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“ I referee to escape my wife ...
If I am going to be constantly abused,
I might as well get paid for it. ”

ANONYMOUS

“ When you turn 21, you organise a
party for yourself. If nobody turns up,
you become a referee. ”

STEVE 'BLOCKER' ROACH
EX-INTERNATIONAL AND MEDIA COMMENTATOR

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PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

The year 2021 marks the 100th anniversary of the Canterbury-Bankstown District Rugby League Referees' Association. The Centenary is an opportunity to pause and consider our achievements and to honour the generations, the hundreds of members who all have played a role in our development. It provides a unique opportunity to reaffirm the relevance of our Association but also to chart a path that will enable us to meet new challenges as we enter our second century. When the eight foundation members meet on 6 June 1922 little would they realise that 100 years later the Association they formed would be strong, resilient and still serving rugby league with a current membership base of 155.

During our first 100 years we have developed into a group which serves the rugby league community with integrity, professionalism and friendship. Many of our membership base have formed lifelong friendships, I have had the privilege to be a member for 49 years and the friendships I have developed due to my membership are cherished. The Association has confronted many challenging times, the depression, wars and our 99th Year will long be remembered, firstly the drought, bushfires and the Covid 19 virus. This had the effect of us participating in a condensed season but in true CBDRLRA fashion we pushed on and showed our spirit that we are well known for.

We have long be known as the 'social' Association, and in 2021 we have several functions planned. Our Centenary dinner will be the highlight were we can acknowledge our friendships and celebrate in an appropriate manner to honour former and current members and our achievements.

The following pages outlines the history of our great Association, a history which has been contributed to by so many people, office bearers, members, sponsors and club officials. I acknowledge our Centenary sponsors; Canterbury League Club, Bankstown RSL, Devel, Soneta and Cleanrite who have all contributed considerable funding and support. Also, to the NSWRLRA, Bulldogs Football Club and our Junior League our partnerships are strong and as the Junior League approaches their Centenary I offer our congratulations on this anniversary.

You will be amazed at the amount of detail listed in this publication, I offer my appreciation to members David Abood assisted by Colin Turnell and Daniel Gardner for the endless hours of work required to produce this comprehensive history.

I want to assure members that we will continue to focus on our core principles to provide development and a pathway to higher opportunities in a strong Association based on integrity and friendship.

Finally, to you the members and friends of our wonderful Association, thank you for your support and I know we are in safe hands as I reflect on our current membership base. They are the future of CBDRLRA and I am confident they will ensure we continue to serve with integrity, professionalism and friendship. It is a great honour for me to hold the position of President during our Centenary and I hope you enjoy this publication and our Centenary year.

Paul Archer

President

CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN LEAGUES CLUB FOREWORD

It is a great honour on behalf of the Canterbury Leagues Club Board, to write this Foreword for the Referees' Association. I wish to preface this Foreword by stating that without the Referees' Association, we would not have some of the great referees in our game, and without these great referees, we would not have the great game we all love, 'Rugby League'. The referees, at all levels, and of all ages, are an integral part of our great game. The referees, and their association, must unequivocally be acknowledged and more importantly, well supported. It is our duty and responsibility, and in our best interest, that we continue to support the Referees' Association.

The Referees' Association formed some 100 years ago, with its inaugural meeting held in a small local venue, Lahood's Pool Hall, in Campsie. The foundational year of the association comprised of only eight members. During the first four decades of the association's existence, they endured some difficult and uncertain times. A major challenge was the fact that the association did not have a central home, with meetings being held at multiple venues. This did not help provide the association with much needed stability and a sense of identity, potentially contributing to its low membership base. The great work of the Referees' Association deserved and warranted a central location.

Since the inception of the Leagues Club in February 1957, the club has been the spiritual home of the Referees' Association. In addition, the club has hosted numerous events and functions, including the association's 50th Anniversary Dinner in 1971 and the Centenary of Rugby League Cocktail Party in 2008. The financial and administrative support we have provided over the years, is testament to our overwhelming endorsement of the association. The Leagues Club acknowledges the tremendous work and value of the referees, and hence the strong affiliation between the club and the association.

In 1997, the strong affiliation between the two entities was further confirmed when the Leagues Club assumed the position of being the major sponsor of the association. In 2021, the Referees' Association celebrates a significant milestone; the centenary year. Incidentally, the Centenary year of the Association also

marks a milestone for the Leagues Club; it will be the 25th consecutive year of the club being the major sponsor of the association.

In addition to celebrating its century year, the association has many other notable achievements. As at 2020, the association has had over 850 members. The association continues to afford all referees, with tremendous facilities, effective training and development, mentoring programs and ongoing welfare support. The Canterbury Referees' Association has produced 17 First Grade referees and 38 First Grade touch judges; of these, four referees and 12 touch judges have officiated in a First Grade Grand Final.

In concluding, I acknowledge and congratulate the Referees' Association for their great work and outstanding achievements over so many years. The Referees' Association, have and will, continue to play an instrumental role in referee development; from local association meetings and coaching through to member development conferences. The association requires a healthy grassroots membership that seeks the very best training and development to ensure their progress and personal enjoyment. We must continue to support the Referees' Association, for the overall betterment, of our immediate and future referees, and the game we love so much. I encourage everyone to consider becoming a member of the Referees' Association.

Mr George Coorey

On behalf of the Canterbury Leagues Club Board



Examples of a number of different badges worn by referees over the years

A number of the above badges were designed for the NSW Rugby League by Canterbury member, Colin Turnell, and were used through much of the 1990s. The badge on the bottom left is an older district refereeing badge from the 1960s and 1970s.

INTRODUCTION

In 1922, the world is a very different place. The British Empire holds its most dominant position in history, covering one-fifth of the world population. Blokes by the strange names of Hitler, Mussolini and Lenin are taking leading political roles in Germany, Italy and Russia respectively. The Ottoman Empire is being abolished after centuries of rule. British geologist, Howard Carter, discovers the tomb of King Tutankhamen — and what he finds will continue to do World Tours a hundred years later. Marconi starts radio broadcasts in London, forming the precursor to BBC Radio. Back home, the population of Australia is a tick over 5.5 million, Melbourne is still the capital city with Canberra still under construction for the next six years, the North Sydney Bears defeat Glebe 35–3 in the Final to win the New South Wales Rugby League competition, their second — and last — premiership, and a kid by the name of Don Bradman leaves school at age 14 in Bowral to take up a job in a real estate agency.

And in a small pool hall in Campsie, eight men gather in June to form an association of referees that would provide service to the newly formed Canterbury-Bankstown Junior Rugby League.

It is difficult to accept that any of those eight men sat in that meeting and considered where that gathering would lead over the next hundred years. In much the same way, we, the current members, have probably not contemplated where the association will be in the next hundred. One can only wonder.

This journal provides a history of the growth and development of the association over the past one hundred years, emphasises the high point achievements (and some low ones as well), and provides all members with some wonderful reminiscing — whether you joined in the 1960s, and remain our longest serving members, or whether you joined the family in more recent times.

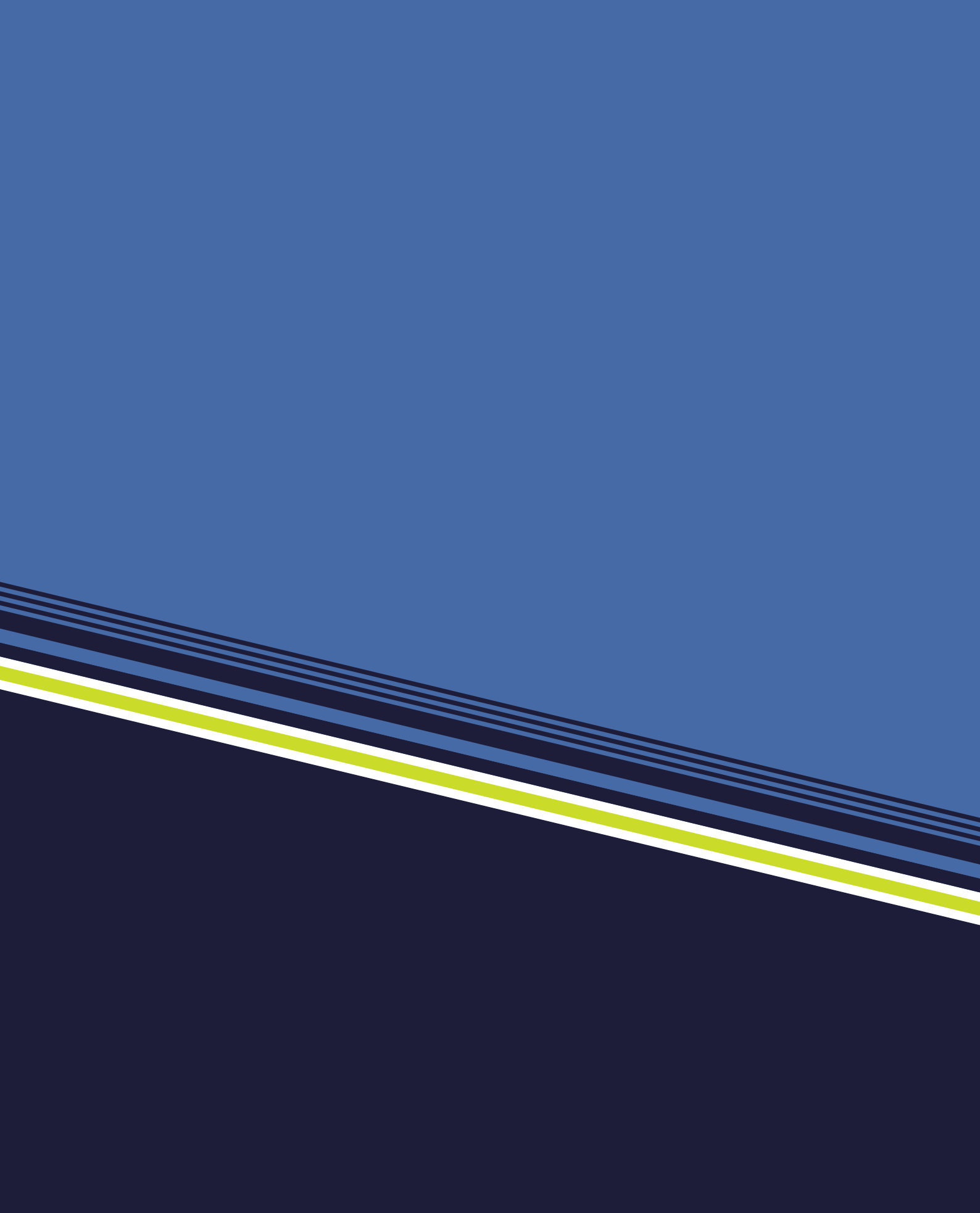
With one hundred years' worth of information, the book will give all our members an overview of our history, who we are, and how we have become what we have. It is extraordinary that we hold in our hands, every Minute Book used since that night in June 1922, and we are able to follow progress in a clear and defined manner throughout the century.

For many of us, the Canterbury-Bankstown District Rugby League Referees' Association means so much — lifetime friendships, individual and shared achievements, and a way of life — and for many, the opportunity and guidance to grow from young boys and girls into well-rounded, mature adults. One thing is certain — for many of us, other than our families, this association may very well be our first love.

In order to understand why this association is so special, you need only look at the numbers. More than 10% of members have gone on to gain Life Membership — that is a minimum of ten years of service each, but in reality, the average is probably closer to 30–40 active years within the association. Throw in the fact that in one hundred years, the association has only had 18 Presidents, 14 Secretaries, and 14 Treasurers, and the dedication of our members is magnified.

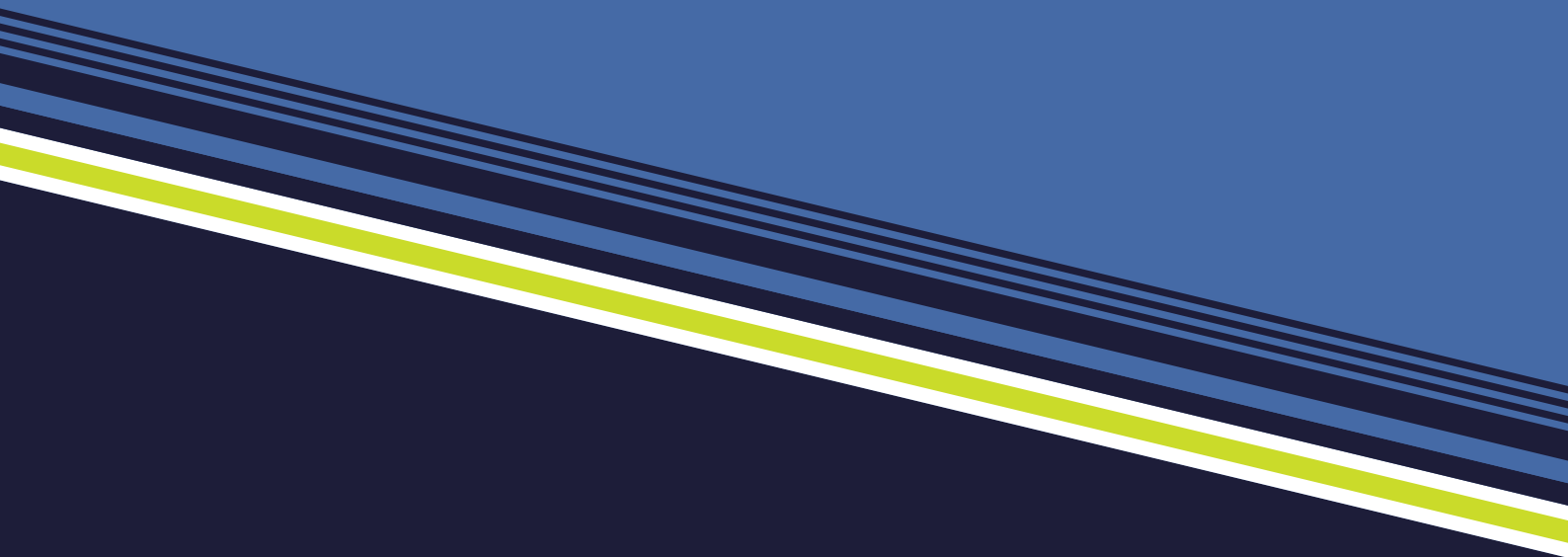
In researching this book, the History Committee have been astonished and fascinated by the documents we have found and the privilege we have been given to put this biography of our association together. We thank all those who contributed comments, photographs and documents. This is my story, your story, and the story of all 854 members so far. We hope you enjoy the ride ...





THE 1920s

Humble Beginnings
in 1922



NEW MEMBERS 1922-1929

1922		1924	
1	W. N. Todd *	12	T. J. Smith
2	Louis F. K. Lea *	13	A. W. Munsie
3	A. P. Chant *	14	C. N. O'Brien
4	Vic Meinrath *	1926	
5	George Russell *	15	R. Oxford
6	J. B. Taylor *	1927	
7	C. B. Williams *	16	J. Blansky
8	R. Wormsley *	1928	
9	A. E. Edward	17	R. Wade
1923		18	P. H. Lee
10	Alf Bray	19	C. Kensey
11	J. Howlett	1929	
* Foundation Members		20	A. McLeod
		21	Alec Spankie

SEASON 1922

The Canterbury-Bankstown District Junior Rugby League

- The first record of a junior rugby league club in Canterbury goes way back to 1909. In that year Campsie District played in, and won, the St George Junior League B Grade competition.
- Over the course of the next decade, a spattering of teams travelled into the St George, Western Suburbs, or Newtown districts to play in competitions. One of those teams, Belmore Black and Whites, played in St George in 1915, and featured future President and the first Life Member of the Canterbury Bankstown Referees' Association, Vic Meinrath.
- It is not until 1921 that the Junior League meet to formalise a competition to commence the following season.
- Competition kicks off in the 1922 season with 18 teams from seven clubs, across three grades of football (A, B, and C).
- The foundation clubs, and their colours, are Bankstown (green and gold), Belmore (black and white), Campsie Ionas (royal blue), Earlwood (cerise and sky blue), Hurlstone Park Fernleigh (royal blue and white), Lakemba (red and green) and Punchbowl (sky blue).
- The first A Grade competition is won by Campsie Ionas.
- As a result of the Junior League commencing, the Canterbury Bankstown District Rugby League Referees Association is proposed, in order to supply referees to the new competition.

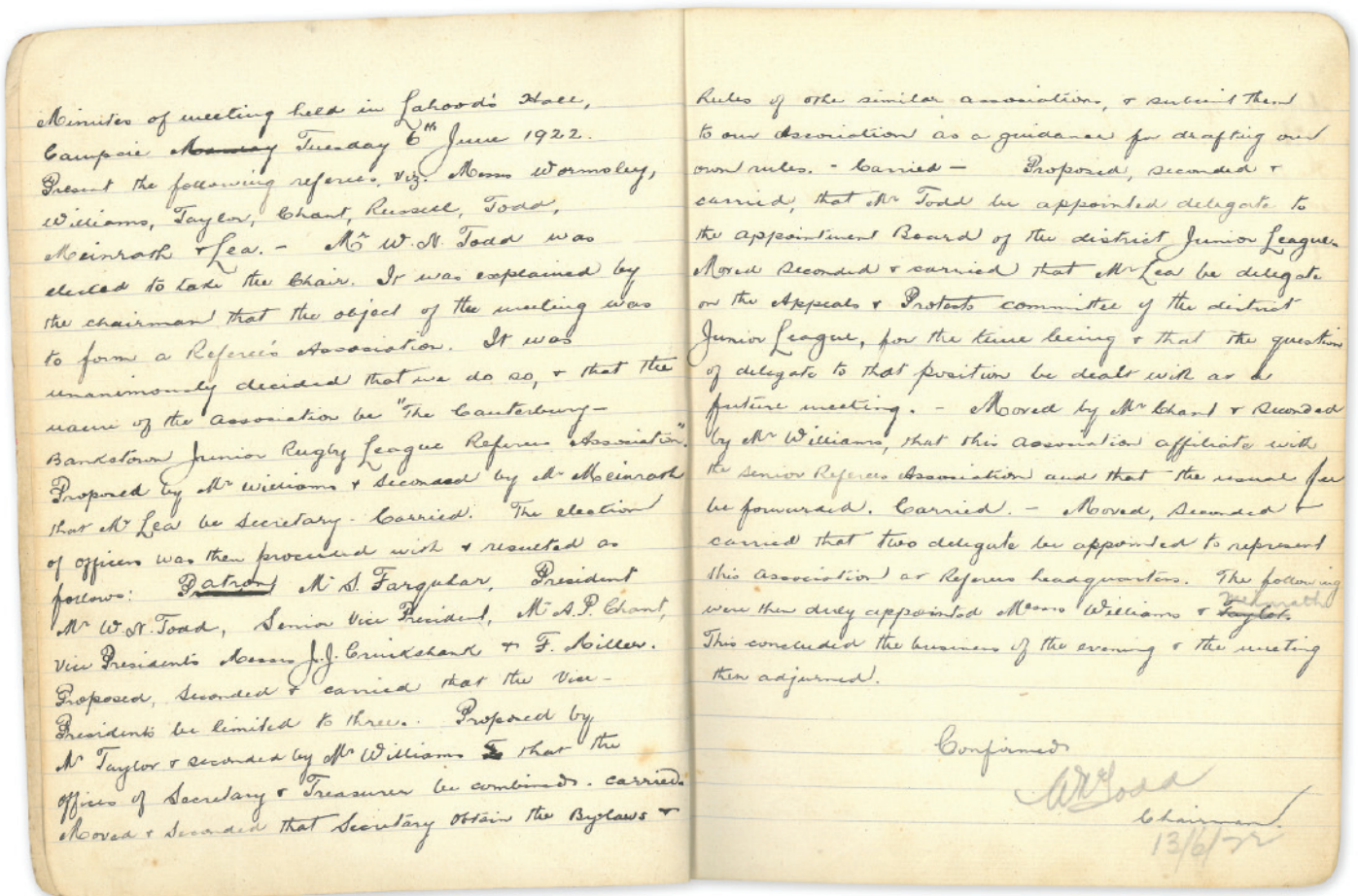
The Association is Formed – 6 June 1922

- The inaugural meeting is held at Lahood's Pool Hall in Campsie.
- Eight people are in attendance, earning the honour of being the foundation members of the association.
- The first President is elected at the initial meeting, being W. N. Todd, and the first Secretary, Louis Lea. Both of these members retained these roles through the 1922, 1923, and 1924 seasons, with Lea also remaining through 1925.
- The first Patron of the association is also appointed, the honour going to M. S. Farquhar.

- The association immediately votes to become affiliated with the NSW Referees' Association.
- The Junior League provides the referees' association with a donation of £1 to cover establishment costs.
- The focus of the early meetings is to develop the Association Constitution.

The Constitution is Adopted – 20 June 1922

- The first constitution is adopted at the third and final meeting of the season.



The First Meeting — Minutes of the initial meeting of the Canterbury-Bankstown Referees' Association, 6 June 1922



The First A Grade Premiers 1922 — Campsie Ionas

SEASON 1923

- The first Annual General Meeting is held 15 March, 1923, at Loder's Saloon in Punchbowl.
- Three meetings are held for the season.
- There is dissention among the ranks in relation to the Appointments Board, which consists of three Junior League delegates. The association has one additional member on the Appointments Board, but this is in a purely advisory capacity without voting rights.



Belmore Black and White C Grade 1923. Vic Meinrath was a member of this team in the seasons prior to becoming a founding member of the association. In Meinrath's years, the team had been forced to play in the St George District as Canterbury had yet to commence their junior league.

SEASON 1924

- The association meets every 2–3 weeks, depending on member availability.
- The shortest meeting in the entire association history occurs on 13 May, with the only business being the introduction of a new member (Member Number 12, T. J. Smith).

SEASON 1925

- Vic Meinrath becomes the association's second President, serving in the role for two seasons.
- Early association meetings are conducted in varied and strange venues. On 30 March, the meeting is held in the Waiting Room at Belmore Railway Station. Other venues for meetings include Sunrise Hall in Canterbury, Dispensary Hall in Campsie, Belmore Library, and the Belmore School of the Arts.
- The first official association photograph is taken — however no copy of this image is available in the association archives.

SEASON 1926

- An honorarium is presented for the first time, in the form of a cake stand, to the Secretary, A. Bray.

SEASON 1927

- George Russell is elected as the third President of the association, a position he would hold until the end of the 1933 season. R. Oxford becomes Secretary, and will also hold the role long term, outlasting Russell by one additional season.
- An attempt by the New South Wales Rugby League Referees' Association to take control of all district associations fails, with Canterbury being one of many associations to reject the proposal.
- In response to a letter at the start of the season from NSWRLRA requesting nominees, Vic Meinrath is trialled and becomes the first Canterbury member to be graded

SEASON 1928

- The association determines that future meetings will be scheduled rather than on an ad-hoc basis, and it is confirmed that these will occur every second Tuesday.
- Meetings will remain fortnightly until reduced to monthly in 2018.

SEASON 1929

- P. H. Lee becomes the second graded member.

ASSOCIATION OFFICE BEARERS 1922-1929		
Year	President	Secretary/Treasurer
1922	W. N. Todd	Louis F. K. Lea
1923	W. N. Todd	Louis F. K. Lea
1924	W. N. Todd	Louis F. K. Lea
1925	Vic Meinrath	Louis F. K. Lea
1926	Vic Meinrath	A. Bray
1927	George Russell	R. Oxford
1928	George Russell	R. Oxford
1929	George Russell	R. Oxford

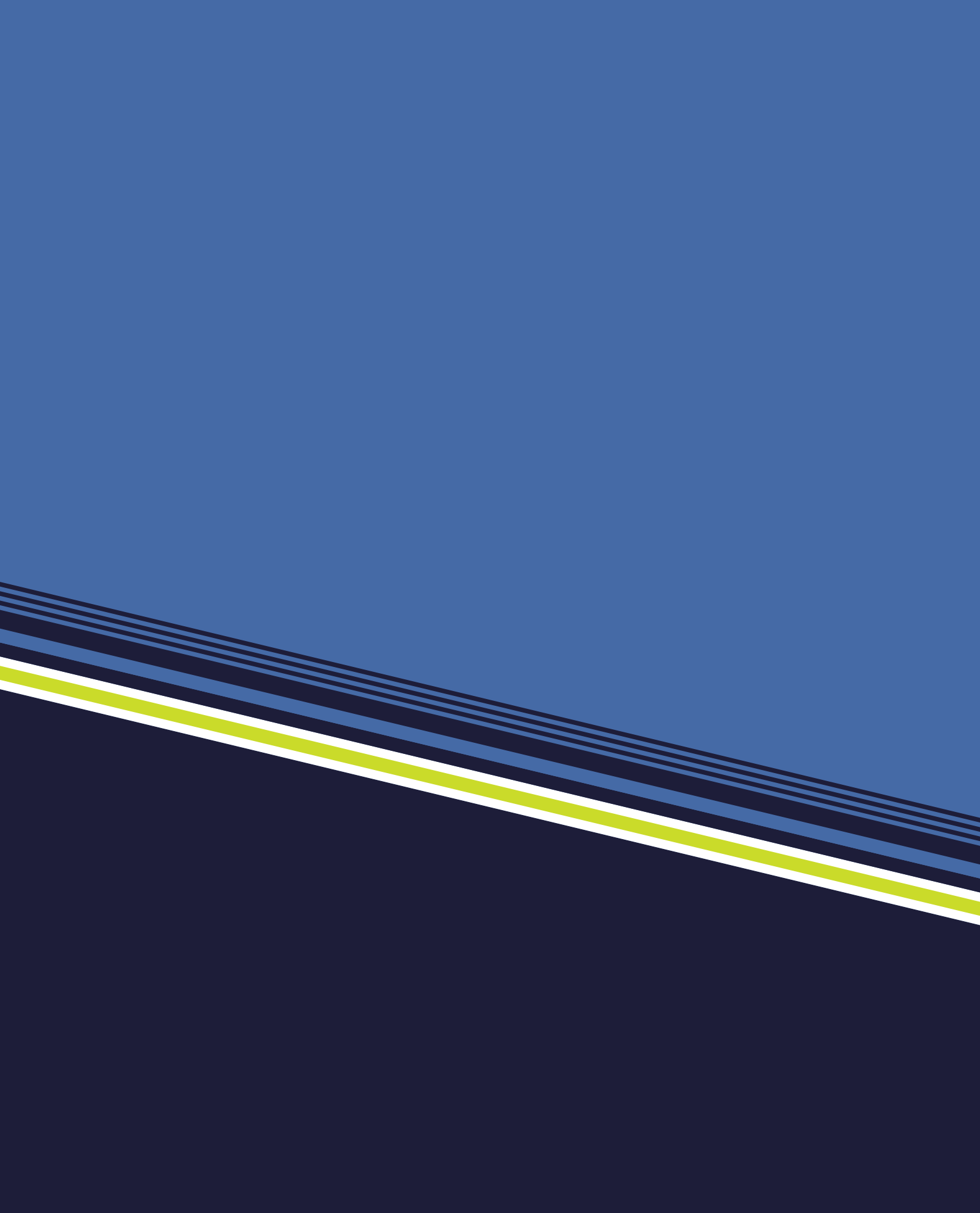
WHAT ELSE WAS HAPPENING IN THE 1920s

In Australia

- Qantas is formed in North Queensland.
- Edith Cowan becomes the first woman elected to an Australian Parliament.
- The Industrial Court of Appeal rejects the concept of equal pay for women.
- The first successful transmission of a human voice from London to Sydney occurs from Marconi's experimental station.
- The first Woolworths store opens.
- The 44-hour working week is introduced in New South Wales.
- Federal Parliament shifts operations from Melbourne to Canberra.
- The first Australian Grand Prix is staged on Phillip Island.
- Charles Kingsford-Smith completes a flight from the US to Australia.
- St Mary's Cathedral opens in Sydney after 60 years of construction.
- South Sydney becomes the first club to win five rugby league premierships.

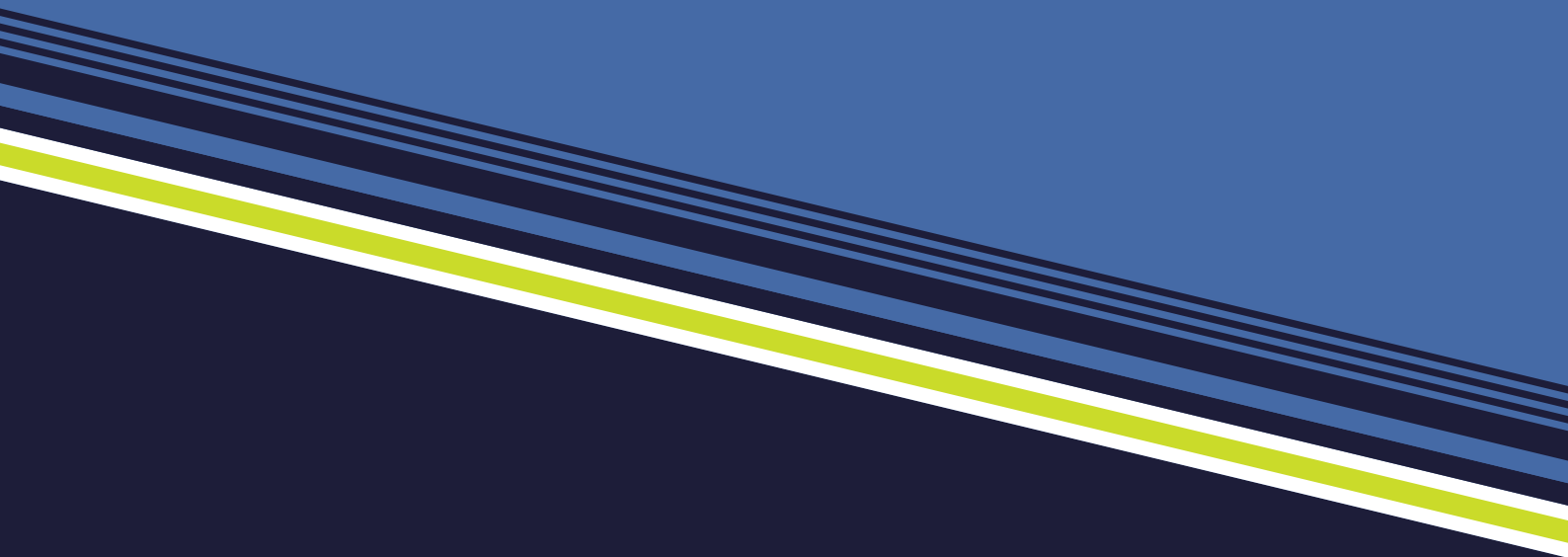
Around the Globe

- The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) is formed.
- Alexander Fleming discovers penicillin.
- The British Broadcasting Company (BBC) commences operations.
- King Tutankhamen's Tomb is discovered by archaeologist Howard Carter.
- The first Winter Olympics take place in Chamonix, France.
- Charles Lindbergh flies *The Spirit of St Louis* across the Atlantic non-stop and solo.
- Mickey Mouse is introduced to the world in *Steamboat Willie*.
- The 'Black Thursday' stock market crash in 1929, leads to the Great Depression.
- The Academy Awards commence.



THE 1930s

From Little Things,
BIG Things Grow



NEW MEMBERS 1930-1939

1930		1933		1937	
22	F. Barnes	34	H. Byrnes	48	J. Mansfield
23	T. Edwards	35	H. Miller	1938	
24	J. Byrnes	36	Ernie Wearing	49	W. Cooper
25	R. Hibbard	1934		50	R. Rensey
26	E. Lanham	37	George Griffin	51	B. Sinres
1931		38	L. Levick	52	R. Tinker
27	V. Murray	39	J. Bates	1939	
28	E. Hazzell	1935		53	Ted Fletcher
1932		40	R. Musgrave	54	Jack O'Brien
29	H. Bilton	41	G. Sweeney	55	N. Sinclair
30	A. Davis	42	A. Oxford	56	A. Neary
31	N. Fitzpatrick	43	J. Peters	57	J. Scott
32	C. Walker	44	W. Elliott	58	M. Jones
33	H. Westwood	1936		59	M. Ryan
		45	G. Butler		
		46	George Pearce		
		47	William Devine		

SEASON 1930

- Time keeping duties are removed from referees for the first time in A Grade matches.
- The association agrees to play a charity match against the A Grade premiers.
- With the Great depression in progress, the association makes a request to the Appointments Board that members be allocated games close to home to reduce travel costs.

SEASON 1932

- The Junior League rejects a request from the association to change the structure of the Appointments Board to include only referees.
- In response to an invitation from the St George Association, Canterbury forms a Social Committee, and the forerunner to our current Blue and White Cabaret is held for the first time. The 'males only' event costs the association 18 shillings.
- The final meeting is deemed to be a social event, starting a long-standing tradition where celebrations are held annually on the final meeting night of the year.

SEASON 1933

- The association revises its Constitution.
- Sixteen association meetings are held for the season, a record to this time.
- Life Membership is granted for the first time, to Vic Meinrath and George Russell.
- Two members are graded — F. Barnes and Alec Spankie.

SEASON 1934

- On 26 June, the Canterbury-Bankstown District Football Club is formed, and on 25 September, the club's application to play in the 1935 New South Wales Rugby League competition is accepted.
- R Oxford becomes the third member awarded Life Membership.
- V. Murray, Ted Fletcher, C. Walker and R. Hibbard are graded.
- P Lee becomes the first member to achieve a First Grade appointment, controlling a match on 7 July, with Western Suburbs defeating University 25–11. Lee goes on to control 53 First Grade matches.

SEASON 1935

- Canterbury-Bankstown enters the NSW Rugby League competition. On 22 June, following losses in their first six games (including defeats to St George 91–6 and Eastern Suburbs 87–7, which remain the two biggest losses in First Grade history), the club records its first victory, defeating University 21–2.

