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HIGHLIGHTS



FEBRUARY

HOGS FOR THE HOMELESS

The NSWRL Hogs For The Homeless program raises more than \$130,000 for Father Chris Riley's Youth off the Streets organisation. The Hogs crew, led by Brad Fittler, also helps the town of Walgett re-turf an entire Rugby League field worth almost \$150,000 in materials and labour.

APRIL

INAUGURAL NSW CHALLENGE CUP

Mid-week Rugby League returns as the inaugural NSW Challenge Cup kicks off in a flashback to the bygone era, with the Grand Final to be played as the curtain-raiser to the last Country-City match in Mudgee.

FAREWELL COUNTRY-CITY MATCH

KARI City Origin, led by captain Paul Gallen and coach Brad Fittler, defeat Country to claim the final honours in the last annual Country-City fixture at Mudgee, running out 20-10 winners in front of 8,322 fans.

SG BALL CHAMPIONS OVERPOWER QUEENSLAND

NSWRL SG Ball junior representative premiers Parramatta claim the National Junior Final against Queensland's Under-18 premiers Western Mustangs 48-12.

HISTORIC MAJOR PARTNER FOR WOMEN'S RUGBY LEAGUE

NSWRL announces Harvey Norman as the first major partner of women's Rugby League in NSW and the unbroken pathway from Under-6 girls to open representative competitions.

MAY

THE STAR HALL OF FAME

True Blues greats Bradley Clyde, Ron Coote, Laurie Daley, Brad Fittler, Bob McCarthy and Norm Provan become the inaugural inductees to the NSWRL The Star Hall of Fame, joining automatic inductees Dally Messenger and the seven Immortals who represented NSW.

RESPECT ROUND

More than 32,000 Junior League participants across the state sign NSWRL's "Respect" Pledge, while players and coaches shake the hand of the referee as part of a game-wide initiative aimed at stamping out unacceptable behaviour.

JUNE

NSW ORIGIN PATHWAYS SUCCESS

The next generation of NSW players claim all three pieces of silverware for the second consecutive year, winning the Under-16, 18 and 20 State of Origin titles.

JULY

LANDMARK CONTRACT FOR NSW WOMEN

Elite female Rugby League players receive professional paid contracts to represent NSW in the annual Harvey Norman Interstate Challenge for the first time, providing a greater opportunity for female players in NSW.

NSW WOMEN CLAIM INTERSTATE CHALLENGE

NSW win back-to-back Harvey Norman Interstate Challenge titles and their first on home soil with a convincing 22-6 victory at Wollongong's WIN Stadium.

AUGUST

ALL SCHOOLS CARNIVAL

More than 3,500 junior Rugby League players across 150 teams from NSW converge on Western Sydney for the 73rd All Schools Carnival, a tournament featuring the best school teams from each district competing for the title of State Champions.

REVOLUTIONARY RUGBY LEAGUE PROGRAMS

Recreational Rugby League featuring 21 alternate competitions – W8s (Weight and Age), M8s (Mates) and Friday Night 9s – is introduced across Sydney to encourage children of all ages and sizes to participate in the game.

INAUGURAL FEMALE STATE FINALS DAY

The biggest schoolgirls Rugby League competition ever held in NSW takes place at Macquarie University as more than 500 girls compete in the tournament.

HIGHLIGHTS



SEPTEMBER

INAUGURAL IMMORTALS CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

More than 700 of the state's most talented Junior Rugby League players compete for honours across five age groups in the inaugural Immortals Conference Championship at Waminda Oval and Campbelltown Stadium.

BRAD FITTLER MEDAL AWARDS

NSW Blues front-rower David Klemmer is crowned the 2017 Brad Fittler Medal winner following an impressive State of Origin campaign in front of more than 650 guests at Sydney's The Star Event Centre, while Simaima Taufua claims the Harvey Norman NSW Women's State Player of the Year.

HISTORIC NSWRL GRAND FINAL DAY

For the first time ever four Grand Finals including the inaugural Harvey Norman NSW Women's Premiership decider feature at Leichhardt Oval, as Penrith celebrate their third Intrust Super Premiership NSW title, upsetting minor premiers Wyong 20-12.

OCTOBER

NATIONS UNITE AT BLUE HARMONY CUP

The NSWRL in conjunction with the NRL hosts one of Australia's biggest multicultural Rugby League carnivals, the Blue Harmony Cup. Australian-based heritage teams from nations including Lebanon, Italy, Tonga and Australian Indigenous communities travel from all parts of NSW to compete in the tournament.

NATIONAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Intrust Super Premiership NSW premiers, Penrith Panthers, cap off their grand final triumph with an emphatic 42-18 victory over Queensland's Intrust Super Cup titleholders, PNG Hunters, on NRL Grand Final Day at ANZ Stadium.

NSWRL CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION STONE CEREMONY

The construction of the NSWRL Centre of Excellence officially commences with the Minister for Sport, The Hon. Stuart Ayres MP laying the foundation stone for the high-performance facility.

NOVEMBER

BRAD FITTLER APPOINTED AS NSW BLUES COACH

NSWRL Chairman Dr George Peponis announces the appointment of Brad Fittler as the coach of the NSW Blues State of Origin team for seasons 2018 and 2019.

BRYDENS LAWYERS UNVEILED AS NSW BLUES' NAMING RIGHTS PARTNER

The three-year deal sees Brydens Lawyers feature as the Blues' front-of-jersey partner, with the State of Origin team to be known as the Brydens Lawyers NSW Blues.

SUCCESS FOR PATHWAYS PROGRAMS

DR GEORGE PEPONIS OAM - NSWRL CHAIRMAN

The 2017 season was successful in many ways for the NSWRL despite the disappointing result of the Holden State of Origin Series. The organisation had plenty to celebrate as NSWRL broke new ground on and off the field.

For the second consecutive year NSWRL teams enjoyed successful campaigns. NSW secured back-to-back Harvey Norman Women's Interstate Challenge titles, the KARI City Origin side defeated Country to claim the final honours in the last annual Country-City fixture at Mudgee, and all three Junior Representative NSW Blues teams – Under-16, 18 and 20 – claimed silverware in their respective matches against Queensland. Importantly the NSWRL also created new formats to supplement the weekend competitions.

In 2017 the NSWRL successfully trialled pilot programs of recreational Rugby League in the Penrith, Parramatta, Manly, Balmain and Western Suburbs districts. The alternate formats included - Weight and Age (W8s), Mates (M8s) and Friday Night 9s - which are structured around providing a fun and safe environment for participation with a shorter commitment requirement to ensure children are not lost to the game.

The NSWRL was proud to record an increase in Junior League participation with female involvement one of the major growth areas, recording a 63 per cent year-on-year increase. In 2016, 1,744 females participated in Rugby League. It is pleasing to report that currently 2,849 females play the game - an all-time high - with this number expected to climb in years to come.

The announcement of Harvey Norman as the first major partner of women's Rugby League in NSW was a significant boost for the women's game. In 2017, NSWRL introduced the inaugural Harvey Norman NSW Women's Premiership and the creation of the Under-18 Tarsha Gale Cup. In another landmark moment, elite female players received professional paid contracts to represent NSW in the annual Interstate Challenge for the first time, providing a greater opportunity for female players in NSW.

Off the field, construction of the NSWRL Centre of Excellence commenced in October, with the Minister for Sport, The Hon. Stuart Ayres MP laying the foundation stone for the high-performance facility. The NSWRL Centre of Excellence, adjacent to ANZ Stadium in Sydney Olympic Park, will feature a full-sized training field, gymnasium, player recovery

facilities and a lecture theatre, as well as the new building for specialised support and the offices of the NSWRL. The facility, which is expected to be completed at the end of 2018, will usher in the next generation of Rugby League talent in NSW.

The NSWRL took further significant steps to achieving its short and long-term strategic objectives and we look forward to delivering further benefits for the NSW Rugby League community.





BLUE HORIZONS

DAVID TRODDEN - NSWRL CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The year 2017 continued to be a period of growth for NSWRL.

The financial statements which are contained within the report speak of an organisation which is in a very healthy financial state and which has continued to grow, year on year, over the past few years. A solid financial footing is, of course, the precondition to being able to invest resources in our game, for the good of everybody who is involved in the New South Wales Rugby League community.

The year saw the conclusion of Laurie Daley's tenure as State of Origin Coach. Laurie Daley has been a wonderful contributor to NSW Rugby League both as player and coach. Moreover, he has been an ambassador for everything which is good in our organisation and our game. We owe a debt of gratitude to him for the contribution which he has made to NSWRL.

Our pathways teams continued to be a window into a bright future for Blues fans under the guidance of Brad Fittler. The Under-20 side claimed a sixth consecutive victory over Queensland and both the Under-18 and Under-16 sides were also successful, completing a hat-trick of wins against the equivalent Queensland teams for the second year in succession.

Our women's team was also successful in their match against Queensland for the second successive year. This victory, by our elite team, builds on continued growth and development of the women's game in NSW. A highlight in 2017 was the introduction of the Under-18 Tarsha Gale Cup which ran alongside our junior representative

competitions. The inaugural winner of the Tarsha Gale Cup was Penrith Panthers and NSWRL is well on the way to creating a women's pathway which replicates the male pathway. The 2017 NSWRL senior competitions continued to be a highlight. For the first time ever, the grand final of the women's premiership was played on the same program as the grand finals for the three men's competitions.

