

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

Annual Report

Season 2004

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Notice of Annual General Meeting

For the Presentation of the

Annual Report and Balance Sheet for
2004 Season

To be held at

North Sydney Leagues Club Limited

12 Abbott Street,
Cammeray

Kamaraigal Room

On

Thursday, December 9th, 2004

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 2004.
10. GENERAL BUSINESS

MICHAEL QAILEY
PRESIDENT

ADAM DEVCICH
SECRETARY

OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2004

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 John Stone

SOCIAL SECRETARY

Mr Scot Murray

DELEGATE TO NSW REFEREES

Mr Stan Watson

DELEGATE TO JUNIOR LEAGUE

Mr Stuart Kidd

HONORARY AUDITORS

Mr Martin Ryan & Mr Geoff McManus

CONTROLLER OF PAYMENTS & PUBLIC OFFICER

Mr Michael Quailey

COACHING OFFICIALS

Mr Stan Watson / Mr Jon Stone – Skills and Accreditation
Miss Kate Watson - Physical

GEAR STEWARD

Mr Scot Murray

DELEGATE FROM JUNIOR LEAGUE

Mr John Quinn

LEVEL 2 COACH

Mr Stan Watson

LEVEL 2 COACHES

Mr Michael Quailey
Mr Jon Stone

LEVEL 1 COACHES

Mr Cameron O’Riordan
Mr Curtis Dowel
Mr Adam Devcich

COMMITTEES

LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Messrs: Bill Lalor, Colin Jones and Martin Ryan

BOB PURCELL TROPHY COMMITTEE

Messrs: Michael Quailey (Chairman), Bill Lalor, John Quinn, Jim Brannigan,
Colin Jones, Geoff McManus

SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE

Mr Nathan Smith (Chairman)
Mr John Stone
Mr Curtis Dowel

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Mr Scot Murray (Chairman)
Mr Anthony Smith
Mr Gerard Bailey
Mr Nathan Smith
Mr Anthony Osborn

GOLF CAPTAIN

Mr Gerard Bailey

APPOINTMENTS BOARD

Messrs: John Quinn (Chairman), Michael Quailey

ADVISORY BOARD

Messrs: Martin Ryan, Nathan Smith, Colin Jones, Stan Watson, John Stone,
Curtis Dowel, Cameron O’Riordan, Adam Devcich - T PEET

REPRESENTATIVES ON JUDICIARY

Messrs: Brian Barry, Bill Lalor and John Quinn

PATRON'S REPORT

It is once again my pleasure to congratulate the Association and it's Executive Officers on the completion of yet another successful season, as discussed in this Annual report.

Perhaps the most pleasing feature was the fact that despite the continuing decline in the number of referees, the Association was able to meet it's commitments for provision of officials for Junior League fixtures. There was no small achievement and many members exceeded appointments at levels not normally expected of them, thus showing a degree of maturity which augurs well their future progression.

Congratulations must go to Dominic Paton on winning the Vince Smith Junior Encouragement award and Nathan Smith whose efforts in winning the Bob Purcell trophy for the second and time and on refereeing his first A grade Grand Final.

Finally, to Stan Watson special congratulations on achieving the Associations highest honour of life membership, Thanks for your efforts over the years Stan.

I wish the Association, it's Executive Officers and members a successful season in 2005.

Yours in sport

William Lalor
Patron



Dom Paton receiving the Vince Smith Memorial Trophy from Colleen Smith

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fellow Members,

On reflection, 2004 can be regarded as a successful season on a number of fronts.

Our commitments to the Junior League were met, one of our members was graded and our Junior Representative referees continued to impress and at the local level, our performances on the field continued to improve with the support of our coaches and Advisory Staff. All members are to be congratulated for their efforts throughout the season.

The season commenced with an influx of four new members and all of them made a valuable contribution both on and off the field.

Firstly we welcomed Tom Peet. Fresh from a successful career in grade, Tom's experience and enthusiasm were clearly evident from Week 1. I am sure Tom will prove to be a valuable asset to the Association in the years to come.

Through the efforts of our new Accreditation Providers, we welcomed three new Preliminary Referees. Jacquie Kay, Shaun Thompson and Matthew Croucher started their refereeing careers. All of them quickly grasped the basics of what can be a difficult learning experience and continued to improve as the season progressed.

One of our highlights occurred early on in the year when our Secretary Adam Devcich was added to the list of the graded ranks of the NSW Rugby League. I must say that Adam's commitment and experience was missed at the local level but his elevation provided opportunities for our local referees. Congratulations to Adam on his achievement. His first year in grade was successful culminating with an appointment to a Flegg Cup Semi-Final. Well Done. Adam also attained his Level 1 coaching certificate so we are sure to still see him around subject to his grade commitments.

Some people leave large shoes to fill. This was no more evident this year when an Association stalwart, Brian Minnett, decided to retire from all positions. This must have been a difficult decision for Brian to make and he was missed. From all of us, thank you Brian for your many years of dedicated service to refereeing and Rugby League in North Sydney.

Stan Watson and Jon Stone to over the role of Accreditation Providers from Brian. This is never an easy job and it seems to grow more complex each year. In addition to our new preliminary referees, Curtis Dowel (finally), Stuart Kidd and Steve Dayeian gained the Level 2 accreditation. Well done gentlemen.

