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2018 Organisation of the Year

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## **HIGHLIGHTS**



## JANUARY

#### **NSWRL Emerging Blues**

New Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues coach Brad Fittler brings together more than 35 of the state's most promising youngsters – including Blues-to-be Angus Crichton, Nathan Cleary and Latrell Mitchell, as well as fellow 2018 Blues squad member, Nick Cotric.



#### **Hogs For The Homeless**

The NSWRL Hogs For The Homeless (H4H) initiative takes the total raised for Father Chris Riley's Youth off the Streets organisation to almost \$700,000 since the H4H tour started in 2013. Brad Fittler and Danny Buderus are joined by fellow True Blues Nathan Hindmarsh, Steve Menzies and Tim Brasher on the 10-day tour of NSW.



#### **NSWRL Major Competitions Kick-Off**

The commencement of the 2018 Intrust Super Premiership NSW headlines the first round of play (9 March) across NSWRL Major Competitions which has been expanded to nine including the Newcastle Business Plaza Cup and return of Jersey Flegg Cup.



#### NSWRL Launches JRL Season

More than 100 Junior Rugby League participants join Brad Fittler, True Blue Steve Menzies and NSW Women's Origin star Kezie Apps to launch the NSWRL JRL season at Holy Cross College, Ryde.

#### Penrith All-Girls Make History

More than 150 girls make history as the Penrith District Junior Rugby League oversees an all-girls competition, with participants aged between six and 12.

#### **NSWRL Junior Grand Finals**

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Winners are crowned in the NSWRL Junior Representatives competitions. Manly Warringah Sea Eagles claim their first UNE Harold Matthews Cup as Penrith Panthers win their second UNE SG Ball Cup premiership of the past three seasons. Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks win the 2018 Harvey Norman Tarsha Gale Cup.

#### **Panthers' Hat-Trick**

The under-18s Panthers defeat Souths Logan Magpies 38-32 in the National Junior Final at Redcliffe's Dolphin Stadium. It is the thirdstraight success for NSW-based teams.

#### **New Era for Origin-Opener**

Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues coach Brad Fittler names a record 11 debutants for Game One of the 2018 Holden State of Origin Series at the MCG.

#### **NSWRL The Star Hall of Fame**

True Blues late greats Keith Holman, Ken Irvine and Steve Rogers, are inducted into the NSWRL The Star Hall of Fame.

## JUNE

#### **Inaugural National Women's Event**

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NSW Women's Origin stars feature in the inaugural Harvey Norman National Women's Championships, won by NSW Country.

#### **NSW Win First Women's Origin**

Two tries to centre Isabelle Kelly steer Harvey Norman NSW Women's team to an historic 16-10 win over Queensland at North Sydney Oval in the first-ever Women's Origin clash.

#### Victory by NSW Residents

Intrust Super Premiership NSW Residents beat Queensland Residents 36-20 at Sydney's ANZ Stadium.

#### NSW Claim 2018 State of Origin

Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues down Queensland 22-12 in Game One at the MCG and wrap-up the series at home in Game Two with an 18-14 win at ANZ Stadium.

#### **NSW Wheelchair Win Again**

NSW claim their fourth consecutive Wheelchair Rugby League Interstate Challenge victory with a resounding 54-18 win over Queensland at Quay Centre at Sydney Olympic Park.

## HIGHLIGHTS



## JULY /////

#### **NSW Lift the Origin Shield**

An 18-12 defeat at a rain-sodden Suncorp Stadium doesn't dampen the spirit of the Blues, who hold aloft the State of Origin shield following a 2-1 series victory.

#### Third Win for NSW Under 16s

The NSW under 16s retain the State of Origin Shield for the third-consecutive year, defeating Queensland 28-14 at Suncorp Stadium.

## AUGUST /////

#### 74th Annual NSWRL All Schools

Almost 1400 students from 99 schools across NSW compete at the 74th instalment of the NSWRL All Schools Carnival.

#### Mounties Women's Victory

A penalty goal in the closing stages is enough to see Mounties claim their maiden Harvey Norman Women's Premiership, defeating South Sydney Rabbitohs 12-10 at ANZ Stadium.



#### **Hogs Aid Drought-Stricken NSW**

Origin series-winning coach Brad Fittler leads a one-off trip to remote NSW communities, raising spirits alongside True Blues in droughtaffected communities.

#### Female State Finals Day

More than 500 schoolgirls from across NSW converge upon Greater Western Sydney for the 2018 Female State Finals Day.

#### More Than 100,000 Participants

The NSWRL reports total participation figures across the state exceeding 100,000 and an increase in participation levels for the first time in five years.

#### **NSWRL Major Competition Finals**

East Campbelltown Eagles win their third Sydney Shield premiership since 2014 as defending Ron Massey Cup champions Wentworthville Magpies claim back-to-back titles. Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks beat Penrith to win the 2018 Jersey Flegg Cup.

#### Bulldogs Win Intrust Super Double

Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs defeat Newtown Jets 18-12 in the Intrust Super Premiership NSW decider in front of more than 8,000 fans. The Bulldogs go on to defeat the Redcliffe Dolphins 42-18 in the annual NRL Intrust Super State Championship.

## OCTOBER /////

#### **Cultures Unite**

More than 700 Rugby League players from across 50 teams compete at the 2018 NSWRL Blue Harmony Cup at St Marys.

#### **Kanga-Blues Honours**

Eleven Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues players are named in the Australian Kangaroos squad to play New Zealand and Tonga in the end-of -season Tests, with James Tedesco, Latrell Mitchell and Luke Keary all making their International debuts.

## NOVEMBER /////

#### Historic NSW Alternate Jersey

The Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues showcase a first-ever alternate strip, a navy design to be worn in the 2019 State of Origin Game Two at Perth's Optus Stadium.

#### Organisation of the Year

The NSWRL is honoured to be recognised at the annual Sport NSW Awards as the Organisation of the Year, a prestigious award acknowledging the organisation's achievements from grassroots to high performance and community programs.





#### **Emerging Blues Camp**

The Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues gather at the Centre of Excellence for a camp organised by coach Brad Fittler to assist the Emerging Blues.



# **CHAIRMAN'S** REPORT

Dr George Peponis OAM

## **BLUE DAWN**

The NSWRL ushered in a new era of success in 2018, with the organisation having plenty of reasons to celebrate both on and off the field.

New Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues coach Brad Fittler used 13 new players over the course of the State of Origin series. Fittler played a role in helping the team re-engage with fans in Sydney and the players were involved in several important community initiatives.

The new breed of Baby Blues fought hard throughout the series and I was pleased to see them wrap things up after Game Two in front of our home crowd in Sydney. Fittler unearthed several stars over the course of the three games, including Nathan Cleary, Damien Cook, Tom Trbojevic and Latrell Mitchell.

The Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues also welcomed new corporate partners in 2018 and their dedication and support went a long way in helping us achieve our goals. Leading law firm Brydens Lawyers entered into the first of a three-year deal as our official naming rights sponsor to guarantee a period of commercial stability for the team.

Tooheys, of brewery giant Lion, returned as our shorts sponsor to renew an association with the state that first started in 1991 and lasted for 13 years. Canterbury also signed on as our apparel sponsor and they helped shape a fresh, new-look for the jersey using cutting-edge technology while still incorporating the chevron that is synonymous with Rugby League. The Star and nib also renewed their associations to ensure the iconic sky blue jersey remains one of the more lucrative brands in Australia.

It was also extremely satisfying to see our women's team win the inaugural State of Origin match against Queensland with the match decided in the final 10 minutes. The Harvey Norman NSW Women's team has dominated Queensland for the past three years and they showed remarkable resolve to triumph in what was an extremely close and entertaining match. The NSWRL is also making strong inroads at grassroots level across the state with Rugby League recording an increase in participation levels for the first time in five years. There are now more than 100,000 participants across the state and almost 42,000 in the Sydney metropolitan area alone. The increase in female participation has been particularly impressive with a 60 per cent increase being recorded on participation numbers from the 2017 season.

This season also saw a landmark agreement between the NSWRL and the Country Rugby League (CRL) to come together under the one banner in 2020. Both parties have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding which would see Rugby League in NSW governed by one body for the first time in 80 years. The single entity is aiming to come into operation on 1 November 2020 and will allow for significantly more combined resources to deliver Rugby League programs and competitions across the whole state.

The year finished on a high for NSWRL with the Centre of Excellence completed ahead of time and on budget. From 2019, the NSWRL will be housed in the state-ofthe-art facility for the next 40 years in a move that will drive even further success for the state. Our players, from our seniors to our women's and our juniors, will be able to train on a full-length playing field that will have direct access to a gymnasium, recovery facilities and medical treatment rooms.

It is an exciting time to be involved in Rugby League in NSW and I look forward to next season.

# **CEO'S** REPORT

## David Trodden

## **BLUE GLORY**

The 2018 year was a period of resounding success for the NSWRL.

The financial statements contained within this report reflect an organisation that is continuing to grow on a yearly basis and is on a tremendously sound financial footing. We are in a very strong position to reinvest our resources back into the game of Rugby League in NSW which will continue to set up the organisation and the state for further success in the future.

This year saw the introduction of Brad Fittler as the Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues coach and the State of Origin Shield return to NSW for the first time since 2014. Brad Fittler is a NSWRL Hall of Famer and a True Blue who brought a fresh approach to the series. He surrounded himself with several other True Blues, including Danny Buderus and Greg Alexander, who had an influential impact on the team.

Fittler also returned the team to Sydney after a period spent promoting the game in other areas, and came up with several innovations including a radical jersey design which the team readily embraced. It was hugely satisfying to see the series wrapped up after only two games when you saw the hard work that was going on by everyone behind the scenes.