The Intrust Super Premiership NSW attracted an average weekly television audience on Fox Sports of a magnitude which was six per cent higher than in 2016 (which, itself, was significantly higher than the corresponding number in 2015). This increase outperformed the NRL competition and comes against a background of declining audiences in television generally.

Off the field, we continue to achieve significantly with our community engagement and charitable fundraising program, Hogs For The Homeless. Brad Fittler is the driving force behind this program which has raised more than half a million dollars in five years for the homeless people of New South Wales at the same time as seeing more than 20,000 game participants in regional New South Wales.

Congratulations to our 2017 senior premiers in particular Intrust Super Premiership NSW champions Penrith Panthers, who provided a highlight on NRL Grand Final day with a dominant win in the NRL State Championship final.

Our partners, who are individually acknowledged elsewhere in this report, remain wonderful and highly valued

partners of NSWRL. In particular, I acknowledge Carlton & United Breweries, Classic Sportswear and Suncorp (GIO) each of whom concluded multi-year relationships with NSWRL.

They have always been a source of great support for our organisation and will remain in the NSW Rugby League family. Our members will be delighted to know that new agreements have been signed with commercial partners for next year in relation to a full suite of our assets. Our commercial team is the best in the game and the new agreements will see a 15 per cent uplift in our sponsorship revenue, against the background of a difficult market.

In conclusion, the support which Chairman Dr Peponis OAM and his Board provide to me is always greatly valued as is the opportunity which I have to work with the many talented and dedicated staff at NSWRL.

NSWRL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DR GEORGE PEPONIS OAM

Chairman: Canterbury Leagues Club Ltd; NSW Leagues Club Ltd; 2017 Rugby League World Cup.
 Director: Since 2 December 2011
 Chairman: Since 1 May 2013

NICK POLITIS AM

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

RAY DIB GAICD

Chairman: Bulldogs RLFC
 Director: Canterbury Leagues Club Ltd; NSW Leagues Club Ltd.
 Director: Since 3 December 2010

Professor DEBORAH HEALEY

Director: UNSW Faculty of Law, Corporate and Commercial; NSW Leagues Club Ltd, LLM Program.
 Director: Since 6 June 2013



BOB MILLWARD OAM

Director: Illawarra District Rugby League Football Club Ltd; St George Illawarra Rugby League Football Club Pty Ltd.; NSW Leagues Club Ltd.
 Director: Since 8 December 1995

GEOFFREY GERARD

Director: NSW Leagues Club Ltd; Past player of Manly Sea Eagles, Penrith Panthers, Parramatta Eels, NSW Blues and Kangaroos teams.
 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

Dr **GEORGE PEPONIS**
OAM

NICK POLITIS
AM

RAY DIB
GAICD

Professor **DEBORAH HEALEY**

BOB MILLWARD
OAM

GEOFFREY GERARD

WILLIAM 'SMILEY' JOHNSTONE

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

NSW Rugby League Centre of Excellence

Foundation

October 2017 marked another significant step in the development of the NSWRL Centre of Excellence when the Minister for Sport, The Hon. Stuart Ayres MP unveiled the foundation stone for the start of construction of the high-performance facility.



CONSTRUCTIONS

Park



This Foundation Stone was laid by
THE HON. STUART AYRES MP
NSW Minister for Sport

to commemorate
the commencement of the
**NEW SOUTH WALES RUGBY LEAGUE
CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE**
on 18 October 2017



SydneyOlympicPark

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

In a move set to shore up the future of Rugby League at all levels across the state, the NSWRL confirmed in 2017 that the Centre of Excellence will also house Country Rugby League (CRL), University of New England (UNE), KARI and the Men of League Foundation.

The state-of-the-art facility, supported by the NSW Government, the Sydney Olympic Park Authority and the National Rugby League, is expected to be completed by the end of 2018 and will be one of the most sophisticated high-performance facilities of any sport in Australia, aiming to ensure the future success of Rugby League in NSW.

The NSWRL Centre of Excellence, adjacent to ANZ Stadium in Sydney Olympic Park, will feature a full-sized training field, gymnasium, player recovery facilities and a lecture theatre, as well as the new building for specialised support and the offices of the NSWRL. The building will also adjoin a tunnel, providing direct access to ANZ Stadium, originally built to transfer track and field athletes during the Sydney 2000 Olympics.



KEY FIGURES



**840,000
FOLLOWERS**
ACROSS ALL CHANNELS



**95,000
FOLLOWERS**



**82,000
FOLLOWERS**



**4.2 MILLION
STREAMING VIEWERS**

ACROSS ALL NSWRL CHANNELS



**MORE THAN
5.4 MILLION VIEWS**

ON THE NSWRL WEBSITE



**MORE THAN 1.4 MILLION
UNIQUE VISITORS**

ON THE NSWRL WEBSITE

KEY FIGURES

INCLUSION

MORE THAN

1000

PARTICIPANTS TOOK PART IN THE ANNUAL KNOCKOUT HEALTH CHALLENGE

FOOTBALL

MORE THAN

2500

TEAMS SERVICED BY NSWRL ACROSS 170 CLUBS

COMMUNITY

**MORE THAN
\$130,000
RAISED**

BY THE NSWRL'S HOGS FOR THE HOMELESS PROGRAM FOR FATHER CHRIS RILEY'S YOUTH OF THE STREETS

PARTICIPATION

63%

YEAR-ON-YEAR INCREASE IN FEMALE RUGBY LEAGUE PARTICIPATION

MORE THAN

**4500
GAMES**

MANAGED BY NSWRL IN 2017

MORE THAN

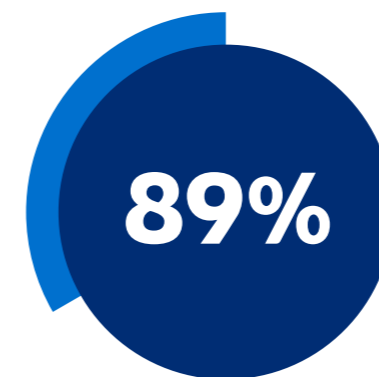
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JUNIOR LEAGUE PARTICIPANTS ACROSS THE STATE ACCEPTED NSWRL'S RESPECT PLEDGE

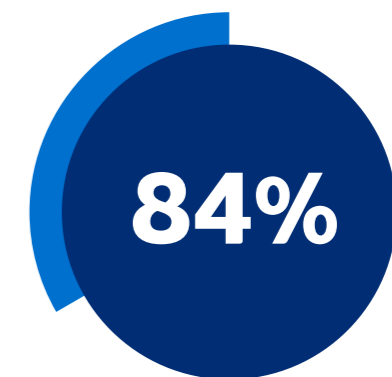
ALMOST

40,000

REGISTERED JUNIOR LEAGUE PLAYERS



REFEERE DECISION ACCURACY IN INTRUST SUPER PREMIERSHIP NSW



REFEERE PENALTY ACCURACY IN INTRUST SUPER PREMIERSHIP NSW

01 REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL



STATE OF ORIGIN REPORT

Signalling the dawn of a new era for the state, Boyd Cordner became the 19th player to captain the NSW Origin side, following the retirement of Paul Gallen.

Long touted as an Origin leader-in-waiting, Cordner galvanised the squad assembled by coach Laurie Daley and selection advisor, Peter Sterling.

Game One at Brisbane's Suncorp Stadium saw the Blues field a squad that boasted a delicate mix of youth and experience. The Blues claimed the match 28-4 in a dominant, five-tries-to-one victory as hooker Nathan Peats and interchange forward Jake Trbojevic starred in their Origin debuts, each with key involvements throughout the 80 minutes. Well-acquainted with the pressures of the Origin arena, established halves James Maloney and Mitchell Pearce crossed for first-half tries, before fullback James Tedesco consolidated the Blues' lead after the half-time break. Andrew Fifita was rewarded for his grit and graft with an opportunistic second-half try, before centre Jarryd Hayne iced the victory with a four-pointer of his own.

Returning to ANZ Stadium in Sydney for Game Two of the series, the Blues were faced with a tougher task than their Origin I assessment, as Queensland welcomed the inclusion of Maroons veterans Johnathan Thurston and Billy Slater to their side.

A hard-fought encounter played in front of more than 82,000 passionate NSW fans saw the Blues narrowly edged out 18-16. After his try-scoring efforts in Game One, Hayne crossed the stripe once more and in doing so, equalled the long-standing record of most Origin tries for the state. Hayne joined True Blue Michael O'Connor with 11 tries, though his efforts weren't enough to prevent a series-decider at Game Three in Brisbane, with the Blues going down 22-6.

Despite the disappointment of the series result, the Blues take confidence and an added motivation from the 2017 Origin campaign. In efforts to shore up future NSW successes, several players identified as would-be NSW representatives gained invaluable Origin experience in their time spent in the Blues' extended squad.

Australian Kangaroos pairing Jordan McLean and Tom Trbojevic joined True Blues Matt Moylan and Trent Merrin as players to feature in extended squads throughout the series, alongside forwards duo Jack de Belin and Dale Finucane.

The NSW Blues will continue to strive for excellence and improved results in the Origin arena, with exciting times ahead for the state.



STATE OF ORIGIN RESULTS

BLATCHYS BLUES



Origin I: NSW 28 (James Maloney, Mitchell Pearce, James Tedesco, Andrew Fifita, Jarryd Hayne tries; James Maloney 4 goals) def. **Queensland 4** (Oates try) at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane on Wednesday, 31 May 2017.

