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# **DAVID TRODDEN**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER NEW SOUTH WALES RUGBY LEAGUE

HE 2014 rugby league season will forever be remembered as the year NSWRL's VB Blues finally ended an eight-series Origin drought. Few sports fans will ever forget the incredibly emotional scenes on the field at ANZ Stadium on June 18, at the completion of Origin II, when 'supercoach' Laurie Daley and our boys celebrated a wonderful achievement – defeating a Queensland Maroons side regarded as arguably the best of all-time.

Coach Daley, captain Paul Gallen and the VB Blues side managed to push aside myriad distractions and setbacks to complete a remarkable series win. The 2014 Origin victory, including the epic Game I triumph in Brisbane, will be regarded as one of the greatest in rugby league history. The side's success is a great reflection of the positive changes we've implemented and the appointments Laurie has made to his high-performance team, including the likes of assistant coach Matt Parish, sports scientist Dr Craig Duncan and culture and leadership expert Garie Dooley.

There was more to celebrate in 2014 than just the Blues' triumph, though. Our major competition, the VB NSW Cup, continued to grow and in 2014 it took further steps forward as a premier feeder system to the NRL. The

competition's audience also continued to grow, with Fox Sports' regularseason viewer numbers growing an incredible 42 per cent year-on-year.

In 2014 we held a stand-alone Grand Finals Day, our first as a separate event to the NRL decider. The NSWRL Grand Finals Day, held at Allianz Stadium, featured all three of our major competitions – the VB NSW Cup, Ron Massey Cup and Sydney Shield. The event was well supported, with thousands of fans in attendance and many more watching on live and delayed television broadcasts. The success of the first staging of the NSWRL Grand Finals Day augers well for its future.

There was plenty to get excited about off the field, too. The NSWRL's acquisition of the Blatchys Blues Origin fan group late in the year means we can now attract league lovers from around the world and allow them to join Laurie Daley's team.

Our team also continues to do terrific work in the community. In 2014 the NSWRL engaged communities and raised awareness and funds for a range of charities and causes. At the forefront of our growing community arm is the Brad Fittler-led Hogs for the Homeless program, which has raised \$190,000 for Father Chris Riley's

Youth Off the Streets organisation in the past two years. In 2014 the NSWRL, through the VB NSW Cup, also helped raise \$24,000 for the Starlight Children's Foundation through its Wish League – another example of how rugby league and the NSWRL continues to make a huge difference to people's lives.

Congratulations needs to go to our 2014 champion teams – Penrith Panthers (VB NSW Cup); The Entrance Tigers (Ron Massey Cup); East Campbelltown Eagles (Sydney Shield); Sydney Roosters (S.G. Ball); and Newcastle Knights (Harold Matthews). Our under-age teams continued to perform well, especially the NSW Under-20s side that recorded its third-straight victory. Our women's representative side also improved markedly, now a major contributor of talent to the Australian Jillaroos team.

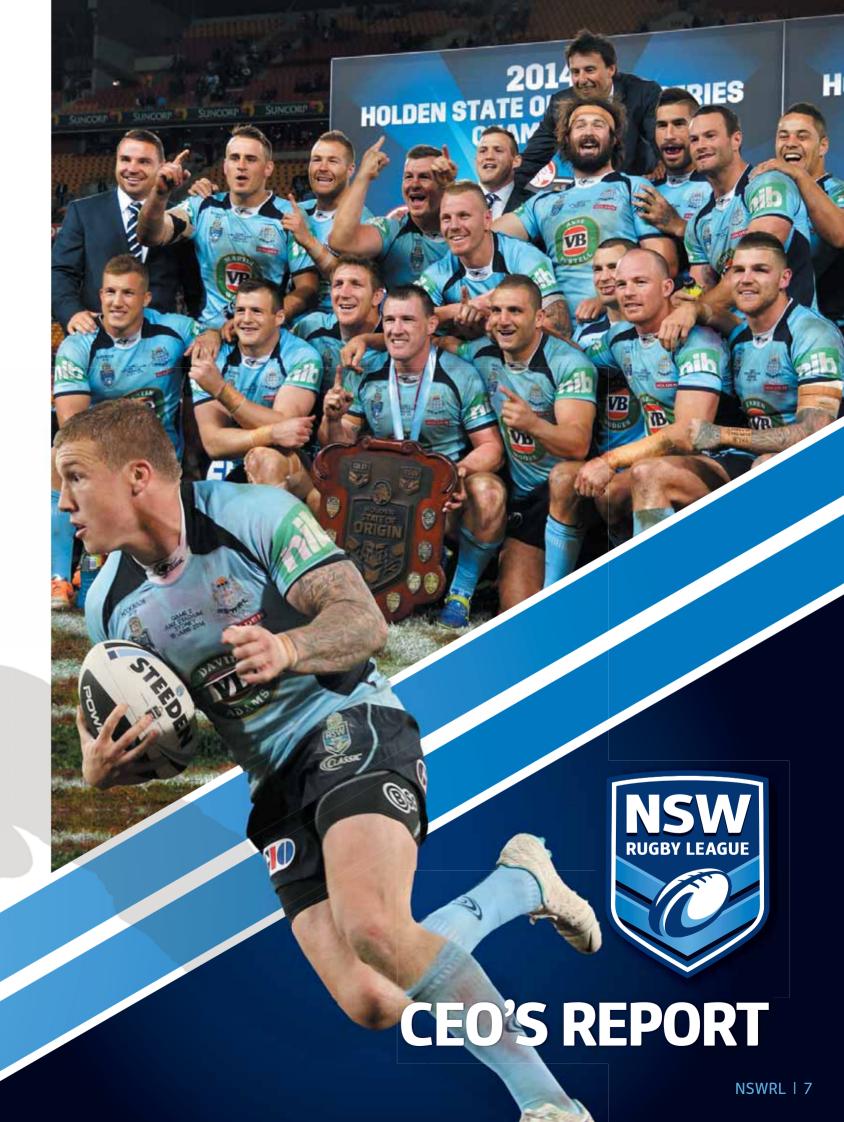
With the giant progress made in 2014, I've no doubt 2015 can and will be even better for the NSWRL. The future for the organisation is now brighter than ever.

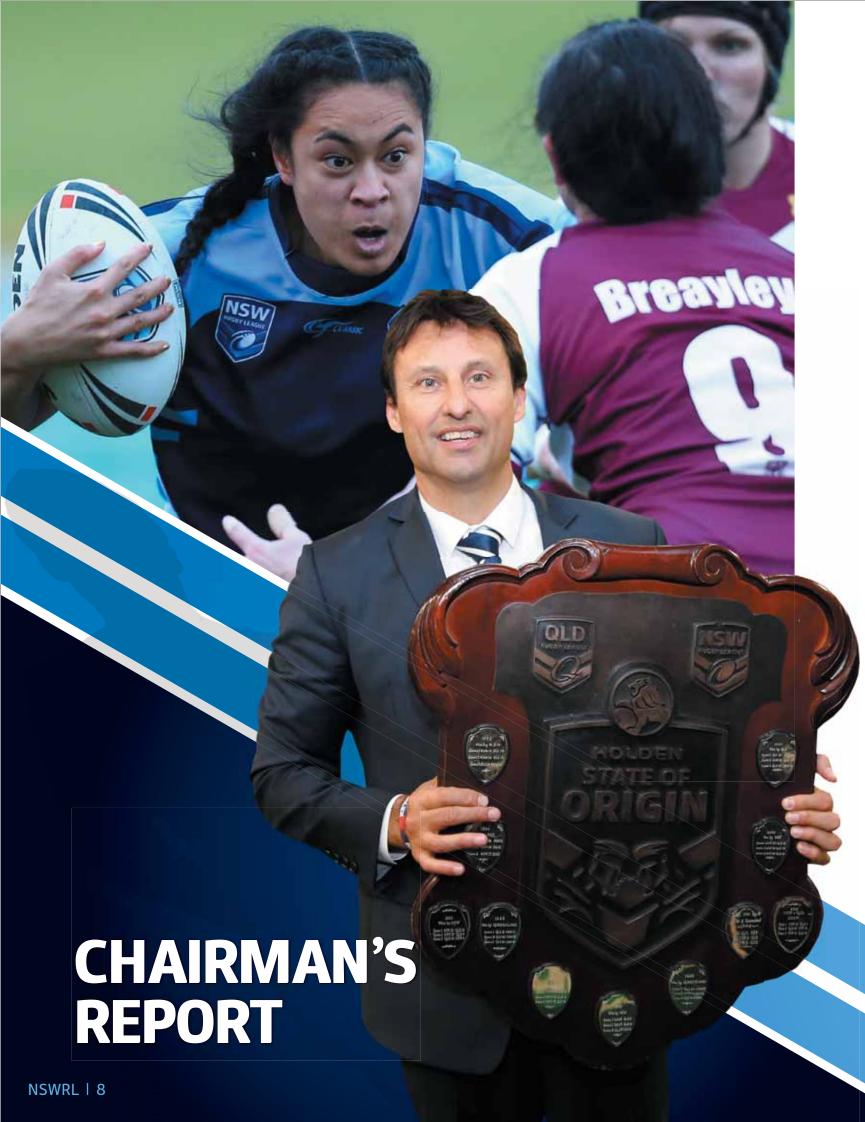
David Trodden Chief Executive Officer, NSWRL











## DR GEORGE PEPONIS OAM CHAIRMAN NEW SOUTH WALES RUGBY LEAGUE



**ONG-TERM** growth and success on and off the field are the goals set by the New South Wales Rugby League Board. To that end the 2014 State of Origin series victory by Laurie Daley's NSW VB Blues has given our stakeholders at all levels a huge boost in believing the code in this state is on the right path. Our challenge now is to ensure we continue to build on these exciting times and grow the game from grassroots right through our pathways programs to keep producing the players who capture the imagination of the public weekly and especially come State of Origin time.

As custodians of the game in the birthplace of rugby league in Australia we see it as our duty as a Board to make decisions that will not only ensure stability but also promote a bright future for the sport. Central to our vision for rugby league in New South Wales has been a new structure for the organisation driven by chief executive David Trodden that sees the NSWRL held in high esteem as much for its professionalism, high-performance culture and on-field achievements as the wider positive role it plays in the community.

There's no doubt the NSW VB Blues, through their exploits in State of Origin, remain our blue-chip product. They are the flagship for the code and our brand in New South Wales and with Laurie Daley at the helm and Paul Gallen as skipper they certainly did our State proud in 2014. Fans flocked to the games with a crowd of 83,421 in attendance at ANZ Stadium as Bulldog Trent Hodkinson converted his own try in Origin II to clinch a first series win for the NSW VB Blues since 2005.

The joy on the faces of players and fans was a sight to behold but the beauty for

the NSWRL as an organisation was that the win was on the back of a huge upswing in support for the NSW VB Blues. The state of New South Wales as a whole was behind Laurie and his team, almost as never before in the history of State of Origin. Through changes to our high-performance unit we'd introduced a greater professionalism to the NSW VB Blues and captured the hearts of fans with our newly acquired membership group Blatchys Blues, setting the tone as ANZ Stadium turned into a sea of Blue on that historic night.

Fans will forever remember where they were when the drought broke but just as importantly they now want to come along for the ride and be part of rugby league whether as a participant of the game at junior or senior level or as a supporter of the NSW VB Blues.

