



**NORTH SYDNEY D.R.L.
REFEREES' ASSOCIATION**

NSDRLRA

Life Member Profile

Jon Stone

Life Member 36: 2008

Membership: since 1996



Honours

Life Membership: 2008

Graded Referee: 2008+

Erle Carroll Trophy: 2007

John Quinn Trophy: 2006

Vince Smith Junior Referee Encouragement Award: 1997

Executive Positions Held

Executive Officer, Assistant Secretary, Social Secretary and Director of Coaching and Development

Association Positions Held

Delegate to the NSWRL Referees, Delegate to the North Sydney Junior League, Coaching Staff, Appointments Board, Advisory Board, Gear Steward, Sponsorship Committee, Social Committee and the John Quinn (Bob Purcell) Trophy Committee

Achievements in Grade

2009 – Referee Arrive Alive Grand Final

2010 – Referee State of Origin Curtain Raiser U/16 NSW V QLD

2010 – Referee Bundy Cup Grand Final

2010 – Mick Stone Medal Winner

2011 – Referee State of Origin Curtain Raiser U/18 NSW V QLD

2011 – Referee NSW Cup Grand Final

2011 – Bill Harrigan Shield (Referee NSW Cup Grand Final)

2011 – Mick Stone Medal Winner

Comments

I still remember going to North Sydney Oval as a small child and watching the Bears go around, and I remember always just wanting to be a part of the game of Rugby League. My passion for the game turned to refereeing when I was 14 or 15 and from there my desire to be part of the game grew and grew.

Scot Murray, Nathan Smith and I all started around the same time at North Sydney, and in later years Adam Devcich joined us from the Central Coast. Between the four of us we battled it out on the paddock but all the while remained good friends and I think that is one of the best things about footy and refereeing is the friends you make.

All four of us have been lucky enough to be graded with Adam progressing onto the NRL as a central referee where he is going ahead in leaps and bounds. From this I think we owe our successes and progression to the coaches and mentors at North Sydney. The likes of John Quinn, Michael Quailey, Stan Watson, Brian Minnett, Col Jones, Martin Ryan and Michael Haynes have all shaped our careers in one way or another. I know that I personally am very grateful for the education and leadership that these guys have given me over the years.

The future, well I hope to one day crack it in the NRL as a central Referee but only time will tell, so in the meantime my aim is to continue to referee consistently week in week out and remain committed to training and commit 100% to everything that I do.

I believe that this is the best bit of advice I can give to any up and coming referee, remain committed through the good time and the bad (and there are plenty of both), always give 100% and listen to the advice of those who are willing to give it to you.

