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BOARD MEMBERS 2023

Chairman

Matthew HALL

Executive Officer
Chris NIGHTINGALE

Director Finance
Katherine NIGHTINGALE

Director Member Services
Jason SEVERS

Director of Referees

James GOULD

Operations Manager
Mark RYAN

Director Recruitment and Retention

Dave CHARMAN

CRRL Board of Management
Chris NIGHTINGALE

OTHER POSITIONS

Delegate NSWRLRA

Gage MILES

Auditors
Les Ellis & Associates

Patron
Phillip STUART









PATRON'S REPORT

I would like to present the 2023 Patrons Report.

Thank you to Chris Nightingale and the Board of Management for the way they run this year's competition it has been another difficult season both on and off the field.

I should start by thanking all those who Refereed this year I hope that you enjoyed yourselves, during the past year there has been a lot of concerns with Coaches and Parents in the Junior grades. I am looking forward to 2024. with more support from NRL and NSWRL for Referees.

We had another influx of New Candidates this year who accepted the challenge of Refereeing and all performed above expectations.

The CRRL Board ran another wonderful season with record players in all grades, special mention to the WRL tackle and tag competitions going from strength to strength. Thanks Chair Gary Green, General Manager Mark Vergano OAM and Mrs Deb Charman and Stacey Studholme Senior and Junior Competitions Managers for their efforts throughout the season.

I must congratulate Katherine Nightingale on receiving Life Membership, and Chris Cahill on receiving Associate Life Membership.

Ben Cummins, you achieved all that could be in Refereeing Rugby League, well done.

Thank you to our sponsors for their support Mayner and Cochran, Raiders Gungahlin, NSWRLRA, and CRRL. Without you it would be difficult.

Congratulations to all who Refereed in this year's Finals, and Grand Finals you did yourselves and the Association proud, well done, and I hope to see you back on the field in 2024.

I am sure that there may be some changes to rules again in the coming year, so I ask you to take them on board and adjust. Keep training and reading the rule books.

With the 2024 just around the corner you will be expected to be up and running well before the season starts. I would like to see all at any camp that the Board may run.

Refereeing is a team effort, and you must support each other when controlling matches.

I am looking forward to the coming season I hope it will be rewarding and you reach your expectations on and off the field.

Yours sincerely

Phílíp Stuart Patron/Lífe Member #12



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Members, Sponsors and Affiliate's,

I am proud to present the Annual Report for Season 2023. This has been another action-packed year with a lot of football being played, and our members have enjoyed successes on field through hard work and dedication.

Andrew Nightingale refereeing the First Grade Grand Final this year with the support of Luke Barrow and James Charman. Congratulations.

In the George Tooke Rep games this year we had the following appointments.

LeagueTag Billy Perrott refereeing with Dave Charman and Jess Charman on the lines.

Open Men's Dave Charman refereeing with Jess Charman and Billy Perrott on the lines.

Congratulations.

On the Representative front we had a Junior Representative Squad with referees in both Regional and Metro.

Our Junior Rep Squad of Gage Miles, Liam Richardson, Aidan Richardson, Heather Hall and Tristan Brooker all put their best feet forward to show Sydney what Canberra Referees are capable of. Congratulations to Billy Perrott and Thomas Rynehart being selected for the NSW Junior Reps Train on Squad.

Some key notes to Liam Richardson with his semi-final Centre appointment in Andrew Johns Cup and Aidan Richardson (Tarsha Gale Grand Final In Goal Judge) and Gage Miles (Harvey Norman Women's Grand Final Touch Judge) with their Grand Final appointments.

We welcome two new Life Members Katherine Nightingale and Chris Cahill (Associate Life Member) congratulations on your achievements and being awarded this, a high Honour in our Association.

This year we had two Senior Exchanges with Newcastle and Group 6. Congratulations to Gage Miles and Aiden Richardson who attended the Newcastle exchange and Tristan Brooker, Jack Black and Michael Bailey attended the Group 6 Exchange and from all reports everyone really well, learnt and enjoyed the experience.

Our relationship with the Canberra Region Rugby League is as strong as ever, being our biggest supporters and advocates. Thank you to Gary Green, Mark Vergano OAM, Deb Charman and Stacey Studholme for all their hard work and commitment this year. I hope we can build on this in 2024.

Thank you to the NSWRL Referee's Association for their support and backing to help us coach and develop referees and I hope we can continue this in 2024.

Thank you to our Sponsors Mayner and Cochran and the Raiders Group without your support we would not be where we are today, and we are thankful. It is our last year with Mayner and Cochran and we wholly thank their support. We will have new sponsors for 2024 please watch this space for further announcements.

The Canberra and District Rugby League Referees Associations Board of Management, I would like to say thank you and congratulations on a big year, our successes on and off the field should be commended. Thank you all for your hard work.

To all members thank you all for helping out, showing up, putting one hundred percent in at each game you are appointed to, you have made the Association proud where we covered approximately 165 games each weekend with a lot of members refereeing Friday Night, Saturday and Sunday. This has given opportunities where a lot of referees have debuted in Higher Grades and learnt more on the touchline.