To that end our pathways programs for junior development have been revitalised with NSW VB Blues coach Laurie Daley taking charge of the recent Under-20s Origin camp which featured a host of rising stars led by Roosters young gun Jackson Hastings who is hoping to follow his father Kevin into a Blues jersey. Our mission is to ensure that all NSW representative sides, from Under-16, Under-18 and Under-20, our Emerging Blues to NSW VB Blues, are in the one system and sharing the same values and coaching philosophies.

Elite coaching and additional funding are priorities and in 2014 we were able to procure an extra investment of \$1.75 million for the VB NSW Cup from the Australian Rugby League Commission. That boost enabled us to fund VB NSW Cup clubs like never before and finance their utilisation of Prozone Sports Performance Analysis system to provide our clubs with the same statistical analysis used by NRL clubs.

Looking back on 2014, we as a Board are also proud to be able to say that the hard work of the NSWRL staff has also ensured our game is and will always be open to everyone. The junior representative competitions, NSWRL's women's programs, indigenous representative sides and knockout tournaments ensure all elite players are covered while specially structured competitions for players with disabilities mean everyone who wants to play 'The Greatest Game of All' can.

Thank you to everyone who has played a part in the success of rugby league in New South Wales in 2014, whether they be the staff at the NSWRL, players, coaches, administrators, volunteers or supporters at all levels. I look forward to working with you in 2015 to ensure our great game continues to grow.

Dr George Peponis OAM Chairman, NSWRL





# TERRY QUINN CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER COUNTRY RUGBY LEAGUE



T was another landmark year for the game in 2014 and the Country Rugby League made its mark at many levels.

AAMI Country v City Origin week returned to Dubbo for the first time since 2006, and the game was played in front of a strong crowd. The game finished a draw with Country retaining the shield after winning the previous year in what was a great spectacle. Congratulations should also go to all of the Premiers of each Group around Country NSW. It was surely a record for the amount of finals and semi-finals going down to extra time or a field goal to decide the winner.

Again in 2014, the Senior Championships were played in a two-tiered format with the 18s and 16s continuing in Regions. The Senior Regional Championships continued to impress and in 2014 it was once again the Illawarra side taking out the win. In Tier 2, Greater Southern were a dominant force throughout the Championships.

The 18s and 16s finals were played prior to the Senior Championship games in Tamworth and saw the 'home side' Greater Northern victorious in both age groups.

The Country Firsts team again took on a developing rugby league nation in 2014, playing the Hawaiian Chiefs in a two-game tour. In game one, the Country

Firsts side defeated the Chiefs. The main game was then played as a pre-cursor to the USA Tomahawks v Toa Samoa International, with Country winning once again 52-12.

Hoping to replicate the NSW VB Blues' success in the Origin series, the Country Bulls side travelled to Rockhampton to take on the Queensland Rangers. Despite leading at half-time, the Bulls came up against a side backed by the home crowd, ultimately defeated 34-22.

The Country 18s and 16s set out for a two-game tour in Queensland, taking on Australian Samoa in Brisbane and the Queensland 18s and 16s in Rockhampton. Both under-age CRL teams defeated Australia Samoa but fell short against the hosts.

The 2014 Player of the Year dinner was held at the Doltone House Hyde Park Ballroom in early October, with more than 350 of Country Rugby League's supporters, volunteers and players in attendance. Jamal Idris was named Country Rugby League VB Origin Player of the Year while Newcastle's Chris Adams was recognised as Country's best player in 2014. Chris played a major role in Newcastle's Senior Championships campaign and was a standout in Country's matches against the Hawaiian Chiefs.

My thanks go to the Country Rugby League Management Board and now Chairman John Anderson and Vice President Doug Harrison for their support throughout a year that saw a lot of change. From the devastating loss of Chairman Jock Colley in February to the adoption of a new constitution in October, your support has been invaluable throughout the season – sincerest thanks to you all.

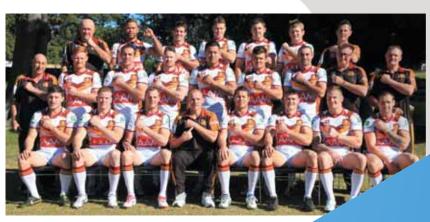
The success of the 2014 season can be attributed to the continued hard work of all Country Rugby League staff who are based right around the state as well as the continued dedication of volunteers and officials.

The Country Rugby League would also like to recognise major sponsors AAMI, Carlton United Breweries, Holiday Inn, SLE Insurance and Victor Sports, as well as our suppliers Classic, Zibara, BLK and CSM International. In 2015 we will also welcome Steeden on board as official football suppliers.

We look forward to improving on the successes of 2014, and continuing to promote Country Rugby League at all levels of the game.

Terry Quinn Chief Executive Officer, Country Rugby League









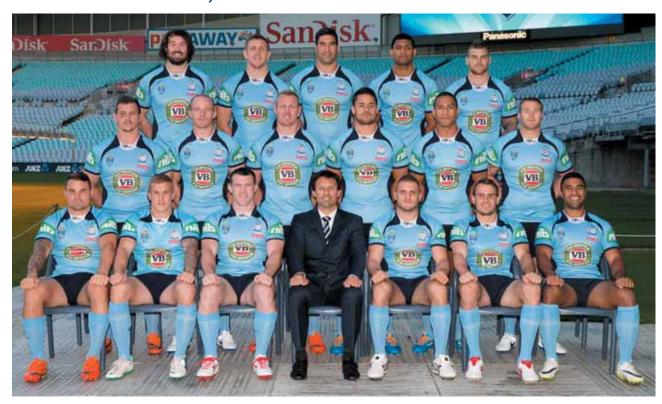


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Middle row: ROBBIE AUBIN (Conditioner), BRAD FITTLER (Assistant Coach), GENN JACKSON (Media), TRETAM RRIVE LEWIS, TONZ WILLIAMS, DANIEL TUPOU, JAMES TAMOU, AARON WOODS, RYAN HOFFMAN, JARRYD HAYNE, BEAU SCOTT, ANDREW FARRAR (Team Manager), ANDY NOYES (Assistant Physiotherapist), LIZ STEET (Physiotherapist)

Seated: TRENT HODKINSON, ANTHONY WATMOUGH, JOSH MORRIS, ROBBIE FARAH (Vice-Captain), LAURIE DALEY (Coach), PAUL GALLEN (Captain), MICHAEL JENNINGS, JOSH REYNOLDS, BRETT MORRIS

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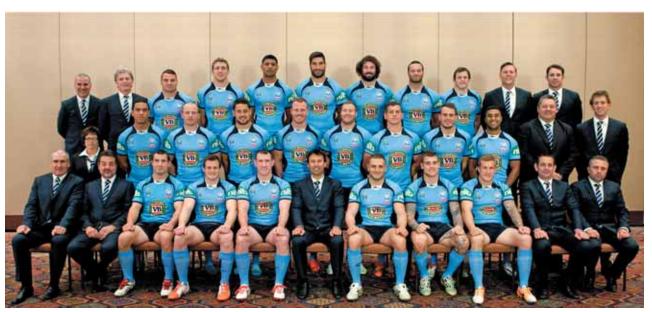
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## STATE OF ORIGIN, GAME III



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## **NSW VB BLUES – 2014 ORIGIN CHAMPIONS**



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COMPLETE NSWRL OFF-FIELD TEAM

JAMIE ANDERSON, TAS BAITIERI, TANYA BRYAN, ANNA BYRNE, SCOTT CARR, LAUREN COLTMAN, CATHY CROWE, ANTHONY DANKS, KARLI DIB, LAURA EISENHAUER, JOANNE FARR, KATIE
FIELD, RENEE GARTNER, STEVEN HALL, STEPHEN HEWSON, BOB HOOPER, STEPHEN HUMPHREYS, JOSH HYLAND, GLENN JACKSON, RHYS JENNINGS, DOUGLAS KEEN, ADAM KIDD, PAUL
LANGMACK, BJ MATHER, DIRK MELTON, GREG NICHOLS, DAVID NISSEN, DAVID NORMAN, GREG POLLARD, WAYNE PORTLOCK, BRAD PRESTON, ALEA PURIFICATION, TERRY QUINN, BOB SAUNDERS, JESSICA SCHWARTZ, LAUREN SPARKE, TODD SMITH, STUART STANTON, JIMMY STAVRIANOS, DAVID TRODDEN, RICKY TURNER, RICKY WALFORD

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## **2014 NSW REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS**

## **NSW VB CUP**



Back Row: HAYDEN KNOWLES (Head Trainer), WAQA BLAKE, JACK BUCHANAN, ISAAH YEO, MARK NICHOLLS, WILLIS MEEHAN, JAKE FOREST, DANIEL HARRISON, LEE HOPKINS (Trainer)
Middle Row: WAYNE PORTLOCK (Manager), MITCH WILLIAMS, JACK AHEARN, NATHAN BROWN, MAGNUS STROMQUIST, LACHLAN BURR, CHANEL MATA'UTIA,

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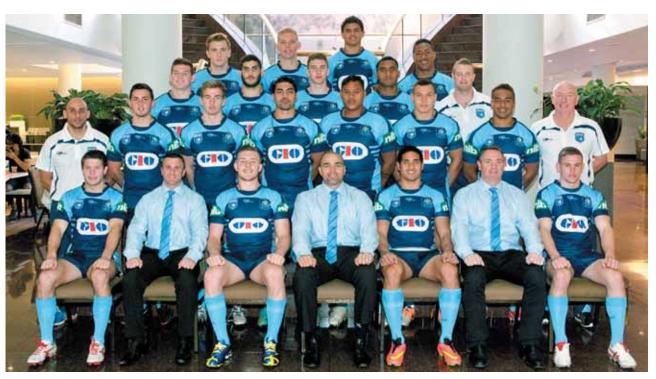
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PAUL STRINGER (Assistant Coach), MITCH CORNISH, BRETT McKENNA (Team Manager)

## NSW U20s



Back Row: JAKE MAMO, RYAN MATTERSON, DEAN BRITT, PAULI PAULI
Third Row: MIKE WILLIAMS (Trainer), CLINTON GUTHERSON, RHYS KENNEDY, MATT LODGE, MICHAEL BAINES (Physiotherapist)
Second Row: GRANT TOZER (Trainer), MAL COCHRANE (Manager), DREW HUTCHISON, JAKE TRBOJEVIC, ADAM ELLIOTT, JAKIEL MARINER, WAYNE PORTLOCK (NSWRL Co-ordinator), LEIGH WOODBRIDGE (Trainer)
Front Row: SIONE MATA'UTIA, TYRONE PHILLIPS, MITCHELL MOSES, DEAN PAY (Head Coach), KAYSA PRITCHARD (Captain), JACK BIRD, EUAN AITKEN

## NSW U18s



Back Row: JACOB HOST, TOM TRBOJEVIC, LATRELL MITCHELL, OFA-KI SAMISONI HALA
Third Row: MATTHEW JURD, ALEX TWAL, PAUL MOMIROVSKI, TEVITA PANGAI JUNIOR, BALIN CUPPLES (Head Trainer)
Second Row: WALLY BITAR (Trainer), GRANT GARVEY, LACHLAN CROKER, HAME SELE, LUCIANO LEILUA, TYRELL FUIMAONO, TEVITA COTTRELL, WAYNE PORTLOCK (Manager)
Front Row: JACK COGGER, WILLIE PETERS (Assistant Coach), JACKSON HASTINGS (Captain), TODD PAYTEN (Coach), SIONE MATA'UTIA, GREG FLORIMO (Team Manager), MATTHEW DUFTY