Origin II: Queensland 18 (Dane Gagai 2, Valentine Holmes tries; Johnathan Thurston 3 goals) def. **NSW 16** (Jarryd Hayne, Brett Morris, Mitchell Pearce tries; James Maloney 2 goals) at ANZ Stadium, Sydney on Wednesday, 14 June 2017.

Origin III: Queensland 22 (Valentine Holmes 3, Jarrod Wallace tries; Cameron Smith 3 goals) def. **NSW 6** (Josh Dugan try, James Maloney goal) at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane on Wednesday, 12 July 2017.

NSW VB Blues team (unchanged for all three matches) – 1. James Tedesco 2. Brett Morris 3. Josh Dugan 4. Jarryd Hayne 5. Blake Ferguson 6. James Maloney 7. Mitchell Pearce 8. Aaron Woods 9. Nathan Peats 10. Andrew Fifita 11. Boyd Cordner (C) 12. Josh Jackson 13. Tyson Frizell 14. David Klemmer 15. Wade Graham 16. Jake Trbojevic 17. Jack Bird Coach Laurie Daley

In 2017 the iconic blue wig was transformed to create an in-game experience like never before. In an Australian sporting first, the country's largest and most passionate supporter group, The Star Blatchys Blues, lit up ANZ Stadium as the lights went out ahead of Origin II.

Almost 12,000 fanatical Blatchys Blues donned the innovative SMARTWiG, which featured an LED antenna and an in-built headphone connected to the SMARTWiG radio, creating an Origin atmosphere like no other.

Since the inception of the Blatchys Blues, a total of more than 100,000 spectators have pulled on the famous blue wig.



HARVEY NORMAN WOMEN'S INTERSTATE CHALLENGE

The NSW women's side made it back-to-back victories in the annual Harvey Norman Women's Interstate Challenge, downing Queensland 22-6 at Wollongong's WIN Stadium.

Building upon their 2016 success – an 8-4 triumph which brought an end to Queensland's 18-year stranglehold on the fixture, the Ben Cross-coached team gave a dominant display in the five-tries-to-one win.

Led by inspirational captain Ruan Sims, the NSW women's team rarely looked troubled across the 80 minutes. Debutant Jessica Sergis – a product of the Cronulla-Caringbah side to contest the Harvey Norman NSW Women's Premiership – crossed for a hat-trick of tries to set the Blues on their way, while Jillaroos pairing Corban McGregor and Vanessa Foliaki each crossed for four-pointers.

Backing up the efforts of her 2016 outing, Kezie Apps was named Player of the Match for the second consecutive year.

Members of the successful side were presented with a commemorative bracelet and charm at the annual Brad Fittler Medal Awards night, in recognition of their outstanding efforts.

NSW 22 (Jessica Sergis 3, Corban McGregor, Vanessa Foliaki tries; Caitlin Moran goal) def. **Queensland 6** (Jenni-Sue Hoepper try; Chelsea Baker goal), at WIN Stadium, Wollongong on Sunday, 23 July 2017.

Harvey Norman NSW Interstate Challenge team – 1. Sam Bremner 2. Jessica Sergis 3. Corban McGregor 4. Isabelle Kelly 5. Nakia Davis-Welsh 6. Caitlin Moran 7. Maddison Studdon 8. Ruan Sims 9. Rebecca Riley 10. Elianna Walton 11. Kezie Apps 12. Talesha Quinn 13. Simaima Taufa 14. Lavina O'mealey 15. Rebecca Young 16. Ruby Ewe 17. Vanessa Foliaki Coach Ben Cross





NSW UNDER-20

Under the guidance of coach Danny Buderus, the junior Blues secured a 30-16 triumph before Origin I at Suncorp Stadium to maintain their undefeated record since the inception of the Under-20 fixture in 2012.

Earmarked as a future NSW Origin representative, captain Cameron Murray, along with fledgling NRL players Curtis Scott, Jai Field and Nat Butcher, played starring roles in their side's 14-point victory.

After a tight first half, NSW came out in the second half and blew their Queensland counterparts off the park, running in the final four tries to secure their sixth consecutive victory.

The impressive feat highlights the accomplished high-performance programs at NSWRL. The sustained success proves the pathways programs, spearheaded by Brad Fittler and Jamie Feeney, are assisting and fast-tracking the development of young players in the state.

NSW U20 30 (R Garrick, B Lawrie, N Butcher, J Murchie, J Field tries; Field 5 goals) def. **Queensland U20 16** (C Horsburgh, T Sailor, B Croft tries; Sailor 2 goals)

NSW U20 team – 1. Nicholas Meaney 2. Isaac Lumelume 3. Jesse Ramien 4. Curtis Scott 5. Reuben Garrick 6. Jai Field 7. Troy Dargan 14. Victor Radley 9. Reece Robson 10. Blake Lawrie 11. Cameron Murray 12. Jack Murchie 13. Nat Butcher 8. Emre Guler 15. Raymond Stone 16. Stefano Hala 17. Billy Magoulias, Coach Danny Buderus





NSW UNDER-18

True Blues and Under-20 coach Brad Fittler combined with Paul Sironen, Danny Buderus and Mark O'Meley to guide the NSW Under-18 side to a gripping victory over Queensland before Game Two at ANZ Stadium.

Captained by Rugby League prodigy, Payne Haas, the young Blues secured victory with a late Zac Lomax field goal to run out 35-28 victors. Halfback Luke Metcalf scored an important hat-trick and earned Man-of-the-Match honours, while Lomax was instrumental in his second consecutive NSW Under-18 victory.

NSW U18 35 (L Metcalf 3, S Kris 2, E Parry tries; Z Lomax 5 goals; Lomax field goal) def. **Queensland U18 28** (T Spry, R Mulitalo, M Taulagi, L Bayliss, E Blacker tries; T Turnbull 4 goals)

NSW U18 team - 1. John Fonua 2. Sebastian Kris 17. Teig Wilton 4. Zac Lomax 5. Ethan Parry 6. Jaeman Salmon 7. Luke Metcalf 8. Oregon Kaufusi 9. Kyle Schneider 10. Payne Haas 11. Filia Utoikamanu 15. Alex Seyfarth 13. Lindsay Smith 3. Noel Aukafolau 12. Joshua Curran 14. Jake Hazard 16. Duwayne Fuimaono, Coach Brad Fittler

NSW UNDER-16

Brad Fittler's NSW Under-16 side claimed their second consecutive victory to secure back-to-back Origin trifectas following victories to the NSW Under-20 and Under-18 sides in their respective matches against Queensland.

Assisted by True Blues Danny Buderus and Paul Sironen, NSW secured an enthralling 22-16 victory in the closing Under-16 fixture. Captain Jaron Purcell claimed Man-of-the-Match honours, but it was a Bradman Best length-of-the-field try on full-time that captured what Origin football is all about. Albert Hopoate, son of Manly legend John, weaved his way out of his own in-goal area before running 60m to send Best over for a memorable victory.

NSW U16 22 (C Jenkins, B Dowel, A Schoupp, B Best tries; Schoupp 3 goals) def. **Queensland U16** (A Khan-Pereira 2, W Evans tries; E Coulston 2 goals)

NSW U16 team - 3. Bradman Best 2. Cooper Jenkins 14. Tyler Field 4. Aaron Schoupp 5. Max Feagai 6. Kaeo Weekes 7. Thomas Demeio 8. Samuel Hughes 9. Jed Edwards 10. Filimaua Filimaua-Tau 11. Ben Trbojevic 12. Josh Schuster 13. Jaron Purcell 1. Albert Hopoate 15. David Hollis 16. Harry Croker 17. Blake Dowel, Coach Brad Fittler



OTHER REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL

Country-City

The 2017 season saw the curtain drawn on the annual Country-City Origin clash, as the Brad Fittler-coached Kari City Origin side ensured that they would be the last to hold aloft the coveted shield.

Glen Willow Regional Sports Stadium in Mudgee provided the perfect backdrop to the final instalment of the historic clash, as more than 8,000 fans converged upon the ground to see the KARI City Origin side run out 20-10 victors.

KARI City Origin crossed for three tries, including the game's first. David Gower opened City's account in the 10th minute, before tries to James Tamou and Bryce Cartwright ensured back-to-back wins for Fittler's side.

In a fitting end to a memorable match, former NSW Blues captain Paul Gallen extended his side's lead from eight to 10 courtesy of his late conversion – evoking memories of his 2016 State of Origin farewell.

NSW Residents

The Intrust Super Premiership NSW Residents included a host of players who finished the season playing in the NRL, highlighting the strength of the competition.

Dylan Edwards and Tyrone May were regular additions for the NRL Panthers, while Andy Saunders, Craig Garvey, Moses Leota and Mitch Cornish all represented their club in first grade.

Despite their best efforts the NSW Residents team were defeated 36-6 by their Queensland counterparts at Langlands Park in Brisbane.

The 2017 Country-City Origin clash came at the end of a week-long campaign which saw the KARI City Origin side deliver Rugby League and educational messages to country areas, in conjunction with Transport NSW, in the hope of limiting deaths on country roads in NSW.

KARI City 20 (David Gower, James Tamou, Bryce Cartwright tries; Paul Gallen 1, Clint Gutherson 3 goals) def. **Country 10** (Anthony Don, Adam Elliot tries; Michael Gordon goal) at Glen Willow Regional Sports Stadium, Mudgee on Sunday, 7 May.

