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NORTH SYDNEY JUNIOR LEAGUE ANNUAL REPORT



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NSDRL REFEREE ASSOCIATION

LIFE MEMBERS



No.	Year	Name	No.	Year	Name
1.	1935	Stuart Morris*	21.	1978	Brian Minnett
2.	1939	Michael Hogan*	22.	1980	Erle Carroll*
3.		J Turner*	23.	1981	Ron Hammond*
4.	1942	John Burdon*	24.	1983	Brian Daveron
5.	1945	Ray Smyth*	25.	1985	Steve Betts
6.	1950	Arthur Galbraith*	26.	1986	Anthony Brown
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8.	1951	Dave Haldeman*	28.	1990	John Byrne
9.	1953	Herb Carrick*	29.	1991	Bill Lalor
10.	1955	Tom Bellew OAM*	30.	1992	John Boyle
11.	1956	Alf Jones*	31.	1993	Michael Quailey
12.	1959	Bert Cowley*	32.	1994	Robert Kiddle
13.		Sid Morris*	33.	1997	Martin Ryan
14.	1960	Ernie Tinsley*	34.	2003	Stan Watson
15.	1963	Ron Carey*	35.	2006	Michael Haynes
16.	1966	John Montgomery OAM*	36.	2008	Jon Stone
17.	1967	Brian Barry	37.	2013	Scot Murray
18.	1969	John Quinn*	38.	2017	James Charman
19.	1975	Geoff McManus	39.	2019	Wayne Edwards
20.	1977	John Porteous*			

* deceased

CHAIRMANS

REPORT

Season 2022 was another season where we were thrown more hurdles and curve balls. We were coming off covid restrictions that ended the 2021 season prematurely, and then mother nature decided to play havoc with the weather. Rain, rain and more rain! Ovals closed, training cancelled, rounds postponed, all of this before many teams got to have a training session, let alone pass or kick a ball.

Full credit to our board of Ben May, David Zimmer, Gareth Uys, Greg Adnum, Ilana Crawford, Jake Enasio, Nathan Cherry, Sandra Peacock and Lisa Doumit who behind the scenes worked tirelessly to adjust draws, manage oval bookings, juggle referee placements and organise green space for clubs to train on. These are just some of the roles assigned to them who all give up their valuable time and effort in a volunteer capacity. On behalf of the North Sydney Junior League committee though I am sure I can say that all of this is a small price to pay and merely a footnote in what was a great season even though it was slightly shorter than we wanted. If you turned up at any one of our grounds on any given weekend you would have seen the smiles on all kids - boys and girls alike from 6's through to our seniors to know that it was worth it and the reason we all do what we do.

We had many special moments which will be covered in the club specific reports but included for some, playing at North Sydney oval, playing in one of our Mini Gala days or being lucky enough to play in the Grand Final itself.

It was a pleasure to chair this board and I know we are already planning for a bigger and better year in 2023.

Mick Tickner
Chairman
North Sydney Junior Rugby
League



OUR CLUBS



ASQUITH MAGPIES



2022 was Asquith Magpies 70th Season in the North Sydney Junior League and we celebrated with a modern take on a retro logo. Whilst we were entering into another tough year with Covid and weather interruptions, it was a season with more highs than lows, despite at one stage considering calling ourselves a water polo club just to get some game time.

We had our very first Open Women's team who made it all the way to the Grand Final, topped off by all 4 of our Senior teams making it to finals. 3 went on to play in the Grand Final, resulting in a win for our u18's. Our u12's also were successful in picking up a win in their Grand Final.

We continued our partnership with NSW Health through the Grand Stand Program. This was a preseason interactive workshop to bring attention to domestic violence. We helped raise money for the flood victims, as well as our annual Beanies for Brain Cancer round for the Mark Hughes Foundation.

At Asquith we have always prided ourselves in offering the best game day experience and this year was no different. Demonstrated by the North Sydney Mini Grand Final Gala Day for 6 to 8s that we hosted at Storey Park. The smiles on all the kids from every club as well as their parents showed our focus - inclusive fun for everyone.

The clubs success is built on our network of volunteers, including our coaches and managers who will share some insight into each of our teams.

u6's - After a horrid couple years, the newest crop of Asquith's elite footballers took to the field with eager anticipation and exuberance. 3 returning veterans and 5 new recruits, the year 2022 was promising to be one to remember.

