



# 2019

## NSW RUGBY LEAGUE

### ANNUAL REPORT





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# HIGHLIGHTS



## JANUARY

### Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues in Armidale

Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues coach Brad Fittler takes the Holden State of Origin team into camp at Armidale. The squad spends time at a children's coaching clinic, a pool session with a breathing expert and a team dinner to compose a new team song.

### NSWRL celebrates Australia Day

The NSWRL participate in Australia Day festivities at Circular Quay which is attended by more than 4000 fans. Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues coach Brad Fittler rides a "mechanical ball" and is joined by True Blues Danny Buderus, Steve Mortimer, Jamie Soward, Steve Roach, Paul Sironen and NSW Women's State of Origin player Corban McGregor.

## FEBRUARY

### NSWRL Centre of Excellence opens

The NSWRL's Centre of Excellence is officially opened in front of 200 guests including NSW Minister for Sport, the Hon. Stuart Ayres, NSWRL chairman Dr George Peponis OAM, NSWRL Chief Executive David Trodden and Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues coach Brad Fittler.

### Hogs For The Homeless tour

Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues coach Brad Fittler and True Blues embark on the annual Hogs For The Homeless regional tour of NSW which takes in nine towns, more than 4000km and gifts 5000 footballs to children. Hogs For The Homeless has been in operation since 2013 and has raised more than \$760,000 for Father Chris Riley's Youth off the Streets.

## MARCH

### NSW Government backs Try League

The NSW Government commits \$400,000 over the next four years to expand the NSWRL's successful Try League program. Try League is aimed at culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities and comes after a successful pilot program in Blacktown in 2018.

### NSWRL season launch

Canterbury is unveiled as the new naming rights partner for the state's premier competition, now the Canterbury Cup NSW. The NSWRL also announces it will play grand finals for some of its major competitions at Bankwest Stadium in Western Sydney for the next five years.

### JRL introduces new rule

The NSWRL introduces a limited interchange rule for the Junior Rugby League season. The new rule is part of the NSWRL's whole-of-game approach to make Rugby League fun and safe for all players.

## APRIL

### NSWRL joins with Deadly Choices

The NSWRL announces a partnership with Deadly Choices which encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to receive regular medical check-ups and improve their health.

### Dragons claim Wheelchair Final

St George Illawarra Dragons celebrate their third Premiership in three years after proving too strong for Minor Premiers Wests Tigers in the NSW Wheelchair Rugby League Grand Final.

### Monarch Blues Tag kicks off

The NSWRL announces more than 100 teams have signed up for the inaugural season of Monarch Blues Tag which helps participants learn the skills and rules associated with Rugby League without the contact.

### Country Grand Final weekend

The CRL junior and senior representative season culminates at Glen Willow Stadium in Mudgee. The Northern Rivers Titans claim their first Andrew Johns Cup and the Illawarra South Coast Dragons their first Laurie Daley Cup title. Illawarra win the Men's Under-23 Final while the Riverina Bulls claim the new format women's tackle title.

## MAY

### Junior Reps Grand Final Day

The NSWRL hosts a successful Grand Final Day for Junior Reps teams at Bankwest Stadium. Illawarra Steelers are crowned champions of the UNE SG Ball Cup, Newcastle Knights win the UNE Harold Matthews Cup and Illawarra Steelers take out the Harvey Norman Tarsha Gale Cup.

### True Blues dinner

Steve Mortimer OAM and Tommy Raudonikis are officially inducted into the NSWRL The Star Hall of Fame at the annual True Blues dinner attended by almost 550 guests at The Star.

### Under-16 Representative Match

The UNE Harold Matthews representative team outlasts a NSW Country team 16-6 in an under-16s match at Penrith Stadium.

### NSW Women's Championships

NSW City avenge their defeat against NSW Country in the 2018 Harvey Norman National Women's Championships with an emphatic 34-4 win in the Grand Final. NSW City's Tiana Penitani claims the Tahnee Norris Medal for Player of the Tournament.

## JUNE

### NSW Women win four straight

The Harvey Norman NSW Women's Origin team successfully defend the shield to claim their fourth consecutive interstate win after downing Queensland 14-4 at North Sydney Oval. Halfback Maddison Studdon is awarded the Nellie Doherty Medal.

### Inaugural Women's Under-18 win

The Harvey Norman NSW Women's Under-18 team claim the inaugural State of Origin against Queensland at North Sydney Oval. Backrower Caitlan Johnston is awarded the Natalie Dwyer Medal.

### NSW Under 16s dominate Pasifika

The CABA NSW Under 16s prove too strong for a Pasifika Under 16s at Belmore Sportsground. Paul Alamoti and Turoa Williams both grab a double in the 36-6 win.



# HIGHLIGHTS



## JULY

### NSW go back-to-back in Origin

The Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues claim their first back-to-back win in the Holden State of Origin series since 2005, sealing the victory in a 26-20 thriller in the final minute of Game Three in Sydney.

### Dominant win by NSW Under 20s

The CAFE NSW Under 20s score an emphatic 36-10 win over Queensland at ANZ Stadium. Five-eighth Matt Burton turns in an inspired performance after scoring two tries and setting up two others to hand True Blue Mark O'Meley his first win as the under-20 coach.

### PCYC Nations of Origin

Rugby League kicks off the sixth edition of the PCYC Nations of Origin which sees 24 Aboriginal Nations and more than 1200 young people comprising more than 150 teams take part in the two-day tournament at Raymond Terrace.

## AUGUST

### 75th NSWRL All Schools Carnival

The NSWRL celebrates the 75th All Schools Carnival which sees schools from across the state take on schools from around Sydney. The two-day event for Primary and Secondary Schools, and Elite Games, involves more than 150 staff and volunteers and more than 200 games and 12 Grand Finals.

### NSW Women's Grand Final

The Harvey Norman NSW Women's Grand Final between Mounties and CRL Newcastle is played at ANZ Stadium in a double-header before an NRL match. Mounties finish the season as Minor Premier and start the game strongly to defend their title but CRL Newcastle fight back for their first NSW Women's Premiership.

### Junior Rugby League Grand Final

The NSWRL Junior Rugby League season wraps up with more than 600 teams taking part in Grand Finals and gala days across 11 districts. It caps another successful season for the NSWRL with participation figures increasing for the second consecutive year with more than 42,000 participants.

## SEPTEMBER

### Brad Fittler Medal

Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues fullback James Tedesco becomes the first player to claim back-to-back Brad Fittler Medals in front of more than 550 guests at The Star Event Centre. Simaima Taufa is named the Harvey Norman NSW Women's State Player of the Year.

### Katrina Fanning Cup

Every region in NSW is represented for the first time when the state's premier schoolgirl Rugby League competition, the Katrina Fanning Cup, is staged in western Sydney.

### NSWRL Major Competition Finals

The NSWRL Grand Final weekend is held over two days at Leichhardt Oval and Bankwest Stadium. Ryde-Eastwood Hawks win their first Sydney Shield, Wentworthville Magpies win their third consecutive Ron Massey Cup while South Sydney Rabbitohs win the Jersey Flegg Cup.

### Jets Win Double Thrillers

Newtown Jets come from seventh position to win the Canterbury Cup NSW in an extra-time thriller against Wentworthville Magpies. The Jets conjure another thriller in the final play of the game a week later to win the NRL State Championship on NRL Grand Final Day.

### Junior Country Championships

The Under-14 and Under-15 CRL Country Championships are held in Wagga Wagga and Port Macquarie.

## OCTOBER

### NSWRL and CRL Make History

NSW Rugby League members vote unanimously to approve a new constitution in a landmark move that will see Rugby League in NSW governed by one body for the first time in more than 80 years. The decision is supported by the Country Rugby League (CRL) which votes to wind up its operations.

### Kanga-Blues Honours

The form of the Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues is recognised in the Kangaroos squad to face New Zealand and Tonga in end-of-season Tests with 15 players chosen in the 19-man squad. The team also includes six debutants who represented NSW during the State of Origin series.

## NOVEMBER

### Jersey Launch

The Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues unveil their jerseys for the 2020 Holden State of Origin series which includes a traditional strip, an alternate jersey for the match in Adelaide and a captain's training shirt which espouses the core values the team is built on.

### NSWRL honours at Sports Awards

NSWRL Chief Executive David Trodden is named the Sports NSW Administrator of the Year and True Blue Bradley Clyde AM is inducted into the NSW Hall of Champions at the NSW Champions of Sport Ceremony at The Star.

## DECEMBER

### Blues and Emerging Blues camp

Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues coach Brad Fittler runs a two-day camp at the NSWRL Centre of Excellence. The first day is attended by pathways players and Emerging Blues while the second day is attended by Blues players as preparations begin for the 2020 Holden State of Origin series.

### Fittler joins forces with NSW Police

Brydens Lawyers NSW coach Brad Fittler and the NSW Police tour primary and high schools in three areas across regional NSW to engage disadvantaged youth. The tour includes a Christmas Carol session in Walgett and a visit to a sacred Indigenous site.

### Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues visit

Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues captain Boyd Cordner joins coach Brad Fittler, True Blues and other players in Taree in donating gifts to victims of the bushfires that swept through NSW in November.



# CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

DR GEORGE PEPONIS OAM

The 2019 season has seen another period of prosperity for the state of NSW and a time of change which should ensure even more success into the future.

I would like to start off by saying how proud I am to be elected the inaugural Chairman of the new Board of the NSWRL after the NSWRL and the Country Rugby League voted to work together as a single governing body. The plans were fast-tracked by a year and it was wonderful to see both parties come together in October to make sure the change occurred. It means Rugby League in NSW will be governed by the one body for the first time in more than 80 years and will ensure more resources and funding are delivered to help grow the great game of Rugby League across our state.

The year started off on a positive note after we officially moved into the world-class NSWRL Centre of Excellence. The opening was a wonderful occasion and it was good to see so many great players who have donned the sky blue jersey return for the day. The Centre of Excellence is a purpose-built facility designed to optimise the performance of our men's and women's Origin teams and our pathways teams. It is also available to be used by other teams from around the state, as well as our referees and other visiting national and international sporting teams, in a move which reflects the inclusiveness of the NSWRL. While we are committed to ensuring the success of our Origin teams, we also want to create an environment which shows we are passionate about Rugby League across the state of NSW.

It was a tremendous thrill to see the Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues defend the Holden State of Origin shield. It was the first time since 2005 that we have won back-to-back series and come from a game down to win the series. The entire series was a credit to the states involved and I particularly enjoyed Game Two in Perth and the move by the Blues to wear a navy blue alternate jersey for the first time.

I was just as pleased for our Women's Origin team, who have now won the past four interstate contests against Queensland including the past two after it was rebranded under the Origin banner. It was another tough performance from our women's team, who rallied from a half-time deficit and were cheered on by the 10,000 plus crowd at North Sydney Oval in a sign of the increasing popularity of women's Rugby League.

The support of our corporate partners is fundamental to our success and it was wonderful to see leading law firm Brydens Lawyers extend their deal as our official naming rights sponsor. The decision to extend their association until the end of 2023 will guarantee a period of commercial stability for the team and hopefully lead to even further success in the State of Origin arena. It was also great to see our apparel partner, Canterbury, increase their association with us after taking over the naming rights for the state's premier competition, the Canterbury Cup NSW. The season threw up plenty of exciting highlights and I'm sure Canterbury enjoyed the closely-fought contests and skills on show from the players as much as I did.

I would like to finish by congratulating our Chief Executive David Trodden for being named the NSW Sports Administrator of the Year at the NSW Sports Awards. David's award was well-deserved. It was the second consecutive year the NSWRL was recognised at the prestigious awards after taking out Organisation of the Year in 2018.





# DIRECTOR'S REPORT

DAVID TRODDEN, NSWRL CEO

The NSWRL has enjoyed another season of great success and I'm excited for the direction the organisation is heading in the future.

The financial statements contained within this report demonstrate the NSWRL is in a healthy position with our net assets increasing significantly in the past few years. This helps maintain the financial stability of the organisation and will set us up to continue to reinvest in the game of Rugby League and deliver strong competitions and programs across the state of NSW.

I would like to congratulate Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues coach Brad Fittler and the team for their defence of the Holden State of Origin Shield this season. They became the first New South Wales team since 2005 to successfully defend the Shield, and had to do it the hard way after coming from a game down to win the series. The result was a testament to the hard work and dedication from our coaching and support staff and also reflects the pride and passion the players feel for the sky blue jersey. I was particularly happy for our coach, whose leadership across the series was fundamental to the successful outcome which was achieved. Next year will see an Origin game played in Adelaide for the first time and I'm sure Brad, his support staff and the players will be doing everything they can to give us our first three-peat in 14 years.

I was just as proud of our Women's Origin team who defended their Origin Shield which was won when the concept was rebranded last year and have now won the last four consecutive interstate contests against Queensland. The women's game is growing stronger and stronger every year after we saw more than 10,000 fans turn up to watch this year's game at North Sydney Oval. Next year will present a new challenge for the women's team with the game to be played at the Sunshine Coast before an expected sold-out crowd but I'm confident coach Andy Patmore and the team will be up for the challenge.

Our pathways teams enjoyed mixed success with the CAFE Under 20s bouncing back after losing to Queensland last year but unfortunately our CAFE Under 18s didn't get the result they were looking for after going down for the first time since 2015. It was great to see our Harvey Norman Under 18s Women's team win their inaugural Origin match against Queensland, which was played as part of a double header with the Women's Origin game at North Sydney Oval. Our CAFE Under 16s did not play Queensland this year but still tasted success after beating an Under-16 Pasifika team.

I was delighted to see Rugby League participation numbers increase for the second successive season with more than 100,000 people now playing the game across the state and almost 42,000 in the Sydney

metropolitan area alone. I was just as pleased by the success of some of the new ground-breaking initiatives that NSWRL has introduced including Monarch Blues Tag, which offers a non-tackle format of the game, and the government supported Try League, which introduces culturally and linguistically diverse communities to the game. It falls in line with the policies of the NSWRL of being inclusive and diverse and making the game accessible for all fans.

The Canterbury Cup NSW, which is the state's premier competition, enjoyed another season of success with ratings up by 10 per cent across commercial broadcaster Nine and Nine Gem, and pay-TV network FOX SPORTS. The Grand Final between Newtown Jets and Wentworthville Magpies delivered the highest-ever ratings for the competition ever with a peak audience of more than 215,000 viewers. I would like to congratulate both teams for making the Grand Final and for turning on a memorable performance which saw the Jets win in extra time. I would also like to congratulate the Jets for going on to win the NRL State Championship in another memorable match which saw the foundation club win with the final play of the game.