I was just as excited to see the Harvey Norman NSW Women's team claim the inaugural State of Origin title. It continues a period of dominance for our elite team who have now won the past three consecutive interstate matches. The game was broadcast live on Channel Nine and supported by a vocal crowd at North Sydney Oval in a positive sign for the continued growth and development of the women's game in NSW.

Our pathways teams enjoyed another successful season in a positive sign for the future of the Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues. While the under 20s had their run of six successive wins finally broken, both the under 18s and under 16s claimed their third consecutive wins against Queensland to continue our recent dominance in the Origin arena.

Rugby League participation also continues to go from strength to strength in NSW with more than 100,000 people now playing the game. That figure includes a significant increase in female participation which is also pleasing. The Harvey Norman NSW Women's Premiership and the Harvey Norman Tarsha Gale Cup are continuing to grow, and the NSWRL will keep working tirelessly to ensure the women's pathways replicate the men's pathways.

The Intrust Super Premiership NSW enjoyed another successful season, with Channel Nine coming on board to broadcast the game on free-to-air television for the first time. Combined with pay-TV network FOX Sports, the competition attracted more than 2 million viewers including 85,000 alone for the grand final between Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs and Newtown Jets. Congratulations to the Bulldogs on their premiership win, and for going on to an even bigger stage on NRL Grand Final Day to take out the NRL Intrust Super State Championship.

The Jersey Flegg Cup made a successful return to the NSWRL landscape after a 10-year absence. The competition offers a valuable pathway to under-20s players after the NRL discontinued its National Youth Competition and I congratulate the Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks on their win. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our winners for this season including Mounties (Harvey Norman's NSW Women's Premiership), Wentworthville Magpies (Ron Massey Cup), East Campbelltown Eagles (Sydney Shield), Penrith Panthers (UNE SG Ball Cup and under 18s National Championship), Manly Warringah Sea Eagles (UNE Harold Matthews Cup), and Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (Harvey Norman Tarsha Gale Cup).

It was also a big season for our officials, with five NSW-based referees making their debuts in the National Rugby League competition. Our officials often work a thankless job and I congratulate Adam Cassidy, Todd Smith, Drew Oultram, Liam Nicholls and Mark Bohan for their achievement. It is well-deserved recognition for all the hard work they have put into their game over the years.

I'm pleased to report the season finished on a high for the NSWRL after it was recognised at the NSW Sports Awards as the Organisation of the Year. The prestigious honour reflects the hard work that is put in every day from our dedicated team to promote and grow Rugby League across the state.

I would like to thank our partners, who are individually acknowledged elsewhere in this report, for their valued support and contribution to the NSWRL. These include Brydens Lawyers, nib,The Star, Lion, Canterbury, KARI Foundation, University of New England, McDonalds, Transport for NSW, Intrust Super, Harvey Norman, Compass Corp, Cabe Investments, Steeden, Sydney Olympic Park Authority, Game Day Mouthguards, My Sports Tape, Murrays Coaches, Sydney Markets, Arthur J. Gallagher, Accor and Leagues Club Australia. Our partners have always been a great source of support for our organisation 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. I am confident that our team will help drive even further success in 2019.





# **NSWRL** Board of Directors

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

**RAY DIB GAICD** Director: Since 3 December 2010

**PROFESSOR DEBORAH HEALEY** Director: UNSW Faculty of Law, Corporate and Commercial; NSWRL Foundation; NSW Leagues Club Ltd, LLM Program Director: Since 6 June 2013

**DR GEORGE PEPONIS OAM** Chairman: NSW Leagues Club Deputy 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: Since 8 December 1995

#### **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

CEO: Indigenous Development Corporation Director: KMK Consulting; Far West Medical Local; Far West Local Health District Director: Since 8 March 2011



# **CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE**

The NSWRL unveiled plans four years ago for a multi-million dollar, state-of-the-art Centre of Excellence that would act as a home for the Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues and all other representative teams, and take an existing culture of best practice to another level.

The Centre of Excellence was completed on budget and ahead of schedule in December 2018 and will be the new home of the NSWRL for the next 40 years, and will also house Country Rugby League, Men of League Foundation, Kari Foundation and the University of New England.

The Centre of Excellence includes a full-sized playing and training field adjacent to the building with direct access to a gymnasium, a tunnel linking the Centre of Excellence to ANZ Stadium to be used exclusively by the players on game night, change rooms which allows Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues coach Brad Fittler to make eye contact with every player, recovery facilities and medical treatment rooms, a hydrotherapy room, and a Blues-themed café and museum.

In addition, the Centre of Excellence also includes function and hospitality space for dining and entertainment that will enable guests to watch the team train on the adjacent field, and a 60-person lecture theatre for presentations, media conferences and post-game team analysis.

The Centre of Excellence recognises Rugby League icons and champion players who have played a pivotal role in the organisation's history with areas inside the main building named in their honour.



# **CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE**

The NSWRL would like to thank the NSW State Government, the Sydney Olympic Park Authority and the Australian Rugby League Commission for their support in the delivery of the state-of-the-art sports infrastructure for Rugby League in New South Wales.

#### Centre of Excellence timeline:

**November 2015:** Plans are announced for a new multi-million dollar, state-of-the-art Centre of Excellence (COE) for the NSWRL to act as a training base for the Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues and all other representative teams.

August 2016: NSW Minister for Sport, The Hon. Stuart Ayres, is joined by NSWRL Chairman Dr George Peponis OAM, NSWRL Chief Executive David Trodden and coach Laurie Daley to turn the first sod as major work begins on the Centre of Excellence.

November 2016: Designs are officially released for the NSWRL Centre of Excellence.

**October 2017:** NSW Minister for Sport, The Hon. Stuart Ayres, is joined by NSWRL chairman Dr George Peponis OAM, NSWRL Chief Executive David Trodden and Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues coach Brad Fittler to lay the foundation stone as construction work continues at the Centre of Excellence.

**May 2018:** The Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues train for the first time at the Centre of Excellence in the leadup to the opening game of the State of Origin series at the MCG on June 6.













# **KEY FIGURES** (Digital)















275,000 streaming viewers Across all NSWRL channels



More than 5 views on the NSWRL website



More than

**93,000** followers













# **KEY FIGURES** (Others)



# INCLUSION

Almost 700 participants took part in the annual PCYC Nations of Origin Sevens tournament



# **FOOTBALL**

More than 2500 teams serviced by NSWRL across 170 clubs



# More than 2 MILLION

viewers tuned in to Intrust Super Premiership NSW games across Channel Nine and FOX Sports

## More than



managed by NSWRL in 2018 representing a 10 per cent increase



# More than

registered in NSWRL Junior League Competitions



# COMMUNITY

Almost \$700,000 raised since 2013 by the NSWRL'S Hogs For The Homeless Program for Father Chris **Riley's Youth off the Streets** 



# PARTICIPATION

60 per cent year-on-year increase in female Rugby League participation



## **5 NSWRL REFEREES** made their NRL debut in 2018

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# **17 NSWRL REFEREES**

performance competitions in 2018











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# COACH'S VIEW

## **Brad Fittler**

I had been working with the NSWRL pathways when the opportunity became available to coach the Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues in State of Origin.

I soon realised just how hard everyone works and how much everyone who works for the organisation is invested in Rugby League. We are always having conversations about how we can make the team better and there are some big challenges facing us in the future. It was inspiring from my point of view to realise that I could come in with certain ideas and my colleagues at the NSWRL would accept them and strive hard to make them work.

I've worked closely with NSWRL Chief Executive David Trodden and he's helped me tremendously in achieving my goals. We ushered in new staff and returned the team to Sydney after a period spent promoting the game in other areas. I was encouraged by the positive attitude of my support staff and we had a clear picture from the outset of the type of players we needed to return the State of Origin Shield to NSW, and do the Blues jersey proud.

The players were given standards we expected them to adhere to and they responded to the challenges facing them in the appropriate fashion. I am excited about next season and moving in to the Centre of Excellence because it will assist our pathways programs and stand the state of NSW in good stead for the future.

We will be able to get access to players from an early age and help fine tune their talent, skills and attitude in a high-performance environment with state-of-theart technology.

Our catchcry for this year was "Whatever It Takes" based on a song that typifies the fighting spirit of the Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues. I am confident that fight will continue even more strongly in 2019.





# HOLDEN STATE OF ORIGIN REPORT

The 2018 State of Origin series started with a new coach and bold vision for NSW and ended with the Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues' first series triumph since 2014.

NSW legend Brad Fittler took over the reins as coach before naming a record 11 debutants for the opening game of the series. The former NSW skipper surrounded himself with other True Blues stars on his staff, including advisor Greg Alexander and assistant coaches Danny Buderus and Andrew Johns, to help facilitate a new era of success in the Origin arena. Fittler introduced his players to a variety of different ideologies to galvanise them, including no mobile phones, not reading or watching the news, yoga, walking barefoot on the grass, and walking to the ground on the night of the game to be among our passionate supporters. The players had no hesitation buying into his philosophies and success quickly followed.

Game One was played at the MCG with the 87,122 fans who crammed into the ground treated to a masterclass performance from fullback James Tedesco on the way to an impressive 22-12 Blues' victory. Game Two saw NSW forced to dig deep after a sin-binning left them with only 12 men for the final 10 minutes of the match. It would be the most telling moment of the series with the NSW defence hanging tough to set up an 18-14 win and clinch their first Shield in four years. The Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues fought doggedly in Game Three and lost no admirers after going down 18-12.

NSW will take enormous confidence from their series win over Queensland, with the new faces in Fittler's team including Nathan Cleary, Damien Cook, Latrell Mitchell and Tom Trbojevic looking to have bright future in the Blues jumper. The outlook is also bright for players who were given a taste of the Origin experience through the extended squad including Australian Kangaroos representatives Jordan McLean and Luke Keary who are expected to feature in future campaigns.

The 2019 season looks even more promising for the Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues after they take up residence in their multi-million dollar, state-of-the-art Centre of Excellence.