Our Annual Dinner provided a flurry of award winners and a way the CDRLRA could showcase season 2023. Congratulations to the following:

"Neville Norris" Shield - Rookie of the Year "Bruce Chapman" Shield - Most Improved Junior

"Neville 'Chief' Harradine" Shield – Junior Encouragement

"Jack McKie OAM" Trophy - Most Improved Senior

"Alan Hodge" Shield - Senior Encouragement

"Jim Mahoney" Shield - Outstanding Service to the Association Andrew NIGHTINGALE

"Henderson Family" Shield - Most Improved Touch Judge

"Keith Gegg" Shield - First Grade Touch Judge Shield

"Noel Bissett OAM" Shield - First Grade Referee Shield

Associate Life Membership

Life Membership

Cooper SANDS Natasha KELLY Patrick TRAYNOR Tristan BROOKER Billy PERROTT Jorja CHARMAN Luke Barrow, James Charman Andrew NIGHTINGALE Chris CAHILL Katherine NIGHTINGALE

This year the Association established a Most Improved Touch Judge Perpetual award, in honour of two of our best Touch Judges Glynn and Phil Henderson who have represented our Association at the highest level and this will become a yearly award. The criteria would be as follows:

- Appointment as a Touch Judge during the season.
- Grown in skill level as a Touch Judge during the season. This is measured by the Referee Coaches through match reports.
- Enthusiasm in performing Touch Judge Duties.
- Teamwork, this can be measured by assisting the referee, movement, helping a newcomer become a Touch Judge etc.
- Be a current member of the Association.
- There is no age barrier, this award can be a Junior or Senior member.



Jorja CHARMAN receiving the Henderson Family "Most Improved Touch Judge" from Glyn and Phil **HENDERSON**

And finally, my family my wife Tania and Daughter's Heather and Breanna, thank you for being there for me. Thank you for putting up with the workload, emails, calls and weekends we spend at the football. Thank you for all your support.

With that said I hope you had a Great Christmas and New Year and are getting ready for another big season of Rugby League in 2024.

I look forward to being able to support you all, my door is always open, please reach out to me if you have any questions or need support I am always here.

Training Report

To Tristan Brooker and Liam Richardson who helped training this year. Thank you for your assistance. Both worked hard to learn new skills and put together a good training program each week.

We struggled this year with numbers, our average was 9 members. In 2024 I would like to see more referees attend we have a good mix of fitness, skills and fun. Training is an important part of refereeing and I would hope to see more attend in 2024.

A big thank you goes to Ben Cummins and Phil Henderson who ran a training session this year and we had over 30 referees come and learn. Thank you, guys.

2024 will be a bigger year with earlier start time for training with a run around the lake on January 17.

I hope everyone has done some type of training over the off season and the 2024 season will be here before we know it.

Kind Regards,

Matthew HALL Chairman:



EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Members and Interested Parties. I welcome the opportunity to present this Annual Report for the 2023 season.

We commenced the year with another increase in registered players in the local competitions which translated to an increase of about 165 games each weekend. It was a challenging year to appoint match officials to all games and a big thankyou to all our members who rose to the occasion, filling in with short notice and officiating in multiple games over three days each weekend, especially when some of those mornings involved games in what can be described as freezing temperatures. The year presented an opportunity for a number of members to progress to officiate at higher levels, which translated to some very high standard refereeing during the Finals Series.

Our Recruitment improved from 2022 with Thirty One (31) candidates undertaking the Referees Foundation One course. This was double from 2022, however presented challenges in engagement and participation by those new members. Analysis showed two (2) were returning adult members due to grandchildren now playing and were only engaged in the U7 – U9 age groups, two (2) were adults who wanted to "give back" to Rugby League and the remaining Twenty Seven (27) were aged from 13 to 18 with Twenty Three (23) still playing Rugby League and therefore refereeing needed to be scheduled around their playing times, where possible.



Referees at the McCook (U8 & U9) Carnival

Again we are lucky to have organisations such as the Canberra Raiders and Canberra Region Rugby League support our Association and assist with recruitment and development of referees. The support from the CRRL staff, especially General Manager

Mark VERGANO OAM, Chairman Gary GREEN, Senior Competition Administrator Deb CHARMAN and Junior Competition Administrator Stacey STUDHOLME cannot be under-estimated. Incidents involving unsavoury conduct by players, officials or spectators were swiftly dealt with by the League, sending a strong message that poor behaviour is not acceptable and match officials will be supported by them.

Congratulations to the Canberra Region Rugby League who celebrated their Centenary Year during 2023. This kicked off with a Gala Dinner in March 2023 and continued throughout the year with social media posts, culminating in a very successful Finals Series.