It was a great season for all the competitions which the NSWRL administer and I congratulate all of our winners including CRL Newcastle (Harvey Norman NSW Women's Premiership), South Sydney Rabbitohs (Jersey Flegg Cup), Wentworthville Magpies (Ron Massey Cup), Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (Sydney Shield), Western Suburbs Rosellas (Newcastle Business Plaza Cup), Illawarra Steelers (UNE SG Ball Cup), Newcastle Knights (UNE Harold Matthews Cup) and Illawarra Steelers (Harvey Norman Tarsha Gale Cup). I'm already looking forward to the 2020 season following the historic decision to add Fiji's Kaiviti Silktails to the Ron Massey Cup.

I would like to thank our partners, who are individually acknowledged elsewhere in this report, for their valued support and ongoing contribution to the NSWRL. These include Brydens Lawyers, nib, The Star, Lion, Canterbury, KARI Foundation, University of New England, McDonalds, Transport for NSW, Harvey Norman, Compass Corp, CAFE Investments, Steeden, Sydney Olympic Park Authority, My Sports Tape, Murrays Coaches, Monarch, Sydney Markets, Arthur J. Gallagher, Accor and Leagues Club Australia. The NSWRL would not enjoy the success it does without their support and we are proud to have them as part of the NSW family.

Finally, I would like to thank NSWRL Chairman Dr George Peponis OAM and his board for their ongoing support, as well as the many talented and dedicated staff I work with at the NSWRL. It is a real privilege to be involved with all of these people and I have no doubt that their efforts will help drive even further success for our organisation in 2020.





# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## NICK POLITIS AM

Chairman: Sydney Roosters;  
Eastern Suburbs Leagues Club Ltd  
Director: Since 6 June 2013

## RAY DIB GAICD

Director: 3 December 2010 - 18 October 2019

## PROFESSOR DEBORAH HEALEY

Director: UNSW Faculty of Law,  
Herbert Smith Freehills China International  
Business and Economic Law Centre;  
NSWRL Foundation;  
NSW Leagues Club Ltd  
LLM Program  
Director: Since 6 June 2013

## DR GEORGE PEPONIS OAM

Chairman: NSW Leagues Club Ltd  
Chairman: Clubs NSW  
Director: Since 2 December 2011  
Chairman: Since 1 May 2013

## BOB MILLWARD OAM

Director: Illawarra District  
Rugby League Football Club Ltd;  
NSW Leagues Club Ltd  
Director: 8 December 1995 - 18 October 2019

## GEOFFREY GERARD

Past player of Australian Kangaroos,  
NSW Blues, Manly Warringah Sea Eagles,  
Penrith Panthers and Parramatta Eels  
Director: Since 3 December 2010

## WILLIAM JOHNSTONE

Managing Director: Kimaka Holdings Australia  
Director: KMK Consulting  
Director: Since 8 March 2011



### NEW BOARD APPOINTED

A new nine-person NSWRL Board was finalised on 18 October following the decision by the NSWRL and CRL to work as a single governing entity – Dr George Peponis OAM (Chairman), John Anderson, Terry Brady, Geoffrey Gerard, Doug Harrison, Professor Deborah Healey, William Johnstone, Nick Politis AM, Bob Walsh. Bob Millward OAM was appointed President to replace the late John Chalk AM.



# NSWRL CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE OPENING

The world-class NSWRL Centre of Excellence was hailed as a “game-changer” when it officially opened on Tuesday 5 February 2019.

The multi-million dollar facility was finished on budget and ahead of schedule in December. The opening was attended by almost 200 guests including then NSW Minister for Sport, the Hon. Stuart Ayres, NSWRL Chairman Dr George Peponis OAM, NSWRL Chief Executive David Trodden, Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues coach Brad Fittler and True Blues including Laurie Daley, Andrew Johns, Wayne Pearce, Steve Mortimer, Steve Roach and Paul Sironen.

A tour of the facility was conducted after the opening which included the unveiling of several areas inside the Centre of Excellence designed to improve the performance of the men’s, women’s and pathways Origin teams. These included a full-sized playing and training field with direct access to a gymnasium, a specially-designed change room where Fittler can make eye contact with every player, recovery facilities and medical treatment rooms, a hydrotherapy room, a NSW-themed café and museum, a 60-person lecture theatre and a function and hospitality space for dining and entertainment purposes.

The highlight of the tour involved a tunnel linking the change room at the Centre of Excellence to ANZ Stadium which was used exclusively by the men’s Origin team on the night they won Game Three to wrap up the Holden State of Origin series.

The Centre of Excellence was also used throughout the year by other NRL clubs including Manly Warringah Sea Eagles, North Queensland Cowboys, Newcastle Knights, Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs, Wests Tigers and the Warriors, other sporting teams including the Wallabies, World 7s Rugby Union teams and English football giant, Leeds, NRL and NSWRL referees, and students from visiting schools to reflect the view of the NSWRL that the facility belongs to everyone in the state of NSW.

The Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues, Harvey Norman NSW Women’s Origin team and pathways teams all trained at the Centre of Excellence in the lead-up to their respective Origin campaigns. The pathways teams also benefitted from position-specific sessions which were held during the season where young players received coaching from True Blues including Danny Buderus, Andrew Johns, Willie Mason and Mark O’Meley.

The Centre of Excellence will house the NSWRL for the next 40 years and is also home to KARI Foundation, Men of League and the University of New England.





## KEY FIGURES (DIGITAL)



**1.3 MILLION**

followers across all NSWRL social media channels



**963,000**

followers



**231,000**

followers



**114,000**

followers



**115,000**

streaming viewers  
Across all NSWRL channels



More than

**15 MILLION**

views on the NSWRL website



More than

**11 MILLION**

unique visitors on the NSWRL website



## KEY FIGURES (OTHERS)



### INCLUSION

More than 1200 participants in the annual PCYC Nations of Origin Sevens tournament



### FOOTBALL

More than 2600 teams serviced by NSWRL including 100 teams who signed up for Monarch Blues Tag



### COMMUNITY

More than \$760,000 raised since 2013 By the NSWRL'S Hogs For The Homeless Program for Father Chris Riley's Youth off the Streets



### PARTICIPATION

23 per cent increase in female Rugby League participation



More than

## 2 MILLION

Tuned in to Canterbury Cup NSW games across the Nine Network and FOX SPORTS



More than

## 5000 GAMES

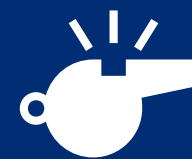
Managed by NSWRL in 2019 representing a 10 per cent increase



More than

## 42,000 PLAYERS

Registered for Junior Rugby League (NSW Metro)



## 2 NSWRL REFEREES

Made their NRL debut in 2019



## 11 NSWRL REFEREES

Made their debut in NSWRL high performance competitions in 2019





# MEDIA COVERAGE

The NSWRL enjoyed widespread media coverage in 2019, kicking off with Hogs For The Homeless, moving on to the Holden State of Origin series and finishing with Canterbury Cup NSW attracting record television ratings.

Hogs For the Homeless started in 2013 as a humble charity ride involving Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues coach Brad Fittler, True Blue Nathan Hindmarsh and Rugby League legend Ian Schubert and has grown in stature every year. In 2019 it reached a combined audience of 8.5 million and generated \$1.7 million in media value. This year also saw Fittler interviewed daily on The Ray Hadley Morning Show on 2GB while The Daily Telegraph sent a journalist to report on the tour.

The Holden State of Origin series proved popular with viewers with Game One in Brisbane attracting a combined national audience of 3.2 million viewers making it the most watched program for the year. Viewers also tuned in to Game Two in Perth (2.8 million) and the deciding Game Three in Sydney (2.9 million) to place them in the top four programs for the year. The women's State of Origin match also attracted 1.65 million viewers and out-rated other programs on the night in a sign of the concept's increasing popularity with fans.

The commitment and investment in the NSWRL digital strategy continued with the release of an app exclusive to the NSWRL designed to engage more with Blues fans. It included a NSW Team Picker and nib Game Face and housed exclusive behind the scenes footage of the men's and women's team's preparations and celebrations as well as the most up-to-date news and information. It is an exciting initiative that will continue to develop and have more features in the future.

The Canterbury Cup NSW enjoyed a strong season with ratings up 10 per cent across free-to-air network Nine and Gem, and pay-TV broadcaster Fox League on FOX SPORTS. The season finished with the Grand Final between Newtown Jets and Wentworthville Magpies returning the highest ratings ever for the competition with an average audience of 129,783 and a peak of 215,614.

Our commitment to live streaming matches, including the All Schools Carnival, Harvey Norman NSW Women's Premiership, Grand Finals for Sydney Shield, Ron Massey Cup and Jersey Flegg Cup, and Junior Representatives Grand Final, continued to be a success after reaching a combined audience of 114,000. The addition of regional NSW competitions following the move by NSWRL and CRL to unite, including the Laurie Daley Cup and Andrew Johns Cup, will provide further streaming opportunities in 2020.

Our social media channels continued to go from strength to strength and proved a powerful tool to engage with fans. The number of followers across all NSWRL social media channels rose to 1.3 million with Instagram being one of the fastest-growing areas after rising from 136,000 to 231,000 followers. The NSWRL is confident of further growth across all our social media channels in 2020.







# NSWRL EVENTS

## NSWRL SEASON LAUNCH

True Blue Jamie Soward was joined by players from all 12 Canterbury Cup NSW teams and Harvey Norman NSW Women's Premiership player Simaima Taufa to help launch the 2019 NSWRL season. The event was held at the NSWRL Centre of Excellence and was attended by 110 guests with Soward hosting a Q and A session with Taufa and Newtown Jets captain Anthony Moraitis.

## TRUE BLUES

Legendary NSW players Steve Mortimer and Tommy Raudonikis were inducted into The NSWRL The Star Hall of Fame at the True Blues dinner in front of 460 guests at The Star in Sydney.

The event was attended by True Blue legends including Trent Barrett, Steve Menzies, Paul Harragon, Craig Wing and Brett Kenny. The Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues team for Game One of the Holden State of Origin series was presented to the crowd.

## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The NSWRL hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Evening at the NSWRL Centre of Excellence to honour the efforts of grassroots clubs and volunteers and their commitment to Rugby League. A total of 15 awards were presented including Inclusive Volunteer of the Year, Indigenous Volunteer of the Year, and Women in League, in front of nearly 200 guests.

## BRAD FITTLER MEDAL

Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues fullback James Tedesco made history after becoming the first player ever to win back-to-back Brad Fittler Medals. Tedesco was presented the award in front of more than 550 guests at The Star Event Centre on a night which recognises the achievements of players across all NSWRL teams and competitions, from Origin to seniors, juniors, women and Indigenous, as well as the contributions of referees and club officials.

It continued a successful season for Tedesco after he won the Wally Lewis Medal for being the best player in the Holden State of Origin series. He ran for more metres and made more tackle breaks than any other player across the three-game series. Tedesco also took out The Daily Telegraph's People's Choice Award while winger Josh Addo-Carr won the True Blue Award for displaying qualities on which the team ethos is built.

Other winners on the night included Simaima Taufa being named the Harvey Norman NSW Women's State Player of the Year and South Sydney captain Billy Brittain being named the Canterbury Cup NSW Player of the Year.





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## REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL





## COACH'S VIEW

BRAD FITTLER, BRYDENS LAWYERS NSW HEAD COACH

The 2019 Holden State of Origin series was my second season as coach of the Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues and the fact we became the first team since 2005 to defend the Shield will go down as one of the most satisfying moments of my Rugby League career. The lead-up to Game One at Suncorp Stadium in Brisbane saw plenty of debate about the team I had picked and I must admit it was a tricky process after the success we'd had last year. I was faced with the challenge of staying loyal to the squad that had done the job for me last season, winning our first Origin series since 2014, against players who were in form in the NRL.

In the end, injuries forced my hand and I named five players to make their debut. Despite taking an early lead we couldn't hang on after Queensland mounted a fightback.

The period leading up to Game Two in Perth was one of the toughest I have faced as coach. I made seven changes to the team but was confident the players coming in could help turn things around. With the decision made to take an Origin match to Perth for the first time, we based ourselves at Scarborough Beach for the first part of the camp which was an enjoyable experience. We had local fans turning up to watch our training sessions and the boys gelled together well. We sent messages of support via hair ribbons to the NSW Women's Origin team and were thrilled to see them wear them as they downed Queensland at North Sydney Oval ahead of our match to be played on Sunday.

I was confident we would give a good account of ourselves against Queensland but even I couldn't predict the performance that followed where we blew them off the park.

I knew the Maroons would be out to exact revenge in Game Three and I was glad it was being played on our home turf in Sydney. The NSWRL Centre of Excellence had opened earlier that year and it provided us with a wonderful venue to prepare for such an important Origin match. The self-contained facility included a full-sized training and playing field, gym and cardio room, lecture theatre and medical and treatment rooms. The players got a huge thrill on game night after leaving the change rooms at the NSWRL Centre of Excellence and walking through the tunnel that links the venue to ANZ Stadium. We got a huge roar from our fans when we entered the field and I was so proud of the boys for withstanding a Queensland fightback before scoring a try in the final minute to win an Origin classic and seal the series.

It was also the first time since 2005 NSW had come from a game down to win an Origin series which proved to me I have a good team on my hands. Congratulations to our fullback James Tedesco for his outstanding season which saw him win the Brad Fittler Medal, the Wally Lewis Medal and the Dally M Medal.

The 2020 series promises to be just as exciting with Game One to be played in another new Rugby League frontier in Adelaide. I'm confident we will always be in a strong position to give a good account of ourselves in the Origin arena as long as we are represented by players willing to put in the hard work and dedication required at this level.





# BRYDENS LAWYERS NSW BLUES

The Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues headed into the 2019 Holden State of Origin series as defending champions and had to dig deep to defend their Shield.

Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues coach Brad Fittler had brought a new approach to both preparation and team selection after taking on the job as coach in 2018 and was rewarded with the state's first series win since 2014. He was confident of the team's chances heading into Game One in Brisbane after naming five players to make their debut but unfortunately the result didn't go their way and they lost 18-14.

Fittler responded to the loss by making seven changes to the team for Game Two in Perth. It was the first time Origin had been played in Western Australia and the fans responded accordingly with the game selling out. Fittler based the team in Scarborough for the start of their preparations and the approach and the selection changes paid off. The team scored an emphatic 38-6 win which former NSW coach Phil Gould declared the "best NSW performance I've seen in over a decade".

The team was confident heading into the final game in Sydney and the occasion was made even more special with the players walking through a tunnel just before kick-off which linked the NSWRL Centre of Excellence to ANZ Stadium.