The chaos and mayhem that is Under 6 footy did not disappoint. Tears, tackles (many made on our own teammates), back and forth tries like an enthralling masters tennis rally and endlessly tying bootlaces. But the smiles on the faces and the pride each player exhibits when they make a tackle or score a try for the first time, priceless!! With 6 of the 8 moving up to the next age group next year, this surely could be the start of an Asquith Dynasty. Another great season and can't wait for next year!

u7s - It was a tough year for our under 7s still learning the game. We picked up a couple of new players and saw the development of our 2nd year players which was pleasing to see. The boys always sang the song with gusto, whether it followed a win, loss or draw. The spirit in the side can never be questioned. Looking forward to u8s, a bigger field and a great 2023!



u8s - With a big gap between finishing last year and the start of this year, and the fact this age group has not yet had an uninterrupted season it would be an understatement to say the kids were a little bit rusty. The season started on a muddy, cold and wet day at Dural and it appeared we'd never played footy before, but as the season progressed so did the skills and the fun of being part of a team that was developing together. I'm sure the kids will be back to entertain us all again next year, they are a joy to watch on and off the field and will continue to grow together as a team and improve on their skills.

u9s - The team started strongly but lost a few players early in the season and fell into a mid year slump, but the kids never gave up they battled on and then a surprise visit from Cronulla Sharks player Toby Rudolf revitalise their season. They came home with a wet sail winning 2 and drawing 1 of their last 3, charging into the division 2 finals. The win in the Major Semi Final was a huge highlight of the year, scoring in the final minute to seal a Grand Final spot. Unfortunately, Berowra had their eyes on Semi Final revenge and jumped out quickly in the Grand Final. Our boys never stopped trying and showed the spirit they played with all year in being Runners Up. They will be ready for 2023!

u10 Whites - It had been a long time between wins for the team, with some kids never experiencing victory and to be part of the games that we won this year was incredible. Anyone who was at either of the games at Storey Park would have been entertained, the joy on the kids' faces was immense. The first win where we won with 8 players was just so intense, it was try for try, goal for goal and tackle for tackle. The siren went and the crowd and kids went berserk!!!! The next win was my favourite of the season, we had almost everyone there and at half time we were so far behind. At half time I said to the kids you can do this, they all committed, and the next 20 minutes was just a spectacle of rugby league. Point by point we reeled them in, for 3 seconds we led that game, but when the siren went that's all that matters. I sat back when that game was won just to watch the kid's elation, running around hugging, high 5-ing, there were tears and smiles on the players, coaches, trainers, parents and everyone's faces!!

u10 Black - Very proud of the boys this year. Some great footy and always playing with determination and passion. In fact it's the games we played when one of the team was out due to sickness or injury which were the stand out games. Some huge improvement this year right until the last game from the boys. The boys welcomed 2 new players who just gelled into the team like they been playing for years together. Well done... chicka chicka boom!

u11s-This year our u11s welcomed 4 new debutants into the team. Despite a slow start to the season, our new players showed they were well and truly up for the challenge and swiftly became part of the team. The first few games may have got away from us, but our team stuck together and worked hard to unite for our first win over at Dural Park. And boy didn't we celebrate by shaking the water bottles! There's nothing like a first W to inspired the troops, and soon were challenging the top teams in the comp. All our players continued to work hard at training, and really worked for each other during game day. What more could us coaches ask for. More than a team. Where are a family. Watch us fly next year!

u12's- A long time off and a rebuilding season meant regardless of results having a team, getting better and having fun was what 2022 was all about. 5 players that had never played a contact sport joined the battle hardened veterans of this year's u12's. An early broken wrist as well as illness meant we were short some weeks and couldn't have fielded a team without the assistance of some very gifted u11s, but through all that the boys knuckled down and played some really tough footy learning that defence was more important than attack and in their first year in the Silver Combined Comp and came out on top. They convincingly won the Grand Final over Berowra with the whole team putting in a awesome effort and were rewarded for all the hard work they had put in all season. Sadly we will be losing a few more of the team this year but what a great way to send them out.



u12 Girls Tag - What a great season!!! Almost all last year's team returned, and the season was looking great from the outset. The team strung together win after win after win. Getting these girls to laugh and play footy is what I found out to be the easy part of coaching an all-girls team. Training, well sometimes a training session would break out from a tik tok dance between the girls. If anyone ever needed convincing that this sport is well and truly on the map you just had to watch the girls, parents, supporters and anyone else at the oval who watched any of the cliff hanger results this team had. As the season progressed the girls started to take training a little more serious, well a little.