Ben CUMMINS presenting the Noel BISSETT OAM First Grade Referee shield to Andrew NIGHTINGALE

The Association conducted two Referees Exchanges in 2023, with Newcastle and Group 6 Referees. Gage MILES and Liam RICHARDSON travelled to Newcastle with Michael BAYLEY, Jack BLACK and Tristan BROOKER travelling to Group 6 to referee. All

members gained valuable experience officiating in different groups with the members from Newcastle and Group 6 experiencing games in the Canberra competition.

Achievements

Billy PERROTT CRRL/Woodbridge Cup Open Ladies League Tag

Representative game

Dave CHARMAN CRRL/Woodbridge Cup Open Men's Representative game

On the Representative front we had a Junior Representative Squad with referees in both Regional and Metro Squads. (Aidan RICHARDSON, Tristan BROOKER, Liam RICHARDSON, Heather HALL and Gage MILES). Congratulations to Liam RICHARDSON with his semi-final appointment and Aidan RICHARDSON and Gage MILES with their Grand Final appointments. Martin JONES was appointed as In-Goal Touch Judge for NSW Cup.

On the coaching front Katherine NIGHTINGALE represented the Association at the Women's National Championships and Matthew HALL at the NSW State CCC and CHS championships.

Congratulations to Ben CUMMINS who announced his retirement from the NRL with over 501 combined games. He has shown our Referees there is a pathway to success if you work hard and dedicate yourself. As an ambassador for Canberra Referees we thank him for this and wish him the best in his retirement.

Congratulations to Phil HENDERSON on the year he has had in the NRL with Touch Judge appointments in the Preliminary Final and his State of Origin Appointments. The Association instituted a new perpetual award



Katherine NIGHTINGALE receiving her Life Member Blazer from Life Member & Executive Officer Chris NIGHTINGALE

The Annual Awards Dinner and Life Member Presentation Night was well attended with the following awards presented.

Cooper SANDS "Neville Norris" Shield – Rookie of the Year Natasha KELLY "Bruce Chapman" Shield – Most Improved Junior

Patrick TRAYNOR "Neville 'Chief' Harradine" Sheild – Junior Encouragement

Tristan BROOKER "Jack McKie OAM" Trophy – Most Improved Senior

Billy PERROTT "Alan Hodge" Shield – Senior Encouragement

Andrew NIGHTINGALE "Jim Mahoney" Shield – Outstanding Service to the Association

Jorja CHARMAN "Henderson Family" Shield – Most Improved Touch Judge Luke BARROW & James CHARMAN "Keith Gegg" Shield – First Grade Touch Judge Shield Andrew NIGHTINGALE "Noel Bissett OAM" Shield – First Grade Referee Shield

Chris CAHILL Associate Life Membership

Katherine NIGHTINGALE Life Membership

The Association continued with strong sponsorship from Mayner & Cochrane, Appliance Repair Specialist to the Canberra Region, combined with sponsorship from the Canberra Raiders (Gungahlin Raiders Club) and grants from NSWRL Referees Assn. This has left our Association in a very stable financial position. We now look to identifying new sponsors from 2024 and continuing our existing arrangements with the other league organisations.

NEVILLE NORRIS SHIELD ROOKIE OF THE YEAR



COOPER SANDS

BRUCE CHAPMAN SHIELD MOST IMPROVED JUNIOR REFEREE



NATASHA KELLY

MOST IMPROVED SENIOR REFEREE



TRISTAN BROOKER

NEVILLE 'CHIEF' HARRADINE JUNIOR ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD



PATRICK TRAYNOR

ALAN HODGE FAMILY AWARD SENIOR ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD



JACK MCKIE OAM TROPHY HENDERSON FAMILY AWARD **MOST IMPROVED TOUCH JUDGE**



JORJA CHARMAN

JIM MAHONEY AWARD OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE ASSOCIATION



ANDREW NIGHTINGALE

ASSOCIATE LIFE MEMBER



CHRIS CAHILL

LIFE MEMBER



KATHERINE NIGHTINGALE

Regards,

Chris Nightingale Executive Officer Life Member #15

DIRECTOR OF REFEREES

I'd like to thank everyone for your efforts in season 2023. With the continued growth of the women's game and League Tag, there are now more games than ever. I know a lot of you had some very big weekends with games on Friday night, Saturday and Sunday. Thankyou everyone, your efforts did not go unnoticed.

Season 2023 saw the continuing achievement and development of a number of our referees with Liam Richardson debuting and excelling in A grade. Andrew Nightingale refereeing the last three (3) A Grade Grand Finals, Jason McMannus refereeing the B grade Grand Final, David Charman refereeing the George Tooke Shield Grand Final for the 2nd year in a row, and Tristan Brooker refereeing the Under 19's Grand Final.

Season 2024 has already started in an exciting way for some, with Billy Perrott and Tommy Rynehart debuting in NSWRL Junior Reps. Congratulations to both of you on your achievements.

As always, it is imperative we continue to develop and progress referees through the ranks. By giving constant pathway development, we ensure there are enough referees on hand not only to fill gaps if and when the need arises, but to also ensure the future of the Association.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your efforts this year. Your continued commitment, dedication and enthusiasm is a credit to yourselves and to the Association. I could not do this role without the continued help and assistance from Chris Nightingale, Mark Ryan, Dave Charman, Phil Stuart, Geoff Milczuk and the Board as a whole. Thank you so much for your assistance through the year.



