

**North Sydney  
District Rugby  
League  
Referees' Association  
Inc.**

**Annual Report**

**Season 2002**

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Notice of Annual General Meeting

For the Presentation of the

**Annual Report and Balance Sheet for**  
**2002 Season**

To be held at

**North Sydney Leagues Club Limited**

12 Abbott Street,  
Cammeray

Kamaraigal Room

On

**Thursday, December 12th, 2002**

**AT 7.30pm**

# AGENDA

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. A MINUTES SILENCE IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR FELLOW REFEREES
2. VISITORS
3. APOLOGIES
4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
5. CORRESPONDENCE
6. PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET
7. NOTICE OF MOTION
8. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:
  - ❖ PATRON
  - ❖ PRESIDENT
  - ❖ HONORARY SECRETARY
  - ❖ HONORARY TREASURER
  - ❖ MINUTE SECRETARY
  - ❖ SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT
  - ❖ INTERMEDIATE VICE PRESIDENT
  - ❖ JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT
  - ❖ SOCIAL SECRETARY
  - ❖ DELEGATES TO NSW REFEREES ASSOCIATION
  - ❖ DELEGATES TO NORTH SYDNEY JUNIOR LEAGUE
  - ❖ HONORARY AUDITORS (2)
9. LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

THAT NO MEMBER BE PLACED BEFORE THE MEMBERS FOR CONSIDERATION OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR THE YEAR 2002.
10. GENERAL BUSINESS

**MICHAEL QAILEY**  
PRESIDENT

**ADAM DEVCICH**  
SECRETARY



## OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2002

### **PATRON**

Mr Bill Lalor

### **PRESIDENT**

Mr Michael Quailey

### **HONORARY SECRETARY**

Mr Adam Devcich

### **HONORARY TREASURER**

Mr Michael Haynes

### **SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT**

Mr Martin Ryan

### **INTERMEDIATE VICE-PRESIDENT**

Mr Stan Watson

### **JUNIOR VICE-PRESIDENT**

Mr Nathan Smith

### **MINUTES SECRETARY**

Mr Gerard Bailey

### **SOCIAL SECRETARY**

Mr John Stone

### **DELEGATE TO NSW REFEREES**

Mr Stan Watson

### **DELEGATE TO JUNIOR LEAGUE**

Mr Nathan Smith

### **HONORARY AUDITORS**

Mr John Boyle & Mr Martin Ryan

### **CONTROLLER OF PAYMENTS & PUBLIC OFFICER**

Mr Michael Quailey

### **COACHING OFFICIALS**

Mr Brian Minnett - Accreditation  
Mr Gerard Bailey - Skills  
Mr Stan Watson - Skills  
Miss Kate Watson - Physical

### **GEAR STEWARD**

Mr John Stone

### **DELEGATE FROM JUNIOR LEAGUE**

Mr John Quinn

### **COMMITTEES**

#### **LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Messrs: Bill Lalor, Brian Minnett and John Quinn

#### **BOB PURCELL TROPHY COMMITTEE**

Messrs: Michael Quailey (Chairman), John Boyle, Bill Lalor, Brian Minnett, John Quinn, Nathan Smith, Adam Devcich and Jim Brannigan

#### **SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE**

Mr Nathan Smith  
Mr Anthony Smith  
Mr John Stone  
Mr Curtis Dowel

#### **SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

Mr Jon Stone (Chairman)  
Mr Anthony Smith  
Mr Gerard Bailey  
Mr Nathan Smith  
Mr Anthony Osborn

#### **GOLF CAPTAIN**

Mr Gerard Bailey

### **JUNIOR LEAGUE COMMITTEES**

#### **APPOINTMENTS BOARD**

Messrs: John Quinn (Chairman), Michael Quailey

#### **ADVISORY BOARD**

Messrs: Adam Devcich, Brian Minnett, Martin Ryan, Nathan Smith, Colin Jones and Stan Watson

#### **REPRESENTATIVES ON JUDICIARY**

Messrs: Brian Barry, Bill Lalor and John Quinn



# PATRON'S REPORT

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all members of this Association, past and present, for their efforts over the years, which have enabled us to celebrate 80 years of service to Rugby League in our area. This has been a wonderful year culminating in the Presentation Dinner enjoyed by over 100 members and friends and I am sure further mention of this evening will be found in other reports.

Further congratulations should be given to:

1. The Executive who never has an easy year but always seems to have things under control.
2. The members of the various committees who never seem to do much but the results of their efforts are always there,
3. The members who officiated in the final series in all grades,
4. Gerard Bailey who has been graded and also was presented with the Bob Purcell Trophy for his efforts for the Association and John Kay for achieving the Junior Encouragement Award. Well done both chaps.
5. Our Graded members for keeping the Association flag flying in the higher ranks,
6. and lastly, for all those who turned up every Saturday and Sunday running hard and long at all games.

Well done, ALL.

Personally, I would like to thank all members for bearing with me over my sad loss. I wasn't around the fields much during the year but I will be back next year to catch up with everyone. So be warned!!

Yours in sport

William Lalor  
Patron

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fellow Members,

It gives me great pleasure to write these few words for our 2002 Annual Report.

2002 presented us with another year of challenges, both on and off the field and it also marked another milestone for our Association in that we celebrated our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Coaching is the backbone of any Association and our efforts here are very pleasing with the results being clearly evident with our improved performances on the field. It is always rewarding to see our referees develop but, as I mentioned last year, the Association can only do so much. If members want to improve their refereeing and achieve their goals then it requires personal commitment to attend training and meetings. This needs to be matched by a professional attitude whenever we are on the field or at a ground. Our Association now has three accredited Level 2 coaches in Jon Stone, Stan Watson & Michael Quailey. Please avail yourself of their knowledge and services. We hope to add to this list in 2003 by send two further members to the next Level 1 course.