## NSW U16s



Back Row: SCOTT MUTTDON (Physiotherapist), GIORDAN PATEA, EMRE GULER, NIKOLA COTRIC, KEN NAGAS (Head Trainer), JAI WHITBREAD, MOSESE SULI, KURTIS DARK, NATHAN MAIRLEITNER (Trainer)
Middle Row: WAYNE PORTLOCK (Manager), MATTHEW COOPER, JACK CROSS, CAMERON MURRAY, SIONE HOPOATE, RYAN PAPENHUYZEN, DION SOLAESE, KOTONI STAGGS,
JESSE ABBOTT, RON GRIFFITH (Pathway Coach)

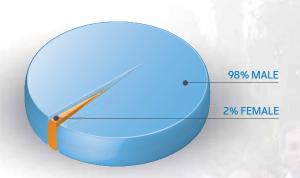
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## **EMERGING TRENDS**

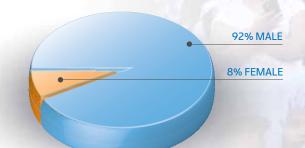
## KEY FIGURES FROM THE NSWRL'S 2014 SEASON

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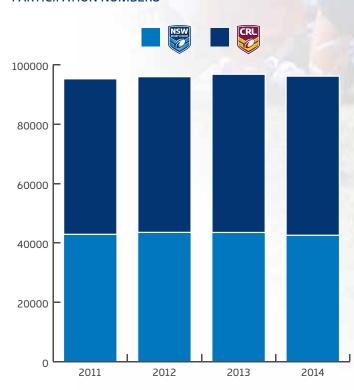
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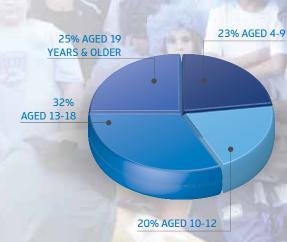
53,682 REGISTERED RUGBY LEAGUE PARTICIPANTS IN REGIONAL NSW



#### PARTICIPATION NUMBERS



33% AGED 4-9 11% AGED 19 **YEARS & OLDER** 31% AGED 13-18



25% AGED 10-12



**64 TEAMS** participating in the annual Nations of Origin Indigenous Rugby League Festival in Dubbo each year.

**1000 SYDNEY-BASED** 

REFEREES

managed by the

NSWRL's dedicated

Development Unit.

Referees' Coaching and

#### **ENGAGEMENT**









## INCLUSION









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## \$190,000 RAISED BY NSWRL, Father Chris Riley's

#### 100% GROWTH IN WHEELCHAIR **RUGBY LEAGUE** participant numbers and

Physical Disability Rugby League team numbers over the past four years.

\$24,000 RAISED

**CHILDREN'S** 

**FOUNDATION** 

Australia through the NSWRL's VB

NSW Wish League

2014.

FOR THE STARLIGHT



## WELFARE

684,617 likes on Facebook for the NSW VB Blues



who attended NSWRL Semi-Pro Days in 2014, the first year the educational seminar – covering mental health issues, doping regulations, social scenarios and other topics – was held.

#### **2000 KILOGRAMS**



**SIX DIFFERENT TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS** 



lost in the Knockout Health Challenge, a NSWRL and NSW Ministry of Health program that encourages and supports community teams and groups address their diet

mentoring programs and grants available to NSWRL-linked players through NSWRL programs and those provided by

and exercise routines.



# REPORT CARD

42,536 REGISTERED PLAYERS ✓ 1150 ACTIVE REFEREES 8 MAJOR SENIOR COMPETITIONS AND TOURNAMENTS 14 AFFILIATE ORGANISATIONS 6 STATE REPRESENTATIVE SIDES

# 2014 **TRENDS**



## **HIGH-PERFORMANCE NSW VB BLUES**

o one likes to lose. Entering the 2014 series the NSW VB Blues had been closing the gap on a tremendous Queensland side. Finally, in 2014, the side played some really good, tough football in the campaign to bring home the trophy for the first time in nine years.

Getting that elusive Origin series win was great – it felt like the state of NSW was united, right behind the team. Long-term, though, we want to make sure those supporter numbers are with us going forward and those who haven't been the rusted-on fans will continue to be a part of us.

As a team, we faced some challenges. Playing Queensland in Brisbane in Game I, our track record seemed to suggest we'd struggle but the boys played their best and showed a lot of heart, courage and determination to walk away with a lot of confidence and the victory. We defended so well after being put under a lot of pressure – it made me incredibly proud.

In Sydney for Game II, the emotion and the buzz around the ground was something I'd never seen. To see the stadium and fans react the way they did when we won, it'll be something I always remember. It's now a part of Origin folklore and a moment I'll never forget.

We made a lot of significant changes coming into this year, in terms of facilities, sports science capabilities and our support staff. In was a real change in approach, particularly shifting base to Coffs Harbour, and it all played a big part in our eventual success. I'd personally like to thank CEO David Trodden, Chairman Dr George Peponis OAM and the Board for their belief in my vision. They, as well as the NSWRL staff, have played a pivotal role in the VB Blues' success and for that I am genuinely thankful. Credit also must be given to captain Paul Gallen, vice-captain Robbie Farah, joint Brad Fittler Medallists Jarryd Hayne and Ryan Hoffman and the rest of the side. Absolutely fantastic work, lads.

For now it's about savouring and reflecting on the success but also understanding that success has come to an end and we need to start again. It's a champion Queensland team and one that showed us in Game III what they're capable of doing when we're not at our best. That's the challenge for us - rising to another level.

Laurie Daley Head Coach, **NSW VB Blues** 

#### **ORIGIN I**

NSW 12 (B Morris, J Hayne tries; Hodkinson 2 goals) def. Queensland 8 (D Boyd 2 tries) at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane on 28 May, 2014. MOM: Jarryd Hayne. Crowd: 52,111

#### **ORIGIN II**

**NSW 6** (T Hodkinson try; Hodkinson goal) def. Queensland 4 (J Thurston 2 goals) at ANZ Stadium Sydney on 18 June 2014. MOM: Paul Gallen. Crowd: 83,421

#### **ORIGIN III**

Queensland 32 (C Smith, B Slater, D Boyd, A Guerra, C Cronk tries; J Thurston 6 goals) def. NSW 8 (J Dugan try; Hodkinson 2 goals) at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane on 9 July 2014. MOM: Corey Parker. Crowd: 50,155

#### **CITY-COUNTRY CLASH**

The annual City-Country clash remains a pivotal pathway – and in 2014 the players from GIO City Origin and AAMI Country Origin showed why the match remains relevant on the representative calendar.

In front of almost 10,000 fans in Dubbo, both City and Country put on a master class of attacking football, with the match finishing in the most unlikely of draws. A total of nine players taking part in the 2014 clash were selected to represent the NSW VB Blues, with the match preparing those future state stars for the rigours of representative football.

City Origin 26 (D Tupou 2, J Reynolds, A Fifita, W Hopoate tries; A Reynolds 3 goals) drew with Country Origin 26 (D Mead 2, K Gordon, J Idris, J McManus







## **GROWTH AND EXCELLENCE**

**HE** VB NSW Cup continues to go from strength to strength and things were no different in 2014.

The standard of play was beyond belief at times and the competition continued to produce a number of first grade players as well as provide a place for the next generation to hone their skills while they still chased their NRL dreams. A total of 51 VB NSW Cup players made their NRL debuts in 2014.

Fans were kept on the edge of their seats right throughout the VB NSW Cup season with spots inside the top four only decided during the final round – and the Warriors only secured a finals berth in what was the last game of the regular season.

But there was little doubt that it was the Penrith Panthers who were the side to beat throughout the year as they ran roughshod over the competition. The men from the foot of the mountains recovered from dropping their first two games of the year to win 23 of their next 25, culminating in Grand Final success when they defeated the Newcastle Knights 48-12.

The Panthers' dominance was reminiscent of 2013 Premiers Cronulla, but with the difference being the 2014 VB NSW Cup winners were given the opportunity to face-off against the Intrust Super Cup victors on NRL Grand Final day for a shot at the National State Championship. As our representatives from NSW, the state rallied around the Panthers as they took on the Northern Pride at ANZ Stadium but, despite leading well into the second half, the Panthers fell away late in the piece and went down to the Pride 32-28. Still, it was a great season by Penrith.

It was also fantastic to see sides from Newcastle, Illawarra and New Zealand make the finals while the Wyong Roos, in just their second season in the competition, also went on a late-season tear to qualify for their maiden finals campaign.

Wentworthville Magpies winger Bureta Faraimo was named the VB NSW Cup Player of the Year, capping a memorable year in which he represented the USA Tomahawks at the World Cup and made his NRL debut for the Eels. The support the VB NSW Cup received throughout the season was also fantastic. Between our press partners – radio broadcasters 2GB, ABC, Hawkesbury Radio, Triple H FM, Alive 90.5 and 89.3 and Steele Sports; weekly television broadcasts on Fox Sports and Sky Sports New Zealand; print coverage in Rugby League News, Rugby League Week, Big League and Rugby League Review – the game reached more fans than ever before. This is reflected in Fox Sports' VB NSW Cup viewer numbers, with an incredible year-on-year increase of 42 per cent.

The 2015 season is shaping up as another classic season – and it's not just high-flying teams like the Panthers and Knights that will be attracting all the attention. The Newtown Jets, for instance, will be looking to bounce back after missing the finals, and they will form a new partnership with the Cronulla Sharks. The Wyong Roos will also be one of the teams to watch now that they will have an NRL affiliation with the Sydney Roosters. Those factors will ensure this League's major competition continues to go from strength to strength next season and beyond.

#### Bob Millward OAM Chairman, VB NSW Cup

#### **VB NSW CUP 2014 LADDER**

POSITION		P	w	D	L	В	F	A	+/-	Pts
1 PANTHERS	PENRITH PANTHERS	26	20	0	4	2	754	431	323	44
2 Trights	NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS	26	15	0	9	2	695	548	147	34
3	WENTWORTHVILLE MAGPIES	26	15	0	9	2	718	659	59	34
4	ILLAWARRA CUTTERS	26	13	2	9	2	665	496	160	32
5 mounties mounties	MOUNTIES	26	14	0	10	2	692	535	157	32
6	WESTS TIGERS	26	14	0	10	2	621	560	61	32
7 WYUNG IM	WYONG ROOS	26	13	2	11	2	506	556	-50	30
8 VARRIONS	NZ WARRIORS	26	12	1	11	2	549	510	39	29
9	CRONULLA SHARKS	26	12	0	12	2	623	591	32	28
10 JEJS	NEWTOWN JETS	26	11	1	12	2	605	656	-51	27
11 BULLDOSS	CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS	26	6	2	16	2	529	659	-130	18
12	MANLY SEA EAGLES	26	6	0	18	2	478	795	-317	16
13	NORTH SYDNEY BEARS	26	2	0	22	2	412	842	-430	8







**VB NSW CUP** 



## A YEAR TO REMEMBER

**HE** Ron Massey Cup competition continued to live up to its billing as one of this state's premier competitions in 2014 and produced one of the closest seasons in recent memory.

Four sides still had Minor Premiership ambitions as the competition entered the final round, such was the closeness of the competition, while a number of teams in the lower half of the eight had to fight for their spots right through to the conclusion of round 22.

