TAYLOR	2	2A
M. HAYNES	3	1A	J. CHARMAN	1	1A
R. KIDDLE	-		L. KELSO	-	
C. JONES	4		M. COLLA	-	2A
W. LALOR	-		F.REALE	1	
G. MCMANUS	1		G. FIELD	-	
B. MINNETT	-	1A			
J. MONTGOMERY	-				
M. QUAILEY	4				
J. QUINN	-				
M. RYAN	4				
S. WATSON	3	1A			

A = APOLOGY, L/A = LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Board Meetings

M. Quailey	3	
M.Haynes	3	
J. Stone	3	
S. Watson	2	1A
S. Murray	2	1A

SENIOR ACTIVE

P. DAYHEW	3	
P. CROMBIE-BROWN	1	
W. EDWARDS	4	
S. GONCHAROFF	2	
D. KEEN	1	1A
A. MOORE	-	
S. MURRAY	2	2A
J. NICHOLLS	-	

JUNIOR ACTIVE

D. CALLAGHAN	-	
M. DAYHEW	1	
K. JEFFERIES	-	
D. MAMMONE	-	
J. KEEN	-	1A
L. WILLIAMSON	-	
M.TOWNING	-	
S. MORGAN	-	
J. MCGRATH	-	

HONORARY MEMBERS

FR T. BELL	1	2A
S.KIDD	-	1A
M.CROUCHER	-	

2009 GRAND FINAL APPOINTMENTS



A GRADE Narraweena –v- Christian Brothers

REFEREE: NATHAN SMITH

TOUCH JUDGES: FRANK REALE & MARTIN RYAN



Under 19's Berowra – v – Manly Cove

REFEREE: SCOT MURRAY

TOUCH JUDGES: JAMES CHARMAN & PAUL TAYLOR



Under 16's Asquith – v- Berowra

REFEREE: DANIEL RUHAN

TOUCH JUDGES: MICHAEL COLLA & PETER CROMBIE BROWN



Under 14's Berowra –v- Hills Hawks

REFEREE: WAYNE EDWARDS

TOUCH JUDGES: ASHER MOORE & PAUL TAYLOR



Under 13's Pennant Hills –v- Berowra

REFEREE: JOHN KAY

TOUCH JUDGES: ASHER MOORE & DAVID CALLAGHAN



Under 12's Pennant Hills –v- Asquith

REFEREE: JAMES CHARMAN

TOUCH JUDGES: DAVID CALLAGHAN & MICHAEL COLLA



Under 11's Pennant Hills –v- North Sydney Brothers

REFEREE: MICHAEL COLLA

TOUCH JUDGES: ASHER MOORE & WAYNE EDWARDS



Under 10's North Sydney Brothers(B) –v- Pennant Hills (B)

REFEREE: JOSH NICHOLS

TOUCH JUDGES: PETER DAYHEW & JOHN KAY



Under 9's Berowra –v- Asquith

REFEREE: MICHAEL QUAILEY

TOUCH JUDGES: PETER DAYHEW & JAMES CHARMAN



A Tribute to Mr. John Quinn

(22/12/1921 – 17/09/2009)



John and Mary Quinn at an Association Ladies Night in the mid 1970s.

In the film *It's a Wonderful Life*, to prove the worth of his life, Jimmy Stewart's character George Bailey had to be shown what his hometown would have been like if he had not been born. John Quinn would not have needed such drastic course of action as his countless friends and colleagues were a constant reminder to him of how we felt about him.

It is not an understatement to say that John Quinn was the rock upon which our modern Association has been built.

John was born on December 22, 1921 in what was then, the Western Suburbs of Sydney – Ashfield. He grew up and went to school in the area. By all accounts, John was a handy Rugby League player. His skills were identified and he was graded by Wests in 1939 and was the Third Grade fullback that year.

On September 7, 1942 John enlisted in the Australian Army (at Wauchope) he would serve in New Guinea as an Ambulance Driver. He was discharged from the Army on September 30, 1946 having reached the rank of Sergeant.