Once in a while, one of our members has a special year and Gerard Bailey had such a year in 2002. Gerard again earned top honours in the Junior Development squad with his Touch Judging appointment to the SG Ball Cup Final. Gerard followed this up with his appointment to the Grade ranks of the NSWRL Referees. Then, to cap his season off, he was awarded the Bob Purcell Trophy by our Association. These achievements do not come easily. They are the result of years of hard work and dedication. Congratulations Gerard.

Through the tireless efforts of our Accreditation Provider Brian Minnett, we have some potential referees ready to go in 2003. Also, a number of our members progressed up the accreditation ranks. Brian achieved all this even though he was sidelined for a while with his pacemaker operation.

It would be remiss of me not to thank the NSW Rugby League Referees Association continued support in providing grants, which greatly assist in easing the financial burden of running our Association.

Also, many thanks to Junior League Administrator Kevin Nicholls, the Board of the Junior League and North Sydney Leagues Club for your support and for making grants to cover some incidental costs that arose during the year.



To Rob Peard and our friends at Manly, thanks also for your efforts. We have come a long way in a few short years. Our aim is to develop our relationship further in 2003. Such has our relationship developed we were able to supply a table at Manly's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner and Manly supplied a table at our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner.

Now to our Committee Members:

- Patron Bill Lalor: a great stalwart and supporter of all our members. 2002 was a very difficult year for Bill and his family. We trust that the friendship and camaraderie of our Association has helped you. We certainly appreciate your continued work and support.
- Secretary Adam Devcich: continued on well in his second year as Secretary, did an commendable job while maintaining a high standard on the field, both in Junior Reps and in the District.
- Treasurer Michael Haynes: stepped in when asked and did a great job while still balancing work and Uni commitments. Many thanks for your efforts.
- Senior Vice President Martin Ryan: a difficult year for Martin with his growing family and Grade commitments. Despite this, he is still deeply committed to our Association and supports us whenever possible.
- Intermediate Vice President Stan Watson: Stan plays a vital role in the Association through his efforts as a coach and advisor while holding a position on the NSWRL Advisory Board.
- Junior Vice President Nathan Smith: bounced back in 2002 after his illness last year. He was instrumental in getting our web site up and running and had handled his job as Junior League Delegate well.
- Minute Secretary Gerard Bailey: what a year!
- Social Secretary Jon Stone: again took on what is really the most difficult of jobs. Did an outstanding job with the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner despite being at the Goulburn Police Academy for most of the year.

To John Quinn, thank you for all your assistance. Your support for our Association and the Junior League is greatly appreciated. We and the Junior League owe John so much that I doubt the debt could ever be repaid.

Finally, to my wife Di goes the biggest thank you of all. Your help and support keep me going.



The highlight of our year was the Annual Dinner, which was also our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. What a wonderful night! Attended by 120 people our members, their partners and our guests had a very enjoyable evening and one that will live long in our memories. I received many compliments from our guests during the evening. Our guests from Penrith were even moved to write a thank you letter to our Secretary and Brian Barry phoned me the next morning (OK, I was still asleep at 9:00 am when he called) to pass on his compliments and congratulations.

While the whole committee were involved with the planning of the evening, I must thank the following for without their special efforts the night would not have been the success it was: Adam Devcich, Jon Stone, Nathan Smith and my wife Di Chapman.

Our older members must be very proud. Through the years they have tried to teach and pass onto us many things. The success of the evening is also their success. They have taught us well.

To conclude this report, I reproduce for you part of my welcoming speech from the evening. Many have commented that the thoughts included were most fitting for the occasion so I include them here so they can be a part of the Association's permanent record.

"When preparing for tonight, Jon Stone and myself were searching through some old records in my garage and we came across records from our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. What struck us was how some things have changed. The cost to attend our 60<sup>th</sup> was the then princely sum of \$10 payable up front (no deduction from match payments) as the event was held mid-season and our reserves were rather limited. The evening's events included the "Loyal Toast to Her Majesty the Queen" but the most telling aspect was that this was a function for men only. We had no women members and partners were not invited. I had only been a member for three years at that time but I recall that decision causing a great debate at an Association meeting. Today, we gratefully acknowledge that our Association's continued success would not be possible without the commitment of our member's partners.

This evening is not only a celebration of our Association's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; it is a celebration of the game of Rugby League. Our game has endured since 1908 and has gone through many changes and upheavals. Yet, it continues to thrive.

The laws have changed many times, particularly over the last 35 years. If I could take you back to 1964 when I saw my first game at North Sydney Oval, you may think that the 2002 & 1964 versions were two different games. Spare a thought for the referees of that era. While they controlled the entire game from the ruck, they averaged about 40 competitive scrums a game (that is one scrum every two minutes). And we complain about our dozen or so non-competitive scrums today.



It is important to remember that the object of the game has never changed - to score tries and kick goals (Section 5, Law 1), only the method in which a team achieves this objective has changed.

Therefore, our job as referees has not changed either, only the method. As the game has developed and changed, so have the skills that are necessary to referee it. Success for the future will come from learning and adapting to new techniques while maintaining the solid foundations of the past.

But there is more to our Association than just being given the opportunity to referee on the field. To me, the greatest asset of our Association is its members and their partners. We have all had our disagreements over the years but we get over them and keep forging ahead. Many of the friendships that develop here turn out to be lifelong and they are to be cherished. When things are not going well, we are there to support and help you. When you enjoy success, we are there to celebrate with you.

Some of our friends are no longer with us. On this evening, we remember such great members such as Ray Smyth, Bert Cowley, Ron Carey, Erle Carroll, Vince Smith, John Porteous, Huck Boyd and Tom Bellew to name but a few. Their efforts are always remembered, especially on occasions such as this. And no doubt as the night gets longer and our tongues a bit looser; theirs and other's stories will be told and relived. I am sure that if they were here now, they would be proud to see the legacy that they left us is being carried on and that their efforts were not in vain. Our job is to continue this legacy by ensuring our Association remains a successful, viable organisation."