After a gruelling regular season it was the Wentworthville Magpies who managed to secure the Minor Premiership as they finished on 29 competition points alongside archrivals Mounties, but claimed the title due to their superior for and against.

As we entered the finals series, Wenty were looking to claim their fifth title in six years however it was not to be as

they were dominated by Mounties to the tune of 34-0 in the Preliminary Final. Joining Mounties in the Grand Final was The Entrance Tigers who knocked over Wenty and Asquith en route to a showdown with the men in yellow at Allianz Stadium.

And the Ron Massey Grand Final didn't let anyone down – not those in attendance at the ground or the thousands watching the live broadcast on Fox Sports.

With the scores locked at 18-all at the end of regulation time the match headed to 'Golden Point'. It was the Tigers' try-scoring machine Alan Mulia Malau who scored the competitionwinning four-pointer for The Entrance to hand the club their first title since 2007.

Congratulations to all of our competing sides for making the 2014 season the great success it was and

also a special mention to the Western Suburbs Magpies Dayne Craig who was named the Ron Massey Cup Player of the Year.

The 2014 Sydney Shield competition was an intriguing one for many reasons. The competition welcomed two new sides in the Peninsula Seagulls and East Campbelltown Eagles, and both of these teams certainly left an impression.

The Seagulls won all but one of their 22 regular-season matches, with a sole three-point loss against the Guildford Owls in round 19 standing between them and a perfect regular season. But despite entering the finals series as the hottest of favourites, the Seagulls would ultimately go down to the eventual Premiers East Campbelltown.

The Eagles finished the regular season in third spot after they won 14 of their 22 matches with a further two

draws but they saved their best football for the finals series. A week-one win over the second-placed Wentworthville Magpies saw them earn a week off before they accounted for the Peninsula Seagulls in the Preliminary Final.

The Grand Final, which was played at Allianz Stadium as the first of three matches on the day, saw East Campbelltown taking on Mounties and once again it was the Eagles who proved too strong, claiming their first title 27-20.

Special mention must be made to Seagull Vinny Ngaro, named the 2014 Sydney Shield Player of the Year at the Brad Fittler Medal night. With 2014 now behind us, we look forward to the 2015 season - one where the standard of play and the spectator interest is sure to go to another level.

**Geoff Gerard** Chairman.

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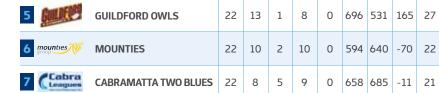
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**AUBURN WARRIORS** 

**BURWOOD NORTH** 

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**SYDNEY SHIELD 2014 LADDER** 



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**RON MASSEY CUP** & SYDNEY SHIELD

## **RON MASSEY CUP 2014 LADDER**

POSITION		Р	w	D	L	В	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	WENTWORTHVILLE MAGPIES	21	14	1	6	0	702	436	266	29
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3 (MAGPIES A	ASQUITH MAGPIES	22	13	2	7	0	638	481	157	28
4	THE ENTRANCE TIGERS	22	13	1	8	0	526	499	27	27
5 Cabra Leagues	CABRAMATTA TWO BLUES	22	13	1	9	0	666	643	23	25
6	GUILDFORD OWLS	22	13	0	10	0	594	536	58	24
7	WESTERN SUBURBS MAGPIES	22	11	1	11	0	658	535	123	23
8	AUBURN WARRIORS	22	11	0	11	0	670	613	57	22
9 Walles	WINDSOR WOLVES	22	9	2	12	0	604	576	28	20
10 Workers	BLACKTOWN WORKERS	22	8	0	12	0	501	713	-212	16
11 Colts	KINGSGROVE COLTS	22	5	1	16	0	416	852	-436	11
12	BURWOOD NORTH RYDE UNITED	21	4	0	18	0	470	749	-279	8

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## THE NEXT GENERATION

**T** was another stellar year for both of our Junior Representative competitions with a number of emerging stars shining brightly in a season that saw a plethora of tightly contested matches in both grades.

In the Harold Matthews competition, teams like Manly and the Western Sydney Academy of Sport improved dramatically in 2014 while other junior powerhouses such as the Panthers, Roosters and Rabbitohs were once again up near the pointy end of the table.

Perhaps the biggest surprise of all was the Parramatta Eels, who were seeking to claim their third straight title however missed the finals on

and Eels (10th) for places in the finals by percentage only.

But at the end of the day it was the Newcastle Knights, who after suffering a first-up loss to the Western Suburbs Magpies in round one, remained unbeaten from that point on to not only claim the Harold Matthews Cup, but they would also go on to claim the National title when they knocked off the Northern Pride 34-28 in Townsville. The Knights earned the right to represent NSW in the National Championship match when they thoroughly out pointed the Panthers in the Grand Final 34-4 at Leichhardt Oval.

In the SG Ball Cup, Balmain were looking for a historic three-peat after claiming

two competition points separated the minor premiers, the Parramatta Eels, and the fifth-placed finishers, the Balmain Tigers.

After a finals series that saw no fewer than six matches decided by 10 points or less, it was the Sydney Roosters who claimed their third title in seven years when they came from behind to defeat the Penrith Panthers 34-30 in a Grand Final that will be remembered for many years to come. Unfortunately for the Tri-Colours they were unable to claim the national title a week later, going down to the Townsville Stingers 36-14 in Far North Queensland.

There is no doubting the depth of talent in the game at present and, for in our Junior Representative competitions. Based on the standard future in general – promises to be better than ever.



## **PATHWAY PROGRAMS**

HE New South Wales Rugby League consolidated crucial development pathways for the game in 2014, simultaneously outperforming opponents while preparing the next generation for future success.

Through its under-16s, under-18s and under-20s representative sides, the NSWRL continued to give future NSW Blues players the opportunity to perform and learn on league's biggest stage. In 2014, the under-age Blues team members got the opportunity to show their wares in front of packed stadiums prior to internationals and Origin clashes.

The under-18s and under-20s both tasted victory against Queensland in

2014. The Dean Pay-coached under-20s NSW Blues, in particular, should be congratulated for their tremendous efforts – they've now won three consecutive interstate matches. Only the under-16s side tasted defeat in 2014, beaten by two points in a thriller before Origin I in Queensland.

Of the 162 players to take part in the pathway over the past three years, 29 have progressed on to NRL, four have been selected for/played in Australian sides and one has featured in the senior Origin squad in 2014.

In addition to the success and development of our under-age representative sides, the creation of our Junior Leagues Association also had a positive influence on the game in NSW in 2014. With full membership of the NSWRL and voting power at Annual General Meetings, the Junior Leagues Association provided clubs with a greater voice, one likely to shore-up the future of the grass-roots game in this state.

With on-field success at the top from the NSW VB Blues and through to promising results and consolidated development systems at under-age level, the future of football in this state looks incredibly bright.

Barrie-Jon Mather General Manager – Football, NSWRL

#### **UNDER-16s**

Queensland U16s 20 (S Smith, J Chapman, S Ketia Opo, E Tuala tries; S Tatipata 2 goals) def. New South Wales U16s 18 (K Dark, S Hopoate, K Staggs tries; B O'Hagan 3 goals) prior to Origin I at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane

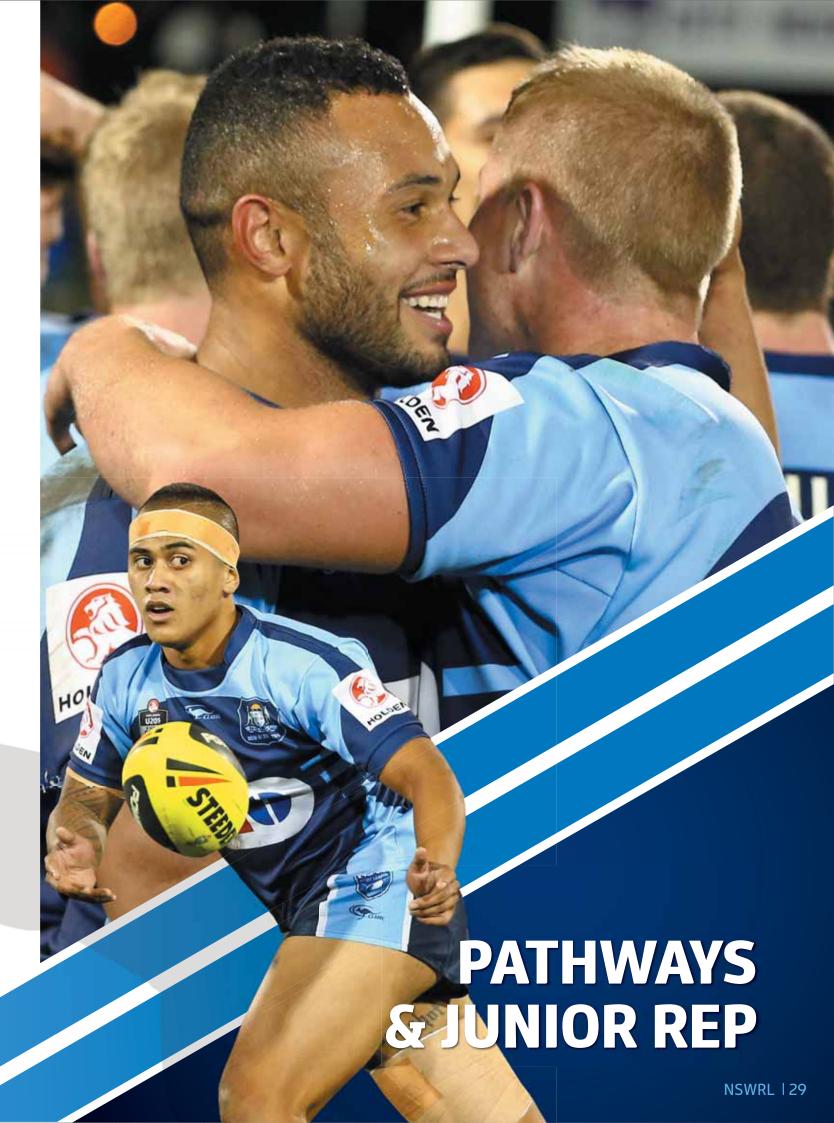
#### UNDER-18s

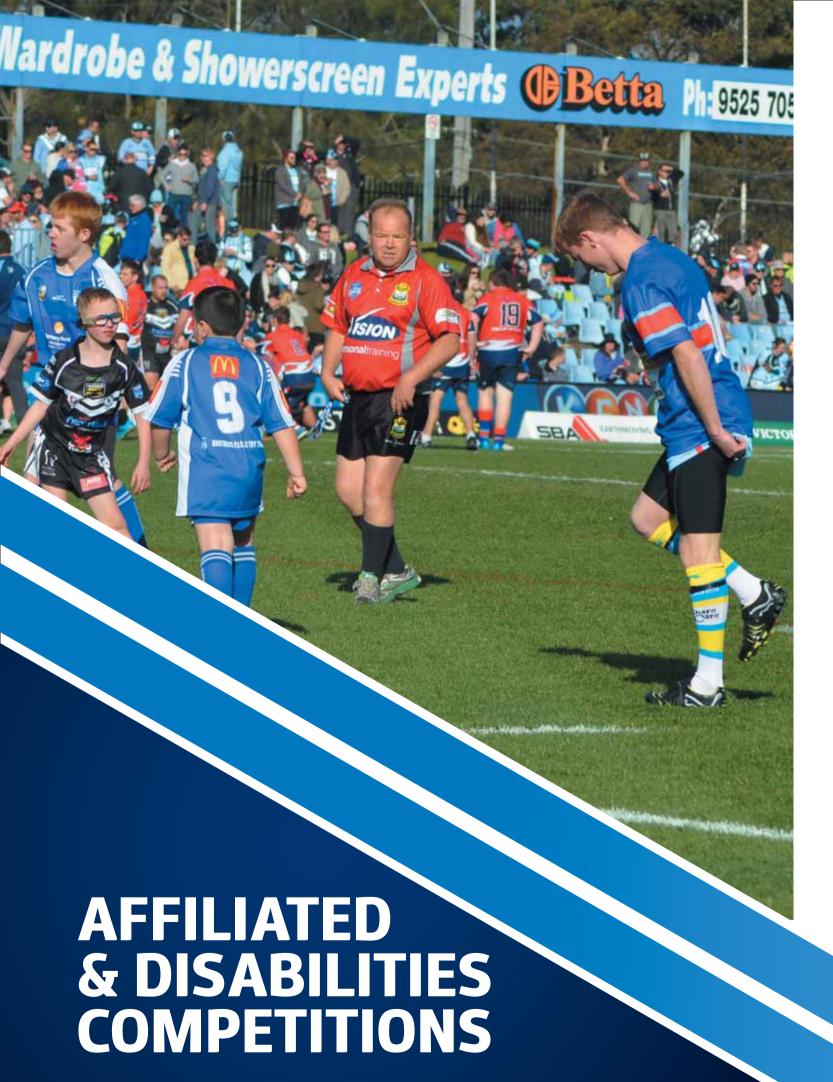
New South Wales U18s 24 (M Dufty 2, T Trbojevic, L Mitchell, L Croker tries; J Hastings 2 goals) def. Queensland U18s 10 (L Collins, K Duffin tries; C Bambling goal) prior to Origin II at ANZ Stadium, Sydney

## **UNDER-20s**

New South Wales U20s 30 (J Mamo 3, T Phillips, S Mata'utia tries; C Gutherson 5 goals) def. Queensland U20s 8 (J Folau, L Bateman tries) prior to Pacific Test at Sportingbet Stadium, Sydney.







## **INCLUSION & AFFILIATES PROGRAMS**

HE NSWRL continued their support of affiliates and disabilities programs in 2014, with a host of competitions for players of all ages, all abilities and both sexes – and, through its variety of programs, for those who suffer physical or intellectual disabilities, those who are studying and for members of the police force and armed services.

This season the NSWRL staged inclusive disabilities programs with district clubs who cater for people of all physical and intellectual disabilities who either wanted to play rugby league or get involved in an administrative capacity. Specific programs were also conducted for people with disabilities including the popular Wheelchair Rugby League, played by males and females aged 14 to 60, with laws allowing the involvement of able-bodied participants.

The NSWRL also continued their support of Push and Power Rugby League (for those in electric wheelchairs), Physical Disabilities

Rugby League (open to people with physical disabilities such as cerebral palsy, amputations and brain injuries) and Intellectual Disabilities Rugby League – a program that encourages social inclusion and the benefits of exercise through its cross-Sydney competition and modified rules.

The Community Connects program, another inclusive component of NSWRL's social programs, was successful in training people with disabilities to fulfil a variety of roles within the rugby league community including club volunteers, ground officials and time keepers. Graduates also provided assistance at the annual NSWRL All Schools Carnival and other NSWRL events including the Cabramatta Nines and disability sports days.

Programs and competitions were also run for those with tertiary commitments or those dedicating their lives to servicing the community in the police and defence forces. This year the NSWRL's tertiary competition included 13 teams and a total of 514

registered players. The police and armed forces competitions were also played regularly, with representative sides given the opportunity to travel interstate and/or overseas.

The NSWRL also held a successful 'come and try' Wheelchair Rugby League night at Menai Indoor Sports Centre in late August, which was attended by a number of rugby league identities and local political representatives including Hazem El Masri, Ben Ross, Steve Turner, Minister for Disability Services, John Ajaka, and Shadow Minister for Sport and Recreation, Guy Zangari.

With competitions and programs available to people of all ages, physical and intellectual abilities, the NSWRL continued to promote social inclusion in 2014 and will do in the future.

Barrie-Jon Mather General Manager – Football, NSWRL









## IN A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN

HE New South Wales Rugby League continued to proudly support women's rugby league in 2014, with a number of competitions, fixtures and programs ensuring the 'Greatest Game of All' remains a sport for all who wish to be involved.

The NSWRL understands the importance of providing women of all ages with the opportunity to play rugby league and aims to support the growth and participation of women's rugby league from grassroots under-age competitions, right through to the elite team that is the NSW team that competes in the annual Interstate Challenge.

On the international stage, seven New South Wales players were selected to play for the Australian Jillaroos in 2014 with Alex Sulusi, Elianna Walton, Julie Young, Kezie Apps, Maddison Studdon, Ruan Sims and Sam Hammond all taking part in the Jillaroos clash with the New Zealand Kiwi Ferns at WIN Stadium in November.

The women's NSW 'Origin' side was unable to break Queensland's 16-game winning streak in the annual Interstate clash this season, but





showed plenty of encouraging signs for the future with strong performances from several young players against their more experienced counterparts. Coached by former St George Illawarra Dragons and Wests Tigers halfback Mathew Head, the Blues were defeated 26-10 by the Maroons, but gained plenty of admirers following a determined and courageous performance.

The NSWRL Academy played an integral role in women's rugby league in New South Wales this year, overseeing the NSWRL All Schools Carnival, which feature more than 150 female participants, along with Sydney Metropolitan and Illawarra competitions and women's rugby league tournaments held in Penrith and Canberra throughout the year.

The All Schools Carnival, the largest rugby league tournament in the world, featured 10 women's teams from throughout New South Wales with Canterbury, Cronulla, Penrith, Balmain, Parramatta, Western Suburbs, Illawarra and Newcastle joining the ACT and Central Coast in the under-16 category.

Canterbury went through the tournament undefeated to take out the title after defeating Illawarra 14-10 in the All Schools Women's Final.

The Sydney Metropolitan Women's Rugby League had another successful season with eight teams competing in the most closely contested season on record. The Canley Heights Dragons won their fourth-straight premiership after defeating the Redfern All Blacks 42-26 in the Grand Final, an outstanding achievement for their club.

The Illawarra Rugby League competition featured four women's teams this season and continues to produce new rugby league talent each season. The Helensburgh Tiger Lillies defeated Port Kembla 42-6 in the Grand Final, with Women's NSW Blue and Jillaroo Kezie Apps scoring four tries in a dominant performance.

With under-16 tournaments held in Penrith and Canberra throughout the year and increased interest in north-west New South Wales for a competition to kick-off next season, the NSWRL is looking forward to supporting another successful season of women's rugby league in 2015.





WOMEN'S RUGBY LEAGUE



## **COMMUNITY AND WELFARE**

Rugby league's heart and soul is the people it touches – and in 2014 the NSWRL has spread the message further and wider than ever before.

This passion from the community ensures the public remains at the forefront of NSWRL agenda, with our intent to ensure the game continues to grow while also using it as a vehicle for change.

The NSWRL helps improves lives, from clinics including past and present players to merchandise sales and financial donations to a number of charities. In 2014 the Hogs for the Homeless bike tour headlined NSWRL's numerous community campaigns. Led by former Origin players Brad Fittler, Nathan Hindmarsh, Matt Cooper and Ian Schubert, the tour engages with

community and raises much-needed funds for Father Chris Riley's Youth Off the Streets program. The NSWRL identities delivered a number of rugby league education initiatives across 27 locations in the rural areas of NSW, reaching more than 5,000 kids and raising over \$130,000.

The Starlight Children's Foundation also received support through the joint efforts of the VB NSW Cup and the NSWRL, with a dedicated round in the 2014 season raising funds for the organisation. All teams across the competition contributed, with a \$24,000 cheque handed over to the charity at Centrebet Stadium in Round 8B.

Players competing in NSWRL-run competitions and NSWRL sides are now also better prepared to be valuable and honourable members of

the community. In 2014, NSWRL's Welfare and Education department conducted a range of firsts, including staging two Semi Pro Days (which attracted 221 participants) and launching an educational partnership with the International College of Management, Sydney. These initiatives mean NSWRL-affiliated players receive more support – financial, educational and emotional – than ever before, with these programs linking with the NRL's Welfare and Education arm.

With increased community engagement, stronger support of charities and a better-than-ever player welfare and education program, the NSWRL is poised to make an ever larger impact on Australian society in 2015 and beyond.



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# IN THE NEWS NSWRL CAPTURING THE PUBLIC'S ATTENTION

**N** 2014 the NSWRL, across its lowertier competitions and its blue-chip brand, captured the Australian public's attention like never before.

The State of Origin Series, won by the NSW VB Blues, attracted a record live Channel 9 audience of 11.491 million in Australia alone. Origin matches were also broadcast into more than 90 countries and territories around the world.

The NSW VB Blues attracted record interest in the digital world too. The VB Blues' page on Facebook reached more than 5,500,000 across Origin II

and nswrl.com.au received more than 1,000,000 page views for the month of May – an increase of 93 per cent year-on-year. The NSW VB Blues' emotion-charged victory ultimately won the award for the Headline Moment of the Year at the 2014 Dally M Awards, too.

Throughout the year the VB Blues and coach Laurie Daley received unprecedented media exposure across radio, television and print – indicative of the greater-than-ever reach of the NSWRL brand. The NSW VB Blues had a regular presence in

newspapers and magazines, and across TV, radio and digital broadcast throughout 2014. At NSW Cup level the interest was also high, with viewer numbers across the regular season increasing 42 per cent year-on-year. The NSWRL Grand Finals Day broadcast of the VB NSW Cup between Penrith and Newcastle attracted an audience of 54,000 while the live telecast of the Ron Massey Cup decider drew 30,000.

The year ahead for the NSWRL, following a year of unprecedented growth and interest, looks incredibly bright.