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STATE OF ORIGIN

**BLUES** 

# **STATE OF ORIGIN** RESULTS

## **Origin I**:

**NSW 22** (James Tedesco, Latrell Mitchell, Tom Trbojevic, Josh Addo-Carr tries; James Maloney 3 goals) def **Queensland 12** (Valentine Holmes, Dane Gagai tries; Valentine Holmes 2 goals) at the MCG on Wednesday 6 June 2018

## **Origin II:**

**NSW 18** (Josh Addo-Carr, Boyd Cordner, Latrell Mitchell tries; James Maloney 3 goals) def **Queensland 14** (Valentine Holmes, Dane Gagai, Will Chambers; Valentine Holmes goal) at ANZ Stadium on Sunday 24 June 2018

## **Origin III:**

**Queensland 18** (Valentine Holmes 2, Daly Cherry-Evans tries; Valentine Holmes 3 goals) def **NSW 12** (Tom Trbojevic, James Tedesco tries; Nathan Cleary 2 goals) at Suncorp Stadium on Wednesday 11 July 2018

## **Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues**

(players used across three matches):

James Tedesco, Tom Trbojevic, Latrell Mitchell, James Roberts, Josh Addo-Carr, James Maloney, Nathan Cleary, David Klemmer, Damien Cook, Reagan Campbell-Gillard (Game One only), Matt Prior (Game Two only), Boyd Cordner (c), Tyson Frizell, Jack de Belin, Jake Trbojevic, Angus Crichton, Tyrone Peachey, Tariq Sims (Game Three only). Coach: Brad Fittler

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## **BLATCHYS BLUES**

2018 saw the iconic blue wig become the most technologically advanced wig to date with the introduction of SMARTWiG 2.0, worn by almost 13,000 fanatical Blatchys Blues for Game Two in Sydney.

SMARTWIG 2.0, upgraded in collaboration with major partner The Star, featured an LED antenna and an in-built headphone, allowing Blatchys to listen to running live commentary of the game while lighting up ANZ Stadium.

Almost 20,000 Blatchys attended matches across the series in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane, with more than 120,000 people donning the blue wig since its inception in 1999.

2018 also saw the addition of BLUiE to the Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues squad as "18th" man, the first bionic Blatchys Blue which was equipped with a 360 degree camera and VR technology.

Teaming up with The Star Sydney, BLUiE provided unprecedented inside access into the squad, allowing Blatchys fans real-time footage from inside the NSW camp across all three games of the series.

# WOMEN'S STATE OF ORIGIN REPORT





The Harvey Norman NSW Women's team had the distinction of claiming the inaugural Women's State of Origin over Queensland in front of a vocal crowd at North Sydney Oval.

NSW were forced to dig deep during the match after centre Corban McGregor and hooker Rebecca Riley both left the field in the first half through injury. Fullback Sam Bremner was dominant for NSW after having a hand in all three tries in the 16-10 win, while centre Isabelle Kelly was named Player of the Match after crossing for two tries including the match-winner in the dying minutes.

It was the third consecutive victory for NSW in the interstate contest and the first under the Origin banner.

**NSW 16** (Isabelle Kelly 2, Nakia Davis-Welsh tries; Maddison Studdon 2 goals) def **Queensland 10** (Karina Brown 2 tries; Chelsea Baker goal) at North Sydney Oval on Friday 22 June 2018

## Harvey Norman NSW Women's Origin team:

Sam Bremner 2. Taleena Simon 3. Corban McGregor,
 Isabelle Kelly, 5. Nakia Davis-Welch, 6. Lavina
 O'Mealy 7. Maddison Studdon (c) 8. Elianna Walton (vc)
 Rebecca Riley 10. Simaima Taufa 11. Taleesha Quinn
 Kezie Apps 13. Vanessa Foliaki 14. Nita Maynard
 Rebecca Young 16. Holli Wheeler 17. Hannah
 Southwell 18. Quincy Dodd. Coach: Ben Cross







## NSW UNDER 20S

NSW **U20**<u>S</u>

The NSW under 20s continue to showcase the next generation of NRL talent, with four players going on to make their first grade debut in 2018.

Kyle Flanagan (Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks), Oregon Kaufusi (Parramatta Eels), Reece Robson (St George Illawarra Dragons) and Emre Guler (Canberra Raiders) played NRL in 2018, and were all a part of the Matt King-coached under-20s State of Origin team.

Flanagan captained the team at Suncorp Stadium against a tough Queensland opposition that won the Darren Lockyer Shield for the first time since its inception in 2012.

The NSW under-20s fixture is the final step for most players in the NSW Pathways Program. Despite the result, there has been sustained success within the program that assists and fast-tracks the development of young players in the state.

**Queensland U20 30** (Jake Clifford 2, Corey Horsburgh, Kurt Wiltshire, Tristan Sailor tries; Jake Clifford 5 goals) def **NSW U20 12** (Brian Too, Billy Smith tries; Kyle Flanagan 2 goals) at Suncorp Stadium on Wednesday 11 July 2018

## NSW U20s team:

1. Ryan Papenhuyzen 2. Billy Smith 3. Matheson Johns 4. Bronson Xerri 5. Brian Too 6. Brendan O'Hagan 7. Kyle Flanagan (c) 8. Oregon Kaufusi 9. Reece Robson 10. Emre Guler 11. William Burns 17. Teig Wilton 13. Josh Curran 14. Blayke Brailey 15. Ky Rodwell 16. Setefano Hala 17. Josh Carr. Coach: Matt King









## NSW UNDER 18S

Under the guidance of True Blue Mark O'Meley, the NSW under-18s team secured a 16-10 triumph before Origin I at the MCG.

Captained by Penrith Panthers' rising star Shawn Blore, NSW were behind on the scoreboard on two occasions but showed resilience to get the victory. Blore was named Player of the Match highlighted by a try-saving tackle with the game on the line.

Stefano Utoikamanu scored a powerful try with five minutes remaining that put the Blues ahead and they fought off Queensland until the final siren to win a gritty contest, their third successive under-18 title.

**NSW U18 16** (Bronson Xerri, Jason Saab, Stefano Utoikamanu tries; Jock Madden 2 goals) def **Queensland U18 10** (Tino Faasuamaleaui, David Fifita tries; Tanah Boyd goal) at the MCG on Wednesday 6 June 2018

## NSW U18s team:

1. John Paul Nohra 2. Jason Saab 3. Bradman Best 4. Bronson Xerri 5. Tallis Angianga 6. Jock Madden 7. Phoenix Crossland 8. Spencer Leniu 9. Maurice Trindall 10. Stefano Utoikamanu 11. Egan Butcher 12. Shawn Blore (c) 13. Duwayne Fuimaono 14. Tommy Talau 15. Matt Doorey 16. Jalal Bazzaz 18. Jaron Purcell. Coach: Mark O'Meley





## NSW UNDER 16S

The under-16s Origin match is the first opportunity for boys in the Pathways Program to perform in a high-level Origin-like match.

The Baby Blues thrived in the arena, beating their Queensland counterparts 28-14 as a curtain-raiser to Game Three at Suncorp Stadium.

Captain Trey Mooney's go-forward performance contributed to the victory and won him the NSW under-16 Player of the Year.

After the match, the team cleaned up the change room and left it how they found it, highlighting the focus of coach Scott Jones, on and off the field, of development rather than the result.

**NSW U16 28** (Zion Tauasa, Thomas Cant, Kaeo Weekes, Viliami Penisini, Noah Griffiths tries; Donovan Boney 4 goals) def **Queensland U16 14** (Reece Walsh, Tyrone Sa'u, Keegan Vandenberg; Reece Walsh goal) at Suncorp Stadium on Sunday 15 July 2018

## NSW U16s team:

1. Donovan Boney 2. Junior Tupou 3. Zion Tauasa 4. William Penisini 5. Matt Komolafe 6. Kaeo Weekes 7. Noah Griffiths 8. Tyreece Matangi 9. Danny Ghantos 10. Trey Mooney 11. Tom Cant 15. Toni Mataele 13. Caleb Tohi 14. Jack Williams 16. Peter Taateo 17. Clay Webb 18. Josh Bevan. Coach: Scott Jones













# **OTHER REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL**

## **NSW Residents**

Intrust Super Premiership NSW Residents scored a 36-20 win over their Queensland counterparts in the annual interstate clash, played prior to State of Origin II at Sydney's ANZ Stadium.

Inspired by young halves pairing Kyle Flanagan and Sean O'Sullivan, the NSW Residents ran in five first-half tries to take a commanding 30-0 lead into the sheds at half-time. Flanagan was flawless with the boot on the night, kicking six goals from as many attempts. Wyong Roos regular O'Sullivan was later deemed Man of the Match.

**NSW Residents 36** (Dean Britt 2, Kyle Flanagan, Luke Garner Sean O'Sullivan Tony Satini tries Kyle Flanagan 6 goals) def **Queensland Residents 20** (Kalifa Faifai-Loa 2 Blake Leary Scott Drinkwater tries Kalifa Faifai-Loa 2 goals) at ANZ Stadium on Sunday, 24 July 2018

#### NSW Residents team:

1. Caleb Aekins 2. Tony Satini 3. Aaron Gray 4. Mawene Hiroti 5. Maika Sivo 6. Sean O'Sullivan 7. Kyle Flanagan (c) 8. Kurt Dillon 9. Blayke Brailey 10. Jacob Felise 16. Dean Britt 12. Luke Garner 13. Liam Martin 14. Suaia Matagi 15. Ofahiki Ogden 17. Billy Brittain 19. Bayley Sironen. Coach: Shane Millard

## Harvey Norman Women's National Championship

The Inaugural Harvey Norman Women's National Championship took place across 1-3 June, featuring more than 120 players from across the country, competing across six teams.