The girls continued their winning ways and ended up making the Grand Final. Down 18-4 at half time I knew the girls would be able to get back, to their credit they did, scores locked with seconds to go. Unfortunately, the other team scored on the buzzer but it didn't take away from the great season that we all had.

u14 Whites - Another year, another season down. The U14 Whites had a great influx of new kids who wanted to give rugby league a try (having never played a contact sport previously) and play with their friends. We had a great win in our first game and faced some tough games in the weeks afterwards before the regrade. The second half of the season saw the boys develop further with their rugby league skills and technique.

u14 Blacks - Considering how disjointed the season was with rain, COVID and the regrading after 6 weeks the boys did amazingly well. We really had two halves to our season. We won most of our games in the first half then were really challenged in the second half after regrading and moving up to the Golds. We welcomed a number of new players into the squad who fit straight in and I congratulate all the players in their effort on the weekend and at training despite a lack of game time.

u14s Girls league tag - After our first short year together last year, most girls new to the game, our second year saw us a little challenged on numbers. After a tough start of the season, the girls soon found their click and defensive edge, proceeding to challenge the best teams in the competition, winning most of our games. With some strong recruitment towards the end of the year, we will be a force to be reckoned with next season.

u16s - We were looking forward to playing Sundays and meeting new teams travelling far and wide. We knew we may lose a few players going to Sundays but the team stuck together and put in week after week without any reserves. We registered in Gold Division and gave it a good crack. Very proud of the boys. Was a disruptive season with all that rain which made it difficult to focus and gain momentum. Thanks to our dedicated parents keeping the boys and team together.

u18s- 2022 Kye Stewart, Sione Curtis-Katoa 100 games, Samuel Vaughan, Jarson Ngatai-Mauri 150 games, Aden Clarke 200 games. This team has been together since they were u6 some have left some have joined but all in all they are a great bunch of young men that always do the club proud. This year we came up against teams that were bigger than us and teams that were very physical, but stuck to our style and came out on top. Winning this year's Grand Final was what these boys deserved and we can't wait to see what 2023 has in store for us.



u20s - It was the return to the Black and White of the Asquith Magpies this year for the U20's, and what an amazing return we have had. We welcomed boys that had continued playing as part of the Grizzlies, boys that hadn't played with Asquith for many years and new players from other clubs. The boys formed a great comradery and played with great spirit each and every week. With a team of 23 players you'd think nothing could get in our way however, as with every team we suffered injuries that sidelined a few of the boys for many weeks and the mandatory Covid isolations didn't help either but the boys soldiered on. All the boys played fearlessly for their team, coach and club, it was a joy to watch the bond they have.

To make the preliminary finals in the first year as a complete unit was a fantastic effort, unfortunately it wasn't our year though to make it to the big dance. We can boast to have the top try scorer, top goal scorer and overall top point scorer in our team for the U20's comp which is a fantastic result. With a bit more fine tuning and continued effort of the boys we will be stronger next year. Thank you to all that were involved in getting the team to where they are, none of this happens without your continual support. We look forward to see what next year holds for us.

The Asquith open womans team was a successful program in its inaugural year. Having a legitimate development progress into Norths Sydney Bears Harvey Norman Womens Premiership really set the program up for success in the inaugural season. The success of the program has helped with the growth in womans and girls rugby league within the district and I'm sure it will inspire many girls in the future. Although we were unable to bring the ultimate success with a premiership, we are still very proud to be pioneers in the district for the future of the womans game.

Finally in addition to our open womens team, our A Grade side had a string season finishing the regular season in 2nd place. Made up of primarily local players who have come through the ranks at Asquith, our A grade team went on to make the grand final at Leichhardt Oval, narrowly suffering defeat 15-14. This team has a lot more up and we cant wait to see their progress in season 2023.

Last at most definitely not least we would like to thank all of our volunteers, coaches, managers, trainers, parents and our sponsors absolutely none of this would be possible without all of you and as a club we eternally grateful.



BEROWRA WALLABIES



On the field

After two seasons shortened by Covid, the Wallabies were keen to complete a full season in 2022. The interest across the community was strong. Across the club registrations were up, and sponsors continued to support footy in Berowra. A total of 16 teams from U6s to u17s, meant that each weekend we had a full roster of games. The club fielded three Girls League Tag teams (two in the u12s and one U16s team), this continues to be a growth area for Girls.



Despite a wet start to the season curtailing training and games, all the teams took to the field with excitement, and quickly showed solid improvement as the season gathered momentum. Skills improved quickly, plenty of enjoyment was visible and, importantly, friendships grew. Some of highlights included;



Every age group from 6s to 15's was represented. Our younger age groups were strongly represented, two teams in each U6s and u7s shows interest from younger kids is there. Also, in the older boys age groups, we had healthier numbers in u13s, u14s and u15s this season. This gives us some confidence that senior grades will grow in coming seasons.

By the end of the season, success was spread richly across the club. Four minor premiers and a long list of teams participating in finals, kept interest in the season going. Ultimately three of teams took out a premiership. Of note, the U15's won their grand final at North Sydney Oval, and the following week, won the Broken Bay regional championship game against .



Premiers: U15s Northern Conference Silver, U12s Division 1 Blues Tag, and U9s Division 2.



Minor Premiers: U15s Silver, Under 13s Bronze, Under 12 Silver, and U12s Blues Tag.