SEASON 1936

- Vic Meinrath resigns from the position of President on 7 April, due to a clash of meeting nights with the Junior League. Meinrath chooses to retain his role as the Association Delegate to the Junior League, rather than remain President. This is one of only two occasions where a President has not completed an elected term, the only other occurrence being in 1990, when Les Matthews is forced to stand down due to a conflict in roles.
- J. Byrnes is graded, and Alec Spankie gets promoted to First Grade on 25 April, with Western Suburbs defeating Balmain 30–13 in his debut match.
- Spankie soon becomes the association's first international referee when he travels to Parkes on 10 June to control Western Division versus England, the match won 33–16 by the tourists.
- The association holds its first 'mixed' social function, with a bus hired to take members, partners and children on a Family Picnic.

SEASON 1937

- George Griffin and R. Musgrave are graded.
- Musgrave receives his debut First Grade appointment in his initial season, as North Sydney defeat Eastern Suburbs 8–7 on 25 June. Musgrave will control another three First Grade fixtures.

SEASON 1938

- The association rejects a request from Balmain Referees to accept their excess members as they do not have sufficient games in which to appoint everyone. The rejection is made on the basis that Canterbury numbers are well balanced to match requirements at this time.
- Canterbury-Bankstown win their initial First Grade title, defeating Eastern Suburbs 19–6 in the Final, after having also won their first Minor Premiership.

SEASON 1939

- The association expands the Committee at the Annual General Meeting. The committee will now consist of the President, Secretary/Treasurer, two Vice-Presidents and a Senior Vice-President.
- On 2 May, Touch Judges are appointed to A Grade as a standard appointment for the first time. Payment for this appointment is six shillings.
- Alec Spankie becomes the fourth recipient of Life Membership.
- Bill Devine is graded.

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Year	President	Secretary / Treasurer
1930	George Russell	R. Oxford
1931	George Russell	R. Oxford
1932	George Russell	R. Oxford
1933	George Russell	R. Oxford
1934	Vic Meinrath	R. Oxford
1935	Vic Meinrath	Alec Spankie
1936	Vic Meinrath (until 7 April) R. Hibbard (from 7 April)	Alec Spankie
1937	R. Hibbard	H. Miller
1938	R. Hibbard	William Devine
1939	R. Hibbard	William Devine

LIFE MEMBERSHIP 1930-1939			
Year	Life Member	Joined	
1933	Vic Meinrath	1922	Deceased
1933	George Russell	1922	Deceased
1934	R. Oxford	1926	Deceased
1939	Alec Spankie	1929	Deceased

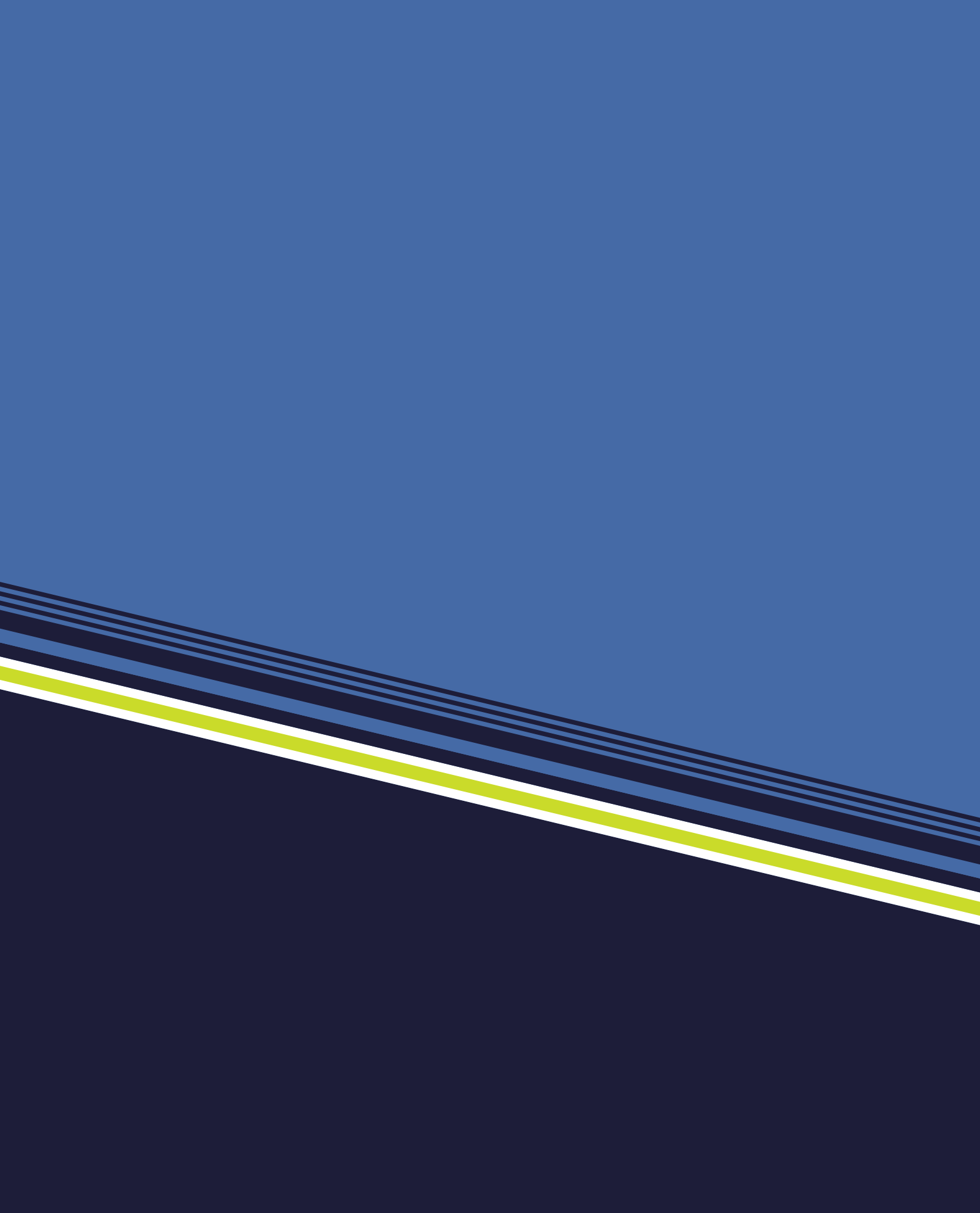
WHAT ELSE WAS HAPPENING IN THE 1930s

In Australia

- Phar Lap wins the Melbourne Cup.
- Sir Isaac Isaacs is sworn in as the first Australian-born Governor General.
- A phone line links Perth to the rest of the country.
- Dame Nellie Melba passes away, aged 69.
- The Sydney Harbour Bridge is opened to world-wide acclaim.
- Walter Lindrum wins the world billiards championship.
- Qantas flies to Singapore in its first scheduled international flight.
- The giant cane toad is introduced to Queensland to control beetles attacking sugar cane crops.
- The last Tasmanian Tiger dies in the Hobart Zoo.
- In cricket, the Bodyline Series is played and Don Bradman becomes the first player to score a test match triple century.
- Australia celebrates 150 years of European settlement.
- Robert Menzies becomes the Prime Minister for the first time.
- The Black Friday Bushfires kill 71 people in Victoria.
- Following the lead of the UK, Australia declares war on Germany.

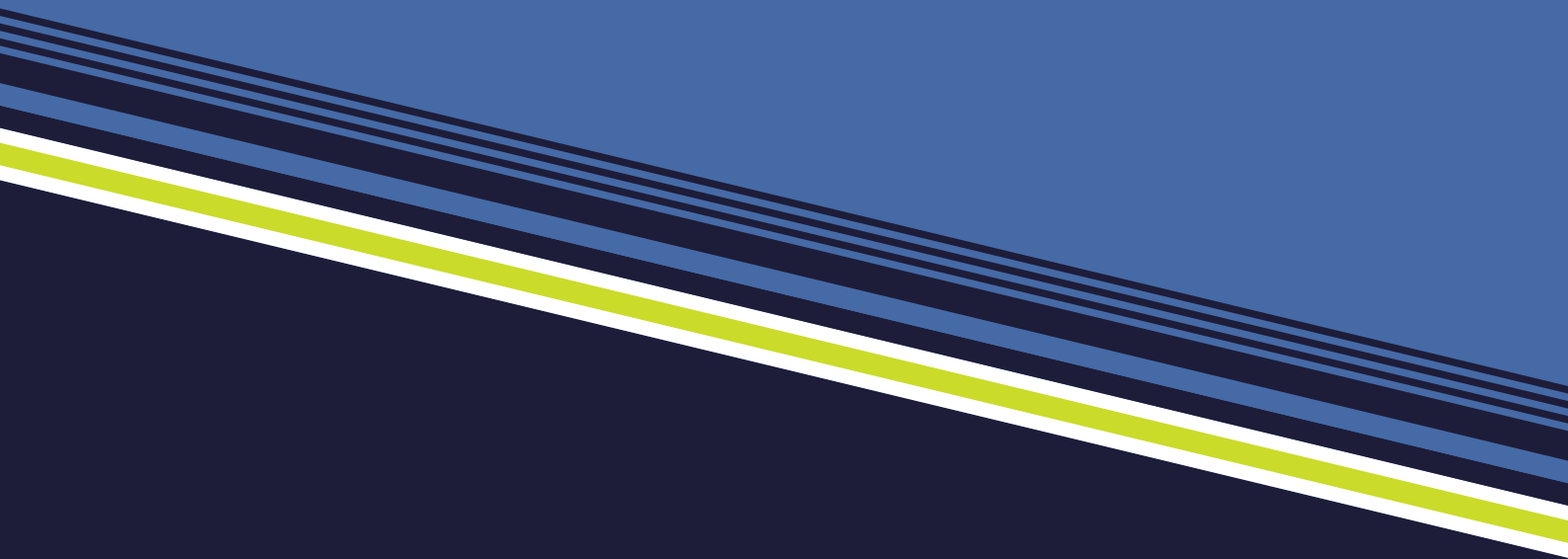
Around the Globe

- The Great Depression sends the entire world into economic disaster.
- Adolf Hitler becomes German Chancellor, and invades much of Europe, leading Great Britain to declare the start of World War II.
- Notorious gangster, Al Capone, is arrested and charged with Tax Evasion.
- The Loch Ness Monster is spotted for the first time.
- The first television broadcast occurs in the UK.
- Jesse Owens wins four gold medals at the Berlin Olympics.
- The airship Hindenburg bursts into flames while attempting to land in the USA.
- The film *The Wizard of Oz*, starring Judy Garland, makes its premiere.
- The soccer World Cup is contested for the first time, and is won by Uruguay.



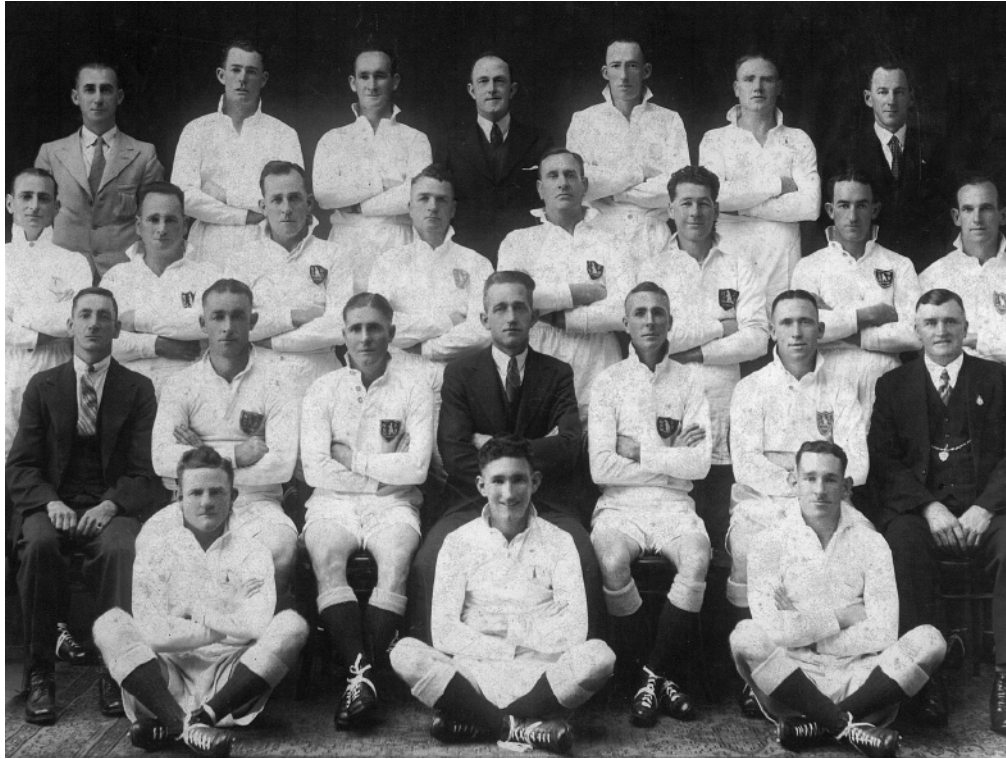
THE 1940s

The Dominating Years
of Jack



NEW MEMBERS 1940–1949

1940		1943		1946	
60	W. Cook	80	A. Collins	104	L. Martin
61	F. Charlton	81	W. Wade	105	J. Duncombe
62	J. Harley	82	W. Ward	1947	
63	S. Morris	83	C. McInnes	106	C. Lavings
64	F. Gray	84	L. McNally	107	L. Allen
65	Jim Molan	85	Robert Culkin	108	B. Hatton
66	V. Reddy	86	S. Taylor	109	J. Watt
1941		1944		110	S. Lawes
67	J. Eedy	87	E. Walsh	111	A. Hextall
68	E. Harrison	88	S. Robb	112	A. Kent
69	E. Neary	89	E. Bush	113	Wally Farrin
70	J. Weber	90	W. G. Burns	1948	
71	B. Neville	91	W. A. Carter	114	W. Lanyon
72	C. J. Cubis	92	C. Watson	115	G. May
1942		93	H. Brown	116	S. Ramage
73	Dan Elphick	94	R. Henderson	117	L. Spruce
74	T. Skinner	95	W. Howes	118	E. J. Nicholson
75	M. Tarrant	1945		119	F. Kite
76	H. Walsh	96	E. Douglas	120	R. Newell
77	K. McKinnon	97	Leo Randle	121	S. Hawkins
78	J. Brewer	98	Terry Johnson	122	Fred Czisz
79	S. Cohen	99	W. Christie	1949	
		100	N. Floyd	123	J. Queeney
		101	J. Bourke	124	J. Martin
		102	J. Shortall	125	J. Tuuney
		103	E. Croxton		



Association Photo, 1940

SEASON 1940

- This year sees arguably the greatest achievement in rugby league refereeing history, and it is accomplished by a Canterbury member. Jack O'Brien had joined the association at the start of the 1939 season, and after one season, was graded at the commencement of 1940. On 21 May, O'Brien is appointed to his first Reserve Grade centre. Strong performances over coming weeks see O'Brien elevated for his First Grade debut on 2 July, and three weeks later, O'Brien has Match of the Day as the top-rated referee in the competition. On 31 August, Eastern Suburbs defeat Canterbury Bankstown 24-14 in the First Grade Grand Final. The match is refereed by Jack O'Brien, who becomes the first referee in history to control the First Grade Grand Final in their initial year in grade. Additionally, in 1940 the two Semi-Finals were played over successive weeks, and O'Brien refereed both of these as well, thereby having controlled the entire finals series.

- In addition to O'Brien, A. Neary and W. Cooper are also graded for the 1940 season.
- The Constitution is updated, and the new version is adopted on 7 April. For the first time, the Constitution is printed into a booklet that can be provided to members.
- S. Morris is assaulted, the first occasion that such an incident has occurred.
- R. Wade becomes the fifth recipient of Life Membership.
- The association commissions a blazer, with the emblem to consist of a kangaroo within a shield, with NSWRL above the shield, and Canterbury-Bankstown District Referees' Association below. This blazer is for general member use.

SEASON 1941

- Edward (Ted) Fletcher is elected President of the association and will hold the position until the end of 1945.
- Fletcher also becomes Canterbury's first member to be bestowed Life Membership of the NSWRLRA, whilst back in Canterbury, R. Hibbard becomes Life Member number six.
- F. Charlton is graded.

SEASON 1942

- The association celebrates its 20th anniversary, with a dinner held on 28 August at the Parissiene Café in Campsie.
- The Junior League expands to include a D Grade competition. For this season D Grade will be under 16 years of age, and C Grade under 18, both with no weight restrictions. B Grade will be open age, with players to be under 10 stone at the start of the season, with a 7 pound allowance for finals.
- New gradings occur for Aub Oxford and E. Harrison.
- The seventh Life Member becomes H. Miller.
- Jack O'Brien controls his second First Grade Grand Final on 12 September, with Canterbury-Bankstown defeating St George 11-9 to win the Berries second title.

SEASON 1943

- Bill Devine becomes the eighth Life Member of the association
- The association begins appointing referees to the Bankstown Zone of the Catholic Sporting Association. This would continue through until 1947, when the CSA would form their own referees association.
- George Pearce and W Ward are graded.
- A request for increased fees is made to the District Club and rejected. The association requests that the A Grade fee be raised to 10 shillings from the current 7/6. On 14 May, the association passes a motion that “no referees would be appointed until the fees were raised”. The Junior League, faced with having no match officials, offers to subsidise fees until the dispute is resolved (Resolution of this issue does not occur until the start of the 1945 season).
- On 25 June, President Ted Fletcher formerly resigns in writing in response to his actions in a meeting with the Junior League and District Club not being endorsed by the association members. Jack O'Brien takes the Chair for the meeting of that night, with the resignation left to General Business. When addressed for discussion, a number of members speak to Fletcher requesting that he reverse his decision, resulting in the rescinding of the tabled resignation. Fletcher will remain President for the next two seasons.
- A decision is made to grant new Life Members a grant of £1/1/- to purchase a suitable memento of their achievement.
- Jack O'Brien referees his third First Grade Grand Final on 4 September, Newtown defeating North Sydney by 34–7 in front of over 60,000 at the SCG.

SEASON 1944

- An agreement is reached with the Junior League that the association receive 5 shillings for every Trial Game refereed in pre-season. The members determine that all monies raised from these games go into the Social Fund.
- Robert Culkin is graded after joining the association the previous year. Culkin will referee for another season before leaving rugby league, only to return to rejoin Canterbury 63 years later. A. Collins is also graded.
- Ted Fletcher is the ninth person to be awarded Life Membership.

- Jack O'Brien referees his third successive, and fourth overall, First Grade Grand Final, Balmain defeating Newtown 12–8 on 16 September.

SEASON 1945

- Member Alec Spankie, now Sergeant Alec Spankie, is welcomed home from active service overseas. Spankie expresses his excitement at returning to active refereeing.
- The pay dispute is finally settled, with A Grade fees increasing to 12 shillings, and touch judge, B, and C grade payments also increasing.
- For the first time, formalisation of processes for appointing graded and district referees within the district occurs. District referees will receive preference for higher grades within the Junior League, and no graded referee will be appointed to control a game for which a district referee is available.
- The association reaches a milestone with N. Floyd becoming the 100th member
- The tenth Life Membership is awarded to George Griffin.
- Initial discussion about the association having a Life Membership blazer commences, and a fund is established with money transferred from the Social Fund.
- NSWRLRA approves an optional cloth badge for district referees at a cost of 5 shillings 6 pence each — the association purchases 12 badges.
- Jack Eedy and M. Tarrant are graded. In another outstanding achievement, Tarrant, in his first year of grade is appointed to the First Grade Grand Final line on 1 September, with Eastern Suburbs defeating Balmain by 22–18.

SEASON 1946

- George Griffin becomes President. Griffin will only hold the position for one season, becoming the first of only two single-year Presidents in the association's history (the only other occasion being 1980, when Tom Delauney will also serve a one year term).
- The low priority of the Life Membership blazer discussion from the previous season is noted, with money transferred out of the account and back into general funds.

- George Pearce receives Life Membership, becoming the eleventh recipient.
- A. Collins is appointed touch judge for the Test Match between Australia and England. Jack O'Brien is on a panel of three for selection to control the Test, but is not chosen.

SEASON 1947

- New plastic district badges are approved by the NSWRLRA to replace the previous cloth badges. These are available to members at a cost of seven shillings.
- Three members seek clearance to join the newly formed Catholic Youth Organisation (formerly the Catholic Sporting Association) Referees Association.
- George Pearce becomes President, and will retain the role until after the 1954 season.
- Life Membership is granted to Jack O'Brien, becoming the twelfth Life Member. Life Membership coincides with O'Brien receiving his fifth First Grade Grand Final on 20 September, when Balmain defeat Canterbury-Bankstown by 13–9.

SEASON 1948

- Ernie Wearing is bestowed the 13th Life Membership of the association
- On 26 June, the association is granted sole control of the Appointments Board for the first time.
- The position of Social Secretary is created, with a new member, G. May being elected to the role. May made immediate changes, upgrading the Annual Ladies' Night function to an Annual Ball, and implementing the first Social Levy, which was set at three shillings.

SEASON 1949

- New gradings occur, with Leo Randle and J. Shortall being called up by the NSWRLRA.

ASSOCIATION OFFICE BEARERS 1940-1949		
Year	President	Secretary / Treasurer
1940	R. Hibbard	William Devine
1941	Ted Fletcher	William Devine
1942	Ted Fletcher	William Devine
1943	Ted Fletcher	William Devine
1944	Ted Fletcher	William Devine
1945	Ted Fletcher	William Devine
1946	George Griffin	William Devine
1947	George Pearce	William Devine
1948	George Pearce	Jack Eedy
1949	George Pearce	Jack Eedy

LIFE MEMBERSHIP 1940-1949			
Year	Life Member	Joined	
1940	R. Wade	1928	Deceased
1941	R. Hibbard	1930	Deceased
1942	H. Miller	1933	Deceased
1943	William Devine	1936	Deceased
1944	Ted Fletcher	1939	Deceased
1945	George Griffin	1934	Deceased
1946	George Pearce	1936	Deceased
1947	Jack O'Brien	1939	Deceased
1948	Ernie Wearing	1933	Deceased

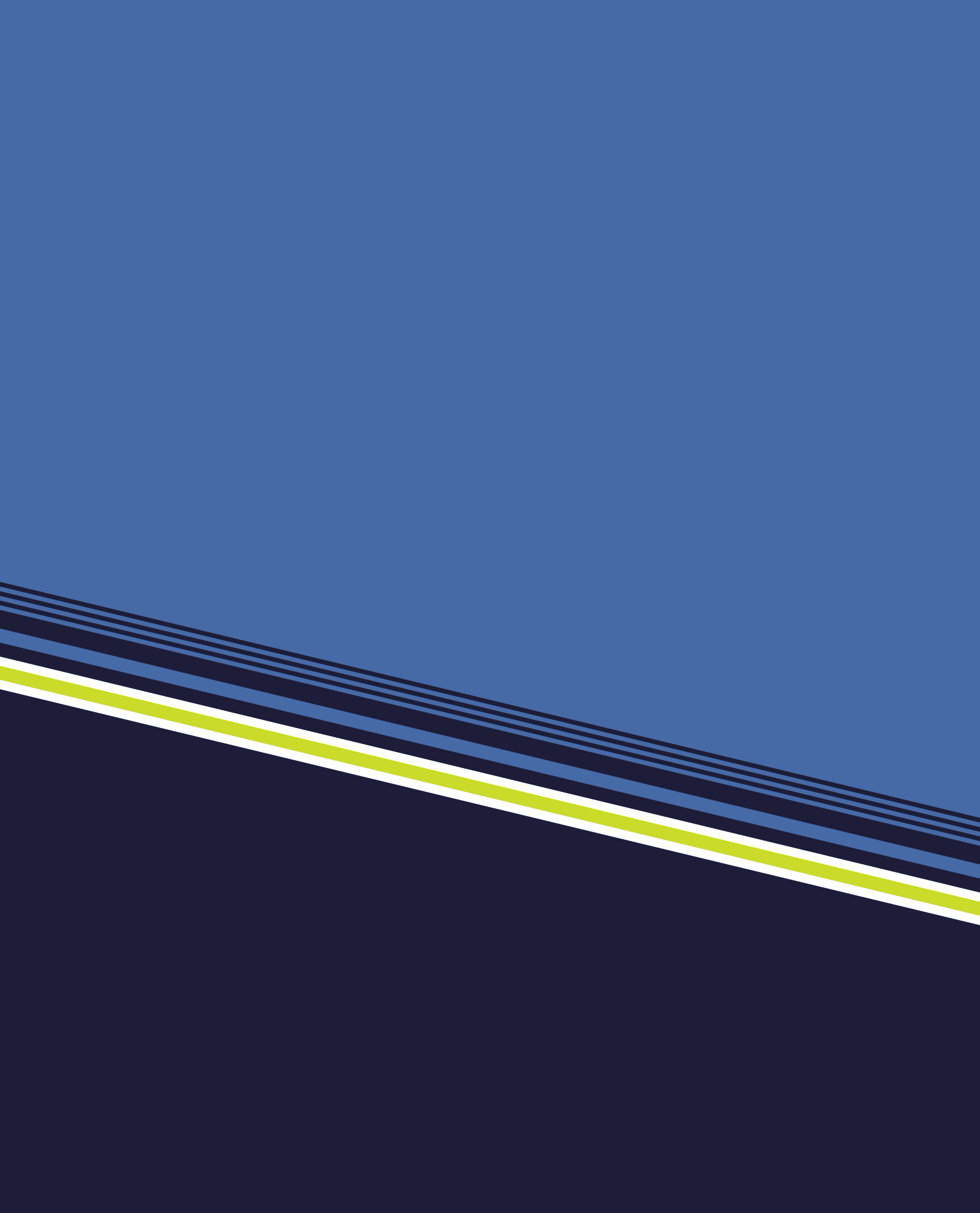
WHAT ELSE WAS HAPPENING IN THE 1940s

In Australia

- The Allied troops defend Tobruk against German invasion in a battle of major significance.
- HMAS *Sydney* is lost in battle off the coast of Western Australia, resulting in 645 deaths.
- A Japanese air-raid on Darwin results in 243 deaths.
- World War II ends with the surrender of Germany and Japan.
- The first Australian produced Holden comes off the production line in Melbourne
- The Sydney to Hobart Yacht race commences.
- The world's largest sapphire, weighing 1,958 carats, is found by a miner's wife.
- Balmain becomes the first club to win ten rugby league premierships.

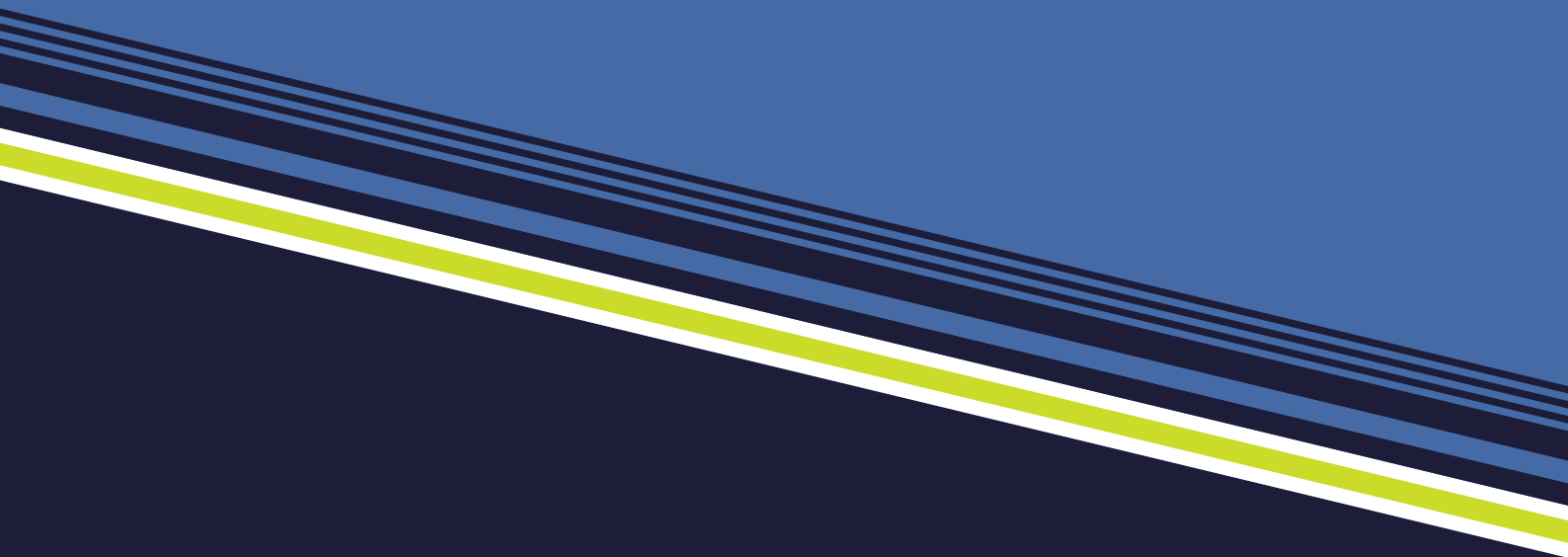
Around the Globe

- The USA drops two atomic bombs on Japan, effectively forcing the Japanese to surrender.
- The United Nations is formed, with 50 countries initially signing the charter.
- The transistor and Polaroid camera are invented.
- Ferrari produces its first sports car.
- Indian Independence leader and pacifist, Mahatma Gandhi, is assassinated.
- Velcro is invented.
- The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) is established.
- 45 RPM records are introduced.
- Test flights of the De Havilland Comet occur, prior to it becoming the first commercial passenger jet aeroplane.



THE 1950s

Expansion and a
Life Membership Blazer



NEW MEMBERS 1950–1959

1950		151	John Smith Snr	1957	
126	W. Devine Jnr	1954		177	P. Fowler
127	Gus Lane	152	Alfred Stanley	178	T. Green
1951		153	Reg Dick	179	Tony Nash
128	Frank Wilcox	154	Ron Smith	180	J. T. McGrath
129	F. Hay	155	Keith Clubb	181	C. McKivett
130	L. Ridgley	156	David Small	182	John Smith Jnr
131	Jim Doherty	157	Alf Hanrahan	183	Tom Dean
132	E. Dukes	158	John Leeds	184	Kevin Andrews
133	A. Tarrant	159	C. Jamieson	185	Jeff Carpenter
134	James O'Connor	160	Wally Kirk	1958	
1952		1955		186	Bruce Mills
135	Jack Webber	161	R. Doyle	187	Ron McGuinness
136	Ken Raison	162	Nev Savage	188	F. Evans
137	Jim Collins	163	Les Gregory	189	H. Bains
138	R. Cook	164	J. Troy	190	Bryan Knight
139	G. Larkins	165	C. Davis	191	R. Pearson
140	K. Ryan	166	Ron Harris	192	P. Gill
141	W. Hodgins	167	Frank Aaron	1959	
142	R. J. Sleeman	168	L. White	193	AK Kennedy
143	Ferreas Smith	1956		194	J. Allen
144	J. Heath	169	Bruce Jackman	195	A. Benson
1953		170	Alan Aggett	196	L. Holmes
145	F. Adam	171	Len Emery	197	Garth Robinson
146	Stan Williams	172	J. Foley	198	F. Sheargold
147	Vic Saunders	173	R. Lawrence	199	T. Mawdsley
148	R. M. Lewis	174	Jack Harvey	200	K. Sellars
149	Alan Matthews	175	E. Tinsley	201	Jack Jacobsen
150	A. Saunders	176	Bill Jones		

SEASON 1950

- Three members are graded to start the new decade, being E. Douglas, E. J. Nicholson, and A. Kent.
- The 14th Life Member is announced as Dan Elphick.

SEASON 1951

- Bill Devine and John Martin referee the Presidents Cup Semi Finals, and Devine goes on to referee the district A Grade Grand Final.
- W. Ward receives Life Membership, the 15th time the honour is bestowed on a member.
- Jack O'Brien receives his sixth First Grade Grand Final on 23 September, with South Sydney thrashing Manly-Warringah by 42-14.
- A second Canterbury referee is also appointed to the First Grade Finals, with Aub Oxford controlling a Semi Final between South Sydney and St George on 1 September.

SEASON 1952

- S. Robb becomes the 16th Life Member.
- Fred Czisz is the latest member to be graded.
- 22 August – the association awards The Len Edwards Cup for The Most Improved Referee for the first time, the winner being Ashley Collins. This award fails to take-off, with there being no record of it being presented again after this one occasion.

SEASON 1953

- The 17th Life Membership is awarded to Jack Eedy. Eedy had been in the role of Secretary/Treasurer since 1948, and would retain this position until the conclusion of the 1961 season, a stint of 14 straight years.
- G. Pearce becomes a Life Member of the NSWRLRA.
- John Martin is added to the graded ranks.

SEASON 1954

- The Junior League requests that the District Club fund touch judges for both C and D Grade competitions, but the request is declined.
- W. G. Byrnes is presented with the 18th Life Membership.
- Jack O'Brien (centre) and Leo Randle (line) are appointed to an international match between New South Wales and England on 5 June, New South Wales being victorious by 22–11.
- Aub Oxford is appointed to control the second match on 10 July. With New South Wales leading by 17–6, a brawl erupts 15 minutes into the second half. Oxford and his touch judges are unable to control the fight, and the match is abandoned. This game becomes, and remains, the only elite level match in Australian rugby league history to end in abandonment. Mortified by proceedings, Oxford immediately retires, and is never to referee another game.
- Jack O'Brien goes on to record his seventh First Grade Grand Final on 23 September, with South Sydney defeating Newtown by 23–15. It is to be O'Brien's last Grand Final before retiring the following season. The seventh First Grade Grand Final sets a record that has only been bettered by two referees, Bill Harrigan (who refereed ten Grand Finals between 1989 and 2003), and Darcy Lawler (who refereed eight Grand Final between 1953 and 1963). In one of the biggest conundrums in the association's history, O'Brien is never appointed to control a Test Match.