The Blues were on track to win after establishing a 20-8 lead midway through the second half but Queensland fought back to lock the scores up at 20-all. The match looked destined to head to golden point before Blake Ferguson made a break down the sideline and found James Tedesco in support to score a stunning try within the final minute in a match that will go down in Origin folklore. Tedesco was named the Wally Lewis Medallist for Player of the Series.

Fittler unearthed more players during the series who look to have bright futures in a Blues jumper including Jack Wighton, Payne Haas, Cameron Murray, Dale Finucane and Daniel Saifiti.

The 2020 Origin series promises just as much excitement with the concept celebrating 40 years, the opening match scheduled for Adelaide Oval and the Blues looking to win three consecutive series for the first time since 2005.





# STATE OF ORIGIN RESULTS

## Origin I

**Queensland 18** (Dane Gagai 2, Corey Oates tries; Kalyn Ponga 3 goals) **def NSW 14** (Josh Morris, Jake Trbojevic tries; Nathan Cleary 3 goals) at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane, on Wednesday 5 June. Crowd: 52,191.

## Origin II

**NSW 38** (Tom Trbojevic 3, Josh Addo-Carr 2, Tyson Frizell tries; James Maloney 5, Nathan Cleary 2 goals) **def Queensland 6** (Will Chambers try; Kalyn Ponga goal) at Optus Stadium, Perth, on Sunday 23 June. Crowd: 59,721.

## Origin III

**NSW 26** (James Tedesco 2, Paul Vaughan, Damien Cook tries; James Maloney 5 goals) **def Queensland 20** (Felise Kaufusi, Josh McGuire, Josh Papalii tries; Ethan Lowe 4 goals) at ANZ Stadium, Sydney, on Wednesday 10 July. Crowd: 82,565.

## Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues

(players used across three matches)

Boyd Cordner (c), James Tedesco (vc), Nick Cotric, Latrell Mitchell, Josh Morris, Josh Addo-Carr, Cody Walker, Nathan Cleary, David Klemmer, Damien Cook, Paul Vaughan, Tyson Frizell, Jake Trbojevic, Jack Wighton, Payne Haas, Cameron Murray, Angus Crichton, Blake Ferguson, Tom Trbojevic, James Maloney, Daniel Saifiti, Dale Finucane, Tariq Sims, Wade Graham, Mitchell Pearce. Coach: Brad Fittler.

# BLATCHYS BLUES

Almost 21,000 Blatchys Blues attended Holden State of Origin matches in 2019, bringing with them the “Blatchys Effect”, as the Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues went on to retain the coveted Holden State of Origin shield.

In an exciting first for the NSWRL, Blatchys Blues supporters made their presence felt on the west coast of Australia – turning Perth’s Optus Stadium into a sea of blue as NSW scored an emphatic win in Game Two to atone for the Game One defeat.

This year was also the first time since 2004 that Blatchys Blues supporters saw a winning NSW captain lift the shield at Sydney’s ANZ Stadium.

The 2019 State of Origin series marked the 20th anniversary of the iconic blue wig, with more than 140,000 passionate Blues fans having now worn it since its inception in 1999.







# HARVEY NORMAN NSW WOMEN'S ORIGIN

The Harvey Norman NSW Women's Origin side continued their dominance over Queensland with a 14-4 victory at North Sydney Oval on Friday 21 June.

In front of 10,515 fans, NSW overcame a 4-0 half-time deficit to successfully defend their shield. It was also the fourth consecutive year the NSW women's team had beaten Queensland in an interstate contest.

NSW halfback Maddison Studdon earned Player of the Match honours after playing a role in Shakiah Tungai's try before scoring one herself in the dying stages to seal the win.

It was a fitting start for Andrew Patmore, who took over as head coach in 2019, while backrower Kezie Apps enjoyed a memorable victory in her first game as captain.

**NSW 14** (Jessica Sergis, Shakiah Tungai, Maddison Studdon tries; Kirra Dibb goal) **def Queensland 4** (Tazmin Gray try) at North Sydney Oval on Friday 21 June 2019.

### HARVEY NORMAN NSW WOMEN'S ORIGIN TEAM

1. Corban McGregor 2. Jessica Sergis 3. Tiana Penitani 4. Isabelle Kelly 5. Shakiah Tungai 6. Kirra Dibb 7. Maddison Studdon 8. Simaima Taufua 9. Kylie Hilder 10. Millie Boyle 11. Kezie Apps (c) 12. Shontelle Stowers 13. Hannah Southwell 14. Vanessa Foliaki 15. Botille Vette-Welsh 16. Holli Wheeler 17. Takilele Katoa 18. Shaylee Bent. Coach: Andrew Patmore.







## CABE NSW UNDER 20s

NSW continues to unearth new talent in the Rugby League arena with a third of the team graduating to the NRL following the CABE NSW Under 20s win over Queensland to regain the Darren Lockyer Shield.

Newly appointed coach Mark O'Meley drove the team's success with six of the selected players also making their NRL debut in 2019. They included Sam Verrills (Sydney Roosters), Spencer Leniu, Matt Burton, Stephen Crichton (Penrith Panthers), Ethan Parry (Parramatta Eels) and Jason Saab (St George Illawarra Dragons).

Burton ran rampant on the field for NSW, scoring two tries and producing two try-assists in the 36-10 victory. Crichton proved a sharpshooter with the boot after landing five of six conversions and a penalty goal to put an exclamation point on a dominant performance.

The NSW Under-20 fixture is the final step for players in the representative pathways arena before graduating to the Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues.

**NSW U20 36** (Matt Burton 2, Teig Wilton, Matt Croker, Ky Rodwell, Ethan Parry tries; Stephen Crichton 6 goals) **def Queensland U20 10** (Ronaldo Multitalo, Murray Taulagi tries; Braydon Trindall goal) at ANZ Stadium, Sydney, on Wednesday 10 July 2019.

### CABE NSW U20s team:

1. Tex Hoy 2. Tuipulotu Katoa 3. Stephen Crichton 4. Ethan Parry 5. Jason Saab 6. Matt Burton 7. Blake Taafe 8. Spencer Leniu 9. Sam Verrills 10. Ky Rodwell 11. Teig Wilton 12. Matt Doorey 13. Darby Medlyn 14. Luke Huth 15. Stefano Utoikamanu 16. Matt Croker 17. Alex Seyfarth. Coach: Mark O'Meley.







# CABE NSW UNDER 18s

The CABE NSW Under 18s featured plenty of exciting talent and a new coach in Michael Ennis but unfortunately could not match Queensland, going down 34-12 at Brisbane's Suncorp Stadium.

The match was played as a curtain-raiser to Game One of the Holden State of Origin series with the NSW side featuring rising stars from the UNE SG Ball Cup competition.

Mathew and Max Feagai, Jayden Sullivan and Tyrell Sloan had played for UNE SG Ball Cup Premiers Illawarra Steelers, while Newcastle Knights centre Bradman Best would go on to make his NRL debut later that season.

NSW scored early in the second half to reduce the deficit to 18-12 and it wasn't until the 60th minute that Queensland scored to take a 26-12 lead and secure the win. It was the first time Queensland had won the Under-18s title since 2015.

**Queensland U18 34** (Fanitesi Niu 2, Jake Simpkin, Alofiana Khan-Pereira, Xavier Coates, Reece Walsh tries; Joshua James 5 goals) **def NSW U18 12** (David Hollis, Sione Fainu, tries; Jayden Sullivan 2 goals) at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane, on Wednesday 5 June.

**CABE NSW U18s team:**

1. Bradman Best 2. Mathew Feagai 3. Max Feagai 4. Viliami Penisini 5. Tyrell Sloan 6. Jayden Sullivan 7. Noah Griffiths 8. David Hollis 9. Mitchell Black 10. Sione Fainu 11. Jackson Topine 12. Josh Schuster 13. Siua Fotu 14. Kaeo Weekes 15. Ben Trbojevic 16. Alec Tuitavake 17. Trey Mooney. Coach: Michael Ennis.







# HARVEY NORMAN NSW UNDER 18 WOMEN

It was a landmark moment for women's Rugby League with the staging of the first Under-18s Women's Origin game at North Sydney Oval, as part of a double-header with the Holden Women's Origin match.

The Harvey Norman NSW Under-18s Women's side had the distinction of claiming a 24-4 victory in the inaugural clash against Queensland.

Coached by Illawarra Steelers' Daniel Lacey, the side boasted seven players from his Premiership winning Harvey Norman Tarsha Gale Cup team.

Winger Teagan Berry made history after she opened the scoring with a 90m intercept try before grabbing another try in the second half to seal an historic win.

**NSW U18s Women 24** (Teagan Berry 2, Olivia Kernick, Caitlan Johnston tries; Emily Curtain 4 goals) **def** **Queensland U18s Women 4** (Courtney Tamati try) at North Sydney Oval on Friday 21 June.

### Harvey Norman NSW Under-18s Women's team:

1. Tess Staines 2. Teagan Berry 3. Jamie Chapman 4. Mikayla Kidd 5. Zali Fay 6. Emily Curtain 7. Tiana Graham 8. Maddison Weatherall 14. Janaya Bent 10. Filomina Hanisi 11. Olivia Kernick 12. Caitlan Johnston 13. Mareva Swann 9. Rhiannon Tungai 15. Aleni Amone 17. Sophie Curtain 17. Joeli Morris. Coach: Daniel Lacey.





# OTHER REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL

## CABE NSW Under 16s

The CABE NSW Under-16s played only one game in 2019, facing the Under-16 Pasifika side in lieu of regular counterparts Queensland.

The match is the first opportunity for players to experience the representative arena with Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues Cameron Murray and Tom Trbojevic coming through the pathways program.

The 20-man squad was selected after the Harold Matthews Representative side downed the NSW Country Under-16 team. The squad included seven players from the premierships-winning Newcastle Knights team from the UNE Harold Matthews Cup.

The NSW Under-16 side recorded a commanding 36-6 victory with Paul Alamoti and Turoa Williams both crossing for two tries each.

**CABE NSW U16s 36** (Paul Alamoti 3, Turoa Williams, Oryn Kelley, Finnley Neilsen, Terrell Kalo Kalo tries; Thomas Weaver 4 goals) **def Pasifika U16s 6** (Henry Alesi try; Henry Alesi goal) at Belmore Oval on Sunday 9 June.

### NSW U16s team:

1. Terrell Kalo Kalo 2. Reef Sommerville 3. Fletcher Myers 4. Paul Alamoti 5. Turoa Williams 6. Thomas Weaver 7. Jonah Pezet 8. Max Bradbury 9. Noah Nailagoliva 10. Davvy Moale 11. Brandon Tumeth 12. Oryn Keeley 13. Finnley Neilsen 14. Oskar Bryant 15. Ryan Foran 16. Noah Reed 17. Lachlan Crouch 18. William Taliai 18. David Langi 20. Joseph O'Neill. Coach: Scott Jones.

## Canterbury Cup NSW Residents

The Canterbury Cup NSW Residents staged a brave second-half fightback but they couldn't hold out a fast-finishing Queensland at Dolphin Park in Redcliffe.

The Residents fought back from a 22-6 half-time deficit to close the gap to 22-16 before Queensland ran away with the match, winning 42-22.

South Sydney hooker Billy Brittain captained the NSW Residents team and was later named the Canterbury Cup NSW Player of the Year.

**Queensland Residents 42** (Delouise Hoeter 3, Sam Scarlett, Temone Power, Josh Cleeland, Corey Jensen tries; Josh Cleeland 7 goals) **def Canterbury Cup NSW Residents 22** (Beau Fermor, Brian To'o, Dean Britt, Keaon Koloamatangi tries; Brock Lamb 2, Morgan Harper goals) at Dolphin Park, Redcliffe on Sunday 12 May.

## Canterbury Cup NSW Residents team:

1. Kieren Moss 2. Christian Crichton 3. Reubenn Rennie 4. Morgan Harper 5. Brian To'o 6. Connor Tracey 7. Brock Lamb 8. JJ Collins 9. Billy Brittain (c) 10. Lloyd Perrett 11. Dean Britt 12. Beau Fermor 13. Joshua Curran 14. Keaon Koloamatangi 15. Mitchell Kenny 16. Renouf Toomaga 17. Tom Amoné. Coach: Shane Millard.

## NSWRL Pioneers

The NSWRL Pioneers claimed a 26-18 victory over the Queensland Rangers in the annual third-tier interstate clash at Brisbane's Davies Park.

The team was selected after the Newcastle Rebels beat a Ron Massey Cup team in a representative match at Maitland Sports Ground in May.

The 18-man squad consisted of players from both representative sides and was coached by Matt Lantry (Rebels).

The match went down to the wire with Jarom Haines scoring a 70m try in the final three minutes to seal the win.

**NSWRL Pioneers 28** (Patrick Hollis, Alex Langbridge, Chad O'Donnell, Pat Mata'utia, Maliko Filino, Jarom Haines tries; Ryan Walsh 2 goals) **def Queensland Rangers 18** (Harlan Collins, Tristan Hope, Andrew Peraia tries; Jack Miers 2, Caleb Daunt goals) at Davies Park, Brisbane, on Sunday 30 June.

### NSWRL Pioneers team:

1. Sam Keenan 2. Maliko Filino 3. Jordan Remfrey 4. Blake Andrews 5. Fuaimamao Uta 5. Chad O'Donnell 7. Ryan Walsh 8. Atonio Pelesasa 9. Alex Langbridge 10. Tama Koopu 11. Patrick Hollis 12. Pat Mata'utia 13. Mitchell Cullen 14. Nick Kassis 15. Jack Morris 16. Piki Rogers 17. Jarom Haines. Coach: Matt Lantry.



## Harvey Norman Women's National Championship

The Harvey Norman Women's National Championship featured more than 120 players and six teams from across the country.

NSW City cruised to an impressive 34-4 win in the Grand Final to exact revenge after losing to NSW Country in the 2018 tournament decider.

NSW City winger Tiana Penitani was awarded the Tahnee Morris Medal for Player of the National Championship.

**NSW City Women's Origin 34** (Tiana Penitani 3, Maddie Studdon, Botille Vette-Welsh, Tiene Clark, Kiana Takairangi tries; Maddie Studdon 3 goals) **def NSW Country Women's Origin 4** (Kylie Hilder try) at Pizzey Park, Gold Coast, on Sunday 2 June.