We continued our relationship with Group 10 referees this season. Stuart Kidd and Dom Paton ventured out to Orange in early April to take part in the Group 10 pre-season carnival. However, the drought meant that there were major concerns that some Group 10 clubs would pull out as they felt the grounds were too hard. Nevertheless, the carnival went ahead and our members acquitted themselves well, both on and off the field. I must say that the ground was nowhere near as hard as what we endured towards the end of our season. It was certainly an interesting experience to travel out west with these two characters. Unfortunately, due to shortages of referees, Group 10 were not able to come down to Sydney. To do so would have left their competition short of referees. Hopefully, they will be able to make the trip down in 2005.

It would be remiss of me not to 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. From the Head Body Affiliate Liaison Committee, Brian Gilchrist and Doug Keen both attended meetings during the year. We thank you for your interest in our Association and especially to Doug for your assistance with tidying up the loose ends with our members obtaining their Level 2 Accreditations.

Another highlight of the season was Matt Cecchin's visit to one of our meetings. Matt presented a video on communicating with players. This was a very informative talk and all who attended the meeting impressed with the content and the manner in which Matt presented it. We thank Matt for the time he took to visit us and we were all pleased to see him appointed to the NRL Grand Final line. The video has been expanded and will be available as a coaching tool for next season.

Also, many thanks to Junior League Administrator Kevin Nicholls, President Gordon Thurgood and the Board of the Junior League and North Sydney Leagues Club for your continued support. We may not always see eye to eye but our common goal is to continue to ensure that the game of Rugby League is always played in North Sydney.

Our Annual Presentation Dinner was an outstanding success. This was due to the efforts of our Social Secretary Scot Murray and his committee. A special thank you to Mary Ryan and my wife Di for their valuable contributions to the evening.

Now to our Committee Members:

- Patron Bill Lalor: Continues to take a great interest in the Association and supporter of all our members. 2004 marked the 20th consecutive year that Bill has held the position of Patron, a wonderful achievement. Congratulations Bill.
- Secretary Adam Devcich: As mentioned earlier, was elevated to the grade ranks but still continued to faithfully carry out his duties and take a keen interest in our active members.

- Treasurer Michael Haynes: Continues to demonstrate sound financial acumen in handling the Association's finances. Hopefully he will finish his studies one day and we can get him back on the paddock.
- Senior Vice President Martin Ryan: Always makes a valuable contribution and made himself available for Advisory Board Duties when possible.
- Intermediate Vice President Stan Watson: A worthy recipient of Life Membership. Stan continues to play 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: What a wonderful year for Nathan. In addition to his VP role, Nathan continues to expand and maintain our web site. His sound efforts on the field were rewarded with the A Grade Grand Final Appointment. To cap his year off, Nathan deservedly won the Bob Purcell Trophy. Congratulations Nathan on a great 2004.
- Minute Secretary Jon Stone: Expanded his commitment by taking on the Accreditation Providers role (jointly with Stan). Again, his work commitments cut into his weekends but his efforts are always appreciated.
- Social Secretary Scot Murray: In his second year Scot expanded our Social functions, which was pleasing and organised a wonderful Presentation Dinner.

Dom Paton was a worthy recipient of the Junior Encouragement Award this season. Dom enthusiasm for the game of Rugby League is remarkable and infectious. Congratulations Dom.

Col Jones also continued to take a keen interest by acting on the Advisory Board and even helping out on the paddock when we were short. Many thanks Col for your efforts.

I am very pleased with the continued improvement of our younger members such as B. J. McKibbins, Daniel Ruhan, John Kay, Mark Irwin and Cameron McKay. Well done and keep it going in 2005.

To John Quinn, thank you for all your assistance. Your support for our Association and tireless efforts for the Junior League and the District Club is greatly appreciated.

Finally, to my wife Di goes the biggest thank you of all. 2004 marked my 25th season with Association. I can honestly say that I would probably still not be here if not for your support and understanding.

Enjoy your summer. 2005 will no doubt offer greater challenges and we must be ready to face them.

Michael Quailey
President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dear Members,

Another summer is upon us, which allows us to reflect on the season just passed.

Firstly, at a District Club level, we had some disappointing news with the NRL's decision not to include a sixteenth franchise into the competition. One the proposals was an optional to have a Bears team back into the elite competition. The NRL claims they will review the matter again next year – so we live in hope that we will again see the Bears doing battle at the top club level of our game.

Congratulations to Greg Florimo, and the Bears staff on keeping the dream alive and in the mean time fielding teams in the lower grade competitions. We wish Gary Larson the best in his future endeavours as he is leaving the club after coaching the Premier League team in the last few years. With a number of new faces at the Bears in 2005, we wish you and your teams all the best for next season.

Unfortunately this year's A grade competition was reduced to five teams. This was due to the Manly junior league not allowing the Manly A grade teams that have participated over the last few years to field teams in the North Sydney A grade. This was disappointing considering the competitiveness of those teams. Hopefully next year will see a stronger Manly A grade competition, which may let the Manly junior league to release these teams back to the North Sydney competition in 2005.