Members, 1954

FIRST GRADE		GRAND FINAL	SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND September 18, 1954 — 3 p.m.
NEWTOWN (Royal Blue)		SOUTHS (Red and Green)	
1—C. CLIFFORD	Full-backs:	C. CHURCHILL—13	
2—K. CONSIDINE	Three-quarters:	I. MOIR—12	
4—R. POOLE		M. GALLAGHER—9	
6—B. CLAY		G. HAWICK—7	
3—R. PRESTON		L. BRENNAN—11	
53—R. KELLY	Five-eighths:	J. DOUGHERTY—8	
7—R. WHITTON	Halves:	R. MASON—21	
8—P. RYAN	Forwards:	L. COWIE—6	
9—H. HOLLOWAY		B. PURCELL—18	
10—F. NARVO		(Capt.) J. RAYNER—4	
11—D. STAIT		J. RICHARDS—3	
46—F. JOHNSON		E. HAMMERTON—2	
12—J. EVANS		D. DONOGHUE—1	
Reserves:			
D. White 16, V. Carter 22.			
T	G	Pts	T G Pts
Referee: J. O'BRIEN. Touch Judges: G. Taylor, (Red flag); J. Kelly, (Blue flag).			

Left: The program for the 1954 Grand Final between South Sydney and Newtown with referee Jack O'Brien. This would be O'Brien's seventh and final grand final.

Below: Referee Jack O'Brien checks on the welfare of South Sydney captain, Clive Churchill, in the 1954 Grand Final.



SEASON 1955

- The season commences with the association mourning the passing in the off-season of George Pearce, Life Member and the President for the previous eight seasons.
- As a result, a new President is required for the upcoming season, and William Devine is elected into the Chair. Devine will hold the role for the 1955 and 1956 seasons.
- The association appoints a Referees Coach for the first time, with Ted Fletcher obtaining the role.
- The service of Leo Randle is recognised, becoming the 19th Life Member.
- An association record of four members are graded, being F. Adam, James O'Connor, Stan Williams and Keith Clubb. O'Connor (5 June) and Williams (9 August) are appointed to First Grade lines in this first season.

SEASON 1956

- The Junior League expands the competition to include an E Grade competition, resulting in a record number of teams playing football. The 53 teams is made up of 10 in A Grade, 10 in B Grade, 11 in C Grade, 12 in D Grade and 10 in the initial E Grade.
- For the 20th time, the association rewards a member with Life Membership, the recipient being Wally Farrin.

SEASON 1957

- The season commences with the election of a new President. Leo Randle takes the association reins, and will hold the Chair through until the end of the 1962 season.
- The association also finds a permanent home for the first time, following the construction of the Canterbury-Bankstown Leagues Club. The Annual General Meeting is the first meeting held at the club on 29 March 1957.
- The Junior League expands for the third time in four years, adding F Grade to the list of competitions. G grade is added the following year, and 90 teams participate in junior football.
- Ernie Tinsley becomes the latest addition to graded members.
- It is decided that members who do not attend the association social functions will be ineligible to represent the association at kindred association functions
- Terry Johnson becomes the 21st Life Member.
- On Life Membership, it is decided that the current presentation of a medallion is insufficient recognition of the achievement. As a result, a Notice of Motion was moved on 4 July by Keith Clubb, that future Life Members be presented with a blazer. After lengthy discussion at the meeting on 18 July, the motion was passed.
- The Committee resolve to form a Doubles Committee to support funding of the blazers.

SEASON 1958

- The position of Assistant Secretary is added to the Committee, with John Martin taking the role on 3 April, then resigning a week later, allowing Reg Dick to commence in the position.
- For the first time, ladies receive a gift at the Blue and White Cabaret.
- Fred Czisz becomes the 22nd Life Member, and the first to receive a Life Membership blazer. The initial budget of £10 for the blazer is slightly misguided, with the eventual cost being six times as much as planned.

SEASON 1959

- John Martin is acknowledged with the 23rd Life Membership of the association.
- Martin, along with Ernie Tinsley, are appointed as touch judges in a Test Match in the series between Australia and New Zealand.



Members, 1959

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Year	President	Secretary / Treasurer
1950	George Pearce	Jack Eedy
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1955	William Devine	Jack Eedy
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1957	Leo Randle	Jack Eedy
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LIFE MEMBERSHIP 1950–1959			
Year	Life Member	Joined	
1950	Dan Elphick	1942	Deceased
1951	W Ward	1943	Deceased
1952	S Robb	1944	Deceased
1953	Jack Eedy	1941	Deceased
1954	WG Burns	1944	Deceased
1955	Leo Randle	1945	Deceased
1956	Wally Farrin	1947	Deceased
1957	Terry Johnson	1945	Deceased
1958	Fred Czisz	1948	Deceased
1959	John Martin	1949	Deceased

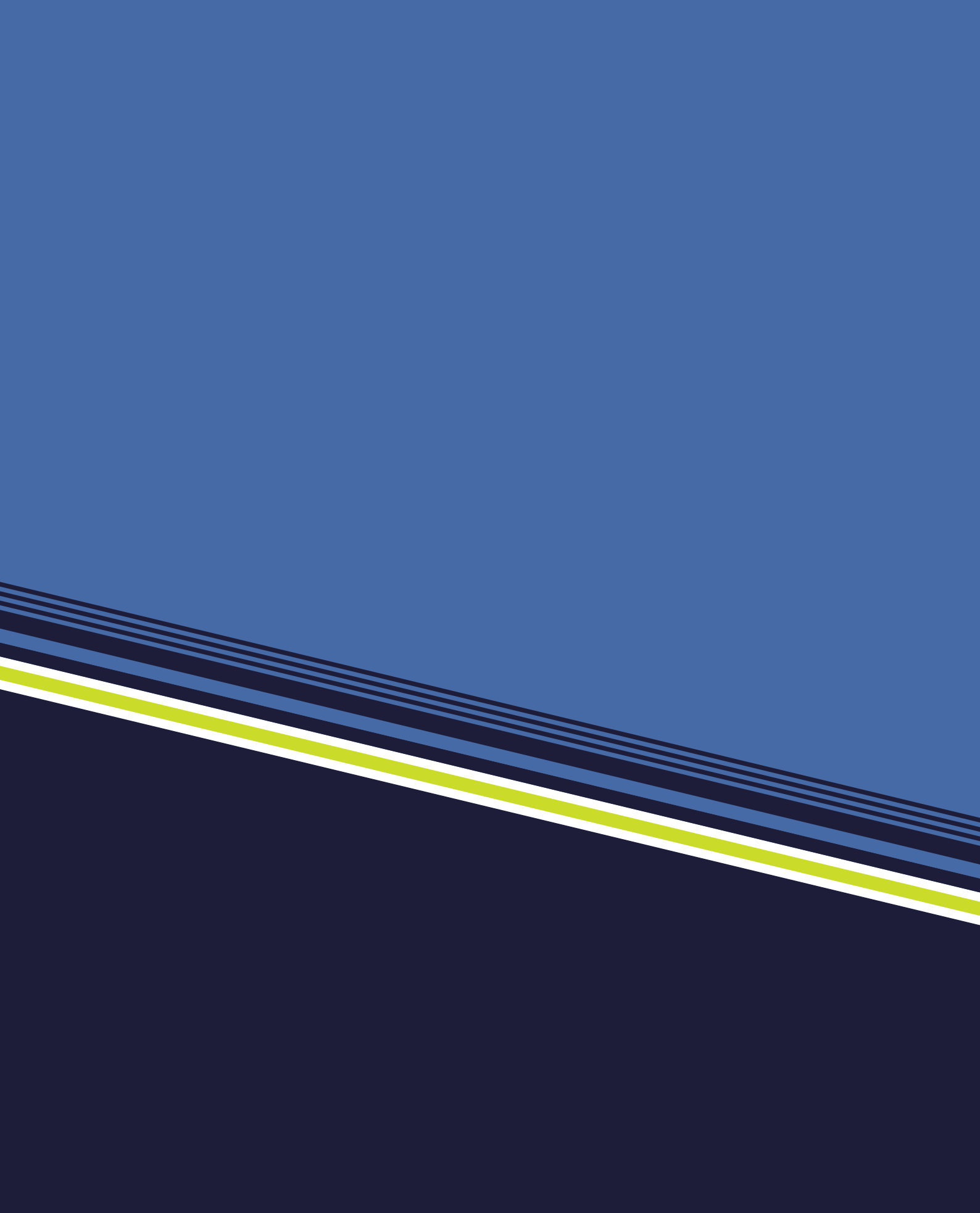
WHAT ELSE WAS HAPPENING IN THE 1950s

In Australia

- The Korean war claims the lives of 258 Australians.
- The School of the Air begins operations.
- The British test atomic bombs in Woomera, South Australia.
- Mawson Base Settlement, Antarctica opens under the Australian flag.
- The Circular Quay Railway loop opens.
- Television is broadcast for the first time.
- Melbourne hosts the Olympic Games in 1956.
- The remains of The Bounty are located off Pitcairn Island.
- Australia's population passes 10 million.
- St George wins the last four rugby league premierships of the decade.

Around the Globe

- The first credit card is issued by Diner's Club.
- *I Love Lucy* premieres on television.
- Queen Elizabeth II is crowned following the death of her father, George VI.
- Vaccines are developed for Polio by Jonas Salk and Albert Sabin.
- The first McDonalds restaurant opens.
- Roger Bannister runs the mile in under four minutes.
- Elvis Presley has his first hit, with *Heartbreak Hotel*.
- Ian Fleming publishes the first James Bond novel, *Casino Royale*.
- Fidel Castro takes power in Cuba.
- The space race commences with the USSR launching Sputnik 1, the first manned satellite, into orbit.
- The micro-chip is invented.



THE 1960s

A Golden Era of Touchies

A decorative graphic in the bottom left corner consisting of several parallel diagonal lines. The lines are colored in shades of blue, white, and lime green, creating a dynamic, modern look.

NEW MEMBERS 1960–1969

1960		225	B. Tranter	248	Robert Garwood
202	L. Burnell	226	A. Solomon	249	R. Pearman
203	John Farrelly	1963		250	D. Solah
204	Col Hanna	227	H. Dick	251	D. Tipper
205	Claude Hennessy	228	John Pont	252	W Glanfield
206	G. Albrecht	229	Paul Mannix	253	Ross Buckley
207	N. Hanscombe	230	Barry Coyle	254	S. Priest
1961		231	Neil Ellerington	255	Norm Rumph
208	M. Greeber	232	Barry Coyle	256	Robert Styles
209	J. Last	233	Ray Croot	257	R. Peters
210	Arthur King	234	Terry McGill	258	I. Robinson
211	D. Dean	1964		259	Barry Gilmore
212	Ray Towns	235	Tom Delauney	260	J. Healey
	1962	236	R. Gray	261	P. Hogan
213	Jack Bradley	237	N. Saddler	1966	
214	William Condon	238	Ken Aitkin	262	John Brogan
215	B. Dean	239	G. Garland	263	John Byron
216	Keith Holman	240	Brian Wiseman	264	L. Donohue
217	B. Moir	241	Bill Needham	265	Ron Stewart
218	P. Moore	242	<i>Not Issued #</i>	266	Ian Sutton
219	N. Wright	243	Terry Simpkin	267	Dennis Graham
220	R. Doherty	244	C. Anslow	268	Noel Duncan
221	G. Nourse	1965		1967	
222	D. Smith	245	H. Inskip	269	Ashley Collins
223	A. Pymont	246	D. McCaffery	270	John Dennis
224	J. Roche	247	C. Pickering	271	Ron Peters

NEW MEMBERS 1960–1969					
272	Colin Turnell *	290	Kevin Madden	310	Wal Southwell
273	John Combe	291	Les Matthews	311	Arthur Carragher
274	Ray Brown	292	Gabrielle Saba	1969	
275	Glenn Lee	293	Paul De Belle	312	Bruce Peters
276	I. Burke	294	Ken Lewin	313	Michael Ashurst
277	<i>Not Issued</i> #	295	Alan Newell	314	Graham Cullen
278	Robert Hunt	296	Bill Anderson	315	Mark Hancock
279	Terry Marshall	297	Evan Johnson	316	Neil Hansford
280	Jim Thomas	298	Barry Walters	317	David Maclean
281	Harry Korman	299	John Simpson	318	Tod Walker
282	Harry Delauney	300	Geoff Batten	319	John Anderson
283	Graham Bosley	301	Ray Payne	320	Ernie Cook
284	Peter Johnson	302	Steven Stobbs	321	Peter Wallace
1968		303	Geoff O'Farrell	322	Brian Clover
285	Geoff Aggett	304	Robert Penrose	323	Frank Harris
286	Barry Belford	305	Maurice Gili	324	Greg Harrison
287	Terry Blanchard	306	Bob Sims	325	Danny Kehane
288	Michael Keeble	307	Henry Tranby	326	Ron Montgomery
289	Peter Longhurst	308	Dick Patman	327	Ken Leeds
		309	Ken Everitt		

Numbers 242 and 277 are not issued — due to duplication in records, Bill Needham and Ian Bourke were both issued two numbers, the second of which has been rescinded.

* First Junior Member.

SEASON 1960

- Bruce Jackman becomes the first member graded in the new decade.
- Frank Wilcox becomes the association's 24th Life Member.
- The association holds its first Golf Day, played at Glenmore Country Club. This event will continue on an annual basis until 2017.
- The Ladies' Night results in a loss of over £38, a substantial bite out of the association coffers.
- James O'Connor and for the second successive year, Ernie Tinsley, are appointed as touch judges in the Test Series, this time Australia against France.
- John Martin is appointed as a touch judge to the First Grade Grand Final, with St George defeating Eastern Suburbs 31-6 on 3 September. This would be the beginning of an extraordinary record, as Martin would be appointed to nine successive Grand Finals. The nine Grand Finals remains an all-time record for touch judges.

SEASON 1961

- James O'Connor follows his on-field success from the previous season, by being bestowed with the 25th Life Membership.
- John Martin is appointed to his second First Grade Grand Final, with St George defeating Western Suburbs 22-0 on 16 September.

SEASON 1962

- The association elects Reg Dick to take over as Jack Eedy retires from the role of Secretary/Treasurer. Dick will hold the role for an incredible 23 years until the end of the 1984 season.
- Life Membership is granted to Jim Doherty, the 26th member to achieve this, whilst another member, John Smith, is made a Life Member of the Junior League.
- 26 April — a young gentleman named Mr Gilbert, holding a Schoolboys' Ticket, attempts to gain admittance into the association, but this is declined by the members on the basis that he is ineligible under the Constitution.
- For the third time, Ernie Tinsley is appointed touch judge to a Test Match, on this occasion between Australia and Great Britain.
- John Farrelly is awarded the Jersey Flegg Cup grand Final centre, and Reg Dick and Jack Bradley are graded.
- Bradley is able to repeat the feat of Jack O'Brien 22 years previous — and in fact, went a step further, as O'Brien had one year of district refereeing behind him when he was graded. Joining the association on 15 March, it took only a month for Bradley to be graded. On 17 July, Bradley was elevated for his First Grade debut, and then continued to impress, before being appointed to the Third Grade Grand Final. However, in the week leading up to the Grand Final, the referee appointed to Second Grade resigns in protest at not getting the main game, and then days before the match, Darcy Lawler withdraws due to illness. As a result, Bradley is elevated to control the First Grade on 15 September, with St George again defeating Western Suburbs, this time by 9–6. To this day, a referee controlling the First Grade Grand Final in their first year of grade has occurred only twice (both Canterbury members), and it is a feat unlikely to ever occur again. With John Martin appointed to his third Grand Final as touch judge, it is also the first time ever that two Canterbury members are appointed to the First Grade Grand Final together.

SEASON 1963

- John Martin becomes the association's president after Leo Randle stands down following six seasons in charge. Martin will hold the post until the end of 1971.
- Three members join the graded ranks, being John Farrelly, Alan Aggett, and Jack Jacobson.
- Life Membership is awarded for the 27th time, with Reg Dick being honoured this season.
- Social functions include a car rally, and a picnic by ferry to Killarney Middle Harbour.
- Jack Bradley is appointed to control the First and Third Tests in the Australia – New Zealand series, with Bruce Jackman also appointed on the line for the Third Test.
- On 24 August, the First Grade Grand Final is played in front of a record crowd of 69,860. It is John Martin's fourth in a row, and is also the third straight in which St George beat Western Suburbs (this time, 8–3). The game, played in torrential rain on a quagmire at the SCG, produces the famous John O'Grady photograph of Norm Provan and Arthur Summons, which becomes the sculpture on the NRL Premiership Trophy.



Members, 1963

SEASON 1964

- Wally Kirk, Ron Smith, and Keith Holman are graded. Holman, who joined the association two years earlier, is the only member in the history of the association to have played senior rugby league for Australia.
- Life Membership is presented to John Smith, becoming the 28th Life Member.
- Alan Benson is appointed to the Presidents Cup Grand Final as a touch judge. He would follow this up with a Jersey Flegg Grand Final line the following season, before progressing to the centre for the SG Ball Grand Final in 1967.
- On 19 September, St George defeat Balmain 11–6 in John Martin's fifth Grand Final.

SEASON 1965

- Alan Aggett becomes the 29th Life Member of the association
- The association pays £60 to hire a train, and the Family Picnic is transported to the Central Coast for a day, proving a successful venture.
- Keith Holman is appointed to his debut centre in First Grade, when on 12 June, Newtown defeat Manly-Warringah 11–5.
- First Grade Grand Final number six for John Martin sees St George win their tenth straight title, defeating South Sydney 12–8 in front of the biggest crowd ever seen at the SCG. The official crowd is 78,056 (capacity of the SCG at this time is 70,000), but the actual number is thought to be thousands more.

SEASON 1966

- Member Stan Williams produces a book titled *Rules and Diagrams on Rugby League*.
- All members are required to carry flags for the first time, and the association supplies these. Any member who fails to have his flags in his gear bag will be fined 20 cents.
- Life Membership is bestowed on John Leeds, becoming the 30th recipient.

NEW SOUTH WALES RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

SCHEDULE OF REFEREES' FEES FOR SEASON 1965.

<u>1. GRADE REFEREES' FEES:</u>			
First Grade Referee:	£12. 0. 0.	First Grade Touch Judge:	£4.12. 6.
Reserve " "	£ 6. 0. 0.	Reserve " " "	£3.10. 0.
Third " "	£ 4. 0. 0.	Third " " "	£3. 2. 6.
<u>SEMI FINALS:</u>			
First Grade Referee:	£14. 0. 0.	First Grade Touch Judge:	£5. 0. 0.
Reserve " "	£10. 0. 0.	Reserve " " "	£4. 0. 0.
Third " "	£ 8. 0. 0.	Third " " "	£3.15. 0.
<u>FINALS:</u>			
First Grade Referee:	£18. 0. 0.	First Grade Touch Judge:	£5.10. 0.
Reserve " "	£12. 0. 0.	Reserve " " "	£4.10. 0.
Third " "	£10. 0. 0.	Third " " "	£4. 0. 0.
<u>2. PRE-SEASON COMPETITION:</u>			
First Grade Referee:	£ 7.10. 0.	First Grade Touch Judge:	£3.10. 0.
<u>3. SYDNEY V. COUNTRY:</u>			
Referee:	£12.15. 0.	Touch Judges:	£4.15. 0.
<u>SYDNEY SECONDS V. COUNTRY SECONDS:</u>			
Referee:	£12. 0. 0.	Touch Judges:	£4.12. 6.
<u>4. INTERSTATE FIXTURES:</u>			
Referee:	£18. 0. 0.	Touch Judges:	£5.10. 0.
<u>5. INTERNATIONAL FIXTURES: (Left to Board of Control).</u>			
<u>6. SCHOOL FIXTURES:</u>			
First Fixture controlled:	£1. 0. 0.	Plus actual travelling	
If two fixtures:	£1.10. 0.	expenses from Central	
If three fixtures:	£2. 0. 0.	Railway Station.	
<u>7. SECOND DIVISION FIXTURES:</u>			
Referees 1st and 2nd Grade:	£4. 0. 0.	Touch Judges (1 & 2)	£3. 2. 6.
		Second Appearance	£2. 0. 0.
<u>Semi Finals:</u>			
Referees 1st and 2nd Grade:	£5. 0. 0.	Touch Judges (1 & 2)	£3.10. 0.
<u>Finals:</u>			
Referees 1st and 2nd Grade:	£6. 0. 0.	Touch Judges (1 & 2)	£3.15. 0.
<u>8. AUSTRALIA CUP: (Deferred).</u>			
<u>9. CLUB V. INTERNATIONAL TEAMS:</u>			
Referee:	£18. 0. 0.	Touch Judges:	£5. 0. 0.
<u>10. JUNIOR FIXTURES:</u>			
<u>President's Cup Fixtures:</u>	Referee: £3.10. 0.	Touch Judge:	£1.15. 0.
<u>Final:</u>	Referee: £4. 0. 0.	Touch Judge:	£2.10. 0.
"A" Grade Fixtures:	Referee: £2. 0. 0.	Touch Judge:	£1. 0. 0.
"B" Grade Fixtures:	" " £1.10. 0.	" " "	£1. 0. 0.
"C" " "	" " £1. 5. 0.	" " "	17. 6.
"D" & Lower Grades:	" " £1. 0. 0.	" " "	12. 6.
Semi-Finals, Finals and Grand Finals of "A" Grade Competitions:-			
	Referee: £2.10. 0.	Touch Judge:	£1. 5. 0.
Semi-finals, Finals and Grand Finals of "B", "C", "D", and lower Grade Competitions:-			

1965 Match Fees — Grade matches and Junior League. In 2020, the £12 paid for First Grade centres is equal to \$330, whilst the £2 for A Grade equates to \$55.

- On 8 May, John Farrelly is appointed to his First Grade debut, South Sydney defeating Eastern Suburbs 23–16.
- Jack Bradley is appointed to control another Test Match, between Australia and Great Britain.
- John Martin receives his seventh Grand Final, played on 18 September, with St George defeating Balmain 23–4.

SEASON 1967

- 19 April — five years after first declining membership to a junior referee, the association lowers the age limit for membership to 18, allowing Colin Turnell to become the first member to join despite holding only a Junior Ticket.
- The association moves that members appointed to Test Matches will be presented with a blazer.
- Wally Kirk is appointed to his debut First Grade line, while John Farrelly referees the NSWRL Second Division Grand Final.
- Keith Clubb becomes the association's 31st Life Member, whilst Ernie Tinsley becomes a Life Member of the NSWRLRA.
- The eighth straight Grand Final for John Martin is the first without St George since 1955. Martin is joined on the opposite line by Ernie Tinsley, as South Sydney edge out Canterbury by 12–10.

SEASON 1968

- For the first time, the current membership of the association reaches 100. In total, the association has had exactly 300 members join to achieve this milestone.
- Cost to members for The Blue and White Cabaret is \$3 per head.
- Brian Wiseman becomes the latest grading.
- For the second year in a row, a Canterbury member receives Life Membership of the NSWRLRA, this time being John Martin.
- Back home, the 32nd presentation of Life Membership occurs, going to Alan Matthews.

- On Life Membership, a push occurs to change the Constitution to allow the awarding of two in any given year. However, Notice of Motion for the increase is defeated on 17 April.
- John Martin is appointed to his ninth and last First Grade Grand Final on 21 September, South Sydney defeating Manly Warringah 13–9, with Reg Dick on the line for the Second Grade Grand Final.

SEASON 1969

- 19 February – the association receives an application to join from Miss Deborah Humphries. After deliberating for a month, correspondence is sent to Miss Humphries advising that “females are not accepted into this association”.
- Claude Hennessy becomes the latest addition to the graded ranks.
- April – Member Tony Nash passes away unexpectedly, and the association bonds together to raise over \$3,000 for Mrs Nash and their two children.
- 9 July – Master Paul Archer advised for the second time that he did not reach the age requirement for membership and was declined.
- Life Membership is bestowed for the 33rd time, presented to Stan Williams.
- Keith Holman is appointed to the Second Grade Grand Final.
- John Martin and Ernie Tinsley both retire after lengthy grade careers – Martin announces his retirement before the First Grade semi-finals, and this may have influenced the decision not to appoint him to his tenth straight First Grade Grand Final (Martin assists Holman in the Second Grade Grand Final in his last game of active refereeing).
- Another Canterbury member, Reg Dick, continues the association’s presence in the First Grade Grand Final, when on 20 September, Balmain wins the game, defeating South Sydney by 11–2.



Jack Harvey controls an A Grade in Canterbury. Though never graded due to work commitments on weekends, Harvey was rated by many who saw him as the best referee ever produced by Canterbury.



L-R: John Leeds, Ron Smith, Bryan Knight and George Nourse ... younger members should note the way the boots are laced, an expectation of all referees well into the 1980s.

ASSOCIATION OFFICE BEARERS 1960–1969		
Year	President	Secretary / Treasurer
1960	Leo Randle	Jack Eedy
1961	Leo Randle	Jack Eedy
1962	Leo Randle	Reg Dick
1963	John Martin	Reg Dick
1964	John Martin	Reg Dick
1965	John Martin	Reg Dick
1966	John Martin	Reg Dick
1967	John Martin	Reg Dick
1968	John Martin	Reg Dick
1969	John Martin	Reg Dick

LIFE MEMBERSHIP 1960–1969			
Year	Life Member	Joined	
1960	Frank Wilcox	1951	Deceased
1961	James O'Connor	1951	Deceased
1962	Jim Doherty	1951	Deceased
1963	Reg Dick	1954	Deceased
1964	John Smith Jnr	1957	Deceased
1965	Alan Aggett	1956	Deceased
1966	John Leeds	1954	Deceased
1967	Keith Clubb	1954	Deceased
1968	Alan Matthews	1953	Deceased
1969	Stan Williams	1953	Deceased

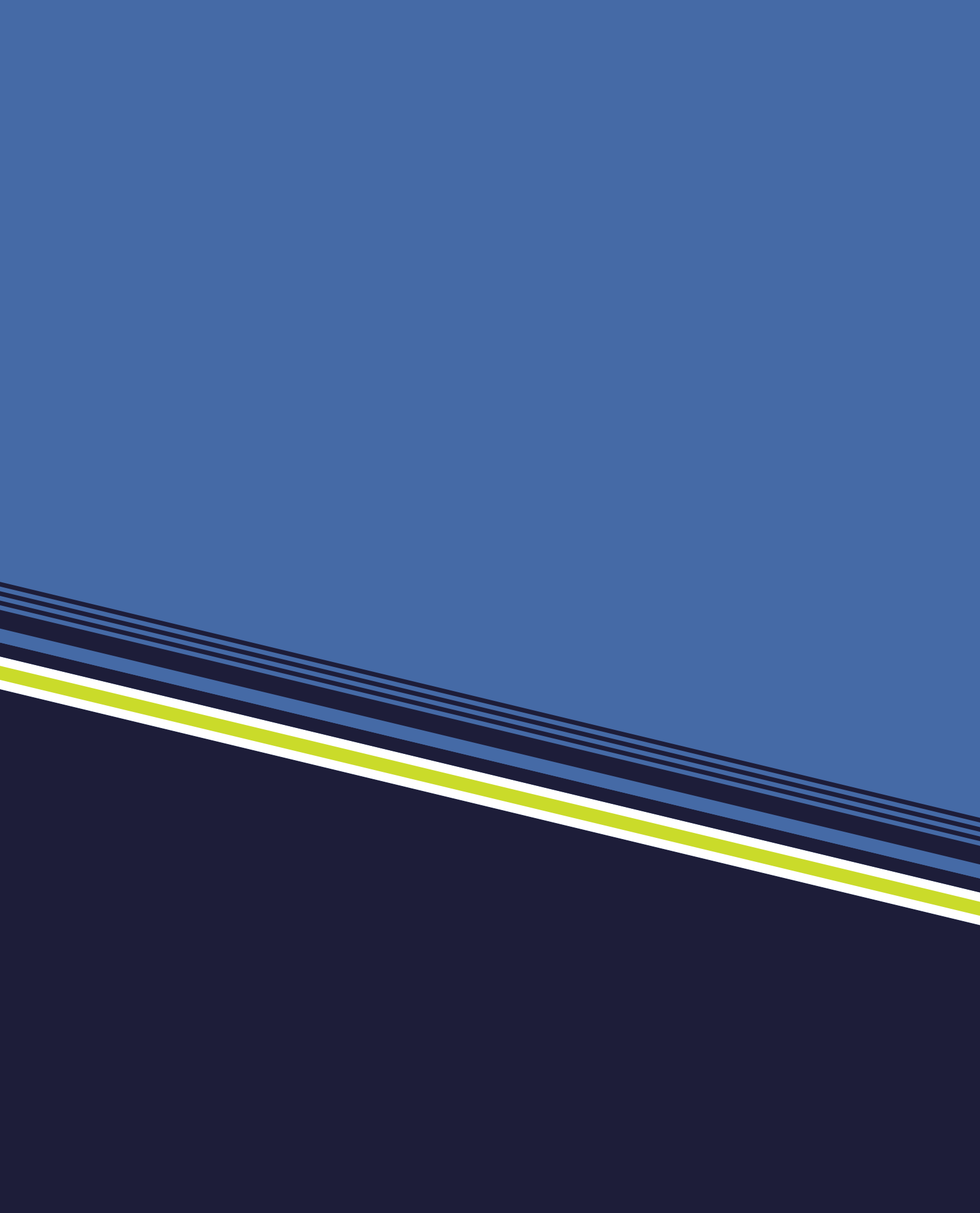
WHAT ELSE WAS HAPPENING IN THE 1960s

In Australia

- The last Sydney tram runs from La Perouse to Randwick.
- A woman is fined for being 'unsuitably dressed' when wearing a bikini at Bondi Beach.
- Rod Laver twice wins the tennis grand slam.
- For the first time ever, a cricket test ends in a tie.
- Indigenous Australians are granted the right to vote.
- The Beatles tour Australia.
- Capital punishment ceases after Ronald Ryan becomes the last man hanged in Pentridge Prison.
- Prime Minister Harold Holt drowns, and his body is never recovered.
- The dollar is invoked as decimal currency commences.
- St George wins the first seven rugby league premierships of the decade, to take their run to an incredible eleven straight titles.

Around the Globe

- President John F Kennedy is assassinated in Dallas.
- Construction of the Berlin Wall occurs to enforce the separation of East and West Germany.
- The Beatles release their first single, *Love Me Do*.
- The Cuban Missile Crisis has the world on edge, as the USA and USSR face a potential nuclear war.
- The Woodstock Music Festival takes place in New York.
- Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin become the first men to walk on the surface of the moon.
- Martin Luther King Jr is assassinated.
- The first episodes of *Dr Who* (UK) and *Sesame Street* (USA) go to air.
- The USA becomes embroiled in the Vietnam War, amidst political tension at home.
- The first computer language, BASIC, is introduced.