### NSW City Women's Origin team:

1. Corban McGregor 2. Kiana Takairangi 3. Shontell Stowers 4. Jessica Sergis 5. Tiana Penitani 6. Quincy Dodd 7. Maddison Studdon 8. Elianna Walton 9. Rebecca Riley 10. Teina Clarke 11. Montana (Jade) Fonua 12. Sarah Togatuki 13. Simaima Taufa 14. Aaliyah Faamausili 15. Najvada George 16. Christine Pauli 17. Karla Cowan 18. Shaylee Bent 19. Kate Mullaly 20. Shanice Parker 21. Botille Vette-Walsh 22. Tommaya Kelly-Sines 23. Aliti Namoce 24. Christian Pio. Coach: Steve Kelly.

## NSW Indigenous Under 16s

The NSW Indigenous Under 16s suffered a 28-20 loss to the Queensland Under 16s in a curtain-raiser to the 2019 Charity Shield between NRL sides South Sydney Rabbitohs and St George Illawarra Dragons at Mudgee.

NSW secured an early lead after three unanswered tries in the first-half but were unable to stop Queensland from mounting a comeback in the closing stages of the contest.



The fixture was played in honour of the late Steve "Bear" Hall – a valued member of the NSWRL family and a driving force behind the match. Fullback Fletcher Myers was named the NSW Man of the Match.

**Queensland U16s Murri 28** (Braith Major, Hubert Elu, Kmani Levi, Brayden Duffy, Keanu Wright-Dunrobin tries; Zadok Heron-Jia 3, Xavier Chatfield-Mooka goals) **def NSW U16s Koori 20** (Tyler Moodie, Travys Downton, Michael Witton, Jarrah McLead tries; Fletcher Myers, Liam Browne goals) at Glen Willow Oval, Mudgee, on Saturday 2 March.

### NSW U16s Koori team:

1. Fletcher Myers 2. Tyler Moodie 3. Michael Whitton 4. Jarrah McLeod 5. Jye Day 6. Timothy Bull 7. Liam Browne 8. Izayah Tuigamala 9. Michael Cleary 10. Emanuel Sutton 11. Isaiah Kennedy 12. Jordan Wilson 13. Louis Grossemey 14. Travys Downton 15. Ronald Whitton 16. Kyle King 17. Jaleal Cooper. Coach: Ron Gibbs.





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## NSWRL COMPETITIONS





# CANTERBURY CUP NSW

Newtown Jets and Wentworthville Magpies produced a fitting finish to the state's premier competition, the Canterbury Cup NSW, after they played out a Grand Final extra-time thriller at Bankwest Stadium in western Sydney.

The Jets claimed a 20-15 victory after Man of the Match William Kennedy scored the game-winning try in the closing stages, with the match being locked 14-14 at the end of regulation time.

It was a ground-breaking day for the competition after the fixture returned its highest-ever television ratings. The game, shown on the Nine Network, had an average audience of 129,783 and a peak audience of 215,614.

It continued a successful season for the NSWRL with ratings up 10 per cent for both Nine and Nine Gem and Fox League on FOX SPORTS.

Newtown and Wentworthville stormed into the decider from seventh and eighth place respectively on the competition ladder. The Jets became the first team to win the premiership from outside the top four since the Newcastle Knights in 2015.

The foundation club repeated their efforts in almost identical fashion one week later after Jackson Ferris scored on the final play of the game to down Burleigh Bears 20-16 in a thrilling clash for the NRL State Championship.

It was the fourth consecutive victory for NSW-based sides in the annual interstate clash played on NRL Grand Final Day.

St George Illawarra Dragons finished the regular season of Canterbury Cup NSW as Minor Premiers on 31 competition points but suffered another Preliminary Final defeat for the second consecutive season.

South Sydney Rabbitohs made a welcome return to the NSWRL's premier competition, finishing second on the ladder before reaching the Preliminary Final.

Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs, who won the competition in 2018, and the North Sydney Bears enjoyed strong seasons after finishing in the top-four but both were out of contention following tough losses in Week Two of the Finals.

Mounties were earmarked as early favourites after remaining undefeated until Round 8 but, along with the Penrith Panthers, bowed out of contention in Week One of the Finals.







# HARVEY NORMAN NSW WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP

CRL Newcastle claimed their maiden Harvey Norman NSW Women's Premiership with a 24-10 victory over defending premiers Mounties at ANZ Stadium.

The competition expanded to 11 teams and was played over 17 weeks in 2019 in a move which reflects the growing strength of the women's game.

CRL Newcastle finished the regular season in third position before beating North Sydney Bears and Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks in the finals to set up a Grand Final against Mounties. The decider was streamed on NSWRL.com.au.

Bears hooker Nita Maynard was judged the Harvey Norman Women's Premiership Player of the Year after taking the club from second last in 2018 to second position on the ladder in 2019.

Mounties finished the season on the same competition points as the Bears but a superior points differential earned them the Minor Premiership.

Mounties captain Simaima Taufua again dominated at club level and later claimed the NSW Harvey Norman NSW Women's State Player of the Year after a stellar performance against Queensland.

The Harvey Norman NSW Women's Premiership continues to be a launch pad for players to represent their state and country.







# JERSEY FLEGG CUP

The Jersey Flegg Cup decider was contested by two newcomers for the 2019 season, with South Sydney Rabbitohs claiming their first Premiership in more than 40 years.

The under-20 competition was comprised of 14 clubs with the Rabbitohs, Grand Final opponents Canberra Raiders and Victoria Thunderbolts all new to the competition in 2019.

South Sydney and Canberra played a tense Grand Final at Bankwest Stadium with the Rabbitohs clinging on for a 16-14 win in a thrilling contest.

Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks claimed the Minor Premiership after racking up the most wins in the regular season, but were eliminated in successive weeks with both matches going into extra time.

Canberra earned a week off after their 19-18 win over Cronulla-Sutherland and defeated the second-placed Sydney Roosters 22-12 to book a Grand Final berth.

The Rabbitohs, who placed fifth in the regular season, defeated the Dragons, Sharks and the Panthers to advance to the Grand Final.

The decider saw six tries scored in the first half with Player of the Match Blake Taaffe scoring two tries and kicking two goals to take a 16-14 lead into the break.

No points were scored in the second half allowing South Sydney to secure their first Jersey Flegg Cup premiership since 1978.







# RON MASSEY CUP

Wentworthville Magpies claimed the Ron Massey Cup for the third consecutive year after defeating St Marys Saints 32-14 in the Grand Final at Leichhardt Oval.

Wentworthville and St Marys both finished the season on 38 competition points but the Magpies claimed the Minor Premiership.

They eclipsed Saints by one point on points differential after the regular season went down to the final round.

Mounties sat comfortably in third place on 34 points while Asquith Magpies beat Guildford Owls to claim a spot in the top four.

Wentworthville and St Marys won their respective matches against Asquith and Mounties in Week One of the Finals to move straight through to the Preliminary Finals.

The Magpies and Saints also dominated their Preliminary Finals clash against Mounties and Hills Bulls respectively to progress to the Grand Final for the second consecutive season.

Wentworthville proved too strong for St Marys again after scoring seven tries, including five in the second half to run away with the match. Magpies captain Beau Henry was named Man of the Match.







# NEWCASTLE BUSINESS PLAZA CUP

The Western Suburbs Rosellas made it a major-minor premiership double after claiming a 36-0 shutout against the Cessnock Goannas to claim the 2019 Newcastle Business Plaza Cup.

Western Suburbs dominated the regular season after finishing 10 points clear of the other teams in the competition. The Rosellas led 18-0 at half-time and went on with the job in the second half to hold a losing side scoreless in a decider for the first time since 1992.

Backrower Ryan Walker was awarded the JJ "Mo" Wilson Medal after scoring a hat-trick to help set up the win over the Goannas.

The strength of the Newcastle Business Plaza Cup was reflected early in the season when the Newcastle Rebels beat a Ron Massey Cup team in a representative match at Maitland Sports Ground. Rebels coach Matt Lantry was subsequently appointed coach of the NSWRL Pioneers which included 11 players from the Rebels team.

The Newcastle Business Plaza Cup boasted several players with NRL experience, including Player of the Year Luke Walsh, Feleti Mateo, Pat Mata'utia and Daniel Abraham.

Newcastle is a strong nursery for Rugby League players and the Newcastle Business Plaza Cup is another competition in the region that allows future talents to prosper.







# SYDNEY SHIELD

Ryde-Eastwood Hawks claimed their first-ever Sydney Shield Premiership after beating Cabramatta Too Blues 22-12 in the 2019 Grand Final.

Ryde-Eastwood finished the regular season in fourth position and proved too strong for Cabramatta in a competitive Grand Final. Hawks five-eighth Adam Rizk was named Man of the Match after his two try-assists helped his team to victory.

The Hawks proved themselves premiership contenders when they defeated Minor Premiers Cabramatta in Week One of the Finals, and stepped it up in Week Three, defeating St Marys 44-24 to progress to the Grand Final.

East Campbelltown Eagles, who won the competition in 2019, finished third on the ladder but the Too Blues ended their charge through the finals.







# UNE SG BALL CUP

The NSWRL Under-18 Junior Representative competition was closely-contested with Illawarra Steelers claiming their first UNE SG Ball Cup since 1996.

Illawarra, chasing their third under-18 title, finished the regular season in second position, and faced Minor Premiers, Manly Warringah Sea Eagles, in the Grand Final.

Both sides dominated Week One of the Finals Series to advance through to the Preliminary Finals. The Steelers won a tight contest against Parramatta Eels to face the Sea Eagles in the Grand Final, who advanced after beating the Central Coast Roosters.

Steelers halfback Jayden Sullivan continued his strong regular season form in the decider and was named Man of the Match in the 34-23 victory at Bankwest Stadium.

Manly Warringah captain Josh Schuster was named the SG Ball Player of the Year after steering the Sea Eagles to the Minor Premiership and a Grand Final appearance.

The Roosters and Eels finished third and fourth respectively with Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs, Canberra Raiders, Balmain Tigers and Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks rounding out the top eight.







# HARVEY NORMAN TARSHA GALE CUP

The Illawarra Steelers claimed their first Harvey Norman Tarsha Gale Cup title after beating Newcastle Knights 24-12 in the Grand Final at Bankwest Stadium.

Illawarra and Newcastle could not be separated during the regular season of the NSWRL Under-18 Women's Junior Representative competition with both finishing on 16 points.

Illawarra edged out Newcastle for the Minor Premiership on points differential, with Wests Tigers and St George Illawarra Dragons rounding out the top four in the 10-team competition.

Last year's premiers Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks were unable to back up and finished the season in seventh position.

Steelers captain Maddison Weatherall dominated the Grand Final and regularly tested the Knights defence with forceful runs and skilful offloads.

She was named the Player of the Series and went on to captain the NSW Under-18 Women's State of Origin side.







# UNE HAROLD MATTHEWS CUP

The Newcastle Knights turned in a near-perfect campaign to claim their second UNE Harold Matthews Cup premiership with a 28-8 victory over Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs at Bankwest Stadium.

The NSWRL Under-16 Junior Representative competition finished with just two competition points separating first and fifth position and the top three teams all finishing the regular season on 16 competition points.

Newcastle lost only one game all season and maintained their form in the finals after beating the Bulldogs 22-16 in Week One to advance to the Preliminary Finals. They qualified for the Grand Final with a 20-6 victory over Penrith.

The Bulldogs recovered from losing to the Knights in Week One to make it through to the decider but were unable to match the premiers on the day. Centre Fletcher Myers changed the match with a clever piece of play.

South Sydney Rabbitohs' captain and fullback Joseph Suaalii was named the UNE Harold Matthews Cup Player of the Year after an impressive season. The Rabbitohs finished in second position and were the only team to defeat the Knights in 2019 but were upset by the Bulldogs 36-30 in the Preliminary Finals.







# NSW REGIONAL RUGBY LEAGUE SUMMARY

The continued growth of the women's game contributed to an increase in participation in regional NSW, with more than 60,000 registered players from more than 480 clubs across all competitions.

An additional 2,500 players participated in alternate competitions, such as the Women's 9s.

One-third of all nationally registered players participated in regional NSW competitions and a 13 per cent increase saw more than 13,000 women compete in regional NSW competitions.

The success of the Andrew Johns and Laurie Daley Cups Junior Representative competitions was reflected in the numbers for live streaming with a combined total of more than 800,000 views for all representative matches and highlights.

The competitions included 10 franchises who were linked with NRL clubs to allow young players from regional areas to compete at a representative level and to link with an NRL pathway.

The increase in women's participation and the expansion of regional NSW Women's 9s competitions across the state led to the introduction of women's tackle in the Country Championships. This provided an opportunity for female players to gain selection in the Country Women's Representative team competing in the Women's National Championships and possible higher honours.

The CRL Women's Representative Player of the Year, Takilele Katoa, was discovered through the Women's Country Championships playing for the Riverina Bulls. She went on to represent NSW Country in the Women's National Championships, the Harvey Norman NSW Women's Origin team and the St George Illawarra Dragons in the NRLW competition.

Further highlights included CRL Newcastle winning the NSWRL Harvey Norman Women's Premiership as well as the Tathra Sea Eagles winning their inaugural First Grade Premiership in 66 years and being recognised nationally as the Grassroots Club of the Year.

Muswellbrook-based Bianca Johnston was rewarded after taking out the Women in League Award while Riverina product Tess Staines gained selection in the champion NSW Under-18 Women's State of Origin side and the Australian Prime Ministers XIII Women's team.







# LAURIE DALEY CUP

The Illawarra South Coast Dragons celebrated a convincing 34-18 win over the Western Rams to claim the Laurie Daley Cup at Glen Willow Stadium in Mudgee.

The Dragons turned the tables on the Rams in the Under-18 Regional Junior Representative competition after losing to the same team in the Andrew Johns Cup Grand Final the previous year.

The two sides faced each other in round three of the competition with the Rams scoring a 32-20 win but the Dragons saved their best for the Grand Final.

Both teams went into half-time locked up at 12-all but halves Tyrone Roberts and Billy Hayburn stepped up in the second half to help the Dragons seal the win.

Illawarra clinched their spot in the decider after snatching a last-minute win against the North Coast Bulldogs in the Semi-final while the Rams beat Parramatta Eels in their Semi-final.







# ANDREW JOHNS CUP

The Northern Rivers Titans went through the season undefeated to claim their first Andrew Johns Cup after beating Western Rams 18-6 at Glen Willow Stadium in Mudgee.

The Northern Rivers dominated the Under-16 Regional Junior Representative competition after finishing four points clear over other teams in the northern pool. They scored 232 points and only had 18 points scored against them.

The Titans and Rams were both unbeaten in their respective pool groups but Titans captain and Under-16 Player of the Year Thomas Weaver turned in a Man of the Match performance to help seal the win.