Having said that, the junior league does not run on it's own and we like to thank you to the junior league administrator, Kevin Nicholls and the president, Gordon Thurgood for their efforts in organising the competitions and ensuring the junior league runs smoothly. There are of course a number of club officials and parents that donate enormous amounts of time, often early on game day morning who we are grateful to. We should also say thank all the players that continue to put their bodies on the line week-in-week-out and keep the North Sydney junior league alive. Without you we have no matches to referee!!

Grand Final weekend was again a fun weekend. Congratulations to Hills Hawks on winning their first A grade title. Congratulations also to all the members that were appointed to Grand Finals, particularly to those involved in their first grand final days. Particular congratulations to Nathan Smith on refereeing his first A grade grand final and also on winning the Bob Purcell trophy.

The attendance of members at meetings and training was solid again this year. The best part of which is seeing the great attendance from our junior members and younger senior members. Thanks for making the effort. We should mention

two members in particular, John Kay and Cameron O’Riordan, who both lost a great deal of weight and are much fitter compared to the start of the year.

Thanks to both Kate Watson and Scott Cross our physical trainers thanks for turning up to Waitara on those cold Monday nights and putting the guys (and Jacquie) through their paces. Due to work commitments (in another State!!) Kate will be unable to train us next year, so on behalf of the Association thanks for not just training us over the last four years, but the effort you put into structuring the sessions and giving them variety.

We on Social front, we had three events this year, which was an improvement on recent years. Thanks to Scot Murray and the Social committee for organising these events. To read a little more about them you can read Scots’ social report. As always the largest event of the year was the Presentation evening, which was really terrific!! Excellent venue, really good food and some really bad alcohol induced dancing – what more could you ask for!!

At the Presentation evening Stan Watson was recognised as the newest life member of the Association. Stan puts in a great number of hours developing our referees’ in recording matches, editing them, writing reports on them and going through them with the members. Stan, along with Jon Stone is also our skills coach and Accreditation provider. Stan, thanks for the time and effort you put into this Association and as a member of the NSWRLRA advisory board. Congratulations on your life membership of this Association!!!

North’s was again represented in the NRL with Stephen Clark having another season at the top, including refereeing a quarter final in September. Tony Archer cemented his spot as a regular first grade referee this year and was himself close to refereeing in the final series. Stan Watson was again on the advisory board of the NSWRLRA, which meant a busy year for him along with his North Sydney commitments.

Our Association is luckily enough to have a great deal of experience with Martin Ryan, Colin Jones and the addition of Tom Peet this year ensuring we are not without the knowledge of many years of officiating at the top level. We must thank the three of you for continuing your involvement in refereeing after your NSW grade careers.

Thank you to the NSWRLRA for once again providing financial support through both the coaching and development and administration grants. Apart from this, the Affiliate Liaison Committee again assisted the affiliated Associations with information sharing on some process issues and on insurance issues. The Presidents and Secretaries meeting that gave us a model of how junior leagues and referees Associations can work together to reduce incidents on game day was particularly beneficial, with some common procedures now being adopted across the metropolitan area. Thank you particularly to Bryan Gilchrist for opening

the communication channels between the NSWRLRA and District Associations, even though at times it may seem you were not getting a great deal of feedback.

Our advisors and coaches were again run off their feet this year. To Stan Watson, Jon Stone, Nathan Smith, Cameron O'Riordan, Curtis Dowel, Tom Peet, Martin Ryan, Col Jones and John Quinn on behalf of the active member's thank you for the time you take in assessing our referees on those long Saturdays and Sundays on the sidelines.

A special thanks to Michael Quaily. He directs this Association and spends countless hours on the field, but also many more behind the scenes on the phone and behind the keyboard (you only have to see how many emails he sends). Michael makes this Association run a great deal more smoothly than it would without him. This culminated in him receiving a Federal Government award for his contribution to Rugby League earlier this year. Congratulations Michael on a wonderful achievement and thank you for your commitment to this Association.

Of course this Association is only as good as its active members, after all that's what we are all here for. So to the members that get up early on the weekend's and get home late, thanks for your efforts again this year. You are helping to keep Rugby League alive in North Sydney.

Thank you for the opportunity to be your Secretary again this year. Enjoy the summer and the festive season. See you fit and raring to go in 2005.

Adam Devcich
Honorary Secretary



President Quaily, Dom Paton and Stuart Kidd at the Group 10 exchange in Parkes

District Club Report

Greg Florimo was again CEO of the Bears football club, which received some disappointing news with the NRL deciding not to grant an additional license in the elite competition in 2006. The NRL is planning to review the issue again next year, so we wait with baited breath for another year to see if the Bears will return to the NRL.

The Bears had a slightly better 2004 on the field, with Premier league finishing just out the top eight. The under 20 Flegg team found themselves in eighth place after the regular season, but came up against a white hot roosters team that eventually went on to win the competition – undefeated throughout the year. The SG Ball and Harold Mathews teams did not make the finals.

After coaching the Premier league team for the last couple of years, Gary Larson has relinquished his position which will be taken in 2005 by the experienced, former Balmain Tiger and New Zealand international, Gary Freeman.