THE 1970s

Fifty Years and Beyond

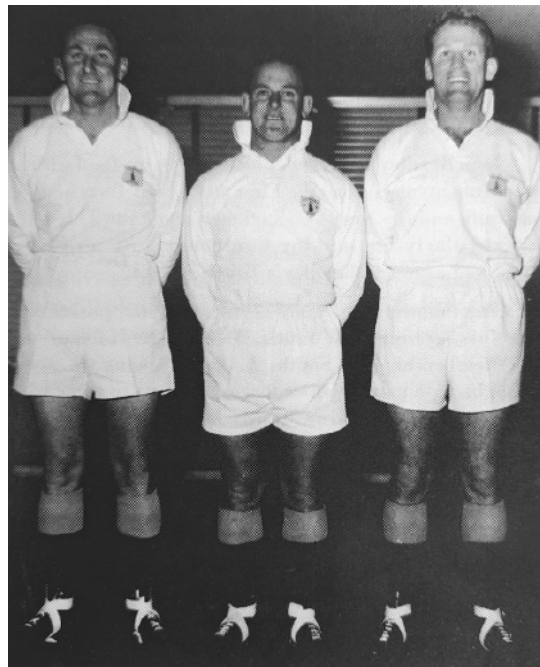


NEW MEMBERS 1970–1979

1970		1972		376	M. Egan
328	Murray Cox	352	John Bedford	377	P. Egan
329	Dennis Ward	353	Steve Donoghue	378	T. Sutton
330	Barry Bolton	354	Colin Elphick	379	K. Churchill
331	Cliff Haynes	355	Rod Oldfield	380	P. Fairweather
332	Barry Bradstock	356	Jack O'Sullivan	381	Ron Payne
333	John Gosper	357	Clive Edwards	382	G. Svensson
334	Jim O'Meara	358	Paul Archer	383	Gary Ford
335	Michael Rolfe	359	Peter Connell	384	Martin Barry
336	Peter Williams	360	Don Wood	385	Noel Buckley
337	Chris Brennan	361	Clifford West	1976	
338	Peter Dresser	1973		386	Ken Davis
339	Peter Duggan	362	Brian Martin	387	Peter Moon
340	Allan Hope	363	Reg McDonald	388	N. Wilson
341	Rick Rigby	364	Michael Collins	389	John Langshaw
342	Terry Keough	365	Tony Fordham	390	Brendan Duffy
343	John Cook	366	Alan Lingwood	391	Norm Cahill
344	Gyula Gunther	367	Don Hanagan	392	P. Wallace
345	Bob Bedwell	1974		393	Michael O'Neill
346	Ron Fordham	368	Brian Jenkins	394	Tom Hullick
347	Michael Dillon	369	John Henry	1977	
1971		370	Michael Thompson	395	Jim Blackmore
348	Brian O'Meara	371	Geoffrey Deehan	396	Steve Darcy
349	Brian Webb	372	Ian Cheal	397	George Elias
350	Michael Samuel	373	John Colwell	398	John Fielding
351	Colin Hendren	1975		399	Graham Fitzgerald
		374	G. Haynes	400	Tom Healy
		375	Peter Ryan	401	Bernard Kennedy

NEW MEMBERS 1970–1979

		1978		1979	
402	M. Todd				
403	Mark Vella	416	Jim Day	428	Ray Lovatt
404	Noel Allport	417	Ron Ryan	429	Pasqual Vartuli
405	Greg Cronin	418	Mario Cafarelli	430	John Bowe
406	Paul Dilley	419	David Sprod	431	Dick McDermott
407	Peter O'Brien	420	Ian Robinson	432	John Fitzroy
408	Terry Smith	421	Peter Hauser	433	Gary Lee
409	Mark Davis	422	David Warner	434	Greg Ward
410	John Waite	423	John McCormack	435	Neil Adamson
411	W. Carnage	424	Matthew Hewitt	436	Wayne Whitney
412	Doug Parrish	425	Peter Delaney	437	Ross Keller
413	Paul Field	426	Peter Morrisey		
414	John Renshaw	427	K. Jeffress		
415	David Turvey				



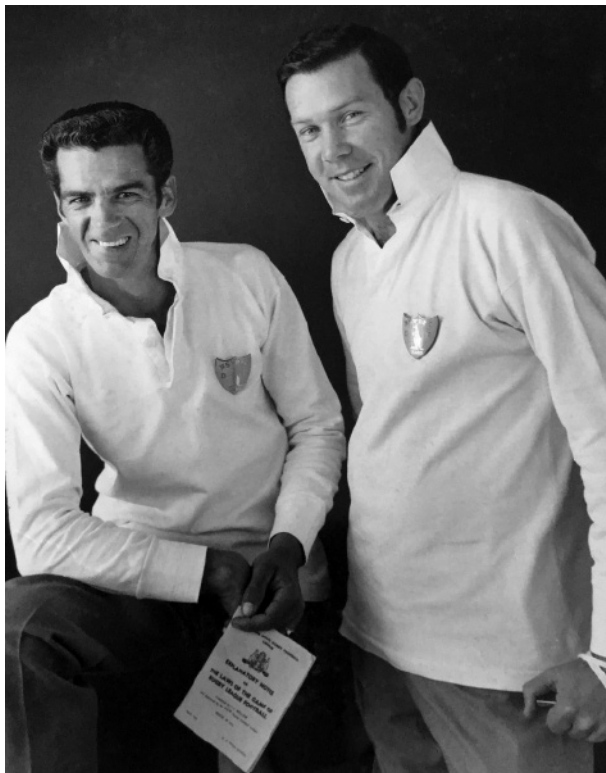
*Three of our all-time greats (L–R):
Reg Dick, Keith Holman, Jack Bradley*

SEASON 1970

- A committee is formed to organise the association's 50th Anniversary celebrations the following year. The members who make up the committee are Alan Aggett, John Brogan, Norm Rumph and Bob Sims.
- Meeting attendances set a record for the association, with 15 meetings held and an average attendance of just under 64. This remains an all-time association record through to the present time.
- Ashley Collins becomes the first member graded in the 1970s.
- The NSW Rugby League rules that vinyl covered balls are banned from use in any level of rugby league.
- Life Membership is awarded to Jack Harvey, who becomes the 34th Life Member.
- Tom Delauney referees the President's Cup Grand Final at the SCG, with Bob Garwood appointed to the line. The match is played as a Curtain Raiser to a match between New South Wales and Great Britain, with Manly-Warringah winning their first ever President's Cup, defeating South Sydney 11–10.
- Reg Dick is appointed to a Test Match line for Australia versus Great Britain. In addition, an appointment also follows for the Australian Colts — Great Britain match (which is controlled by Keith Holman), and Dick meets Queen Elizabeth II prior to the Royal Match, played at the SCG in May between Balmain and South Sydney. To finish off a great season, Dick earns his second straight First Grade Grand Final appointment, when on 19 September, South Sydney defeat Manly-Warringah by 23–12.



Tom Delauney (referee, centre) and Bob Garwood (touch judge, left), leave the field following the 1970 President's Cup Grand Final at the Sydney Cricket Ground.



Photoshoot for Sydney County Council Staff Magazine, where both Delauney and Garwood worked at the time.

SEASON 1971

- The association celebrates 50 years.
- 21 April – The first celebratory event is a males-only function, with former international player and graded referee, and current commentator Frank Hyde attending as guest speaker. For those who are unaware Hyde became famous for calling the games from the sideline on radio station 2SM, his signature description of goal kicking still rings in the ears of his listeners half a century later: "Gearin moves into it ... and there it goes, well it's high enough, it's long enough too, and it's straight between the posts, a beautiful kick by Gearin and Canterbury-Bankstown now lead at the Sydney Cricket Ground by 5 points to 2."
- 5 August — the Anniversary Dinner-Dance is held. The function is originally scheduled for 24 June, but is postponed two weeks before the event because of a misunderstanding with the Leagues Club over the meal requirements for the Starlite Room. The problem was solved, the new date sorted out, and a hot meal was served in the Auditorium, prior to the function moving into the Starlite Room for dancing. The cost for the function is \$3.60 per head.
- The only two living Foundation Members, George Russell and Vic Meinrath, attend both functions.
- On the field, referees are required to nominate Best and Fairest Players for the first time, whilst payments undergo an increase, with A Grade centres raised to \$7, and lines to \$3.
- The NSWRA drops the age restriction for a senior ticket from 21 to 18. On the back of this decision, the association determines that no junior referee under 18 will be admitted as a member.
- The association donates a trophy to the Junior League — The Tony Nash Memorial Trophy being awarded to the M Grade premiers.
- Tom Delauney is graded.
- Fittingly, John Farrelly is selected to become the newest Life Member in the celebratory year (John would later be part of the Committee to organise the 75th Anniversary). Farrelly is the 35th recipient of Life Membership.
- Also in a timely fashion, Keith Holman becomes the third Canterbury member to control a First Grade Grand Final on 18 September, South Sydney defeating St George by 16–10 (this is the 20th premiership for Souths, and would remain their last one until the famous victory in 2014).

Menu

*Oysters Au Naturel
or
Seafood Delight*

*Chicken in the Nest
or
Vienna Au Chasseur*

Wine Trifle Portuguese Style

Cafe Noir

Dinner Mints



Wines

Toasts

The Loyal Toast

Proposed: F. P. Hyde

*Canterbury-Bankstown D. R. F. L.
Referees Association*

Proposed: W. G. Buckley, O.B.E.

Response: J. Martin

Our Pioneers

Proposed: R. Dick

Response: J. Cook

*Canterbury-Bankstown D. R. F. L. Club
and Junior League*

Proposed: A. Appelt

Response: G. Ferris, W. Hodgins

*Distinguished Guests and
Kindred Associations*

Proposed: R. Smith

Response: V. Durick, M.L.S., C. Schenberg



*Golden Jubilee
Dinner*

Wednesday, 21st April, 1971

*Canterbury-Bankstown District
Rugby Football League
Referees Association*

50th Anniversary Dinner

Program for the 50th Anniversary Dinner,
with Frank Hyde the Guest Speaker

SEASON 1972

- Having steered the ship through the anniversary year, John Martin stands down as President, and Ron Smith is elected for the next two years.
- In a big night for Smith, he is also announced as the next (and 36th) Life Member at the same meeting.
- On 26 April, at the fourth attempt and having finally attained a senior ticket, Paul Archer is admitted as a member.
- The association has an end-of-season weekend away, a sold-out group travelling to the Snowy Mountains in a successful venture.
- Noel Duncan is appointed to the President's Cup Final on the line, and Bob Garwood, who has dual memberships, is awarded the John Carroll Trophy as the number one referee in the CYO Referees' Association.
- Keith Holman controls the Test Match between Australia and New Zealand.

SEASON 1973

- The association introduces a Social Committee, chartered to operate under the direction of the Social Secretary.
- Colin Turnell is graded, particularly significant as he is the first Junior Member to progress to this level of refereeing.
- Arthur King is recognised with Life Membership, becoming the 37th recipient.
- Les Matthews referees the A Grade Grand Final for the second straight year. It is the first time this has been achieved since at least World War II, and possibly ever (earlier records do not identify the lists of appointed members).
- Reg Dick ends his career with an appointment to the First Grade Grand Final line, his third. The game, played on 15 September, is considered the most brutal of all Grand Finals, with Manly Warringah defeating Cronulla-Sutherland 10-7.

SEASON 1974

- A new season is greeted with a new President. John Farrelly is elected into the role, and will remain in the Chair until the end of the 1979 season.
- The Appointments Board implements a points-system to adjudicate on members.
- A Special Ladies' Night is introduced for members and partners only, and is held at the St George Bowling Club.
- Les Matthews is appointed to control the Jersey Flegg Cup Grand Final.
- The 38th Life Membership is presented, Bryan Knight being the worthy recipient.



Peter Longhurst, Bob Styles and John Brogan prepare to take the field for the 1974 C Grade Grand Final at Belmore Oval. Following the game, another, and to this day unknown, member, stole Longhurst's jersey and hung it high up in the rafters at Belmore Oval, where it remained for a number of years afterwards.

SEASON 1975

- The association votes to reduce the minimum membership age to 16. However, the Leagues Club advises that under no circumstances will under 18 year olds be admitted to the club. As a result, on 9 April, the association forms a Junior Branch, with the minimum age for membership set at 16 years. Due to the club restrictions, meetings are held at the residences of senior members. The inaugural members are Gary Ford, Martin Barry, P. Fairweather and G. Svennson.
- The association holds a Fancy Dress Party at St Johns Bowling Club.
- Peter Longhurst, Les Matthews, and Michael Keeble are all graded.
- Whilst on grade, the Second Division Grand Final is controlled by Col Turnell.
- At the Final Meeting, District Club Secretary, Peter Moore, presents all Life Members with lapel pins, a tradition that continues today. Joining the Life Members this year is Claude Hennessy as the 39th recipient. At the time of writing, Claude Hennessy is the longest living Life Member.

SEASON 1976

- The new Canterbury gradings for 1976 are Barry Bolton and Cliff Haynes.
- The Blue and White Cabaret draws a record attendance, with a crowd of 330.
- The season sees First Grade debuts in the centre for Colin Turnell (4 April, Eastern Suburbs 17 defeat Newtown 13) and Barry Bradstock (30 May, Eastern Suburbs 39 defeat North Sydney 8), as well as Brian Wiseman on the line.
- Ron Peters becomes the 40th Life Membership of the association, and Reg Dick earns the same honour from the NSWRLRA.

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CANTERBURY LAMINGTON DISTRICT REFEREES' APPOINTMENTS

Saturday, 10th September, 1977.

\$ 58.00

Belmore. (Challenge Matches)

10.30am N grade ~~St. Christophers~~ v ~~Greenacre~~
 Referee: R. Hunt

11.10am K grade Bankstown D.L.S. v Chester Hill
 Referee: M. O'Neill

12.10pm G grade ~~St. George's Dragons~~ v ~~Bankstown Sports~~
 Referee: ~~P. Ryan~~
 Touch Judges: R. Hunt M. O'Neill

\$ 2.00

TUESDAY, 11th September, 1977.

GALA DAY

BELMORE SPORTS GROUND. (Messrs. Boulton, Carragher, Dick, Knight, Matthews, Walker.)

9.30am Sprints N N L 50 metres

** 9.45am F grade GRAND FINAL EAST HILLS v ST. GEORGE DRAGONS.
 Referee: G. Deehan
 Touch Judges: P. Ryan B. Duffy

10.30am Sprints K 50 metres J 75 metres
 11.05am Sprints I H 75 metres

** 11.15am E grade GRAND FINAL MILPERRA COLTS v GREENACRE
 Referee: K. Davis
 Touch Judges: J. Colwell M. Thompson

11.45am Sprints G F 100 metres
 12.35pm Presentation - Best & Fairest Medals - all grades
 1.00pm Sprint E 100 metres Relay N M grades 50 metres

** 1.15pm C grade GRAND FINAL BANKSTOWN BUS. CLUB v BROMBERS
 Referee: H. Delauney
 Touch Judges: R. Styles D. Parrish

1.45pm Relay L K 50 metres
 2.35pm Relay J I H G F

** 3.00pm B grade GRAND FINAL GREENACRE v KINGSGROVE
 Referee: R. Fordham
 Touch Judges: P. Archer R. Hunt

3.35pm Relay E 100 metres

DRINK WAITER: Mr. Ray Paine

9-00

11-50

17-00

18-50

\$ 56.00

Appointments for Gala Day 1977... note the Touch Judge for the B Grade Grand Final

SEASON 1977

- The Junior Branch expands to 13 members, and an Executive is formed, Greg Cronin becoming the first Junior Branch President.
- The latest member to be rewarded Life Membership (the 41st) is Tom Delauney. For the second straight year, a Canterbury member receives Life Membership of the NSWRLRA, this time being John Farrelly.
- Brian Wiseman is appointed touch judge for the World Cup Final, played on 25 June at the SCG, with Australia defeating Great Britain by 13–12.
- In the year of the Silver Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, Keith Holman is awarded an MBE.

SEASON 1978

- In memory of Life Members Keith Clubb and Terry Johnson, who both pass away the previous year, the association establishes a perpetual trophy in their honour. To be awarded to the leading referee in the association each season, the inaugural Clubb-Johnson Trophy is won by Michael Thompson after controlling the A Grade Grand Final.
- The association undergoes a change of uniform, and for the first time, members don short sleeves to referee. The uniform consists of a short sleeve white jumper with light and dark blue shoulder stripes, white shorts, and sky blue socks with four dark blue bands at the top.
- Having had a year off refereeing to travel in 1977, Peter Longhurst returns to the district and is appointed to referee the SG Ball Final, following which he is re-graded. Another significant Junior Representative appointment goes to Peter Moon as touch judge for the Jersey Flegg Cup Final.
- The association makes a request to the Junior League that complaints about members only be recognised if submitted through a Junior League Club — this is accepted and remains the situation today.
- Les Matthews is presented with the association's 42nd Life Membership
- A touch judge appointment is earned by John Farrelly for the Australia-New Zealand Test Match.

SEASON 1979

- Canterbury again achieves Junior Representative success, with Ken Davis controlling the Jersey Flegg Cup Final, and John Colwell running the line in the same match.
- The Clubb-Johnson Trophy is won by Bob Styles.
- Michael Thompson follows up his success from the season before by being graded.
- A number of Life Memberships are bestowed on members this year. Colin Turnell becomes the 43rd association recipient, whilst Reg Dick (Junior League) and Jack O'Brien (NSW Rugby League) are also honoured.
- For the second year in a row, John Farrelly receives a Test Match line (Australia – Great Britain). Farrelly is also appointed to the Amco Cup Final line (Cronulla-Sutherland defeating Combined Brisbane 22–5).
- To cap off the year, Farrelly earns the First Grade Grand Final line on 22 September, with St George defeating Canterbury 17–13, before retiring from active refereeing.

ASSOCIATION OFFICE BEARERS 1970–1979

Year	President	Secretary / Treasurer
1970	John Martin	Reg Dick
1971	John Martin	Reg Dick
1972	Ron Smith	Reg Dick
1973	Ron Smith	Reg Dick
1974	John Farrelly	Reg Dick
1975	John Farrelly	Reg Dick
1976	John Farrelly	Reg Dick
1977	John Farrelly	Reg Dick
1978	John Farrelly	Reg Dick
1979	John Farrelly	Reg Dick

LIFE MEMBERSHIP 1970–1979

Year	Life Member	Joined	
1970	Jack Harvey	1956	Deceased
1971	John Farrelly	1960	Deceased
1972	Ron Smith	1954	Deceased
1973	Arthur King	1961	Deceased
1974	Bryan Knight	1958	Deceased
1975	Claude Hennessy	1960	
1976	Ron Peters	1967	Deceased
1977	Tom Delauney	1964	
1978	Les Matthews	1968	Deceased
1979	Colin Turnell	1967	

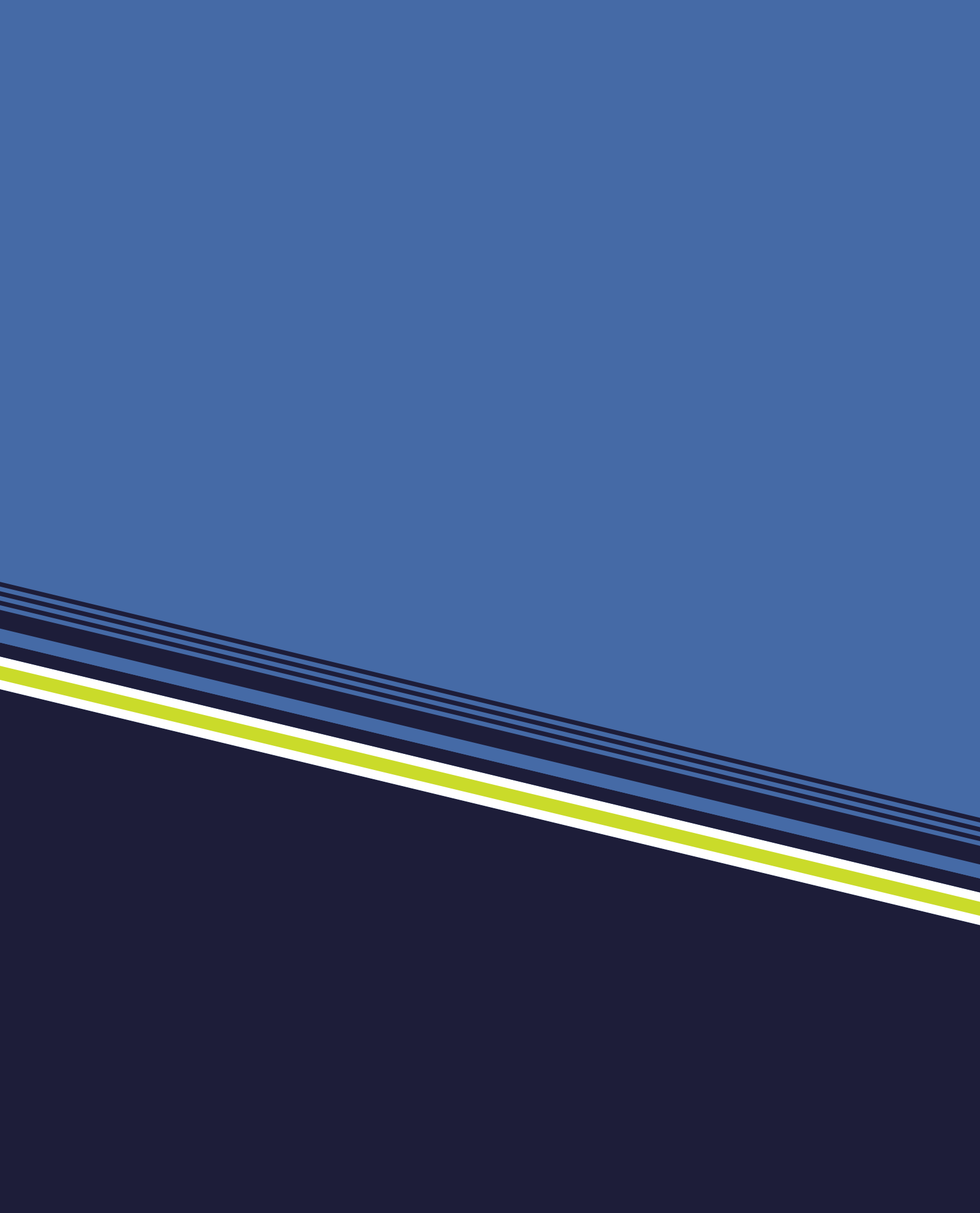
WHAT ELSE WAS HAPPENING IN THE 1970s

In Australia

- Governor General John Kerr sacks Prime Minister Gough Whitlam and dissolves parliament.
- Cyclone Tracy flattens Darwin on Christmas Day 1974, killing 65 people.
- For the first time in either code, the rugby league and Australian rules grand finals are drawn on the same day.
- The Sydney Opera House is opened.
- Australia wins the Centenary Cricket Test Match by 45 runs, the same margin as the initial test 100 years earlier. Soon after, World Series Cricket commences
- Neville Bonner becomes the first Indigenous member of parliament.
- A train derails at Granville, hitting an overhead bridge which collapses, and 83 people are killed.
- The Socceroos play at their first World Cup finals.
- A bomb explodes outside the Hilton Hotel where the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting is being held.

Around the Globe

- The Boeing 747 Jumbo Jet makes its first commercial flight from New York to London.
- The computer floppy disk is introduced.
- The world's population estimate reaches 4 billion people.
- President Richard Nixon resigns after being embroiled in the Watergate Scandal
- The Vietnam War ends.
- Bill Gates and Paul Allen create Microsoft, whilst Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak start Apple.
- The first 'test tube' baby is born.
- Margaret Thatcher becomes the first female Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.
- Romanian Nadia Comaneci becomes the first gymnast to be awarded a perfect score at the Olympic Games.



THE 1980s

A Changing World
in Rugby League



NEW MEMBERS 1980-1989					
1980		1982		486	Peter Phippen
438	Glen Campbell	463	Peter Colley	487	Paul Dimento
439	Barry Green	464	Anthony Crogan	488	Peter Arnold
440	Sam Issa	465	Norman Sarkis	489	Barry Ryan
441	John Sullivan	466	Ian Dunstan	1987	
442	Brian Davoren	467	Rodney Cutler	490	David Abood
443	Peter O'Brien Jnr	468	Brian Matthews	491	Tony Cleary
444	Anthony English	469	T. Walsh	492	Mathew Damaso
445	Michael Chahoud	470	Phil Kessey	493	Geoff Todd
446	Andrew Divall	1983		494	Joe Makdessi
447	Peter Cole	471	Peter Kelly	495	Stuart Redman
448	Brett Jones	472	Mitchell Hoffmann	496	L. Fliedner
449	Pat McGouldrick	1984		497	Craig Tozer
450	Craig McLandsborough	473	Phil Daws	1988	
451	Brian Barker	474	Kevin Johnson	498	Jeremy Dicello
452	B. Bohan	475	Robert Young	499	Peter Stephenson
453	Greg Whalan	1985		500	Phil Cooley
454	Glen Felkin	476	Stewart Sutherland	501	Ray McGavin
1981		477	Greg Alchin	502	Darren Redgate
455	Wayne Day	478	Greg Donaldson	503	John Steven
456	Michael Tonkiss	479	Andrew Campbell	504	Joseph Attard
457	Brad Socal	480	Damian McGovern	505	Eddie D'Amico
458	Greg Hartley	481	Tony Trad	506	Peter Berg
459	Barry Ruttle	482	Dennis Lonergan	507	Wendy Daws *
460	Greg McAlister	1986		508	John Maarbani
461	Paul Fitzgerald	483	Scott Channels	509	Tony Pouloupoulos
462	Richard Perz	484	Faysel Jaber	510	Brad Newson
		485	Jim Hammonds	* First Female Member	

NEW MEMBERS 1980–1989

1989		517	Mark Scarfe	524	Glenn Jeffcoat
511	Malcolm Duncan	518	Jeff Taylor	525	Greg Sankey
512	John Gorzanelli	519	Peter White	526	Alex Ouzounoglou
513	Bruce James	520	Alan Williamson	527	Peter Dawe
514	John Melville	521	Warren Bryan	528	Phil Daws Jnr
515	John Faddy	522	Wayne Loveday	529	Michael Cartwright
516	Brad Hannagan	523	Chris Fitzpatrick		

SEASON 1980

- A new decade, and with John Farrelly having to stand down due to work commitments, Tom Delauney is elected President. For the first time since 1946, a President will serve just one season in charge.
- The association establishes a committee to investigate the feasibility of sponsorship. The committee, consisting of Barry Bolton, Bob Garwood, Ron Fordham, John Colwell and Peter Wallace, initiates an agreement with Dunlop for the following three seasons to supply members with boots. This sponsorship would extend beyond the original three years, and continue until midway through the 1989 season.
- Ron Fordham is rewarded for his service to the association, becoming Life Member number 44.
- In his final season of active refereeing, Paul Archer controls the A Grade Grand Final, thus winning the Clubb-Johnson Trophy.
- The District Club excels on the field, winning their third First Grade title, with a win in the Grand Final 18–4 over Eastern Suburbs, whilst Reserve Grade overcome Parramatta in Extra Time to achieve a rare double for the club.



From L-R: Brendan Duffy, Peter Ryan and Mario Cafarelli (c. 1980)

SEASON 1981

- The year commences with Les Matthews being elected President, a role he will hold until forced to resign due to a clash with his role as Secretary of the NSWRLRA in April 1990. At the time, Matthews' stint is the longest as President of the association, and is still only bettered by the current President, Paul Archer.
- Wally Kirk becomes the 45th recipient of Life Membership.
- Grand Final referee Greg Hartley joins the association.
- Canterbury supplies three of the nine newly promoted grade members; Peter Moon, Peter Ryan, and John Colwell.
- There being no A Grade competition in the district, Peter Wallace wins the Clubb-Johnson Trophy after controlling the B Grade Grand Final.

- A change to the Constitution allows for up to two Life Memberships to be presented in any year. The Notice of Motion is debated at the final meeting of the year, despite an attempt to have the discussion postponed until after the Annual General Meeting. The decision means that the change takes affect immediately and allows for two Life Members the following season.
- Bob Garwood becomes a Test Match official, appointed touch judge for Australia versus France.
- On 27 September, Greg Hartley as a Canterbury member for the first time, controls his fifth First Grade Grand Final (including two in 1978, when a replay was required). Parramatta win their first title, overrunning Newtown in the second half, by 20–11. Hartley then travels to the Northern Hemisphere to control a two Test Series between Great Britain and France in December, before retiring from refereeing.



Members have often formed touch football teams or socialised away from rugby league over the years, helping to strengthen the friendships formed in refereeing. Above: "The Bears", who were undefeated premiers of the 1981–82 Bankstown Touch Football competition and (R) Inter-Association Touch Football Champions 2016.



SEASON 1982

- For the first time, members would referee with a sponsor emblazoned across their jerseys. Peerless Industries would cover the jerseys for the next five seasons. While on sponsorship, boot sponsor Dunlop requests the association dispense with the use of white laces that were obscuring their logo. This is deemed unconstitutional by the association, and in discussions with the District Club, any change to this item in the Constitution is discouraged. White laces will remain.
- George Elias is graded.
- The only living Foundation Member, Vic Meinrath receives a special presentation for fifty years as a Life Member. It is Meinrath's 61st year of membership in total.
- The Clubb-Johnson Trophy is won by Michael O'Neill.
- Bob Hunt is appointed touch judge in his first Test Match, Australia playing Great Britain, whilst Brian Wiseman is appointed to State of Origin 1.
- In a unique achievement, junior member Peter Cole is selected to play for the Australian Schoolboys on a tour to New Zealand. Cole was a representative of Benilde High School, and some of his teammates on that tour who would go on to forge First Grade or International careers included Andrew Ettingshausen, Paul Langmack, Scott Gale, Bronco Djura and Max Mannix.
- Following the change in Constitution the previous year, Life Membership is awarded to two members for the first time since the initial Life Members in 1933, Bob Styles and Bob Garwood becoming the 46th and 47th recipients.

SEASON 1983

- The positions of Secretary and Treasurer are separated following a Constitutional change, and Bob Hunt is elected as the first exclusive Treasurer.
- Hunt, along with Ray Payne are the latest members to earn Life Membership, taking the numbers to 49 recipients. Another member, Brian Davoren receives the same recognition from North Sydney Referees Association.
- The association implements a Rules Committee.
- Bob Styles becomes the first two-time winner of the Clubb-Johnson Trophy.
- Peter Ryan and Barry Bolton are elevated into First Grade lines, with Bolton in particular impressing immediately, and going on to earn a State of Origin debut in Game 2.
- Matt Hewitt and Michael O'Neill are newly graded recruits.

SEASON 1984

- A decision is made by the NSWRLRA that females may obtain senior refereeing tickets, and therefore, join district associations.
- For the third successive season, the association presents two Life Memberships, this time the accolades going to Peter Wallace (the 50th Life Member) and Barry Bolton.
- The Clubb-Johnson Trophy is awarded to Peter Moon following the B Grade Grand Final, there being no A Grade competition.
- The majority of activity this year occurs in the grade ranks, with Bob Styles and Gary Lee the new additions, John Colwell promoted to First Grade lines, and Peter Longhurst becoming the first member to receive the George and Amy Hansen Trophy for Services to the NSWRLRA.
- Barry Bolton, alongside his Life Membership, is appointed to a Test Match line for Australia versus Great Britain, and then is joined on the opposite line by Brian Wiseman for the Reserve Grade Grand Final.
- Having also been appointed to State of Origin 1 earlier in the season, Bob Hunt earns the appointment of touch judge for the First Grade Grand Final, and on 23 September, Canterbury-Bankstown win their fourth title, beating Parramatta 6-4 and ending the Eels' run of three straight premierships.

SEASON 1985

- An era ends, with Secretary Reg Dick standing down after a phenomenal 23 consecutive years in the role (having combined the role of Treasurer for all but the final two seasons). Bob Garwood is elected to fill the vacancy, and will occupy the position for the next twelve years. This results in an incredible record, where at the time of the 75th Anniversary in 1996, the association had the unbelievable statistic of having just three Secretaries over the previous 48-year period.
- The last living Foundation Member, Vic Meinrath passes away, having been a member for 64 seasons.
- Again, two Life Memberships are awarded, Arthur Carragher earning the 52nd, and Tod Walker the 53rd.
- For the second consecutive year, there is no A Grade competition, and the Clubb-Johnson Trophy is won by Peter O'Brien for the B Grade Grand Final.
- Bob Hunt (Game 2) and Les Matthews (Game 3) earn State of Origin touch lines
- The district club wins its second straight title, and fifth overall, defeating St George 7-6 in the Grand Final. In this game, the Bulldogs' Steve Mortimer relentlessly bombed Dragons fullback Glenn Burgess, forcing drop-out after drop-out. This subsequently led to a change to the Laws of the Game, and the resultant ball caught on the full in-goal earning a 20-metre re-start.



Active and Graded Members, 1985

SEASON 1986

- A motion to move the Annual General Meeting to the end of the completed season is defeated.
- It is a big year for Life Membership — another two for Canterbury, future President Paul Archer, and Michael Thompson are the 54th and 55th recipients. In addition, two Canterbury members, Les Matthews and Peter Longhurst earn the honour from the NSWRLRA, and former member, Noel Duncan is made a Life Member of Cronulla-Sutherland Referees' Association. Les Matthews also wins the George and Amy Hansen Trophy.
- Greg McAlister controls the first A Grade Grand Final in three years to win the Clubb-Johnson Trophy.
- Peter Ryan is appointed to State of Origin 1, whilst Bob Hunt is rewarded with his third appointment in Game 3. Additionally, Brian Wiseman is appointed to a Test Match line between Australia and New Zealand.
- Peter Ryan (Reserve Grade line) and Barry Bolton and Michael Thompson (Under 23s line) are all appointed to Grand Finals.
- On a big day for the association, Wiseman goes on to achieve the First Grade Grand Final line. On 28 September, Parramatta defeat Canterbury-Bankstown 4-2 in the only try-less Grand Final ever played.

SEASON 1987

- HFC Financial Services sign on as the major sponsor — Canterbury becoming the first district referees' association to share a major sponsor with the district club.
- The NSWRLRA removes residential qualifications from membership of referees' associations.
- For the first time since 1982, only one Life Member is recognised, with Peter Ryan becoming the 56th member to achieve the status.
- The Clubb-Johnson Trophy is won by Barry Ruttle.
- Barry Bolton earns his second State of Origin line with appointment to Game 3.

SEASON 1988

- For the second time in two seasons, the association has a new sponsor with Alproud Home Improvements coming on board. Alproud would remain the major sponsor until the end of the 1990 season.
- The season starts with the grading of Barry Ruttle, and the re-grading of Bob Styles who returns after having a previous stint cut short by illness.
- A decision is made that all prospective applicants will be required to meet with the Committee prior to being accepted as members. This strategy is implemented to ensure that members are aware of the responsibility and commitment that is required in refereeing.
- Three referees, Darren Redgate and Ray McGavin (Balmain Referees) and Phil Cooley (Western Suburbs Referees) transfer to Canterbury. In the process of transferring, Redgate becomes the association's 500th member. Owing to an issue with numbering in the 1960s where two members were issued dual numbers (and subsequently, numbers 242 and 277 were "not issued"), Redgate is given the official association number of 502.
- For the first time since 1949, the association does not award a Life Membership.
- Bob Styles is made a Life Member of Public Service Referees' Association, and Bob Garwood receives the same honour from the NSWRLRA.
- 15 June – History is made with the first female member, Wendy Daws accepted into the association
- Following an assault on referee David Abood in a B Grade game, the association makes it a compulsory process for the police to be called to the ground in all future cases of assault.
- George Elias referees the A Grade Grand Final to win the Clubb-Johnson Trophy.
- Barry Bolton is appointed to the line for the Bicentennial Test Match between Australia and Great Britain. Les Matthews earns a line in the other Test played this season, between Australia and Papua New Guinea.
- Phil Cooley becomes the first Canterbury member since Greg Hartley in 1981, to control a First Grade centre, when on 26 March he controls the game between St George and Gold Coast, won 14–6 by the Dragons. Cooley had previously refereed First Grade whilst with the Western Suburbs Referees' Association, but this was his first game in the top grade as a Canterbury member.