It is a proud history that we carry with us when we run out on the field.

Michael Quailey  
President



Our President Michael Quailey with his wife Di at the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary presentation dinner

# SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dear Members,

With the festive season once again upon us it is time to submit to you the Annual Report for season 2002.

The year began on an unfortunate note with negotiations with our 2001 sponsor, Maytag, falling through leaving us without a sponsor for the season. As the off season seems to become shorter each year it will require some fast work from our incoming Sponsorship committee to establish a sponsor for 2003 and beyond. Of course if anyone is interested in sponsoring the Association we would be more than happy to hear from you.

With the collapse of the Northern Eagles, North Sydney had no representation in the NRL, with the Junior League left to fly the Rugby League flag in the district. Once again this involved North Sydney teams combining in competition with teams from both the Manly and Balmain Districts. It goes without saying that it takes great co-operation between the Junior Leagues' in these districts to put a structure in place that allows all the teams across the districts to play in a co-ordinated competition. Congratulations to the North's Junior League Administrator - Kevin Nicholls, Manly Junior League President – Col Burden, North's Junior League President – Gordon Thurgood and their Balmain counterparts in ensuring these cross boundary competitions are a success.

The Bears will return from the Central Coast back to North Sydney in 2003 and we wish the incoming Management team headed by Greg Florimo all the best in their pursuits next year.

In 2002 we again a reciprocal arrangement with the Manly Referees' Association, our thanks to Manly Referees' President – Rob Peard and their Director of Referees' – David Jay in continuing this agreement and enhancing the relationship between our Associations. This was no more evident than the mutual invitations to our respective presentation evenings, with ten members of each Association attending the others function. We also thank them for their kind invitation to their "Mad Monday" which this year incorporated a lawn bowls day. Unfortunately, we couldn't retain the "Mad Monday" trophy we won last year on the golf course – but will be back again next year to claim it back. We trust our relationship will develop further in 2003.



With teams from the Balmain district also involved in these cross district competitions we would like to thank Balmain Referees' President, Scott Todd, his executive and their Junior League counterparts for allowing the arrangement put in place in 2001 to continue throughout this past season.

This year for timing reasons our Grand Final Day was split between the juniors and the seniors. Both days were thoroughly enjoyable and congratulations to all members on their appointments to their respective Grand Finals. Special congratulations to the West-Ryde Denistone club for their third consecutive 'A' grade Grand Final appearance and second successive Grand Final victory.

For the second year in a row the attendances at both training and at meetings has been great. Thanks to all the members that make the effort to attend consistently throughout the year. However, a curious footnote to this is the lack of enthusiasm of members to attend social functions. The few functions that were organised had to be cancelled to lack of interest. If anyone has ideas on how numbers can be improved it would be great to hear them.

Having said that, the one large function that we did have was our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and presentation dinner. It was a fantastic night with great attendance. It was great to see, not only most of the active referees at the event, but a number of our life members as well. The night crossed a number of generations. With Brian Barry speaking proudly of the memories of days past and the story of how the Association began, to our current President, Michael Quailey speaking of forging ahead from the foundations that have been laid by our predecessors, to Gerard Bailey being presented with his jersey for doing the last two SG Ball Grand Finals, to John Kay toasting our pioneers and accepting the Vince Smith Junior Encouragement Award and all of the juniors attending the night. It was a great night indeed.

North Sydney referees again figured prominently in the higher echelons of refereeing. Stephen Clark again spent most of the year in the NRL. Unfortunately a late season injury saw his semi final aspirations dwindle. However, since the conclusion of the NRL season he was rewarded with being appointed to all three Great Britain V New Zealand tests in the UK. All goes well for next year then. Tony Archer too was once again regularly officiating in the top grade. Colin Jones and Martin Ryan again flew the flag for us in the NSW grade ranks, both being appointed to final series games. Stan Watson was once again on the advisory board of the development squad. It's great to have Stan's input at both NSW and District level. The big mover for this Association in 2002 was Gerard Bailey. He was appointed to the SG Ball Grand Final and subsequently graded to the NSW referees ranks. To cap the year off he was also awarded with the Bob Purcell Trophy for Meritorious Achievement in the Association. Well-deserved Gerard.

Our Association zoomed onto the information superhighway this year with the construction of our very own web page. The site consists of appointments, referees' profile, Association history and nutritional training information!!! Thanks to our webmaster Nathan Smith who single-handedly created and maintained the site throughout the year. To check it out for yourself go to [www.northsydneyrefs.com.au](http://www.northsydneyrefs.com.au).

The NSW Referees' Association once again assisted our Association with financial support through the Administration and coaching grants. Congratulations to Tony Danks, Les Mathews and the entire NSW Referees committee (including our own Martin Ryan) in establishing a new constitution and negotiating pay increases for the referees' in the Districts

Again this year our advisors were out in force on both Saturdays and Sundays developing the talents of our up and coming referees (and those that have already up and come). The Association acknowledges the time, effort and commitment of Brian Minnett, John Quinn, Michael Quailey, Stan Watson, Gerard Bailey, Jon Stone and Nathan Smith who not only out at the grounds each weekend but also pour more time into the Association by also holding positions on the Committee. These people do a great deal of work behind the scenes to ensure our Association runs smoothly.

To all our active members, it is with your toil from weekend to weekend that help allow rugby league to continue in North Sydney. Thank you for your commitment.

Finally for this year, let me say thank you to you all for the opportunity to be your secretary once again in 2002. Enjoy the summer months and have a happy and safe festive season. Look forward to seeing you in 2003.

Adam Devcich  
Honorary Secretary



# District Club Report

Once again the District was without an NRL team in 2002 – although as they say while there's life there's hope and with Singo on the case the district is hopeful the Bears will be back at some stage in the near future.