Kari City Origin team – 1. Matt Moylan 2. Clinton Gutherson 3. Nathan Ross 4. Tyrone Peachey 5. Josh Addo-Carr 6. Bryce Cartwright 7. Chad Townsend 8. James Tamou 9. Cameron McInnes 10. Paul Gallen (C) 11. Curtis Sironen 12. David Gower 13. Hame Sele 14. Joseph Paulo 15. Nathan Cleary 16. Pauli Pauli 17. Jake Marketo Coach Brad Fittler

Queensland Residents 36 (D Hoeter 2, D Britt, B Walters, T Opacic, M Frei tries; S Doyle 5 goals) def. **Intrust Super Premiership NSW Residents 6** (M Leota try, J Nikorima goal) at Langlands Park, Brisbane on Sunday, 7 May.

Intrust Super Premiership NSW Residents team – 1. Dylan Edwards 2. Chris Centreon 3. Jordan Drew 4. Matthew Allwood 5. Bureta Faraimo 6. Jayden Nikorima 7. Mitch Cornish 8. Andy Saunders 9. Craig Garvey 10. Moses Leota 11. Jack Williams 12. Asipeli Fine 13. Cheyne Whitelaw 14. Tyrone May 15. Tautalatasi Tasi 16. Lindsay Collins 17. Toafofoa Siple Coach Rip Taylor

Harvey Norman NSW Women's City-Country Shield

City claimed the inaugural Harvey Norman NSW Women's City-Country Shield in May, defeating Country at North Sydney Oval. Held a week after the final men's Country-City fixture in Mudgee, the clash featured established and emerging stars. City captain Lavina O'Mealey led her side to a 20-8 victory with a captivating performance.

NSW U-16s Koori v QLD U-16s Murri

The NSW Under-16 Koori side downed the Queensland Under-16 Murri outfit 16-14 in a match played in sweltering conditions. In the fixture's eighth instalment, Ulysses Roberts starred for the Blues, going on to earn the KARI Indigenous Achievement Award at the NSWRL's annual Brad Fittler Medal Awards night.

Queensland Rangers v Ron Massey Cup Reps

The NSWRL's Ron Massey Cup Representative side secured a maiden title in 2017, defeating the Queensland Rangers for the first time in the event's three-year history. Hooker Soni Luke was named Man of the Match in the dominant 30-14 victory, while many players went on to feature prominently in the Intrust Super Premiership NSW.

NSW U-16s Koori v QLD U-16s Murri

The NSW Under-16 Koori side downed the Queensland Under-16 Murri outfit 16-14 in a match played in sweltering conditions. In the fixture's eighth instalment, Ulysses Roberts starred for the Blues, going on to earn the KARI Indigenous Achievement Award at the NSWRL's annual Brad Fittler Medal Awards night.

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NSWRL COMPETITIONS





INTRUST SUPER PREMIERSHIP NSW

The 2017 Intrust Super Premiership NSW was viewed by a greater audience than ever before and continued to be a vital pathway to the NRL. Of the 61 NRL debutants in 2017, 37 came directly via the NSWRL pathway and have played in the Intrust Super Premiership NSW previously.

The Wyong Roos and Warriors jostled for early favouritism, with the Roos losing just one of their first 17 games and the Warriors just one of their first 14. The sides shared the two competition points when they met in Round 24 but ultimately the Roos would claim the 2017 Minor Premiership.

Illawarra and Mounties could not recapture the form which took them to the 2016 Grand Final, however their meeting in Week One of the finals was one of the most thrilling encounters of the season. Wyong and Penrith proved too good in their respective preliminary matches, setting up a thrilling decider between two of the form teams.

The Roos and Panthers met at Leichhardt Oval on NSWRL Grand Final Day, having shared wins over each other throughout the regular season. An early-game deadlock was eventually broken by Wyong's Brock Gray, but an impressive effort from Penrith's Maika Sivo late in the first half set up a 6-all half-time score. Three Panthers tries in the opening 20 minutes of the second half ensured they secured the 2017 premiership – their second in four years.

The Panthers celebrated yet another milestone a week later. The annual Intrust Super NRL State Championship on NRL Grand Final Day saw the Panthers meet Queensland's Intrust Super Cup premiers PNG Hunters at ANZ Stadium. A quick hat-trick to Tony Satini put Penrith on the front foot in the opening 15 minutes and they continued to dominate the Hunters to finish 42-18 victors. It was the second consecutive win for a NSWRL team in the annual fixture.

Coverage of the Intrust Super Premiership NSW reached new heights on NSWRL.com.au, with every non-televised final streamed live to large audiences. The competition was also supported by NSWRL media partners including Fox League, SKY Sport NZ, Big League, Rugby League Review, 2GB, ABC, Steele Sports, Hawkesbury Radio and Triple H FM.





HARVEY NORMAN NSW WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP

The NSWRL's top-tier women's competition celebrated a number of firsts in 2017 with a naming rights partner, a new-look competition and sharing the spotlight on NSWRL Grand Final Day alongside the Intrust Super Premiership NSW, Ron Massey Cup and Sydney Shield.

The Harvey Norman NSW Women's Premiership featured eight teams with the Redfern All Blacks, Glenmore Park Brumbies, Mounties and North Newcastle providing an even competition at the top of the ladder.

The inaugural Grand Final at Leichhardt Oval featured the Redfern All Blacks and North Newcastle, with Redfern emerging victorious after a dominant display. Try doubles to Taleena Simon and Karri Doyle set up the victory in which they held North Newcastle scoreless for 72 minutes, eventually winning 26-16.

It capped a memorable season for the All Blacks, with Harvey Norman NSW Women's representatives Lavina O'Mealey and Maddie Studdon guiding the side to a maiden minor premiership, finals appearance and premiership victory. The youthful North Newcastle side, also featuring NSW players Caitlin Moran, Isabelle Kelly and Rebecca Young, highlighted the

women's talent within the Hunter Region. Moran was named the competition's Player of the Year, while North Newcastle teammate Kylie Hilder took out the Country Rugby League award for best on ground in the Harvey Norman NSW Women's City-Country Shield.

The competition continued to provide a breeding ground for representative players, with 11 players from the Harvey Norman NSW Women's Premiership making the Harvey Norman Jillaroos World Cup squad. With changed eligibility rules, a number of NSW-based players also made the Kiwi Ferns squad for 2017.





RON MASSEY CUP

The 2017 edition of the Ron Massey Cup saw St Marys top the 10-team competition at the conclusion of the regular season, with 15 wins and only three losses.

Hot on their heels though, the eventual premiers the Wentworthville Magpies put together a stellar season of their own, through rounds one to 25.

Hills District and the Mounties rounded out the remaining places in the all-important top four heading into the finals series, while Guildford, Auburn, Concord-Burwood-Glebe and Blacktown filled places fifth through eight, respectively.

Winning through to a preliminary final showdown after their finals week one success over the Hills District Bulls, the Magpies scored a second convincing win in as many outings, earning a place in the competition decider against opponents, the Auburn Warriors.

The Warriors also piled on the points in their Ron Massey Cup Grand Final qualifier, winning 31-12 over an undermanned St Marys side, who had provided talent to the Penrith Panthers Intrust Super Premiership NSW team that weekend.

A dominant performance from the first whistle through until the last saw the Magpies run in six-tries-to-one in the 38-4 win, as Danny Barakat and Nicholas Kassis each crossed for doubles. Captain Taniela Lasalo scored a try, before Joshua Minhinnick capped a big win in style with a long-range try in the 74th minute.

The Ron Massey Cup premiership win was the fifth in the club's history, and their first since the 2013 Grand Final win over the Mount Pritchard Mounties.





SYDNEY SHIELD

St Marys capped a remarkable 2017 season with an emphatic 34-20 grand final win over the Mounties and rarely looked troubled in claiming their maiden Sydney Shield title.

Mounties and St Marys finished the regular season in first and second respectively, level on 44 competition points, each with 19 wins to their credit – setting the scene for what promised to be a hotly-contested decider.

For the second consecutive season the Mounties headed into the Sydney Shield Grand Final as the team favoured to claim the honours, but the minor premiers were left to ponder what may have been as was the case in 2016.

Mounties booked their place in the decider following their come-from-behind preliminary final win over the Wentworthville Magpies. Trailing by 19-0 at half-time, the Mounties rallied to score 34 second-half points.

St Marys meanwhile overcame the attacking threat posed by Asquith's top try-scorer, Jake Pickering, to score a 32-24 win in the qualifier.

Running in six tries to four in the decider, St Marys caught Mounties napping early, racing out to an 18-nil lead inside the opening 30 minutes. The initial onslaught set the tone for the remainder of the match, with Mounties unable to fully recover to pose a serious threat thereafter.





SG BALL CUP

The NSWRL Under-18 junior representative competition was tightly-contested with only one win separating minor premiers Cronulla and sixth-placed Western Suburbs at the conclusion of the regular season.

Competition front-runners Parramatta, Cronulla, Canterbury, and Penrith all claimed opening round victories. Those four teams would only concede one match each throughout the entire regular season, before Canterbury and Penrith went out in straight sets in the finals series.

Parramatta and Cronulla came into the finals series with plenty of confidence after recording the two biggest respective victories late in the regular season. The Eels registered a 96-0 win over West Coast in Round 9 while the Sharks won 78-0 against the same opposition just two weeks prior.

