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North Sydney District Rugby League Referees' Association Inc.

Annual Report Season 2015

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NORTH SYDNEY DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES' ASSOCIATION INC.

Notice of Annual General Meeting
For the Presentation of the
**Annual Report and Financial Accounts for
Season 2015**

To be held at
ASQUITH LEAGUES CLUB LIMITED
11-37 Alexandria Parade,
Waitara

On
Thursday 17th December, 2015
At 7:30pm

North Sydney District Rugby League

Referees' Association Inc.

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Agenda
Annual General Meeting
Thursday 17th December 2015

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:

That no member will be put up for life membership in 2015.
10. GENERAL BUSINESS

MICHAEL QUAILEY
CHAIRMAN

JAMES CHARMAN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER



OFFICE BEARERS SEASON 2015

PATRON

Mrs Elizabeth Quailey

CHAIRMAN

Mr Michael Quailey

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Vacant (Until 18/2/2015)

Mr James Charman (From 18/2/15)

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Vacant (Until 30/03/2015)

Mr James Leane (From 30/03/2015)

DIRECTOR OF REFEREE DEVELOPMENT

Mr Chris Hopkins

DIRECTOR OF MEMBER SERVICES

Mr Scot Murray

DELEGATE TO NSWRL REFEREES'

Mr Stan Watson

DELEGATE TO NORTH SYDNEY JUNIOR LEAGUE

Mr Michael Colla

HONORARY AUDITORS

Mr Martin Ryan & Mr Geoff McManus

CONTROLLER OF PAYMENTS

Mr Michael Quailey

PUBLIC OFFICER

Mr Michael Quailey

GEAR STEWARD

Mr Patrick La Torraca

ACCREDITATION PROVIDER

Mr Stan Watson



LEVEL 2 COACHING STAFF

Mr Wayne Edwards
Mr Michael Haynes
Mr Colin Jones
Mr Scot Murray
Mr Michael Quailey
Mr Jonathon Stone
Mr Stan Watson

LEVEL 1 COACHING STAFF

Mr James Charman
Ms Ilana Crawford
Mr Graeme Field
Mr Chris Hopkins

COMMITTEES

LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Messrs: Michael Haynes, Geoff McManus, Michael Quailey

JOHN QUINN TROPHY COMMITTEE

Messrs: Michael Quailey, Geoff McManus, Colin Jones, Chris Hopkins, James Charman.

NORTH SYDNEY JUNIOR LEAGUE POSITIONS

REFEREES' APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Michael Quailey & Mr. Chris Hopkins

ADVISORY BOARD

Referees Advisors are now appointed by the Association from the pool of qualified CMO Coaches.

REPRESENTATIVES ON THE JUDICIARY

Messrs: Colin Jones, Michael Quailey & Stan Watson

INCIDENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Did not operate



**North Sydney District Rugby League Referees Association
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Held at North Sydney Leagues Club on 17th December 2014**

Meeting Commenced: 19:38

Chairman: Michael Quailey

Attendance: Brian Barry, James Charman, Michael Colla, Wayne Edwards, Colin Jones, Michael Haynes, Chris Hopkins, Sam Morgan, Geoff McManus, Scot Murray, Michael Quailey, Martin Ryan, Nathan Smith, Paul Taylor, Stan Watson (14)

Junior: Marty Hopkins

Minute Silence: A Minutes silence was held in remembrance of our fellow referees.

Guests: Acknowledgement of visitor Mary McManus, Life Members, junior member Marty Hopkins, and grade members by the Chairman.

Apologies: Tom Murphy, Steve Palin, Jon Stone, Steve Betts
Moved: Watson/Taylor. Accepted

Minutes of previous AGM: Minutes of the 2013 are included in the Annual Report.
Moved that they be taken as read. Geoff McManus. Seconded Brian Barry. Carried.

Errors or Omissions: Nil

Business Arising: Nil

Correspondence in: Absences as per the apologies.

Correspondence out: Notice of AGM and Annual Report distributed to all members.
Moved that the Executive Officer's actions be endorsed - Paul Taylor. Seconded Scot Murray. Carried.

Presentation of the Annual Report and Financial Accounts

Adoption of Annual Report: The Chairman put forward the Annual Report for adoption. Colin Jones spoke in favour of the report and formally moved for its adoption. Very impressive, comprehensive document. Excellent coverage of all aspects of the season.

Brian Barry seconded Mr. Jones' remarks. The motion was put and was carried.



Adoption of Financial Accounts: Geoff McManus spoke on the quality of the accounts and excellent job performed by the Director of Finance on the report. No problems there. Commended on the fantastic job Mike has done in the last 13 years

Mr. Ryan moved for adoption of the accounts. Seconded Geoff McManus. Carried.

Notice of Motion: Nil.

Election of the Board of Directors.

Moved that Mr. Quailey remain in the chair for the elections. Mike Haynes, 2nd Brian Barry. Carried.

The Chairman declared all positions vacant.

Chairman: Nomination for Michael Quailey. There being no further nominations, Mr. Quailey was declared elected unopposed.