While in New Guinea, John suffered an injury while playing in a League game. This injury would prevent him from playing league ever again.

In 1947, John married Mary Di Blasi and they purchased land at Hinkler Crescent, Lane Cove and built their home. They subsequently raised their two boys, Peter and Philip there.

In 1950, John gained his Referees' Ticket and he joined North Sydney Referees Association that year. At the time of his passing, he had been a member over 59 years. His Ticket Number was 63.

Detailed Association records for the 1950s and much of the 1960s are not available but John played an active role in Association matters throughout these years while also raising his family and his employment at Anthony Hordens as a Staff Welfare Officer. John was also a very talented drummer with the company band.

In, 1967, John was elected Social Secretary and did such a good job; he was awarded the Bob Purcell Trophy for that year. He remained as Social Secretary for the next five years from 1968 to 1972. During this time he transformed the social functions of our Association, the most important was in 1969 when the Annual Smoko was changed to a Ladies Night (which is now our Annual Presentation Night).

In 1968, John took on the additional role of Vice President, a position he held again in 1969. In 1970, he stepped up to Senior Vice President, a position he held also in 1971 and 1972.

In 1969, John was awarded the ultimate honour when he was made a Life Member of the Association.

At the conclusion of the 1972 season, John was again awarded the Bob Purcell Trophy.

However, John's greatest contribution to the Association and the lives of its members was yet to come.

In 1973, John was elected President, a position he would hold for the next 11 years until he did not seek re-election after the 1983 season.

John's tenure as President was coupled with him holding the position of Chairman of the Appointments Board/Director of Referees from 1969 to 1983.

After becoming Association President, John was deeply involved with the Association both on and off the field. He took an active interest in all the committees of the Association as well as taking a personal interest in the development of individual referees. Before John assumed these two leading and demanding roles, North Sydney did not have many new referees added to the graded ranks. His years of hard work eventually paid off and the following members were graded under his guidance:

- Ron Atkinson
- Hillary Griffiths
- Colin Jones
- Vince Smith
- Steve Betts



John (right) with Bert Cowley running lines at a Referees Touch Football day. That's Keith Page in the middle.



John with Hillary Griffiths after Hillary was graded (1978 or 1979).

His legacy continued even after he ceased active involvement at the end of 1983. John continued to lobby hard for our members with NSW Referees. The following are members who started their careers with John as their mentor and were graded after 1983:

- Robert Kiddle
- Jim Neal
- Steve Clark
- Martin Ryan

It is well known that John immensely enjoyed refereeing the younger age groups (Under 6, 7 and 8s). From 1966 to 1983 (except for 1975), John refereed the Under 7 or Under 6 Grand Final, whichever was the lowest. He would always conclude each game by gathering the players around him in a circle and giving them a talk.

In fact, that is my first memory of John, seated in the middle of a circle of people only this time it was referees. The weekend after I gained my ticket, Brian Barry took me to a coaching seminar the Association was holding at St Leo's College. When we entered the hall, I noted a group of people gathered around a man sitting on a chair. I was then introduced to John Quinn (seated). John stated that "I would kill them with my moustache!"

From that moment on I gained a mentor and valued friend, a person who was there for me when I needed help and support.

From Grand Final Day 1983 throughout the off-season to the AGM in February 1984, we were an Association in turmoil. It is not something deserves to be dwelt on here, suffice to say that John did not deserve what happened and he did not seek re-election for 1984. That was the only time I disagreed with John as I felt he should have stood for election and sought a mandate from the members. These problems caused John great angst and he did not attend an Association meeting or function for a number of years.

Our loss was certainly the Junior League's gain.