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## HONOUR ROLL



### **NSWRL LIFE MEMBERS**

#### NAME. ELECTED

Abercrombie, J 1908 Boss, G 1908 Brackenreg, H 1908 Brackenreg, G 1908 Bressington, G 1908 Buckle, A 1908 Burdon, A 1908 Burdon, R 1908 Cann, W.A 1908 Carty, R 1908 Cheadle, F 1908 Conlon, A 1908 Costello, T.B 1908 Courtney, E.Jnr 1908 Courtney, E.Snr 1908 Cribb, J 1908 D'Alpuget, L 1908 Devereaux, J 1908 Dobbs, A 1908 Fenely, J 1908 Flegg, H 1908 Ford, C.H 1908 Fry, E 1908 Giltinan, J.J (Founder) 1908 Glanville, H 1908 Graves, R 1908 Halloway, A 1908 Hamill, H.C 1908 Headley, C 1908 Hennessy, A.S 1908 Hovle, H.C. MLA 1908 Hutchinson, R 1908 Lawrence, H.E 1908 Lutge, D 1908 Mable, R 1908 Macnamara, A.L.H 1908 McQuade, P 1908 Messenger, H.H 1908 Miller, H.R 1908 Moir, R 1908 Noble, W 1908 Odbert, H 1908 O'Farrell, T 1908 Pearce, S 1908 Rosenfeld, A 1908 Scott, N.H 1908 Smallwood, R 1908 Smith, H 1908 Stack, J 1908 Stuntz, J 1908 Trumper, V 1908 Weymark, A 1908 Ball, S.G 1912 Quinlan, J 1912 Carpenter, S 1913

Frawley, D 1913

Brennan, G 1914

Edwards, J 1914

Blue, J.E 1914

Hooper, E.J 1914 Larkin, Serg E.R. MLA 1914 Mead, E.J 1914 Moffatt, J.B 1914 Phelan, T.E 1914 Smith, J.Joynton, the Hon 1914 Upton, C.H.J 1915 Webb, W 1915 Ellis, W.J 1916 Kelley, H.P.S 1916 Butler, A 1919 Chaseling, W.A 1919 Latta, A 1919 McFayden, E 1920 Broomham, A 1921 Davis, H 1921 Fitzgerald, T 1921 Hallett, H 1921 Lennon, W 1921 McDougall, C 1921 McGrath, J 1921 Ballerum, A 1922 Lennon, R 1922 Apoloney, J 1923 Dawson, G 1923 Kelly, W.J 1924 McMahon, T.I 1924 Flowers, F. the Hon MLC 1924 Fraser, C 1925 Schofield, L 1926 Dargan, J.L 1927 Elliot, C.J 1927 Haron, F 1928 Delaney, F 1931 Hawkes, A 1931 Lees, C 1931 Neill, W 1931 Horder, H 1931 Burge, F 1934 Bruce, W 1935 Savage, R.E, the Hon MLC 1935 Latta, R.A 1936 Johnston, A 1938 Gray, A 1939 Lynch, C.J 1939 Bennett, W.G 1941 Corbett, C.G 1941 Fusedale, R.G 1942 Horne, J.P 1943 Pert, S 1944 Russell, C.J 1944 Oxford, A 1946 Steel, L.W 1947 Fahy, C.W 1949

Matthews, H.R. MBE 1949

Justice, A.J 1950

Bowd, H.R 1953

Brennan, M.T 1952

Buckley, W.G OBE 1953

Wales, B.P 1954 Brand, A.W 1955 Burns, E.E 1955 McGauley, J.V 1956 Robinson, N.C 1957 Kessey, J.H 1958 Folwell, A 1959 Neill, J.C 1959 Evatt, Dr, H.V 1960 Dunn, R.A OAM 1960 Lynch, J.E 1961 Munro, J.L 1961 O'Neill, S.A 1961 Drews, J.R 1966 Watson, D.W 1966 Ford, J.J 1968 O'Toole, J.J MBE, OBE 1968 Kingston, A.M. 1969 Bishop, G 1971 Liston, R 1971 Toby, A 1971 Wigzell, C.E. BEM 1971 Charlton, K.J 1971 Mackie, A.I. M.B.E. 1971 McKinnon, R.H. BEM 1972 Kell, C 1972 Argent, J.N. O.B.E, OAM 1973 Cohen, O 1973 Loveday, T 1973 Facer, F 1974 Stehr, A.B 1974 Walsh, K 1974 Forbes, H.H 1975 Kelly, L.T 1975 Simpson, S.A 1975 Moses, J.A. B.E.M. 1975 Clunas, G 1975 Cahill, C 1976 Goodman, T,L. MBE 1976 Fry, D 1978 Ibbitson, R.J 1978 Shiner, A. OAM 1978 O'Brien, J 1979 Arthurson, K.R. AM 1979 Beaver, W.F 1979 Cox, E.H, OAM 1980 Humphreys, K.E 1980 Bellew, T.J. OAM 1981 Gibson, C.H 1981 Willoughby, G 1982 Bell, L 1982 Johnson, F. OAM 1982 Duggan, J.T 1983 Holman, K.V. MBE 1983 O'Donnell, R.S 1983 Stephen, K.G 1984 Farrington, F.J 1984

Abbott, R.J. A.M. 1985

Walsh, F 1985

Pearce, C.F 1985 Barnhill, D 1986 Hammerton, E.A.E. OAM 1986 Price, G 1986 Hyde, F.P. M.B.E., OAM 1987 Williams, L.G 1987 Hampstead, J 1988 McCaffery, K.A 1988 Porter, M 1988 Bull, E.R 1989 Moore, P.S. O.A.M. 1989 McIntyre, L.J OAM 1989 Neville, A 1989 Byrne, V.J. OAM 1990 Kimberley, W 1991 Daley, D 1992 Richards, A 1993 Barnes, W.K. A.M. 1994 Rayner, W 1995 Broughton, P 1995 Doust, S.L. OAM 1995 McCall, I 1995 Matthews, L 1996 Quayle, J 1996 Raper, J. M.B.E. 1997 Monaghan, Dr W 1997 Lumsden, E 1998 Mossop, R 1999 Falla, M 2000 Hayes, J 2000 Lanesbury, R 2000 Millward, R, OAM 2001 Nelson, B, OAM 2001 Watson, R, 2001 Walsh, B, OAM 2002 Wright, G 2002 Corcoran, P OAM 2003 Roberts, K 2003 Elliss, P 2004 Massey, R 2004 McCarthy, R. M.B.E 2004 Coote, R. A.M 2005 Gibson, J. OAM 2005 Thompson, F 2005 Bampton, D, OAM 2006 Feltis, D OAM 2006 Stone, M 2006 Spagarino, D 2007 Riordan, J 2007 Cleary, M.A. AO 2008 Kurtz, B 2008 Piggins, G 2008 Fitzgerald, D AM 2009 Powell R 2009 Aggett, K 2012 Wallace, B 2012 King, J 2013 Renilson, C 2013



### **NSWRL FIRST GRADE**

#### YEAR, PREMIERS, RUNNERS UP

1908 South Sydney, Eastern Suburbs 1909 South Sydney, Balmain 1910 Newtown, South Sydney 1911 Eastern Suburbs, Glebe 1912 Eastern Suburbs, Glebe 1913 Eastern Suburbs, Newtown 1914 South Sydney, Newtown 1915 Balmain, Glebe 1916 Balmain, South Sydney 1917 Balmain, South Sydney 1918 South Sydney, Western Suburbs 1919 Balmain, Eastern Suburbs 1920 Balmain, South Sydney 1921 North Sydney, Eastern Suburbs 1922 North Sydney, Glebe 1923 Eastern Suburbs, South Sydney 1924 Balmain, South Sydney 1925 South Sydney, Western Suburbs 1926 South Sydney, University 1927 South Sydney, St George 1928 South Sydney, Eastern Suburbs 1929 South Sydney, Newtown 1930 Western Suburbs, St George 1931 South Sydney, Eastern Suburbs 1932 South Sydney, Western Suburbs 1933 Newtown, St George 1934 Western Suburbs, Eastern Suburbs 1935 Eastern Suburbs, South Sydney 1936 Eastern Suburbs, Balmain 1937 Eastern Suburbs, South Sydney 1938 Canterbury, Eastern Suburbs 1939 Balmain, South Sydney 1940 Eastern Suburbs, Canterbury 1941 St George, Eastern Suburbs 1942 Canterbury, St George

1943 Newtown, North Sydney

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1980 Canterbury, Eastern Suburbs 1981 Parramatta, Newtown 1982 Parramatta, Manly 1983 Parramatta, Manly 1984 Canterbury, Parramatta 1985 Canterbury, St George 1986 Parramatta, Canterbury 1987 Manly, Canberra 1988 Canterbury, Balmain 1989 Canberra, Balmain 1990 Canberra, Penrith 1991 Penrith, Canberra 1992 Brisbane, St George 1993 Brisbane, St George 1994 Canberra, Canterbury 1995 Sydney Bulldogs, Manly 1996 Manly, St George 1997 Newcastle, Manly 1998 Brisbane, Canterbury\*\* 1999 Melbourne, St George Illa\*\* 2000 Brisbane, Sydney Roosters\*\* 2001 Newcastle, Parramatta\*\* 2002 Sydney City, New Zealand\*\* 2003 Penrith, Sydney City\*\* 2004 Bulldogs, Sydney Roosters\*\* 2005 Wests Tigers, Nth Qld Cowboys\*\* 2006 Brisbane, Melbourne\*\* 2007 No premier, Manly\*\* 2008 Manly, Melbourne\*\* 2009 No premier, Parramatta\*\* 2010 St George Illa, Sydney Roosters\*\* 2011 Manly Sea Eagles, NZ Warriors\*\* 2012 Melbourne, Canterbury\*\* 2013 Sydney Roosters, Manly\*\* 2014 South Sydney, Canterbury\*\* \* GF replayed \*\* competition conducted by the NRL

## **HONOUR ROLL**



### **NSWRL PREMIER LEAGUE**

Reserve Grade 1908-96. Presidents Cup 1997-98. NSWRL First Division 1999-2002. Renamed NSWRL Premier League 2003. Renamed VB NSW Cup 2008. NSW Cup 2009-2011. Renamed VB NSW Cup 2012-Present.

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## **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

THE FLOWERS MEMORIAL PENNANT

#### YEAR, PREMIERS

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2014 Penrith

## **BRAD FITTLER MEDAL**

#### (NSW PLAYER OF ORIGIN SERIES)

(2005-Present) 2005 Matt King 2006 Steve Menzies 2007 Jarryd Hayne 2008 Danny Buderus 2009 Jarryd Hayne 2010 Kurt Gidley 2011 Paul Gallen 2012 Robbie Farah 2013 Greg Bird 2014 Ryan Hoffman & Jarryd Hayne

#### **RON MASSEY CUP**

Jim Beam Cup 2003-2008. Renamed Bundaberg Red Cup 2009-2012. Renamed Ron Massey Cup 2013-Present.

#### YEAR, PREMIERS

2003 The Entrance

2004 Sydney Bulls 2005 Windsor 2006 Sydney Bulls 2007 The Entrance 2008 Windsor 2009 Wentworthville 2010 Wentworthville 2011 Cabramatta 2012 Wentworthville 2013 Wentworthville 2014 The Entrance

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1971 St George

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## **HONOUR** ROLL

## **PRESIDENTS** CUP

YEAR. PREMIERS 1910 Eastern Suburbs 1911 Eastern Suburbs 1912 Balmain 1913 Eastern Suburb 1914 Balmain 1915 Eastern Suburbs 1916 No Competition 1917 No Competition 1918 North Sydney 1919 Newtown 1920 Eastern Suburbs 1921 Newtown 1922 Eastern Suburbs 1923 Eastern Suburbs 1924 Eastern Suburbs 1925 Western Suburbs 1926 Balmain 1927 Eastern Suburbs 1928 Newtown 1929 Balmain 1930 Balmain 1931 Canterbury 1932 Balmain

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1962 South Sydney 1963 South Sydney