Executive Officer: Nominations were made for Wayne Edwards (declined), Michael Colla (declined), Stan Watson (declined), and Chris Hopkins (declined). The position was declared vacant. The Board will attempt to fill the position as per the constitution.

Director of Finance: Nominations were made for Mike Haynes (declined), Martin Ryan (declined) and Michael Colla (declined). The position was declared vacant. The Board will attempt to fill the position as per the constitution.

Director of Referee Development: Nomination for Chris Hopkins (accepted), Colin Jones (declined), Stan Watson (declined). There being no further nominations, Mr. Hopkins was declared elected unopposed.

Director of Members Services: Nomination for Scot Murray (accepted), Michael Colla (declined). There being no further nominations, Mr. Murray was declared elected unopposed.

Life Membership Committee recommendation.

That no member placed before the meeting for consideration of life membership for the year 2014.

General Business

🗨️ There is a proposal for Pennant Hills & Hills Hawks Clubs to merge. Further discussions to take place.

🗨️ New club – Ku-ring-gai cubs at St. Ives. Bruce Walker is the director.

🗨️ At the Junior League AGM, a revamped Board was elected.

🗨️ President – Perry Lopez

🗨️ Vice President – Gary Bigg

🗨️ Registrar – Carmel Paterson

🗨️ Treasurer – Julianne Bowen

🗨️ Board of Management members – David Choy, Gordon Boath, Brent Banning, Anthony Aloe, Matt Girvan, Peter Urbaniak,

🗨️ Junior League Administrator – Josh Hyland. The previous Junior League Administrator, Brent Pigram, will be moving to a role with the NSWRL.

🗨️ Next Junior League meeting is on the 20th January which is on a Tuesday.



🎧 Brian Barry – congratulations to Michael Quailey on receiving the Dennis Braybrook Award from NSW Referees and congratulations to Scot Murray on receiving life membership. Thankless job, you can never please the crowd.

🎧 John Quinn Trophy Committee: Nominations

- 🗳️ Colin Jones – accepted (last years' winner)
- 🗳️ Haynes, Quailey, McManus, Hopkins – accepted
- 🗳️ Smith, Ryan – declined

🗳️ Messrs. Jones, Haynes, Quailey, McManus and Hopkins were declared elected.

🎧 Life Membership Committee: Nominations

- 🗳️ Geoff McManus, Michael Quailey, Mike Haynes (accepted)
- 🗳️ Brian Barry – (declined)

🗳️ Messrs. McManus, Quailey and Haynes were declared elected.

🎧 New Gear for 2015. There was a presentation by the chairman for a new on field jersey and off field polo shirt. The theme of the new gear was to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of ANZAC and the 70th Anniversary since the end of WWII. Members will have the opportunity to have the names of relatives who served or were affected by these conflicts recorded on the gear. It is anticipated that the gear will be handed out at this year's seminar.

🗳️ The proposal was enthusiastically received by those present.

🎧 Brian Barry Spoke about how great a job Mike Haynes has done as the role of Director of Finance for the past 13 years.

🎧 Mike Haynes – thanked the members and Brian Barry for his support- it was because of him he had a desire to represent our association on the judiciary.

Meeting closed 20:36



Patron's Message



To the Chairman, Board and Members

It has given me great pleasure to once again act as Patron of the Association for 2015.

This year I attended a social Bowling Night in June and the Trivia Night in August and it was lovely to be with the Referees and their families.

I would like to congratulate all members on their achievements in 2015 and in particular the Juniors, all of whom did very well. I frequently sought updates from the Chairman in order to follow their progress throughout the year and I was also able to attend a few games.

The Presentation Night was a wonderful occasion and congratulations to all those who received awards. I was presented with a lovely arrangement of flowers by James Miller and I appreciate the gift very much and I thank all of the Referees for their thoughtfulness.

It is a great privilege to be able to make a contribution to assist the first year junior referees start their careers and I look forward to continuing this arrangement in 2016 and beyond.

Elizabeth Quailey
Patron



Chairman's Report



Fellow Members,

With the 2015 season now complete, it is time to reflect on our year while looking forward to 2016.

2015 was no less challenging than the last few seasons. As always, we rise to these challenges and meet them with dedication and commitment and our accomplishments are there for all to see. Although small in numbers, we are big in heart and North Sydney Referees continues to make outstanding contributions to the game of Rugby League, not only at a local level but at the higher echelons of the game.

At the 2014 AGM, Michael Haynes stepped down from the position of Director of Finance and Wayne Edwards was unable to continue on in the role of Executive Officer. Michael had been a pillar of the Board for many seasons and his experience a sage advice would be missed. Wayne had slipped into the role of Executive Officer and made it his own but he was unable to devote his time to role in 2015. On the night of the AGM, these roles were not filled. This necessitated existing Board members taking on additional responsibilities until these positions were eventually filled. Stepping up to the plate were James Leane in the role of Director of Finance and James Charman, despite his own hectic schedule, stepped into the role of Executive Officer. We are fortunate to have these members on the Board.

2015 was a special year as we honoured 100 years of ANZAC and 70 years since the end of WWII. We designed special on and off field gear that allowed us to remember their sacrifice and also our relatives who served and in some cases, paid the supreme sacrifice whether they be servicemen or civilians, of these two conflicts. The second part of our annual seminar was dedicated to the memory of our servicemen and we learned firsthand, the stories of four of our relatives who served in WWI. At times, these stores were deeply moving and they were a reminder of what our country was like 100 years ago.