Chris CAHILL receiving his Associate Life Membership Certificate from Life Member James GOULD

I look forward to season 2024 and continue building on our team culture, enthusiasm and high standards shown by everyone in 2023

James GOULD Dírector Referees Lífe Member #26

DIRECTOR MEMBER SERVICES

I would like to begin with 2023 has brought some exciting change and some challenges.

Firstly social team members thank you for your organisation of the crazy socks. The members who helped organise our end of season match with the Score Raiders this event was great to be a part of having members from 1st year referees to Life Members involved showing a great team and inclusive environment. We finished the year with our Annual Dinner, it was great to see our numbers are getting better every year. Thank you to the people involved in set up and organising the event and a big thank you to Martin Jones for returning to be MC for the night.

On the welfare side of thing this year I have seen a huge improvement in the way that we get information this has come from our members looking out for each other. Thank you to my welfare team Andrew, Heather, Katherine, Dave and our Board.

Social media was a new this year and I am proud to say that our social media reach is up 300% on 2022. We have been able to launch our Instagram and also promote our sponsors with our posts all year. As a result of using social media we have opened ourselves as an Association to promote refereeing and the game to people who never would have thought of it.

Jason Severs Dírector Member Servíces

DIRECTOR RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

I would like to congratulate all members who refereed to a very high standard.

In 2023 we were able to recruit some thirty one (31) wonderful new members to our ranks to take to the paddock. I got to spend a lot of time on game days with the new buddy/shadow system at the carnivals and matches which was very successful. We got to see them grow and flourish as confident referees.

This made for some tough choices in junior finals which looked very promising with many members refereeing to high standards. This helped make it a wonderful finals series.

I appreciate everyone stepping up to all the challenges thrown at us from every angle, and hopefully you all closed in on the goals you set for yourselves. I look forward to working with everyone to achieve bigger and better goals in 2024.

I would like to thank Mark Vergano OAM and the CRRL staff for working tirelessly to get the season up and running. I would also like to thank all of the Clubs that participated to help keeping community Rugby League alive.

I would especially like to say thank you to all of you, my fellow Referees who put in a massive effort covering multiple games each week.

A special mention must go to Chris Nightingale and the Board for their tireless efforts making sure the CDRLRA are a great Association.

While training numbers were down a little this year it would be a good reminder to see if we can get as many people as possible to training to help hone the skill sets and learn from each other. I hope to see this continue this year and more importantly I hope to see everyone back for a bigger and better 2024.

David Charman Director Recruitment and Retention Deputy Director of Referees

OPERATIONS MANAGER

A total of 2592 games took place in the year 2023. This number is the number of games the Canberra District Rugby League Referees officiated. Over a single week, a maximum of 176 games were played, and these games were played over three days. There are thirteen different locations where the Juniors play their games on a Sunday morning, with an average of one hundred games. There were just five, the fewest matches on the weekend of the Canberra Raiders Cup grand finals. On average, 113 games are played.

Availabilities.

The year 2023 began with 84 referees who had registered. Completed the season with 107.

- Non-active referee was twenty seven (27).
- The average number of referees who were unavailable was thirteen (13).
- Twenty-one (21) was the highest number in a single week.

Following the publication of appointments, the typical number of referees that made them unavailable that occurred each week is six (6). On three (3) separate occasions, the greatest number of times the Association had people become unavailable after the appointments were published was twelve (12).

Some members do not referee Juniors but referee seniors only.

In season 2023, 132 games did not have a referee (under 7, 8, and 9). On average, nine games a weekend had no referee. One hundred twelve games only had one touch judge or no touch judges. On average, six games had one or no touch judges.



Mark RYAN Operations Manager Life Member #25

FINANCIAL REPORT

The 2023 season was another successful year for the Canberra Rugby League Referees Association. It was great to see so many of our referees build on their refereeing skills and achieve their goals.

I would like to start by thanking our sponsors, Mayner & Cochran and Raiders Gungahlin. Their continued support allows us to offer our members development opportunities and subsided social events and gear.

2023 was our final year with Mayner & Cochran as our major sponsor. They have been a valuable part of the Canberra Referees community for the past three years and we are very grateful for their support.

We also thank the New South Wales Rugby League Referees Association for their continued support through grants of administration and development. These grants have helped us to further upgrade our on-field communications kits and training equipment.

We have also been able to fund exchanges with Newcastle Rugby League Referees Association and Group 6 Referees Association. These are invaluable development opportunities for our referees, and we are glad to be in a financial position to offer these.

Towards the back end of the year, we signed new sponsorship deals and explored new onfield kit designs. In 2024 we will be moving back to pink on-field jerseys which should be distributed to all members prior to the start of the season.

I thank the Board and all members for their continued support, and I look forward to joining you all for a bigger and better 2024.