It came as no surprise that they would meet in the Grand Final. Parramatta's fast start set the foundation for a fantastic 2017 SG Ball Cup Grand Final victory, with NSW Under-18 Origin winger Ethan Parry picking up an important hat-trick to earn his side a 30-22 win.

The Eels backed that up at the Under-18 National Junior Final with a commanding 48-12 victory over their Queensland counterparts, the Western Mustangs, 48-12. Parry starred once again with another three tries and was judged best-on-ground.

The dominance of Parramatta – particularly after winning the Harold Matthews Cup in 2016 – capped off another exciting junior representative season that saw the development of a significant amount of young talent hoping to one day excel in the senior grades.





HAROLD MATTHEWS CUP

The NSWRL Under-16 competition saw Newcastle win both the minor premiership and premiership to avenge last year's Grand Final heartache.

Cronulla, Parramatta and Illawarra made up the top four after recording just three losses between them in the season proper, but the Knights achieved excellence by going through the entire campaign undefeated. After a delayed start to the season due to a heatwave across Sydney, Manly opened the year in the most impressive fashion, scoring 108 points in their first two games while only conceding 12.

They went on to finish just outside the top four but impressed once again in the finals series, booking their place in the Grand Final. Their opponents, Newcastle, however, were too strong on the day as NSW Under-16 captain Jaron Purcell scored the premiership-winning try to secure the 26-20 victory.

The game capped off yet another successful Harold Matthews season, where many of the players enjoyed their first taste of representative quality football and will look to develop through the grades in years to come.





TARSHA GALE CUP

The 2017 season saw the historic introduction of the Tarsha Gale Cup, an Under-18 girls junior representative competition.

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

Cronulla Sharks' Tayla Preston kicked off the competition in fine fashion with a try inside the first minute of the first game, going on to top the try-scorers' list for the season with 17 four-pointers. Lily-Rose Bennett (Steelers), Page McGregor (Bulldogs) and Cassie Ormsby (Panthers) also featured prominently, with each side making the preliminary finals.

The Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs set the inaugural competition alight, claiming the minor premiership and losing just one match in the regular season. Going on to make the Grand Final, they came up against the in-form Panthers, with the Penrith side coming from fifth place to take a shock 26-18 victory in the decider.

Penrith's Ashlee Harrison scored a double and was crowned Player of the Match, earning selection for Country in the Harvey Norman NSW Women's City-Country Shield.





WOMEN'S RUGBY LEAGUE

The NSWRL continues to play a lead role in the ongoing development and growth of women's Rugby League. The 2017 season was headlined by new competitions, greater pathways and the announcement of Harvey Norman as the first major partner of Women's Rugby League in the state.

Harvey Norman's support of the fastest-growing segment in Rugby League set the important foundations for further developing the state pathways and talent pool for expansion of the women's game.

In 2017, for the first time, there was an unbroken pathway from Under-6 girls to open representative competitions. Female participation recorded a 63 per cent year-on-year increase. Currently there are 2,849 females playing the game – an all-time high, with this number expected to climb in years to come.

Building sustainable competitions in NSW remains a key focus for the organisation. The inaugural Harvey Norman NSW Women's Premiership and Under-18 Tarsha Gale Cup paved the way for female players across the state to showcase their talent on a bigger stage in 2017.

In a landmark moment, elite female players received professional paid contracts to represent NSW in the annual Harvey Norman Interstate Challenge for the first time, providing a greater opportunity for female players in NSW.

The Harvey Norman NSW Women's Interstate Challenge side, coached by True Blue Ben Cross, recorded their second consecutive victory against Queensland and their first on home soil with a convincing 22-6 victory at Wollongong's WIN Stadium.

With more female players and greater pathways than ever before, the future of women's Rugby League in NSW is extremely bright.





COUNTRY RUGBY LEAGUE

An increase in senior males, new and returning players and the continual growth of female participation has seen Country Rugby League record a 3.5 per cent increase in registered players in 2017.

With one-third of all nationally registered players participating in CRL competitions, the increase has been evenly spread with all six CRL Regions experiencing growth this season.

The continual growth of female participation in Rugby League is particularly evident in CRL. The organisation has seen a 32 per cent increase in female participation, with the 9,000 CRL female players making up 50 per cent of nationally registered female players.

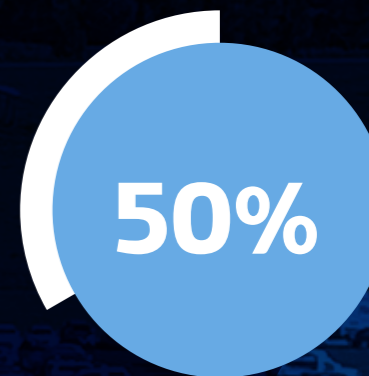
This season also saw the expansion of the Country Championships and a successful change in the Senior Men's Competition to an Under-23 format to more closely align with the ARLC's pathways model and structures.

Further highlights included the final Country v City fixture played at Mudgee's Glen Willow Regional Sporting Complex; Country U23 Representative sides taking on Samoa and Scotland in warm-up matches before the Rugby League World Cup; and additional CRL Women's Nines competitions taking place across regional NSW.

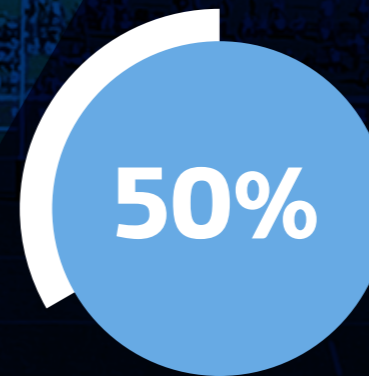
INCREASE OF FEMALE PARTICIPANTS



OF NATIONALLY REGISTERED FEMALE PLAYERS PARTICIPATING IN CRL TACKLE AND TAG COMPETITIONS



COUNTRY PLAYERS IN NSW U16/18/20'S REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS



COUNTRY RUGBY LEAGUE JUNIORS IN NSW STATE OF ORIGIN TEAM



Other highlights in 2017

- More than 100,000 viewers tuning in to live streams of Country U23 taking on Samoa and Scotland in Wagga Wagga and Ballina.
- A successful tour of New Zealand for the Country U16/18 representative sides.
- The inaugural Country women's representative team taking on City at North Sydney Oval.
- Monaro claiming the inaugural U23 Country Championships.

03 COMMUNITY



COMMUNITY FOOTBALL

NSWRL's commitment to community football continues to grow the game at grassroots level across the state with more resources committed in 2017.

Seven Club and Competition Officers were deployed over the Junior League footprint to better resource Junior League clubs and ease the burden on volunteers. NSWRL affiliated female competitions have more than doubled since 2015, featuring 46 teams across junior and 18 open-age competitions.

NSWRL's community football department introduced Conferencing of Junior League Competitions across Sydney overseeing more than 4500 matches throughout the season, with support also provided for Affiliated groups Police, Navy, Tertiary, Armed Forces, Wheelchair, Physical Disability, Intellectual Disability and other competitions.

NSWRL's community football reached a large number of fans and families across the year, with more than 1.8 million people reached during the All Schools Carnival live stream on NSWRL.com.au and the NSWRL page on Facebook.

Recreational Rugby League proved a hit with social fans, with delivery of 24 M8s, W8s and Friday Night 9s competitions resulting in 1500 participants across the state, some of whom had never played before.

NSWRL delivered the Blue Harmony Cup, one of Australia's biggest multicultural Rugby League carnivals. For the first time, Wheelchair Rugby League and Push 'n' Power Rugby League ran alongside the Under-16 and Under-18 Boys and Girls competitions, featuring more than 600 non-elite Rugby League players across 46 teams.

The Community Football department took further steps forward in levels of professionalism, including:

- The raising of coaching compliance and accreditation levels
- Implementation support for the roll out of the new Junior League Under-6 and Under-7 models;
- The establishment of four Judiciary and Code of Conduct panels across Sydney.

NSWRL has more resources than ever before, a proven commitment to grow Rugby League at all levels and a focus on the future.



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

NSWRL's community programs have taken Rugby League to more grassroots participants in 2017 than ever before – reinforcing the fun and respectful messaging of the game.

As the Junior Rugby League season kicked off, so too did the NSWRL's Respect Campaign for a second year. The initiative, which encourages respect protocols for all teams and competitions in NSW, proved successful in promoting an important message to players, spectators and officials at all levels. So impressive in its reach, the #RESPECT initiative made its way to 60,000 participants with a number of program initiatives also adopted into NRL matches.

HOGS FOR THE HOMELESS

NSWRL's Hogs For The Homeless raised \$133,791.54 for Father Chris Riley's Youth off the Streets from funds raised during the 2017 tour.

The Hogs For The Homeless ride in February was one of the most successful tours in its five-year history. The touring party including former Origin greats Brad Fittler, Danny Buderus and Nathan Hindmarsh travelled in excess of 4000km over 11 days on their Harley-Davidson motorcycles.

The crew handed out NSW Rugby League balls to more than 3000 children across 14 country towns and helped the town of Walgett re-turf an entire Rugby League field. The project involved 40 local volunteers, four semi-trailers and a number of council tipper trucks, worth almost \$150,000 in materials and labour.

Since its inception in 2013, Hogs For The Homeless has raised almost \$600,000 for Youth off the Streets.