We had three new members join us this year. Michael Dumas joined us from Penrith after moving into the area and Abel Freeman joined us from Queensland after being transferred to Sydney by his employer (the Navy). Their experience was a welcomed addition to the association. One new Junior Referee started, Joey La Torraca (brother of Pat) who showed great enthusiasm and good ability for his first year. They progressed well as the season went on and were rewarded with appointments on Grand Final Day.

Returning from last year were Nathan Guptill, Martin Hopkins, James Miller and Joshua Vale. All were always willing to listen to advice, they went from strength to strength over the course of the season.



Nathan Guptill received the Vince Smith Junior Encouragement Award which was most thoroughly deserved.

Michael Colla continued in the Junior Representative Squad in 2015 and received his first centre appointments. I was fortunate to be at Kogarah Oval for his first centre and I very proud of his achievement. Congratulations Michael.

Our Sunday squad performed at a high standard and endured a mixture of games. We were able to assist our friends at Manly on a number of occasions throughout the year. Ably led by Chris Hopkins, Michael Colla, Martin Ryan, Stuart Kidd, Michael Dumas, Abel Freeman and James Charman all pitched in and covered the games for us. Martin Hopkins and Nathan Guptill also put their hands up to run lines for us. Many thanks

Our graded members again did us proud with the highlight being Jon Stone making the occasional appearance in first grade on the line and excellent performances in the centre in the Under 20 competition and, like last year featured in the finals series and only just missed out on the Grand Final. Our other graded members Scot Murray and Nathan Smith acquitted themselves well but have announced their retirements from grade. May be grades loss will be our gain? Congratulations to all.

Ilana Crawford gained her Level 1 CMO qualification in the off season and put it to good use throughout the year. Despite not enjoying the best of health, Ilana still made a valuable contribution to the development of our referees as well as learning the role of a Coach/Advisor. Ilana continues to be a trail blazer for women with her continued involvement with the game of Rugby League.

In baby news, Abel and Teagan Freeman now have a baby daughter Ava Jayne. Congratulations. A special thank you goes to Scot Murray who was a most deserving winner of the John Quinn Trophy for 2015. Despite many commitments, Scot still found time for us and went above and beyond what his position requires. His dedication, enthusiasm plus his commitment to coaching and developing our referees are first class.

Congratulations to Chris Hopkins on receiving the Association's Men of League award. This was thoroughly deserved and a fine reward for all your efforts.

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.

Thanks also to the Junior League and in particular Josh Hyland and Greg Florimo. This was Josh's first year in the difficult role of Junior League Administrator. Josh is really keen to see Rugby League improve its standing in this area and he is to be commended for his efforts. He also pioneering the implementation of a points system for Judiciary. Thanks Josh for all your efforts. This year saw a new club formed to help fill the void in the middle part of the district. Welcome to the Ku-ring-gai Cubs under the careful eye of Bruce Walker. There may also be an attempt to revive the old West Pymble club which would be wonderful to see.

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

Now to our Board Members:



- 🗣️ Executive Officer James Charman. James stepped this role in 2015 despite the demands of his job and young family. At all times he devoted as much of time as possible, displayed the outmost professionalism with his Association duties and we should all thank him for his efforts.



- 🗣️ Director of Finance James Leane. James stepped into this role and had a big pair of shoes to fill and he filled them admirably. Keen to learn all facets of the job, James was quickly up to the task of handling the Association's finances.



- 🗣️ Director of Referee Development Chris Hopkins. Chris' second in the job was an outstanding success. Under Chris' guidance, the Association staged a highly successful seminar and with his vast experience, provided our active referees with sound and knowledgeable guidance. Training was always interesting with Chris at the helm.



- 🗣️ Director of Member Services Scot Murray had another outstanding year. He helped in organising our special on field gear as well as the bowling night and the trivia night. A to cap it all off, there was our wonderful presentation evening.



To all Board members, thank you and congratulations on your efforts in 2015.

During the season, we worked closely with our friends from Manly to ensure that all games were covered. Many thanks to Shane Charman and Luke Eisenhauer and we look forward to working with you in 2016.



During the season, my wife and I attended Balmain's 100th Anniversary dinner where we enjoyed fine hospitality and good company. Our congratulations are extended to Balmain Association on this wonderful achievement.

I would like to thank the Association for the honour of being the inaugural recipient of the Smyth-Montgomery Medal. This medal was struck to commemorate the memory and achievements of two of this Association's great pioneers. While this award recognises individual achievement, it would not be possible to receive it without the support of colleagues and family over a considerable period of time. To the gentlemen who spoke in presenting the award, Brian Barry (through Col Jones), Michael Haynes and Jon Stone, a special thank you for your words.

To my wife Lizzie, thank you for everything that you do and put up with. Your love and support means so much to me and I could not do this job if not for her generosity and encouragement. Thank you so much

Our summer passions of Cricket, Baseball and American Football have commenced. Enjoy the break and be ready to work hard to keep Rugby League alive and thriving in our district in 2016.