In the Minis, we again fielded two U6 and U7 teams alongside the U8s. Continuing our spiderman theme from last year, these teams took the field this season sporting a new Captain America jersey design which was a great hit with the players. The players exhibited some great skills and showed tremendous development throughout the season which will form the basis for seasons ahead. Watching the enjoyment and progression of our mini's is always a highlight of any season.

In the elder age groups the club was well represented in the North Sydney development squads in 2022, congratulations to all these players from the u13s, u14s, and u15s. What a fantastic achievement to get 15 players gaining selection.

Another highlight of the season was seeing how the u15s group build a strong culture. The team is growing into great group of young men. A trip to the Sydney State of Origin game was a reward for a great start to the season.



Off the field

Vale Milton 'Diddy' Pitts (1930-2022)

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Berowra resident Milton Pitts, known affectionately as 'Diddy', aged 92 years last Thursday, 20th October 2022.

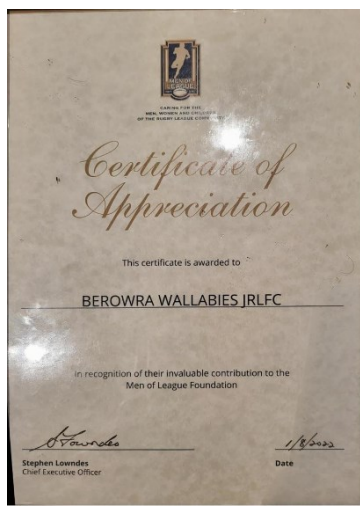
Diddy was a founding member of the Berowra Wallabies Junior Rugby League Club, serving as a committee member and as manager of our first A'Grade side in 1969 (pictured below). His love of Berowra rugby league was shared by his son Warren who played for the Wallabies, his daughter Cheryl who served as a committee member, and grandsons Mitchell, and Cameron who both played juniors through to A'Grade for Berowra.



Men Of League

We continued our support of Men Of League foundation throughout the season. In August we hosted a fund-raising event at our clubhouse. The night proved to be a rousing success, with over \$12,000 raised to support the foundation. Crazy sock round was also a success, with most of our teams supporting the cause. Many thanks for the ongoing work that the foundation perform in the community, also thanks for supporting the night.

In August our committee members and volunteers attended the North Sydney District Junior Rugby League Volunteers Day at North Sydney Oval. Bryan Summerhayes was recognised as our nomination for the Men of League Volunteer of the Year Award. Bryan and his family our intertwined in our club. His efforts and love for the club, is displayed in his passion for the club. Whether it is on the BBQ, taking photos or preparing for the season, Bryan does it with heaps of energy. Congratulations Bryan.



Thanks for Season 2022!

As a club we would like to thank all our players with how they have represented our club, whether that be displaying excellent sportsmanship on the field, supporting and helping out junior teams or helping raise money for charities, you have all helped build a fantastic culture at the Wallabies. On behalf of the players and committee we would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our coaches, managers, and trainers for all for their time, effort, knowledge, patience and dedication in working to get your teams to realise their full potential.

Off the field, thank you to everyone involved on the committee, and all our volunteers who cooked the snags, set out the field, manned the table and ran the line. Thank you to all the parents for supporting your kids and teams all season.

All of the above season highlights would not have been possible without the valued contribution from our sponsors. Your generosity and involvement have given children in our area an opportunity to build lifelong friendships and skills through playing rugby league. Thank you to all our club and team sponsors: Berowra Village Tavern, Wiseberry Real Estate, Wilkscuts, Cleanaway, Bite Me Bakehouse, Mt Kuring-gai Butchers, All Metal Roofing, Anglers Rest Hotel, EMO Trans, Coastal Fencing, RCC National, Reliable Lock & Safe, Brooklyn Barge, MB Roofing, MP Trees, Kris Dickerson Air Conditioning, NV Tiling, Coho, North Shore Electrical, Above and Beyond, Genuine Air, Bakers Delight Berowra, and Bush Telegraph.

Finally, thanks to the Norths Group, Dan Hutton, Adam Hellyer, Danielle Kifooti and the North Sydney District JRL Board for their ongoing support of our club and junior league in our district.

We look forward to season 2023 competing against all the fantastic clubs across North Sydney!

HILLS HAWKS



With a new committee and lots of new faces, 2022 gave us 8 super keen teams. So many new faces including lots of girls wanting to give league tag a go. Coaches and managers were on board ready to start the season.

Then the rain came and stayed for a while. We started the season at Dural Park which was so much fun but came with the grounds being destroyed and closed for a long time. With the support of other clubs, we managed to keep the season going and playing away most of the time. When Dural Park finally opened, we repayed the favours and held other clubs games at our home.