Katherine NIGHTINGALE Director Finance Life Member #27

Balance Sheet As at 31 December 2023

ASSETS	2022	2023
Bank Accounts	\$ 32,715.45	\$ 51,982.54
Gear	\$ 6,773.43	\$ 6,773.43
Other Equipment	\$ 1,075.45	\$ 1,075.45
Accounts Receivable	-\$ 95.74	-\$95.74
Total ASSETS	\$ 40,468.59	\$ 59,735.68
LIABILITIES		
GST Payable	\$ 8,765.02	\$ 9,990.98
Accounts Payable	-\$ 108.79	\$ 108.79
Total LIABILITIES	\$ 8,656.23	\$ 9,882.19
Net ASSETS	\$31,812.36	\$ 49,853.49
EQUITY		
Opening Balance Equity	-\$ 10,166.67	-\$ 10,166.67
Retained Earnings	\$ 42,189.84	\$ 41,986.35
Current Earnings	-\$ 210.81	\$ 18,033.81
Total Equity	\$ 31,812.36	\$ 49,853.49

Profit & Loss Statement

1 JANUARY 2021 TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

INCOME	2022	2023
Affiliation Fees	\$ 790.00	\$ 976.01
Match Fees	\$ 163,833.47	\$ 200,759.20
Grants & Sponsorship	\$ 20,563.64	\$ 20,563.64
Gear Sales	\$ 7,351.65	\$ 6,974.00
Social Events	\$ 1,627.71	\$ 4,116.40
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 3.65	\$ 36.64
Total INCOME	\$ 194,170.12	\$ 233,425.89
Gross Profit	\$ 194,170.12	\$ 233,425.89
EXPENDITURE		
Administration Costs	\$ 7,518.81	\$ 7,859.89
Training/Development Costs	-\$ 32.82	\$ 1,534.79
Match Payments	\$158,624.39	\$ 177,330.41
Social Events	\$ 7,674.93	\$ 11,129.97
Bank Charges	\$ 20.08	\$ 13.07
Gear Costs	\$ 20,132.78	\$ 17,296.86
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 10.03	\$ 227.09
Other Expenses	\$ 432.73	
Total EXPENDITURE	\$ 194,380.93	\$ 215,392.08
Net Profit/(Loss)	-\$ 210.81	\$ 18,033.81

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Independent Audit Report to The Members Of Canberra District Rugby League Referees' Association Incorporated

We have audited the financial statements of Camberra District Rugby League Referees' Incorporated for the year ended 31 December 2023. The association's directors are responsible for the financial statements. We have conducted an independent audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the association.

Our audit has been conducted to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with statutory requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the association's financial position, the results of its operations and its cash flows.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Qualification

I was able to sight adequate support for income and expenditure recorded in the books of account. It is not practical to establish control over receipts until their initial entry into the accounting records. Our audit was therefore restricted to the amounts recorded as received.

Audit Opinion

Subject to the foregoing reservations, in our opinion, the financial statements of Canberra District Rugby League Referees' Incorporated are properly drawn up:

- L so as to give a true and fair view of:
 - the association's financial position as at 31 December 2023, and income and expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2023;
- to satisfy the requirements of subsection 72(2) of the Associations Incorporation Act to be dealt with in financial statements.