The Titans played a tough match against the Penrith Panthers in the Semi-finals at Foster after overcoming a half-time deficit to win.

The Rams put on a clinical display against the Greater Northern Tigers in their Semi-final, running in nine tries to one to set up a 44-4 victory.







# WOMEN'S COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Riverina Bulls won the Women's Country Championships with an impressive 28-14 victory over the North Coast Bulldogs at Glen Willow Stadium in Mudgee.

The Bulls completed a fairy-tale end to the season, played under the new tackle format. Hooker Ua Ravu scored a double, while Women's Representative Player of the Year Takilele Katoa produced a Player of the Match performance.

Riverina showed their strength in Round Two when they came close to toppling competition heavyweights Illawarra South Coast Dragons, who boasted NSW Women's Origin captain Kezie Apps in their line-up.

The North Coast Bulldogs produced a 24-6 Semi-final upset against Illawarra to book their spot in the Grand Final.

NSW Under-18 Women's fullback Tess Staines stole the show in the Semi-final against the Central Coast Roosters using her speed to score off a scrum play and seal a 26-6 win.







# MEN'S UNDER 23 COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Illawarra South Coast Dragons completed an outstanding season with a 42-12 defeat of last year's finalists the Monaro Colts at Glen Willow Stadium in Mudgee.

The 2019 champions were unstoppable in Rounds One and Two of the regular season after recording big wins over GSR Wests Tigers and the Riverina Bulls. The Dragons scored 116 points and had only 14 points scored against them.

Illawarra produced another clinical display on Grand Final day after captain Cooper Purcell notched a double while CRL Player of the Year Cameron Vazzoler crossed the line and kicked seven goals from as many attempts in a Man of the Match performance.

Illawarra had also shown strong form in the Semi-final after defeating last year's Premiers the Northern Rivers Titans 42-22. The Dragons were in complete control after taking a 22-0 lead before the Titans registered their first points.

Monaro made the decider after beating the North Coast Bulldogs 33-6 in their Semi-final with Colts captain Josh Stuckey's three-try effort helping his side remain undefeated until the Grand Final.





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## NSWRL COMMUNITY





# COMMUNITY FOOTBALL

## PARTICIPATION

Rugby League participation across the state continued to grow with a combined total of 102,500 (NSWRL and CRL) participants registered to play the game in 2019.

The women's game continued to experience the biggest growth, with an additional 2400 females playing in 2019 to take the combined total to almost 19,000 (23 per cent increase in NSWRL competitions and 13 per cent increase in CRL).

The implementation of the Monarch Blues Tag into regular Junior Rugby League structures attracted more than 120 teams in 2019, including 1500 new girls to the game and an increase in over-35 males.

Cronulla, Canterbury and North Sydney JRL districts recorded the biggest increases in overall registration in the NSWRL grassroots competitions which involved 3000 teams and 350 competitions across 12 districts.

The NSW Government's Active Kids initiative proved to be popular with the Rugby League community, with more than 54,500 Active Kids vouchers, valuing \$5.39 million, redeemed in 2019 (up 10 per cent on 2018).

## GRASSROOTS SUPPORT

An additional four League Support Officers (LSO) were welcomed into Junior Rugby League (JRL) districts, further strengthening the administration support provided by NSWRL with the implementation of Community Competition Coordinators (CCCs) into JRL structures in 2018. It was the first time a full-time administrator has been appointed for two of the districts, St George and Manly.

A new Junior Rugby League company was created in February to ensure the future of the game in the Macarthur region, with Wests Tigers Macarthur District Junior Rugby League Ltd now responsible for overseeing all junior competitions in the region.

## RECOGNITION

The NSWRL encourages all clubs to strive for excellence on and off the field and since implementing a program in 2018 to recognise the willingness and capacity to run a quality community sporting club, 28 clubs have now been awarded Blue Shield status.

The NSWRL showcased the importance of volunteers in our game by hosting a Volunteers Awards evening to celebrate and reward the tireless and often thankless efforts of those who ensure the game goes on each weekend. Volunteer numbers increased 13 per cent in 2019 with more than 16,000 donating their time to the game.

The standard of volunteers and officials continues to rise, with more than 98 per cent of coaches fully qualified and further training of Junior League Club volunteers provided in procedures and policies to ensure a smooth game-day experience for all.

## CHARITY ROUND

The NSWRL showed its support of the Mark Hughes Foundation's Beanies for Brain Cancer with all Canterbury Cup players entering the field of play wearing beanies for all matches in Round 19. Hughes, a True Blue, was diagnosed with brain cancer in 2013 and established Beanies for Brain Cancer to help raise funds for research.

Support was also given to Men of League with players wearing special socks for a game round to raise awareness and funds for the charity providing support and assistance to men, women and children from the Rugby League community who have fallen on hard times.

## DONATIONS

The NSWRL donated more than 6000 footballs, \$30,000 of merchandise (shirts, caps, shorts, singlets), 1000 Blatchys Blues supporter wigs and shirts, hundreds of signed jerseys and 120 football boots to schools, community groups, football clubs, charities and others in need throughout the state in 2019. Almost \$20,000 of CRL stock (shirts, shorts and tracksuits) was also donated for distribution in outback/ western NSW.







# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## HOGS FOR THE HOMELESS

Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues coach Brad Fittler, True Blues Danny Buderus, Nathan Hindmarsh, Steve Menzies, Mark O’Meley, Beau Scott, Michael Buettner, Mark Hughes, NSW Women’s Origin captain Kezie Apps, Rugby League legends Ian Schubert and Nathan Blacklock and former NRL coach Neil Henry raised \$60,000 during the annual Hogs For The Homeless charity ride.

The ride, which has raised more than \$760,000 for Father Chris Riley’s Youth off the Streets since it first started in 2013, took in eight regional towns and covered more than 4200km in nine days. The highlights included a bus giveaway at the Gadara School for Specific Purposes in Tumut and the re-turfing of a field at Jasper Road Public School in Baulkham Hills.

## CALD TO TRY LEAGUE

The success of a pilot Try League Program at Blacktown in 2018 saw this initiative expanded in 2019 with funding from the State Government (four years) and Federal Government (one year).

The program is designed to integrate and engage culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities and encourages social inclusion, active lifestyles and supports a fun and safe practice of Rugby League.

CALD to Try League, run over eight weeks for children aged four to 12, was well received with participants from a broad range of cultures and backgrounds including Indian, Chinese and Filipino taking part.

The NSWRL will continue to grow the program across the state in 2020 with CALD to Try League programs to be held in Willoughby, Hurstville, Revesby, Fairfield and Coffs Harbour.

## #RESPECT

The NSWRL reignited its call for “Respect”, with a number of initiatives including all players, referees and coaches being urged to shake hands before kick-off in a bid to promote positive environments and supportive behaviours.

In 2019 the Marrickville RSL Kings were awarded the NSWRL Respect Club of the Year for their involvement in the campaign, sharing images across social media of all players and teams showing “Respect”.

## CHANGING ROOMS

The NSWRL piloted a new program, Changing Rooms, in an initiative designed to de-stigmatise mental health and educate and provide support to the Junior Rugby League Community. The program targets males and females 14-20 years, offering support around coping with life challenges off the field.

Facilitated by the NSWRL, in partnership with mental health provider Youth Insearch, the program included 12 sessions dealing with mental health, illness, injury, social inclusion, disabilities and hardship. The program provided a safe space for the young players to talk openly about their wellbeing and seek support from their peers.

In 2020 the NSWRL has gained funding to bring the Changing Rooms program to more than 30 Junior League Clubs in the Sydney metropolitan area, with plans to expand into regional NSW.

## INDIGENOUS PARTICIPATION

The NSWRL supported the annual PCYC Nations of Origin, as more than 68 teams involving 850 players came together from as far as Broken Hill for the annual event celebrating the many nations of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in NSW.

The Talented Aboriginal Athlete Program (TAAP) continues to guide the next generation of Indigenous players in NSW for the 17th year. A camp at Narrabeen was attended by 60 Indigenous youth from across the state. Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues coach Brad Fittler, Rugby League legends Ronny Gibbs and Nathan Blacklock and Parramatta under-20 coach Dean Feeney all attended to share their experiences with participants.

The NSWRL also partnered with the Institute of Urban Indigenous Health to launch the Deadly Blues health campaign which encouraged members of the Indigenous community to obtain a free health check. The initiative was supported by Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues winger Blake Ferguson.

## YOUTH OFF THE STREETS GALA DAY

Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues coach Brad Fittler was joined by almost 100 students from across six schools for a Youth off the Streets Gala Day at the NSWRL Centre of Excellence. The students took part in a Monarch Blues Tag tournament before a BBQ.

## MOVEMBER

The NSWRL raised more than \$11,000 after joining forces with the Movember Foundation to help raise awareness about men’s health, particularly prostate cancer and mental health. Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues coach Brad Fittler took on the role of team captain with NSWRL staff growing a moustache or “moving” 60 kilometres across the month to help raise money.

## FITTLER’S OUTBACK VISIT

Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues coach Brad Fittler, True Blue Mark O’Meley and Rugby League legend Nathan Blacklock and NSW Police visited the outback towns of Walgett, Brewarrina and Bourke in December in a bid to help disengaged youth stay in school. The visit covered 1650km and the group met with 450 students from eight different schools in three days and included a visit to a sacred Indigenous site.

## BLUES BUSHFIRE CHRISTMAS TRIP

The Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues, including captain Boyd Cordner, coach Brad Fittler, assistant coach Danny Buderus and other players, were joined by Sydney Roosters coach Trent Robinson and utility Mitchell Aubusson in a visit to Taree in December to help spread some Christmas cheer after the devastating bushfires which ravaged the region.





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## NSWRL RECORDS



## 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, WA 1908  
 Carty, R 1908  
 Cheadle, F 1908  
 Conlon, A 1908  
 Costello, TB 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, CH 1908  
 Fry, E 1908  
 Giltinan, JJ (Founder) 1908  
 Glanville, H 1908  
 Graves, R 1908  
 Halloway, A 1908  
 Hamill, HC 1908  
 Headley, C 1908  
 Hennessy, AS 1908  
 Hoyle, HC MLA 1908  
 Hutcheson, C 1908  
 Lawrence, HE 1908  
 Lutge, D 1908  
 Mable, R 1908  
 Macnamara, ALH 1908  
 McQuade, P 1908  
 Messenger, HH 1908  
 Miller, HR 1908  
 Moir, P 1908  
 Noble, W 1908  
 Odbert, H 1908  
 O'Farrell, T 1908  
 Pearce, S 1908  
 Rosenfeld, A 1908  
 Scott, NH 1908  
 Smallwood, R 1908  
 Smith, H 1908  
 Stack, J 1908

Stuntz, J 1908  
 Trumper, V 1908  
 Weymark, A 1908  
 Ball, SG 1912  
 Quinlan, J 1912  
 Carpenter, S 1913  
 Frawley, D 1913  
 Blue, JE 1914  
 Brennan, G 1914  
 Edwards, J 1914  
 Hooper, EJ 1914  
 Larkin, Serg EJ MLA 1914  
 Mead, EJ 1914  
 Moffatt, JB 1914  
 Phelan, TE 1914  
 Joynton Smith, J, the Hon 1914  
 Upton, CHJ 1915  
 Webb, W 1915  
 Ellis, WJ 1916  
 Kelley, HPS 1916  
 Butler, A 1919  
 Chaseling, WA 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, WJ 1924  
 McMahan, TI 1924  
 Flowers, F the Hon, MLC 1924  
 Fraser, C 1925  
 Schofield, L 1926  
 Dargan, JL 1927  
 Elliot, CJ 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, RE the Hon MLC 1935

Latta, RA 1936  
 Johnston, A 1938  
 Gray, A 1939  
 Lynch, CJ 1939  
 Bennett, WG 1941  
 Corbett, CG 1941  
 Fusedale, RG 1942  
 Horne, JP 1943  
 Pert, S 1944  
 Russell, CJ 1944  
 Oxford, A 1946  
 Steel, LW 1947  
 Fahy, CW 1949  
 Matthews, HR MBE 1949  
 Justice, AJ 1950  
 Brennan, MT 1952  
 Bowd, HR 1953  
 Buckley, WG OBE 1953  
 Wales, BP 1954  
 Brand, AW 1955  
 Burns, EE 1955  
 McGauley, JV 1956  
 Robinson, NC 1957  
 Kessey, JH 1958  
 Folwell, A 1959  
 Neill, JC 1959  
 Evatt, Dr HV 1960  
 Dunn, RA OAM 1960  
 Lynch, JE 1961  
 Munro, JL 1961  
 O'Neill, SA 1961  
 Drews, JR 1966  
 Watson, DW 1966  
 Ford, JJ 1968  
 O'Toole, JJ MBE OBE 1968  
 Kingston, AM 1969  
 Bishop, G 1971  
 Liston, R 1971  
 Toby, A 1971  
 Wigzell, CE BEM 1971  
 Charlton, KJ 1971  
 Mackie, AI MBE 1971  
 McKinnon, RH BEM 1972  
 Kell, C 1972  
 Argent, JN OBE, OAM 1973  
 Cohen, O 1973  
 Loveday, T 1973  
 Facer, F 1974  
 Stehr, AB 1974  
 Walsh, K 1974  
 Forbes, HH 1975

Kelly, LT 1975  
 Simpson, SA 1975  
 Moses, JA BEM 1975  
 Clunas, G 1975  
 Cahill, C 1976  
 Goodman, TL MBE 1976  
 Fry, D 1978  
 Ibbitson, RJ 1978  
 Shiner, A OAM 1978  
 O'Brien, J 1979  
 Arthurson, KR AM 1979  
 Steel, WF 1979  
 Cox, EH OAM 1980  
 Humphreys, KE 1980  
 Bellew, TJ OAM 1981  
 Gibson, CH 1981  
 Willoughby, G 1982  
 Bell, L 1982  
 Johnson, F OAM 1982  
 Duggan, JT 1983  
 Holman, KV MBE 1983  
 O'Donnell, RS 1983  
 Stephen, KG 1984  
 Farrington, FJ 1984  
 Abbott, RJ AM 1985  
 Walsh, F 1985  
 Pearce, CF 1985  
 Barnhill, D 1986  
 Hammerton, EAE OAM 1986  
 Price, G 1986  
 Hyde, FP MBE, OAM 1987  
 Williams, LG 1987  
 Hampstead, J 1988  
 McCaffery, KA 1988  
 Porter, M 1988  
 Bull, ER 1989  
 Moore, PS OAM 1989  
 McIntyre, LJ OAM 1989  
 Neville, A 1989  
 Byrne, VJ OAM 1990  
 Kimberley, W 1991  
 Daley, D 1992  
 Richards, A 1993  
 Barnes, WK AM 1994  
 Rayner, W 1995  
 Broughton, P 1995  
 Doust, SL OAM 1995  
 McCall, I 1995  
 Matthews, L 1996  
 Quayle, J 1996  
 Raper, J MBE 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 MBE 2004  
 Coote, RAM 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, MA 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  
 Chalk, J OAM 2014  
 McMartin, J 2014  
 Politis, N AM 2015  
 Cronin, M OAM 2016  
 Byrne, V 2019  
 Byrnes, A OAM 2019  
 Kimberley, W 2019  
 Lanesbury, R 2019  
 O'Dwyer, J OAM 2019  
 Kelly, J 2019  
 Mayhew, G 2019  
 Charters, N 2019  
 Nelson, T 2019  
 Riolo, K OAM 2019  
 Wright, G 2019  
 Hamilton, R OAM 2019  
 Hardy, K 2019  
 Fish, F 2019