SEASON 1989

- Fund-raising for the association undergoes a change, with the longstanding Doubles Committee disbanded, and replaced by a system based on the Lotto Supplementary Number.
- Notices of Motion are defeated ensuring that the minimum membership age remains 16 (as opposed to 14 as recommended by the NSWRLRA). A second Notice of Motion is also defeated, meaning that meetings would remain fortnightly rather than be pushed out to once a month.
- Reg Dick produces a coaching video for district associations.
- Dave Turvey, John McCormack and Peter Kelly become the latest members to be graded.
- Turvey is also honoured with the association's 57th Life Membership.
- The Clubb-Johnson Trophy is won by former Balmain referee, Ray McGavin, who had moved to Canterbury in 1988.
- In Game 3 of State of Origin, Barry Bolton earns his second cap.



On 15 June 1988, Wendy Daws made history when she became the first female member of the association.

ASSOCIATION OFFICE BEARERS 1980-1989

Year	President	Secretary / Treasurer
1980	Tom Delauney	Reg Dick
1981	Les Matthews	Reg Dick
1982	Les Matthews	Reg Dick

From the commencement of 1983, the roles of Secretary and Treasurer were divided

Year	President	Secretary	Treasurer
1983	Les Matthews	Reg Dick	Robert Hunt
1984	Les Matthews	Reg Dick	Robert Hunt
1985	Les Matthews	Robert Garwood	Robert Hunt
1986	Les Matthews	Robert Garwood	Robert Hunt
1987	Les Matthews	Robert Garwood	Robert Hunt
1988	Les Matthews	Robert Garwood	Robert Hunt
1989	Les Matthews	Robert Garwood	Robert Hunt



Social Committee 1989: (L-R), Bob Styles, Joe Makedessi, Tom Healy (Social Secretary) and Peter Ryan.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP 1980–1989			
Year	Life Member	Joined	
1980	Ron Fordham	1970	Deceased
1981	Wally Kirk	1954	Deceased
1982	Robert Styles	1965	Deceased
1982	Robert Garwood	1965	
1983	Ray Payne	1968	Deceased
1983	Robert Hunt	1967	Deceased
1984	Peter Wallace	1969	
1984	Barry Bolton	1970	
1985	Tod Walker	1969	Deceased
1985	Arthur Carragher	1968	Deceased
1986	Paul Archer	1972	
1986	Michael Thompson	1974	
1987	Peter Ryan	1975	
1989	David Turvey	1977	

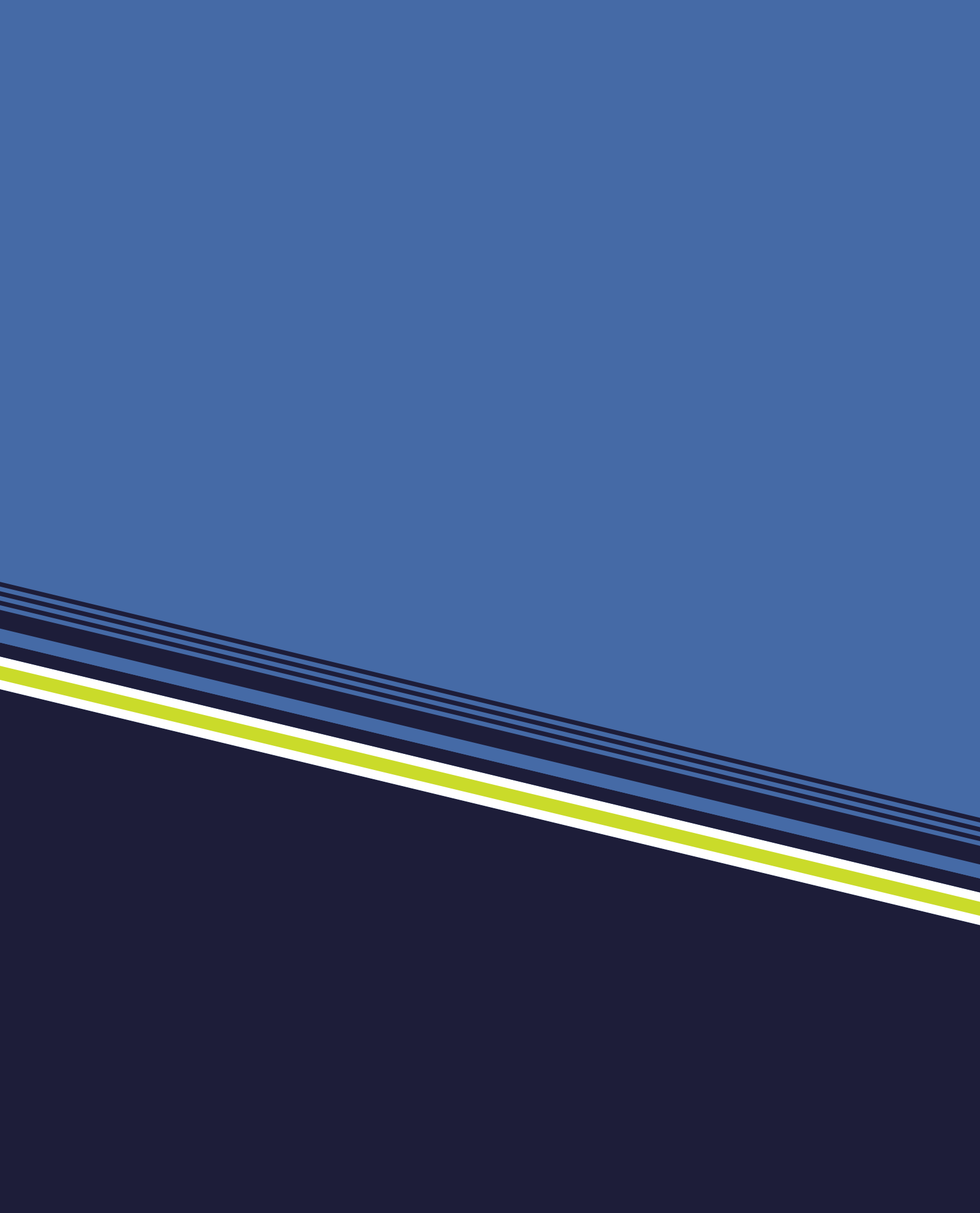
WHAT ELSE WAS HAPPENING IN THE 1980s

In Australia

- Lindy Chamberlain is convicted, then acquitted of murdering her baby Azaria near Uluru, with evidence confirming the baby was taken by a dingo.
- Trevor Chappell bowls the final ball of a cricket One Day International underarm, sparking outrage in Australia and New Zealand.
- Ash Wednesday Bushfires in Victoria kill 72 people.
- Cliff Young, a 61 year old potato farmer, wins the Sydney to Melbourne Ultra Marathon.
- Medicare is launched.
- Australia II wins the Americas Cup.
- Golfer Jack Newton has his arm amputated when he walks into a plane propeller.
- Australia celebrates the Bicentenary of European Settlement.
- Ayers Rock is handed back to the Indigenous Australians, and reverts to the name Uluru.
- Seven people are shot dead during a bikie massacre at a Milperra pub.
- Brisbane hosts World Expo 88.
- The \$1 and \$2 coin are introduced.
- *Advance Australia Fair* is elected the national anthem following a referendum.
- An earthquake in Newcastle measuring 5.6 on the Richter Scale kills 13.

Around the Globe

- The United States boycotts the 1980 Olympics in Moscow in response to the USSR invasion of Afghanistan. The USSR then return the favour at the 1984 Los Angeles Games.
- The AIDS virus is identified in the United States by scientists.
- Prince Charles marries Lady Diana Spencer.
- 96 Liverpool fans are killed in a crowd crush at Hillsborough Stadium in Sheffield
- Motorola introduces the first mobile phones to the United States in 1983.
- India's Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi, is assassinated.
- Musician Bob Geldof orchestrates the forming of Band Aid to record *Do They Know It's Christmas?* a charity single to raise money for famine relief in Ethiopia. The song is then followed by a series of concerts across the world which became known as 'Live Aid'.
- The first version of Microsoft Windows is released.
- The wreck of the Titanic is discovered.
- The Chernobyl nuclear reactor explodes in the USSR.
- The Space Shuttle Challenger disaster takes place when the space shuttle disintegrates after being launched, killing all on board.
- The Berlin Wall is torn down at the end of the Cold War.
- The Exxon Valdez oil tanker spills 240,000 barrels of oil in the Prince William Sound in Alaska.



THE 1990s

The Impact of Super League
and the Birth of the NRL

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NEW MEMBERS 1990–1999

1990		555	Shane Lee	1994	
530	Gavin Beecroft	556	Nathaniel Taylor	581	Richard Clift
531	Sky May	557	Ben Weeding	582	Chad Cooper
532	Brian O’Baugh	558	David Woods	583	Ben Jones
533	Angelo Scali	1992		584	Alan Fallah
534	John Tamine	559	Kim (Ellis) Archer	585	Bill Gregory
535	Jason Clarke	560	Lionel Brown	586	Michele James
536	Garry Green	561	Richard Daizli	587	George Kontanis
537	Matthew Marr	562	Brett Eato	588	Mario Gaudiello
538	Craig Radford	563	Ross Hudson	589	Nick Tzerbos
539	Gavin Bruce	564	Tea May	1995	
1991		565	David Semaan	590	John Conway
540	Michael Abood	566	Gary Towner	591	Pat Matthews
541	Chris Bettiol	567	Andrew Petrou	592	Tony Sukkar
542	Chris Books	568	Eugene Chekaluk	1996	
543	Phil Culbert	569	Paul Gugich	593	Ryan Jeffcoat
544	Maurice Del Prete	570	Rui Pinguinha	594	George Ghazal
545	Jim Hall	571	Tony Dosen	595	Glenn Lisle
546	Damien Kelly	572	Angelo Pustak	596	Mohammed Ismail
547	Frank Samyia	573	Sam Trimboli	597	Chris Sukkar
548	Perry Tzamouranis	574	Mitchell Marr	598	Bassam El-Debel
549	Peter Tzamouranis	1993		599	Jonathon Kunicki
550	Peter Karvouniaias	575	Peter Fahey	600	Michael Kunicki
551	Kevin Freund	576	G Green	601	Clint Gearside
552	Michael Howell	577	Anthony Lauder	602	Hassan Saleh
553	John Abrahams	578	Michael Teasel	603	Melanie Saleh
554	John Ellis	579	Chris Maarbani		
		580	P. Johnston		

NEW MEMBERS 1990–1999					
1997		1998		1999	
604	Sam El-Debel	612	Barry Goldsworthy	621	Ian Butler
605	Wayne Howarth	613	Darren Lang	622	Scott Butler
606	Daniel Cutrupi	614	Kevin Jeffes	623	Mark Crompton
607	Adam Hudson	615	Chris Agland	624	Viktor Unal
608	Jimmy Oliveira	616	Joe Karam	625	Bradley Spinks
609	Paul De Gannes	617	Joseph Matar	626	Christopher Spinks
610	Rick Ford	618	Mohamad Fajajo	627	Terry Spinks
611	Brad Zarb	619	Theo Karabetsos	628	Alain Gargoura
		620	David Debs	629	Laurence Sasulu

SEASON 1990

- The association starts the new decade by becoming incorporated, in future to be known as the Canterbury-Bankstown District Rugby League Referees' Association Incorporated.
- 18 April – For only the second time in history, and the first time since 1936, the association has to replace a standing President. Having been at the helm since 1981, Les Matthews is encouraged to stand down to focus on his duties as Secretary of the NSWRLRA, and as a result, Bob Styles is elected to the Chair.
- For the first time, a member of the association, Brad Newson, holds all three current levels of refereeing ticket, being Mini-Mod, Junior, and Senior badges.
- Mario Cafarelli is the 58th member honoured with Life Membership.
- The first Clubb-Johnson Trophy of the decade goes to Tom Healy following the A Grade Grand Final.
- Barry Bolton is appointed to the First Grade Grand Final line, and on 23 September, Penrith, in their first Grand Final, are defeated by Canberra 18–14.

SEASON 1991

- 1991 sees the introduction of two new competitions for the members to control. The Sydney Business Houses Competition has been running for many years, but this year, Western Suburbs Referees' Association are no longer in a position to cover the six A Grade matches each week. The other new competition is the Women's Rugby League, which under its current guise, will run for just three years.

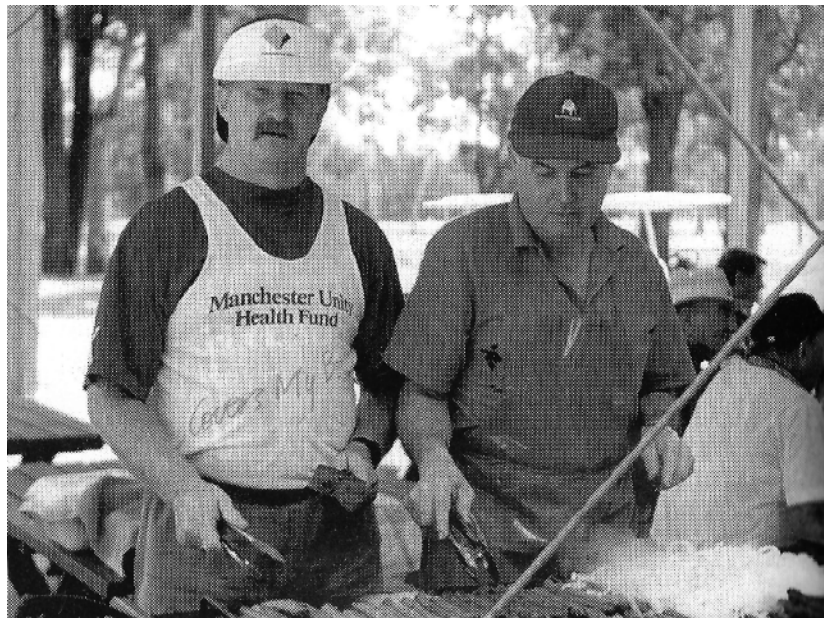


Phil Daws tosses the coin before the first ever female game played in the district.

- Health insurer, Manchester Unity Health Fund commence a \$3,000 per year sponsorship, an agreement that would last for the next five years.
- The association implements a mentoring program to boost the chances of members making it to junior representative and grade levels. Senior members are paired up with promising young members to provide guidance and coaching.
- In June, Mitchell Hoffmann is graded, having missed the entire previous season after rupturing his Achilles tendon in the 1989 B Grade Grand Final.
- Paul Field becomes the first member to win the Clubb-Johnson Trophy and be awarded Life Membership in the same season. This would remain the only occasion this occurs until the feat is matched by Brad Zarb in 2012.
- Les Matthews (Junior League) and Peter Ryan (NSWRLRA) also receive Life Membership honours.
- Michael Howell, a current First Grade touch judge joins the association in June. On 22 September, Howell is on the line when Penrith reverse the result from the previous Grand Final, defeating Canberra 19-12 to win their first title. Another member, Peter Ryan is appointed as the in-goal judge.

SEASON 1992

- The association revises the Constitution.
- Official training is commenced.
- A new Treasurer takes over, John McCormack elected into the role which he will fill until after the 1996 season.
- Meeting nights are moved from Wednesday to Thursday to avoid clashing with grade training.
- For the first time since 1971, the average meeting attendance exceeds 60.
- The association initiates a new award, the John Farrelly-Reg Dick Trophy, awarded to the Most Improved Referee. John Maarbani becomes the first recipient.
- Tom Healy and Paul Field are graded, and Bob Styles earns the George and Amy Hansen Trophy.
- The Clubb-Johnson Trophy is awarded to Jim Hammonds.
- Life Memberships numbers 60 and 61 are granted to Tom Healy and George Elias.



Doing their best work ... Long-time Social Secretary, Glenn Jeffcoat and his long-time offsider, Joe Attard, manning the barbeque as per normal.

SEASON 1993

- The association mourns the loss of two of our most esteemed Life Members, John Martin and Reg Dick
- Under the new Constitution, a special category is included to recognise services to the association by a non-member. Thus, two nominations are received, and as a result, the Committee makes the decision to present SG 'Johnno' Garland OAM with the first Honorary Membership for Life.
- Peter Longhurst becomes the 62nd Life Member of the association, whilst Rick Rigby (Junior League) and Barry Bolton (NSWRLRA) also receive Life Membership honours.
- Mario Cafarelli wins the Clubb-Johnson Trophy, refereeing the B Grade Grand Final, as there is no A Grade competition, and Kevin Freund earns the Farrelly-Dick Trophy.
- The association decides to instigate a 75th Anniversary Committee to prepare for the 1996 celebrations. From 16 nominations, the Committee appoints Mario Cafarelli, John Farrelly and David Abood.
- Barry Ruttle is appointed in-goal judge for the First Grade Grand Final on 26 September, Brisbane coming from fifth place to defeat St George 14–6.

SEASON 1994

- For the first time in the association's history, the Annual General Meeting will be held at the conclusion of the season, and is set for November.
- Peter Ryan is elected to the role of association Training and Coaching Co-ordinator, whilst Barry Ruttle becomes the Regional Co-ordinator under the new Referees' Accreditation Scheme, giving him jurisdiction over Canterbury, St George and Cronulla districts.
- Under the new scheme, George Kontanas becomes the first Provisional referee in the association.
- The association begins using an Active Advisory Board, allowing senior active members to report on their more junior counterparts. This allows for more junior members to be watched and receive appropriate individual coaching.

- Sky May becomes the first female to hold a Senior ticket.
- Life Membership is bestowed for the 63rd time, John McCormack rewarded for his service to the association.
- Bob Styles and Phil Cooley are similarly honoured by NSWRLRA.
- For the first time since 1979, a Canterbury member is appointed to control a Junior Representative Grand Final, with Wayne Loveday refereeing the SG Ball Grand Final.
- Peter Kelly and Dave Turvey are both appointed as in-goal judges for State of Origin Game 2, the first to be played in Melbourne, in front of 87,000 spectators. Phil Cooley also earns an in-goal appointment for Game 1 of the series.
- The A Grade Grand Final is controlled by David Abood to earn the Clubb-Johnson Trophy, with Chris Bettiol receiving the Farrelly-Dick Trophy.



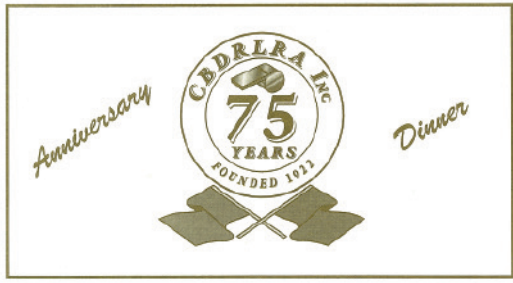
1994 A Grade Grand Final at Belmore Oval — David Abood (referee) and Wayne Loveday and Tony Crogan (touch judges).

SEASON 1995

- The spectre of Super League raises its head, as the introduction of the biggest impact on rugby league in its 88 year history begins to have implications at all levels of the game.
- This has a direct impact on refereeing in June, when seven graded referees are stood down by the Australian Rugby League. As a result, six Junior Representative referees are graded, including David Abood and Wayne Loveday. It is a successful year for Canterbury, with seven members in the Junior Representative squad, Grand Final lines for Mario Cafarelli (both Jersey Flegg and President's Cup) and Matthew Damaso (Harold Matthews Cup), and President Cup Semi Final centres for both Abood and Loveday .
- A new referees exchange is established with Group 10 Referees. David Abood (First Grade) and Chris Bettiol (Under 18s) are selected to represent the association in May, travelling to Bathurst for the match between Bathurst and Oberon. The exchange proves a success both on-field and socially, and will continue for eleven seasons, being the precursor for the implementation of a number of later exchange programmes.
- Phil Daws becomes the 64th Life Member of the association.
- For the second time in three seasons, Mario Cafarelli wins the Clubb-Johnson Trophy, this time in an A Grade Grand Final, whilst John Tamine earns the Farrelly-Dick Trophy.
- John McCormack earns an in-goal judge position for State of Origin 2.

SEASON 1996

- The association mourns the death of John Farrelly in the off-season, a matter of months prior to the 75th Anniversary celebrations which he has been extensively involved in planning.
- 250 people attend the 75th Anniversary function, a hugely successful night at Clarence House in Belmore.
- For the first time, members will officiate in competitions that cross district borders, with A Grade combined with St George Junior League, and B Grade and Under 17s to be combined with both St George and Balmain.
- Former First Grade and NSW Country representative player, Alan Fallah, having joined the association two years earlier, becomes the only member ever to win both the Clubb-Johnson and Farrelly-Dick Trophies in the same season.
- Life Membership is presented to Brian Barker, becoming the 65th recipient.
- Matt Hewitt earns a First Grade debut, when on 14 April, Manly-Warringah defeat Gold Coast 14–6. Then, in May, for the first time ever, a First Grade game is controlled with all five officials being Canterbury members (Hewitt, Mitchell Hoffmann and Paul Field, touch judges, and John Melville and Peter Kelly in-goal.)
- Mick Howell receives his second State of Origin line in Game 1, his first as a Canterbury member. Barry Ruttle is appointed in-goal judge for the second game of the series.
- An Extraordinary General Meeting is held on 12 December, for the purpose of making a decision as to whether or not the association should referee in the Super League Junior Representative competitions to commence the following season. After lengthy discussion, the members vote to referee in the competition.
- Phil Cooley is appointed to the First Grade Grand Final line, when on 29 September, Manly-Warringah defeat St George by 20–8.



*The Canterbury-Bankstown District
Rugby League Referees' Association Inc.*
request the pleasure of the company of
Mr & Mrs M. Cafarelli
at our
75th Anniversary Dinner
to be held at
Clarence House Function Centre
454 Burwood Road, Belmore
on
Saturday, 20th April, 1996
at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm

R.S.V.P.
31st March, 1996

Mr R Carwood
8 Inala Place
Carlingford NSW 2118

Dress: Formal (Black Tie)



**75th Anniversary
Dinner**

L-R: Tod Walker,
Ray Payne,
Arthur Carragher
and Jan Styles
(wife of Bob)





*L-R: Barry Ruttle,
Wayne Whitney,
Gary Ford, Sam Issa,
Wayne Loveday
and Victor Pitt
(Honorary Member
for Life)*



*L-R: Bryan Knight,
Peter Ryan, Peter
Longhurst, Bob
Styles and John
Leeds*



*L-R: Brad Hannagan,
Brad Newson, Tom
Healy, Paul Field and
Mitchell Hoffmann*

SEASON 1997

- Bob Styles and Bob Garwood stand down from the President and Secretary roles — just the third time in the association’s history that both roles have been vacated on the same night. Paul Archer, is elected the new President, a role he will fill for 19 of the next 25 years in two stints, an association record. Peter Ryan is elected Secretary, and will occupy this role for the next six years.
- The association runs a seminar for active members to commence the season — it is envisaged that this will become an annual event.
- Safe Play Code for junior rugby league is endorsed by the Australian Rugby League and is implemented for ages up to Under 15s.
- Mario Cafarelli and Alan Fallah are graded, and Col Turnell and Michael Thompson come out of retirement to join Super League.
- The Canterbury-Bankstown Leagues Club agree to sponsor the association for the next two years, at \$3,500 per season. This sponsorship continues today, and in 2021, will be celebrating 25 consecutive years as the major sponsor. Galaxy Television also sign on as a sleeve sponsor, with their contribution of \$2,000. However, the company will be short-lived in the budding pay-for-view market, and the sponsorship will last only the current season.
- Long serving member Sam Issa reaches the peak of Canterbury refereeing, controlling the A Grade Grand Final and winning the Clubb-Johnson Trophy in its 20th year. Joe Makdessi is awarded the Farrelly-Dick Trophy.
- The 66th Life Membership presentation belongs to Barry Ruttle, whilst in other news on Life Memberships, Les Matthews is acknowledged by the NSW Rugby League for his contribution to the game, and Wayne Howarth, having joined Canterbury earlier in the season, becomes a Life Member of Parramatta Referees’ Association.
- A disgusting and cowardly assault on two members at Sydney Business Houses results in the association severing ties with the competition after seven years.
- Phil Cooley (Game 1) and John McCormack (Game 3) are appointed touch judges for their State of Origin debuts, with McCormack also appointed to the Test match between Australia and The Rest of the World, with David Turvey in-goal.
- Cooley goes on to do his second straight First Grade Grand Final, when on 28 September, Newcastle wins its first title, defeating Manly-Warringah 22–16 with a try on the bell.



Gala Day 1997

*L-R: John Tamine,
Chris Fitzpatrick
and Richard Daizli*



*L-R: Gary Towner,
Peter Fahey and
John Maarbani*



*L-R: John Ellis,
Brad Newson and
Frank Samiya*



Right: Wayne Loveday and Tom Healy in action

Below: Life Members' Reunion 1997 – John McCormack (centre) receives his Test Match blazer, whilst Dave Turvey (L) and Mario Cafarelli (R) also receive awards for appointments through the season



SEASON 1998

- The Constitution is amended with the introduction of a Gear Committee to replace the Sponsorship Committee.
- Regular meetings are established between the District Club, Junior League and association.
- Rossini Restaurant comes on board as a sleeve sponsor, a relationship that will continue until the end of the 2005 season.
- A second Exchange Program is started, with Group 6, aimed at Mini-Mod football, and Melanie Saleh is the first participant.
- Mario Cafarelli is commissioned to make flags for the association, and in the process, amputates part of his thumb.
- For the first time since 1992, dual Life Membership is presented, the honours going to Mitchell Hoffmann and David Abood (the 67th and 68th Life Members).
- The Clubb-Johnson Trophy is won by Chris Fitzpatrick, whilst Richard Daizli is rewarded for improved performances with the Farrelly-Dick Trophy.
- David Turvey is appointed to a Mediterranean Cup line, for a game between Lebanon and Italy.
- The cost of prawns at the Life Members Reunion blows out to \$720 — President Archer states that he does not even like prawns, and the Committee resolves to place a \$500 limit for the following season.
- The new Leo Randle Award, is presented for the first time. The award is implemented to recognise the ongoing commitment of a member who has served the association for over 25 years. At the time of writing, the award has only ever been won by a Life Member. The inaugural winner is Les Matthews.
- In the newly formed National Rugby League, John McCormack, is appointed to the First Grade Grand final line. On 27 September, in the last Grand Final played at the Sydney Football Stadium, Brisbane defeat Canterbury-Bankstown 38–12.

SEASON 1999

- It is noted in the Minutes that the Canterbury Bankstown Leagues Club has located a photograph of the Foundation members of the association — unfortunately the whereabouts of this photo remains unknown at the time of writing.
- Member Chris Agland is severely injured in a cowardly assault, and the association establishes a 'Welfare Fund' to support Agland. The perpetrator is found guilty of assault and is jailed for a minimum of ten months.
- The number one district referee, and Clubb-Johnson winner is Gary Towner, whilst the Farrelly-Dick Trophy is awarded to Brad Zarb, and the Leo Randle Award is the latest accolade to be added to Bob Garwood's stellar career.
- Matthew Hewitt becomes the 69th and latest Life Member, whilst Victor Pitt is awarded Honorary Membership for Life. Barry Ruttle earns Life Membership from the NSWRLRA and also wins the George and Amy Hanson Trophy.
- Dave Turvey is appointed to another Mediterranean Cup match, this time being Lebanon versus France.
- For the first time, Canterbury are represented in all three Origins, with John McCormack (Game 1), Phil Cooley (Game 2), and Col Turnell (Game 3) all receiving touchline appointments. On 26 September, for the second time, McCormack is appointed to the First Grade Grand Final, the first to be played at the Olympic Stadium, in front of a crowd of 107,999. Melbourne comes from 14-0 down to defeat the newly amalgamated St George-Illawarra 20-18, following a penalty try in the last minute of play.

ASSOCIATION OFFICE BEARERS 1990–1999

Year	President	Secretary	Treasurer
1990	Les Matthews (until 18 April) Robert Styles (from 18 April)	Robert Garwood	Robert Hunt
1991	Robert Styles	Robert Garwood	Robert Hunt
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1997	Paul Archer	Peter Ryan	Perry Tzamouranis
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1999	Paul Archer	Peter Ryan	Perry Tzamouranis

LIFE MEMBERSHIP 1990–1999

Year	Life Member	Joined
1990	Mario Cafarelli	1978
1991	Paul Field	1977
1992	Tom Healy	1977
1992	George Elias	1977
1993	Peter Longhurst	1968
1994	John McCormack	1978
1995	Phil Daws	1984
1996	Brian Barker	1980
1997	Barry Ruttle	1981
1998	Mitchell Hoffmann	1983
1998	David Abood	1987
1999	Matthew Hewitt	1978

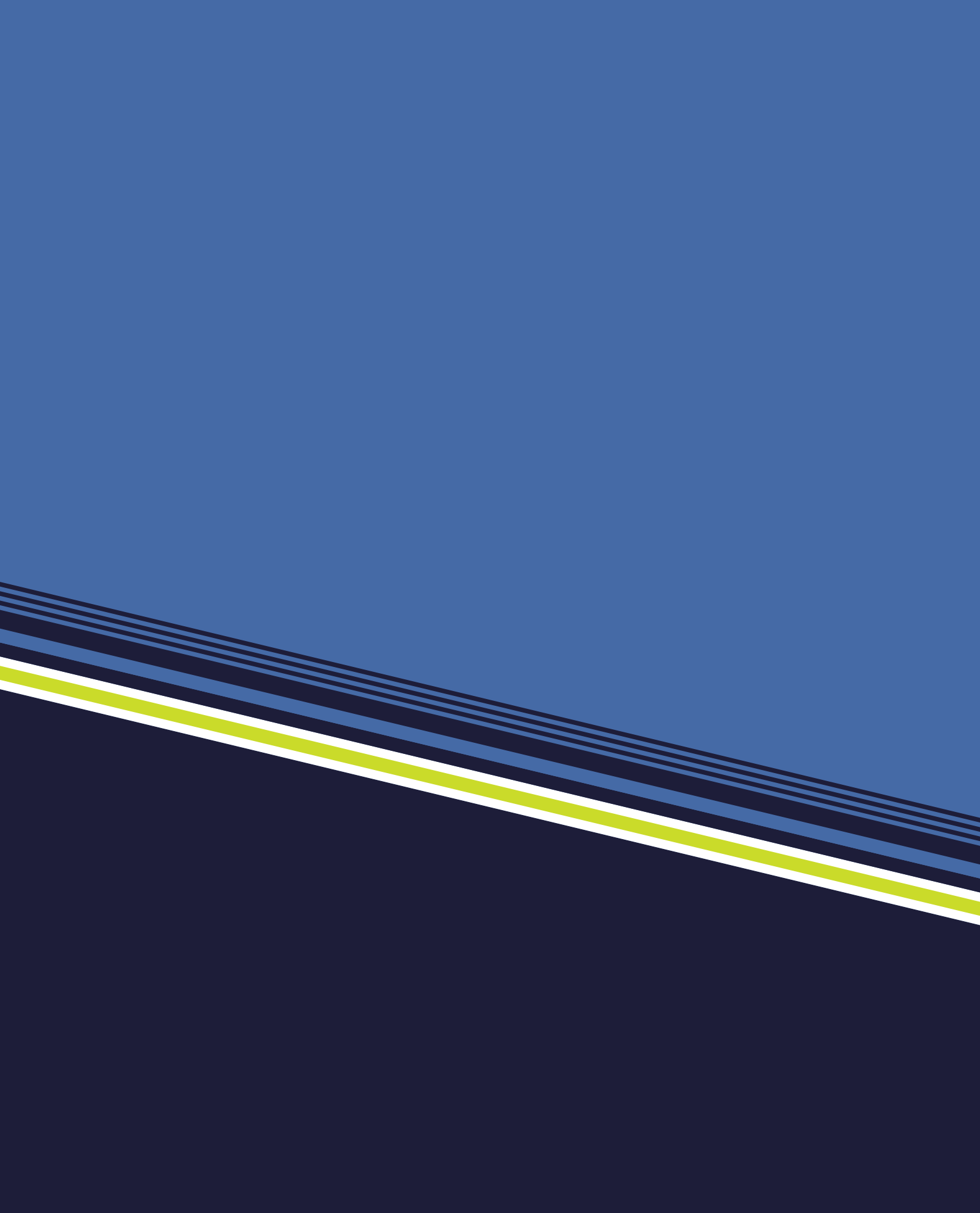
WHAT ELSE WAS HAPPENING IN THE 1990s

In Australia

- Carmen Lawrence becomes the first elected female Premier of a state (WA).
- Heart surgeon Victor Chang is shot dead in a robbery gone wrong
- Sydney Harbour Tunnel opens.
- Ivan Milat is convicted of the seven Backpacker Murders.
- Manduwuy Yunapingu, lead singer from Yothu Yindi, is named Australian of the Year.
- Pay television is launched.
- Mary McKillop becomes Australia's first saint.
- The Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race is decimated by the 'perfect storm', with six competitors lost at sea.
- Australia votes "No" to a republic.
- In Port Arthur, Martin Bryant kills 35 people in the worst mass murder in Australian history.
- Queensland wins the Sheffield Shield for the first time.
- A landslide in Thredbo results in 18 deaths.
- 18-year-old Jesse Martin becomes the youngest person to sail solo around the world.

Around the Globe

- Germany is re-unified and the USSR is dissolved.
- Princess Diana is killed in a car accident in Paris.
- OJ Simpson is accused of killing his ex-wife and a male friend, but is acquitted.
- Nelson Mandela is freed from jail after 27 years and becomes President following the end of Apartheid.
- Hubble Telescope is launched.
- The First Gulf War occurs.
- The Channel Tunnel opens between the United Kingdom and France.
- Molly the sheep is cloned.
- Rule of Hong Kong is handed back to China by the United Kingdom.
- The first Harry Potter book is released.