The Bears has a lean year this year in the NSWRL competitions with all teams featuring in the bottom half of the tables at years end. We look forward to greener pastures in 2003.

After a couple years being based on the Central Coast in 2003 the Bears will come back to their traditional home of North Sydney. Who better to lead the Bears into the future than some past North Sydney greats in Greg Florimo who is the newly appointed Football Manager and Gary Larson, 2003 Premier League coach. The other coaching roles will be filled by ex- first grade player Josh White (Jersey Flegg coach) and the North Sydney stalwart Paul Pollard (SG Ball coach). We wish the new coaching team all the best in 2003.

Finally, Congratulations also to the following teams for their wins in their respective competitions:

- NRL                Sydney Roosters
- 1<sup>st</sup> Division    Bulldogs
- Flegg Cup       Sydney Roosters

## Vale

Unfortunately, 2002 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.



# Leagues Club Report

This year the Leagues Club again provided the Association with rooms to hold our meetings, including a convivial meeting we held in place of the traditional dinner meeting.

Our thanks to the Catering and Function staff for their help and support throughout the year.

Thank to Jim Henry and the Board of the Leagues Club for their assistance with the 2002 season. Thank you must also go to the Board of the Asquith Leagues Club for their support and assistance throughout the season.



Hhhmmmm...we can only guess what these guys are thinking!!!



Andrew "Yogie" Whiddon showing the speed of a thousand racing giselles!

# Meeting Dates 2003

Would all members take note and mark them in your diaries **NOW!!** All meetings will be held in the Kameraigal or Harry McKinnon room at North Sydney Leagues Club.

February 20th

March 20th

April 17th

May 22nd

June 19th

July 24th

August 21st

December 11th AGM 2003



Gerard Bailey receiving his framed jumper from this years SG Ball Grand Final at which he was appointed touch judge for the second successive year.



# Grade & Junior Representative Report

North Sydney Referees Association Inc is proud of the fact that a number of members are either graded or in the Development Squad. The break down and qualifications of those members and where they finished the season 2002 is as follows. First the graded members.

**Steven Clark:** Refereed in the NRL. Although Steven suffered a foot injury and was out of action for a short time, Steven maintained his level of fitness and made a comeback in First Division for a couple of games. By this stage the competition was just about over.

**Tony Archer:** Anthony refereed in the NRL competition and the NSWRL competition. Whenever Anthony was not in the NRL Competition, he controlled the First Division. This year Anthony controlled the First Division Grand Final.

**Colin Jones:** Colin was touch judging in First Division and Metropolitan Cup. Colin finished the season on high note by being appointed to the Jersey Flegg Semi and Preliminary Finals as a Touch Judge.

**Martin Ryan:** Martin also finished the season on a high note, being appointed to the Jersey Flegg Semi Final as a Touch Judge and in another Jersey Flegg Semi Final as the Interchange Official.

**Gerard Bailey:** Finished the season on a high. Gerard was appointed as touch judge in the SG Ball Final. During the season Gerard was touch judge in the Jersey Flegg competition. Gerard also was graded earlier this year and finished the season by being appointed as In-Goal Judge for the Jersey Flegg Semi and Preliminary Finals.

The following members were in the Development Squad and finished the season as follows:

Adam Devcich: Adam was appointed mainly as a referee although occasionally he would be appointed as touch judge. Adam refereed mainly in the SG Ball but toward the business end of the season was appointed to referee in the Jersey Flegg. Adam also controlled a Metropolitan Cup Reserve Grade fixture.

Nathan Smith: Nathan began the season as a touch judge in the Harold Matthews and S.G.Ball. Nathan had a good season touch judging in the Jersey Flegg and was also appointed as a Touch Judge in the Women's Rugby League Test between Australia and Great Britain.

Jon Stone: Jon started the season being appointed to touch judge in Harold Matthews and SG Ball before moving to the Jersey Flegg competition as a touch judge. Jon was also appointed as a referee in the Jersey Flegg competition. Jon was also appointed as a Touch Judge in the Women's Rugby League representative fixture between NSW and the ACT. This match was a curtain raiser to the Women's Rugby League Test.

Cameron O'Riordan: Cameron finished the year being appointed as a Touch Judge in the Jersey Flegg competition.

Apart from their routine appointments, the Development Squad members and First Division graded members also had to officiate for the limited interchange.

I have visited a few Associations during the year adjudicating on prospective referees for the Development Squad and can honestly say that North Sydney has a good stable of young guns that show a lot of potential. Only season 2003 will reveal how strong the depths of referees are in this Association.

Stan Watson.  
Delegate NSWRA Inc.



# Coaching Report

## Accreditation Report

The season ending 2002 was a lean year to say the least, we started by completing Hokie Lau's Level One ticket together with Anthony Smith, which they did and are refereeing well above expectations and will improve immensely in 2003. During the season we also got through Nathan Halliday for his Level One Ticket.

Then came a rush of potential new referees, eight of them all made contact and a few of them did turn up at training but that was the last we saw of them. We tried to contact them but various reasons were given for not turning up again, we will try again before the next season commences.

Our attention then turned to our Level one Referees and we started preparing for Level Two tickets and Andrew Whiddon, Curtis Dowel, Stephen Dayeian have commenced with preliminary examinations stages and should be attending a weekend early next year to complete this level.

My thanks to Stan Watson, Gerard Bailey and Nathan Smith for their assistance during the year and to Kate Watson our trainer for my continual disruptions during the training sessions.

Lets hope 2003 will be a bigger and brighter season and thanks to you all for all your attention and Co-operation.

All the best for the coming holiday season and look forward to seeing you all in 2003.

## Skills Training

This year saw the North Sydney Referees Association approach training with a positive view. Attendance at the training nights was excellent.

Firstly I would like to thank Martin Ryan, Col Jones and Gerard Bailey. Without Martin and Col, the skills sessions would not have been interesting as both had valuable input regarding their experiences. Gerard also assisted by running the skills sessions whenever I was unavailable due to work commitments. I would also like to thank Steven Clark for taking the time to attend one of our training sessions.