Harrison, D 2019  
 Marsh, T 2019  
 Carroll, B 2019  
 Hollingsworth, Dr J 2019  
 Rossiter, P 2019  
 Anderson, J OAM 2019  
 Smith, N 2019  
 Latter, J 2019  
 McDonald, P 2019  
 Anderson, J 2019  
 Walsh, R 2019

## CRL LIFE MEMBERS

Cahill, FJ  
 Ferris, HC  
 McGuire, J  
 Gleeson, MJ  
 Rossiter, TL  
 Quinn, J  
 O'Malley, D  
 Elliott, AC  
 Flanigan, W  
 Brazil, H  
 Loveday, T  
 Meaney, F  
 Chandler, E  
 Kingston, AM  
 O'Toole, J OAM  
 Gillard, H  
 Ward, J  
 Rigby, E  
 Roach, V  
 Gahan, J  
 Hattam, J  
 Walsh, K  
 Thom, J  
 Wilson, J  
 Hagan, AP  
 Moreland, D  
 Smith, F  
 Baker, R  
 Slogget, G  
 Sercombe, S  
 Barrett, V  
 Maitland, B

Devlin, F  
 McIntyre, L  
 Sharpe, J  
 Gale, N  
 McAlpine, E  
 Barnhill, D  
 Cosgrove, K  
 McNamara, K  
 Bartlett, J  
 Fawkner, J  
 Bowden, J  
 Tilson, R  
 Kelly, M  
 Middleton, H  
 Riordan, J  
 Best, N  
 Lumsden, E  
 Tiernan, G  
 Farmer, T  
 Williams, W  
 Smith, K  
 Barker, G



## STATE OF ORIGIN

\*NSW won a fourth game played in California, which carried Origin status but did not count towards the series result  
 \*\*Queensland retained Shield after third game finished in a draw

### Year, Winners

1980 Queensland 1-0	2003 NSW 2-1
1981 Queensland 1-0	2004 NSW 2-1
1982 Queensland 2-1	2005 NSW 2-1
1983 Queensland 2-1	2006 Queensland 2-1
1984 Queensland 2-1	2007 Queensland 2-1
1985 NSW 2-1	2008 Queensland 2-1
1986 NSW 3-0	2009 Queensland 2-1
1987 Queensland 2-1*	2010 Queensland 3-0
1988 Queensland 3-0	2011 Queensland 2-1
1989 Queensland 3-0	2012 Queensland 2-1
1990 NSW 2-1	2013 Queensland 2-1
1991 Queensland 2-1	2014 NSW 2-1
1992 NSW 2-1	2015 Queensland 2-1
1993 NSW 2-1	2016 Queensland 2-1
1994 NSW 2-1	2017 Queensland 2-1
1995 Queensland 3-0	2018 NSW 2-1
1996 NSW 3-0	2019 NSW 2-1
1997 NSW 2-1	
1998 Queensland 2-1	
1999 1-all**	
2000 NSW 3-0	
2001 Queensland 2-1	
2002 1-all**	

## WOMEN'S STATE OF ORIGIN

Women's Interstate Challenge 1999-2017. Holden Women's State of Origin 2018-Present.

### Year, Winners

1999 Queensland  
 2000 Queensland  
 2001 Queensland  
 2002 Queensland  
 2003 Queensland  
 2004 Queensland  
 2005 Queensland  
 2006 Queensland  
 2007 Queensland  
 2008 Queensland  
 2009 Queensland  
 2010 Queensland  
 2011 Queensland  
 2012 Queensland  
 2013 Queensland  
 2014 Queensland  
 2015 Queensland  
 2016 NSW  
 2017 NSW  
 2018 NSW  
 2019 NSW

## STATE OF ORIGIN (UNDER 20s)

2012 NSW  
 2013 NSW  
 2014 NSW  
 2015 NSW  
 2016 NSW  
 2017 NSW  
 2018 Queensland  
 2019 NSW

## STATE OF ORIGIN (UNDER 18s)

2014 NSW  
 2015 Queensland  
 2016 NSW  
 2017 NSW  
 2018 NSW  
 2019 Queensland

## STATE OF ORIGIN (UNDER 16s)

2013 NSW  
 2014 Queensland  
 2015 Queensland  
 2016 NSW  
 2017 NSW  
 2018 NSW



# NATIONAL RUGBY LEAGUE

NSW Rugby League 1908-1997, National Rugby League 1998-Present.

## 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  
 1944 Balmain, Newtown  
 1945 Eastern Suburbs, Balmain  
 1946 Balmain, St George  
 1947 Balmain, Canterbury  
 1948 Western Suburbs, Balmain  
 1949 St George, South Sydney  
 1950 South Sydney, Western Suburbs  
 1951 South Sydney, Manly  
 1952 Western Suburbs, South Sydney  
 1953 South Sydney, St George  
 1954 South Sydney, Newtown  
 1955 South Sydney, Newtown

1956 St George, Balmain  
 1957 St George, Manly  
 1958 St George, Western Suburbs  
 1959 St George, Manly  
 1960 St George, Eastern Suburbs  
 1961 St George, Western Suburbs  
 1962 St George, Western Suburbs  
 1963 St George, Western Suburbs  
 1964 St George, Balmain  
 1965 St George, South Sydney  
 1966 St George, Balmain  
 1967 South Sydney, Canterbury  
 1968 South Sydney, Manly  
 1969 Balmain, South Sydney  
 1970 South Sydney, Manly  
 1971 South Sydney, St George  
 1972 Manly, Eastern Suburbs  
 1973 Manly, Cronulla  
 1974 Eastern Suburbs, Canterbury  
 1975 Eastern Suburbs, St George  
 1976 Manly, Parramatta  
 1977 St George, Parramatta  
 1978 Manly, Cronulla  
 1979 St George, Canterbury  
 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 Illawarra  
 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 Illawarra, Sydney Roosters  
 2011 Manly Sea Eagles, NZ Warriors  
 2012 Melbourne, Canterbury  
 2013 Sydney Roosters, Manly  
 2014 South Sydney, Canterbury  
 2015 North Queensland, Brisbane  
 2016 Cronulla, Melbourne  
 2017 Melbourne, North Queensland  
 2018 Sydney Roosters, Melbourne  
 2019 Sydney Roosters, Canberra

# CANTERBURY CUP NSW

Reserve Grade 1908-96. Presidents Cup 1997-98. NSWRL First Division 1999-2002. NSWRL Premier League 2003. VB NSW Cup 2008. NSW Cup 2009-2011. VB NSW Cup 2012-2015. Intrust Super Premiership NSW 2016-2018. Canterbury Cup NSW 2019-Present.

## Year, Premiers

1908 Eastern Suburbs  
 1909 Eastern Suburbs  
 1910 Eastern Suburbs  
 1911 Eastern Suburbs  
 1912 Glebe  
 1913 South Sydney  
 1914 South Sydney  
 1915 Balmain  
 1916 Balmain  
 1917 South Sydney  
 1918 Glebe  
 1919 Glebe  
 1920 Glebe  
 1921 Glebe  
 1922 Newtown  
 1923 South Sydney  
 1924 South Sydney  
 1925 South Sydney  
 1926 South Sydney  
 1927 South Sydney  
 1928 Balmain  
 1929 South Sydney  
 1930 Balmain  
 1931 South Sydney  
 1932 South Sydney  
 1933 South Sydney  
 1934 South Sydney  
 1935 Eastern Suburbs  
 1936 Western Suburbs  
 1937 Eastern Suburbs  
 1938 St George  
 1939 Canterbury-Bankstown  
 1940 North Sydney  
 1941 Balmain  
 1942 North Sydney  
 1943 South Sydney  
 1944 Balmain  
 1945 South Sydney  
 1946 Balmain  
 1947 Newtown  
 1948 Newtown  
 1949 Eastern Suburbs  
 1950 Balmain  
 1951 Newtown  
 1952 South Sydney  
 1953 South Sydney  
 1954 Manly

1955 North Sydney  
 1956 South Sydney  
 1957 Balmain  
 1958 Balmain  
 1959 North Sydney  
 1960 Manly  
 1961 Western Suburbs  
 1962 St George  
 1963 St George  
 1964 St George  
 1965 Balmain  
 1966 South Sydney  
 1967 Balmain  
 1968 South Sydney  
 1969 Manly  
 1970 Newtown  
 1971 Canterbury-Bankstown  
 1972 Canterbury-Bankstown  
 1973 Manly  
 1974 Newtown  
 1975 Parramatta  
 1976 St George  
 1977 Parramatta  
 1978 Balmain  
 1979 Parramatta  
 1980 Canterbury-Bankstown  
 1981 Western Suburbs  
 1982 Balmain  
 1983 South Sydney  
 1984 Balmain  
 1985 St George  
 1986 Eastern Suburbs  
 1987 Penrith  
 1988 Manly  
 1989 North Sydney  
 1990 Brisbane  
 1991 North Sydney  
 1992 North Sydney  
 1993 North Sydney  
 1994 Cronulla  
 1995 Newcastle  
 1996 Cronulla-Sutherland  
 1997 Parramatta  
 1998 Bulldogs  
 1999 Parramatta  
 2000 Bulldogs

2001 St George Illawarra  
 2002 Bulldogs  
 2003 Canberra  
 2004 Sydney Roosters  
 2005 Parramatta  
 2006 Parramatta  
 2007 Parramatta  
 2008 Wentworthville  
 2009 Bankstown City  
 2010 Canterbury-Bankstown  
 2011 Canterbury-Bankstown  
 2012 Newtown  
 2013 Cronulla-Sutherland  
 2014 Penrith  
 2015 Newcastle  
 2016 Illawarra  
 2017 Penrith  
 2018 Canterbury-Bankstown  
 2019 Newtown



## HARVEY NORMAN NSW WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP

Year, Premiers

2017 Redfern All Blacks  
2018 Mounties  
2019 CRL Newcastle

## JERSEY FLEGG CUP

Year, Premiers

1961 Manly	1987 Manly
1962 South Sydney	1988 Manly
1963 Canterbury	1989 Canberra
1964 South Sydney	1990 Parramatta
1965 Western Suburbs	1991 Newcastle
1966 South Sydney	1992 Newcastle
1967 South Sydney	1993 Canberra
1968 South Sydney	1994 Balmain
1969 South Sydney	1995 Roosters
1970 Parramatta	1996 St George
1971 Canterbury	1997 Balmain
1972 South Sydney	1998 North Sydney
1973 Balmain	1999 Canterbury
1974 Manly	2000 Bulldogs
1975 St.George	2001 Bulldogs
1976 Canterbury	2002 Sydney City
1977 Penrith	2003 Bulldogs
1978 South Sydney	2004 Sydney Roosters
1979 Canterbury	2005 St.George Illawarra
1980 Balmain	2006 Penrith
1981 Wests	2007 Penrith
1982 Balmain	2018 Cronulla-Sutherland
1983 Canterbury	2019 South Sydney
1984 Balmain	
1985 Parramatta	
1986 Penrith	

## 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	2012 Wentworthville
2004 Sydney Bulls	2013 Wentworthville
2005 Windsor	2014 The Entrance
2006 Sydney Bulls	2015 Mounties
2007 The Entrance	2016 Mounties
2008 Windsor	2017 Wentworthville
2009 Wentworthville	2018 Wentworthville
2010 Wentworthville	2019 Wentworthville
2011 Cabramatta	

## NEWCASTLE BUSINESS PLAZA CUP

Year, Premiers

2018 South Newcastle  
2019 Western Suburbs

## SYDNEY SHIELD

Year, Premiers

2012 Wentworthville  
2013 Belrose  
2014 East Campbelltown  
2015 Wentworthville  
2016 East Campbelltown  
2017 St Marys  
2018 East Campbelltown  
2019 Ryde-Easwood

## UNE SG BALL CUP

Year, Premiers

1965 South Sydney	1994 South Sydney
1966 Parramatta	1995 Canberra
1967 Parramatta	1996 Illawarra
1968 Parramatta	1997 Sydney City
1969 South Sydney	1998 South Sydney
1970 St George	1999 Parramatta
1971 Western Suburbs	2000 Penrith
1972 Canterbury	2001 Newcastle
1973 Parramatta	2002 Western Suburbs
1974 South Sydney	2003 Canberra
1975 South Sydney	2004 Newcastle
1976 South Sydney	2005 Canberra
1977 Penrith	2006 Penrith
1978 Canterbury-Bankstown	2007 Parramatta
1979 South Sydney	2008 Sydney Roosters
1980 South Sydney	2009 Bulldogs
1981 Penrith	2010 Sydney Roosters
1982 Balmain	2011 Newcastle
1983 Parramatta	2012 Balmain
1984 St George	2013 Balmain
1985 Parramatta	2014 Sydney Roosters
1986 South Sydney	2015 Cronulla-Sutherland
1987 Parramatta	2016 Penrith
1988 Parramatta	2017 Parramatta
1989 Illawarra	2018 Penrith
1990 Newcastle	2019 Illawarra
1991 Parramatta	
1992 St George	
1993 Parramatta	