John had already been made a Life Member of the Junior League in 1980. When his services were available, he was elected Secretary of the Junior League (the role of Secretary would later evolve into the Junior League Administrator) in 1984 and held that position in 1985 and 1986. In 1987 he was elected President of the Junior League and also in 1988 and 1989. In 1990 he assumed the role of Treasurer of the Junior League and held that position until 2007 when he was forced to retire due to declining health.

In 1987, the District Club elected John a Life Member.

In 1990 he added the additional role of Junior Representative Team Secretary. This was another position he held until his health declined.



John always cooked a great BBQ. That's Robert Kiddle on the left and I believe Chris Hopkins' father in the middle.

His work for Junior League and the Junior Reps was recognised when he was elected a Life Member of the NSWRL Junior League Association.

During the troubles of the late 1990s, the Junior League turned to John and asked him to again be Chairman of the Appointments Board and at John's request I joined him as the Secretary. I learned so much from him during our time together doing the appointments.

As many would know, John always called players by their number, even when the player had retired. He had similar way with referees. Stan was always "The Sarge" and Aaron Brownlow "Rumbelow" to name but two.

Even as his health declined, he took a great interest in the progress of our members and was very pleased that Jon Stone was graded last year.

To be elected a Life Member of one body is a great achievement in itself but to be elected a Life Member of four different bodies is an extraordinary achievement that speaks volumes for the love and dedication that John had for Rugby League.



Association Life Members at function during the 1993 season.

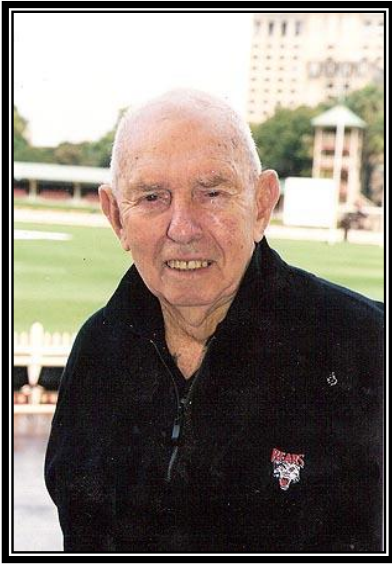
Back Row (L to R): John Boyle, Colin Jones, Ron Carey, Bert Cowley, John Montgomery, Brian Barry, Geoff McManus, John Byrne and Brian Minnett.

Front Row (L to R): Bill Lalor, Unknown, Ray Smyth and John Quinn.

To those of us who knew John, we will miss him greatly but take comfort that wisdom he bestowed on us and the friendship he gave us will remain with us always.

To Mary, Philip and family, we extend our deepest sympathies on your loss and thank you for sharing your husband and father with us.

Michael Quailey
Chairman



Memories of John Quinn

From Colin Jones (on hearing of John's passing)

"Strangely enough, today I was required to referee a game at work shortly after receiving the sad news. It gave me extra focus for a task which I normally would not have to give a second thought to. The players wanted to know why I was wearing a black arm-band...and I found it difficult to express myself without losing some composure after the game. All I could say was that I have lost a dear friend."

From John Byrne

"A JQ moment that is probably insignificant to all and sundry but I remember it as if it was yesterday. In the mid 60's (I think it was 64) having received my junior referees' badge, my first appointment was to run the line at Waverton Park. Mr. Quinn was the referee. He had to draw the attention of the young (13) John Byrne, proudly decked out in

his brand new gear, that he did not need the foam padding that came in his brand new, white shorts."

From John Kay and Daniel Ruhan (from a letter to the Quinn Family)

"My name is John Kay; I am a referee with North Sydney Referring Association (NSRA).

Nine years ago myself and Daniel Ruhan joined the NSRA, and it was nine years ago that Mr. Q or John took us under his wing and taught us the finer details of becoming a referee and as I remember him saying, there is a big difference between being a referee and a being a good referee.

If I ever had a problem I could always rely on Mr. Q to help me out.

On behalf of Daniel and myself I would like to pass on our condolences to your whole family. A truly great man has passed away and he will never be forgotten by many people.