Les Ellis & Associates Pty

Les Ellis FIPA

Thursday, January 25, 2024

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JUNIOR LEAGUE GRAND FINALS

Under 10 LeagueTag



Referee Chris CAHILL
Touch Judges Benji DARMODY & Kiley GUDGEON

Under 10 Division 2



Referee Patrick TRAYNOR
Touch Judges Benji DARMODY & Phoenix MARKS

Under 11 Girls



Referee Kobie HALL
Touch Judges Phoenix MARKS & Aiden CLARK

Under 11 Division 2



Referee Matiu ROBINSON
Touch Judges Joel CONNOR & George MAHER

Under 12 League Tag



Referee Daley O'DONNELL
Touch Judges Logan HAYCROFT & James APPELHOF

Under 10 Division 3



Referee Jayden SMILIE
Touch Judges Aiden CLARK & James GOULD

Under 10 Division 1



Referee Cooper SANDS
Touch Judges Mark RYAN & Matthew CRANE

Under 11 Division 3



Referee Kai BACKHOUSE
Touch Judges Joel CONNOR & Matthew CRANE

Under 11 Division 1



Referee James APPELHOF
Touch Judges Brayden LEAN & Matiu ROBINSON

Under 12 Division 3



Referee Marcus LEAN
Touch Judges Sophie RYNEHART & Logan HAYCROFT

Under 12 Division 2



Referee Touch Judges

Sophie RYNEHART Brayden LEAN & Logan HAYCROFT

Under 13 Girls



Referee Touch Judges

Jorja CHARMAN
Jason SEVERS & Andrew NIGHTINGALE

Under 13 Division 2



Referee Touch Judges

Thumula HERATH
Samuel LEAN & Oscar STEPANEK

Score Raiders



Referee Touch Judges

Mark RYAN
Phil STUART & James GOULD

Under 14 Division 1



Referee Touch Judges

Atticus BATTEN
Ruby KEEN & Thumula HERATH

Under 12 Division 1



Referee Touch Judges

Ryan DOHERTY
Martin RODRIGO & Benjamin SMITH

Under 13 Division 3



Referee Touch Judges

Daniel SKINNER
Martin RODRIGO & Katherine NIGHTINGALE

Under 13 Division 1



Referee Touch Judges

Jack SHEPHERD
Oscar STEPANEK & Thumula HERATH

Under 14 Division 2



Referee Touch Judges

Ruby KEEN Jack SHEPHERD & Jorja CHARMAN

Under 14 League Tag



Referee Touch Judges

Michael LEAN
Atticus BATTEN & Oscar STEPANEK

Under 15 Girls



Referee Touch Judges

James GOULD Jordan DOHERTY & Ryan DOHERTY

Under 16 LeagueTag



Referee Touch Judges

Geordie DOHERTY Jordan DOHERTY & Ryan DOHERTY

Under 16 Division 1



Referee Touch Judges

Katherine NIGHTINGALE Oliver LEVIDO & Jorja CHARMAN

Under 17 Girls Division 1



Referee Touch Judges

Thomas RYNEHART
Daley O'DONNELL & Sophie RYNEHART

Under 15 Division 2



Referee Touch Judges

Billy PERROTT udges Geordie DOHERTY & Jack SHEPHERD

Under 16 Division 2



Referee Touch Judges

Luke SNOWIE
Andrew NIGHTINGALE & Jason SEVERS

Under 17 Girls Division 2



Referee Touch Judges

Michael BAYLEY
Daniel SKINNER & Matiu ROBINSON

Under 17's



Referee Touch Judges

Jack BLACK
James APPELHOF & Atticus BATTEN

SENIOR LEAGUE GRAND FINALS

Under 19



Referee **Touch Judges**

Thomas RYNEHART & Geordie DOHERTY

Katrina Fanning Shield - Div 2



Referee **Touch Judges**

Jorja CHARMAN & Daniel SKINNER

George Tooke Shield Ladies League Tag



Referee **Touch Judges**

Atticus BATTEN Jorja CHARMAN & Derek SKINNER

George Tooke Shield



Referee Touch Judges

David CHARMAN Oliver LEVIDO & Katherine NIGHTINGALE

Canberra Raiders Cup Ladies League Tag



Referee **Touch Judges**

Billy PERROTT Sophie RYNEHART & Thumula HERATH

Katrina Fanning Shield - Div 1



Referee **Touch Judges**

Oliver LEVIDO Michael BAYLEY & James APPELHOF

Canberra Raiders Cup Reserve Grade



Referee **Touch Judges**

Jason McMANUS Jack BLACK & Gage MILES

Canberra Raiders Cup First Grade



Referee **Touch Judges**

Andrew NIGHTINGALE Luke BARROW & James CHARMAN

LIFE MEMBERS

Tom Greer (deceased)	1963	Chris Nightingale	1997
Jack McKie, OAM (deceased)	1963	David Hall	1998
Bruce Chapman	1971	Phil Byron (deceased)	1999
Doug Houssenloge	1975	Neville Harradine (decease	ed) 2006
lan Alder	1977	Geoff Milczuk	2007
Richard Morgan (deceased)	1980	Glynn Henderson	2008
Noel Bissett (deceased)	1980	David Adams	2009
Jim Mahoney	1982	Peter Castle	2010
Neville Norris	1983	Carmelo Bonanno	2012
Peter Frazer	1985	Robert Moore	2015
Bob Lloyd	1987	Mark Ryan	2016
Phil Stuart	1990	James Gould	2022
Dave Cook	1991	Katherine Nightingale	2023
Lionel Hart	1992		

ASSOCIATE LIFE MEMBERS

Benjamin Cummins 2022 Christopher Cahill 2023







JIM MAHONEY SHIELD - OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE ASSOCIATION

Nathan Hill	2005	Chris Nightingale	2012	David Charman 2019
Glynn Henderson	2006	Robert Moore	2013	Not Awarded (Covid) 2020
James Gould	2007	Geoff Milczuk	2014	Jessica Charman 2021
Julie Hanson	2008	Mark Ryan	2015	Katherine Nightingale 2022
Debora Kanak	2009	Matthew Hall	2016	Andrew Nightingale 2023
Robert Moore	2010	Mark Ryan	2017	
Chris Nightingale	2011	Phil Stuart	2018	

REFEREES REFEREE

(COMBINED WITH BACKBONE AWARD TO CREATE OUTSTANDING SERVICE SHIELD FROM 2005)