We had some boys selected for the North Sydney Bears 2022 Winter Development Squads which we are extremely proud of including Ben Stringer (15's), Jess Burton (16's), Kai Reilly (16's), Lennox Blume (16's) and Jack Stringer (16's).

Our 7's and 8's attended the Benny Elias Shield at Ryde. A great day playing again some tough teams. Both our age groups enjoyed the challenge and it proved to them that all the training throughout the year was worth it.

The finals came and the majority of our teams make the semi's. Our 16's girls league tag team won the Grand Final. Each player was 100% committed all year and deserved this win.

Presentation Day at Glenorie RSL was a huge success. Having all families there together was priceless.

Congratulations to our Life Member – Alfred Roy. He has played with Hills Hawks for 10 consecutive years.



KU-RING-GAI

CUBS



The Cubs Eighth season as a North Sydney district junior club began with great hopes that our two disrupted seasons due to the Covid 19 pandemic were behind us and this proved to be the case. Instead, we were faced with a different challenge from Mother Nature as double the annual rainfall fell on us and our grounds throughout the season. We lost countless training sessions with Memorial Oval underwater and sodden and at least 5 rounds were abandoned. Yet the Cubs spirit was not dampened. We adapted with indoor training sessions at PCYC Hornsby, moving our training grounds and running round the neighbourhood to stay fit!

This paid off when our 153 players took the field. All our teams grew and developed as the season progressed, each team improving as we equalled our most successful on field season with all teams playing finals and 4 grand finals reached. Well done to our U10's, U11's, U12's and U13 teams for representing us so well in those final games. No titles this time but all courageous performances worthy of our great club.

We greatly enjoyed the three weekends where we hosted teams at our brand-new clubhouse at Memorial Oval. What a difference it was to have an indoor canteen and change room facilities! A big thank you to all our canteen volunteers who helped make the weekends such a success both financially and socially for the club.

The Cubs are immensely proud of our role in the community to provide a club in the local area that allows our young members to grow and thrive not only as rugby league players but also young people. We focus on the club values of honesty, respect and teamwork as we build our young members and a huge thanks goes to our many generous sponsors who afford us the financial tools to fulfil this purpose. We kept our registration fee low and invested in free kit including back packs, spray jackets and training shirts, new training equipment, the new clubhouse, team pizza nights, a weekend training camp for our senior U16 team, the indoor training and even Grand final banners!

Thank you to our sponsors:

Platinum: Hornsby RSL

Gold: Premier Pools, Alto Group, CH-Earnest

Silver: The Acoustic Box, Pool and Spa warehouse, MKW Insurance, Remedial Builders, Yakka Build, Prime Valley Cuts, Mammoth Construction, Twin Sparks Electrical.



As ever our committee are also to be thanked for their contributions and time they gave to the club. This includes time and efforts spent recruiting, organising events, registrations, coach compliance, financial administration, sponsorship growth and retention, social media and communications, game day set up and management, canteen management. All members of the committee contribute to make this whole process efficient but also immensely fun working with a team of like-minded volunteers. Special mention goes to our **Volunteer of the Year**, Mescha Martin who in her first year on the committee ran all our social media and communications as well as running the canteen every week with her daughter, Vianne and using any other spare time as club photographer! A worthy recipient of this prestigious award.

Our committee: Michael Asensio, Steve Walters, Simon Samaan, Rob Martin, Mescha Martin, Mark Maltby, Michael Chain, Andrew Kay, Tony Miller, Danial Hearn, John Ward.

Our coaches and managers are another group of volunteers to be thanked. With limited opportunities to train this year they are to be commended for building and running each of our ten teams that took the field this year from U7's to U16's. Each team improved as the season progressed and our coaches and managers ensured that all players no matter their ability were able to contribute and enjoy the season. As a result, we are optimistic that a large majority of our players will return next year. We sincerely hope they do and encourage them all to bring a friend!

We had many players represent North Sydney bears development teams. Congratulations to:

U13: Darby Rayner, Henry May, Alexander Trent, Lucas Vawser, Callum Erdman, Tolli Irvine, Thomas Chan, Jack Procter, Edward Atterill.

U14: William Thompson, Lucas Ward.

U16: Noah Miller, Lukas Majer, James Warner, Oliver Mackellar, Zander Ward, Thomas Kinninmont, Ethan Maltby, Preston Scott, Luke Haldane, Luca Pozzalungo.

Harold Matts U17: Marshall Le Maitre, Heath Turner, Oliver Mackellar

A big congratulations to Marshall Le Maitre who not only was awarded the Bears Harold Matts player of the season but has also recently accepted a two-year contract with the South Sydney Rabbitohs.

Last and in no way least, congratulations to our **Bruce Walker Award** winner, Ethan Shepherd who in the face of adversity courageously displayed the club values of honesty, respect and teamwork this year.