The key to Rugby League at all levels in NSW is the volunteers and the NSWRL acknowledged these hard workers again this year. The NSWRL Volunteer Awards were held at the Waterview in Bicentennial Park in September, with Parramatta's Darren Deitz taking out the prestigious "Gordon Lowrie" Volunteer of the Year Award for his significant contribution for more than 30 years to Rugby League. It was a fitting way to end another successful year of NSWRL community programs.

INDIGENOUS PROGRAMS

The NSWRL continued its commitment to the Indigenous community in 2017, beginning with a strengthened involvement with the NSW Knockout Health Challenge (KHC).

The KHC featured more than 1000 participants across 53 teams and 26 communities in NSW, including teams as far west as Menindee, as far north as Ballina and as far south as Wagga Wagga and Queanbeyan.

The Knockout Health Challenge, won by an all-women's team from Nowra, Dead or Deadly, is a joint initiative between NSW Health and NSW Rugby League, inviting Aboriginal communities to participate in an annual program to lose weight and improve their lifestyles.

In July, more than 650 boys and girls converged upon Raymond Terrace for the fifth annual PCYC Nations of Origin Sevens tournament.

Offering children from across the state the chance to represent their Aboriginal Nation of Origin, the tournament was successful with 53 teams across 30 nations taking part in the two-day event.

In partnership with TAFE NSW and Aboriginal Employment Strategy (AES) NSWRL facilitated the Talented Aboriginal Athlete Program in November for almost 100 Indigenous boys and girls, focusing on education, employment and football development.

Newly-appointed NSW Blues coach Brad Fittler attended the camp and provided an opportunity for the participants to attend a two hour training session, as high performance testing was conducted by NSWRL.



MEDIA COVERAGE

The NSWRL brand and its flagship NSW VB Blues reached more fans than ever before in 2017 with a greater investment in the digital landscape.

NSWRL properties increased significantly with more than 5.4 million page views and 1.4 million unique visitors to NSWRL.com.au across the year.

Additionally, the Origin period for 2017 saw more than 2.2 million page views (up almost 20 per cent, or 370,000, year-on-year) and almost 900,000 unique visitors reach the website.

Furthermore, NSWRL also clocked a huge social-media milestone in the season, with a combined total of more than 1 million social followers across its Facebook, Twitter and Instagram channels.

In addition, the NSWRL Live Match Centre was introduced and the NSWRL live-streamed a record number of fixtures across the season, with all matches in the Intrust Super Premiership NSW Finals Series broadcast for the first time, alongside select fixtures from other senior competitions.

NSWRL live streams reached more than 4 million people across 2017, including more than 2.5 million during the NSWRL Finals Series that featured the Harvey Norman Women's Premiership, Ron Massey Cup and Sydney Shield. The NSWRL's first-ever stream of the annual All Schools Carnival was also a huge success, reaching more than 1.7 million people via the Facebook broadcast.

The value and reach of Origin also continues to soar, with the team, its partners and the series overall more visible than ever.

The cumulative audience for the 2017 Origin series increased one per cent, to 10.7 million, with that growth particularly impressive on the back of an overall downturn of 7.9 per cent of total metro free-to-air TV.

In 2017 Origin also registered its highest-ever game ratings for Perth and Adelaide respectively.

Further investment in 2018, including a new-look website and app, will help the NSWRL to continue to capture the hearts and minds of Blues fans across the country.



NSWRL EVENTS

The NSWRL events calendar continues to deliver prestigious functions with professionalism and class.

SEASON LAUNCH

True Blues legends including Andrew Johns and Steve Mortimer launched the NSWRL Senior Competitions seasons at a luncheon at Lilyfield's Le Montage. Alongside more than 100 Rugby League dignitaries, the spotlight was on the Intrust Super Premiership NSW competition.

TRUE BLUES

The 2017 NSWRL True Blues evening, staged at The Star's Event Centre, coincided with the Origin I team announcement and the unveiling of The Star Hall of Fame inductees. True Blues greats Bradley Clyde, Ron Coote, Laurie Daley, Brad Fittler, Bob McCarthy and Norm Provan became the inaugural inductees to the NSWRL Hall of Fame, joining automatic inductees Dally Messenger and the seven Immortals who represented NSW.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Rugby League's heart and soul, the volunteers, were recognised for their invaluable contribution to the game at the annual Volunteer of the Year Awards.

Parramatta's Darren Deitz claimed the prestigious NSWRL "Gordon Lowrie" Volunteer of the Year Award at the Waterview in Bicentennial Park, Sydney Olympic Park. Darren also went on to win the NRL's Community Award for Volunteer of the Year.

2017 BRAD FITTLER MEDAL

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NSW Blues front-rower David Klemmer was crowned the 2017 Brad Fittler Medal winner in front of more than 600 guests at The Star Event Centre.

It was a prestigious occasion that recognised the achievements of players across all NSWRL teams and competitions, from Origin to seniors, juniors, women and Indigenous, as well as the contributions of referees and club officials.

Klemmer accepted the state's top award following an impressive State of Origin campaign in which he ran for more metres than any forward from NSW and Queensland across the three-game series.

Simaima Taufa claimed the Harvey Norman NSW Women's State Player of the Year for her performance in the state's victory over Queensland in the Interstate Challenge.



04 RECORDS



NSWRL LIFE MEMBERS

NAME, ELECTED

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

Stuntz, J 1908
 Trumper, V 1908
 Weymark, A 1908
 Ball, S.G 1912
 Quinlan, J 1912
 Carpenter, S 1913
 Frawley, D 1913
 Blue, J.E 1914
 Brennan, G 1914
 Edwards, J 1914
 Hooper, E.J 1914
 Larkin, Serg E.J. M.L.A 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
 McMahan, T.I 1924
 Flowers, F. the Hon, M.L.C. 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 M.L.C. 1935

Latta, R.A 1936
 Johnston, A 1938
 Gray, A 1939
 Lynch, C.J 1939
 Bennett, W.G 1941
 Corbett, C.G 1941
 Fusedale, R.G 1942
 Horne, J.P 1943
 Pert, S 1944
 Russell, C.J 1944
 Oxford, A 1946
 Steel, L.W 1947
 Fahy, C.W 1949
 Matthews, H.R. M.B.E. 1949
 Justice, A.J 1950
 Brennan, M.T 1952
 Bowd, H.R 1953
 Buckley, W.G O.B.E. 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 O.A.M. 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 M.B.E., O.B.E. 1968
 Kingston, A.M. 1969
 Bishop, G 1971
 Liston, R 1971
 Toby, A 1971
 Wigzell, C.E. B.E.M. 1971
 Charlton, K.J 1971
 Mackie, A.I. M.B.E. 1971
 McKinnon, R.H. B.E.M. 1972
 Kell, C 1972
 Argent, J.N. O.B.E, O.A.M 1973
 Cohen, O 1973
 Loveday, T 1973
 Facer, F 1974
 Stehr, A.B 1974
 Walsh, K 1974
 Forbes, H.H 1975

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

Monaghan, Dr W 1997
 Lumsden, E 1998
 Mossop, R 1999
 Falla, M 2000
 Hayes, J 2000
 Lanesbury, R 2000
 Millward, R, O.A.M. 2001
 Nelson, B, O.A.M. 2001
 Watson, R, 2001
 Walsh, B, O.A.M. 2002
 Wright, G 2002
 Corcoran, P O.A.M. 2003
 Roberts, K 2003
 Elliss, P 2004
 Massey, R 2004
 McCarthy, R. M.B.E. 2004
 Coote, R. A.M. 2005
 Gibson, J. O.A.M. 2005
 Thompson, F 2005
 Bampton, D, O.A.M. 2006
 Feltis, D O.A.M. 2006
 Stone, M 2006
 Spagarino, D 2007
 Riordan, J 2007
 Cleary, M.A. A.O. 2008
 Kurtz, B 2008
 Piggins, G 2008
 Fitzgerald, D A.M. 2009
 Powell R 2009
 Aggett, K 2012
 Wallace, B 2012
 King, J 2013
 Renilson, C 2013
 Chalk, J O.A.M. 2014
 McMartin, J 2014
 Politis, N A.M. 2015
 Cronin, M O.A.M. 2016

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*

* 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
 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
 1972 Canterbury
 1973 Manly
 1974 Newtown
 1975 Parramatta
 1976 St George
 1977 Parramatta
 1978 Balmain
 1979 Parramatta
 1980 Canterbury
 1981 Western Suburbs
 1982 Balmain
 1983 South Sydney
 1984 Balmain
 1985 St George
 1986 Eastern Suburbs
 1987 Penrith
 1988 Manly
 1989 North Sydney
 1990 Brisbane
 1991 North Sydney
 1992 North Sydney
 1993 North Sydney
 1994 Cronulla
 1995 Newcastle
 1996 Cronulla
 1997 Parramatta
 1998 Canterbury
 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
 2011 Canterbury
 2012 Newtown
 2013 Cronulla
 2014 Penrith
 2015 Newcastle
 2016 Illawarra
 2017 Penrith

HARVEY NORMAN NSW WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP

Year, Premiers

2017 Redfern All Blacks

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 George
 1943 Balmain
 1944 Balmain
 1945 Eastern Suburbs
 1946 St George
 1947 Balmain
 1948 Western Suburbs
 1949 St George
 1950 Balmain
 1951 St George
 1952 South Sydney
 1953 South Sydney
 1954 South Sydney
 1955 St George
 1956 St George
 1957 St George
 1958 St George
 1959 St George
 1960 Western Suburbs
 1961 Western Suburbs
 1962 St George
 1963 St George
 1964 St George
 1965 St George
 1966 St George
 1967 South Sydney