**NSW Country 16** (Shakiah Tungai 2, Kyara Nean, Ngalika Barker tries) def **NSW City 12** (Lavina O'Mealey, Maddie Studdon, Quincy Dodd tries) at Owen Park, Southport, on Sunday 3 June 2018

#### City Women's Origin squad:

Taleena Simon, Jess Sergis, Corban McGregor, Shontelle Stowers, Patricia Raikadroka, Lavina O'Mealey, Maddie Studdon, Chloe Caldwell, Rebecca Riley, Elianna Walton, Jackie-Anne Tahu, Eliza Wilson, Simaima Taufa, Nita Maynard, Montana Fonua, Courtney Yassarie, Karol-Ann Tanevesi, Botille Yvette-Walsh, Teina Clark, Sharnita Woodman, Coach: Steve Kelly

## Under-16 Koori v Murri

The NSW Under-16 Koori side lost to the Queensland Under-16 Murri outfit in a curtain-raiser to the Charity Shield between NRL sides South Sydney and St George Illawarra at Mudgee. Forward Billy Burke was named the KARI Indigenous Achievement Award winner at the NSWRL's annual Brad Fittler Medal Awards night.

**Queensland Murri U16 38** (Watjerra Briggs 2, Reece Walsh 2, Tuvalli Pereira, Larson Dale-Doyle tries; Zac Laybutt 6 goals) def **NSW Koori U16 26** (Tyrone Nean 2, Tyrhys Williams, Bowan Foreshew, Billy Burke tries; Isaac Morris, Billy Burke, Kobe Bone goals) at Glen Willow Regional Sports Stadium on Saturday 24 February 2018

#### NSW Koori U16 squad:

Tyrell Sloan, Tyrhys Williams, Rylee Blackhall, Tyrone Nean, Jayden Murray, Ralph Hampton, Isaac Morris, Jack Hartwig, Max Darcy, Billy Burke, Mark Pegus, Zac Montgomery, Kobe Bone, Selwyn Smith, Cameron Lyons, Cooper Whackett, Troy Duckett, Abie Wright, Bowan Foreshew, Harley Lester, Coach: Ron Gibbs

## **NSWRL Pioneers**

A combined NSWRL Ron Massey Cup-Newcastle Rugby League side, named the Pioneers, travelled to Queensland's Pizzey Park to tackle the QRL Rangers in the inaugural third-tier interstate clash.

Queensland Rangers 46 (Trai Fuller 3, Bailey Butler, Logan Spaander, Lata Fakalelu, Tristan Hope, Lenny Magey tries; Logan Spaander 7 goals) def **NSWRL Pioneers 16** (Shane Kiel 2, Jordan Martin tries; Bradley Murray 2 goals) at Pizzey Park on Sunday, 17 June 2018

#### NSWRL Pioneers team:

1. Omar Slaimankhel 2. Jordan Martin 3. Shane Kiel 4. Ryan Walker 21. Jack Miller 6. Mitchell Cullen 7. Bradley Murray 8. Timothy Robinson 14. Ben Wyborn 10. Brendon Simpson 11. Thomas Freebairn 12. Jack Morris 13. Warren Schillings 15. Tama Koopu 16. Jason Thompson 17. Hayden Ashcroft 18. Blake Cook, Coach: Brett Cook

























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# INTRUST SUPER PREMIERSHIP NSW

Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs celebrated their first Intrust Super Premiership NSW title since 2011, when they were crowned the premier team at the end of 2018.

Finishing the regular season in fourth, Canterbury-Bankstown went on to face the Newtown Jets in the competition decider, with more than 8,000 fans converging upon Leichhardt Oval to witness the Bulldogs' 18-12 win.

Canterbury-Bankstown's premiership success capped a ground-breaking year for the ISP NSW competition, which was viewed by a greater audience than ever before.

For the first time, ISP NSW matches were broadcast live on free-to-air television every week on Channel Nine's Wide World of Sports. Channel Nine coverage complemented FOX League broadcasts, with the competition reaching an average weekly audience of more than 65,000 viewers.

The Intrust Super Premiership NSW competition continued to be a vital pathway to the National Rugby League, with more than 35 players earning a firstgrade debut on the back of their success at the ISP level.

Mounties RLFC and Western Suburbs Magpies were the early pacesetters in the 2018 competition, with each club jostling for a place atop the ISP ladder for much of the first half of the season. The Penrith Panthers emerged as the competition's heavyweight team from Round 12 onwards, right through until their Preliminary Finals clash with the Newtown Jets, putting together an unbeaten run totalling 13 matches.

But the Panthers' hopes of successfully defending their title ended in Week Three at the hands of the Newtown Jets, whose 28-24 win earned them their first Grand Final berth since they won the premiership in 2012. A determined Bulldogs halted the Jets' momentum as they ended their title drought with a breakthrough six-point win.

The Bulldogs went on to claim the NRL Intrust Super State Championship silverware on NRL Grand Final day, downing the Intrust Super Cup (Queensland Cup) premiers Redcliffe Dolphins 42-18 at ANZ Stadium. The Bulldogs' State Championship success marked a third-straight victory for NSW-based sides in the annual interstate clash.



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## HARVEY NORMAN NSW WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP

The Harvey Norman NSW Women's Premiership came down to the wire in the 2018 season with the top two teams playing each other twice in the finals.

The Redfern All Blacks were 2017 Premiers in the NSWRL's top-tier women's competition and re-branded to the South Sydney Rabbitohs for the 2018 season.

The competition consisted of nine teams and was played over 14 weeks. Finishing in second position, Mounties beat the Rabbitohs twice in three weeks to finish the season as champions.

Simaima Taufa confirmed her status as one of the best players for NSW and Australia with her influence going a long way to secure Mounties' premiership victory. She scored a try and set up another to secure a closely fought 12-10 win. The Grand Final was played at ANZ Stadium and streamed on NSWRL.com.au.

Isabelle Kelly was named the Player of the Year after an impressive season for CRL Newcastle. She was also named Player of the Match in the Women's State of Origin and was awarded the inaugural international Women's Golden Boot.

The Harvey Norman Women's NSW Premiership continues to be a breeding ground for representative players, with Kelly, Hannah Southwell, Taufa, Elianna Walton and Holli Wheeler all representing the Jillaroos in 2018.



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## JERSEY FLEGG CUP

The 2018 NSWRL season welcomed the return of the Jersey Flegg Cup competition, as the NRL-administered National Youth Competition (NYC) ceased to exist.

Twelve clubs fielded teams in the competition, vying for the title last won by Penrith Panthers in 2007.

At the end of the regular season, the defending Premiers Penrith rounded out the year in third position, trailing the Minor Premiership-winning Newcastle Knights and the Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks.

Newcastle's under-20s outfit incurred only three losses in the lead-up to the finals series. Pitted against Mounties in the first of two Qualifying Finals, the Knights suffered a dramatic one-point loss, as Mounties secured a Preliminary Finals berth.

Newcastle won through to the Grand Final-qualifier on the back of an emphatic 27-8 win over the Sydney Roosters in the Semi-Final showdown. Cronulla-Sutherland joined Newcastle, Mounties and Penrith as the four remaining teams heading into the Preliminary Finals, downing the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs 30-10 in the second Semi-Final, a week after falling to Penrith 18-10 in the second Qualifying Final.

A last-gasp Panthers try cruelled the Knights' premiership hopes, and saw Penrith as the first team to win through to the 2018 Jersey Flegg Cup Grand Final, downing Newcastle 30-26 in the first Preliminary Final fixture.

The Panthers' four-point Preliminary Final win was mirrored by the Sharks, who continued their momentum to claim the under-20s honours with a 22-12 victory over Penrith, winning the club's first-ever Jersey Flegg Cup title.









## **RON MASSEY CUP**

The Ron Massey Cup was highly competitive with Wentworthville Magpies asserting their dominance with a second consecutive Premiership, along with the Minor Premiership, while teams such as Mounties and St Marys Saints also enjoyed strong campaigns.

The Magpies cemented their premiership credentials after a 13-game unbeaten run between Rounds 4 and 17, which included 11 consecutive victories.

Mounties finished the regular season in second place after remaining undefeated from Round 15, while Cabramatta and St Marys rounded out the top four.

The Guildford Owls and Windsor Wolves were just one win away from a top-four finish, with the Asquith Magpies and Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles scraping into the top eight.

Finals Week One saw some impressive performances from the Sea Eagles and Wolves, while the Magpies and Cabramatta cemented a Preliminary Finals berth with strong wins.

The Magpies and St Marys advanced through to the Grand Final, with the former holding a mental edge over their opponents after comfortably beating them in the first week of the finals.

The decider was also all one-way traffic from start to finish, with the reigning premiers claiming a commanding 38-4 triumph, inspired by 2018 Player of the Year Beau Henry and Abbas Miski, who claimed Man of the Match honours.







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## **SYDNEY SHIELD**

The East Campbelltown Eagles continued their dominance in the Sydney Shield competition after claiming their third premiership since 2014 with a 32-22 victory over the Guildford Owls in the Grand Final.

It proved to be a fitting finish for the Eagles after claiming the Minor Premiership with just two losses in the regular season, while St Marys Saints, Moorebank Rams and Wentworthville Magpies also enjoyed strong campaigns to finish in the top four.

The Guildford Owls ensured the competition would not be a four-horse race, surging into the 2018 decider on the back of three consecutive wins in the finals, including a thrilling two-point win over the Magpies in the Preliminary Final.

But the Eagles proved too strong after they scored four unanswered tries to take a comfortable 20-0 lead at half-time, with winger Craig Moustakas scoring a first-half double.

The Owls finished the game in fine style with four tries in the second-half, however, a Man-of-the-Match performance from Brett Lahey ensured the trophy returned to East Campbelltown.