Well done and thank you to all our Cubs family in 2022. See you in 2023! Go Cubs, Go!

Ben May
President,
Ku-ring-Gai Cubs JRL



LANE COVE

TIGERS



If it wasn't COVID then the weather did its best to disrupt the season. The club committee, coaches and volunteers worked hard in the preseason to recruit new players and also retain existing players. Difficult with the weather hampering our open and gala days, and yet the club managed to field two teams in both Under 10s and Under 11s. With a great step forward in our female participation, the Tigers formed a second girl's Blues Tag team in the Under 12's and retained our other age groups from the previous year. All fantastic achievements considering the last few years.



Special thanks to Greg Haynes for his ongoing hard work in recruiting and retaining our mighty Under 16s team this year. A Move to Sunday competition added to the complexities of managing and coaching the team in 2022. We are proud to continue to field a team in this age group. We would like to acknowledge Greg and the families of our Under 16s team for their ongoing commitment to the Tigers.

Also Alex Hahlos for his commitment to the Under 11's age group coaching and recruiting for 2 teams. Not an easy assignment but Alex's passion for the game is evident. Along with Clem Lyons whose effort in keeping our 13's on the field is to be commended. Another difficult age group to recruit for and maintain.



On the results front it was great to see all of our competitive age groups make the finals. This culminated in three teams reaching the Grand Final including the U16's, U13's and U10's Black. The U13's won their grand final with a resounding 34-0 victory over Belrose Eagles and the U10's defeated Ku-ring-gai Cubs 24-20 to take out the silver division title. The U16s unfortunately were not triumphant on the day but displayed great sportsmanship with a gallant effort. Well done to all teams.



The Lane Cove Tigers is an old club having been founded in 1925. The club unfortunately folded in 1999 and was more recently reformed in 2012. This year we celebrated 10 years back as a junior league club in the North Sydney competition. Our numbers are continuing to increase every year which is fantastic to see. With our new facilities at Tantallon Oval we hope to continue to grow and be a real positive for the local community.

Congratulations to all of the Lane Cove Tigers players selected to join the North Sydney Bears 2022 Development Squads. This is a great achievement and a fantastic opportunity for our players to further develop in a professional environment. Also, a huge congratulations to Beau Rootsey from our U12's who made the NSW PSSA representative team. They went on to win the School Sports Championships with Beau contributing 4 tries during the series.

U13s Development Squad

- Cooper Clarkson
- Edward Lee
- Oscar Forsey
- Peadar Lyons
- Zane Lavigne
- Calan Hahlos



U16s Development Squad

- Beau Brennan
- Byron Gaddes
- Daniel Cavric
- Jack Haynes
- Leo Herring
- Tom Gordon

Lastly, I would like to thank the committee for their hard work this year. A big thanks to all the coaches, managers and trainers for their ongoing effort. To the volunteers in the canteen, BBQ, ground setup and first aiders. Very much appreciated and our club would not continue to run without your support.

I hope you all had a great year with the Tigers and look forward to welcoming you back for many more years to come.

Thank you!

Matt Antonioli
Lane Cove Tigers Club President

NORTH SYDNEY BROTHERS



2022 was a very successful season for North Sydney Brothers JRLFC both on and off the field.

Registrations were strong particularly in the younger age groups, with the club fielding teams in Under 6's, Under 8's Under 9's, Under 10's, Under 12's (2 teams Gold and Bronze), Under 14's, Under 16's (Combined team with Lane Cove) and Under 20's. Player numbers were higher across all these teams, making up for the loss of an A grade Men's and Open Women's team from 2021.

The growth in registrations for the Under 6's was particularly pleasing and reflects the success of the inaugural roll out of the League Ready program. Parent and player feedback on League Ready was overwhelmingly positive and will no doubt help player retention and recruitment in the Under 6's and Under 7's next year.

The success in recruitment was supported by fantastic on-field results, highlighted by the Under 10's which won the Division 1 Grand Final, the Under 9's who lost narrowly in the Division 1 Grand Final and The Under 16's Combined Team with Lane Cove who were also Under 16s Silver Grand Finalists. Across the age groups all teams performed superbly and were highly competitive.

The 2022 season will be remembered for the incessant wet weather which particularly impacted the first half of the season, with numerous training sessions and games washed out, but congratulations to the coaches who improvised to ensure the players could undertake some training, whether it be on netball courts, in gyms or on the beach and to the Junior League who rescheduled games and did everything they could to get the players on the field wherever possible.

North Sydney Brothers teams competed in the North Sydney Junior League competitions, The North Sydney / Manly Combined U12s competitions and various NSWRL Conference Competitions, along with playing pre-season trial matches against Leichhardt Juniors in March (our first pre-season trials for many years) and our Under 8's participated in the Benny Elias Shield Gala Day hosted by Holy Cross Rhinos.