The rest of the 2005 coaches for the Bears are:

Jersey Flegg – Gavin Catanach (from Parramatta)
SG Ball – Greg Richardson (from Woy Woy)
Harold Mathews – Steve Sullivan (from Hills district)

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

- NRL Bulldogs
- Premier League Sydney Roosters
- Jim Beam Cup Sydney Bulls
- Arrive Alive Cup Endeavour Sports high
- Flegg Cup Sydney Roosters
- S.G. Ball Newcastle
- Harold Mathews Parramatta

Vale

Unfortunately, 2004 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

Our thanks to the Catering and Function staff of the North Sydney Leagues Club for their help and support throughout the year. They once again provided facilities to hold our general meetings throughout the year

Thank to Jim Henry and the Board of the Leagues Club for their assistance with the 2004 season. Thank you must also go to the Board of the Asquith Leagues Club for their support and assistance throughout the season including the use of their facilities for our coaching programs.



Left arm should be a little higher Quails...and maybe you should lose the hat!!!!



Nathan Smith receiving the Erle Carroll Memorial Trophy for refereeing the A Grade Grand Final

Meeting Dates 2005

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 17th

March 24th

April 21st

May 19th

June 23rd

July 21st

August 18th

December 8th AGM 2005



Some of our members showing their wares at the karaoke night. Shame this report doesn't come with speakers!

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 in 2004 is as follows. First the graded members.

Steven Clark: Refereed in the NRL competition as well as the NSWRL competition. Apart from his commitments in both the NRL and the NSWRL competitions, Steven also carried out his duties as the video referee at some NRL fixtures.

Tony Archer: Anthony refereed in the NRL competition and the NSWRL competition.

Adam Devcich: Adam was graded at the beginning of this season, controlling mainly Jim Beam Cup fixtures with the occasional Jersey Flegg fixtures. This year also saw Adam perform some touch judging and he finished the season by being appointed as an in goal judge at a Jersey Flegg Preliminary Final.

Gerard Bailey: Gerard started the year in the graded ranks, however due to exceeding heavy work commitments, he took a twelve month leave of absence from football.

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

Nathan Smith: Nathan began the season as a touch judge in the Harold Matthews and S.G.Ball. Nathan had a good season by being appointed as a referee in the Harold Matthews and SG Ball competitions.

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.

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

Scot Murray:

This was Scot's initial year in the Junior Development Squad and mainly was appointed as a touch judge in the Harold Matthews and SG Ball competitions.

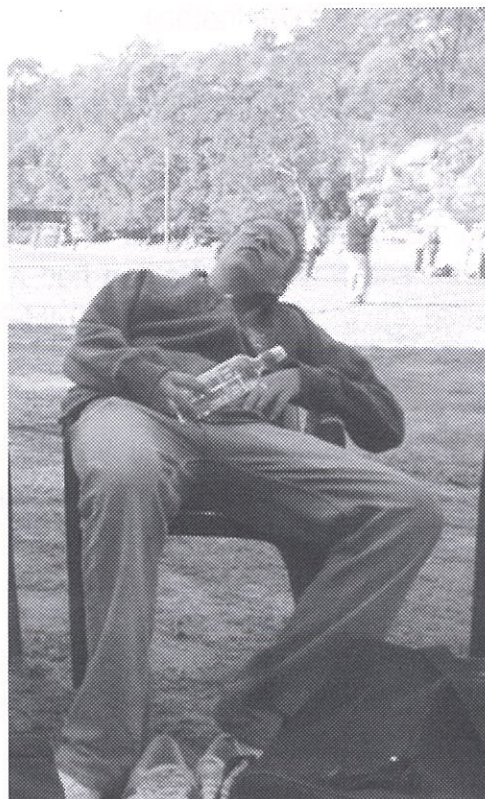
Congratulations to all our graded and Junior representative squad members. We wish them further success in 2005.

Stan Watson

Delegate NSWRLRA Inc.



Dan Ruhan running at the pace of a thousand racing giselles



And that was before the game!!

Coaching Report

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

Firstly I would like to thank Kate Watson for once again putting up her hand and training the North Sydney Referees. Towards the end of the season, due to heavy work commitments, Kate was unable to train us. Scott Cross, a member of the Bears Jersey Flegg team joined the fold as our stand in trainer and carried on where Kate left off. A big thank you to both Kate and Scott Cross. Without these two people, I feel that some of the referees would have been struggling, but thanks to the two trainers, the level of fitness within the refereeing ranks was outstanding.

This season also saw more referees being video taped and the introduction of the self analysis of their game. The coaching staff also utilised a portable TV/Video with which the referees games were reviewed and coaching tapes viewed on a training night.

At the beginning of the year, three new recruits joined our ranks, those being Jacquie Kay, Matthew Croucher and Shaun Thomson. It would be remiss of me not to mention the addition to our ranks of Mr Tom Peet who joined our Association after many years with NSWRLRA. Tom brought a wealth of knowledge to the association and it was like a breath of fresh air. Tom had officiated at First Grade level also at representative fixtures.

During the year, Col Jones, Martin Ryan and Tom Peet presented a training session of touch judging. This training session consisted of positioning, corner post, touchline drills and back play reporting. Without Colin, Martin and Tom, the skills sessions would not have been interesting as all three had valuable input regarding their experiences.

Our trainers Kate Watson and Scott Cross receive more accolades 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.

During the year, seminars were held with good attendances. The seminars were facilitated by myself, Michael Qualey and Jon Stone. As a result of the seminars, improvement within the refereeing ranks was evident with competitive rivalry among the members.