In another standout individual display, Belrose Eagles forward Damien Lawler capped off an incredible season by being named the Sydney Shield Player of the Year for 2018, despite his side missing the finals.

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# **NEWCASTLE** BUSINESS PLAZA CUP

It was another successful season for Newcastle Rugby League as the new affiliation with NSWRL helped the Business Plaza Cup grow from strength to strength in 2018.

Plenty of excitement was built throughout the preseason with the first grade competition classified as a NSWRL major competition, on par with the Ron Massey Cup.

An unprecedented number of National Rugby League players participated throughout the 2018 campaign, which culminated in the South Newcastle Lions claiming their second premiership in three years.

They finished third on the competition ladder at the end of the regular season before facing the Minor Premiers, Lakes United Seagulls, in the Grand Final.

It proved to be an enthralling affair with Lakes United holding onto a 10-8 lead at half-time, before the scores were eventually locked at 18-all with just 10 minutes remaining in the game.

Two rapid-fire tries from the Lions in the dying stages ensured a 30-18 victory, with Harry van Dartel claiming the JJ Wilson Medal for Man of the Match.



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# UNE SG BALL CUP

The NSWRL under-18s junior representative competition was tightly contested with the Penrith Panthers claiming their second UNE SG Ball Cup in three years.

Penrith, chasing their eighth under-18s title, finished in second position in the regular season but were beaten by the Newcastle Knights in the first week of the finals. As a result, they had to defeat Canberra Raiders and Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks respectively to book their Grand Final appearance at Leichhardt Oval with the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs.

Panthers' captain Shawn Blore had an incredible season and his Grand Final performance was instrumental in their hard-fought 25-18 premiership victory.

The Panthers backed up the premiership at the under-18s National Junior Final when Zachary Cini scored in the final minute to win 38-32 over their Queensland counterparts, the Souths Logan Magpies. Maurice Trindall was judged Player of the Match.

Newcastle Knights five-eighth Jock Madden was named the UNE SG Ball Player of the Year after he steered his side deep into the finals. They eventually went down to the Bulldogs in the Preliminary Final.

The Sydney Roosters were minor premiers in the SG Ball Cup, while the Knights and Sharks rounded out the top four. The Bulldogs made the Grand Final from fifth position, while Canberra, Manly Warringah Sea Eagles and Illawarra Steelers finished on 10 competition points each to make the top eight.







# UNE HAROLD MATTHEWS CUP

Manly Warringah Sea Eagles claimed their first Harold Matthews Cup title with a 26-18 win over Parramatta Eels, avenging the heartbreak of their 2017 Grand Final loss.

Parramatta, the most-decorated club in the history of the competition, went in search of a 21st under-16s title, but their ambitions of replicating their 2016 premiership success were cut short by the allconquering Manly Warringah outfit.

The Sea Eagles ran in five tries to three in the competition's deciding fixture against the Eels, just three weeks after they met in a Qualifying Final clash at Lottoland (Brookvale Oval). Scoring a 26-24 win that afternoon, the Sea Eagles earned a week's rest and booked an eventual Week Three clash with the Penrith Panthers.

Parramatta battled with Penrith for a Grand Final berth, which they secured on the back of a big 36-12 win at St Marys Leagues Stadium.

Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs, Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks, Balmain Tigers and Illawarra Steelers rounded out the top eight in the 2018 finals series, but it was the top four teams who contested the Grand Finalqualifying clashes.









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# HARVEY NORMAN TARSHA GALE CUP

The Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks dominated the NSWRL under-18s girls junior representative competition, taking out the Harvey Norman Tarsha Gale Cup Premiership and Minor Premiership.

Played in a nine-a-side format and alongside existing junior representative competitions (SG Ball Cup and Harold Matthews Cup), the Tarsha Gale Cup provided a competitive pathway for emerging female stars. Eleven teams took part and some players progressed to the Harvey Norman NSW Women's Premiership throughout the year.

Cronulla-Sutherland kicked off the year with a 70-18 win over the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs, which was a fair indication of their season. They averaged 65 points a game in the regular season, with their lowest total being 46.

Faith Nathan scored 11 tries in the Sharks' three finals games - a hat-trick in their 40-38 Qualifying Final win against Newcastle Knights; five tries in the 44-30 Preliminary Final victory against Illawarra Steelers; and another hat-trick in their 36-22 premiership win.

Sharks five-eighth Madison Higgins-Ashby was judged Harvey Norman Tarsha Gale Cup Player of the Year after steering her side to 2018 success.









# **COUNTRY** RUGBY LEAGUE

An increase in senior males, new and returning players and the continual growth of female participation saw Country Rugby League record a 5.5 per cent increase in registered players in 2018; with more than 59,000 registered players representing more than 500 clubs across Regional NSW.

With one-third of all nationally registered players participating in CRL competitions, the increase was evenly spread with four out of six regions recording increases in male participation and all six regions recording growth in female participation – a 28 per cent increase now sees more than 11,000 women competing in CRL competitions and accounting for 48 per cent of all nationally registered female players.

This season also saw the introduction of CRL's new Junior Representative Competitions – the Andrew Johns and Laurie Daley Cups – which featured 11 teams competing in each division and eight franchises linked with NRL clubs.

The introduction of these competitions allows for young players from regional areas to be part of NRL club pathways, while remaining in their hometowns among family and support networks.

Further highlights included NSW Country winning the inaugural Women's National Championship, national recognition for dedicated volunteers with Max and Lorna Dawes (Coffs Harbour) and Jessica Skinner (Trangie) taking out the CRL and National Volunteer of the Year and Women In League Achievement Awards, more than 2000 players given the opportunity to play representative football through CRL Pathway initiatives and a major increase in Women's CRL Nines Competitions taking place across the state.







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# **COMMUNITY** FOOTBALL

NSWRL continued to grow the game at grassroots level across the state in 2018 to reaffirm its commitment to community football.

Our seven club and competition officers continued to work to better resource Junior Rugby League clubs to help ease the burden on volunteers. Female participation continued to grow at a phenomenal rate with 46 teams featuring in junior and open-age competitions across the state.

NSWRL's dedication to take the game to fans and families was reflected in the 76,000 people reached during the All Schools Carnival on nswrl.com.au and the NSWRL Facebook page.

NSWRL demonstrated its commitment to inclusion and multiculturalism with the Blue Harmony Cup, an event for Under-18 and Under-16 boys and girls which saw more than 10 heritage groups take part.

NSWRL also ran a 10-week Tackle Safe Rugby League pilot program called "Try League" in Blacktown, which attracted 70 newcomers to the game, including 20 children of Indian descent.

The Community Football Department continued to raise the level of professionalism at grassroots levels across the state:

- Penrith and Parramatta districts achieved
  100 per cent in the areas of coaching
  compliance and accreditation
- More than 3000 people attended faceto-face club information nights for Junior League volunteers and officials
- Plans were launched for a Blues Tag nontackle competition following the success of a trial program involving female players.



# **COMMUNITY** PROGRAMS

NSWRL continues to make a positive impact with its community programs reinforcing the fun and respectful message for the game.

The NSWRL's Respect Campaign, which encourages respect protocols for all teams and competitions in NSW, moved into its third successful season with a more than 60,000 players, officials and spectators exposed to the important program. Several initiatives were also incorporated into NRL matches.

The tireless work of volunteers across the state was celebrated at the NSWRL Awards at the Waterview in Bicentennial Park, Sydney Olympic Park. Norman Towells, of Five Dock RSL Junior Rugby League, claimed the prestigious NSWRL "Gordon Lowrie" Volunteer of the Year Award, for 30 years of service in what was a fitting way to end another successful season of NSWRL community programs.

## Hogs For The Homeless and Hogs For The Farmers

NSWRL's Hogs tours proved more important than ever in 2018 after rides were scheduled to assist droughtstricken farmers and the homeless.

Spearheaded by Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues coach Brad Fittler, the Hogs For The Homeless ride in February covered 3,500 km over 10 days and took the total raised for Youth off the Streets since 2013 to almost \$700,000.

True Blues Danny Buderus, Steve Menzies and Nathan Hindmarsh accompanied Fittler with highlights including balls being handed out to 3000 children across 15 country towns and the re-turfing of an entire Rugby League field in Wellington.

Fittler embarked on another tour dubbed Hogs For The Farmers in September to help raise the spirits of drought-stricken farmers and their families. The NSWRL and their partners also donated \$66,000 for the ride that started on Sydney's northern beaches and included visits to Tamworth and Coonamble.







### Indigenous Programs

The NSWRL continued its commitment to the Indigenous Community with almost 700 boys and girls taking part in the sixth annual PCYC Nations of Origin Sevens tournament at the Lakeside Sporting Complex in Raymond Terrace.

A total of 59 boys and girls teams representing 25 NSW Aboriginal Nations travelled from across the state to take part in the two-day tournament which is the largest Aboriginal youth sporting event in NSW.

The NSWRL Talented Aboriginal Athlete Program (TAAP) celebrated its 16th year of operation with an overseas trip for the first time. Designed to help guide the next generation of Indigenous talent in NSW, an under-16s side travelled to Tonga and was accompanied by former Rugby League stars Nathan Blacklock and Ron Gibbs.

TAAP also ran a two-day camp at Narrabeen for more than 50 under-16 Aboriginal boys from across the state to receive expert coaching and development.

Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues coach Brad Fittler attended the camp alongside Blacklock and Gibbs to provide expert advice. A trial game was held to select the under-16 Koori team to face Queensland's under-16 Murri team in Mudgee in 2019 as a curtainraiser to the Charity Shield between South Sydney Rabbitohs and St George Illawarra Dragons.



# **MEDIA** COVERAGE

The Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues and the NSWRL continued to make inroads into the media landscape with emerging markets and growth in existing areas helping to deliver the product to fans.

The Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues' win in the opening State of Origin game drew close to 4 million viewers at its peak and represented a 15 per cent increase in TV viewership compared to the corresponding game last year.