Neville Norris	1976	Phil Stuart	1986	Chris Nightingale	1996
Noel Bissett	1977	David Cook	1987	David Adams	1997
Peter Frazer	1978	Andy Thompson	1988	David Hall	1998
Col Law	1979	Neil Maher	1989	Phill Byron	1999
Noel Bissett	1980	Not Presented	1990	Peter Castle	2000
Bob Lloyd	1981	Lionel Hart	1991	Michael Harradine	2001
Jim Mahoney	1982	Bob Nelson	1992	Peter Castle	2002
Glynn Jones	1983	Bruce Chapman	1993	(Not awarded)	2003
Bob Lloyd	1984	Noel Bissett	1994	Peter Castle	2004
Phil Stuart	1985	David Hall	1995		

BACKBONE

(COMBINED WITH REFEREES REFEREE TO CREATE OUTSTANDING SERVICE SHIELD FROM 2005)

J. Fleming	1976	John O'Neill	1986	David Adams	1996
L. Murphy	1977	Phil Byron	1987	Phil Byron	1997
Bob Lloyd	1978	Andy Thompson	1988	Peter Castle	1998
D. Musgrove	1979	Bob Nelson	1989	Brian Bolton	1999
Col Law	1980	David Cook	1990	Phil Walsh	2000
Dave Cook	1981	Noel Bissett	1991	Neville Harradine	2001
Glynn Jones	1982	John Peisley	1992	Noel Bissett	2002
Peter Frost	1983	David Hall	1993	Chris Nightingale	2003
David Cook	1984	Brian Bolton	1994	Neville Harradine	2004
Lionel Hart	1985	Phil Byron	1995		



JACK MCKIE OAM MEMORIAL TROPHY - MOST IMPROVED SENIOR REFEREE

Colin McCormack	2005	Martin Jones	2012	Steve Zorzi	2018
Tyson Flynn	2006	James Gould	2013	Elijah Fernance	2019
Ji Delander	2007	Fatu Aiono-Fatu	2014	Not Awarded (Covid)	2020
Michael Forster	2008	Andrew Nightingale	2014	Gage Miles	2021
Josiah West	2009	Oliver Levido	2015	Michael Bayley	2022
Mark Ryan	2010	John Wharehinga	2016	Tristan Brooker	2023
Luke Barrow	2011	Benjamin Seppala	2017		

ON FIELD PERFORMANCE

(Combined with Senior Encouragement to create Most Improved Senior Referee from 2005)

Robert Gallacher	1999	Michael Laverty	2001	Robert Moore	2003
lan Freeman	2000	Sheldon Johnson	2002	Michael Harradine	2004

SENIOR ENCOURAGEMENT

(Combined with On Field Performance Trophy to create Most Improved Senior Referee from 2005)

Bob Lloyd	1976	David Hall	1986	Andrew Carmody	1996
Bob Cambridge	1977	Glynn Henderson	1987	Peter Castle	1997
N. Wardle	1978	G. Leahy	1988	Ian Freeman	1998
Denis Meagher	1979	Charles Fitzgerald	1989	Michael Laverty	1999
Keith Gegg	1980	John Peisley	1990	Dominic Feenan	2000
Geoff Snowden	1981	Phil Walsh	1991	Mark Ryan	2001
Phil Stuart	1982	Rod Cranston	1992	Robert Moore	2002
R. Gay	1983	Brett Northey	1993	Mark Dagwell	2003
Andy Thompson	1984	Robert Gallacher	1994	Chris Arcella	2004
Neil Maher	1985	Chris Wilson	1995		

BRUCE CHAPMAN SHIELD - MOST IMPROVED JUNIOR REFEREE

Daniel Hanson	2005	Lewis Oswald	2012	Aidan Richardson	2019
Kylie O'Neill	2006	Matthew Lennon	2013	Not Awarded (Covid)	2020
Lawrence Oswald	2007	Jason Shields	2014	Thomas Rynehart	2021
Katherine Nightingale	2008	Elijah Fernance	2015	Jack Shepherd	2022
Brenton Savona	2009	James Martin	2016	Natasha Kelly	2023
Martin Jones	2010	Jacob O'Brien	2017		
Jacob Stephenson	2011	Gage Miles	2018		

JUNIOR ENCOURAGEMENT

(Combined with Mini Mod Shield to create Most Improved Junior Referee from 2005)

S. Nancarrow	1976	Stuart McDougall	1986	lan Wilson	1996
Glynn Jones	1977	Jason Elliott	1987	Scott Norris	1997
P. Evans	1978	Jamie Thompson	1988	Scott Jopling	1998
Sandra. Norris	1979	Shane Thurlow	1989	Jason Hart	1999
A. White	1980	Michael Harradine	1990	Phil Henderson	2000
R. Law	1981	Michael O'Neill	1991	Scott Hall	2001
T. Bourne	1982	Robert Gallacher	1992	Luke Carroll	2002
Greg Pfeiffer	1983	Nial Wheate	1993	Colin McCormack	2003
N. Jones	1984	Julian Pearce	1994	Aaron Carroll	2004
Denise Lord	1985	Paul Grzadka	1995		

MINI/MOD AWARD

(Combined with Junior Encouragement to create Most Improved Junior Referee from 2005)