## HARVEY NORMAN TARSHA GALE CUP

Year, Premiers

2017 Penrith  
2018 Cronulla-Sutherland  
2019 Illawarra

## UNE HAROLD MATTHEWS CUP

Year, Premiers

1970 Parramatta	1994 Parramatta
1971 Parramatta	1995 Canberra
1972 Parramatta	1996 Illawarra
1973 Cronulla-Sutherland	1997 Parramatta
1974 South Sydney	1998 Parramatta
1975 Parramatta	1999 Parramatta
1976 Parramatta	2000 Newcastle
1977 Cronulla-Sutherland	2001 Sharks
1978 Canberra	2002 Penrith
1979 Penrith	2003 Parramatta
1980 Group 12	2004 Parramatta
1981 Parramatta	2005 Penrith
1982 Parramatta	2006 Penrith
1983 Group 6	2007 Bulldogs
1984 Canberra	2008 Parramatta
1985 Penrith	2009 Bulldogs
1986 Parramatta	2010 Penrith
1987 Illawarra	2011 Canterbury-Bankstown
1988 Parramatta	2012 Parramatta
1989 Penrith	2013 Parramatta
1990 Parramatta	2014 Newcastle
1991 Gold Coast	2015 Cronulla-Sutherland
1992 Newcastle	2016 Parramatta
1993 Canberra	2017 Newcastle
	2018 Manly Warringah
	2019 Newcastle



## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

### The Flowers Memorial Pennant

#### Year, Premiers

1930 Eastern Suburbs  
 1931 Eastern Suburbs  
 1932 South Sydney  
 1933 South Sydney  
 1934 Eastern Suburbs  
 1935 Eastern Suburbs  
 1936 Eastern Suburbs  
 1937 Eastern Suburbs  
 1938 Canterbury-Bankstown  
 1939 Canterbury-Bankstown  
 1940 St George  
 1941 Balmain  
 1942 St George  
 1943 Balmain  
 1944 Balmain  
 1945 Eastern Suburbs  
 1946 St George  
 1947 Balmain  
 1948 Western Suburbs  
 1949 St George  
 1950 Balmain  
 1951 St George  
 1952 South Sydney  
 1953 South Sydney  
 1954 South Sydney  
 1955 St George  
 1956 St George  
 1957 St George  
 1958 St George  
 1959 St George  
 1960 Western Suburbs  
 1961 Western Suburbs  
 1962 St George  
 1963 St George  
 1964 St George  
 1965 St George  
 1966 St George  
 1967 South Sydney  
 1968 South Sydney  
 1969 South Sydney  
 1970 Eastern Suburbs  
 1971 St George  
 1972 Manly Warringah  
 1973 Newtown  
 1974 Eastern Suburbs  
 1975 Eastern Suburbs  
 1976 Parramatta  
 1977 Parramatta  
 1978 Parramatta  
 1979 Parramatta  
 1980 Parramatta  
 1981 Parramatta  
 1982 Parramatta  
 1983 Manly Warringah  
 1984 St George  
 1985 St George  
 1986 Parramatta  
 1987 Manly Warringah  
 1988 Manly Warringah  
 1989 South Sydney  
 1990 Canberra  
 1991 Western Suburbs  
 1992 Brisbane/Newcastle  
 1993 Canterbury-Bankstown  
 1994 Canterbury-Bankstown  
 1995 Cronulla-Sutherland  
 1996 Brisbane  
 1997 Parramatta  
 1998 Parramatta  
 1999 Parramatta  
 2000 Parramatta  
 2001 Parramatta  
 2002 Parramatta  
 2003 Parramatta

2004 Sydney Roosters  
 2005 Parramatta  
 2006 Sydney Roosters  
 2007 Penrith  
 2008 Parramatta  
 2009 Bulldogs  
 2010 Cronulla-Sutherland  
 2011 Cronulla-Sutherland  
 2012 Balmain  
 2013 Cronulla-Sutherland  
 2014 Penrith  
 2015 Penrith  
 2016 Mounties  
 2017 Mounties  
 2018 Penrith  
 2019 Wentworthville

## PRESIDENTS CUP

#### Year, Premiers

1910 Eastern Suburbs  
 1911 Eastern Suburbs  
 1912 Balmain  
 1913 Eastern Suburbs  
 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-Bankstown  
 1932 Balmain  
 1933 North Sydney  
 1934 Southern Districts  
 1935 St George  
 1936 South Sydney  
 1937 Northern Suburbs  
 1938 Eastern Suburbs  
 1939 Balmain  
 1940 Balmain  
 1941 St George  
 1942 South Sydney  
 1943 South Sydney  
 1944 Newtown  
 1945 Western Suburbs  
 1946 Manly Warringah  
 1947 Western Suburbs  
 1948 Eastern Suburbs

1949 Eastern Suburbs  
 1950 Newtown  
 1951 South Sydney  
 1952 Balmain  
 1953 South Sydney  
 1954 Balmain  
 1955 Eastern Suburbs  
 1956 Newtown  
 1957 St George  
 1958 Western Suburbs  
 1959 Balmain  
 1960 South Sydney  
 1961 South Sydney  
 1962 South Sydney  
 1963 South Sydney  
 1964 South Sydney  
 1965 South Sydney  
 1966 Balmain  
 1967 Balmain  
 1968 South Sydney  
 1969 South Sydney  
 1970 Manly Warringah  
 1971 South Sydney  
 1972 South Sydney  
 1973 Balmain  
 1974 South Sydney  
 1975 Parramatta  
 1976 Canterbury-Bankstown  
 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-Bankstown  
 1992 Western Suburbs  
 1993 Eastern Suburbs  
 1994 Cronulla-Sutherland  
 1995 Canberra  
 1996 South Queensland  
 1997 Parramatta  
 1998 Canterbury-Bankstown  
 1999 Parramatta  
 2000 Bulldogs  
 2001 St George Illawarra  
 2002 Bulldogs  
 2003 Canberra  
 2004 Sydney Roosters  
 2005 Parramatta  
 2006 Parramatta



## BRAD FITTLER MEDAL

### NSW Player of Origin Series

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 and Jarryd Hayne  
 2015 Josh Dugan  
 2016 Josh Jackson  
 2017 David Klemmer  
 2018 James Tedesco  
 2019 James Tedesco

## TRUE BLUE AWARD

2014 Brett Morris and Josh Morris  
 2015 Robbie Farah  
 2016 Aaron Woods  
 2017 Jake Trbojevic  
 2018 Tom Trbojevic  
 2019 Josh Addo-Carr

## COUNTRY RUGBY LEAGUE PLAYER OF THE YEAR HONOUR ROLL

1965 – Laurie Moraschi (Griffith)  
 1966 – Terry Pannowitz (Maitland)  
 1967 – Allan Thompson (Newcastle)  
 1968 – Allan Thompson (Newcastle)  
 1969 – John Cootes (Newcastle)  
 1970 – Les Hutchings (Condobolin)  
 1971 – Dick Jefferey (Glen Innes)  
 1972 – Brian Burke (Maitland)  
 1973 – John Donnelly (Gunnedah)  
 1974 – Michael Cronin (Gerringong)  
 1975 – Steve Hewson (Queanbeyan United)  
 1976 – Peter Kennedy (Forbes)  
 1977 – Barry Pearson (Illawarra Western Suburbs)  
 1978 – Ray Brown (Griffith Waratahs)  
 1979 – Pat Smith (Maitland)  
 1980 – Perry Haddock (Erina)  
 1981 – Terry Regan (Cessnock)  
 1982 – Willie Tarry (Cessnock)  
 1983 – Paul Field (Cootamundra)  
 1984 – Ross Gibson (Wyang)  
 1985 – Peter Hawthorne (Griffith)  
 1986 – Neil Moy (Parkes)  
 1987 – Steve Walters (Lakes United)  
 1988 – Chris Cumming (Aberdeen)  
 1989 – Mark Ryan (Moree)  
 1990 – Paul Danes (Wagga Magpies)  
 1991 – Richard Jones (South Newcastle)  
 1992 – Trevor Crow (South Newcastle)  
 1993 – Warren Douch (Erina)  
 1994 – Brian Quinton (Kurri Kurri)  
 1995 – Jamy Forbes (Cessnock)  
 1996 – Brett Gallard (Orange CYMS)  
 1997 – Darren Leaney (Bellingen)  
 1998 – Paul Skovgaard (Western Suburbs/Newcastle)  
 1999 – Troy Clear (West Belconnen)  
 2000 – Jarrod O’Doherty (Western Suburbs/Newcastle)  
 2001 – Jamie O’Connor (Burleigh)  
 2002 – Ryan Dagwell (Western Suburbs/Newcastle)  
 2003 – John Johnson (Scone)  
 2004 – Phil Stonham (Queanbeyan)  
 2005 – Chris Bailey (Northern Blues)  
 2006 – Dean Amos (Wyang) and Darren Jackson (Cobar)  
 2007 – David McLean (Berkeley)  
 2008 – Grant Wooden (Wagga Kangaroos)  
 2009 – Grant Wooden (Wagga Kangaroos)  
 2010 – Mitch Williams (Wyang Roos)  
 2011 – Jimmy Grehan (Wests Illawarra)  
 2012 – Todd Maloney (Umina)  
 2013 – Riley Brown (Cessnock) and Rory O’Brien (Wests Illawarra)  
 2014 – Chris Adams (Cessnock)  
 2015 – Jarrod Thompson (Collegians)  
 2016 – Chris Adams (Lakes United)  
 2017 – Tori Freeman-Quay (West Belconnen)  
 2018 – Caleb Ziebell (Cudgen Hornets)  
 2019 – Cameron Vazzoler (Kiama)

## NSW WOMEN’S STATE OF ORIGIN PLAYER OF THE YEAR

\*Previously NSW Women’s Player of the Year

2015 Simaima Taufa \*  
 2016 Kezie Apps \*  
 2017 Simaima Taufa \*  
 2018 Isabelle Kelly  
 2019 Simaima Taufa



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## NSWRL FINANCIALS

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

## DIRECTORS' REPORT

Name and qualifications	Experience, other directorships	Responsibilities	Appointed/ Resigned
Robert Millward OAM	Football Administrator Director; Illawarra District Rugby League Football Club Ltd, NSW Leagues Club Limited	Director	Since 8 December 1995; Resigned 18-Oct-19
Raymond Dib J.P., GAICD	Company Director Graduate Australian Institute of Company Directors Director, NSW Leagues Club Limited	Director	Since 3 December 2010; Resigned 18-Oct-19
Geoffrey Gerard	Past player; Parramatta Eels, Manly Sea Eagles, Penrith Panthers, NSW Blues and Australian Kangaroos Director; NSWRL Foundation Pty Ltd	Director	Since 3 December 2010
William Johnstone	Managing Director, Kimaka Holdings Australia; Director; KMK Consulting	Director	Since 8 March 2011
Dr George Peponis OAM Member RACGP, AMA, GAICD	General Practitioner Past player and club captain of Canterbury Bulldogs, Former captain of NSW and Australian Rugby League team (1979-1980). Graduate Australian Institute of Company Directors; Chairman; NSW Leagues Club Limited; Chairman; ClubsNSW.	Director Chairman	Since 2 December 2011 Since 1 May 2013
Nick Politis AM B.Comm & Ec	Executive Chairman of WFM & NGP Group of Companies, Chairman of the Sydney Roosters' Board of Directors, Chairman of the Eastern Suburbs Leagues Club Ltd	Director	Since 6 June 2013
Deborah Healey LLB LLM (Hons) Syd Solicitor	Professor, Director, Herbert Smith Freehills China International Business and Economic Law Centre, Law School, UNSW Australia; Director, NSW Leagues Club Limited; Director, NSWRL Foundation Pty Ltd	Director	Since 6 June 2013
John Anderson OAM	Former Chairman, Newcastle Rugby League; Director, Cooks Hill Surf Club	Director	Since 18 October 2019
Douglas Harrison	Rugby League Administrator; Real Estate Rural Specialist Sales	Director	Since 18 October 2019
Robert Walsh	Rugby League Administrator; Chairman, Central West Region of Clubs NSW; CEO, Narromine United Services Memorial Club; Club Directors Institute and Club Managers Association	Director	Since 18 October 2019
Terence Brady	Rugby League Administrator; Chairman, Bidgee Region	Director	Since 18 October 2019

## DIRECTORS' REPORT

### 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 ended 31 October 2019 amounted to \$2,161,820 (2018: \$11,883,318).

This surplus is inclusive of \$Nil (2018: \$9,913,947) of grant income recognised in respect of the Centre of Excellence being constructed in Sydney Olympic Park, interest income of \$Nil (2018: \$228,853) earned from Centre of Excellence funding amounts still held by the Company and to be used for the construction of the Centre of Excellence, and a \$1,110,185 (2018: \$954,638) net contribution deriving from the Blatchys Blues supporter group acquired in a previous year.

	2019	2018
<b>Results from operating activities (excluding COE)</b>	2,161,820	1,740,519
Interest income - COE funds	-	228,853
Grant income recognition - COE	-	9,913,947
<b>Total COE revenue recognition</b>	-	10,142,800
<b>Surplus for the period</b>	<b>2,161,820</b>	<b>11,883,319</b>



**DIRECTORS' REPORT****SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE STATE OF AFFAIRS**

In August 2018, a memorandum of understanding was signed with the Country Rugby League of New South Wales Ltd (CRL) to hold formal discussions with a view to having a single governing body for rugby league in New South Wales".

At a general meeting held on 18 October 2019, the members of New South Wales Rugby League Ltd voted unanimously to adopt a new constitution. The CRL resigned as a member of the NSWRL. The new constitution recognised the admission of members of the CRL, to membership of the NSWRL. Membership of the NSWRL recognised members to be classed as Club Members (Metropolitan) or Regional Members. The structure of the Board composition was also amended, under the new constitution. This amendment recognised the appointment of directors from both the Club Members class and the Regional Members class.

Apart from the above matters, there were no other significant changes in the state of affairs of the Company in the financial year.

**EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO REPORTING DATE**

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial period and the date of this report any 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.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION**

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

**LIKELY DEVELOPMENTS**

At a general meeting of the Country Rugby League of New South Wales Ltd (CRL), held on 18 October 2019, the previous members of the CRL voted to approve a voluntary winding up of that company. A resolution was passed, to acknowledge the New South Wales Rugby League Ltd as the sole beneficiary of surplus assets following winding up. The CRL entity is presently in liquidation.

NSWRL have agreed to the transfer of employment of former CRL staff, effective from 1 November 2019.

The Directors do not anticipate any other developments in the operation of the Company which would significantly affect the operating result in subsequent years relating to current performance.

**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' REPORT****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:

DIRECTORS	BOARD MEETINGS		RISK & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE	
	ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND	ATTENDED	ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND	ATTENDED
Robert Millward OAM	15	15	-	-
Dr George Peponis OAM	16	16	4	4
Raymond Dib	15	14	4	4
Geoffrey Gerard	16	13	-	-
William Johnstone	16	16	-	-
Deborah Healey	16	12	4	3
Nick Politis AM	16	12	-	-
John Anderson OAM	1	1	-	-
Douglas Harrison	1	1	-	-
Robert Walsh	1	1	-	-
Terence Brady	1	1	-	-
In addition to the directors above the Independent Chair of the Risk and Governance committee is Greg Russell.				
Greg Russell			4	4

**REGISTERED OFFICE**

The registered office of the New South Wales Rugby League Limited is located at: 14 Dawn Fraser Avenue, Sydney Olympic Park NSW Australia.