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

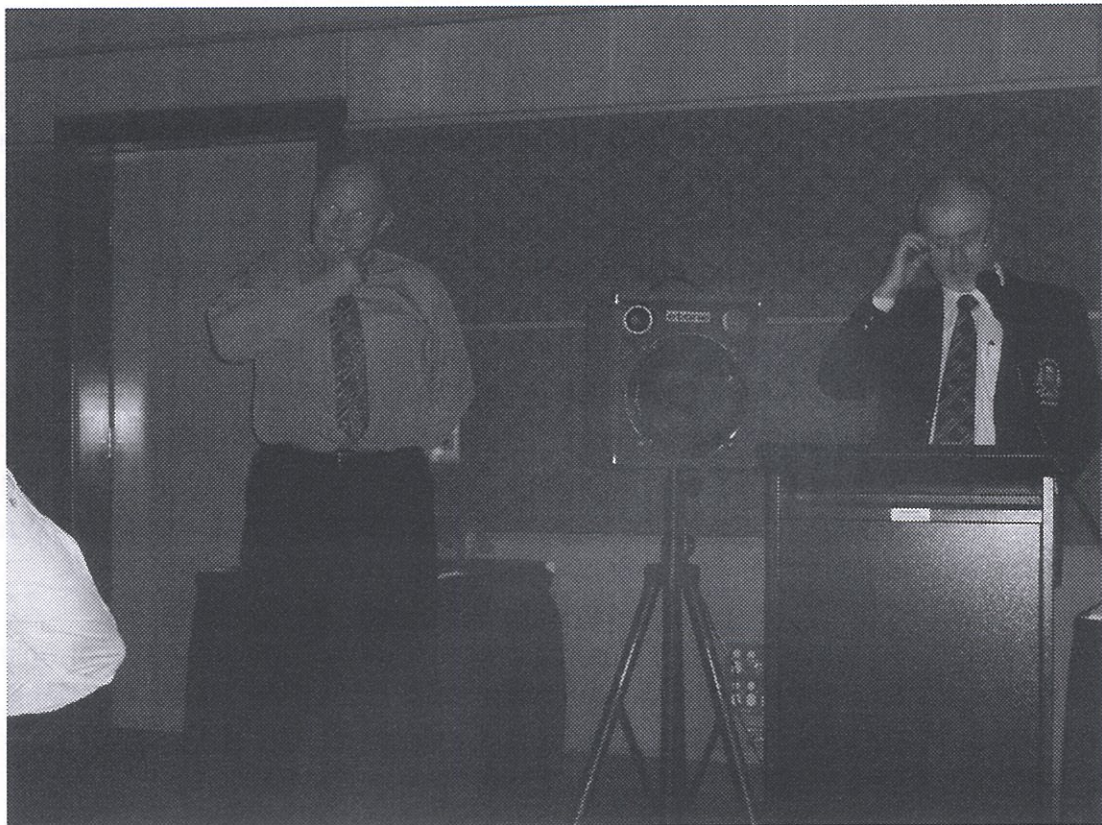
referees from all grades. At every game there would be a rulings quiz, especially with the junior referees, to keep them on their toes.

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.

This leads me to congratulate all the members on their respective grand final appointments. These appointments were well and truly earned by all concerned. Well done.

To finish off, there will be more skills training along with rule book questions in the new year, so there will be no rest for the wicked. Keep reading the rule books.

Stan Watson
Coaching/Skills Co-ordinator



Stan Watson receiving his Life membership of the North Sydney Referees' Association from Michael Quailey

Treasurer's Report

Mr Chairman and members,

Once again it gives me great pleasure to serve as your Honorary Treasurer for the 2004 season. Unfortunately this season did not result surplus, rather a small deficit. However the Association is still in a sound financial position. Currently the Association is self-sustaining and we should be able to continue in this vain for a number off seasons.

Unfortunately this season, the Association was without a sponsor. Frozen Concepts our 2003 sponsors failed to fulfil the second year of their commitment. I am not entirely sure of the detail, however I do know that the owner was in negotiations to sell his business at the beginning of the season. There was an apparent hiccup in this process of the sale of with the former business owner being detained somewhat. To know more please direct all queries to Stan Watson

As you can see by the income and expenditure statement for the 2004 season the Association made a deficit of \$388.24. This deficit would have been significantly more without the write back \$2,479.51 relating to GST. Unfortunately the accounting system that is used by this Association does not have an accurate GST reporting mechanism. This write back is due to a fault in the software and occurs when year end journals are used instead of the receivables and payables mechanisms. I have checked with the Australian Taxation Office since the time I became Treasurer to ensure we are to date with our compliance and I have a detailed reconciliation of the GST account. I have also checked with Quicken our software provider who has confirmed that journal entries will not give an accurate account of the GST when entering receipts and payments instead of the automated system provided.

I urge all members to please read the notes to this year's financial accounts. I feel it is important for members to gain an understanding of how the Association spends its member's money. These notes were prepared to offer more transparency into the finances of the Association. It also tries to achieve more prudent financial awareness and improved corporate governance. Please be aware that these notes do not reconcile to the bottom line of deficit.