Michael Quailey
Chairman



John Montgomery's son and daughter - John Montgomery and Ann Lentic, attended the Presentation Evening to assist in presenting the Smyth-Montgomery Medal



Executive Officer's Report



Mr Chairman and fellow members,

It gives me great pleasure to present the Annual Report for Season 2015. A year in which we as an association joined in the commemorations for the centenary of the ANZAC tradition and seventy years since the end of WWII. Many of us had family members who fought in these conflicts and it was a humbling experience to be able to honour on our jerseys our relatives who served, as well as to hear some of the stories at our ANZAC ceremony which formed part of our pre-season seminar.

Thankfully we live in an era where there is no call or requirement to enter into service to fight for our country and freedoms and the closest most of us will ever get to experience such horrors is from the comfort of our couches. To those who are still old enough to have served I salute and thank you for your courage and sacrifice. To our family members who either never returned or are no longer with us, we will remember.

It was great to see our 2015 ANZAC commemorative jersey receive air time on SBS in April. Thanks to former Manly referee Laurie Lawria who filmed and interviewed our members and to SBS for running the story.

We had a strong year on the field with good performances all round. I was able to get to a few grounds this year to watch some of our junior referees run around. If the standard of refereeing I saw are anything to go by then our association is in good hands for the coming years. I was also encouraged to see some members make the transition to senior footy in 2015. That is a credit both to our active members and our coaches. Keep up the good work.

Many of us enjoyed the return of the bowling night. All involved had a lot of fun and it was nice to see our family members also participate. I would like to see this become a regular event on our calendar.

Earlier in the year three of our members, Col Jones, Chris Hopkins, & Marty Hopkins participated in the annual Balmain Golf Day. All reports were the day was a great success and everyone enjoyed the event.



Grand Final day was again a big success with quality performances both from the players and our officials. Our esteemed coaches clearly thought it was worth pointing out:



But of course the excitement of the day took its toll on some of us:





Congratulations to Asquith U13s & 14s for winning through to the joint competition grand finals in both those grades. This ensured our members were granted the appointments at Brookvale Oval. Again all appointed members represented our association well.

I was surprised on arrival at Brookvale to see how young Manly start their competitions:



My youngest wanted to join in but at 18 months he was too old to participate:



Well done to Nathan Guptill on receiving the Vince Smith Junour Encouragement Award. The trophy will remain in the Guptill household for another year having gone to Dylan last year. I watched some of your games this year and you were well deserving of the award.

Congratulations to Michael Colla for his second A2 grade grand final appointment in two years. You were a standout amongst the senior referees and I enjoyed both working with you on the field and competing with you at the top level in our local competition. Having four to five senior referees at A grade level creates healthy competition and brings out the best in each of us.

Well done to Scot Murray for being awarded the John Quinn Memorial Trophy. Your hard work and dedication this year is a credit to you.

Thank you to my fellow board members, Michael Quailey, Scot Murray, Chris Hopkins, and James Leane. It has been a busy year for me and your assistance has really helped me fulfil the requirements of this role. If I have the opportunity to represent our association on the board again I would look forward to working with you.



Thank you to Wayne Edwards who chose not to continue in the role again this year. Your attention to detail and organisational skills made the transition much easier for me.

At the end of 2014 I gave up gear steward responsibilities and Pat La Torraca volunteered to take it on. I greatly appreciate your involvement in this role and you managed it really well (I would still like to receive my new cap though). Thank you for taking it on.

I would like to give a special mention to our Chairman Michael Quailey. He is a worthy recipient of the inaugural Smythe-Montgomery Medal and truly encapsulates the purpose for its introduction.

Having already served as Executive Officer in 2012 I knew the dedication the role requires. The demands of a young family meant I was not able to continue in the role following that season. Knowing the role was vacant at the start of the year I offered to assist with some of the administration tasks. After discussing with Michael the time restraints I had, he and the board members were willing to assist with some of the demands of the role. Michael has been of great assistance stepping way beyond his own responsibilities as chairman and taking on some of the administration tasks throughout the year. This is a true reflection of the dedication he has to the association. I could not think of anyone more deserving of this award.

Finally I would like to thank my wife Sally, who has supported me throughout the year and enabled me to take on this role, even when it meant a few extra nights away from the family.

To all members I wish you and your families an enjoyable and relaxing time over the festive season and look forward to seeing you back next year. My off season will hopefully allow me to do more of this:



James Charman

Executive Officer



Director of Referees' Development



North Sydney District Junior League has been very fortunate in 2015. Apart from a very small number (less than a handful) of games played under the mini footy rules, every game this season had a suitably qualified and experienced referee appointed to officiate

Also, every game played under international rules had Touch Judges appointed too. This is a credit to hard working and dedicated team of active referees in our district. Not every district is able to boast this level of achievement. In 2014 we focused on building the competence and confidence of our Junior referees, and in 2015 we were able to capitalize on the progress made in these key areas by building the capacity of our referees to handle more complex situations.

Training and seminars were well attended by our active referees and our coaches. Despite the range of commitments our referees have (including school, study, work and family) it was heartening to see such enthusiasm for participating in our weekly training and our seminars. We seriously challenged our referees in regard to their fitness this year and most responded very positively to the challenge.