Our trainer Kate Watson also receives a thank you for not only the fitness training but for also incorporating skills during the fitness sessions. The junior members were keen to experience some of the skills which were devised for the senior

members and performed them quite well I may add. As a result of the fitness training carried out by Kate and the skills sessions carried out by the referees coaches, it is evident by the appointments and awards given to the various referees for their efforts during the season. Not only did some junior referees improve but so did some of the senior referees. Well-done guys.

Earlier in the year three of our senior members attended a Train The Trainers Coaching seminar at the Academy of Sport at Narrabeen. Those three members being Michael Qualey, Jon Stone and yours truly. These three members were presented with their Level II Referees Coaching Certificates.

With their new knowledge, skills sessions were held every training night. As a result of the skills sessions, there was a vast improvement displayed by all referees from all grades. At every game there would be a rulings quiz, especially with the junior referees, to keep them on their toes.

During the year some of the members games were video taped for training and coaching purposes. As a result there was a vast improvement with some fierce competition amongst the senior members vying for semi final and grand final positions.

With the vast improvement came some very good games of rugby league, no matter what age group or grade. This also meant that complaints from coaches, parents and spectators regarding referees performances were reduced.

To finish off, there will be more skills training along with rulebook questions in the New Year, so there will be no rest for the wicked. Keep reading the rulebooks.

Stan Watson  
Skills Coordinator.



Andrew Whiddon, Stuart Kidd and Mark Irwin on Junior Grand Final day



# Treasurer'\$ Report

Mr. Chairmen & members,

It gives me great pleasure in serving as the Association's Treasurer for the 2002 season. Financially this season was always going to be difficult due to the expenditure and planning the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, as you will see in the financial statements.

Once again the Association was left without a sponsor and note 5 will draw your attention to the fact the we have had to dip into the general fund to pay for the cost of our new uniform. However, this deficit is the result that Maytag, our 2001 sponsor would again be on board. After weeks of negotiations between Adam and our contact at with the company it seemed as though it was an on again off again relationship, which finally fell through. This did not make things very easy, but as in prior years we have always gotten through financially due to the prudence of past Treasurers.

A win fall for the Association on the revenue front was the successful negotiations between our President and Kevin Nicholls of the junior league in negotiating a pay increase for our members twelve months in advance of an expected pay increase to be granted by the NSW Rugby League. It would be remiss of me not to mention the hard work of Martin Ryan on the NSW Referee's Association front, who was the driving force behind the pay increase. All members should give Michael and Martin a vote of thanks as well as Kevin for recognizing our members needs in this economic climate, where the cost of living is rising and real wages are decreasing.

As you can see from the income and expenditure statement for this year, the Association has just broken even, the result being a small surplus. This is quite an achievement considering the expenditure on the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary presentation evening and also the fact that there were expenses incurred from the wine weekend of last year that have been brought to account in this years accounts. However these expenses are relatively immaterial.

On the financial position of the Association we are in reasonably shape with out net worth of \$12,697.59 for the year. However, while finalizing the accounts I noticed that adjustments were required to be made to the fact balance sheet accounts had not been reconciled correctly. As a professional accountant, at times it is quite frustrating to see that even a bank account is not reconciled back to the bank statement. This is indeed no reflection on the past Treasurers', however it is a reflection on prior year auditors. Before I left for an overseas sabbatical in November 2000, I reported while auditing that a bank reconciliation

had not been prepared. This is why you will see an adjustment in the accounts of \$132.39 to the members' funds.

It is easy to be critical of how people did the job prior to me, and the fact I construct accounts for a living, but in 2003 I believe new systems will be required to be implemented to control the financial affairs of the Association. Gone are the days when it was the Treasurer's job to deposit the cheques and pay the bills. I would hate to think the Association would go the way of the OneTels and HIHs of this world.

I hope 2003 brings reward for all members and the Association and I would like to note that these are issues that need to be addressed should the Association continue to collect and pay GST. In certain instances the Association has borne the brunt of the paying GST and not passing on the cost to the members. As a non-profit organization it is important this issue is rectified as soon as the new committee is elected.

I would like to thank the members for allowing me to serve as your Treasurer for 2002. To the outgoing committee, it was a privilege serving with you in this year of celebration for the Association. Thank for your patients in once again putting up with at times my short temperament.

To all members and your families, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous 2003.

Michael Haynes

Honorary Treasurer



# North Sydney Rugby League Referees' Association Inc.

## Balance Sheet as at 31 October 2002

	Notes	2002	2001
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash at bank		12,925.26	14,225.56
Deposits		55.00	55.00
Inventory		3,011.18	943.00
Accounts Receivables		165.00	260.56
Other debtors	1	393.57	88.15
Prepayments			424.20
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b><u>16,550.01</u></b>	<b><u>15,996.47</u></b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable		3,852.42	2,482.75
Payments in advance			1,355.82
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b><u>3,852.42</u></b>	<b><u>3,838.57</u></b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b><u>12,697.59</u></b>	<b><u>12,157.90</u></b>
<b>Members funds</b>		<b><u>12,697.59</u></b>	<b><u>12,157.90</u></b>
<b>Note 1</b>		<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>
GST Paid		847.83	370.52
GST Collected		-454.26	-282.37
<b>Other Debtors</b>		<b><u>393.57</u></b>	<b><u>88.15</u></b>