Once again 2004 saw a decrease in the number of games with only a slight decrease in the revenue. The trend in the North Sydney District is the number of fixtures reduces slightly each year, thereby reducing revenue. Membership fees increased this year due to an increase collection in graded members fees. Unfortunately, we are still unable to collect the \$150.00 in receivables. I believe

this amount is collectable. While I'm still chasing the debtors I believe the costs are recoverable.

One achievement this year is that the Association is debt free for the first time I can remember. All members' payments were made with none bouncing back due to incorrect bank details. One concern that needs to be addressed which occurs every year is the inventory. We again have a discrepancy of \$663.59. A policy has been written to address this issue, which I am sure will be closely monitored in 2005.

Finally thank you to my fellow committee members for your support throughout the year. I would like to give my biggest thank you to my girlfriend Sam for the support she has shown me both with my studies and work commitments, as well as nursing me back to health. Thank you for your support.

Michael Haynes

Honorary Treasurer.



A fit looking John Kay in action at Tunks Park

BALANCE SHEET

North Sydney Rugby League Referees' Association Inc. Statement of Financial Position as at 31 October 2004

	Notes	2004	2003
Current Assets			
Cash at bank		13,424.91	16,065.31
Deposits		55.00	55.00
Inventory		2,120.95	2,148.00
Accounts Receivables		150.00	150.00
Other debtors	1	60.56	
Prepayments			
Total Assets		15,811.42	18,418.31
Current Liabilities			
Accounts payable			456.18
Accrued expenses			250.00
Tax Payable	1		1,512.47
Total Current Liabilities		0.00	2,218.65
Net Assets		15,811.42	16,199.66
Members funds		15,811.42	16,199.66

Note 1	2004	2003
GST Paid	515.33	917.25
GST Collected	-454.77	-2429.72
Tax payable	60.56	-1512.47

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

Income and Expenditure Statement for the period ended 01/11/2003 to 31/10/2004

Income Categories	2003	2002
Donations Received	13.20	302.96
Fines	122.00	64.00
Function Income	2,250.00	2,390.00
Gear Sales	1,110.40	370.00
Grants	3,000.00	3,600.45
Interest	62.84	36.78
Match Payments Received	26,718.00	27,481.00
Membership Fees	2,931.80	2,808.10
Other Income	2,479.51	0.00
Sponsorship		5,000.00
Training Bond (Net)	745.68	783.45
Total Income	39,433.43	42,836.74
Expense Categories		
Administration Expenses	886.95	730.74
Affiliation Fee NSWRLRA Inc	10.00	10.00
Bank Charges	154.85	123.32
Coaching & Training Expenses	1,740.92	2,487.41
Cost Of Gear Sold	2,210.95	2,431.36
Donations	172.00	0.00
Function Expense	6,228.63	4,758.72
Insurance Premiums	1,186.85	932.12
Match Payments Paid	26,718.00	27,481.00
Internet costs	80.00	100.00
Presentations/Gifts	432.52	120.00
Equipment repairs		160.00
Total Expense Categories	39,821.67	39,334.67
Net Profit/(Loss) For Year	-388.24	3,502.07
Member's Funds At 1 November	16,199.66	12,697.59
2001 Bank reconciliation adjustment		
Member's Funds At 31 October	15,811.42	16,199.66

Note 2: Functions	Income	Expense	Net
Annual Dinner	2,250.00	6,031.53	-3,781.53
BBQs & Convivial Presentations/Gifts		629.62	-629.62
Total Function Income	2,250.00	6,661.15	-4,411.15
Note 3: Administration Expenses			
Grant Received	1,500.00		1,500.00
Filing Fee		40.00	-40.00
Postage		22.27	-22.27
Printing		454.55	-454.55
Accounting software		226.36	-226.36
Stamp duty		16.50	-16.50
Website registration		127.27	-127.27
Total Administration Expenses	1,500.00	886.95	613.05
Note 4: Match Payments			
Net Payments To Members	19,599.91		
Affiliation Fees	2,671.80		
Gear Sales	1,102.40		
Fines	122.00		
Social	1,850.00		
GST	626.21		
Training Bond	745.68		
	<u>26,718.00</u>		
Note 5: Sponsorship			
Balance Carried Forward	734.37		
Received	0.00		
	734.37		
Less:			
Association Caps			
Comms ear pieces		1,654.54	
Referees exchange		363.64	
		36.18	
Sub Total	2,054.36		
Net Balance	<u>-1,319.99</u>		
Note 6: Coaching and training			
Grants received	1,500.00		1,500.00
Training expenses		1,104.55	-1,104.55
Seminar expenses		272.73	-272.73
Total Coaching & training	1,500.00	1,377.28	122.72
Note 7: Grants			
Administration Grant	1,500.00	(NSWRL Referees' Assoc)	
Coaching Grant	1,500.00	(NSWRL Referees' Assoc)	
Total	<u>3,000.00</u>		

Note 8: Cost of gear sold

Opening Balance of inventory 1/11/02	2,148.00
Less: Sales to members	-1,102.40
Less: Sales to non-members	<u>-8.00</u>
	-1,110.40
Add: purchases	
- Whistles	182.40
- Communications ear pieces	<u>1,654.54</u>
	1,836.94
Sub-total	2,874.54
Association gear as per stock take	2,210.95
Less the write off of obsolete gear & gear unaccounted for:	<u>-663.59</u>
Inventory as per Statement of Financial Position	<u><u>2,210.95</u></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 31 October 2004

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 2004.
- (b) The accompanying Balance Sheet represents a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 31 October 2004.