We all know that refereeing Rugby League is not an easy task. It requires a combination of skills and characteristics including fitness, knowledge of the rules, communication, positive attitude, resilience, tenacity, and common sense. During 2015 we have attempted to develop all of these qualities in our active referees. The improvement across the whole squad during the season shows that we have done a good job in this regard. We will continue working to get the very best out of our referees in 2016.

Congratulations to all referees for a wonderful season, especially to Nathan Guptill for winning the Vince Smith Junior Encouragement Award. Nathan was a deserving recipient from a long list of Junior referees who had performed particularly well throughout the season and were also in contention for this highly coveted award.

We welcomed three new referees into our association: Michael Dumas, Abel Freeman and Joey La Torraca were valuable additions to our ranks. All three fitted in well and were able to contribute significantly to our achievements in 2015. We look forward to seeing them continuing their refereeing careers in North Sydney in the years ahead.

We had two referees join the NSWRLRA Emerging Talent Squad in 2015. Both Dylan Guptill and Sam Morgan deserved their spot in the squad this year. James Leane will be joining this squad in 2016 and this is a just reward for all the hard work James has put in during the season both on and off the field. Referees



who have participated in this squad have benefited from some additional training and a wide range of other experiences aimed at preparing them for further advancement in their refereeing careers.

One of the aspects of referee development which we can be very proud of in North Sydney is the number of active and qualified coaches who are available to assist our active referees. The following members were active as coaches this season: Ilana Crawford, Colin Jones, Stan Watson, Michael Haynes, Jon Stone, Scott Murray, Nathan Smith, Michael Quailey, Graham Field and Martin Ryan. When you look through that list of names, you can only be impressed with the depth and breadth of experience we have access to on a regular basis in North Sydney. Thank you to all of these members who have made a significant contribution to the development of referees in our district.

Again, we need to acknowledge the achievement of Michael Colla who continues to represent our association with distinction in Junior Representative fixtures. The fact that Michael referees all grades from U/6 through to A Grade in North Sydney, equips him well for anything that is dished up to him in these Junior Rep games. We wish him well for season 2016 and I understand he has already started training with the Rep Squad!

Congratulations to all referees who officiated during 2015. We hope you all achieved your goals and we all look forward to seeing everyone back in 2016 ready to achieve even more.

Chris Hopkins

Director of Referee Development





Director of Member Services Report



Mr. Chairman and members,

Firstly, 2015 did not pass without the loss of some people close to the Association. For those who have lost a loved one in the past 12 months, my sincere condolences to you and your families.

The trivia night this year was held in July at Asquith Leagues Club. As in previous years, we aimed to raise money for our own association and the Men of League Foundation. Our thanks must go to Ray Agostino and his staff at Asquith Leagues Club (or as it is now known – Magpies at Waitara) for their assistance on the night. Special thanks also to Doug Keen for running the trivia, a job he is more than happy to do every year. We do not have a final tally on how much was raised as the raffle has not been drawn yet, but it would appear we have easily raised over \$2000 from the night. Thank you to all members who attended and participated.

We returned to the Epping Club for our Ladies Night this year and I believe it was a very successful and enjoyable evening. Thank you to Mr Quailey for assisting with the organising of this event at a time when I was extremely snowed under at work (who would think crooks commit crimes at the end of the football season??).

I think one of my highlights of the year in this role was the donning of the ANZAC commemorative kits that we wore throughout the season. I thought this was a great idea developed by Mr Quailey and having family members emblazoned on the shirts was a nice touch. This was a great way to commemorate 100 years since World War 1 and 70 years since the end of World War 2.

I would like to thank the other Directors of the Association for their assistance this year, both on and off the field. They put in a lot of work behind the scenes and definitely deserve recognition of this. To the other coaches and match day advisors, on behalf of the membership I would like to thank you for your guidance and advice to the active members throughout the season.

I would like to congratulate Michael Colla on refereeing the A Grade grand final in 2015. I have seen your continual development and I look forward to assisting you further in both your local and grade aspirations. To Mr Quailey, congratulations on being the first recipient of the Smyth Montgomery Medal. This was a great achievement and it could not have gone to a worthier recipient. To Nathan Gupstill, my congratulations on receiving the Vince Smith Junior Encouragement Award. I have been lucky enough to watch a few of your performances on the field in recent years and I am impressed by how you referee and take advice on board. You are also a great asset to the association off the field.



I would like to thank those members who have wished me well after I announced my retirement from the Grade Squad at the end of the season due to a recurring injury. I do, however look forward to another role with NSW as a match day assessor. I will also don the boots back at North Sydney when I am needed.

I would like to thank the John Quinn Trophy Committee for believing I was a worthy recipient this year. I was lost for words on the night and I still am now. I just enjoy doing what I can for the association and to help ensure its longevity.

Lastly, I would like to thank my wife for her patience with me this year. Between grade training, appointments, meetings and our own association responsibilities, it does not give us a lot of time together. I think she is relieved that I have retired from Grade and I look forward to spending much needed time with her and my beautiful daughter Makenna.