Again I am very sorry for your loss and I wish happiness on your entire family through these tough times."

From Anthony Smith

I was refereeing an Under 8 match at Warrina St very early on in my career. At the end of the game, Mr. Quinn comes over to me (I was scared of him) and said "Good game Nathan.... lots of work to do, but at least your boots are shiny!"

From Brian Daveron

"There was a Norths Referees' executive meeting at JQ's place in approx 1974 after our Smoko and when it came to social matters, John asked members how they thought the Smoko went. As Assistant Secretary I commented that a number of the members did not think the drummer performed well (I did not know at that time that John played the drums). John became slightly upset at my comments and said that he thought the drummer performed very well and that the members who complained knew very little of being a drummer. After the meeting Mary Quinn proved a good supper and there was no mention of the drummer again."

From Stan Watson

“John Quinn gave me the nickname of "The Sarge" or "The Sargeant". That nickname was given to me from the day that I was introduced to John Quinn. Whenever I rang John's house to speak to him and identified myself as Stan Watson, John would not know who it was and would repeat a few times "Who is it?" until I said "It's the Sarge". John Quinn may have called former and current players by their playing position number but he certainly gave the referees a name and called them by that name.”

From Geoff McManus

“Just a memory of John at one of our ladies nights at Mowbray Gardens referring to the quality of the ladies "frocking" such a quaint term I haven't ever heard it said since.”

From Jon Stone

I could tell many a story of Mr Quinn, but I think one sums up the man and the respect that everyone had for him. One Saturday afternoon a few years ago I was doing advisory work at Dural Park, Mr Quinn was also present at the ground. At the conclusion of fixtures I had to rush to Greenway Park to watch a number of other young referees'. As I took off along New Line Road, I travelled down the hill, as I started to come up the hill traffic slowed... I was stuck behind Mr Quinn! Although I had opportunity to overtake and get to Greenway Park a lot quicker, I remained behind Mr Quinn and followed him the whole way at 40km/h, as I know I would have been on the end of a lecture on arrival had I overtaken him. Mr Quinn you will be sorely missed.

From Martin Ryan

“Like so many, I have a vivid recollection of John Quinn giving my team a short lecture on the rules, after I played a game at Waverton Park in 1971. It's strange I would remember such a thing - I can attribute it only to John Quinn's most distinctive, gravelly voice.

My next recollection was of my first ever training session with the Referees Association. It was a hot February evening in 1979. As I arrived, I observed a dozen or so referees exercising in a circle, with the same gravelly voice orchestrating proceedings from a director's chair in the centre. Yes, it was him again.

I soon learned that nothing happened in Junior League in North Sydney that John Quinn did not know about, very little happened in which he was not involved, and much of the remainder was inspired or lead by John himself.

Over the next three decades I received advice and direction from John that helped me to be a better referee. Much of the advice was quite prescriptive and freely bestowed, often prefaced with a remark like "do you know what your problem is?" This was another distinctive part of John's personal style.

I am a much better person for the privilege of having known John Quinn. By knowing John I came to experience what wholehearted devotion looks like, and feels like. John constantly showed wholehearted devotion to the Rugby League community of North Sydney. May he rest in peace.”

ELECTION OF 2010 OFFICE BEARERS

PATRON

CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

DIRECTOR OF COACHING & DEVELOPMENT

DIRECTOR OF MEMBERS SERVICES

DELEGATE TO NSWRLRA

DELEGATE TO NSDJRL

HONORARY AUDITORS

DELEGATE INCIDENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

MEETING DATES 2010

Board Meeting

10th February 2010, Venue T.B.A

20th May 2010, Venue T.B.A

15th September 2010, Venue T.B.A

General Meetings

29th March 2010, Asquith Leagues Club

21st June 2010, Asquith Leagues Club

23rd August 2010, Asquith Leagues Club

AGM

15th December 2010, North Sydney Leagues Club

****All dates to be confirmed pending venue availability****