The second game was played on a Sunday night instead of Wednesday night for the first time since 2001 and proved to be a ratings winner after dominating its time slot.

The commitment and investment in our digital team continued to pay dividends, with the nswrl.com.au website drawing more than 5 million page views for the second consecutive season as part of the newlycreated NRL digital network.

The State of Origin period was particularly strong in driving traffic, backed by coach Brad Fittler's decision to have a more open media policy to help engage with fans. The website attracted more than 1.5 million unique visitors throughout the Origin period.

The importance of social media in being able to relay information to fans also proved to be an area of growth for the NSWRL with the combined channels of Facebook, Instagram and Twitter reaching a combined audience of almost 1.1 million – an approximate aggregate growth of 10 per cent.

The Intrust Super Premiership NSW also enjoyed unprecedented television coverage with free-to-air broadcaster Channel Nine committing to showing one game a week. Combined with FOX Sports, the competition attracted more than 2 million viewers for the season with 85,000 tuning in to see Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs topple Newtown Jets in the Grand Final.



Our Live Match Centre entered its second year of operation and continued to be the most up-to-date and accurate source of information relating to all NSWRL major competitions.

The NSWRL continued its commitment to live streaming events including the Preliminary Finals and Grand Finals of the Sydney Shield, Ron Massey Cup and Jersey Flegg Cup. In a major milestone, the NSWRL broadcast a Harvey Norman NSW Women's Premiership match from NSW's premier venue, ANZ Stadium, for the first time.

The NSWRL maintained its support for schoolboys and schoolgirls Rugby League, after live streaming the 74th annual All Schools Carnival to a combined audience of 82,000, and the 2018 Schoolgirls State Finals Day to a combined audience of more than 40,000.

The NSWRL will continue to improve and grow to meet the appetite of Rugby League fans in the future, with State of Origin to hit new markets in Perth (2019) and Adelaide (2020) in the next two years.



## **NSWRL** EVENTS

The NSWRL events calendar included several prestigious functions that were delivered with professionalism and class.

## Season Launch

NSW State of Origin coach Brad Fittler and True Blues Danny Buderus, Greg Alexander, Anthony Minichiello, Nathan Hindmarsh, Steve Roach and Paul Sironen helped launch the 2018 NSWRL season.

More than 130 quests, including representatives from the Intrust Super Premiership NSW and the Harvey Norman NSW Women's Premiership, gathered at ANZ Stadium for the launch of the NSWRL's nine major competitions.

## **True Blues**

The 2018 NSWRL True Blues evening honoured the contribution of late greats Keith Holman, Ken Irvine and Steve Rogers after they were inducted into the NSWRL The Star Hall of Fame.

The three inductees were unveiled at the NSWRL's annual True Blues dinner in front of more than 500 Rugby League and other dignitaries, including the NSW Minister for Sport, the Hon Stuart Ayres.

## **Volunteer of the Year Awards**

Rugby League would struggle to continue without volunteers and their invaluable contribution to the game was recognised at the annual NSWRL Volunteer of the Year Awards in front of almost 300 guests at the Waterview in Bicentennial Park, Sydney Olympic Park.







### **NSWRL LIFE MEMBERS**

#### NAME, ELECTED

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Stuntz, J 1908 Trumper, V 1908 Weymark, A 1908 Ball. S.G 1912 Quinlan, J 1912 Carpenter, S 1913 Frawley, D 1913 Blue, J.E 1914 Brennan, G 1914 Edwards, J 1914 Hooper, E.J 1914 Larkin, Serg E.J. MLA 1914 Mead, E.J 1914 Moffatt, J.B 1914 Phelan, T.E 1914 Smith, J.Joynton, the Hon 1914 Upton, C.H.J 1915 Webb. W 1915 Ellis. W.J 1916 Kelley, H.P.S 1916 Butler, A 1919 Chaseling, W.A 1919 Latta, A 1919 McFayden, E 1920 Broomham, A 1921 Davis, H 1921 Fitzgerald, T 1921 Hallett, H 1921 Lennon, W 1921 McDougall, C 1921 McGrath, J 1921 Ballerum, A 1922 Lennon, R 1922 Apoloney, J 1923 Dawson, G 1923 Kelly, W.J 1924 McMahon, T.I 1924 Flowers, F. the Hon, MLC 1924 Fraser, C 1925 Schofield, L 1926 Dargan, J.L 1927 Elliot, C.J 1927 Haron, F 1928 Delaney, F 1931 Hawkes, A 1931 Lees, C 1931 Neill, W 1931 Horder, H 1931 Burge, F 1934 Bruce, W 1935 Savage, R.E, the Hon MLC 1935

Latta, R.A 1936 Johnston, A 1938 Gray, A 1939 Lvnch, C.J 1939 Bennett, W.G 1941 Corbett, C.G 1941 Fusedale, R.G 1942 Horne, J.P 1943 Pert, S 1944 Russell, C.J 1944 Oxford, A 1946 Steel, L.W 1947 Fahy, C.W 1949 Matthews, H.R. MBE 1949 Justice, AJ 1950 Brennan, M.T 1952 Bowd. H.R 1953 Buckley, W.G OBE 1953 Wales, B.P 1954 Brand, A.W 1955 Burns, E.E 1955 McGauley, J.V 1956 Robinson, N.C 1957 Kessey, J.H 1958 Folwell, A 1959 Neill, J.C 1959 Evatt, Dr, H.V 1960 Dunn, R.A OAM 1960 Lynch, J.E 1961 Munro, J.L 1961 O'Neill, S.A 1961 Drews, J.R 1966 Watson, D.W 1966 Ford, J.J 1968 O'Toole, J.J MBE OBE 1968 Kingston, A.M. 1969 Bishop, G 1971 Liston, R 1971 Toby, A 1971 Wigzell, C.E. BEM 1971 Charlton, K.J 1971 Mackie, A.I. MBE 1971 McKinnon, R.H. BEM 1972 Kell. C 1972 Argent, J.N. OBE, OAM 1973 Cohen, 0 1973 Loveday, T 1973 Facer, F 1974 Stehr, A.B 1974 Walsh, K 1974 Forbes, H.H 1975

Kelly, L.T 1975 Simpson, S.A 1975 Moses, J.A. BEM 1975 Clunas, G 1975 Cahill, C 1976 Goodman, T.L. MBE 1976 Fry, D 1978 Ibbitson, R.J 1978 Shiner, A. OAM 1978 O'Brien, J 1979 Arthurson, K.R. AM 1979 Beaver, W.F 1979 Cox, E.H, OAM 1980 Humphreys, K.E 1980 Bellew, T.J. OAM 1981 Gibson, C.H 1981 Willoughby, G 1982 Bell, L 1982 Johnson, F. OAM 1982 Duggan, J.T 1983 Holman, K.V. MBE 1983 O'Donnell, R.S 1983 Stephen, K.G 1984 Farrington, F.J 1984 Abbott, R.J. AM 1985 Walsh, F 1985 Pearce, C.F 1985 Barnhill, D 1986 Hammerton, E.A.E. OAM.1986 Price, G 1986 Hyde, F.P. MBE, OAM.1987 Williams, L.G 1987 Hampstead, J 1988 McCaffery, K.A 1988 Porter, M 1988 Bull, E.R 1989 Moore, P.S. OAM.1989 McIntyre, LJ OAM 1989 Neville, A 1989 Byrne, V.J. OAM 1990 Kimberley, W 1991 Daley, D 1992 Richards, A 1993 Barnes, W.K. AM 1994 Rayner, W 1995 Broughton, P 1995 Doust, S.L. OAM 1995 McCall, I 1995 Matthews, L 1996 Quayle, J 1996 Raper, J. MBE 1997

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### **STATE OF ORIGIN**

\*NSW won a fourth promotional game in California \*\*Queensland retained Shield after third game finished in a draw

Year, Winners

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### WOMEN'S STATE OF ORIGIN

Year, Winners

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## **STATE OF ORIGIN (UNDER 20S)**

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

## STATE OF ORIGIN (UNDER 18S)

2014 NSW 2015 Queensland 2016 NSW 2017 NSW 2018 NSW

### **STATE OF ORIGIN (UNDER 16S)**

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

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### NATIONAL RUGBY LEAGUE

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

#### 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\*

\* competition conducted by the NRL

## **INTRUST SUPER PREMIERSHIP 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.

#### 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 Svdnev 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





### HARVEY NORMAN NSW WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP

Year, Premiers

2017 Redfern All Blacks 2018 Mounties

### **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 1939 Canterbury 1940 St George 1941 Balmain 1942 St Georae 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 1973 Newtown 1974 Eastern Suburbs 1975 Eastern Suburbs 1976 Parramatta 1977 Parramatta 1978 Parramatta 1979 Parramatta 1980 Parramatta 1981 Parramatta 1982 Parramatta 1983 Manly 1984 St George 1985 St George 1986 Parramatta 1987 Manly 1988 Manly 1989 South Sydney 1990 Canberra 1991 Western Suburbs 1992 Brisbane/Newcastle 1993 Canterbury 1994 Canterbury 1995 Cronulla 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

### **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

### **RON MASSEY CUP**

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

#### Year, Premiers

2003 The Entrance 2004 Sydney Bulls 2005 Windsor 2006 Sydney Bulls 2007 The Entrance 2008 Windsor 2009 Wentworthville 2010 Wentworthville 2011 Cabramatta 2012 Wentworthville 2013 Wentworthville 2014 The Entrance 2015 Mounties 2016 Mounties 2017 Wentworthville 2018 Wentworthville

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### **TRUE BLUE AWARD**

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

### SYDNEY SHIELD

#### Year, Premiers

2012 Wentworthville Magpies 2013 Belrose Eagles 2014 East Campbelltown Eagles 2015 Wentworthville Magpies 2016 East Campbelltown Eagles 2017 St Marys Saints 2018 East Campbelltown Eagles