Moving forward into 2016, I would like to wish all of our members a safe and happy festive season and we will hopefully see you all bright eyed and bushy tailed next year.

Scot Murray
Director of Members Services



New South Wales Rugby League Referees' Association Delegate Report



The North Sydney Referees Association had four members in various grades and squads in season 2015. Those members and their achievements are as follows.

Jon Stone: A member of the NRL Squad was appointed as a touch judge in the NRL during the regular season. Appointed as referee in the under 20 National Youth Competition both as a single referee and as a two referee combination during the regular season and during the first three weeks of the semi-finals series. Jon was standby referee in the National Youth Competition grand final and the State Champions grand final. During the regular season Jon was also standby touch judge in the NRL. A great achievement from Jon, well done. Good luck for season 2016.

Scot Murray: A member of the NSW graded squad. Appointed as a central referee in the State Cup, Ron Massey Cup and Sydney Shield competitions during the regular season. Scot was also appointed as touch judge in the Ron Massey Cup first week of qualifying semi finals and as an in goal judge in the Ron Massey Cup during week two of the qualifying semi finals. During the regular season, Scot was also standby touch judge in the NYC. A great achievement Scot.

Nathan Smith: Also a member of the NSW graded squad, Nathan was appointed as a touch judge in the VB NSW State Cup competition during the season.

Michael Colla: In his second season in the Junior Development Squad was appointed as touch judge during the Harold Matthews and S G Ball Cup competitions during the regular season. Michael was also appointed as a central referee in the Harold Matthews competition and as stand by touch judge in the Holden Cup (NYC) competition throughout the season.

A job well done lads. Congratulations on your achievements this season and for flying the flag high for the Association.

Stan Watson.

Delegate.

Accreditation Provider's Report

In 2015 one member, Abel Freeman, updated his accreditation from Level 1 to Level 2.

Stan Watson.

NRAS Provider



Junior League Grand Finals Appointments North Sydney Oval 29th August 2015 & Brookvale Oval 5th September 2015

A Grade: Avalon v Belrose

Referee: Michael Colla

Touch Judges: Stuart Kidd and James Charman

In Goal: Martin Hopkins and Dylan Guphill



Under 15: Asquith v Narrabeen (Played at Brookvale Oval)

Referee: Chris Hopkins

Touch Judges: James Charman and Michael Colla





Junior League Grand Finals Appointments
North Sydney Oval 29th August 2015 & Brookvale Oval 5th September 2015
(Continued)

Under 14: Asquith v Mona Vale (Played at Brookvale Oval)

Referee: Michael Dumas

Touch Judges: Dylan Guptill and Abel Freeman





Junior League Grand Finals Appointments
North Sydney Oval 29th August 2015 & Brookvale Oval 5th September 2015
(Continued)

Under 12: Lane Cove v NS Brothers
Referee: Dylan Guptill
Touch Judges: Abel Freeman and Pat La Torraca





Junior League Grand Finals Appointments
North Sydney Oval 29th August 2015 & Brookvale Oval 5th September 2015
(Continued)

Under 11: Asquith v Pennant Hills
Referee: Nathan Guptill
Touch Judges: Nathan Albertini and Michael Dumas



Under 10: Lane Cove v Willoughby
Referee: James Leane
Touch Judges: James Miller and Pat La Torraca





Under 9: NS Brothers v Lane Cove
Referee: Martin Hopkins
Touch Judges: Josh Vale and Michael Colla



Mini Gala Day
Referees: Abel Freeman, James Miller, Nathan Albertini, Michael Dumas, Josh Vale,



Director of Finance Report

Mr Chairman and Members,

It was with excitement that I accepted to act as your Director of Finance and it gives me great pleasure to present to you the financial statement of the 2015 season. This year saw no great fluctuation in game numbers. With numbers thin on the ground this year, particularly on Sundays, This meant members were quite busy. There was a slight increase in match fee from last year.

For the fourth year running the Association made a loss. This year the deficit totalled \$5933.87; this can be attributed to the following expenses:

- 🎧 No Sponsor;
- 🎧 100 years of ANZAC commemorative jerseys;
- 🎧 Continued maintenance of on field communication equipment.

It is important to honour the sacrifice the men and women of the Defence Force make for our country and this year marking the 100th anniversary our members worn jerseys with the names of their family who served in defence forces.

This year the Association purchased new head sets for the communication equipment. This investment will allow members to fully utilise this equipment to improve their refereeing and be useful as a coaching tool for refereeing development.

This year's deficit would have been much larger had it not been for the success of the Trivia Night which netted over \$2000, thank you to Mr Scot Murray for organising another successful night.

I would like to thank Mrs Liz Quailey how acted as a Patron for the season and donated the cost of fitting the new junior referees' uniforms.

I would also like to thank Mr Jimmy Oliveria of the New South Wales Rugby League Referees' Association for his continued support.

I would especially like to thank my fellow board members who have help immensely in taking up this role. I would particularly like to thank my predecessor Mr Mike Haynes, who was always a phone call for help and without it I would have struggled.

I look forward to seeing everyone return next year for another refereeing the game we love.