# North Sydney Rugby League Referees' Association Inc.

## Income and Expenditure Statement

For the period 1/11/2001 to 31/10/2002

<b>Income Categories</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>
Donations Received	\$981.44	\$536.62
Fines	\$612.00	\$25.00
Function Income	\$6,121.58	\$3,965.53
Gear Sales	\$915.00	\$3,533.60
Grants	\$4,500.00	\$2,918.18
Interest	\$25.74	\$113.93
Match Payments Received	\$32,166.64	\$24,333.00
Membership Fees	\$3,265.60	\$2,623.30
Other Income	\$302.56	
Sponsorship		\$2,500.00
Training Bond (Net)	\$755.43	\$550.00
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Total Income	\$49,645.99	\$41,099.16
<b>Expense Categories</b>		
Administration Expenses	\$298.41	\$534.92
Affiliation Fee NSWRLRA Inc	\$10.00	\$10.00
Bank Charges	\$126.72	\$134.02
Coaching & Training Expenses	\$1,614.07	\$996.00
Cost Of Gear Sold	\$1,030.00	\$4,631.60
Function Expense	\$13,497.11	\$6,761.84
Insurance Premiums	\$556.88	\$543.15
Match Payments Paid	\$31,406.00	\$24,333.00
Internet costs	\$305.36	\$605.53
Presentations/Gifts	\$394.14	\$437.05
Raffle Prizes		
State Govt Taxes		
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Total Expense Categories	\$49,238.69	\$38,987.11
Net Profit/(Loss) For Year	\$407.30	\$2,112.05
Member's Funds At 1November	\$12,157.90	\$10,045.85
2001 Bank reconciliation adjustment	\$132.39	
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<b>Member's Funds At 31 October</b>	<b>\$12,697.59</b>	<b>\$12,157.90</b>



<b>Note 2: Functions</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Net</b>
Annual Dinner	\$4,907.55	\$11,111.12	(\$6,203.57)
BBQs & Convivial	\$120.50	\$295.06	(\$174.56)
Golf Day		\$450.00	(\$450.00)
Manly ladies night	\$572.76	\$700.00	(\$127.24)
Wine weekend	\$652.00	\$940.93	(\$288.93)
Other			
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Total Function Income	\$6,252.81	\$13,497.11	(\$7,244.30)

**Note 3: Administration Expenses**

Filing Fee	\$38.00
Postage	\$114.14
Printing	\$80.36
Telephone	\$65.91
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Total Administration Expenses	\$298.41

**Note 4: Match Payments**

Net Payments To Members	\$21,571.83
Affiliation Fees	\$3,140.60
Gear Sales	\$825.00
Fines	\$612.00
Social	\$3,662.76
GST	\$838.37
Training Bond	\$755.43
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	\$31,405.99

**Note 5: Sponsorship**

Balance Carried Forward	\$1,395.55
Received	\$0.00
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	\$1,395.55

Less:

New uniforms \$2,750.00

Rule Books \$220.00

Sub Total \$2,970.00

Net Balance (\$1,574.45)

**Note 6: Grants**

Administration Grant	\$1,500.00 (NSWRL Referees' Assoc)
Coaching Grant	\$3,000.00 (NSWRL Referees' Assoc for 2001 & 2002)
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Total	\$4,500.00

# 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 31 October 2002.

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 31 October 2002.
- (b) The accompanying Balance Sheet represents a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 31 October 2002.

**John Boyle**  
Hon. Auditor

**Martin Ryan**  
Hon. Auditor



Stuart Kidd & Nathan Halliday in fine form behind the posts



## **Honour Roll Life Membership**

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

\* Denotes Member is deceased

## **Bob Purcell Trophy**

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

## Erle Carroll Memorial Medal

1985	J. Neal	1994	J. Boyle
1986	J. Neal	1995	D. Lombardo
1987	S. Clarke	1996	D. Lombardo
1988	S. Clarke	1997	D. Lombardo
1989	J. Boyle	1998	D. Lombardo
1990	P. Guilbert	1999	A. Lewis
1991	P. Guilbert	2000	A. Devcich
1992	P. Guilbert	2001	A. Brownlow
1993	M. Guilbert	2002	A. Devcich

## Vince Smith Junior Encouragement Award

1990	D. Lombardo	1997	J. Stone
1991	S. Edwards	1998	S. Murray
1992	M. Haynes & S. Mamari	1999	M. Clay & A. Osborn
1993	N. Thurgood	2000	C. Dowel
1994	A. Brownlow	2001	N. Halliday
1995	I. Budai	2002	J. Kay
1996	N. Smith		

## Congratulations To

- ✓ Tony Archer, Steve Clark, Colin Jones & Martin Ryan on being Regraded.
- ✓ Gerard Bailey on being promoted to the graded ranks
- ✓ All grade members on their respective appointments.
- ✓ Adam Devcich on refereeing the A grade Grand Final.
- ✓ Gerard Bailey on winning the Bob Purcell Trophy.
- ✓ John Kay on receiving the Junior Encouragement Award.
- ✓ Anthony & Tammy Smith family on the birth of their first daughter Jade
- ✓ Wayne & Kylie Edwards on the birth of their first son Max
- ✓ All members and their partners for their attendance and participation in the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations



## Appreciation To

- ✓ All our Junior Members for the hard work that they have done.
- ✓ Our wives, girlfriends, mothers and fathers for your help and support during the year.
- ✓ The Junior Leagues 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. Including the increase of the Coaching and Administration grants
- ✓ All of the advisory board members for spending their weekends developing our active referees
- ✓ All active referees for their time and contributions to the North Sydney and Manly Junior leagues
- ✓ Asquith & North Sydney Leagues Club for providing us with their facilities, which enable us to undertake our meetings and seminars
- ✓ Tammy Smith for donating her time and skill to be a photographer at our Presentation night.