## NEWCASTLE BUSINESS PLAZA CUP

Year, Premiers

2018 South Newcastle Lions

### **PRESIDENT'S CUP**

#### Year, Premiers

1910 Eastern Suburbs 1911 Eastern Suburbs 1912 Balmain 1913 Eastern Suburb 1914 Balmain 1915 Eastern Suburbs 1916 No Competition 1917 No Competition 1918 North Sydney 1919 Newtown 1920 Eastern Suburbs 1921 Newtown 1922 Eastern Suburbs 1923 Eastern Suburbs 1924 Eastern Suburbs 1925 Western Suburbs 1926 Balmain 1927 Eastern Suburbs 1928 Newtown 1929 Balmain 1930 Balmain 1931 Canterbury 1932 Balmain 1933 North Sydney 1934 Sthern Districts 1935 St.George 1936 South Sydney 1937 Nthern Suburbs 1938 Eastern Suburbs 1939 Balmain 1940 Balmain 1941 St George 1942 South Sydney 1943 South Sydney 1944 Newtown 1945 Western Suburbs 1946 Manly 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 1971 South Sydney 1972 South Sydney 1973 Balmain 1974 South Sydney 1975 Parramatta 1976 Canterbury 1977 South Sydney 1978 Eastern Suburbs 1979 Parramatta 1980 South Sydney 1981 St.George 1982 South Sydney 1983 South Sydney 1984 Illawarra 1985 Penrith 1986 Penrith 1987 Eastern Suburbs 1988 Parramatta 1989 South Sydney

1990 Canberra 1991 Canterbury 1992 Western Suburbs 1993 Eastern Suburbs 1994 Cronulla 1995 Canberra 1996 South Qld 1997 Parramatta 1998 Canterbury 1999 Parramatta 2000 Bulldogs 2001 St George Illawarra 2002 Bulldogs 2003 Canberra 2004 Sydney Roosters 2005 Parramatta 2006 Parramatta

### JERSEY FLEGG CUP

#### Year, Premiers

1961 Manly 1962 South Sydney 1963 Canterbury 1964 South Sydney 1965 Western Suburbs 1966 South Sydney 1967 South Sydney 1968 South Sydney 1969 South Sydney 1970 Parramatta 1971 Canterbury 1972 South Sydney 1973 Balmain 1974 Manly 1975 St.George 1976 Canterbury 1977 Penrith 1978 South Sydney 1979 Canterbury 1980 Balmain 1981 Balmain 1982 Balmain 1983 Canterbury 1984 Balmain 1985 Parramatta 1986 Penrith

1987 Manly 1988 Balmain 1989 Canberra 1990 Parramatta 1991 Newcastle 1992 Newcastle 1993 Canberra 1994 Balmain 1995 Roosters 1996 St George 1997 Balmain 1998 North Sydney 1999 Canterbury 2000 Bulldogs 2001 Bulldogs 2002 Sydney City 2003 Bulldogs 2004 Sydney Roosters 2005 St.George Illawarra 2006 Penrith 2007 Penrith 2018 Cronulla-Sutherland

### HAROLD MATTHEWS CUP

#### Year, Premiers

1970 Parramatta 1971 Parramatta 1972 Parramatta 1973 Cronulla-Sutherland 1974 South Sydney 1975 Parramatta 1976 Parramatta 1977 Cronulla-Sutherland 1978 Canberra 1979 Penrith 1980 Group 12 1981 Parramatta 1982 Parramatta 1983 Group 6 1984 Canberra 1985 Penrith 1986 Parramatta 1987 Illawarra 1988 Parramatta 1989 Penrith 1990 Parramatta 1991 Gold Coast 1992 Newcastle 1993 Canberra 1994 Parramatta 1995 Canberra 1996 Illawarra 1997 Parramatta 1998 Parramatta 1999 Parramatta 2000 Newcastle 2001 Sharks

### **TARSHA GALE CUP**

Year, Premiers

2017 Penrith Panthers 2018 Cronulla-Sutherland

## SG BALL CUP

Year, Premiers

1965 South Sydney
1966 Parramatta
1967 Parramatta
1968 Parramatta
1969 South Sydney
1970 St George
1971 Western Suburb
1972 Canterbury
1973 Parramatta
1974 South Sydney
1975 South Sydney
1976 South Sydney
1977 Penrith
1978 Canterbury
1979 South Sydney
1980 South Sydney
1981 Penrith
1982 Balmain
1983 Parramatta
1984 St George
1985 Penrith
1986 South Sydney
1987 Parramatta
1988 Parramatta
1989 Illawarra
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2001 Newcastle
2002 Western Suburbs
2003 Penrith
2004 Newcastle
2005 Canberra
2006 Penrith
2007 Parramatta
2008 Sydney Roosters
2009 Bulldogs
2010 Sydney Roosters
2011 Newcastle
2012 Balmain
2013 Balmain
2014 Sydney Roosters
2015 Cronulla-Sutherlan
2016 Penrith
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2006 Penrith
2007 Bulldogs
2008 Parramatta
2009 Bulldogs
2010 Penrith
2011 Canterbury
2012 Parramatta
2013 Parramatta
2014 Newcastle
2015 Cronulla-Sutherlar
2016 Parramatta
2017 Newcastle
2018 Manly Warringah







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

#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

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Name and qualifications	Experience, other directorships	Responsibilities	Appointed/ Resigned
Robert Millward OAM	Football Administrator Director; Illawarra District Rugby League Foot- ball Club Ltd, NSW Leagues Club Limited	Director	Since 8 December 1995
Raymond Dib J.P., GAICD	Company Director Graduate Australian Institute of Company Directors Director; NSW Leagues Club Limited	Director	Since 3 December 2010
Geoffrey Gerard	Past player; Parramatta Eels, Manly Sea Eagles, Penrith Panthers, NSW Blues and Aus- tralian Kangaroos Director; NSWRL Foundation Pty Ltd	Director	Since 3 December 2010
William Johnstone	Chief Executive Officer; Indigenous Develop- ment Corporation Director; KMK Consulting	Director	Since 8 March 2011
Dr George Peponis OAM Member RACGP, AMA, MAICD	General Practitioner Past player and club captain of Canterbury Bulldogs, Former captain of NSW and Austra- lian Rugby League team (1979-1980). Chairman, NSW Leagues Club Limited, Director; Clubs NSW.	Chairman	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 – China International Busi- ness and Economic Law Initiative, Law School, UNSW Australia: Director; NSW Leagues Club Limited, NSWRL Foundation Pty Ltd	Director	Since 6 June 2013

#### **COMPANY SECRETARY**

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

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

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

Company performance is constantly measured against

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

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

The surplus from ordinary activities for the year ended 31 October 2018 amounted to \$11,883,318 (2017: \$2,775,679).

This surplus is inclusive of \$9,913,947 (2017: \$821,877) of grant income recognised in respect of the Centre of Excellence being constructed in Sydney Olympic Park, interest income of \$228,853 (2017: \$292,698) earnt 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 \$954,638 (2017: \$857,728) net contribution deriving from the Blatchys Blues supporter group acquired in a previous year.

#### **Results from operating activities (excluding COE)**

Interest income - COE funds

Grant income recognition – COE

Total COE revenue recognition

Surplus for the period

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#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

#### SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE STATE OF AFFAIRS

Commencing 2018, the Company is in receipt of additional funding from the National Rugby League to facilitate a rugby league Pathways funding program to member clubs. During the period an amount of \$4,200,000 has been received and expensed, recognising the granting of funds to clubs in line with agreed outcomes. This is reflected in the following lines:

- Revenue: NRL Funding - Elite Pathways

- Expense: Referee and game expense

In addition to the above, the Company has received grant funding of \$750,000 from the Australian Rugby League Commission for the purpose of employment of 7 new positions - Community Competition Co-Ordinators, to provide direct assistance to junior rugby league. This is reflected in the following lines:

Revenue: ARLC Funding – NSWRL
 Expense: Employee expenses - Salaries and wage

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

In August 2018, a memorandum of understanding was signed with the Country Rugby League of NSW Ltd in relation to hold formal discussions to merge into a single entity by 1 November 2020. 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.

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	<b>BOARD MEETINGS</b>		RISK & GOVERNANCE	COMMITTEE
	ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND	ATTENDED	ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND	ATTENDED
Robert Millward OAM	18	18	<u>-</u> • • • •	• • • <u>-</u> • • • •
Dr George Peponis OAM	18	18	3	3
Raymond Dib	18	12	3	
Geoffrey Gerard	18	13	2	1
William Johnstone	18	15	-	- • •
Deborah Healey	18	15	1	1
Nick Politis AM	18	10	-	-

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

Greg Russell -

#### **REGISTERED OFFICE**

The registered office of the New South Wales Rugby League Limited is located at: 12-14 Dawn Fraser Avenue, Sydney Olympic Park NSW Australia.

#### **CORPORATE STRUCTURE**

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

This report is made with a resolution of the directors:



Dr George Peponis OAM Chairman

Dated at Sydney this 14th December 2018.