Adam Lehoczky 2002 Josiah West 2004 Sarah Lyons 2003



NEVILLE NORRIS SHIELD - ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

(Renamed from Best First Year referee in 2005)

D. Gilbard	1981	Michael Laverty	1996	Tyson Greenwood	2011
Lionel Hart	1982	Minh Dang	1997	Lachlan Whitbread	2012
lan Miller	1983	Brendan McKinless	1998	Brodie Widdowson	2013
Richard Terry	1984	Mark Berkeley	1999	Nathan Slingsby	2014
Phil Byron	1985	James Charman	2000	Stuart Cameron	2015
Glynn Henderson	1986	Mark Dagwell	2001	David Charman	2016
P. Flynn	1987	Steve Costello	2002	Jake Bolton	2017
Preston Hart	1988	James Gould	2003	Thomas Bell	2018
Vince Lawson	1989	Nathan Gauci	2004	Isaac Howarth	2019
Alan Brindell	1990	Henry Paton	2005	Not Awarded (Covid)	2020
Ben Cummins	1991	Brett Carter	2006	Daley O'Donnell	2021
Brian Cobb	1992	Brenton Savona	2007	Atticus Batten	2021
Chris Collins	1993	Chris Davis	2008	Jorja Charman	2022
Matthew Popple	1994	Aaron Houssenloge	2009	Cooper Sands	2023
Peter Castle	1995	Jason Van Putten	2010		

NEVILLE 'CHIEF' HARRADINE - ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

Tiffany Widdowson	2010	Shannon Castle	2016	Kirsty Roberts	2021
Daniel Bernsons	2011	Liam Richardson	2017	Sophie Rynehart	& Ryan
Brodie Hayes	2012	Jessica Charman &	Heather	Bland	2022
Ben Seppala	2013	Hall	2018	Patrick Traynor	2023
James Martin	2014	Jade Schumacher	2019		
Jesse Thompson	2015	Not Awarded (Covid)	2020		

ALAN HODGE FAMILY AWARD - SENIOR ENCOURAGEMENT

Brenton Savona	2010	Fatu Aiono-Fatu	2016	Katherine Nightingale	2021
Martin Jones	2011	Dave Charman	2017	Daniel Wheeler	2021
Jo West	2012	John Wharehinga	2018	Jack Black	2022
Lachlan Wild	2013	David Charman	2019	Billy Perrott	2023
Scott Jopling	2015	Not Awarded (Covid)	2020		

HENDERSON FAMILY AWARD - MOST IMPROVED TOUCH JUDGE

Jorja Charman 2023

NOEL BISSETT OAM TROPHY - A GRADE REFEREE

Jim Mahoney	1988	Michael Laverty	2007
Jim Mahoney	1989	Rod Cranston	2008
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Jim Mahoney	1992	Rod Cranston	2011
Andy Thompson	1993	Rod Cranston	2012
Richard Terry	1994	Housh Fallah	2013
Richard Terry	1995	Martin Jones	2014
Michael Harradine	1996	Martin Jones	2015
Jason Elliott	1997	Josiah West	2016
Michael Harradine	1998	Oliver Levido	2017
Michael Harradine	1999	Oliver Levido	2018
Chris Wilson	2000	Andrew Wheeler	2019
Chris Wilson	2001	Andrew Nightingale	2020
Chris Wilson	2002	No Grand Final (Covid 19)	2021
Rod Cranston	2003	Andrew Nightingale	2022
Rod Cranston	2004	Andrew Nightingale	2023
Michael Laverty	2005		
Michael Laverty	2006		

KEITH GEGG - TOUCH JUDGE AWARD

(Awarded to both 1st Grade Grand Final Touch Judges from 2005)

Phil Byron	1991	Paul Flynn / Tyson Flynn	2008
Phil Byron	1992	Dominic Feenan / James Gould	2009
David Adams	1993	Paul Flynn / Garth Widdowson	2010
David Adams	1994	Martin Jones / Garth Widdowson	2011
Val Lawson	1995	Peter Theodosiou / Garth Widdowson	2012
Phil Byron	1996	Lachlan Wild / Garth Widdowson	2013
Vince Lawson	1997	Luke Barrow / Brenton Savona	2014
David Adams	1998	Tyson Flynn / Brenton Savona	2015
Peter Castle	1999	Tyson Flynn / Scott Jopling	2016
Matthew Hall / Scott Hall	2000	Ben Seppala / Housh Fallah	2017
Robert Moore	2001	Tyson Flynn / Andrew Nightingale	2018
Phil Henderson	2002	Luke Barrow / James Gould	2019
Matt Darmody	2003	Houshyar Fallah / James Gould	2020
Tyson Flynn	2004	No Grand Final (Covid 19)	2021
Dominic Feenan / Phil Henderson	2005	Luke Barrow / James Charman	2022
Dominic Feenan / Mark Dagwell	2006	Luke Barrow / James Charman	2023
Ji Delander / Mark Dagwell	2007		

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