## MEMBERSHIP & MEETINGS ATTENDED – 2002

<b>MEETINGS HELD:</b>	AGM		1
	GENERAL		7
	TOTAL		8

### LIFE MEMBER

B. BARRY	3	
S. BETTS	-	
J. BOYLE	-	1A
A.E BROWN	-	
J. BYRNE	-	
R. CAREY	-	
H. CARRICK	-	
B. DAVERON	-	
R. HAMMOND	-	
M. HOGAN	-	
R. KIDDLE	-	
C. JONES	5	1A
W. LALOR	7	1A
G. MCMANUS	-	
B. MINNETT	4	4A
J. MONTGOMERY	-	
S. MORRIS	-	
M. QUAILEY	8	
J. QUINN	8	
M. RYAN	6	2A
R. SMYTH	-	
E. TINSLEY	-	

### SENIOR ACTIVE

L. AYRES	2	4A
R. BALZER	-	
S. BECKETT	-	
A. BROWNLOW	-	
I. BUDAI	1	
M. CLAY	-	1A
S. DAYEIAN	-	1A
A. DEVCICH	8	
C. DOWEL	7	1A
W. EDWARDS	1	
G. FIELD	-	1A
M. HAYNES	8	
S. KIDD	7	
H. LAU	1	
B.J McKIBBONS	1	
S. MURRAY	1	
D. NAUGHTON	-	
C. O'RIORDAN	1	4A
A. OSBORN	6	1A
V. RULEWSKI	5	3A
A. SMITH	5	2A
N. SMITH	7	1A
J. STONE	4	2A
S. WATSON	7	1A
A. WHIDDON	7	

### HONORARY MEMBERS

Fr T. BELL	1	4A
J. BRANNIGAN	7	1A
M. MURRAY	-	1A
R. TALBOT	-	

### GRADE MEMBERS

T.ARCHER	-	
G. BAILEY	7	1A
S.CLARK	-	

### JUNIOR MEMBERS

M. CLARIDGE	1	
N. HALLIDAY	1	
M. IRWIN	-	
J. KAY		
D. RUHAN		1A

A=APOLOGY

1/A=LEAVE OF ABSENCE

\*=BECAME A SENIOR MEMBER DURING THE SEASON



# Junior League Report

Dear Members,

The 2002 rugby league season has come and gone like all that have gone before it, however once again, the Junior League and the North Sydney Referees' Association have worked well together to make it another enjoyable year.

This season saw the Australian Rugby League Foundation targeting, like never before, the youth within our district, encouraging them to play rugby league. With a number of tag gala-days, along with numerous coaching and skill sessions with school children, Nadina Bambury and her Foundation staff certainly helped raise the profile of rugby league within the local area.

We all hope that we can say that next year we have somewhat of a resurgence in people playing the game of rugby league because I know that with all the hard work and effort that Nadina, her team, and Kevin Nicholls have put in, we should be confident of a favourable result.

I feel that it is important to mention that the Junior League and the North Sydney Referees' Association have a mutual understanding on what both parties are trying to achieve. It is through compromise and respect that we have both been able to achieve what we have wanted to this year. So well done once again!

In previous years, both parties have not seen eye-to-eye, however, with the current administration of the Junior League and the Referees Association, these altercations have been eliminated and we now have a cooperative and successful relationship. A special thank you needs to be extended to Gordon Thurgood and his committee for their excellent leadership of the North Sydney district. It would be remiss not to mention Kevin Nicholls and the amount of work that he puts into maintaining the competitions within the district. His job is made somewhat more difficult with having to negotiate with the Manly Junior League on certain issues, when both parties, rightly so, are trying to look out for the interests of their Junior League, as well as assisting the other party. So congratulations Kevin and the Manly Junior League on a job well done. We only hope that negotiations continue to be positive and fruitful in the years to come.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the teams from other districts who had chosen to play the 2002 season in the North Sydney district. To West Ryde, Mona Vale, Narrabeen, thank you for being part of our competition this year and we hope that we see you back in 2003 playing in the North Sydney district.

Furthermore, congratulations must be passed on to West Ryde who was the 2002 A Grade Champions in the North Sydney district. Your skill and ability to play the

game hard and fair were a credit to you and as mentioned above, we hope to see you back next season where you will have the opportunity to defend your title.

The Pennant Hills club must also be congratulated on winning the division 2 A Grand Final. I had the privilege of officiating in that fixture and I must say that both Pennant Hills and Willoughby should be very proud of themselves, particularly because of the way they played the game. Characteristics of fair play and sportsmanship were at the forefront. These are the qualities that we need to develop within rugby league.

This year unfortunately saw the passing of the first female life member of the Junior League as well as a beloved friend of the Referees' Association, Lynn Faulkner.

Lynn was a tireless worker and ambassador of the game of rugby league, particularly in the North Sydney area, and she will be sadly missed. Her legacy however will certainly live on within the area and serve the Junior League for many years to come.

I have certainly learnt a lot in the last three years as Junior League delegate. It has taught me many things about the administration of both the Junior League and the Referees' Association. I feel that it is time for me to step down from this position and let another young member of the Association take the reins in hope that they will learn as much as I have. In saying that, I will not be standing as Junior League delegate for the 2003 season.

I would like to thank everyone who has been there to support me and give me advice when I have needed. We have faced many obstacles, which we have overcome and I feel that both the Referees' Association and the Junior League should be very proud with what they have achieved.

I wish all the very best to the Junior League and all the clubs for the 2003 season. Only together can we make rugby league, once again, the greatest game of all!!