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

**INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION** 

**NSW RUGBY LEAGUE LIMITED** 

#### **STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER CO**

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# 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 2018 there have been:

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

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Cameron Roan

Partner Sydney

14 December 2018

#### YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2018

Revenue

Cost of sales **GROSS SURPLUS** Centre of Excellence construction grant Development project expenses Employee expenses Equipment maintenance expenses General expenses Corporate events expenses Occupancy expenses Professional services expenses Referee and game expenses Sponsorship expenses **Telecommunications expenses RESULTS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES** Financing income

Financing expenses

NET FINANCING INCOME

Surplus for the period

Other comprehensive income

TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR

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	2018 (\$)	2017 (\$)
P		
	27,211,252	22,326,936
	(337,257)	(214,590)
	26,873,995	22,112,346
	9,913,947	821,877
	(1,791,507)	(1,911,616)
	(8,478,314)	(7,168,110)
	(256,390)	(343,090)
	(835,949)	(1,167,060)
	(581,372)	(528,670)
	(457,340)	(345,343)
	(806,500)	(832,589)
	(10,748,856)	(7,048,457)
	(902,816)	(838,645)
	(509,273)	(421,636)
	11,419,625	2,329,007
	480,965	465,954
	(17,272)	(19,283)
	463,693	446,672
	11,883,318	2,775,679
	-	-
	11,883,318	2,775,679



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

#### **STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2018	2018 (\$)	2017 (\$)
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash & cash equivalents	8,906,719	12,295,048
Trade & other receivables	1,374,755	3,338,160
Inventories	35,114	24,039
Investments	364,649	7,326,103
Other Assets	172,599	126,128
Accrued Revenue	94,896	60,795
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	10,948,732	23,170,273
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment	22,811,495	2,299,099
NON-CURRENT ASSETS	22,811,495	2,299,099
TOTAL ASSETS	33,760,227	25,469,372
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade & other payables	2,860,544	2,390,995
Deferred grant income	9,202,400	13,488,947
Employee benefits	1,000,292	805,295
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	13,063,236	16,685,237
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Provisions	200,000	200,000
Employee benefits	96,004	66,466
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	296,004	266,466
TOTAL LIABILITIES	13,359,240	16,951,703
NET ASSETS	20,400,987	8,517,669
MEMBERS FUNDS		
Accumulated funds	20,400,987	8,517,669
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS	20,400,987	8,517,669

### NSW RUGBY LEAGUE LIMITED

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#### **STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2018	2018 (\$)	2017 (\$)
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash receipts from customers	31,885,336	19,919,225
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	(27,761,976)	(24,405,392)
NET CASH FROM/(USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES	4,123,360	(4,486,167)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Interest received	457,310	465,955
Investment in term deposits	6,961,454	(1,320,103)
Centre of excellence grant	5,627,400	7,600,000
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(20,540,581)	(1,166,069)
NET CASH (USED IN)/FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(7,494,417)	5,079,783
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Loan interest payments	(17,272)	(19,283)
NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(17,272)	(19,283)
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(3,388,329)	574,333
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 1 NOVEMBER	12,295,048	11,720,715
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 31 OCTOBER	8,906,719	12,295,048

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

#### **STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS FUNDS**

	Accumulated Funds (\$)	Total (\$)
Balance at 1 November 2016	5,741,990	5,741,990
Surplus for the year	2,775,679	2,775,679
Other comprehensive income	-	-
BALANCE AT 31 OCTOBER 2017	8,517,669	8,517,669
Balance at 1 November 2017	8,517,669	8,517,669
Surplus for the year	11,883,318	11,883,318
Other comprehensive income	-	-
BALANCE AT 31 OCTOBER 2018	20,400,987	20,400,987

#### 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 14 December 2018.

#### **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.

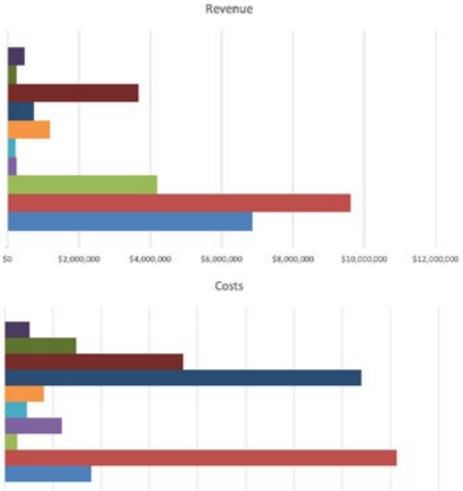
### **NSW RUGBY LEAGUE LIMITED**

#### **REVENUE**

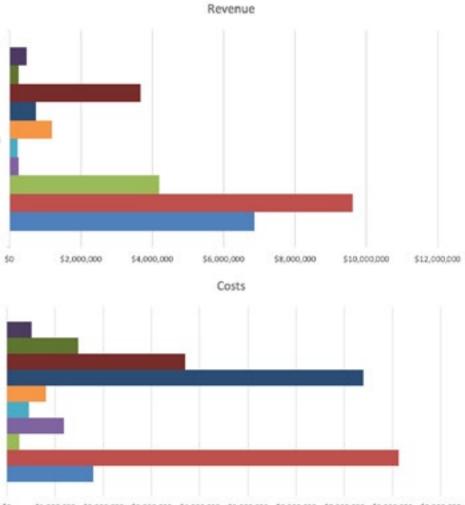
#### YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2018

TOTAL REVENUE
Other revenue
Recovered costs - Football games
Royalties revenue
Membership & related revenue
Coaching resources sold
Corporate Events Revenue
Other grant and subsidies
NRL Funding – Elite Pathways
ARLC Funding - NSWRL
Sponsorship and marketing revenue

Other revenue Interest income Recovered cost - State of Origin **Royalties revenue** Membership & related revenue Corporate Events Revenue Other grant and subsidies NRL Funding - Elite Pathways ARLC Funding - Competitions & other Sponsorship and marketing revenue



Telecommunications expenses Sponsorship & Event expenses State of Origin Competitions & other Football expenses Professional Services expenses Occupancy expenses General expenses Equipment maintenance expenses Employee expenses Development project expenses



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	2018 (\$)	2017 (\$)											
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	6,863,307	5,808,866											
6 6 6 F	9,619,000	8,142,000											
	4,200,000	1,400,000											
	246,836	425,087											
	230,764	281,618											
	887	1,991											
	1,181,414	1,045,353											
	731,500	832,500											
	3,670,000	3,827,000											
	467,544	562,521											
	27,211,252	22,326,936											

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

#### **CONTINGENCIES**

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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	2018 (\$)	2017 (\$)
GUARANTEES		
The Company has guaranteed the repayment of the following bank facilities should they be called upon:		
Autopay facility	150,000	150,000
GPT RE Pty Ltd	50,000	-
Lidcombe oval lease	20,000	20,000
NARRABEEN ACADEMY MAKEGOOD The Company holds a lease agreement with the Minister of Education which expires on 31 De- cember 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.	-	-
There are no further contingent assets or liabilities at 31 October 2018.		

#### **CAPITAL COMMITMENTS**

Capital expenditure had been approved as of 31 October 2018 for the value of \$5,372,772 ex GST, for the construction of the Centre of Excellence at Sydney Olympic Park. Costs incurred to date that have been capitalised are included in the "Assets under construction" category of Property, plant and equipment as detailed in the 2018 full financial report. Additional costs that are yet to be contractually committed at balance date, but which may be required to complete the Centre of Excellence, may be subsequently incurred. Completion of the Centre of Excellence is expected by the end of December 2018, with the approved capital expenditure to be spent over the period to that time.

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

#### **DIRECTORS' DECLARATION**

#### 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) Act 2001, including:
  - (i)
  - (ii) Corporations Regulations 2001; and
  - (b) when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors:



**Dr George Peponis OAM** Director

Dated at Sydney this 14 December 2018



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the financial statements and notes, set out on pages 8 to 25, are in accordance with the Corporations

giving a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company's financial position as at 31 October 2018 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and Complying with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the

There are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and

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# Independent Auditor's Report

To the members of New South Wales Rugby League Limited

**Report on the Summary Financial Statements** 

#### Opinion<sup>1</sup>

We report on the *Summary Financial Statements* of New South Wales Rugby League Limited (the Company) as at and for the year ended 31 October 2018. 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 on page 94 to the Summary Financial Statements. The Summary Financial Statements comprise:

- Summary statement of financial position as at 31 October 2018
- Summary statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, summary statement of changes in members' fund, and summary statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- Related notes.

The Summary Financial Statements are contained in the New South Wales Rugby League Limited Annual Report on pages 86 to 97.

#### 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 14 December 2018.



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

We draw attention to Notes on page 94 to the Summary Financial Statements, which describe the basis of preparation.

The Summary Financial Statements have been prepared [to assist the Directors of NSW 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 14 December 2018.

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/ Management] 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 on page 94 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 2018.



#### 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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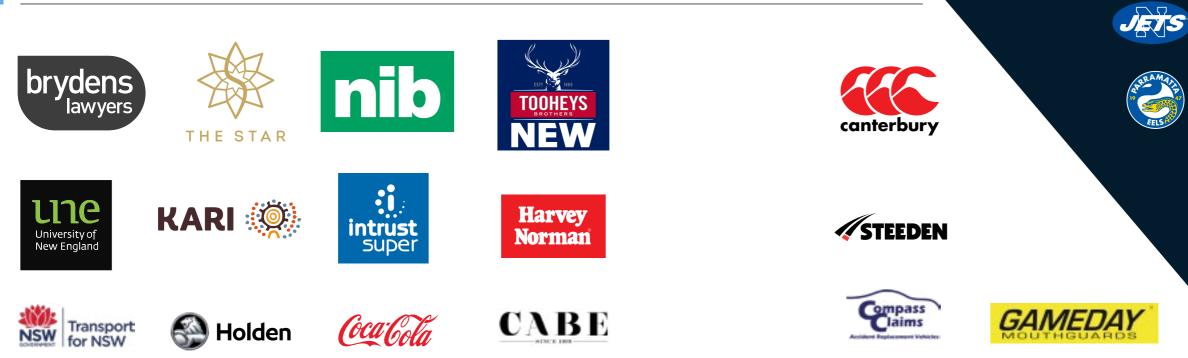
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### **NSWRL** PARTNERS

#### **PROUD COMMERCIAL PARTNERS**



### **PROUD SUPPORTERS**







### **PROUD CHARITY PARTNERS**































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