James Leane

Director of Finance



NSDRLRA Balance Sheet as at 31 October 2015

North Sydney Rugby League Referees' Association Inc. Statement of Financial Position as at 31 October 2015

	Notes	2015	2014
Current Assets			
Cash at bank		34,857.85	16,892.68
Deposits		180.00	180.00
Inventory		2,871.53	3,661.85
Accounts Receivables		2,045.00	1,242.61
Other debtors		287.00	193.00
Total Assets		40,241.38	22,170.14
Current Liabilities			
Accounts payable		28,788.52	4,783.41
Total Current Liabilities		28,788.52	4,783.41
Net Assets		11,452.86	17,386.73
Members funds		11,452.86	17,386.73

NSDRLRA Profit and Loss Statement

Income and Expenditure Statement for the period ended 01/11/2014 to 31/10/2015

Income Categories	2015	2014
Donations Received	167.18	1,857.47
Fines	0.00	74.00
Footy Tipping	0.00	470.00
Function Income	3,335.00	3,318.00
Gear Sales	178.00	698.60
Grants	5,665.00	6,260.00
Interest	214.52	308.75
Match Payments Received	24,112.00	23,796.00
Membership Fees	2,758.42	2,722.16
Trivia Night (net)	1,943.30	701.40
Total Income	38,373.42	40,206.38



Expense Categories

Administration Expenses	712.99	722.00
Affiliation fees		70.00
Bank Charges	46.60	36.30
Coaching & Training Expenses (net)	4,431.58	5,522.07
Cost Of Gear Sold	5,042.07	1,770.34
Donations	1,943.30	0.00
Gifts & Flowers	965.75	427.24
Footy Tipping	0.00	380.00
Function Expense	6,623.00	7,564.35
Match Payments Paid	24,122.00	23,796.00
Internet costs	420.00	475.00
Trophies	0.00	1,142.33

Total Expense Categories	44,307.29	41,905.63
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Net Profit/(Loss) For Year	-5,933.87	-1,699.25
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Member's Funds At 1 November	17,386.73	19,085.98
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Member's Funds At 31 October	11,452.86	17,386.73
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Note 2: Functions

	Income	Expense	Net
Annual Dinner	3,335.00	6,230.00	-2,895.00
Grand Final Function		138.00	-138.00
Balmain Referees 100 Anniversary Golf Day		255.00	-255.00

Total Function Income	3,335.00	6,623.00	-3,033.00
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Note 3: Administration Expenses

Administration Grant	1,545.00		1,545.00
Administration expense			0.00
Accounting software		520.00	-520.00
Bank charges		46.60	-46.60
Online Storage		139.99	-139.99
Internet cost		420.00	-420.00
Filing fees		53.00	-53.00

Total Administration Expenses	1,545.00	1,179.59	365.41
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Note 4: Coaching & Development Expenses

Coaching & Development Grant	3,605.00		3,605.00
NSWRL Retention Grant	515.00		515.00
2015 Coaching Match Officials allowances paid		2,094.00	-2,094.00
HSC Ground Hire 2015 season		1,192.00	-1,192.00
Communications equipment		1,145.58	-1,145.58

Total Coaching & Development Expenses	4,120.00	4,431.58	-311.58
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**Note 4: Match Payments**

Net Payments To Members	19,623.40
Affiliation Fees	2,653.42
Fines	0.00
Footy tips	0.00
Presentation dinner	1,425.00
Gear sales	178.00
Donations made	291.18
Patron's donation	-49.00
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	24,122.00

Note 5: Cost of gear sold

Opening Balance of inventory 1/11/14	3,661.85
Less: Gear to members	-178.00
Add: Purchases	4,251.75
less Gear Donated	-2,448.62
Less Stocktake Adjustment	-252.30
2015 gear write off	-2,163.15
Sub-total	2,871.53
Association gear as per stock take	2,871.53
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Inventory as per Statement of Financial Position	<u>2,871.53</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 2015.

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 2015.

(b) The accompanying Balance Sheet represents a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 31st October 2015.

Geoff McManus

Hon. Auditor

Martin Ryan

Hon. Auditor

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Unfortunately, 2015 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.



Honour Roll Life Membership



Our Life Members who attended the Presentation Evening

1935	Stuart Morris*	1960	Ernie Tinsley	1989	Col Jones
1939	Michael Hogan*	1963	Ron Carey*	1990	John Byrne
	J. Turner*	1966	John Montgomery*	1991	Bill Lalor
1942	John Burden*	1967	Brian Barry	1992	John Boyle
1945	Ray Smyth*	1969	John Quinn *	1993	Michael Quailey
1950	Arthur Galbraith*	1975	Geoff McManus	1994	Robert Kiddle
	Aubrey Leane*	1977	John. Porteous*	1997	Martin Ryan
1951	Dave Haldeman*	1978	Brian. Minnett	2003	Stan Watson
1953	Herb Carrick*	1980	Erle Carroll*	2006	Michael Haynes
1955	Tom Bellew OAM*	1981	Ron Hammond	2008	Jon Stone
1956	A. Jones*	1983	Brian Davoren	2013	Scot Murray
1959	Bert Cowley*	1985	Steve Betts		
	Sid Morris*	1986	Anthony E Brown		