THE 2000s

The Archer Influence
and a Professional Game

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NEW MEMBERS 2000–2009

2000		655	Chris Trpkouski	682	Mohammed Darwiche
630	Michael White	656	Bryce Austin	683	Reginald Marks
631	Phil Tovey	657	Michael Cruickshank	684	Owen Teaupa
632	Doug Keen	658	Stephen Denford	685	Rhys Tozer
633	Adam Gee	659	Robert Dubois	686	Steven Francis
634	Anthony Moussa	660	Adam Fletcher	687	Dennis Hinds
635	Jody Thompson	661	Greg Fuller	688	Graham Hinds
636	Travis Waite	662	Elias Chidiac	689	Jamie Pomeroy
637	Brett Walsh	663	Chris Khoury	690	Chris Vaefaga
2001		664	Jason Simon	2004	
638	Aaron Sheldrick	665	Danny Hayek	691	Ian Gregory
639	Matthew Veigal	666	Adam Wilson	692	Thomas Shepherd
640	Dylan Bailey	667	Ben Beattie	693	Jennie Nguyen
641	Dean Ghosn	668	Omar Chamma	694	Chris Cafarelli
642	Simon Ghani	669	Hassan Hammond	695	Jeffrey Hassarati
643	Matt Walsh	670	Abdul Moussa	696	Matthew Farrelly
644	Joe Murphy	671	Daniel Twyman	697	Mark Zada
645	Sarah Bargashoun	672	Darren Smith	698	Matthew Zada
646	Juliana Gorevski	673	Pierre Abibadra	2005	
647	Max Horwood	674	Stan Tuitauake	699	Shane Ireland
648	Yousseff Khalil	675	Hussain Iskandar	700	Dennis Quin
649	Shane Merry	2003		701	Andrew Taylor
2002		676	Ray Farah	702	Dean Taylor
650	Con Paraskevopoulos	677	Julian Di Martino	703	Jay Collinson
651	Hilton Wood	678	Mark Tuulau	704	Daniel Inglese
652	Warren Gee	679	Rodney King	705	Brendan Quin
653	David Zorbas	680	Daniel Maybury	706	James Cartwright
654	Sam Nabhan	681	Tait Micallef	707	Avanua Kupu

NEW MEMBERS 2000–2009					
708	Joshua Boyd-Myers	2007		735	Andrew Elias
709	Nicola Dahdal	722	Jihad Afchal	736	John Gerges
710	Daniel Gardner	723	Nathan Loveday	737	Billal Iskandar
711	Lisa Rose	2008		2009	
712	Russell Smith	724	Phelix El-Kek	738	Joseph Tesoriero
2006		725	James Kostov	739	George Zeitoune
713	Frank Inglese	726	Joseph Malouf	740	Nathan Brown
714	Luke Inglese	727	Zac Malouf	741	Beau Carney
715	Maher Alfas	728	Cody Wilson	742	Saad Elasmr
716	David Cameron	729	Richard Kairouz	743	Tane Gilling
717	Salim Daizli	730	Feras Karem	744	George Jankowski
718	Daniel Malupo	731	Daniel Treacey	745	Bassam Mochaii
719	Stephen Merry	732	Mark Coughtrey	746	Billy Tsirikas
720	Daniel Tuulau	733	Jeremy Fuller	747	John Yousiff
721	Michael Benham	734	Stavros Anagnostakis	748	Annita Hall

SEASON 2000

- In January, the association hosts (and wins) the NSWRLRA Golf Day at Bankstown Golf Club. The event raises \$2,000 for charity.
- The Australian Rugby League Referees' Association is formed, with all members of affiliated associations automatically categorised as members.
- For the first time, active members use communication equipment for matches, the association purchasing two sets at a cost of \$600.
- Having earned the Farrelly-Dick Trophy two years before, Richard Daizli becomes the first to win the Clubb-Johnson Trophy in the 2000s. This year's Farrelly-Dick goes to Mo Fajajo, whilst Bob Hunt is the third recipient of the Leo Randle Award.

- Life Membership number 70 is presented to Glenn Jeffcoat, rewarded for his tireless efforts over many years.
- Other recognitions go to Les Matthews (Denis Braybrook Memorial Award for Services to Junior League), Tom Healy (George and Amy Hanson Trophy), Bob Hunt (Life Membership of the Junior League) and Jack O'Sullivan (Life Membership of Western Suburbs Referees). In a one-off, Lionel Brown is privileged to carry the Olympic Flame as part of the Sydney Torch Relay.
- Sadly, Peter Moore, long term Patron and head of the District Football Club, passes away.
- Phil Cooley is appointed to the Test Match between Australia and New Zealand in April, and then, in a feat he would repeat the following year, is appointed to all three State of Origins, becoming the first Canterbury member to achieve this (The only other occasion a Canterbury member has been appointed to a full Origin series comes ten years later, when David Abood achieves it). Cooley's six straight Origin appearances, and eight overall, both remain Canterbury records.
- Cooley earns his third First Grade Grand Final, and it is the fifth straight year a Canterbury member is appointed to the Grand Final on the line. Played on 27 August, Brisbane defeats the Sydney Roosters 14–6.

SEASON 2001

- New association photos are taken to commemorate the 80th season.
- The Junior League introduces a Mercy Rule to stop young teams from becoming disillusioned by regular thrashings.
- Doug Keen is graded, and David Abood is appointed to his debut line in First Grade.
- The Constitution undergoes an overhaul, the new addition implemented from September, and the association moves into the 21st century by obtaining a website.
- In an unsavoury moment, member Tony Dosen is suspended for 12 months following poor behaviour at a judiciary hearing.
- Gary Towner wins his second Clubb-Johnson Trophy in three years, Viktor Unal is the Farrelly-Dick Trophy recipient, while the Leo Randle Award goes to Bryan Knight in an emotional presentation.

- For many years, Joe Attard has been Glenn Jeffcoat's partner-in-crime on the Coaching Panel, so it is fitting that he follows Jeffcoat into Life Membership, becoming the 71st recipient.
- For the second straight year, Phil Cooley sweeps the Origin appointments. In a first for Canterbury, Alan Fallah is also appointed to Games 1 and 2, becoming the first time the association provides two touch judges for an Origin game.

SEASON 2002

- Former member, Darren Lang, having been cleared to join Manly Referees at the start of the season, is graded.
- Due to limited space availability at the Leagues Club, the club suggests the association use one of their subsidiaries, The Lakemba Club, for meetings.
- The 72nd and 73rd bestowing of Life Membership occurs, with Cliff Haynes and Wayne Loveday the honoured members. Barry Goldsworthy, a member at Canterbury since 1998, receives Life Membership from NSWRLRA.
- Chris Bettiol controls the A Grade Grand Final, to win the Clubb-Johnson Trophy, the Farrelly-Dick Trophy is presented to Brett Walsh, and Tod Walker is honoured with the Leo Randle Award.
- Following on from his two appearances the previous year, Alan Fallah is appointed to another Origin, his third, in Game 2.

SEASON 2003

- After eight seasons of November/December Annual General Meetings, the meeting reverts to pre-season, in February 2003. Having served as Secretary for the past six years, Peter Ryan stands down, and Chris Bettiol is elected into the role.
- Mohamad Fajajo becomes the latest member to reach the graded ranks.
- The Clubb-Johnson Trophy is again won by Chris Bettiol, becoming the first member to win the award in consecutive seasons. It is also the first time a member has controlled successive A Grade Grand Finals since Les Matthews in 1972–1973. A good season for Lionel Brown is recognised with the Farrelly-Dick Trophy, whilst the 2003 Leo Randle Award belongs to Peter Ryan.

- For the 74th time, the association awards Life Membership, this time going to Sam Issa. Kevin Jeffes earns Life Membership honours from the ARLRA.
- Phil Cooley is appointed video referee for the First Grade Grand Final on 5 October, Penrith holding off the Sydney Roosters 18–6 to win their second title. Mario Cafarelli is also appointed Grand Final Day, on the line for the Jim Beam Cup Grand Final.

SEASON 2004

- The 2004 season starts with the grading of Richard Daizli.
- Adam Gee becomes the youngest member to ever referee the A Grade Grand Final, taking out the Clubb-Johnson Trophy at 19 years of age. Hilton Wood earns the Farrelly-Dick Trophy, and the Leo Randle Award is presented to his good friend, Paul Archer, just weeks before Leo passes away.
- The 'Friendly Fisherman' Jim Hall becomes the 75th member to receive Life Membership, whilst Tom Healy is rewarded in the same manner by NSWRLRA.
- For the third time in association history, Honorary Membership for Life is bestowed, the recipient being Keith Lotty.
- Three members are assaulted in a six week period, leading to the association threatening to withdraw from the finals unless the Junior League provides adequate security. The crisis is averted and an updated Code of Conduct is developed for implementation in 2005.
- Canterbury-Bankstown defeats the Sydney Roosters 16–13 in the Grand Final to win their eighth (and most recent) premiership.

SEASON 2005

- Mario Cafarelli commences the season as the newly elected Secretary, a role he will fill for the next six seasons.
- The Appointments Board is disbanded, replaced with a Director of Referees and two Deputy Directors. The role of the Directors is to determine the appointments each week, whilst an Advisory Board is instigated to report on referees and provide the information to the decision-makers. John McCormack becomes the inaugural Director of Referees, with Bob Garwood and Kim Archer his Deputies.

- History is made with the presentation of Life Membership to Kim Archer, not only the first female Life Member in Canterbury, but across all Sydney Metropolitan referees' associations. In a year of duel presentations, Archer is joined by Lionel Brown, taking the tally to 77 Life Members.
- Bob Garwood is presented with the Denis Braybrook Award for Services to Junior Refereeing, and Jack O'Sullivan wins the George and Amy Hanson Trophy
- Adam Gee wins his second straight Clubb-Johnson Trophy, Greg Fuller wins the Farrelly-Dick Trophy, and the Leo Randle Award goes to Bob Styles.
- Mo Fajajo gets promoted to his First Grade touch judging debut. In a coup for the association, English international referee Russell Smith, having emigrated to join the NRL, is invited to join Canterbury, and accepts.
- Sponsorship with Rossini Restaurant wraps up after eight years of support.
- Richard Daili is appointed touch judge for the NSW Cup Grand Final.

Sport

Taking control has its rewards

By JAMIE PANDARAM

WHISTLEBLOWERS cop their fair share of criticism in every sport, and referees in rugby league mad NSW especially come under heavy scrutiny.

However, as young Canterbury Bankstown district league referee Adam Gee points out, anything tough has its rewards.

"You do cop s--- every now and then, but it's only verbal most of the time. If you can put that aside, there are so many places you can go."

Gee, 20, is setting himself to officiate at the top level, the NRL.

He has already become the youngest person to ever referee an A-grade grand final in the Canterbury Bankstown district's 80-year history when he controlled the decider at just 19 last year.

And last Sunday, Gee became only the third person to officiate two A-grade grand finals in succession when he was the man in the middle during the Bulls versus Bankstown Sports tussle at Belmore Sportsground.

"I've met so many good people, I've made some lifetime friends through refereeing," Gee said.

"And it's not only on the field, there are so many social events for referees as well."

Gee started refereeing at age 14 while still playing, and after suffering serious injuries he saw officiating as a way of remaining in the sport he loves.

"When I went to grade I had a few bad injuries, but I wanted to stay in the game," he said.

"I was 19 last year and probably had a dream run. I went straight from playing to refing on Sundays at under-18s games, then made the junior rep squad for NSW referees."

Gee has controlled some Jersey Flegg matches this year, and hopes to get graded so he can referee Jim Beam Cup and Premier League games.

From there he would be eligible for the NRL referees development squad, from which top line officials are selected to control first grade matches.

If you are interested in becoming a league referee, call association secretary Mario Cafarelli, 9755 4054.

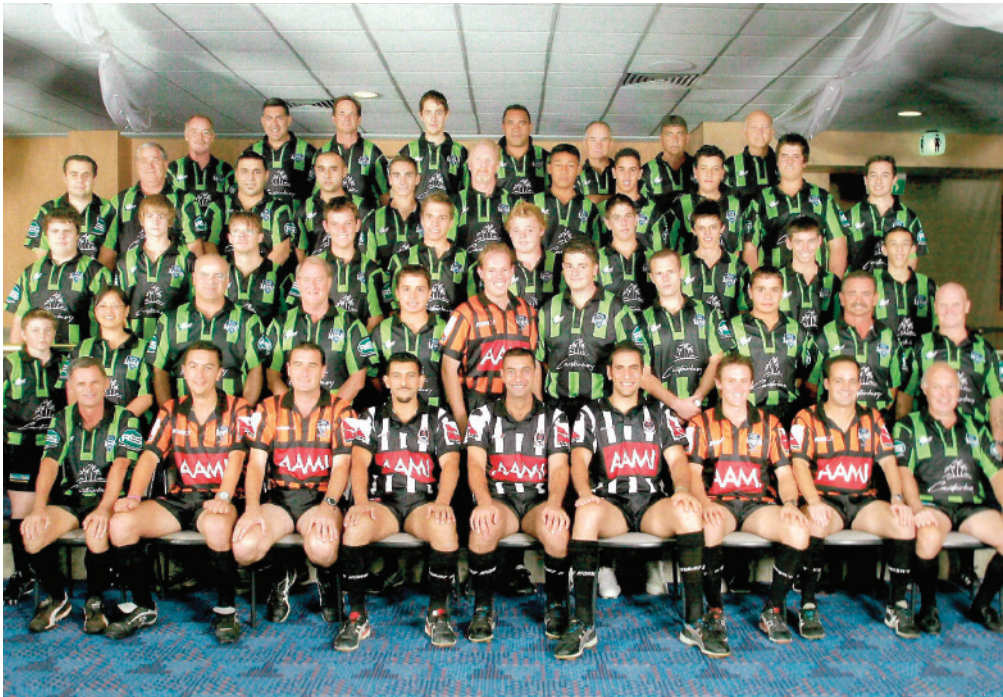


Gee whiz ref: Adam Gee is a young league referee on the rise.
Photo by WENDY KIMPTON

First Grade Referee in the making ... Adam Gee news article, 7 September 2005

SEASON 2006

- The Leo Randle Trust is established from funds donated by Leo on his passing in September 2004.
- Matthew Damaso has a strong Junior Representative season, and is graded at its completion.
- The Clubb-Johnson Trophy is won by Jimmy Oliveira, and then Oliveira is graded as the season draws to a close. The Farrelly-Dick Trophy is earned by Chris Cafarelli, and Tom Healy receives the Leo Randle Award.
- After eleven successive seasons, the Group 10 Exchange does not proceed this season.
- For the first time since 1988, no Life Membership is presented. However, Bob Styles is awarded Life Membership of the ARLRA, and Doug Keen receives the George and Amy Hanson Trophy.
- Richard Daizli is elevated to a First Grade debut on the line, giving Canterbury four members who officiated on-field in First Grade in a season for the first time in over five years.



Active and Graded Members, 2006



Kim Archer – The first female Life Member of Canterbury (and any referees association in Metropolitan Sydney)

SEASON 2007

- Adam Gee becomes the latest member to achieve grade status.
- Tony Dosen applies for re-admittance and is allowed to rejoin the association following the completion of his suspension.
- Utilising funding from the Leo Randle Trust, new Exchange Programs are initiated, with Chris Cafarelli (with chaperone, Paul Archer) travelling to Perth, whilst Graham Hinds (accompanied by Mario Cafarelli) goes to the Sunshine Coast.
- Having earned on-field honours in recent seasons, Chris Bettiol is rewarded for his off-field service with the 78th Life Membership.
- NSW Rugby League, keen to encourage increased participation, holds a Polynesian Referees Meeting. Reg Marks is invited to attend, with it noted that only eight Polynesians are refereeing in New South Wales at present, three of which are Canterbury members.
- Brad Zarb controls his first A Grade Grand Final to win the Clubb-Johnson Trophy. Mark Zada is awarded the Farrelly-Dick Trophy, whilst the Leo Randle Award goes to current Leo Randle Trustee, Peter Longhurst.
- The Committee makes the decision that the final meeting of each year will be known as 'The Leo Randle Meeting'.

SEASON 2008

- 2008 is the Centenary of Rugby League in Australia, with memorable functions for both graded and Canterbury members — grade commencing the year with a major black-tie dinner at the Sydney Cricket Ground, while our very own Cocktail Party at the Leagues Club, is an unmitigated success.
- The NSWRLRA co-ordinates a metropolitan wide exchange, and Scott Butler and John Maarbani are selected and referee in the Western Suburbs District. Unfortunately, only five associations elect to participate and as a result, the concept is axed after this season.
- Robert Culkin, a former member and First Grade touch judge, rejoins the association after a gap of 63 years, creating a record that is unlikely to ever be beaten.
- After 11 years as Treasurer, John McCormack stands down, and Brad Zarb is elected to the role.
- Richard Daizli is presented with Life Membership, becoming the 79th recipient. This would prove to be the last Life Membership presented until 2012. The ensuing gap is the second longest period between presentations in the association's history, only exceeded by the five year break following the third Life Membership in 1934.
- John McCormack receives Life Membership from the NSWRLRA.
- The A Grade Grand Final sees Brad Zarb go back-to-back as winner of the Clubb-Johnson Trophy, whilst the Farrelly-Dick Trophy returns to the Zada house for another 12 months, with twin brother Matthew the recipient. Mario Cafarelli becomes the latest member to receive the Leo Randle Award.
- Richard Daizli is appointed to his second NSW Cup Grand Final line.
- The end of the season brings a World Cup and David Abood is selected to represent the association, being appointed to two Test Matches (Samoa versus Tonga, and Samoa versus Scotland) plus an additional international between Indigenous Australia and the New Zealand Maori.



One Hundred Years of Rugby League Appreciation Certificate



L-R: Barry Ruttle, Wayne Loveday, Tom Healy, Sam Issa, Peter Ryan and Bob Styles

SEASON 2009

- Life Member and former President of nine years, Les Matthews, passes away in January after a lengthy battle with cancer.
- Social Secretary for 13 of the past 14 seasons, Glenn Jeffcoat, stands down, and Gavin Beecroft is elected as his replacement.
- The NSW Rugby League Academy issues an edict that all new junior referees will be required to wear a yellow 'Learner's' vest for at least six weeks, to indicate to spectators that the referee is 'in training'.
- The decade ends with a new Clubb-Johnson Trophy recipient, with Reg Marks controlling the A Grade Grand Final. Feras Karem earns the Farrelly-Dick Trophy, and John McCormack is recognised for his continuing service with the Leo Randle Award.
- David Abood becomes the first Canterbury Origin representative since 2002 when he is appointed to debut in Game 3.
- On 4 October, Abood goes on to become the first member since the turn of the century to be appointed to the First Grade Grand Final, with Melbourne defeating Parramatta by 23–16. Canterbury are represented in all three games on Grand Final day for the first time in over two decades, with Adam Gee refereeing the New South Wales Cup and Richard Daizli on the line for the Toyota Cup.



Robert Culkin and Paul Archer. Having originally joined the association in 1943, and been graded the following year, Culkin left refereeing after 1945. He rejoined the association in 2008, 63 years after leaving — a record unlikely to ever be matched. Robert is also the first (and only) member to have lived to 100.

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Year	President	Secretary	Treasurer
2000	Paul Archer	Peter Ryan	Perry Tzamouranis
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2005	Paul Archer	Mario Cafarelli	John McCormack
2006	Paul Archer	Mario Cafarelli	John McCormack
2007	Paul Archer	Mario Cafarelli	John McCormack
2008	Paul Archer	Mario Cafarelli	Brad Zarb
2009	Paul Archer	Mario Cafarelli	Brad Zarb

LIFE MEMBERSHIP 2000-2009

Year	Life Member	Joined
2000	Glenn Jeffcoat	1989
2001	Joseph Attard	1988
2002	Cliff Haynes	1970
2002	Wayne Loveday	1989
2003	Sam Issa	1980
2004	Jim Hall	1991
2005	Lionel Brown	1992
2005	Kim Archer *	1992
2007	Chris Bettiol	1991
2008	Richard Daizli	1992

* First female Life Member

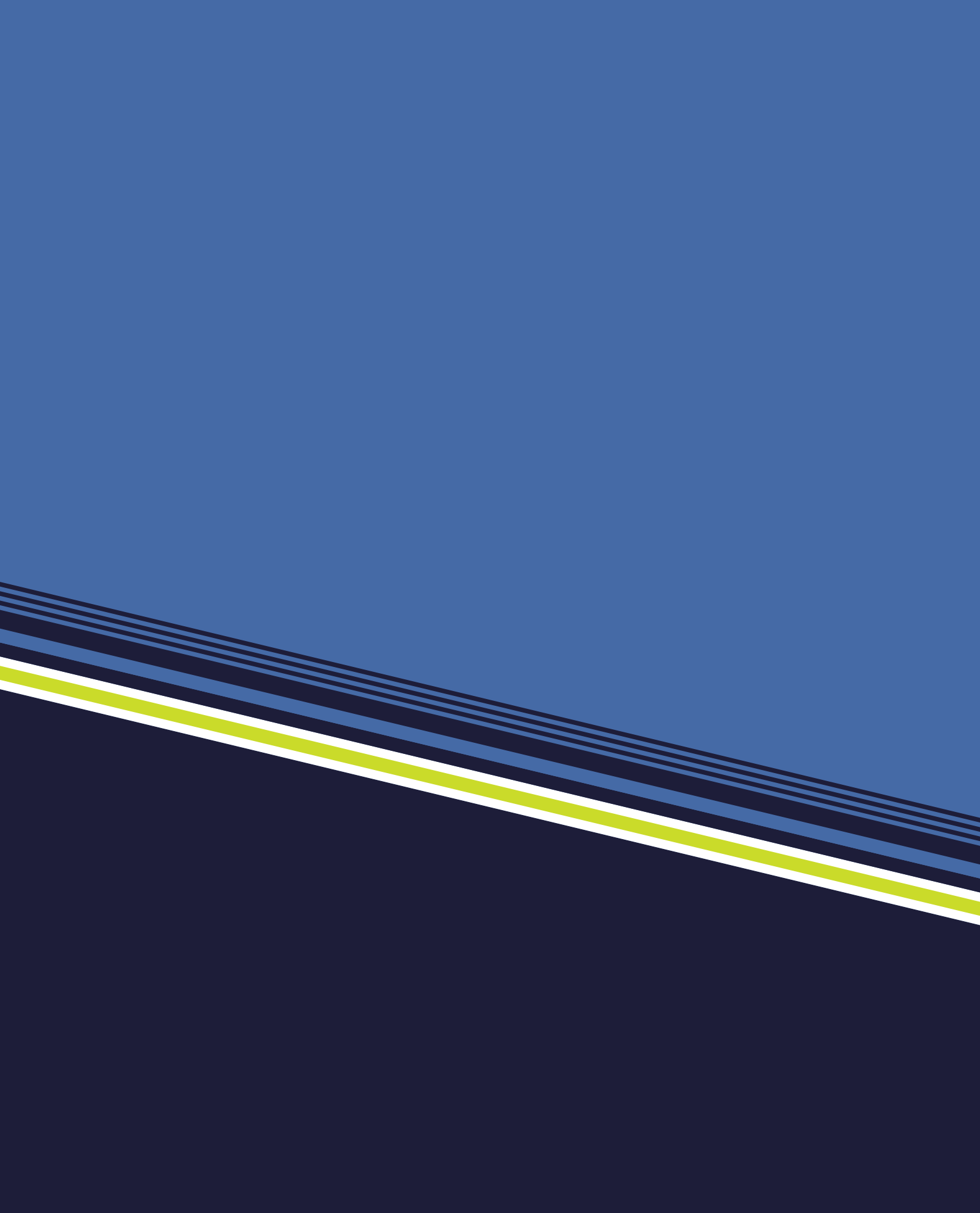
WHAT ELSE WAS HAPPENING IN THE 2000s

In Australia

- Sydney hosts the Games of the XXVII Olympiad.
- The Australian dollar falls below 50 US cents for the first time.
- The centenary of Federation is celebrated.
- Sir Donald Bradman passes away.
- 88 Australians are killed by terrorist bombings in Bali.
- Leyton Hewitt becomes the youngest tennis player to ever be ranked World Number 1.
- The Ghan becomes the first passenger train to travel between Adelaide and Darwin.
- Qantas launches its discount arm, Jetstar.
- Tasmanian Mary Donaldson marries Crown Prince Frederik of Denmark.
- Prime Minister Kevin Rudd issues an apology to the Stolen Generation of Indigenous Australians.
- Black Saturday Bushfires in Victoria kill a record 173 people.
- Makybe Diva wins three consecutive Melbourne Cups.
- Racial riots occur in Cronulla.
- The Socceroos defeat Uruguay in a play-off in Sydney to reach their first World Cup in 32 years, only to be denied in the cruellest manner in the Round of 16 against eventual winners, Italy.

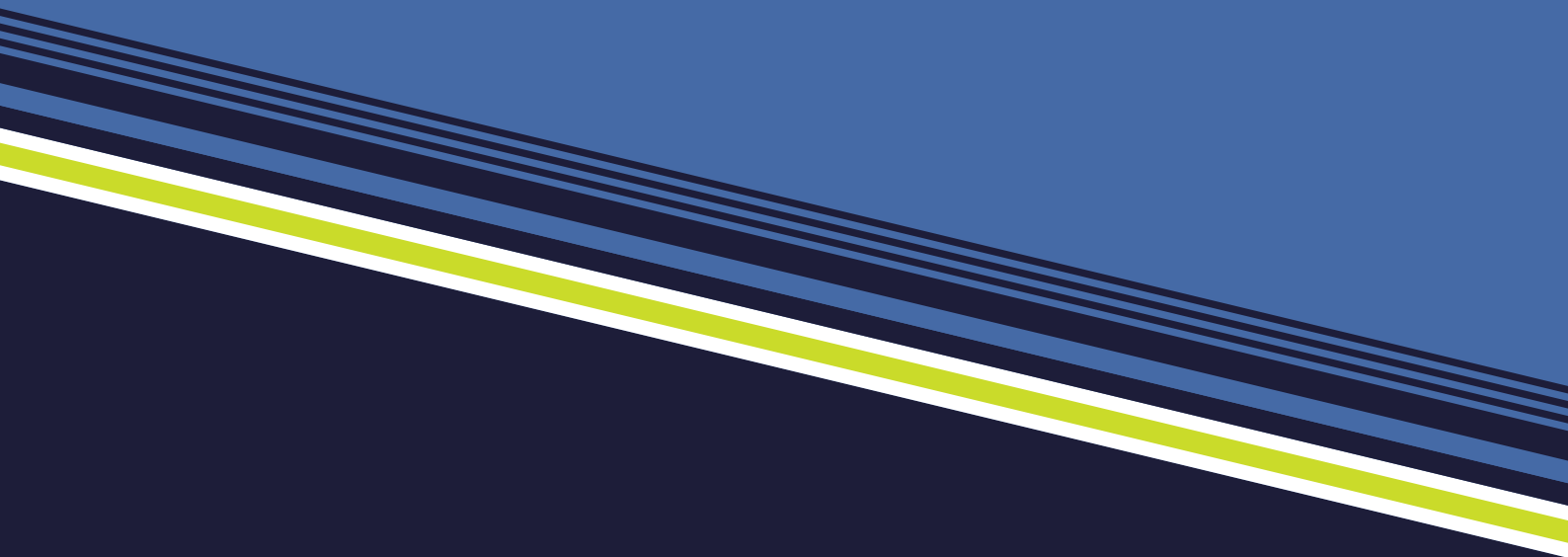
Around the Globe

- The turn of the millennium does not result in disaster due to Y2K.
- Concorde crashes into an apartment block whilst attempting to take-off in France, killing 109 people.
- Terrorists crash four commercial aeroplanes, including two that strike the World Trade Centre, causing it to collapse — the death toll on the day is 2,977.
- An earthquake causes a tsunami that kills 230,000 in Indonesia.
- Pluto is demoted to dwarf planet status.
- Apple debuts the iPhone.
- Barrack Obama becomes the first US President of African descent.
- An A320 is hit by a flock of geese on take off from La Guardia Airport, forcing pilot Chesley Sullenberger to land in the Hudson River.



THE 2010s

Heading Towards a Century



NEW MEMBERS 2010–2020

2010		773	Peter Chayna	2014	
749	Peter Dorset	774	Joshua Quin	798	Rhys Bournes
750	Prasad Kanitkar	775	Toby Reardon	799	Ramzi Daizli
751	Nick Oustambasidis	776	Conor Kelley	800	Ryan Dunn
752	Raphael Tarazy	777	Liam Mulvihill	801	Kassem Maarbani
753	Aaron McAndrew	778	Bill Tran	802	Aaron McGeoch
754	Warwick Poll	779	Daniel Safetly	803	Richard Trad
755	Joseph Yarak	780	Shadi Faraj	804	Sayed Yehia
2011		781	Andreas Kokkinis	805	Hassan Farhat
756	Jake Cairns	782	Pierre Fayad	806	Meleck Lababidi
757	Marwan Dadoun	783	Mark Moutou	807	Mitchell Barrett
758	Kane Thorburn	784	Siteri Scott	2015	
759	Dylan Elias	2013		808	Katoa Mairi
760	Adnan Obeid	785	Rhys Harrington	809	Dean Eleche
761	David Harrington	786	Michael Tasker	810	Mariam Rifaie
762	Aidan Harrington	787	Joshua Maybon	2016	
763	Pierre Gerges	788	Steve Greige	811	Zac Obeid
764	Jake Safetly	789	Anthony Harb	812	Daniel Kustec
765	David Haddad	790	Zac Iskandar	813	Stephanie Penteadó
766	Amr Mustafa	791	Shane Kennedy	814	Colton Anderson-Seat
767	Steven Yerbury	792	Hayden Kennedy	815	Jabril Daizli
768	Ryan Yerbury	793	Bahaddin Dib	816	Riley Burchell
769	Jeremy Safi	794	Luke Bettison	817	Nathan Fayad
770	Richard Langtry	795	Eddy El-Kek	818	Amir Osmani
2012		796	Azzam Rustom	819	Matthew Gomes
771	Loay El Shafei			820	Dylan Harrigan
772	Vincent Samuel			821	Kemble Walsh
797	Taha Iskandar			822	Yazan Abdeljabar

NEW MEMBERS 2010–2020					
823	Abdul Rifaie	835	Amin Katoue	2019	
824	Rami Abu Mansour	836	Daniel Kolesnyk	847	Alaa Chahine
825	Kailan Cambey	837	Jake Kolesnyk	848	Nazih Chehine
826	Abdelrahman Atia	838	Laithe Sabha	849	Owen Millar
827	Dany Jabbour	839	Eddie Semaan	850	Christopher Rizoglou
828	Daniel Mairi	2018		851	Michael Rizaglou
829	Anthony Ibrahim	840	Jack Bird	852	Kye Truman
830	John Williams	841	Jack Flaherty	853	Danny Melhem
2017		842	Alaa Lababidi	854	Elie Haddad
831	Hicham El-Ali	843	Jack McIlvenny	855	Nathan Mairleitner
832	Wadee El-Kheir	844	Alexander Passarelli	2020	
833	Robert Dalziel	845	Samson Mairi	856	Garth Mitchell
834	Jihad Hammoud	846	Yehya Abdul-Al	857	Justin Tarchichi

SEASON 2010

- After a record 13 years leading the association, Paul Archer stands down as President, and is replaced by John McCormack who will hold the chair for the next two seasons.
- A concerning issue arises, with threatening emails being sent to the Secretary and members of the association. There is a suspicion that an unknown former member may be involved, based on the person's knowledge of the inner workings of the association. The police are contacted, and fortunately this response from the association is sufficient to curtail the problem. The culprit has never been formally identified.
- Having ended the decade with the Clubb-Johnson Trophy, Reg Marks starts the new decade by retaining it. Nathan Loveday (Farrelly-Dick Trophy) and George Elias (Leo Randle Award) also earn accolades for their outstanding efforts.

- George Jankowski is presented with the George and Amy Hanson Trophy.
- Adam Gee is appointed to a First Grade line, becoming the first member since Richard Daizli four years earlier to debut.
- On Daizli, he is again appointed to a Grand Final, his second consecutive Toyota Cup.
- David Abood becomes the second member behind Phil Cooley to earn appointments to all three State of Origin games. This series also creates Origin history as being the first time the same team of on-field officials are appointed to all three matches (referees Tony Archer and Shayne Hayne, touch judges Abood and Paul Holland).

SEASON 2011

- The run of Mario Cafarelli as Secretary ends after six years, with George Elias elected to the front table as his replacement.
- The association celebrates its 90th year, with a well attended Cocktail Party, and another commemorative photo shoot.
- Following his touch judging debut the previous season, Adam Gee earns a debut First Grade centre, on 20 August, with the Sydney Roosters defeating Cronulla 36–25. Gee becomes the first Canterbury member to control the top grade since Matt Hewitt ten years earlier.
- After many years of toil, John Maarbani is rewarded with the Clubb-Johnson Trophy for the A Grade Grand Final. Phelix El-Kek is presented the Farrelly-Dick Trophy, with Barry Ruttle honoured with the Leo Randle Award. Doug Keen is rewarded for his extensive administrative work with Life Membership of the NSWRLRA.
- Richard Daizli is appointed for the third time to the NSW Cup Grand Final line.



Active and Graded Members, 2011

SEASON 2012

- A new President takes the Chair for this season, David Abood, and he will remain in the role for the following four seasons.
- After a four year hiatus, the 80th presentation of Life Membership finally occurs, with Brad Zarb earning the honour.
- Zarb makes history by winning the Clubb-Johnson Trophy for the third time, and also becoming just the second member to receive the trophy in the same year as gaining Life Membership (after Paul Field in 1991). Of further note, Zarb wins the trophy after refereeing the Under 19 Grand Final — the lowest grade ever to be awarded the Clubb-Johnson Trophy, as no higher grades were played in the district this season.
- Phil Cooley reaches 300 video refereeing appointments, and when added to on-field games, passes 500 First Grade appointments.
- The Farrelly-Dick Trophy is won by Billal Iskandar, whilst the Leo Randle Award goes to new President, David Abood.