Off the field, the club was able to yet again run the “Play for Free” initiative which has been integral to the rebuilding of player numbers and the rebuilding of the club in general over the last 5 years. The junior sporting landscape in the lower North Shore area is super competitive with very strong junior soccer and rugby union clubs, but “play for free” has allowed us to give kids a taste of rugby league and focus on retaining them. The club’s finances are in great shape heading into 2023 following a highly enjoyable and very successful fundraising luncheon, club raffle, generous sponsors and record takings from the Tunks Park game day canteen.

The 2022 North Sydney Brothers Committee did a fantastic job in 2022 and remain focused on continually improving the experience for everyone involved with the club. The goal will always be player enjoyment, retention and creating an environment that welcomes new players and their families.

North Sydney Brothers 2022 Committee:

PRESIDENT – John Dickson

VICE PRESIDENT, COACHING COORDINATOR & JUNIOR LEAGUE BOARD REP – Gareth Uys

TREASURER – Daniel Dickson

SECRETARY – Leigh-Ann Francis

REGISTRAR – Craig Miller

CLUB COMMITTEE MEMBERS – Andrew Kaless, Andrew Capelin and Nathan Davis

North Sydney Brothers carries lots of goodwill and positive momentum into the 2023 season with strong performances on the field in the back half of the 2022 season, some great social events and well attended presentation events. For 2023 the club will continue to focus on recruitment, player and coach development, player retention, player/parent/supporter and sponsor engagement and promoting a fun and inclusive environment. Initiatives for the 2023 season include, filling out missing age groups, girls league tag, a more active social media presence and increasing sponsors promotion and engagement.

The Committee North Sydney Brothers J.R.L.F.C.





PENNANT HILLS/ CHERRYBROOK STAGS



The Mighty Penno Stags had a fantastic 2022. This year we had a modern day record of over 230 registrations and 18 teams from u6s to u15s tackle and 3 girls blues tag teams. We were very excited to get a full season of rugby league in, particularly now with game days running from 8am until 7pm!

We welcomed back our gold sponsor Suttons and silver sponsor More To The Pointe and had great looking gear from our sponsor, O'neills. It is great to see so many kids wearing the distinctive Stags blue apparel, not only on game day but also at the local shopping centres and at the local schools in the area. Season 2022 highlights included;

- We have a dedicated, stable committee of committed volunteers. The committee is going from strength to strength as it leads the club through a period of sustained growth.
- A successful come and try afternoon.
- Our Annual Mother's Day round celebrated our wonderful mums and significant females involved with the club. These wonderful ladies were pampered with massages, manicures, nibbles and champagne. We also had a raffle and were able to raise \$930 for the Hills Womens Shelter, an important local organisation helping women in domestic violence situations.
- We held our Inaugural Old Boys Round and watched the u15s play a cracking game to take home the win in front of Stags members from throughout the clubs 53 years. Former members travelled far and wide to attend the evening with some of the original founding members of the club attending and shared stories of how the club started.
- We sent our u13 team to watch State of Origin game 1, the boys had a great night and also hosted a pizza and footy night in the clubhouse for our u12s and u15s for game 2.
- After being postponed from 2021 due to Covid restrictions we finally got to hold our Inaugural Stags Footy Ball. A fun night of dinner, drinking, dancing and lots of laughs were had by all that attended the adults only event at Castle Hill RSL. It was a huge success and we look forward to hosting our next Stags Footy Ball in 2024.



- We had so much fun off the footy field, but on the footy field the kids were loving playing with their mates and having heaps of fun especially in some wet conditions. Penno were the only club from North Sydney to have First Division teams in the combined North Sydney Manly competition from Under 12's – 15's, with our 12's making the Semi Finals, the 13's and 15's narrowly missing out on the Semi's and our 14's making the Grand Final. In the North Sydney Competitions our under 10's boys tackle made the Grand Final, u14s girls blues tag team were minor premiers and made the Grand Final and the Under 12's Girls Blue Tag won the Grand Final.
- We hosted the North Sydney Bears junior development games vs Wests at Greenway Oval.
- Several of our 13's, 14's and 15' Boys and 16's Girls Tag were selected in North Sydney Junior Development Squads. Lachlan Vella from the Under 15's represented NSW CHS at the Australian Schoolboys Carnival and Bailey Comerford from the Under 12's represented NSW CIS at the NSW PSSA Carnival.
- Massive Presentation night extravaganza at Greenway Clubhouse with amusement rides and ice creams for the kids. Over 300 people attended highlighting the great spirit throughout the club. It was great to see so many players receiving 5 year service (25 kids) and 10 year service (4 kids) awards.
- The club was able to purchase with the assistance of a government grant a custom scoreboard, thankyou to our wonderful Vice President and Life Member Darryl Beitsch for making this possible.
- New Club Constitution has been created to reflect the evolution of our club.
- The club has decided to embark on a Club Tour to the Gold Coast in 2023.
- Funding has been secured to complete the Greenway Clubhouse. There will be new change rooms, canteen and storage facilities under the existing building to provide a better game day experience for all members and visitors. The upstairs clubhouse has also provided a better viewing experience for games and has allowed the club to hold functions and improve game day experiences – particularly for night games.