*Member Deceased



**The John Quinn Memorial Trophy
(FORMERLY THE BOB PURCELL TROPHY 1962-2009)**

1962 B. Burke	1980 E. Carroll	1998 M. Quailey
1963 J. Montgomery	1981 D. Haberman	1999 M. Haynes
1964 K. Hubbuck	1982 C. Jones	2000 N. Smith
1965 G. McManus	1983 J. Boyle	2001 A. Devcich
1966 B. Barry	1984 E. Carroll	2002 G. Bailey
1967 J. Quinn	1985 M. Quailey	2003 S. Watson
1968 B. Daveron	1986 J. Boyle	2004 N. Smith
1969 B. Minnett	1987 M. Quailey	2005 S. Watson
1970 J. Porteous	1988 J. Melville	2006 J. Stone
1971 E. Carroll	1989 S. Clark	2007 M. Haynes,
1972 J. Quinn	1990 M. Ryan	S. Watson
1973 R. Atkinson	1991 Not Presented	2008 L. Kelso
1974 E. Carroll	1992 J. Neal	2009 S. Murray
1975 F. Payne	1993 R. Kiddle	2010 W. Edwards
1976 A.E. Brown	1994 S. Watson	2011 J. Charman
1977 D. Haberman	1995 J. Boyle	2012 W. Edwards
1978 R. Hammond	1996 S. Edwards	2013 C. Hopkins
1979 S. Betts	1997 M. Ryan	2014 C. Jones



**The John Quinn Memorial Trophy (continued)
(FORMERLY THE BOB PURCELL TROPHY 1962-2009)**

2015 S. Murray





Erle Carroll Memorial Trophy



2015 Michael Colla



Vince Smith Junior Encouragement Award



2015 N. Guptill



Smyth Montgomery Medal (Inaugural)



2015 Michael Quailey







Members with NSWRL Referees' Association Honours

Life Members

1951	Ray Smyth	1973	John Montgomery OAM
1961	Tom Bellew OAM	1974	Brian Barry
1967	Ernie Tinsley	2000	Steve Betts
1969	Bert Cowley	2014	Steve Clark

George & Amy Hansen Trophy

2001	Martin Ryan
2013	Brian Barry

Dennis Braybrook Memorial Trophy

2014	Michael Quailey
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Col Pearce Medal

2006	Steve Clark
2007	Tony Archer
2008	Tony Archer
2010	Tony Archer

Michael Stone Medal

2010	Jon Stone
2011	Jon Stone

Bill Harrigan Trophy

2011	Jon Stone
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MeMbership and Meeting Attendance 2015

Member	Type*	General				AGM	Board		
		25/03/2015 (Adjourned)	30/03/2015	15/06/2015	24/08/2015	17/12/2015	18/02/2015	26/05/2015	9/09/2015
N. ALBERTINI	J	A	1		A				
B. BARRY	L								
Fr .T. BELL	H								
S. BETTS	L	A							
J. BOYLE	L								
A.E BROWN	L								
J. BYRNE	L								
J. CHARMAN	B,S	A	A	A	1		1	1	1
M. COLLA	S	A	1	1	1				
I. CRAWFORD	N								
B. DAVERON	L								
M. DUMAS	S	A	1	1	1				
W. EDWARDS	S	1	1		1				
G. FIELD	N			A					
G. FLORIMO	J								
A. FREEMAN	S	1	A	A	1				
D. GUPTILL	J	1	1	1	1				
N. GUPTILL	J	1	1	1	1				
R. HAMMOND	L								
M. HAYNES	L	A			A				
C. HOPKINS	B,S	1	1	1	1		1	1	1
M. HOPKINS	J	1	A	1	A				
C. JONES	N	1	1	1	1				
S. KIDD	S	A	1	1					
R. KIDDLE	L								
P. LA TORRACA	J	A	1	A					
W. LALOR	L								
J. LEANE	B,J	1	1	1	1			1	1
G. MCMANUS	L	A	A	A	1				
J. MILLER	J	A	1	1					
B. MINNETT	L		1						
S. MORGAN	J	A	1	1	1				
T. MURPHY	N								
S. MURRAY	B,L	A	1	1	1		1	1	1
M. QUAILEY	B,L	1	1	1	1		1	1	1
M. RYAN	L,S	A			A				
N. SMITH	N								
J. STONE	L								
P. TAYLOR	N	A		1	1				
J. VALE	J								
S. WATSON	L	1	1	1	1				

* B=Board Member; L = Life Member, H=Honourary Member; S=Senior Active; J=Junior Active; N=Non-active



Election of 2016 Board of Directors

Chairman: _____

Executive Officer: _____

Director of Finance: _____

Director of Referee Development: _____

Director of Members Services: _____

MEETING DATES 2016

Board Meetings

17th February 2016, Venue T.B.A

11th May 2016, Venue T.B.A

12th September 2016, Venue T.B.A

General Meetings

21st March 2016, Asquith Leagues Club

20th June 2016, Asquith Leagues Club

22nd or 29th August 2016, Asquith Leagues Club *

AGM

12th December 2016, North Sydney Leagues Club

Meeting Dates are subject to change with notice.

*August Meeting depends on date of Junior League Grand Finals