- A new trophy is commissioned to honour a new member for notable effort in their first full year of membership. The award is to acknowledge all attributes of membership, and is named after former Presidents, Les Matthews and Bob Styles. The inaugural winner of the award is Peter Chayna.
- The Denis Braybrook Award comes back to Canterbury, with Lionel Brown recognised, whilst elder statesman Robert Culkin wins the George and Amy Hanson Trophy.
- In his final year in grade, David Abood surpasses the record of Brian Wiseman (265 games) and achieves the highest number of First Grade appearances by a member. Abood also receives his fifth and sixth State of Origin appointments in Games 2 and 3, as one of the best ever Origin series is decided by a 40-metre Cooper Cronk field goal in Game 3 with five minutes to play, which sees Queensland win 21-20 to take the series 2-1.

SEASON 2013

- The association reviews the Constitution, and the updated version is implemented.
- Adam Gee becomes the first Canterbury member to ever receive a full-time refereeing contract.
- With previous exchanges falling through, an Auckland exchange commences, with Billal Iskander representing the association, and a Tasmanian exchange also occurs. Due to the timing of when the competition is played, Daniel Gardner travels down to Tasmania to referee in November.
- For the second year in a row the main game in the district is the Under 19 Grand Final. In the start of a record run, the Clubb-Johnson Trophy is won by Nathan Loveday, who will go on to win four Clubb-Johnson Trophies in a row.
- Joshua Quin (Farrelly-Dick Trophy) and Mark Moutou (Matthews-Styles Award) are honoured by the association, and Colin Turnell is bestowed with the Leo Randle Award.
- For the fourth time in five years, no Life Membership presentation occurs.

SEASON 2014

- Having had a year off, Life Membership returns to the association with a double dose, Gavin Beecroft and John Gorzanelli taking the number to 82 presentations.
- Kim Archer is recognised for her contribution to rugby league in the district, by winning the Karen Folkes Award.
- The Auckland exchange goes ahead, but the Tasmanian Rugby League is taken over by the Victorian Rugby League, and owing to political changes within their associations, no exchange is conducted with Tasmania.
- Nathan Loveday wins his second Clubb-Johnson Trophy, becoming the first member to win the trophy refereeing a 'Combined Competition' Grand Final, being the Third Grade. Joseph Tesoriero takes the Farrelly-Dick Trophy, Aaron McGeoch the Matthews-Styles Award, and Glenn Jeffcoat the Leo Randle Award.
- Richard Daizli completes an extraordinary achievement when appointed to the line for the Sydney Shield Grand Final, being his tenth lower grade Grand Final in eleven years.

SEASON 2015

- The season commenced with a new policy in relation to members pulling out of appointments — any member withdrawing from appointments will be considered immediately unavailable for the following week. Once this approach is invoked early in the season, members realise the policy will be enforced, and the rate of late withdrawals reduces markedly to the best it has been for many seasons.
- After a gap of 16 seasons, the Group 6 Exchange for junior referees is reinstated, and the defunct Tasmanian Exchange is replaced by a Gold Coast Exchange, with Auckland also proceeding again. Daniel Gardner and Aaron McAndrew are the inaugural representatives to travel to the Gold Coast.
- Nathan Loveday retains the Clubb-Johnson Trophy, this time controlling the First Grade Grand Final as the number one referee, not only in Canterbury, but across the entire Combined Competition.

- Having earned Life Membership the year after Glenn Jeffcoat, Joe Attard does the same with the Leo Randle Award. Anthony Harb wins the Farrelly-Dick Trophy, and Mariam Rifaie creates history by becoming the first female to be awarded an association trophy, honoured with the Matthews-Styles Award.
- Long-standing friends of the association, and former teammates at the Bulldogs, Peter Winchester and Garry Hughes, are recognised for their services with Honorary Membership for Life.

SEASON 2016

- The season starts with a bit of a shock — with David Abood standing down after four seasons, the all-time record holding President, Paul Archer, returns to the Chair for another stint (that continues into the present). In addition, George Elias stands down as Secretary and is replaced by Daniel Gardner, who also remains in the role till the present.
- Canterbury hosts the return of an Inter-Association Touch Football Tournament. On a successful day, the hosts win the senior competition defeating Penrith in the final, whilst the Under 18s are runners-up, beaten in drop-off by the same opponent.
- Nathan Loveday wins his record fourth successive Clubb-Johnson Trophy, with Joshua Mabon and Nathan Fayad winning the Farrelly-Dick Trophy and the Matthews-Styles Award respectively. A new award is introduced, the Paul Archer-Bob Garwood Award, presented by an association vote to a member who has provided an outstanding contribution to the association in the previous year. Nathan Loveday earns the inaugural award. Keeping it in the family, Wayne Loveday is presented the Leo Randle Award
- Robert Culkin celebrates his 100th birthday, the first and, to date, only member to ever achieve this milestone.
- Barry Belford becomes the 83rd Life Member. Belford originally joined the association in 1968 before moving to Grafton for work in 1979. Barry returned to rejoin the association in 1996, and is rewarded for his significant contribution, particularly in his second stint as a member.
- The association forms the Centenary Committee to commence focussing on the celebrations in 2021 — the Committee is divided into three sub-committees to manage the function, sponsorship, and the association history.



Members, 2016

SEASON 2017

- The season starts with some modifications to the Combined Competitions, Canterbury forming part of the South West Conference for Under 13s to Under 19s, with a Combined A Grade across both conferences.
- The association hosts a successful combined training session with St George and Cronulla, with over 70 referees attending.
- Following a successful Junior Rep season, Nathan Loveday is graded.
- Member, Baha Dib is charged with Misconduct under the Constitution, and is suspended for four years.
- Mariam Rifaie and Stephanie Penteadó are added to the NRL Women's Academy Squad.
- For the first time since 2013, a new name goes on the Clubb-Johnson Trophy, with Joseph Tesoriero controlling the Second Grade Grand Final. Other award winners are Aaron McGeoch (Farrelly-Dick Trophy), Matthew Gomes (Matthews-Styles Award), and Daniel Gardner (Archer-Garwood Award). The Leo Randle Award goes to Lionel Brown, and in addition, Paul Archer wins the Les Matthews Award for Contribution to Refereeing in New South Wales.
- The 84th Life Membership of the association is bestowed on Adam Gee.

- On field, Gee is selected for the World Cup, refereeing a Pool Test Match between Papua New Guinea and USA, before going on to control the final of the Women's Tournament, with Australia defeating New Zealand.
- On a sad note, the Golf Day was held for the last time, after many years on the Social Calendar. In its heyday the event would draw over 100 golfers, but less than ten this season confirms that the day has run its race, and is being scrapped.

SEASON 2018

- The association reduces meetings from fortnightly to monthly, with only eight meetings held for the year. This is the first time since 1928 that meetings are not held on a fortnightly basis.
- All members are provided with new polo shirts, and it is compulsory that they be worn to grounds on game day.
- Joseph Tesoriero earns his second Clubb-Johnson Trophy, for the Opens Gold Grand Final, the other awards going to Anthony Ibrahim (Farrelly-Dick Trophy), Jake Kolesnyk (Matthews-Styles Award), and Brad Zarb (Archer-Garwood Award), whilst Richard Daizli is presented with the Leo Randle Award.
- Adam Gee goes past 100 First Grade centres, the first member to achieve this since Keith Holman in 1971.
- The 85th Life Membership is presented to John Maarbani following 31 years of service to the association.

SEASON 2019

- The District Club honours the association by naming the referees' room at Belmore Oval 'The Leo Randle Referees' Room'.
- It is announced that the NSW Rugby League and Country Rugby League will amalgamate. As a result, the NSWRLRA and CRLRA commence merger discussions.
- Adam Gee is appointed to his second Test Match, controlling the game between Papua New Guinea and Samoa.

- Having joined Canterbury from Illawarra at the start of the 2018 season, Jack Bird becomes the first Canterbury member since Wayne Loveday in 1994 to referee a Junior Rep Grand Final, controlling the Harold Matthews Cup match. Stephanie Penteado is appointed to the Tarsha Gale Cup Grand Final line, becoming the first female member to participate in a Junior Representative final.
- Bird goes on to claim the Clubb-Johnson Trophy after he is appointed to the Under 20s Grand Final. The Farrelly-Dick Trophy is awarded to Matthew Gomes, with Owen Millar earning the Matthews-Styles Award and Joseph Tesoriero the Archer-Garwood Award. Kim Archer is rewarded for her continuing dedication to the association with the Leo Randle Award.
- History is made when Warren Gee is bestowed with Life Membership, the 86th presentation. With son Adam having received Life Membership two years earlier, the Gees become the first father and son to become Life Members.
- The Life Members Reunion is moved to a luncheon for the first time, with Guest Speaker Steven Price, and proves to be highly successful with over 70 attendees.
- The Committee announces that the Centenary Function will be held at The William Inglis Hotel, Warwick Farm, on 23 January 2021.

SEASON 2020

- The most bizarre season of football ever experienced by the association, with the season suspended during trials in March due to Covid-19.
- There is sufficient time for the Annual General Meeting to be held, where it is announced that Ian Butler will be honoured as the 87th Life Member.
- Paul and Yvette Hassarati sell their company, Ronnie's Demolition and Excavation, thus ending their 16-year stint as a valued sponsor. The relationship had commenced when their son Jeffrey joined the association, and continued long after Jeff ceased to be an active member. Given the Hassarati's long-standing support and friendship to the association, it is unanimously advocated that Paul and Yvette be named the first recipients of Honorary Membership for Life in five years.
- Jack Bird becomes the 96th and latest Canterbury member to be graded, but with the cancellation of all NSW Rugby League lower grade competitions, is yet to be appointed to a competition match.

- It is decided that given the abridged competition, which is initially set at 10 rounds to start mid-July, then delayed a further two weeks, with the exception of the Leo Randle Award, no other trophies will be presented in the 2020 season. The decision to present the Leo Randle Award was based on its criteria of 25 years of service, and thus not being impacted by the reduced 2020 competition. The award was then presented to Gavin Beecroft for his excellent and ongoing service to the association.
- Following the condensed competition, Ramzi Daizli earns the highest level appointment, controlling the Under 16 Gold Grand Final.
- Adam Gee passes Keith Holman for the second highest number of First Grade centres controlled by a Canterbury member (only exceeded by Jack O'Brien).
- Current membership of the association numbers 156 as we head into the Centenary year.

SEASON 2021

- The association enters its one-hundredth season — let the celebrations commence. And let us move forward into the beginning of the next century of refereeing in the Canterbury-Bankstown District.
- To the future ... And long live our association ...



ASSOCIATION OFFICE BEARERS 2010-2020

Year	President	Secretary	Treasurer
2010	John McCormack	Mario Cafarelli	Brad Zarb
2011	John McCormack	George Elias	Brad Zarb
2012	David Abood	George Elias	Gavin Beecroft
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2015	David Abood	George Elias	Gavin Beecroft
2016	Paul Archer	Daniel Gardner	Gavin Beecroft
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2020	Paul Archer	Daniel Gardner	Gavin Beecroft

LIFE MEMBERSHIP 2010-2020

Year	Life Member	Joined
2012	Brad Zarb	1997
2014	Gavin Beecroft	1990
2014	John Gorzanelli	1989
2016	Barry Belford	1968
2017	Adam Gee	2000
2018	John Maarbani	1988
2019	Warren Gee	2002
2020	Ian Butler	1999

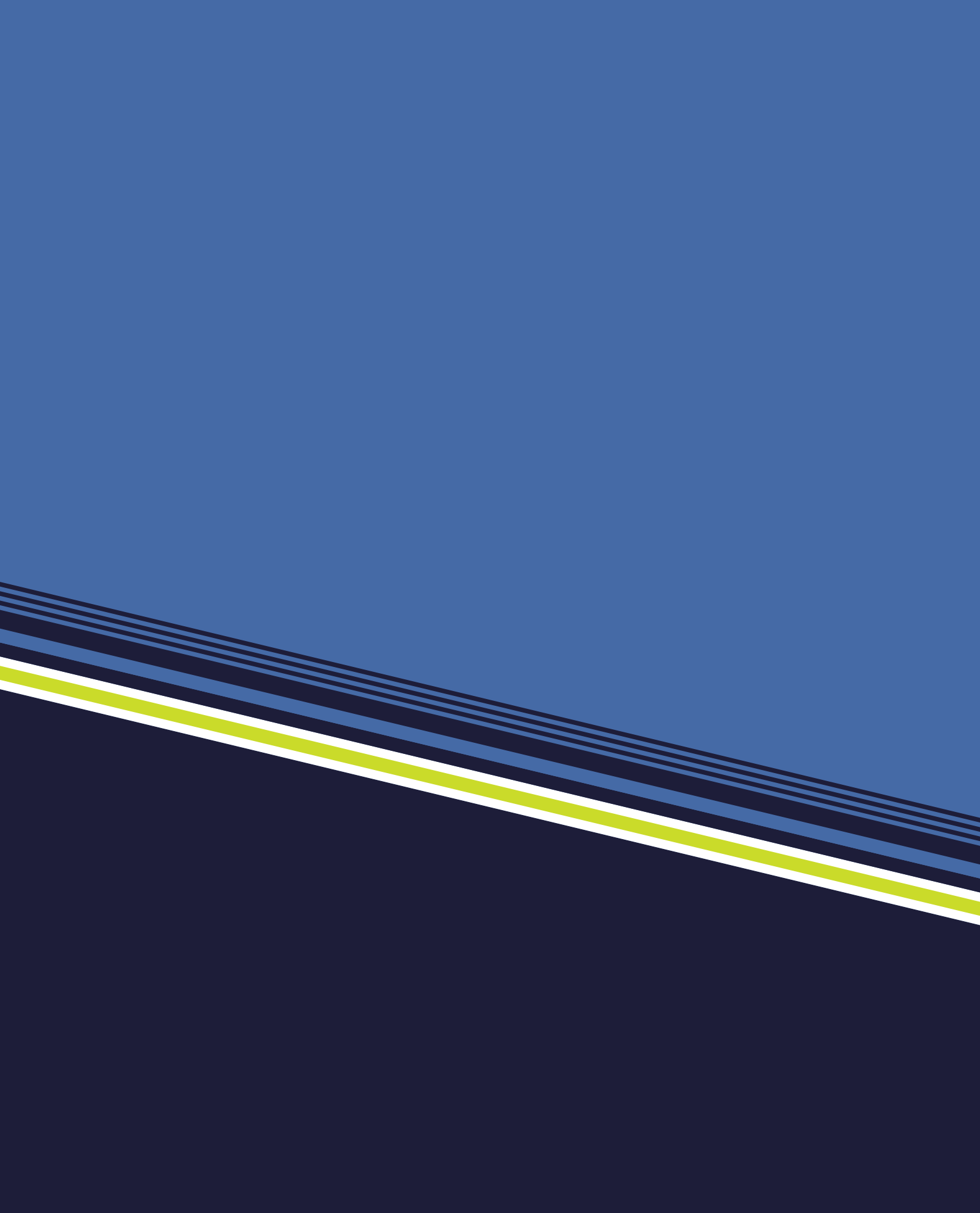
WHAT ELSE WAS HAPPENING IN THE 2010s–2020s

In Australia

- Two people, plus the armed perpetrator, are killed following a 16 hour siege in the Lindt Café in Sydney.
- Flooding in Queensland results in 35 deaths.
- World Surfing Champion, Mick Fanning is attacked by a shark on camera whilst competing in South Africa.
- 33 Australians are amongst hundreds killed in dual air disasters when Malaysian Airlines flights MH17 and MH370 crash.
- Same Sex Marriage is passed into legislation.
- Tourists are banned from climbing the sacred Indigenous site of Uluru.
- The Socceroos win their maiden Asian Championship on home soil, defeating South Korea in the final in Sydney.
- Covid-19 causes unprecedented changes to the way we live.

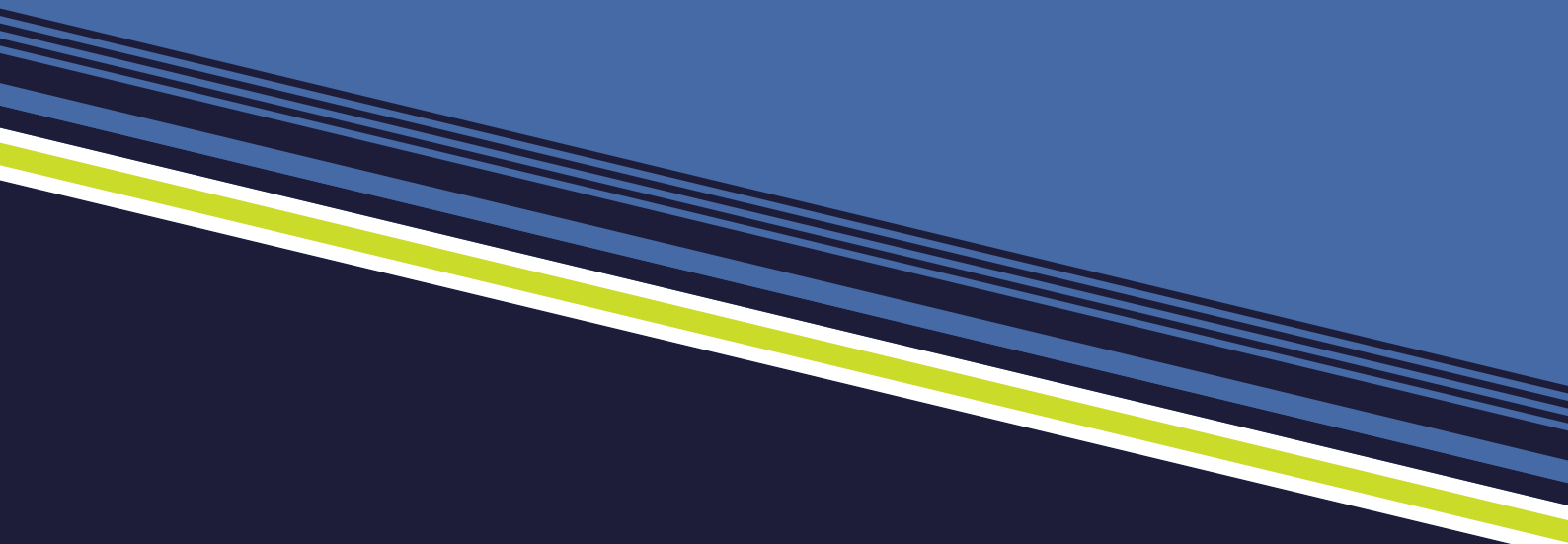
Around the Globe

- Japan is devastated by an earthquake measuring 9.0 on the Richter Scale and causing a tsunami, with over 20,000 dead.
- Queen Elizabeth II has her Diamond Jubilee as the reigning monarch.
- Business tycoon Donald Trump is elected President of the USA, turning politics into a reality television show.
- The United Kingdom votes to withdraw from the European Union.
- An earthquake in Haiti kills between 200 and 250,000 people.
- The Black Lives Matter and MeToo Movements gather force across the globe.
- Covid-19 impacts millions of people worldwide, as governments race to identify a vaccine to control the virus.



ASSOCIATION AWARDS

The Recognition of
Our Members



ASSOCIATION LIFE MEMBERS

1933	Vic Meinrath *	1966	John Leeds *	1991	Paul Field
1933	George Russell *	1967	Keith Clubb *	1992	Tom Healy
1934	R. Oxford *	1968	Alan Matthews *	1992	George Elias
1939	Alec Spankie *	1969	Stan Williams *	1993	Peter Longhurst
1940	R. Wade *	1970	Jack Harvey *	1994	John McCormack
1941	R. Hibbard *	1971	John Farrelly *	1995	Phil Daws
1942	H. Miller *	1972	Ron Smith *	1996	Brian Barker
1943	William Devine *	1973	Arthur King *	1997	Barry Ruttle
1944	E. Fletcher *	1974	Bryan Knight *	1998	Mitchell Hoffmann
1945	George Griffin *	1975	Claude Hennessy	1998	David Abood
1946	George Pearce *	1976	Ron Peters *	1999	Matthew Hewitt
1947	Jack O'Brien *	1977	Tom Delauney	2000	Glenn Jeffcoat
1948	Ernie Wearing *	1978	Les Matthews *	2001	Joseph Attard
1950	Dan Elphick *	1979	Colin Turnell	2002	Cliff Haynes
1951	W. Ward *	1980	Ron Fordham *	2002	Wayne Loveday
1952	S. Robb *	1981	Wally Kirk *	2003	Sam Issa
1953	Jack Eedy *	1982	Robert Styles *	2004	Jim Hall
1954	W. G. Burns *	1982	Robert Garwood	2005	Lionel Brown
1955	Leo Randle *	1983	Ray Payne *	2005	Kim Archer #
1956	Wally Farrin *	1983	Robert Hunt *	2007	Chris Bettiol
1957	Terry Johnson *	1984	Peter Wallace	2008	Richard Daizli
1958	Fred Czisz *	1984	Barry Bolton	2012	Brad Zarb
1959	John Martin *	1985	Tod Walker *	2014	Gavin Beecroft
1960	Frank Wilcox *	1985	Arthur Carragher *	2014	John Gorzanelli
1961	James O'Connor *	1986	Paul Archer	2016	Barry Belford
1962	Jim Doherty *	1986	Michael Thompson	2017	Adam Gee
1963	Reg Dick *	1987	Peter Ryan	2018	John Maabani
1964	John Smith Jnr *	1989	David Turvey	2019	Warren Gee
1965	Alan Aggett *	1990	Mario Cafarelli	2020	Ian Butler

* Deceased # First Female Life Member

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The first Life Memberships of the Canterbury-Bankstown Referees' Association were proposed in 1933. At the time that this was proposed, there was no set criteria for what constituted eligibility for Life Membership. The honour of Life Membership bestowed on the original recipients, Vic Meinrath and George Russell, was moved from the floor at a General Meeting on 21 March 1933, in the association's twelfth year of existence. Prior to this time, there had been no recorded contemplation of Life Membership. The subsequent Life Member, R. Oxford was recognised the following year in a similar manner.

With no further Life Memberships presented in the next five years, it was not until the Annual General Meeting in 1939, that the issue of eligibility criteria was raised. In this forum, a motion was left to the Committee to consider a minimum tenure for eligibility, and this was set at ten years, the minimum that has remained in place ever since. With this criteria established, Alec Spankie was honoured at the following General Meeting. It is worth noting that, in the earlier years, the ten year criteria was used as a guide only, with the 'minimum' period being breached a number of times in the 1940s, 1950s and early 1960s. The ten year criteria was not committed to the Constitution until much later.

At the final General Meeting of 1939, on 5 September, it was passed that Nominations for Life Membership for 1940 should be taken. This tradition continues today, with nominations offered at the final two meetings of any year. From this initial motion in 1939, six nominations were received, and referred to the Committee for consideration. However, at the Committee Meeting, it was decided that as four of the nominees were Committee members, this decision would be given back to the members at the 1940 AGM to vote for Life Membership. This caused an angry response from members, and no election was held. The option of a sub-Committee being formed to decide Life Membership was suggested, but again rejected by the members, who voted that the Committee again convene to make a decision. Life Membership decisions have since remained in the hands of the Committee. The practice was later introduced that stipulated if

a Committee member was among nominations, his place would be occupied by another Life Member for the purposes of the voting process.

In 1943, a motion was confirmed that a newly elected Life Member will be allocated a grant of £1/1/- to purchase a suitable memento in recognition of their award. This approach remained for only a couple of seasons, before the association determined to present a standardised medallion to any new Life Member.

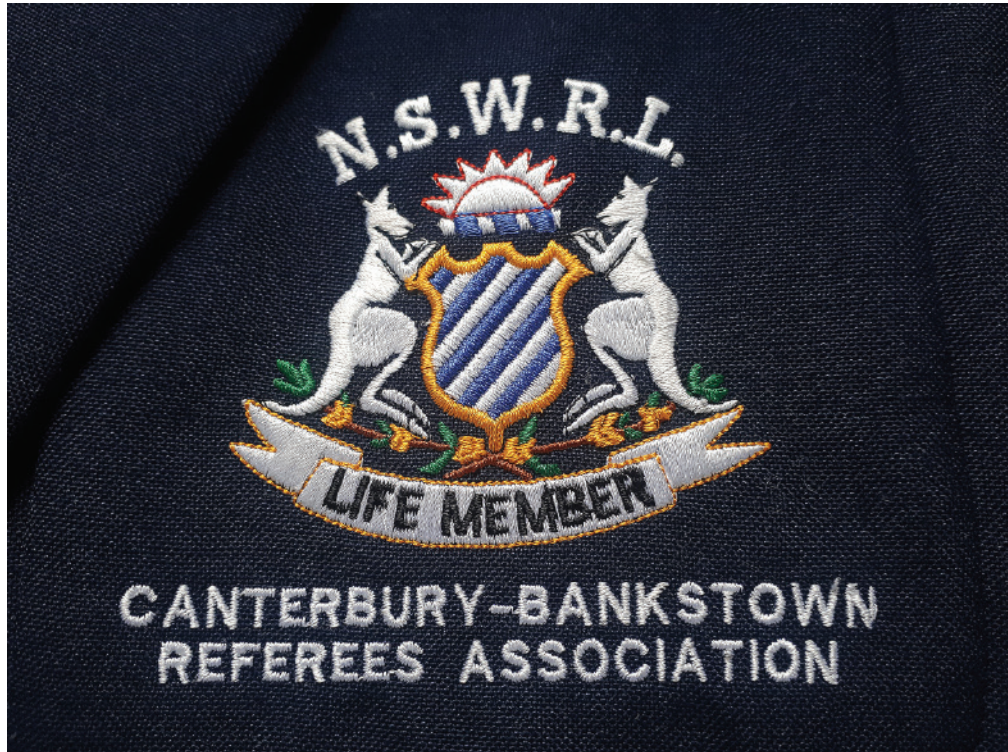
By 1945, the discussions around presentation began to shift towards a Life Membership blazer. In 1945, a "Life Membership Blazer Fund" was established, but this was considered a low priority, and funds were removed the following season to be re-allocated to what were considered more important financial matters. By 1948, however, there was a push to investigate more thoroughly, the potential introduction of a blazer. A sub-committee was formed to address the cost of purchasing material and tailoring costs to produce a suitable blazer.

The association Constitution was revised in 1947, and the limit of one Life Membership per year was reinforced. The nomination of Life Membership required the nominee, as proposed by the members, to submit a written testimonial that outlined their own individual records. This arose out of an issue pertaining to the Life Membership awarded earlier that year, where a nominee disputed his record as being inaccurate, and thus impacted his nomination. The member, Ernie Wearing, was found to be incorrect, but the issue meant that the Committee had to reconvene before formal announcement of the correct Life Membership, turning the process into somewhat of a farce.

Little changed in terms of Life Membership through the next decade-and-a-half. However, in 1957, under the first year of Leo Randle's Presidency, the notion was raised that the medallions presented to Life Members did not parallel the significance of the achievement.

As a result, Keith Clubb (later, of Clubb-Johnson Trophy fame) notified of a Notice of Motion on 4 July, 1957, that future Life Members be presented with a blazer. This Notice of Motion was passed at the meeting on 18 July, and as a result, when Fred Czisz became the 22nd Life Member in 1958, he also became the first to receive a blazer.

In response to this decision, the Doubles Committee was formed. The charter of the new committee was to raise sufficient income to absorb the cost of purchasing the blazer. In what could be termed a slight financial misjudgement, the initial blazer ends up costing the association £60, six times the budgeted figure.



Life Membership Blazer embroidery and lapel pin

The next significant alteration to Life Membership occurred in 1975. The Final Meeting Night of 1975 was attended by the Football Club Secretary, Peter Moore, who made a surprise presentation of lapel pins to all the Life Members. These pins continue to be given to each new Life Member today. In terms of badges, since 2016, Life Members have also been given an additional lapel badge, either gold, for members with 30 or more years of membership, or silver.

In 1981, the association made a change to the Constitution, which allowed up to two Life Members to be presented in any given season. This option had initially been considered through a Notice of Motion on 17 April, 1968, but had been defeated. It took a further 13 years before the change was instigated. The Notice of Motion is debated at the final meeting of 1981, despite an attempt to have the discussion postponed until after the Annual General Meeting. The decision means that the change takes affect immediately and allows for two Life Members the following season.

As a result in 1982, for the first time since 1933, two members shared the dual honours, being Bob Styles and Bob Garwood. Subsequently, dual Life Memberships have been presented in 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1992, 1998, 2002, 2005 and 2014. In addition to increasing the number of potential Life Members, the previous guide of 10 years of membership, was also formalised as a defined criteria in the revised Constitution.

Since those first Life Memberships were awarded in 1933, the association has bestowed the honour on a total of 87 members (of these, there are currently 40 living Life Members, the longest serving current Life Member is Claude Hennessy, who received his award in 1975). The 87 Life Members equates to over 10% of all members who have joined the association since 1922, and is a phenomenal proportion. It gives a clear indication of how much the association means to people that such a high number have made monumental contributions, and continue to deliver for many years after receiving the honour.

Following the third awarding of the honour in 1934, there was a five year hiatus until the fourth acknowledgement went to Alec Spankie in 1939. From this time onwards, at least one Life Membership was presented in every year until 1987, with the only exception being 1949. After there was no presentation in 1988, Life Membership returned the following year, and would continue another unbroken run through to 2005. It was again not awarded in 2006, before returning in 2007 and 2008. Following this year, the association went through the longest drought in Life Membership since 1939, with no presentation until 2012. Since this

time, Life Membership has been granted in most of the subsequent years (the exceptions being 2013 and 2015).

The year attached to a Life Membership in the association records is considered to be the presentation year. Leading up to the 2005, the year attached to a Life Membership had caused much debate. Some members insisted that the year allocated should be the year of presentation, whilst others were of the view that the year should relate to the previous season, when the Committee vote occurred. As a result, the Secretary, Mario Cafarelli was commissioned to investigate the history of Life Membership to allow the association to have a definitive answer. On review of Minutes, it remained unclear. From 1933 to 1949, there were some mentions of Life Membership for the upcoming season being announced at the AGM. However, at the AGM in 1949, it was announced that no Life Membership would be awarded for that year. Issues arose from the following AGM in 1950, when it was announced that Dan Elphick would receive Life Membership for 1949, appearing to contradict previous actions. This approach then followed until 1972. From 1973 to 1978, no year was nominated, until at the 1979 AGM, the “Life Member for 1979” was announced. On the basis of Mario’s review, the Committee made a decision in February 2005 that Life Membership be allocated as per the year of presentation, and this decision resulted in a standardised approach and amendment to the year of Life Membership recipients from 1950 to 1973.

The honour of being the association’s youngest recipients of Life Membership is shared by Mario Cafarelli (1990) and David Abood (1998), who were both aged 29 at the time of their presentations.

In 2019, the association achieved another Life Membership milestone, when Warren Gee was rewarded for his service. Following on from Adam Gee receiving Life Membership two years earlier, the Gees became the first father and son combination to earn Life Membership of the association.



Life Members Photo 2016



*Mitchell Hoffmann
receives Life Membership
from President Paul Archer,
26 June 1998*

THE CLUBB-JOHNSON TROPHY



Terry Johnson

Joined Association: 20 April 1945

Member: 32 years

Life Membership: 1957

Judiciary Committee: 1957, 1958, 1965, 1966, 1968

Appointments Board: 1955, 1956, 1958, 1959, 1962, 1965, 1966

Keith Clubb

Joined Association: 30 April 1954

Member: 23 years

Life Membership: 1967

Appointments Board: 1955, 1959, 1962–1970, 1972, 1974, 1975

Graded: 1955

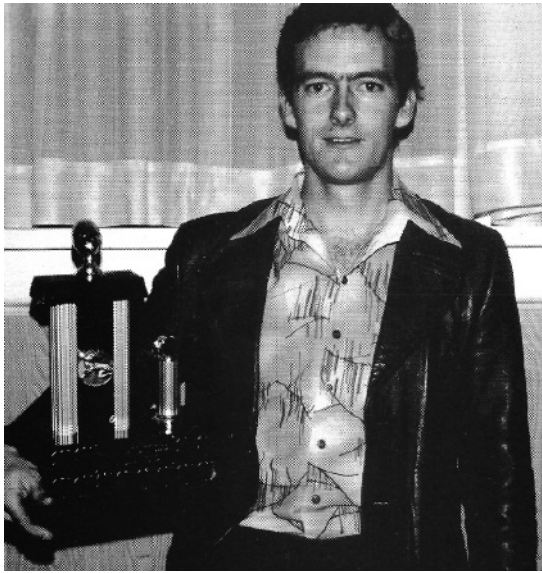
In 1977, the association was hit by a double tragedy with the passing of two Life Members, Keith Clubb and Terry Johnson. At the start of the 1978 season, the association considered honouring both members, and it was determined to introduce a trophy in their names, to be awarded to the top ranked referee each season.

From its outset, the Clubb-Johnson Trophy immediately became a highly sought after award and synonymous with the honour of the Number One in the association.

The inaugural recipient was Michael Thompson in 1978. Since then, the trophy has been awarded on a total of 42 occasions, and been won by 30 members.

The record for most wins belongs to Nathan Loveday, who earned the trophy on four successive occasions from 2013 to 2016. Only one other member, Bard Zarb, has won the trophy three times, whilst Bob Styles, Mario Cafarelli, Gary Towner, Chris Bettiol, Adam Gee, Reg Marks and Joseph Tesoriero have earned it twice.

The esteem that the trophy is held is possibly best represented by the number of graded and former active members who have expressed their regret that they have not been fortunate enough to achieve the award.