1968 South Sydney
 1969 South Sydney
 1970 Eastern Suburbs
 1971 St George
 1972 Manly
 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 Canterbury
 2011 Canterbury
 2012 Balmain
 2013 Cronulla
 2014 Penrith
 2015 Penrith
 2016 Mounties
 2017 Mounties

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

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

TARSHA GALE CUP

Year, Premiers

2017 Penrith Panthers

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

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

SG BALL CUP

Year, Premiers

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

HAROLD MATTHEWS CUP

Year, Premiers

1970 Parramatta
1971 Parramatta
1972 Parramatta
1973 Cronulla
1974 South Sydney
1975 Parramatta
1976 Parramatta
1977 Cronulla
1978 Canberra
1979 Penrith
1980 Group 12
1981 Parramatta
1982 Parramatta
1983 Group 6
1984 Canberra

1985 Penrith
1986 Parramatta
1987 Illawarra
1988 Parramatta
1989 Penrith
1990 Parramatta
1991 Gold Coast
1992 Newcastle
1993 Canberra
1994 Parramatta
1995 Canberra
1996 Illawarra
1997 Parramatta
1998 Parramatta
1999 Parramatta
2000 Newcastle
2001 Sharks

2002 Penrith
2003 Parramatta
2004 Parramatta
2005 Penrith
2006 Penrith
2007 Bulldogs
2008 Parramatta
2009 Bulldogs
2010 Penrith
2011 Canterbury
2012 Parramatta
2013 Parramatta
2014 Newcastle
2015 Cronulla
2016 Parramatta
2017 Newcastle

GIO SCHOOLBOY CUP

Amco Shield 1975-1979. Commonwealth Bank Cup 1980-1996. Aussie Home Loans Cup 1997-99. Nutri-Grain Cup 2000-2002. Arrive Alive Cup 2003-2009. ARL Schoolboys Cup 2010-2011. GIO Schoolboy Cup 2012-Present.

Year, Premiers

1975 Patrician Brothers, Fairfield
1976 Blacktown High School
1977 Ashcroft High School
1978 Patrician Brothers, Fairfield
1979 St Gregory's College, Campbelltown
1980 St Gregory's College, Campbelltown
1981 Holy Cross College, Ryde
1982 Patrician Brothers, Fairfield
1983 Patrician Brothers, Fairfield
1984 St Gregory's College, Campbelltown
1985 Ashcroft High School
1986 St Gregory's College, Campbelltown
1987 Patrician Brothers, Fairfield
1988 Parramatta Marist
1989 St Gregory's College, Campbelltown
1990 St Gregory's College, Campbelltown
1991 St Gregory's College, Campbelltown
1992 Patrician Brothers, Fairfield
1993 St Gregory's College, Campbelltown
1994 John Paul II, Marayong
1995 Parramatta Marist High
1996 John Paul II, Marayong
1997 Erindale College, ACT

1998 Erindale College, ACT
1999 Terra Sancta, Schofields
2000 St Gregory's College, Campbelltown
2001 Palm Beach - Currumbin SH
2002 Wavell High School, QLD
2003 St. Dominic's Penrith
2004 Endeavour High
2005 Endeavour High
2006 Endeavour High
2007 Matraville Sports High
2008 Palm Beach-Currumbin State High
2009 Keebra Park State High School
2010 The Hills Sports High School
2011 The Hills Sports High School
2012 Patrician Brothers, Blacktown
2013 Keebra Park State High School
2014 Endeavour Sports High School
2015 Kirwan State High School
2016 Westfields Sports High School
2017 Keebra Park State High School

05 FINANCIALS



DIRECTORS

Name and qualifications	Experience, other directorships	Responsibilities	Appointed/ Resigned
Robert Millward OAM	Football Administrator Director; Illawarra District Rugby League Football Club Ltd, NSW Leagues Club Limited	Director	Since 8 December 1995
Raymond Dib J.P., GAICD	Company Director Graduate Australian Institute of Company Directors Chairman; Bulldogs RLFC, Director; Canterbury League Club Ltd, NSW Leagues Club Limited	Director	Since 3 December 2010
Geoffrey Gerard	Past player; Parramatta Eels, Manly Sea Eagles, Penrith Panthers, NSW Blues and Australian Kangaroos Director; NSW Leagues Club Limited Director; NSWRL Foundation Pty Ltd	Director	Since 3 December 2010
William Johnstone	Chief Executive Officer; Indigenous Development Corporation Director; KMK Consulting	Director	Since 8 March 2011
Dr George Peponis OAM Member RACGP, AMA, CSDGP, AICD	General Practitioner Past player and club captain of Canterbury Bulldogs, Former captain of NSW and Australian Rugby League team (1979-1980). Chairman; Canterbury League Club Ltd, NSW Leagues Club Limited, Rugby League World Cup 2017 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 Business and Economic Law Initiative, Law School, UNSW Australia: Director; NSW Leagues Club Limited: Director; 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 non-returning 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 2017 amounted to \$2,775,679 (2016: \$810,813).

This surplus is inclusive of \$821,877 (2016: \$264,176) of grant income recognised in respect of the Centre of Excellence being constructed in Sydney Olympic Park; interest income of \$292,698 (2016: \$nil) earned from Centre of Excellence funding amounts still held by the Company and to be used for the construction of the Centre of Excellence; and a \$857,728 (2016: \$729,452) net contribution deriving from the Blatchys Blues supporter group acquired in a prior year.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE STATE OF AFFAIRS

There were no 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

The ongoing construction of the Centre of Excellence at Sydney Olympic Park will result in significant grant income being earned in subsequent years as the building is constructed. The Directors do not anticipate any other developments in the operation of the Company which would significantly affect the operating result in subsequent years relating to current performance.

INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE OF OFFICERS

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

The insurance premiums relate to:

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

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

DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

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

DIRECTORS	BOARD MEETINGS		RISK & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE	
	MEETINGS HELD	ATTENDED	MEETINGS HELD	ATTENDED
Robert Millward OAM	18	18		
Dr George Peponis OAM	18	18	3	3
Raymond Dib	18	16	3	3
Geoffrey Gerard	18	15	3	3
William Johnstone	18	18		
Deborah Healey	18	15		
Nick Politis AM	18	15		
Greg Russell* (*Independent Chair of Risk and Governance Committee)			3	3

REGISTERED OFFICE

The registered office of the New South Wales Rugby League Limited is located at 6 Herb Elliott Avenue, Sydney Olympic Park NSW Australia.

CORPORATE STRUCTURE

The New South Wales Rugby League Limited is a non-for-profit company, limited by guarantee. The domicile of the Company is Sydney Australia.

THE FOLLOWING INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION HAS BEEN EXTRACTED FROM THE AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT FROM WHICH THESE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE DERIVED FROM:



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

To the members of NSW Rugby League Limited

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the audit of NSW Rugby League Limited for the financial year ended 31 October 2017 there have been:

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

KPMG

Cameron Roan

Partner

Sydney

15 December 2017

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

YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2017	2017 (\$)	2016 (\$)
Revenue	22,326,936	21,177,291
Cost of sales	(214,590)	(400,352)
GROSS SURPLUS	22,112,346	20,776,939
Centre of Excellence construction grant	821,877	264,176
Development project expenses	(1,911,616)	(1,727,102)
Employee expenses	(7,168,110)	(6,383,220)
Equipment maintenance expenses	(343,090)	(835,803)
General expenses	(1,167,060)	(991,593)
Corporate events expenses	(528,670)	(318,620)
Occupancy expenses	(345,343)	(617,607)
Professional services expenses	(832,589)	(1,026,686)
Referee and game expenses	(7,048,457)	(6,940,208)
Sponsorship expenses	(838,645)	(1,057,413)
Telecommunications expenses	(421,636)	(450,166)
RESULTS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	2,329,008	692,697
Financing income	465,954	137,844
Financing expenses	(19,283)	(19,728)
NET FINANCING INCOME	446,671	118,116
Surplus for the period	2,775,679	810,813
Other comprehensive income	0	0
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR	2,775,679	810,813

NSW RUGBY LEAGUE LIMITED
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2017	2017 (\$)	2016 (\$)
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash & cash equivalents	12,295,048	11,720,715
Trade & other receivables	3,338,160	981,269
Inventories	24,039	26,125
Investments	7,326,103	6,006,000
Other Assets	126,128	102,038
Accrued Revenue	60,795	99,389
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	23,170,273	18,935,536
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment	2,299,099	756,677
Intangible Assets	-	100,000
NON-CURRENT ASSETS	2,299,099	856,677
TOTAL ASSETS	25,469,372	19,792,213
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade & other payables	2,390,995	3,196,092
Deferred grant income	13,488,947	9,735,824
Employee benefits	805,295	829,633
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	16,685,237	13,761,549
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Provisions	200,000	200,000
Employee benefits	66,466	88,674
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	266,466	288,674
TOTAL LIABILITIES	16,951,703	14,050,223
NET ASSETS	8,517,669	5,741,990
MEMBERS FUNDS		
Accumulated funds	8,517,669	5,741,990
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS	8,517,669	5,741,990

NSW RUGBY LEAGUE LIMITED
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2017	2017 (\$)	2016 (\$)
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash receipts from customers	19,919,225	24,564,979
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	(24,405,392)	(21,203,099)
NET CASH FROM/(USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(4,486,167)	3,361,880
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Interest received	465,955	137,844
Investment in term deposits	(1,320,103)	(6,000,000)
Centre of excellence grant	7,600,000	10,000,000
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	-	-
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(1,166,069)	(836,297)
NET CASH (USED IN)/FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	5,079,783	3,301,547
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Loan interest payments	(19,283)	(19,728)
NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(19,283)	(19,728)
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	574,333	6,643,699
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 1 NOVEMBER	11,720,715	5,077,016
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 31 OCTOBER	12,295,048	11,720,715

	Accumulated funds (\$)	total (\$)
Balance at 1 November 2015	4,931,177	4,931,177
Surplus for the year	810,813	810,813
Other comprehensive income	-	-
BALANCE AT 31 OCTOBER 2016	5,741,990	5,741,990
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

NOTES TO THE SUMMARISED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Summary Financial Statements on pages 85 to 90 are prepared from the Audited Financial Report for the Year Ended 31 October 2017, a full financial report is available to the members, upon request to the Company, free of charge.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 15 December 2017.