1964 South Sydney 1965 South Sydney

1966 Balmain 1967 Balmain

1968 South Sydney 1969 South Sydney

1970 Manly

1971 South Sydney 1972 South Sydney

1973 Balmain 1974 South Sydney

1975 Parramatta 1976 Canterbury

1977 South Sydney 1978 Eastern Suburbs

1979 Parramatta 1980 South Sydney

1981 St.George

1982 South Sydney 1983 South Sydney

1984 Illawarra

1985 Penrith 1986 Penrith

1987 Eastern Suburbs

1988 Parramatta

1989 South Sydney 1990 Canberra

1991 Canterbury

1992 Western Suburbs 1993 Eastern Suburbs

1994 Cronulla 1995 Canberra

1996 South Qld

1997 Parramatta 1998 Canterbury

1999 Parramatta

2000 Bulldogs

2001 St George Illa

2002 Bulldogs 2003 Canberra

2004 Sydney Roosters 2005 Parramatta

2006 Parramatta

**JERSEY FLEGG** CUP

#### **YEAR, PREMIERS**

1961 Manly 1962 South Sydney

1963 Canterbury 1964 South Sydney

1965 Western Suburbs

1966 South Sydney

1967 South Sydney 1968 South Sydney

1969 South Sydney

1970 Parramatta 1971 Canterbury

1972 South Sydney

1973 Balmain 1974 Manly

1975 St.George

1976 Canterbury

1977 Penrith 1978 South Sydney

1979 Canterbury

1980 Balmain

1981 Balmain 1982 Balmain

1983 Canterbury

1984 Balmain 1985 Parramatta

1986 Penrith

1987 Manly

1988 Balmain

1989 Canberra 1990 Parramatta

1991 Newcastle

1992 Newcastle

1993 Canberra

1994 Balmain 1995 Roosters

1996 St George

1997 Balmain 1998 North Sydney

1999 Canterbury

2000 Bulldogs

2001 Bulldogs

2002 Sydney City

2003 Bulldogs 2004 Sydney Roosters

2005 St.George Illa

2006 Penrith 2007 Penrith **CUP** 

**S.G BALL** 

## **YEAR, PREMIERS**

1965 South Sydney

1966 Parramatta 1967 Parramatta

1968 Parramatta

1969 South Sydney 1970 St.George

1971 Western Suburbs 1972 Canterbury

1973 Parramatta

1974 South Sydney 1975 South Sydney

1976 South Sydney 1977 Penrith

1978 Canterbury

1979 South Sydney

1980 South Sydney 1981 Penrith

1982 Balmain

1983 Parramatta 1984 St.George

1985 Penrith

1986 South Sydney 1987 Parramatta

1988 Parramatta

1989 Illawarra 1990 Newcastle

1991 Parramatta 1992 St.George

1993 Parramatta

1994 South Sydney 1995 Canberra

1996 Illawarra 1997 Sydney City

1998 South Sydney

1999 Parramatta 2000 Penrith

2001 Newcastle 2002 Western Suburbs

2003 Penrith 2004 Newcastle

2005 Canberra 2006 Penrith

2007 Parramatta 2008 Sydney Roosters

2009 Bulldoas

2010 Sydney Roosters 2011 Newcastle

2012 Balmain

2013 Balmain 2014 Sydney Roosters

## **HAROLD MATTHEWS CUP**

## YEAR, PREMIERS

1970 Parramatta 1971 Parramatta

1972 Parramatta

1973 Cronulla 1974 South Sydney

1975 Parramatta 1976 Parramatta 1977 Cronulla

1978 Canberra 1979 Penrith

1980 Group 12 1981 Parramatta

1982 Parramatta 1983 Group 6

1984 Canberra 1985 Penrith

1986 Parramatta

1987 Illawarra 1988 Parramatta 1989 Penrith

1990 Parramatta 1991 Gold Coast

1992 Newcastle 1993 Canberra

1994 Parramatta 1995 Canberra

1996 Illawarra

1997 Parramatta 1998 Parramatta

1999 Parramatta 2000 Newcastle

2001 Cronulla 2002 Penrith

2003 Parramatta 2004 Parramatta 2005 Penrith

2006 Penrith 2007 Bulldogs 2008 Parramatta

2009 Bulldogs 2010 Penrith

2011 Canterbury 2012 Parramatta 2013 Parramatta

2014 Newcastle

Bank Cup 1980-96 - Aussie Home Loans Cup 1997-99 - Nutri Grain Cup 2000-2002 - Arrive alive Cup 2003 - 2009 -ARL Schoolboys Cup 2010-2011 - GIO Schoolboy Cup 2012 - Present.

Amco Shield 1975-79 - Commonwealth

GIO

**SCHOOLBOY CUP** 

#### YEAR, PREMIERS

1975 Patrician Brothers, Fairfield

1976 Blacktown High School

1977 Ashcroft High School 1978 Patrician Brothers, Fairfield

1979 St Gregory's College, Campbelltown

1980 St Gregory's College, Campbelltown 1981 Holy Cross College, Ryde

1982 Patrician Brothers, Fairfield 1983 Patrician Brothers, Fairfield

19<mark>84 St</mark> Gregory's College, Campbelltown 1985 Ashcroft High School

1986 St Gregory's College, Campbelltown 1987 Patrician Brothers, Fairfield

1988 Parramatta Marist

1989 St Gregory's College, Campbelltown

1990 St Gregory's College, Campbelltown 1991 St Gregory's College, Campbelltown

1992 Patrician Brothers, Fairfield 1993 St Gregory's College, Campbelltown

1994 John Paul II, Marayong

1995 Parramatta Marist High 1996 John Paul II, Marayong

1997 Erindale College, ACT 1998 Erindale College, ACT 1999 Terra Sancta, Schofields

2000 St Gregory's College, Campbelltown

2001 Palm Beach - Currumbin SH 2002 Wavell High School, QLD

2003 St. Dominic's Penrith 2004 Endeavour High

2005 Endeavour High 2006 Endeavour High

2007 Matraville Sports High 2008 Palm Beach-Currumbin State High

2009 Keebra Park State High School 2010 The Hills Sports High School

2011 The Hills Sports High School

2012 Patrician Brothers, Blacktown 2013 Keebra Park State High School 2014 Endeavour Sports High School

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#### **DIRECTORS**

NAME AND QUALIFICATIONS	EXPERIENCE, OTHER DIRECTORSHIPS	RESPONSIBILITIES	APPOINTED/ RESIGNED
Robert Millward OAM	Director; Illawarra District Rugby League Football Club Ltd, St George Illawarra Rugby League Football Club Pty Ltd	Director	Since 8 December 1995
Raymond Dib GAICD	Chairman; Bulldogs RLFC, Director; Canterbury League Club Ltd	Director	Since 3 December 2010
Geoffrey Gerard	Past player of Manly Sea Eagles, Penrith Panthers, Parramatta Eels, NSW Blues and Kangaroos teams; Member of Company's Risk and Governance Committee	Director	Since 3 December 2010
William Johnstone	CEO; Indigenous Development Corporation, Director; KMK Consulting, Director; Far West Medicare Local, Director; Far West Local Health District, (Ministerial appointment)	Director	Since 8 March 2011
Dr George Peponis OAM	Chairman; Canterbury League Club Ltd	Director, Chairman (since 1 May 2013)	Since 2 December 2011
Nick Politis AM	Chairman of the Sydney Roosters' Board of Directors, Chairman of the Eastern Suburbs Leagues Club Ltd	Director	Since 6 June 2013
Deborah Healey	Deborah Healey; Associate Professor, Director - Corporate and Commercial, LLM Program, UNSW Faculty of Law	Director	Since 6 June 2013

#### **COMPANY SECRETARY**

Mr David Trodden was appointed to the position of Company Secretary on 6 June 2013. Mr Trodden is also the Chief Executive of the Company.

#### **PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The principal activities of the Company during the course of the financial year were the fostering and propagation of Rugby League in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.

Company performance is constantly measured against

- » Demographic analysis of participation numbers, potential players, and lost players,
- » Feedback from member clubs and other key stakeholders,
- » Budgets,
- » Media profile indicators, and
- » Performance of New South Wales rugby league teams.

#### **OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The surplus from ordinary activities for the year amounted to \$535,443 compared with \$689,390 for the prior year. These results were impacted by the recognition of royalty revenues in the prior year as further described in note - Prior Period Restatement.

#### SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE STATE OF AFFAIRS

The Company acquired the business known as "Blatchys Blues" during the period. Blatchys Blues is a New South Wales State of Origin supporters group and the company acquired the business as a going concern. The purchase of the business is reflected as an intangible asset in the accounts at 31 October 2014.

#### **EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO REPORTING DATE**

During the period, the Company, together with forty-six other members of the Company, took legal action against NSW Leagues' Club Limited seeking various declarations as to the conduct of NSW Leagues' Club Limited. Subsequent to the end of the financial period, judgment was given in the proceedings and orders were made including an order to the effect that NSW Leagues' Club Limited pay 50 per cent of the costs of the forty-seven plaintiffs in the proceedings. The effect of this order has not been reflected in the accounts at 31 October, 2014.

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial period and the date of this report any other transaction or event of a material nature, likely in the opinion of the Directors, to affect significantly the operations of the Company, the results or state of affairs of the Company.

#### LIKELY DEVELOPMENTS

As a result of the circumstances referred to in Events Subsequent to Reporting Date, there may be ongoing issues regarding the future operations of NSW Leagues Club Ltd. To The Financial Statement discloses the existence of a debt owed by NSW Leagues Club to the Company. That Note records the principal of the debt but does not quantify the amount of accrued interest owing to the Company in relation to the debt. The Company reserves its position in relation to the repayment to it of the principal of the debt and all accrued interest on the debt. Given the uncertainty with this matter this interest has not been accrued for at this time. Other than issues relating to this circumstance, the Directors do not anticipate any development in the operation of the Company which would significantly affect the result in subsequent years.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION**

The Company's operations are not subject to any significant environmental regulations under either Commonwealth or State legislation.

#### INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE OF OFFICERS

The Company has provided for and paid premiums during the year for directors' and officers' liability and legal expenses insurance contracts.

The insurance premiums relate to:

- » Costs and expenses incurred by the relevant officers in defending proceedings, whether civil or criminal and whatever their outcome.
- Other liabilities that may arise from their position, with the exception of conduct involving a wilful breach of duty or improper use of information or position to gain a personal advantage.

The directors have not included details of the nature of the liabilities covered and the amount of the premium paid in respect of the directors' and officers' liability and legal expenses insurance contracts, as such disclosure is prohibited under the terms of the contract.

#### **DIRECTORS' MEETINGS**

The number of directors' meetings, including meetings of committees of directors held and attended by each of the directors of the Company during the financial year are:

	BOARD I	MEETINGS	RISK & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE			
DIRECTORS	ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND	ATTENDED	ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND	ATTENDED		
Robert Millward OAM	14	14				
Dr George Peponis OAM	14	14	4	3		
Raymond Dib	14	14	4	4		
Geoffrey Gerard	14	11	4	3		
William Johnstone	14	11				
Deborah Healey	14	12				
Nick Politis	14	9				

In addition to the directors above the Independent Chair of the Risk and Governance committee is:

Greg Russell 4	4
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#### **REGISTERED OFFICE**

The registered office of the New South Wales Rugby League Limited is located at: Rugby League Central, Drive Avenue Moore Park NSW Australia.

#### **CORPORATE STRUCTURE**

The New South Wales Rugby League Limited is a public, not-for-profit company, limited by quarantee. The domicile of the Company is Sydney, Australia.



### Lead auditor's independence declaration under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001

To: the directors of NSW Rugby League Limited

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the audit for the financial year ended 31 October 2014 there have been:

- · no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- . no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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## **NSW RUGBY LEAGUE LIMITED**

#### SUMMARY STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2014	2014 (\$)	2013* (\$)
Revenue	19,309,322	16,572,447
Cost of sales	(173,863)	(135,347)
GROSS SURPLUS	19,135,459	16,437,100
Development project expenses	(2,052,056)	(2,358,110)
Employee expenses	(5,183,894)	(4,466,631)
Equipment maintenance expenses	(547,010)	(458,456)
General expenses	(964,847)	(633,832)
Corporate events expenses	(827,765)	(1,039,605)
Occupancy expenses	(129,080)	(180,107)
Professional services expenses	(1,083,241)	(649,087)
Referee and game expenses	(7,108,584)	(5,168,908)
Sponsorship expenses	(722,455)	(763,130)
Telecommunications expenses	(123,199)	(114,729)
RESULTS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	393,328	604,505
Financing income	162,110	85,571
Financing expenses	(19,995)	(686)
NET FINANCING INCOME	142,115	84,885
Surplus for the period	535,443	689,390
Other comprehensive income	-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR	535,443	689,390

<sup>\*</sup>Restated – Refer note on Prior Period Restatement.