Yours Faithfully

Nathan V Smith  
JUNIOR LEAGUE DELEGATE



# 2002 GRAND FINAL APPOINTMENTS

## A1 GRADE: WEST RYDE V MONA VALE



REFEREE:

ADAM DEVCICH

TOUCH JUDGES:

VIC RULEWSKI & LUKE AYRES

IN-GOAL JUDGES:

MATT CLAY & CAMERON O'RIORDAN

## **A2 GRADE: PENNANT HILLS V WILLOUGHBY**



REFEREE: NATHAN SMITH  
TOUCH JUDGES: JON STONE & CURTIS DOWEL  
IN-GOAL JUDGES: STUART KIDD & ANDREW WHIDDON

## **UNDER 15: BROTHERS V BEROWRA**



REFEREE: SCOT MURRAY  
TOUCH JUDGES: CAMERON O'RIORDAN & MATT CLAY  
IN-GOAL JUDGES: RICHARD BALZER & ANTHONY SMITH



## UNDER 14: PENNANT HILLS V ASQUITH



REFEREE: WAYNE EDWARDS  
TOUCH JUDGES: STUART KIDD & NATHAN HALLIDAY

## UNDER 13: BELROSE V ASQUITH



REFEREE: CURTIS DOWEL  
TOUCH JUDGES: NATHAN HALLIDAY & JOHN KAY

**UNDER 11: HILLS HAWKS V ASQUITH**



REFEREE: ILANA BUDAI  
TOUCH JUDGES: STEVE DAYEIAN & MICHAEL QAILEY

**UNDER 10: HILL HAWKS V PENNANT HILLS**



REFEREE: ANDREW WHIDDON  
TOUCH JUDGES: JOHN KAY & DANIEL RUHAN



## **UNDER 9: WILLOUGHBY V ASQUITH**



REFEREE: MICHAEL QUAILEY  
TOUCH JUDGES: DANIEL RUHAN & HO KEI LAU

## **UNDER 6 GALA DAY**

REFEREES: DANIEL RUHAN, HO KEI LAU & JOHN KAY



# Social Report

Once again this year we had limited functions due to the lack of interest of members. Although we did a couple of post-training BBQ's all other ideas had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers, including the wine weekend which was a fun weekend last year. This is a curious dilemma as our Annual Presentation evening was exceptionally well attended with about 120 at the event – a record for our function in recent memory. If any members have any ideas as to the reason for the lack of attendance at other functions or ideas for social functions next year, please share your ideas!!!

This year our association celebrated our 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary, which can only mean one thing, and that is party. Over the last couple of years our association has shown off its professionalism and camaraderie amongst members by putting on a ladies night that other associations talk about. This year was no different; we had an unprecedented number of guests attending the evening at a venue that was fit for the occasion. The Mandalay function centre was the backdrop for what was an enjoyable evening for all in attendance.

The evening could not have been so successful without the hard work of Adam Devcich, Michael Quailey, Michael Haynes and of course our Master of Ceremonies for the evening Nathan Smith. Whilst thanking people there is one lady I cannot forget about, and that is Di Chapman her tireless efforts throughout the year in helping organise this event were outstanding, I appreciate your work Di and thank you very much.

I would like to congratulate the award winners Gerard Bailey, Adam Devcich and John Kay, all were well deserving of their awards. To Nathan you did a great job as master of ceremonies and made the night just that extra bit special.

The 80<sup>th</sup> ended up being our only social event for the year as once again the interest in having social activities was very low and also a bit of bad luck with venues! However I hope this can change next season and that we can get together more often as a group and have a good time. A common theme that ran throughout the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary was the talk of friendship amongst members and how close we are as members, this I believe is one of our greatest strengths. And on closing I too would like to say thank you to you all and I am glad to have you as friends. I hope you all have a relaxing off-season and happy and healthy Christmas and new year.

Until next season.

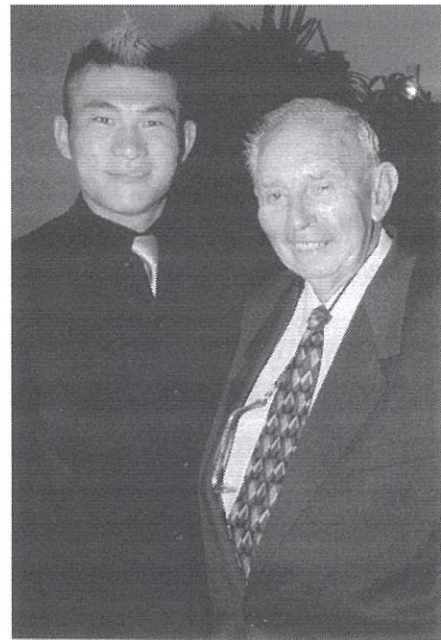
Jon Stone  
Social Secretary



# The Annual Presentation Night 2002



Gerard Bailey accepting the Bob Purcell Trophy  
From Jenny & Bill Lalor



The old and the new – hairstyles that is!!



## The 2002 Committee (from L to R) –

**Back Row:** Nathan Smith, Jon Stone, Stan Watson, Adam Devcich, Martin Ryan,  
Michael Haynes, Gerard Bailey

**Front Row:** Michael Quailley, Bill Lalor



John Kay during his acceptance speech for Vince Smith Junior Encouragement Award



Adam Devcich accepting the Erle Carroll Memorial trophy as A Grade Grand Final referee



Our President Michael Quailey during his welcome speech at the 80<sup>th</sup> Presentation night.





















## **LIFE MEMBERS**



**Back row (L to R): Brian Minnett, Michael Qualey, Colin Jones, John Byrne, John Boyle, Martin Ryan, Geoff McManus**

**Front row (L to R): William Lalor, John Quinn, Brian Barry**

# Ballot Results 2002

PATRON: \_\_\_\_\_

PRESIDENT: \_\_\_\_\_

HONORARY SECRETARY: \_\_\_\_\_

HONORARY TREASURER: \_\_\_\_\_

MINUTE SECRETARY: \_\_\_\_\_

HONORARY SOCIAL SECRETARY \_\_\_\_\_

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT \_\_\_\_\_

INTERMEDIATE VICE PRESIDENT \_\_\_\_\_

JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT \_\_\_\_\_

DELEGATE TO NSW REFEREES: \_\_\_\_\_

PROXY DELEGATE TO NSW REFEREES: \_\_\_\_\_

DELEGATE TO JUNIOR LEAGUE: \_\_\_\_\_

PROXY DELEGATE TO JUNIOR LEAGUE: \_\_\_\_\_

HONORARY ADUTIORS (2): \_\_\_\_\_