Geoff McManus
Hon. Auditor

Martin Ryan
Hon. Auditor



Nathan Smith with the Erle Carroll Memorial Trophy and the Bob Purcell Trophy, both of which he took out this year.

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	2003	S. Watson

* Denotes Member is deceased

Bob Purcell Trophy

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

Erle Carroll Memorial Medal

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

Vince Smith Junior Encouragement Award

1990	D. Lombardo	1998	S. Murray
1991	S. Edwards	1999	M. Clay & A. Osborn
1992	M. Haynes & S. Mamari	2000	C. Dowel
1993	N. Thurgood	2001	N. Halliday
1994	A. Brownlow	2002	J. Kay
1995	I. Budai	2003	D. Ruhan
1996	N. Smith	2004	D. Paton
1997	J. Stone		

Congratulations To

- ✓ Tony Archer and Steve Clark on being regraded.
- ✓ All grade members on their respective appointments.
- ✓ All members on their Grand final appointments
- ✓ Stan Watson on becoming the Association latest life member
- ✓ Adam Devcich on being graded to the NSWRLRA
- ✓ Nathan Smith on refereeing the A Grade Grand Final and winning the Bob Purcell Trophy.
- ✓ Dom Paton on receiving the Junior Encouragement Award.
- ✓ Tammy and Anthony Smith on the birth of their second child

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



Anthony Smith doing his fatherly duties on Grand Final day

MEMBERSHIP & MEETINGS ATTENDED – 2004

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

LIFE MEMBER

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

GRADE MEMBERS

T.ARCHER	-	
G. BAILEY	1	2A
S.CLARK	-	
A. DEVCICH	8	

SENIOR ACTIVE

I. BUDAI	-	
S. DAYEIAN	-	1A
C. DOWEL	3	3A
W. EDWARDS	1	
G. FIELD	-	
M. HAYNES	7	1A
M. IRWIN*	-	
S.KIDD	7	1A
C. McKAY	1	
B.J McKIBBONS	1	1A
S. MURRAY	5	2A
C. O'RIORDAN	-	5A
A. OSBORN	3	
T. PEET	7	
V. RULEWSKI	4	4A
A. SMITH	3	2A
N. SMITH	5	3A
J. STONE	7	
S. THOMSON	2	1A
A. WHIDDON	1	1A

JUNIOR MEMBERS

M. CROUCHER	2	1A
N. HALLIDAY	1	1A
JOHN KAY	1	
JACKIE KAY	1	
D. PATON	6	
D. RUHAN	-	

HONORARY MEMBERS

R. BALZER	-	
Fr T. BELL	-	
J. BRANNIGAN	4	3A
M. MURRAY	1	
R. TALBOT	-	

A = APOLOGY, L/A=LEAVE OF ABSENCE
 *=BECAME A SENIOR MEMBER DURING

Junior League Report

Dear Members,

Once again, it was an honour to represent the Association as delegate to the North Sydney Junior League in 2004. Unfortunately, this year's A Grade competition was dealt a nasty blow before a ball was kicked, as Avalon, Christian Brothers and Narrabeen were prevented from joining our competition from Manly, as they had so happily done in previous years. With only 5 teams in the competition, player interest naturally dropped a little at times.

Towards the end of the season, all North Sydney clubs and the junior league participated in a think tank in order to generate ideas to boost player numbers in the North Sydney A Grade competition. Hopefully this, combined with the co-operation between clubs that has always been present, and the continued support of our competition from Avalon, Christian Brothers and Narrabeen, will bring a return to strong, even A Grade competitions in North Sydney in the near future.

Things were brighter across the rest of the spectrum, however.

The work that Kate Watson and the Australian Rugby League foundation have done in arranging skill sessions and gala days, combined with the tireless player recruitment efforts by our junior league clubs, is beginning to strengthen the schoolboy competition.

All clubs were able to field more teams at competition kick-off than they had thought possible a month earlier. St Ignatius College Riverview fielded a team in our schoolboy competition for the first time. The Under 17's competition was strong, and participation in the Under 6 and Under 7 age groups increased. A great time was had by all in these introductory age groups, and we will surely see still more players in 2005 as word spreads about just how much fun it is to play Rugby League.

Congratulations to Hills Hawks for winning the A-Grade competition. Congratulations also to the winners of the schoolboy competitions, especially given the very competitive and skilful nature of the matches played throughout the finals series in particular.

I extend my best wishes to the junior league and all clubs and look forward to 2005.