Michael Thompson, the inaugural winner, with the Clubb-Johnson Trophy, 1978

CLUBB-JOHNSON TROPHY RECIPIENTS					
1978	Michael Thompson	1993	Mario Cafarelli	2007	Brad Zarb
1979	Robert Styles	1994	David Abood	2008	Brad Zarb
1980	Paul Archer	1995	Mario Cafarelli	2009	Reg Marks
1981	Peter Wallace	1996	Alan Fallah	2010	Reg Marks
1982	Michael O'Neill	1997	Sam Issa	2011	John Maarbani
1983	Robert Styles	1998	Chris Fitzpatrick	2012	Brad Zarb
1984	Peter Moon	1999	Gary Towner	2013	Nathan Loveday
1985	Peter O'Brien	2000	Richard Daizli	2014	Nathan Loveday
1986	Greg McAlister	2001	Gary Towner	2015	Nathan Loveday
1987	Barry Ruttle	2002	Chris Bettiol	2016	Nathan Loveday
1988	George Elias	2003	Chris Bettiol	2017	Joseph Tesoriero
1989	Ray McGavin	2004	Adam Gee	2018	Joseph Tesoriero
1990	Tom Healy	2005	Adam Gee	2019	Jack Bird
1991	Paul Field	2006	Jimmy Oliveira	2020	Not Awarded *
1992	Jim Hammonds				

* Trophy not awarded due to abridged season caused by Covid-19

THE FARRELLY-DICK TROPHY

John Farrelly

Joined Association: 31 March 1960
Member: 35 years
Life Membership: 1971
President: 1974–1979
Vice-President: 1972, 1973
Committee Member: 1969–1971
Social Secretary: 1962–1971
Doubles Committee: 1962, 1963
75th Anniversary Committee:
1993–1995
Rules Committee: 1983
Appointments Board: 1963–1969,
1972, 1974, 1982–1985
Graded: 1963
First Grade Centres: 33
First Grade Lines: 57
International Touch Judge
First Grade Grand Final Touch Judge:
1979

Reg Dick

Joined Association: 26 March 1954
Member: 40 years
Life Membership: 1963
Secretary: 1962–1984 (record 23 years)
Treasurer: 1962–1982 (combined role)
Assistant Secretary: 1959–1961
Golf Committee: 1986
Doubles Committee: 1959
Junior League Delegate:
1958, 1959
Junior League Deputy Delegate: 1962
Rules Committee: 1983
Appointments Board: 1962–1973, 1976,
1977, 1979, 1980
Graded: 1962
First Grade Lines: 168
International Touch Judge
First Grade Grand Final Touch Judge:
1969, 1970, 1973

Fourteen years after the implementation of the Clubb-Johnson Trophy, the Committee determined prior to the 1992 season that an encouragement award should be instigated, and that the trophy should bear the names of stalwarts John Farrelly and Reg Dick. The recommendation was passed unanimously at the Annual General Meeting. Later in the season, criteria was put in place, and it was determined that the award should go to the referee who shows the greatest improvement over the course of a season. The award is decided through a Committee vote each season.

At the time of the initial presentation in 1992, both John and Reg were alive to honour the first recipient, John Maarbani.

A number of outstanding referees have received this award, five of whom have gone on to become graded members (Alan Fallah, Richard Daizli, Mohamad Fajajo, Feras Karem and Nathan Loveday). Alan Fallah owns a unique piece of history with this award, being the only member to win this trophy and the Clubb-Johnson in the same season.



John Farrelly



Reg Dick

FARRELLY-DICK TROPHY RECIPIENTS					
1992	John Maarbani	2002	Brett Walsh	2012	Billal Iskandar
1993	Kevin Freund	2003	Lionel Brown	2013	Joshua Quin
1994	Chris Bettiol	2004	Hilton Wood	2014	Joseph Tesoriero
1995	John Tamine	2005	Greg Fuller	2015	Anthony Harb
1996	Alan Fallah	2006	Chris Cafarelli	2016	Joshua Mabon
1997	Joe Makdessi	2007	Mark Zada	2017	Aaron McGeoch
1998	Richard Daizli	2008	Matthew Zada	2018	Anthony Ibrahim
1999	Brad Zarb	2009	Feras Karem	2019	Matthew Gomes
2000	Mohamad Fajajo	2010	Nathan Loveday	2020	Not Awarded *
2001	Viktor Unal	2011	Phelix El-Kek		

* Trophy not awarded due to abridged season caused by Covid-19

THE LEO RANDLE AWARD

Leo Randle

Joined Association: 6 April 1945

Member: 59 years

Life Membership: 1955

President: 1957-1962

Vice-President: 1952-1954

Committee Member: 1951

Auditor: 1952-1956

Graded: 1949

First Grade Lines: 26

Representative Touch Judge: NSW vs
Great Britain, NSW vs Queensland



At a Committee meeting in January 1997, initial discussions centred around the possibility of introducing a new award to the association, and that it be named in honour of Leo Randle.

The criteria established for the award is that it be presented to a member who has given a minimum of 25 years of service to the association.

Discussions continued over the next twelve months, with a major sticking point being that Leo had been approached with the suggestion, and flat out refused to consider the proposal.

After many hours of convincing and cajoling from the President, Leo finally agreed to accept the notion of having a trophy named in his honour.

As a result, the award was first presented in 1998, 18 months after first being floated. The first recipient of the award was Les Matthews, and the moment of presentation was an emotional one for both Les and Leo.

The Leo Randle Award is one of the most prestigious acknowledgements that a member can receive. In the 22 years that the award has been presented, it has only ever been won by a Life Member.

The association was fortunate to have Leo present the first five award winners, prior to passing away in 2004. Following his passing, the association was left with a legacy of inheriting half of Leo's estate, which was used to form The Leo Randle Trust, which is detailed later in this book.



The Leo Randle Award — Peter Longhurst (2007) and Paul Archer (2004) receive the award from Leo's great friend, Jack Harvey

LEO RANDLE AWARD RECIPIENTS					
1998	Les Matthews	2006	Tom Healy	2014	Glenn Jeffcoat
1999	Robert Garwood	2007	Peter Longhurst	2015	Joseph Attard
2000	Robert Hunt	2008	Mario Cafarelli	2016	Wayne Loveday
2001	Bryan Knight	2009	John McCormack	2017	Lionel Brown
2002	Tod Walker	2010	George Elias	2018	Richard Daizli
2003	Peter Ryan	2011	Barry Ruttle	2019	Kim Archer
2004	Paul Archer	2012	David Abood	2020	Gavin Beecroft
2005	Robert Styles	2013	Colin Turnell		

THE MATTHEWS-STYLES AWARD

Les Matthews

Joined Association: 3 April 1968

Member: 41 years

Life Membership: 1978

Leo Randle Award: 1998

(inaugural winner)

President: 1981–April 1990

Vice-President: 1980, 1990

Social Committee: 1974

Doubles Committee: 1969–1971

Constitution Committee: 1993

Rules Committee: 1983

Junior League Delegate: 1973, 1974

Junior League Deputy Delegate: 1972

Appointments Board: 1975–1977,
1979–1992

Graded: 1975

First Grade Lines: 89

International Touch Judge

Bob Styles

Joined Association: 16 June 1965

Member: 46 years

Life Membership: 1982

Clubb-Johnson Trophy: 1979, 1983

Leo Randle Award: 2005

President: April 1990–1996

Vice-President: 1985–1989

Committee: 1978, 1979, 1982–1984

Social Secretary: 1978–1980

Social Committee: 1982, 1984, 1989

Doubles Committee: 1970, 1971

Junior League Delegate: 1972

NSWRLRA Delegate: 1976, 1977

University Cup Delegate: 1978

Appointments Board: 1984–1993, 1997

Graded: 1984, regraded 1988

First Grade Lines: 5

In 2012, the Committee made a decision to acknowledge the input of a new person to the family of Canterbury referees, thereby further encouraging members who have exhibited the characteristics that indicate potential to become great members in time.

The criteria was established as a member who, in their first full season, had immediately demonstrated the traits and values of the association. The award was designed to acknowledge all aspects of membership, including on-field efforts, commitment to training and learning, dedication to off-field aspects of the association, and contribution to the ongoing embodiment of the expectations that come with being a member of Canterbury.

After careful consideration, the Committee deemed that the award would be named in memory of two Life Members, both past Presidents, who had provided life-long contributions to the development of the association. As can be seen from their records, Les Matthews and Bob Styles were more than worthy of bearing the title of this trophy.

The inaugural winner was Peter Chayna in 2012, whilst in 2015, the award became the first major trophy of the association to be presented to a female member, when it was won by Mariam Rifaie.

As an indication of the success of the award, of the eight people selected to be honoured, only one is no longer a member — and the other seven continue to make significant contributions to the association.



Les Matthews



Bob Styles

MATTHEWS-STYLES AWARD RECIPIENTS					
2012	Peter Chayna	2015	Mariam Rifaie	2018	Jake Kolesnyk
2013	Mark Moutou	2016	Nathan Fayad	2019	Owen Millar
2014	Aaron McGeoch	2017	Matthew Gomes	2020	<i>Not Awarded *</i>

*Trophy not awarded due to abridged season caused by Covid-19

THE ARCHER-GARWOOD AWARD

Paul Archer

Joined Association: 26 April 1972

Member: 49 years

Life Membership: 1986

Leo Randle Award: 2004

Clubb-Johnson Trophy: 1980

President: 1997–2009, 2016–2020

(record 18 years, currently in role)

Committee: 1986–1989

Doubles Committee: 1976, 1977

Judiciary Committee: 2001–2003,
2005–2007, 2011

Leo Randle Finance Committee:

2005–2009, 2013–2020

Appeals Panel: 2015

Centenary Committee: 2016–2020

Junior League Delegate: 1979, 1980

Junior League Deputy Delegate:

1977, 1978

ARLRA Delegate: 2011–2013

Appointments Board: 1981, 1982, 1985,

1986, 1988, 1995–1999, 2005, 2006,

2008–2020

Bob Garwood

Joined Association: 25 March 1965

Member: 56 years

Life Membership: 1982

Leo Randle Award: 1999

Secretary: 1985–1996

Vice-President: 1982–1984

Committee: 1980, 1981

Judiciary Committee: 1975–1980,
2008

Assistant Director of Referees: 2005,
2006

Appointments Board: 1979–1982, 1985,

1989–1995, 1997–2000, 2002–2004,

2007, 2013–2017

Graded: 1974

(from CYO Referees Association)

First Grade Lines: 103

International Touch Judge

The value of an organisation's awards is often measured by the number available. This is a philosophy that the association has long stood by, hence the limited annual awards handed out, and the value the members place on winning them. With this in mind, it shows the importance the Committee placed on giving the members an opportunity to reward one of their own.

And so, at the start of the 2016 season, a new award was commissioned with the purpose of allowing the members to vote for a member who they believed had made an outstanding contribution to the association in the calendar year. All members are entitled to a single vote, and no recipient is allowed to win the award a second time within five years.

In naming the award, it was difficult to go past the two Life Members named, Paul Archer and Bob Garwood. Paul Archer is currently in his 18th year as President of the association, a record tenure, and more than twice as long as the next longest serving President. It is expected that Paul will remain in the role until at least the end of the Centenary year. Bob Garwood is currently the third longest serving Secretary having held the post for 12 years between 1985 and 1996. Both members have contributed untold numbers of hours and years to the association, and have left an indelible imprint on what the association is today.

The inaugural winner of the award was Nathan Loveday, and all recipients to date, have expressed their delight in being acknowledged by their peers.



Paul Archer and Bob Garwood present the Archer-Garwood Award to Nathan Loveday

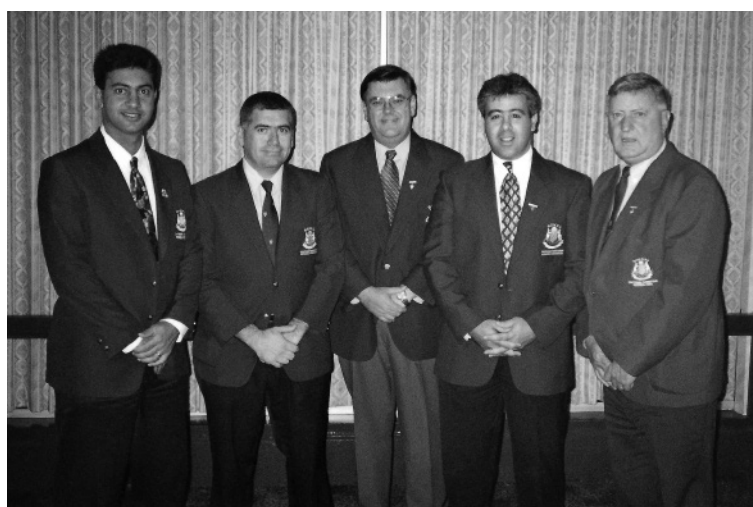
ARCHER-GARWOOD AWARD RECIPIENTS			
2016	Nathan Loveday	2019	Joseph Tesoriero
2017	Daniel Gardner	2020	Not Awarded *
2018	Brad Zarb		

* Trophy not awarded due to abridged season caused by Covid-19

THE EXECUTIVE HONOUR BOARD

PRESIDENTS [18]			
Name	Years of Service	Name	Years of Service
Paul Archer	18*	Vic Meinrath	4
Les Matthews	9	R. Hibbard	4
John Martin	9	David Abood	4
George Pearce	8	W. N. Todd	3
George Russell	7	William Devine	2
Bob Styles	7	Ron Smith	2
Leo Randle	6	John McCormack	2
John Farrelly	6	George Griffin	1
Ted Fletcher	5	Tom Delauney	1

* Currently in role as at 2020 — it is expected that Paul Archer will remain in this role through the Centenary, adding a further year to his record



1997 Executives (L-R): David Abood (Assistant Secretary), Tom Healy (Vice President), Paul Archer (President), Perry Tzamouranis (Treasurer), Peter Ryan (Secretary)

SECRETARIES [14]	
Name	Years of Service
Reg Dick	23
Jack Eedy	14
Bob Garwood	12
William Devine	10
R. Oxford	8
Peter Ryan	6
Mario Cafarelli	6
Daniel Gardner	5*
George Elias	5
Luis F. K. Lea	4
Chris Bettiol	2
A. Bray	1
Alec Spankie	1
H. Miller	1

TREASURERS [14]	
Name	Years of Service
Reg Dick	21
Jack Eedy	14
John McCormack	11
William Devine	10
Gavin Beecroft	10*
Bob Hunt	9
R. Oxford	8
L. F. K. Lea	4
Perry Tzamouranis	4
Brad Zarb	4
A. Bray	1
Alec Spankie	1
H. Miller	1
Brad Newson	1

* Currently in role as at 2020 — it is expected that Daniel Gardner and Gavin Beecroft will remain in these roles through the Centenary, adding a further year to their records

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP FOR LIFE

Recognition of Our Friends

When the Constitution of the association underwent a revision in 1992, the category of Honorary Member for Life was added. This was seen as a way to recognise the services of people who are non-members, but have been friends and supporters of the association for an extended period of time.

As a result, at the 1993 Annual General Meeting two nominations were immediately received. At the General Meeting on 29 April 1993, the Committee reported back that they had discussed the matter to establish some reasonable guidelines, and based on this, S. G. 'Johnno' Garland OAM was accorded the initial honour.

In the subsequent 28 years, only a further six people have earned the honour, with Paul and Yvette Hassarati becoming the most recent recipients in 2020, and Yvette becoming the first female to be bestowed the honour.

HONORARY MEMBERS FOR LIFE		
1993	S. G. Garland OAM	Deceased
1999	Victor Pitt	Deceased
2004	Keith Lotty	
2015	Garry Hughes	
2015	Peter Winchester	
2020	Yvette Hassarati	
2020	Paul Hassarati	

THE LEO RANDLE TRUST

A Legacy for Our Members

Leo Randle was a Life Member and former President of the association, who remained a loved and respected member, and continues to be held in great esteem many years after his passing. Leo's record has already been highlighted in this document, under the chapter outlining the Leo Randle Award.

What was evident, even in his later years with failing health, was that Leo had a profound love of the association and remained a very proud member. In his final years, he would still provide a quiet word or piece of advice that could benefit a member or the association as a whole.

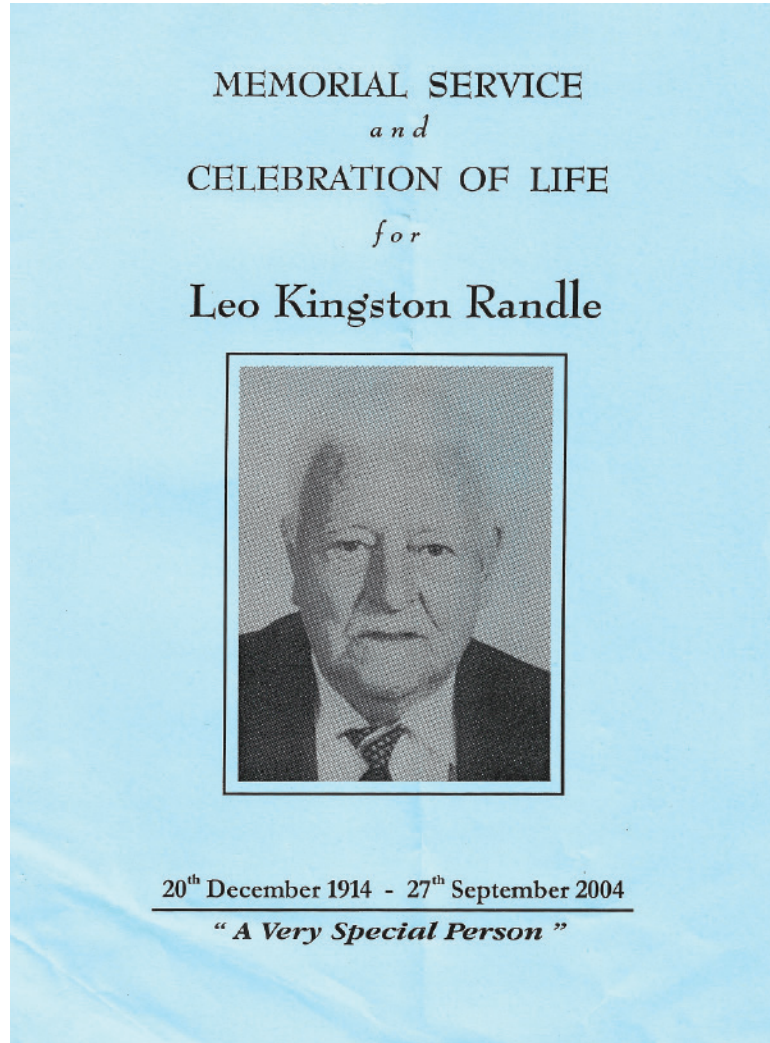
When Leo passed away in late 2004, he provided the association with a legacy that would benefit the members for generations to come. Having no living family, as both his wife and son were deceased, Leo bequeathed his entire estate to two bodies — 50% to St Joseph's Hospital Auburn, where he had spent much of his final years, and 50% to the Canterbury-Bankstown Referees' Association.

As a result, in 2005, a Special Committee was established to consider the management of the funds. The extensive work of Peter Longhurst, Paul Archer, and Ian Butler, as well as the other committee members, Mario Cafarelli and David Abood, led to the establishment of The Leo Randle Trust.

The trust was constituted on 17 February 2006. The five original Trustees were the five members mentioned above, and the trust commenced with a deposit well in excess of \$200,000. The terms of the trust dictate that the Trustees each year will consist of the President, Vice-President, and Secretary of the association, plus an additional two association members nominated by the Committee.

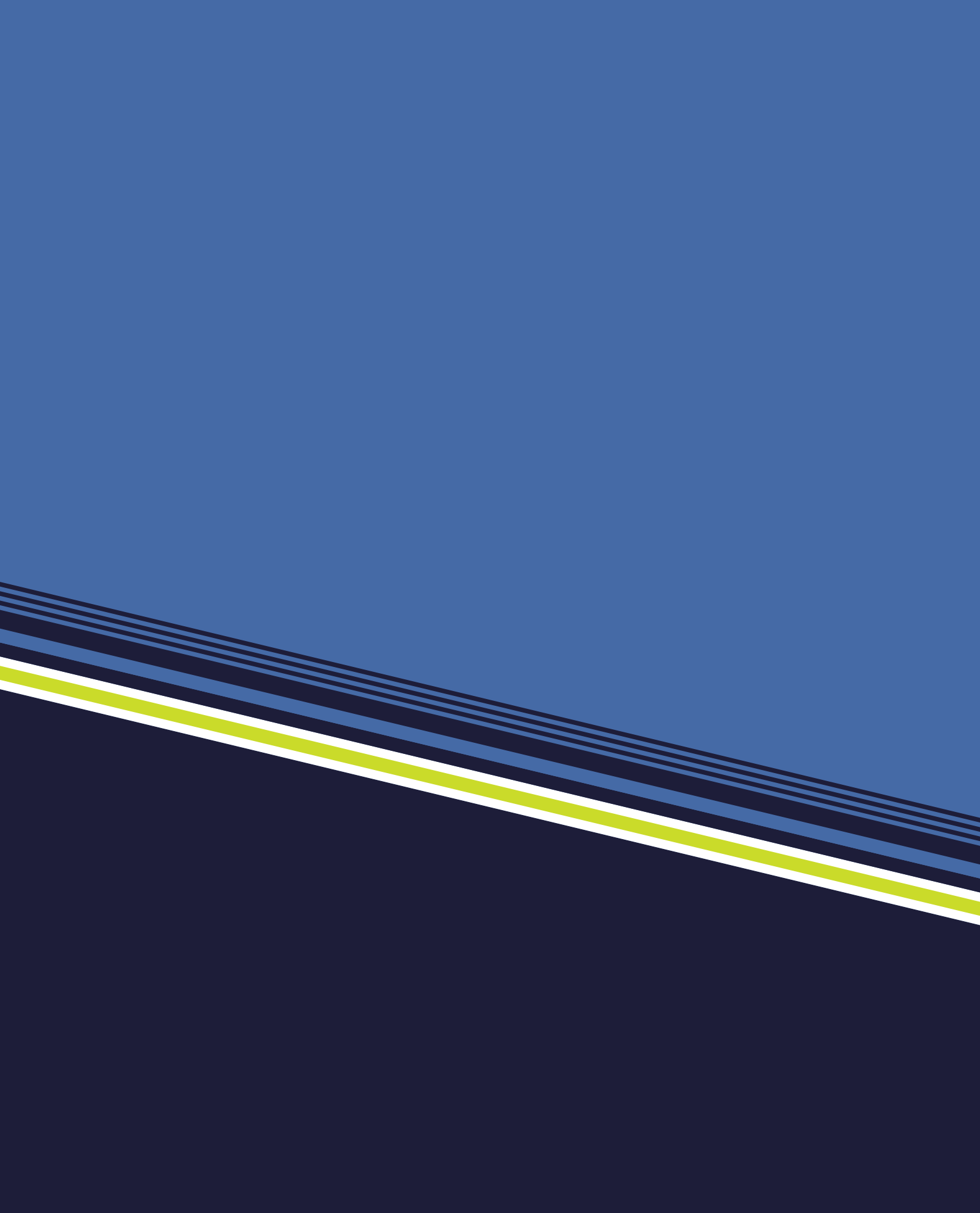
A number of rules apply as to what the funds can be utilised for, both from an Australian Taxation perspective, and internally, to prevent frivolous spending of the funds. The deed stipulates that in the main, funds be used to benefit members with regards to official gear, training and development and matters considered important for the welfare of the association. It has long been within the charter that an annual donation to charity also be authorised.

The Trust continues to thrive under the watchful investment management of Ian Butler and the Trustees, and in fact, the principal amount in trust now exceeds the original investment.



Memorial Service for Leo Randle October 2004

On Leo's passing, he provided an ongoing legacy to the association, with half of his estate bequeathed to the association, and used to form the Leo Randle Trust



THE GRADED STARS

Our Members in the Big Time



GRADED MEMBERS

Abood, David	Eedy, Jack	Kent, A.	Oliveira, Jim
Adam, F.	Elias, George	Kirk, Wally	O'Neill, Michael
Aggett, Alan	Fajajo, Mohamad	Lee, Gary	Oxford, Aub
Barnes, F.	Fallah, Alan	Lee, P.	Pearce, G.
Bird, Jack	Farrelly, John	Longhurst, Peter	Randle, Leo
Bolton, Barry	Field, Paul	Loveday, Nathan	Robb, S.
Bradley, Jack	Fletcher, Ted	Kent, A.	Russell, George
Bradstock, Barry	Gee, Adam	Kirk, Wally	Ruttle, Barry
Bray, A.	Griffin, George	Lee, Gary	Ryan, Peter
Cafarelli, Mario	Haynes, Cliff	Lee, P.	Sinclair, N.
Charlton, F.	Harrison, E.	Longhurst, Peter	Smith, Russell
Collins, Arthur	Hartley, Greg	Loveday, Nathan	Spankie, Alec
Collins, Ashley	Healy, Tom	Loveday, Wayne	Stewart, J.
Colwell, John	Hennessy, Claude	McCaffery, D.	Styles, Robert
Cooley, Phil	Hewitt, Matt	McCormack, John	Tarrant, M.
Clubb, Keith	Hibbard, Ron	Martin, John	Thompson, Michael
Czisz, Fred	Hoffmann, Mitchell	Matthews, Les	Tinsley, Ernie
Daizli, Richard	Holman, Keith	Meinrath, Vic	Turnell, Colin
Damaso, Matthew	Howell, Michael	Melville, John	Turvey, David
Daizli, Richard	Hunt, Robert	Miller, H.	Wade, R.
Damaso, Matthew	Jackman, Bruce	Moon, Peter	Walker, C.
Delauney, Tom	Jacobsen, Jack	Murray, V.	Ward, W.
Devine, William	Karem, Feras	Musgrave, R.	Williams, Stan
Devine, Bill Jnr	Keeble, Michael	Nicholson, J.	Wiseman, Brian
Dick, Reg	Keen, Doug	O'Brien, Jack	
Edward, A. E.	Kelly, Peter	O'Connor, James	

FIRST GRADE APPOINTMENTS

Name	Games	Name	Games	Name	Games
David Abood	279	Mick Thompson	92	Barry Ruttle	46
Brian Wiseman	265	Mohamad Fajajo	92	Bill Devine Jnr	37
Jack O'Brien	262	John Farrelly	90	Ashley Collins	33
John Martin	230	Mitchell Hoffman	90	Alec Spankie	32
Phil Cooley *	211	Jack Eedy	90	Leo Randle	26
Ernie Tinsley	206	Les Matthews	89	Peter Kelly	20
Adam Gee ^	201	Colin Turnell	82	W. Ward	20
Barry Bolton	189	Alan Fallah	80	Russell Smith †	18
Reg Dick	168	Jack Bradley	78	Greg Hartley §	14
Keith Holman	156	Matthew Hewitt	76	M. Tarrant	9
Aub Oxford	138	William Devine	76	Robert Culkin	8
John McCormack	137	Paul Field	71	J. Stewart	8
Michael Howell #	120	Barry Bradstock	63	Bob Styles	5
Bob Hunt	115	James O'Connor	59	Ted Fletcher	4
Gary Lee	113	Peter Longhurst	59	R. Musgrave	4
Bob Garwood	103	George Griffin	57	Jack Jacobson	4
Peter Ryan	95	P. Lee	53	Richard Daizli	2
Bruce Jackman	94	F. Gray	52	John Colwell	2
		David Turvey	47		

NOTE: Table does not include Video Referee appointments.

* Phil Cooley — officiated in 224 games in total, 211 as a member of Canterbury.

^ Adam Gee — remains active at time of writing, record as at end of 2020 season.

Michael Howell — officiated in 242 games in total, 120 as member of Canterbury.

† Russell Smith — officiated in 39 NRL games in total, 18 as a member of Canterbury.

§ Greg Hartley — officiated in 175 games in total, 14 as a member of Canterbury.



Above: Matt Hewitt sends off Brad Fittler,
8 March 1999

Right: A very focused Adam Gee

Top: David Abood, State of Origin 2,
13 June 2012



FIRST GRADE REFEREES

Name	Games
Jack O'Brien	262
Adam Gee *	158
Keith Holman	153
Aub Oxford	135
Jack Bradley	78
Matt Hewitt	76
P. Lee	53
Barry Bradstock	46
John Farrelly	33
Alec Spankie	32
Russell Smith ^	18
Phil Cooley #	17
Greg Hartley †	14
Bill Devine Jnr	7
Col Turnell	6
Ted Fletcher	4
R. Musgrave	4

* Adam Gee — remains active at time of writing, record as at end of 2020 season.

^ Russell Smith — officiated in 39 NRL games in total, but only 18 as a member of Canterbury.

Phil Cooley — officiated in 30 games in total, but only 17 as a member of Canterbury.

† Greg Hartley — officiated in 175 games in total, but only 14 as a member of Canterbury.

FIRST GRADE GRAND FINAL APPOINTMENTS

REFEREES		
Name	Games	Years
Jack O'Brien *	7	1940 ^, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1947, 1951, 1954
Jack Bradley	1	1962 ^
Keith Holman	1	1971
Greg Hartley #	1	1981

TOUCH JUDGES		
Name	Games	Years
John Martin †	9	1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968
Reg Dick	3	1969, 1970, 1973
Phil Cooley	3	1996, 1997, 2000
John McCormack	2	1998, 1999
M. Tarrant	1	1945
Ernie Tinsley	1	1967
John Farrelly	1	1979
Bob Hunt	1	1984
Brian Wiseman	1	1986
Barry Bolton	1	1990
Michael Howell	1	1991
David Abood	1	2009

IN GOAL JUDGES		
Name	Games	Years
Barry Ruttle	2	1993, 1996
John McCormack	2	1995, 1997
Peter Ryan	1	1991

VIDEO REFEREES		
Name	Games	Years
Phil Cooley	1	2003
Russell Smith	1	2011

* Jack O'Brien — seven First Grade Grand Finals is third on the all-time list, behind only Bill Harrigan (10) and Darcy Lawler (8).

^ Jack O'Brien (1940) and Jack Bradley (1962) both refereed the First Grade Grand Final in their first, year in grade — the only two times this has ever occurred.

Greg Hartley refereed 5 Grand Finals in total (1978, 1978 replay, 1979, 1980 and 1981) but only the last as a Canterbury member.

† John Martin — 9 Grand Finals is the all-time record for a touch judge.



Canterbury member Keith Holman cautions George Piggins from South Sydney in the 1971 Grand Final

STATE OF ORIGIN APPOINTMENTS

TOUCH JUDGES	
Name	Games
Phil Cooley	8
David Abood	6
Alan Fallah	3
Barry Bolton	3
Bob Hunt	3
John McCormack	2
Michael Howell	1*
Brian Wiseman	1
Peter Ryan	1
Col Turnell	1
Les Matthews	1

IN GOAL JUDGES	
Name	Games
John McCormack	1
Phil Cooley	1
Barry Ruttle	1
Peter Kelly	1
David Turvey	1

VIDEO REFEREES	
Name	Games
Russell Smith	2
Phil Cooley	1

* Whilst Michael Howell was appointed to two State of Origin games, only the second of these was as a member of Canterbury.

TEST MATCH APPOINTMENTS

REFEREES
Jack Bradley
Keith Holman
Greg Hartley
Adam Gee

TOUCH JUDGES	
A Collins	Brian Wiseman
Ernie Tinsley	Bob Hunt
John Martin	Les Matthews
James O'Connor	Barry Bolton
Reg Dick	Phil Cooley
John Farrelly	John McCormack
Bob Garwood	David Abood
Bruce Jackman	

OTHER INTERNATIONAL REFEREES		
<p>Jack O'Brien NSW vs France (three times) NSW vs England Sydney vs France <i>Despite an extraordinary record, it is one of the great enigmas that Test Match football eluded O'Brien.</i></p>	<p>Aub Oxford NSW vs England <i>This game is famous for being the only elite level game of rugby league ever to be abandoned, following an all-in-brawl, and is the last time Oxford ever referees.</i></p>	<p>Alec Spankie Western Division vs England <i>Spankie controlled this tour game in his first year of First Grade, and was on the panel of three for the Tests. However, this remained his only International game.</i></p>

THE MEANING OF CANTERBURY MEMBERSHIP

The best part of being a referee, in the words of our members ...

“ camaraderie and friendships, as well as challenges, adversity and finding the motivation to keep you going ”

“ giving back to the game that I love ”

“ the next best thing to playing the game ”

“ teaches you life skills that transition into work and personal life ”

“ help young and older boys and girls and grown-ups to the ranks of refereeing ”

“ helping kids understand the game ”

“ the best seat in the house! ”

“ watching the kids play and have fun ”

“ the satisfaction of contributing to a great game, the friendship of other referees, and the way it gives you confidence to handle difficult life situations ”

“ the mateship ”

“ the best seat in the house, and the friends I have made for life ”

“ having fun ”

“ seeing close up the effort and emotion of the players ”

“ learning something new every game and challenging yourself to improve ”

“ being a part of it ”

“ seeing the young players mature ”

“ being in charge ”

“ friends for life! I always feel welcome ”

“ the people you meet from all avenues of life ”

“ getting fit ”

CENTENARY SPONSORS

We thank our major sponsors for their support in our Centenary Celebrations. It says much for our relationship that five are also regular sponsors of our association, yet went all out to provide additional assistance to allow us to celebrate in the most fitting manner.

We would like to especially praise the Canterbury Leagues Club, with 2021 being the 25th consecutive year as our major sponsor. The commitment and support provided by the Leagues Club over a quarter of a century as our major sponsor, and even prior to that as a major financial contributor, has ensured our existence and saved us enormous angst with trying to source funding. Your role in helping the association be in the position of strength in which we currently exist is greatly acknowledged.



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Ian Butler	Peter Filmer	Glenn Jeffcoat	Joseph Tesoriero
Mario Cafarelli	Bob Garwood	Peter Longhurst	Kane Thorburn
Peter Chayna	Adam Gee	Nathan Loveday	
Richard Daizli	Annette Gee	Terry McGill	

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