BASIS OF MEASUREMENT

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

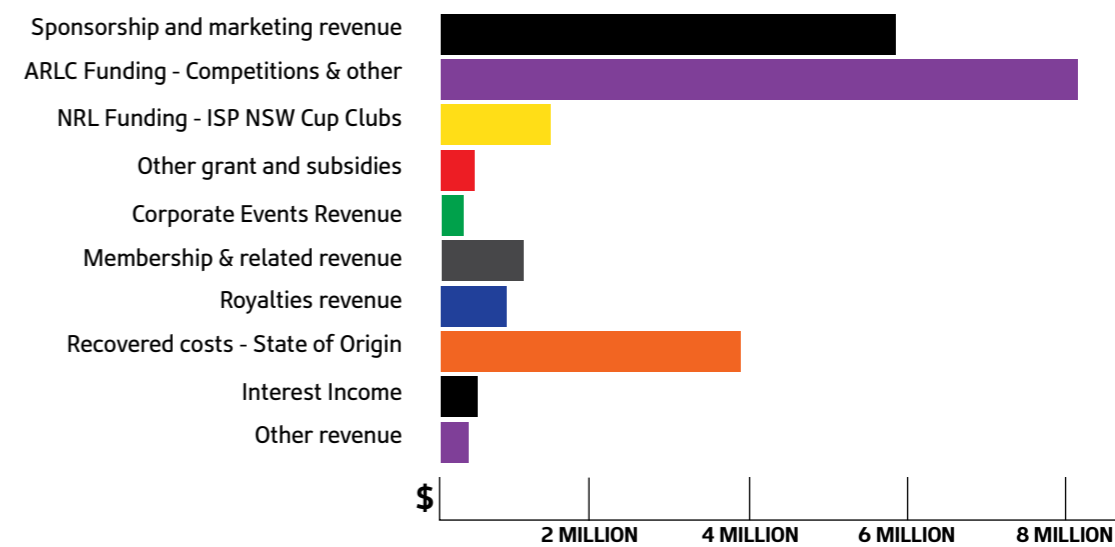
FUNCTIONAL AND PRESENTATION CURRENCY

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

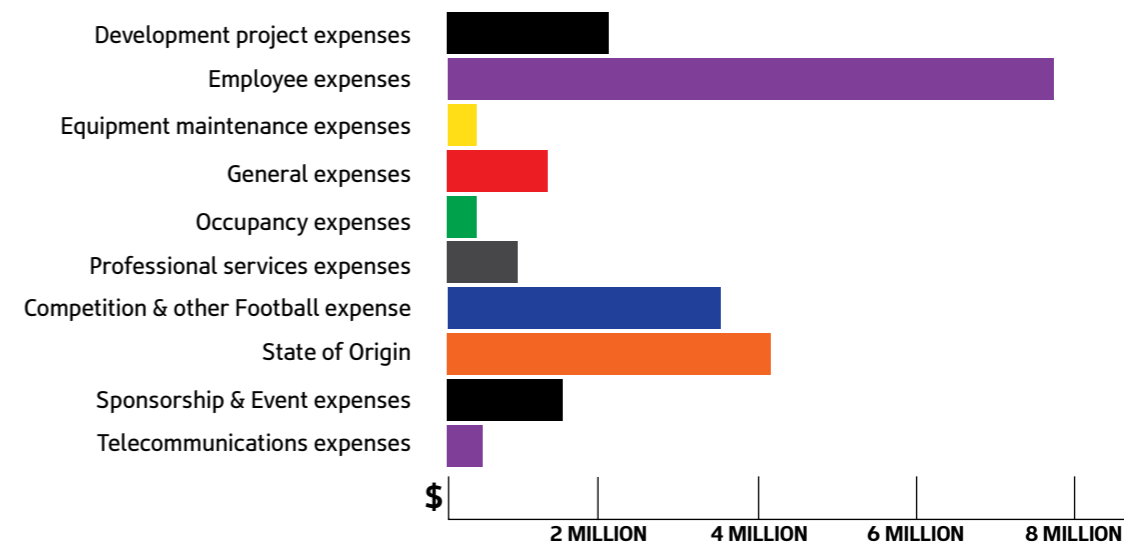
REVENUE

YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2017	2017 (\$)	2016 (\$)
Sponsorship and marketing revenue	5,808,866	5,323,463
ARLC Funding - NSWRL	8,142,000	7,230,000
NRL Funding - VB NSW Cup Clubs	1,400,000	1,710,000
Other grant and subsidies	425,087	551,924
Corporate Events Revenue	281,618	248,742
Coaching resources sold	1,991	2,855
Membership & related revenue	1,045,353	1,128,318
Royalties revenue	832,500	742,500
Recovered costs - Football games	3,827,000	3,846,000
Other revenue	562,521	393,489
TOTAL REVENUE	22,326,936	20,177,291

REVENUE



COSTS



CONTINGENCIES

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

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES NOT CONSIDERED REMOTE	2017 (\$)	2016 (\$)
<p>GUARANTEES The Company has guaranteed the repayment of the following bank facilities should they be called upon:</p> <p>Autopay facility 150,000 Lidcombe Oval lease 20,000</p>		
<p>NARRABEEN ACADEMY MAKEGOOD The Company holds a lease agreement with the Minister of Education which expires on 31 December 2040. Under the terms of the lease agreement, the Company may be required to make good the site on the termination of the lease. The directors do not believe that it is probable that a future outflow of economic benefits will be required on termination and accordingly a provision for make good has not been provided for within the annual financial report.</p>		
<p>PAYROLL TAX During the year the Company was subject to audit activity from the Office of State Revenue (OSR) in respect of its payroll tax liabilities. The Company continues to work with the OSR in respect of their queries and at 31 October 2017, due to the on-going nature of this process, it is not possible to reliably estimate the financial effect, nor the likelihood of a potential economic outflow. The Company is confident it has complied with its payroll tax obligations and does not believe an additional liability exists at this time.</p> <p>There are no further contingent assets or liabilities at 31 October 2017.</p>	-	-

CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

Capital expenditure has been approved as of 31 October 2017 for the value of \$29,000,000 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 Note 11. 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 February 2019, with the approved capital expenditure to be spent over the period to that time.

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

Directors' declaration

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

- (a) the financial statements and notes, set out on pages 8 to 24, are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
 - (i) giving a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company's financial position as at 31 October 2017 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) Complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
- (b) There are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors:



Dr George Peponis OAM

Director
Dated at Sydney this 15 December 2017



Independent Auditor's Report

To the members of NSW Rugby League Limited

Report on the Summary Financial Statements

Opinion

The **Summary Financial Statements** of NSW Rugby League Limited (*the Company*) are derived from the Audited Financial Report of the Company as at and for the year ended 31 October 2017 (Audited Financial Report).

In our opinion, the accompanying Summary Financial Statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the Audited Financial Report of NSW Rugby League Limited, in accordance with the basis of preparation described on page 88.

The **Summary Financial Statements** comprise:

- Summary statement of financial position as at 31 October 2017
- Summary statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, summary statement of changes in members' funds, and summary statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- Related notes.

The Summary Financial Statements are contained in the NSW Rugby League Limited Annual Report on pages 85 to 90.

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 the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the Audited Financial Report and the 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 report on the Audited Financial Report.

The Audited Financial Report and Our Report Thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the Audited Financial Report in our report dated 15 December 2017.

Emphasis of matter – basis of preparation and restriction on use

We draw attention to the Notes on page 88 to the Summary Financial Statements, which describe the summary basis of preparation.

The Summary Financial Statements have been prepared to assist the Directors of NSW Rugby

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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.

Our report is intended solely for the members of NSW Rugby League Limited and should not be used by parties other than the members of NSW Rugby League Limited. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report, or on the Summary Financial Statements to which it relates, to any person other than the members of NSW 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 NSW Rugby League Limited's Annual Report which is provided in addition to the Summary Financial Statements and the Auditor's Report. The Directors are responsible for the Other Information.

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

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

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

Responsibility of the Directors for the Summary Financial Statements

The Directors are responsible for the preparation of the Summary Financial Statements in accordance with the basis of preparation described on page 88 to the Summary Financial Statements.

Auditor's responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

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

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Partner

Sydney

19 January 2018

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