### **NSW RUGBY LEAGUE LIMITED**

## SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2014	2014 (\$)	2013* (\$)
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	4,602,670	4,087,210
Trade and other receivables	957,671	1,339,678
Inventories	19,357	19,357
Investments	6,000	6,000
Other assets	140,881	158,176
Accrued revenue	612,239	658,340
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	6,338,818	6,268,761
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment	724,227	839,787
Intangible assets	300,000	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	1,024,227	839,787
TOTAL ASSETS	7,363,045	7,108,548
TOTAL ASSETS LIABILITIES	7,363,045	7,108,548
	<b>7,363,045</b> 1,881,662	<b>7,108,548</b> 2,116,312
LIABILITIES		
LIABILITIES  Trade and other payables	1,881,662	2,116,312
LIABILITIES  Trade and other payables  Employee benefits	1,881,662 742,093	2,116,312 780,645
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LIABILITIES  Trade and other payables  Employee benefits  TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES  NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,881,662 742,093 2,623,755	2,116,312 780,645 2,896,957
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<sup>\*</sup>Restated – Refer note on Prior Period Restatement.

### **NSW RUGBY LEAGUE LIMITED**

### SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2014	2014 (\$)	2013 (\$)
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash receipts from customers	21,668,362	17,780,337
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	(20,987,072)	(17,931,197)
NET CASH FROM/(USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES	681,290	(150,860)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Interest received	162,110	85,571
Acquisition of intangible asset	(300,000)	-
Acquisition of property, plant & equipment	(7,945)	(41,826)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant & equipment	-	76,446
NET CASH (USED IN)/FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(145,835)	120,191
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Hire purchase payments	(19,995)	(13,956)
NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(19,995)	(13,956)
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	515,460	(44,625)
CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 1 NOVEMBER	4,087,210	4,131,835
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 31 OCTOBER	4,602,670	4,087,210

#### **NSW RUGBY LEAGUE LIMITED**

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' FUNDS

YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2014	ACCUMULATED FUNDS (\$)	TOTAL (\$)
BALANCE AT 1 NOVEMBER 2012	3,464,219	3,464,219
Surplus for the year (restated*)	689,390	689,390
Other comprehensive income	-	-
BALANCE AT 31 OCTOBER 2013 (RESTATED*)	4,153,609	4,153,609
BALANCE AT 1 NOVEMBER 2013	4,153,609	4,153,609
Surplus for the year	535,443	535,443
Other comprehensive income	-	-
BALANCE AT 31 OCTOBER 2014	4,689,052	4,689,052

#### **NOTES TO THE ABRIDGED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

A full financial report is available to the members, upon request to the Company, free of charge.

#### **STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

The Company has continued to early adopt AASB 1053 Application of Tiers of Australian Accounting Standards and AASB 2010-02 Amendments to Australian Standards arising from Reduced Disclosure requirements for the financial year ended 31 October 2014. The Company first adopted this accounting standard during the financial year ended 31 October 2011.

The financial statements of the Company are Tier 2 general purpose financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements (AASB-RDRs) adopted by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the Corporations Act 2001. The financial statements do not comply with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 17 December 2014.

#### **BASIS OF MEASUREMENT**

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

#### **FUNCTIONAL AND PRESENTATION CURRENCY**

These financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is the Company's functional currency.

#### **REVENUE**

YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2014	2014 (\$)	2013* (\$)
Sponsorship and marketing revenue	4,497,242	4,089,051
ARLC Funding – NSWRL	7,266,000	6,091,325
NRL Funding – VB NSW Cup Clubs	1,750,000	0
Other grant and subsidies	968,541	1,088,927
Corporate events revenue	722,872	930,754
Coaching resources sold	7,230	22,619
Royalties revenue	612,239	658,340
Recovered costs – Football games	2,747,000	2,744,024
Other revenue	738,198	947,407
TOTAL REVENUE	19,309,322	16,572,447

<sup>\*</sup> Restated – Refer note on Prior Period Restatement.

#### **CONTINGENCIES**

The directors are of the opinion that provisions are not required in respect of the below matters, as it is not probable that a future sacrifice of economic benefit will be required.

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES NOT CONSIDERED REMOTE	2014 (\$)	RESTATED 2013* (\$)
GUARANTEES  The Company has guaranteed the repayment of the following bank facilities should they be called upon:  Autopay facility  Lidcombe oval lease	150,000 20,000	150,000 20,000
NARRABEEN ACADEMY MAKEGOOD  The Company holds a lease agreement with the Minister of Education which expires on 31 December 2040. Under the terms of the lease agreement, the Company may be required to make good the site on the termination of the lease. The directors do not believe that it is probable that a future outflow of economic benefits will be required on termination and accordingly a provision for make good has not been provided for within the annual financial report.	125,000	100,000
DISPUTE  The Company is in dispute in relation to revenues of the Company. Another party has alleged that these revenues should not be revenues of the Company, but rather that they should be revenues which are passed on to that party. The Company is confident that they are legally entitled to the revenues and, as a consequence, it has recognised the revenues. However, the Company reports the quantum of dispute, having met the definition as a contingent liability, noting that this may lead to future settlements for future reductions in economic benefits available to the Company.	1,270,578	658,340

## **PRIOR PERIOD RESTATEMENT**

During the year, \$658,340 (net) of revenues were identified that related to the financial year ended 31 October, 2013. These revenues related to a new royalty revenue stream that had not been received at 31 October, 2013. In the opinion of the Directors, these revenues had been contractually earned as at 31 October, 2013. The non-identification of the revenues in the prior period resulted in the prior year reported amount of revenue being less than it should have been and it also had the effect of not recognising an accrued revenue balance in the prior year. As the Company is tax exempt, there is no impact on taxation.

YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2014 STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (\$)	31 OCT 2013 EFFECT OF CORRECTION (\$)	RESTATED (\$)
Royalties revenue	-	658,340	658,340
Total revenue	15,914,107	658,340	16,572,447
Gross surplus	15,778,760	658,340	16,437,100
Results from operating activities	(53,835)	658,340	604,505
Surplus for the period	31,050	658,340	689,390
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR	31,050	658,340	689,390

YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2014 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION	PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (\$)	31 OCT 2013 EFFECT OF CORRECTION (\$)	RESTATED (\$)
Accrued revenue	-	658,340	658,340
Total current assets	5,610,421	658,340	6,341,910
Total assets	6,450,208	658,340	7,181,697
NET ASSETS	3,495,269	658,340	4,226,758
Accumulated funds	3,495,269	658,340	4,226,758
TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS	3,495,269	658,340	4,226,758
DISCLOSURE			
Contingent liability - Dispute (separate note)	-	658,340	658,340

There is no impact on periods prior to the year ended 31 October 2013.

## THE FOLLOWING DIRECTORS' DECLARATION HAS BEEN EXTRACTED FROM THE AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT WHICH THESE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE **DERIVED FROM**

#### Directors' declaration

In the opinion of the directors of NSW Rugby League Limited ("the Company"):

- (a) the financial statements and notes, set out on pages 8 to 25, are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
  - giving a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company's financial position as at 31 October 2014 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
  - Complying with Australian Accounting Standards Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
- There are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors:

George Peponis OAM

Director

Dated at Sydney this 17 December 2014



#### Report of the independent auditor on the summary financial statements to the members of New South Wales Rugby League Limited

The accompanying summary financial statements, which comprises the summary statement of financial position as at 31 October 2014, the summary statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive and summary statement of cash flows for the year then ended, related notes 1 to 4 and the directors' declaration, are derived from the audited financial report of New South Wales Rugby League Limited for the year ended 31 October 2014. We expressed an unmodified auditor's opinion on that financial report in our audit report dated 17 December 2014. A paragraph was included in our audit report referring to a restatement of prior year comparative figures in the 31 October 2014 financial report. The details of this restatement are included in these summary financial statements under the Prior Period Restatement heading. That financial report, and the summary financial statements, do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on that financial report.

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements. Reading the summary financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial report of New South Wales Rugby League Limited.

Directors' responsibility for the summary financial statements

The directors are responsible for the preparation of a summary of the audited financial report on the basis described in the Statement of Compliance.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summary financial statements derived from the audited financial report of New South Wales Rugby League Limited based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Auditing Standard ASA 810 Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements.

Auditor's opinion

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In our opinion, the summary financial statements derived from the audited financial report of New South Wales Rugby League Limited for the year ended 31 October 2014 are consistent, in all material respects, with that audited financial report, on the basis described in the Statement of Compliance.

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Cameron Roan Partner Sydney

28 January 2015

### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE THE ROLE OF THE NSWRL

**HE** New South Wales Rugby League is a public, not-for-profit company limited by quarantee. It is one of the members of the Australian Rugby League Commission and it is broadly responsible for all competitions and players within the state of New South Wales, as well as being responsible for all of the New South Wales representative teams, notably our flagship team, the NSW VB Blues.

#### THE COMPOSITION OF THE NSWRL

The NSWRL comprises the following members:-

Balmain, Canberra, Country Rugby League, Canterbury, Cronulla, Illawarra, Junior League Association Inc, Manly, Newcastle, Newtown, North Sydney, NSWRL Referees Association, Parramatta, Penrith, South Sydney, St George, Sydney Roosters, Wentworthville, Western Suburbs and Windsor.

The constitution of the NSWRL specifies its primary objectives as:-

- » organising and administering rugby league competitions at both a senior and junior level across New South Wales;
- » liaising with, and at times, sponsoring and funding local, district and state rugby league clubs/teams at both a senior and junior level;
- determining the terms and conditions upon which players may play the sport of rugby league in New South Wales;

- » fostering, developing and promoting the game of rugby league in New South Wales;
- » protecting the assets and property of the NSWRL and those affiliated with the game of rugby league in New South Wales;
- » organising and being the controlling body for the conduct and administration of interstate rugby league competitions, including the annual State of Origin series between Queensland and New South Wales;
- » conducting development academies for elite and promising rugby league players at the NSW Institute of Sport Facility at Narrabeen and a Referees Development Unit at Sydney Olympic Park;
- » representing the game of rugby league in New South Wales at the ARLC; and
- » liaising with the NRL, ARLC, Queensland Rugby League and Country Rugby League (CRL) as necessary to develop and promote Indigenous rugby league.

#### **BOARD OF NSWRL**

The board of the NSWRL consists of four elected directors and three appointed directors including the Chair. The elected directors are Bob Millward OAM, Ray Dib, Nick Politis AM and Geoff Gerard, while the appointed directors are William 'Smiley' Johnstone, Deborah Healey and Chairman Dr George Peponis OAM.



**Dr George Peponis** 



William 'Smiley'

**Geoff Gerard** 



Deborah Healey



Elected Director Rav Dib



**Elected Directo Bob Millward OAM** 



Nick Politis AM







