**CORPORATE STRUCTURE**

New South Wales Rugby League Limited is a not for profit company domiciled in Australia. This report is made with a resolution of the directors:



**Dr George Peponis OAM**  
Chairman

Dated at Sydney this 18th December 2019.





## Lead Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001

To the Directors of New South Wales Rugby League Limited

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the audit of New South Wales Rugby League Limited for the financial year ended 31 October 2019 there have been:

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

KPMG

Cameron Roan  
Partner  
Sydney  
18 December 2019

### NSW RUGBY LEAGUE LIMITED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2019	2019 (\$)	2018 (\$)
Revenue	29,795,858	27,211,252
Cost of sales	-168,243	-337,257
<b>GROSS SURPLUS</b>	<b>29,627,615</b>	<b>26,873,995</b>
Centre of Excellence construction grant	-	9,913,947
Centre of Excellence - tenants	407,271	-
Centre of Excellence - field hire	39,750	-
Depreciation and amortisation expense	-642,494	-22,422
Development project expenses	-1,814,718	-1,791,507
Employee expenses	-8,689,810	-8,478,314
Equipment maintenance expenses	-241,971	-233,968
General expenses	-2,061,976	-835,949
Corporate events expenses	-540,836	-581,372
Occupancy expenses	-681,763	-457,340
Professional services expenses	-869,166	-806,500
Referee and game expenses	-10,901,667	-10,748,856
Sponsorship expenses	-1,018,978	-902,816
Telecommunications expenses	-603,088	-509,273
<b>RESULTS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>2,008,169</b>	<b>11,419,625</b>
Financing income	180,037	480,965
Financing expenses	-26,386	-17,272
<b>NET FINANCING INCOME</b>	<b>153,651</b>	<b>463,693</b>
<b>Surplus for the period</b>	<b>2,161,820</b>	<b>11,883,318</b>
Other comprehensive income	-	-
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>2,161,820</b>	<b>11,883,318</b>



**NSW RUGBY LEAGUE LIMITED**  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2019	2019 (\$)	2018 (\$)
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash & cash equivalents	8,624,882	8,906,719
Trade & other receivables	1,394,243	1,374,755
Inventories	5,741	35,114
Other assets	284,710	172,599
Accrued revenue	323,094	94,896
Financial assets measured at amortised cost	438,000	358,649
Financial assets measured at FVTPL	6,000	6,000
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>11,076,670</b>	<b>10,948,732</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Property, plant and equipment	27,581,979	22,811,495
Intangibles	117,890	-
Accrued revenue	932,579	-
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>28,632,448</b>	<b>22,811,495</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>39,709,118</b>	<b>33,760,227</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Trade & other payables	5,165,434	2,860,544
Deferred COE funding	549,806	298,144
Employee benefits	1,168,390	1,000,292
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>6,883,630</b>	<b>4,158,980</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Trade and other payables	106,206	-
Provisions	200,000	200,000
Deferred COE funding	9,900,301	8,904,256
Employee benefits	56,174	96,004
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>10,262,681</b>	<b>9,200,260</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>17,146,311</b>	<b>13,359,240</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>22,562,807</b>	<b>20,400,987</b>
<b>MEMBERS FUNDS</b>		
Accumulated funds	22,562,807	20,400,987
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>	<b>22,562,807</b>	<b>20,400,987</b>

**NSW RUGBY LEAGUE LIMITED**  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2019	2019 (\$)	2018 (\$)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Cash receipts from customers	31,634,929	31,885,336
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	-28,143,628	-27,761,976
<b>NET CASH FROM/(USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>3,491,301</b>	<b>4,123,360</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Interest received	208,489	457,310
Proceeds from/(investment in) term deposits	-79,351	6,961,454
Centre of excellence grant and contributions	1,654,978	5,627,400
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	-5,389,368	-20,540,581
Acquisition of intangible assets	-141,500	-
<b>NET CASH (USED IN)/FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>-3,746,752</b>	<b>-7,494,417</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Loan interest payments	-26,386	-17,272
<b>NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>-26,386</b>	<b>-17,272</b>
<b>NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<b>-281,837</b>	<b>-3,388,329</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 1 NOVEMBER</b>	<b>8,906,719</b>	<b>12,295,048</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 31 OCTOBER</b>	<b>8,624,882</b>	<b>8,906,719</b>



**NSW RUGBY LEAGUE LIMITED**  
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS FUNDS

	Accumulated Funds (\$)	Total (\$)
<b>Balance at 1 November 2017</b>	<b>8,517,669</b>	<b>8,517,669</b>
Surplus for the year	11,883,318	11,883,318
Other comprehensive income	-	-
<b>BALANCE AT 31 OCTOBER 2018</b>	<b>20,400,987</b>	<b>20,400,987</b>
<b>Balance at 1 November 2018</b>	<b>20,400,987</b>	<b>20,400,987</b>
Surplus for the year	2,161,820	2,161,820
Other comprehensive income	-	-
<b>BALANCE AT 31 OCTOBER 2019</b>	<b>22,562,807</b>	<b>22,562,807</b>

**NOTES TO THE ABRIDGED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

**STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

The full financial statements of the Company were Tier 2 general purpose financial statements which had 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 full financial statements did not comply with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

The full financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 18 December 2019.

**BASIS OF MEASUREMENT**

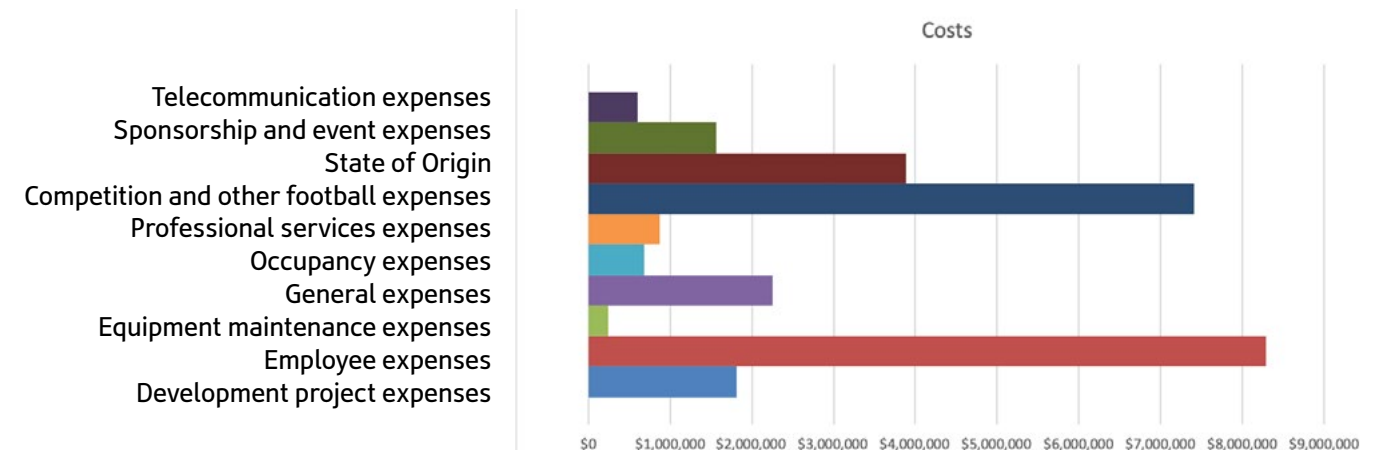
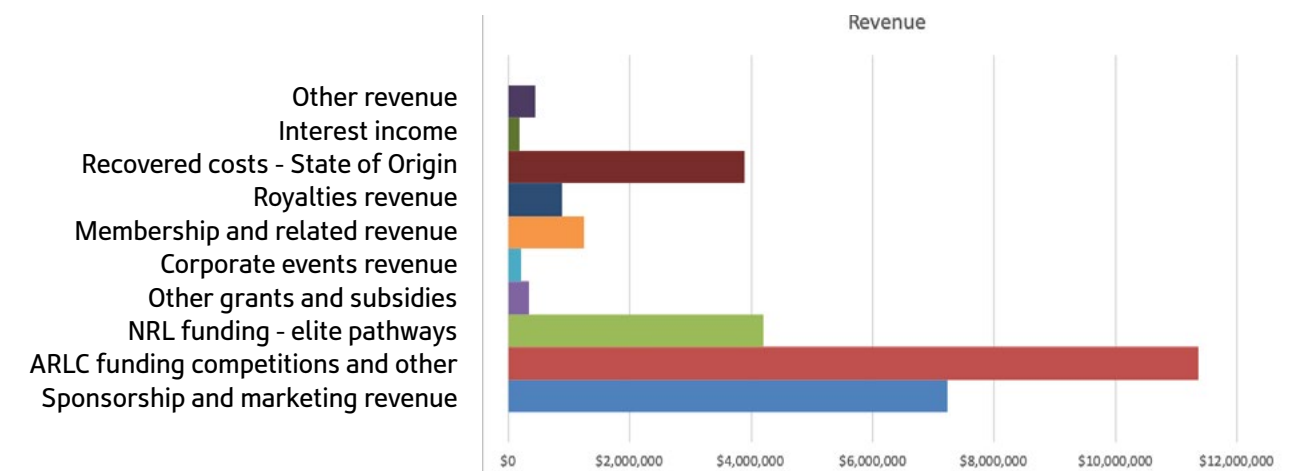
The full financial statements were prepared on the historical cost basis.

**FUNCTIONAL AND PRESENTATION CURRENCY**

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

**REVENUE**

YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2019	2019 (\$)	2018 (\$)
Sponsorship and marketing revenue	7,233,915	6,863,307
ARLC Funding - NSWRL	11,367,000	9,619,000
NRL Funding - Elite Pathways	4,200,000	4,200,000
Other grant and subsidies	335,415	246,836
Corporate Events Revenue	201,664	230,764
Coaching resources sold	-	887
Membership & related revenue	1,246,545	1,181,414
Royalties revenue	880,823	731,500
Recovered costs - Football games	3,886,000	3,670,000
Other revenue	444,496	467,544
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>29,795,858</b>	<b>27,211,252</b>





**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	2019 (\$)	2018 (\$)
<b>GUARANTEES</b> The Company has guaranteed the repayment of the following bank facilities should they be called upon:		
Autopay facility	-	150,000
GPT RE Pty Ltd	-	50,000
<b>NARRABEEN ACADEMY MAKEGOOD</b> 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 in respect of the Narrabeen Academy 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.	-	-
During the prior year, the usage of the Narrabeen premises was revised, which is under ongoing review. An onerous contract provision of \$200,000 has been taken up in the prior year in respect of ongoing costs to be incurred over the life of the lease.		
There are no further contingent assets or liabilities at 31 October 2019.		

**ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY**

The Company is dependent upon the Australian Rugby League Commission (ARLC) providing project funding which is used in fostering and further developing the game of rugby league in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory. This position is contractually established through a right for the Company to be provided with adequate funding by the ARLC to administer the game in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, subject to the ARLC approving the business plan and budget of the Company.

**THE FOLLOWING DIRECTORS' DECLARATION HAS BEEN EXTRACTED FROM THE AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT FROM 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 29, are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
  - (i) giving a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company's financial position as at 31 October 2019 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
  - (ii) Complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
- (b) 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:



**Dr George Peponis OAM**  
Director

Dated at Sydney this 18 December 2019





# Independent Auditor's Report

To the members of New South Wales Rugby League Limited

## Report on the Summary Financial Statements

### Opinion

We report on the **Summary Financial Statements** of *New South Wales Rugby League (the Company)* as at and for the year ended 31 October 2019. The Summary Financial Statements are derived from the audited financial report of the Company.

In our opinion, the accompanying Summary Financial Statements of New South Wales Rugby League Limited are consistent, in all material respects, with the Audited Financial Report, in accordance with the basis of preparation described in the Notes to the Summary Financial Statements.

The **Summary Financial Statements** comprise:

- Summary statement of financial position as at 31 October 2019
- Summary statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, Summary statement of changes in members' fund, and Summary of cash flows for the year then ended
- Related notes.

### Scope of the Summary Financial Statements

The Summary Financial Statements do not contain all the disclosures required by *Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements* applied in the preparation of the Audited Financial Report. Reading the Summary Financial Statements and this Auditor's Report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the Audited Financial Report and our auditor's report thereon.

The Summary Financial Statements and the Audited Financial Report do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our auditor's report on the Audited Financial Report.

### The Audited Financial Report and our auditor's report thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the Audited Financial Report in our auditor's report dated 18 December 2019.



### Emphasis of matter – basis of preparation and restriction on use and distribution

We draw attention to the Notes to the Summary Financial Statements, which describes the basis of preparation.

The Summary Financial Statements have been prepared to assist the Directors of New South Wales Rugby League Limited for the purpose of reporting to the members. As a result, the Summary Financial Statements and this Auditor's Report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

This Auditor's Report is intended solely for the members of New South Wales Rugby League Limited and should not be used by or distributed to parties other than the members of New South Wales Rugby League Limited. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this Auditor's Report, or on the Summary Financial Statements to which it relates, to any person other than the members of New South Wales Rugby League Limited or for any other purpose than that for which it was prepared.

### Other Information

Other Information is financial and non-financial information in New South Wales Rugby League Limited's Annual Report which is provided in addition to the Summary Financial Statements and this Auditor's Report. The Directors are responsible for the Other Information.

The Other Information we obtained prior to the date of this Auditor's Report was the Directors' Report and the Directors declaration from the audited financial report dated 18 December 2019.

Our opinion on the Summary Financial Statements does not cover the Other Information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the Summary Financial Statements, our responsibility is to read the Other Information. In doing so, we consider whether the Other Information is materially inconsistent with the Summary Financial Statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

We are required to report if we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this Other Information, and based on the work we have performed on the Other Information that we obtained prior to the date of this Auditor's Report we have nothing to report.

### Responsibility of the Directors for the Summary Financial Statements

The Directors are responsible for the preparation of the Summary Financial Statements in accordance with the basis of preparation described in the Notes to the Summary Financial Statements, including their derivation from the Audited Financial Report of the Company as at and for the year ended 31 October 2019.

### Auditor's responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the Summary Financial Statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the Audited Financial Report based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with *Australian Auditing Standard ASA 810 Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements*.

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Partner



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