Stuart Kidd
Junior League Delegate

2004 GRAND FINAL APPOINTMENTS

A GRADE: HILLS HAWKS V BEROWRA



REFEREE: NATHAN SMITH
TOUCH JUDGES: CAMERON O'RIORDAN & JON STONE
IN-GOAL JUDGES: SCOT MURRAY & CURTIS DOWEL

UNDER 17: BEROWRA V BROTHERS



REFEREE: VIC RULEWSKI
TOUCH JUDGES: STUART KIDD & CURTIS DOWEL

UNDER 16: ASQUITH V BEROWRA



REFEREE:

TOM PEET

TOUCH JUDGES:

ANTHONY SMITH & JOHN KAY

UNDER 15: ASQUITH V FORESTVILLE



REFEREE:

SCOT MURRAY

TOUCH JUDGES:

DANIEL RUHAN & BJ MCKIBBONS

UNDER 14: ASQUITH V BROTHERS



REFEREE:
TOUCH JUDGES:

WAYNE EDWARDS
TOM PEET & NATHAN HALLIDAY

UNDER 13: HILLS HAWKS V PENNANT HILLS



REFEREE:
TOUCH JUDGES:

STUART KIDD
MICHAEL QUAILEY & DOM PATON

UNDER 12: HILL HAWKS V PENNANT HILLS



REFEREE:

NATHAN HALLIDAY

TOUCH JUDGES:

MARK IRWIN & CURTIS DOWEL

UNDER 11: WILLOUGHBY V ASQUITH W



REFEREE:

MICHAEL QUAILEY

TOUCH JUDGES:

MARK IRWIN & DOM PATON

UNDER 10:BEROWRA V ASQUITH



REFEREE:

JOHN KAY

TOUCH JUDGES:

MATT CROUCHER & CURTIS DOWEL

UNDER 9:BEROWRA V HILLS HAWKS GOLD



REFEREE:

DANIEL RUHAN

TOUCH JUDGES:

JACQUIE KAY & CURTIS DOWEL

MINI GALA DAY



REFEREES: DOM PATON, MARK IRWIN, JACQUIE KAY, MATT
CROUCHER

Social Report

This season we started a restructure of our social agenda in that we actually incorporated some social events. The social committee met at the start of the season and thrashed about a few ideas in an effort to encourage our members to interact with each other in an environment outside the football field.

The first such event was the Karaoke night and dinner at Brookvale. From all accounts this was a successful night with a good attendance of about 20 members and their friends and families. I hope to make this night an annual event for the budding 'Idols' amongst the association and for those who enjoy bleeding ears.

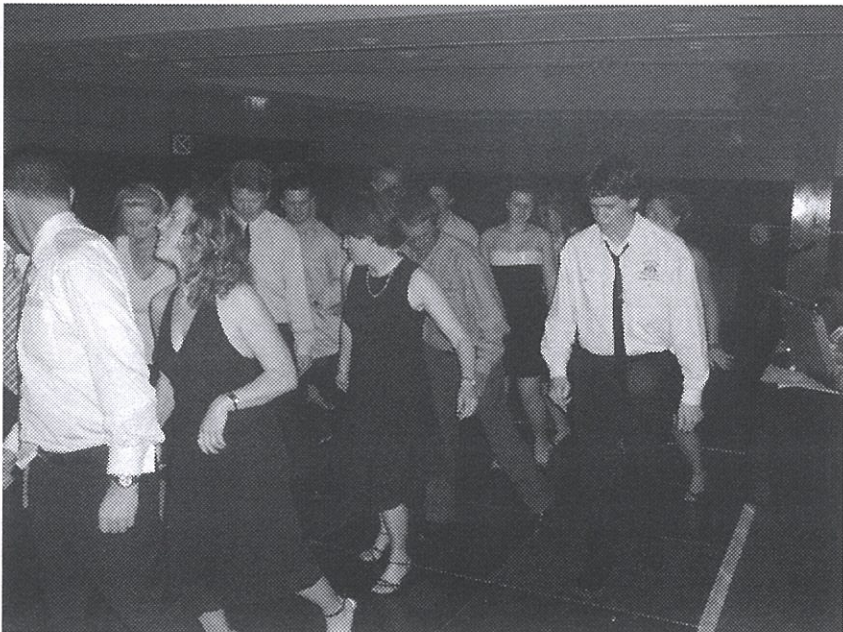
The next event was a night under the stars at Luna Park. A good attendance considering the below zero temperatures and howling wind. Special thanks to Stuart for the organisation of this night, it was well thought out and presented to the members even though mother nature didn't come on board.

The jewel in the crown for this social season was the Presentation Night on Saturday 2nd October 2004. A fantastic location and well organised event that I believe is one of the best presentation nights our association has had in some years. Special thanks to El Presidente, Di, Martin and Mary for their assistance in decorating the room and providing the wonderful centrepieces. Thanks to Ilana for providing the chocolates and to Jon Stone for creating an enjoyable powerpoint display of members past and present. Without the assistance of the social committee and those listed above, the event would not have been such a success. You all deserve a pat on the back for your efforts.

Next year we hope to expand on our social calendar and add a few more events. If any members wish to put forward some ideas, I am always open to suggestions.

Congratulations to everyone on a successful year, particularly Nathan on his appointment to the 'A' Grade grand final and Adam for being given an opportunity in the graded ranks. I look forward to seeing everyone in the new year, fit and ready to go.

Scot Murray
Social Secretary





ELECTION OF 2005 OFFICE BEARERS

PATRON

PRESIDENT

HON. SECRETARY

HON. TRESURER

MINUTE SECRETARY

VICE PRESIDENTS

SENIOR

INTERMEDIATE

JUNIOR

SOCIAL SECRETARY

DELEGATES

NSWRLRA

NSDJ RUGBY LEAGUE

**HONORARY
AUDITORS**