Lee Cherry and Tim Beitsch

Club President and Vice President



WILLOUGHBY



ROOS

"Rain rain go away....."

After two seasons cut short due to Covid we were hopeful for an uninterrupted season in 2022. However mother nature had her own ideas and La Nina wreaked havoc on our game days and training sessions at the beginning of the season. There were many round washouts and ground closures to contend with.

As a Club we were optimistic that it would pass and we would get some footy in! We were particularly excited about this season as we had 17 teams registered, which included six girls league tag teams. Our registrations again had increased this year and the participation rate of girls is now the highest it has ever been.



"The committee worked hard to raise funds....."

This season we welcomed some new sponsors to the Club and welcomed the return of existing who have come on-board again to support the Roos.

We hosted our State of Origin event at the Willoughby Bowling Club this year and made it a family event. It was great to see how passionate some of our youngest Roos are about their footy and the NSW win in Game 2. Our SOO raffle and the ticket sales were successful in raising funds for the Club.

Our End of Season function which was hosted in September, was the first time we have all been able to come together in three years. It was a night to celebrate and reflect on the season that was. The silent auction was a hit with many much wanted items included Diamond Section NRL Grand Final tickets, 2022 signed Roosters jersey and a 2021 framed signed Manly jersey just to mention a few.



"A successful season for our Club....."

All in all 2022 was a great season even though La Nina did cause some headaches, we had much success come Grand Final weekend.

- u9 Blue defeating North Sydney Brothers 24 to 18
- u11s defeating Kuring-Gai Cubs 30 to 24
- u14s Tag defeating Pennant Hills Stags 26 to 18
- u16s Tag (Blue) defeating Belrose Eagles 28 to Nil

It's great to see such success for the club and we couldn't be prouder of your achievements. Special mention should also go to out to our u10s team, who put in an extraordinary season, finishing as Minor Premiers, and just missing out on the opportunity to play in a grand final.

With the u9s Blue and u11s who also finished their seasons as Minor Premiers, the club is in a strong position to see even greater success in 2023, which will also be the Club's 110th Year.

Congratulations must also go to our newly awarded Coach of the Year Paul Melham and Club Person of the Year Veronica Whitmee. Two very deserving winners of thee awards.

A big thank you to all our sponsors, volunteers, parents and of course our players. A very big thank you to all our committee members who worked tirelessly, some also coaching, managing and training more than 1 team.

The club is in a great financial position thanks to many sponsors and grants we received and is set to grow even further with many new programs in place for 2022.

Go Roos!

Regards

David Zimmer
Club President
Willoughby Roos



"Highlights of the 2022 season were... "

Washed out rounds didn't dampen our season here are some of the highlights for the 2022 Season:

- Our registrations increased by 25% from 2021
- Three Under 12s League tag teams
- Three Under 7s teams
- Under 15s side - the first time in many years
- Six Girls League Tag sides
- Four teams (Under 9s blue, Under 11s, Under 14s Tag, Under 16s Blue Tag) making the Grand Final
- Four teams (Under 9s blue, Under 11s, Under 14s Tag, Under 16s Blue Tag) winning their Grand Final
- Our 8s made the final for the Pepsi Cup at the Tommy Bishop Tournament





The Roos would like to offer their thanks to the Football Club Committee, Coaches, Managers, Trainers and Volunteers in 2022.

2022 would also not have been possible without the valued contribution from many of our team sponsors.



NORTH SYDNEY

REFEREES



Happy birthday to us! Officially this season marked 100 years of the North Sydney Referees Association and an excellent season it has been as well. Many new members joined North Sydney this year and our ranks were bolstered by the continuing efforts of our more experienced referees. Particularly important given that, once again, the North Sydney district saw growth in playing numbers, especially the increasing number of young ladies playing league tag! Hopefully this shall translate into more female referees joining our ranks in the next few seasons! Retention rates were again reasonably high, although we did lose a few to employment related commitments.

Naturally all of our members are most excited about the 100th anniversary, with our dinner coming up on the 21st October (which will probably be in the past by the time this report is read!). It will be good to see plenty of members past and present and to celebrate this remarkable milestone with our friends, families and guests. Hopefully an excellent evening shall be had by all.

Newsworthy items from this season included the following:

1. Brian Barry once again astounded all and sundry with his most excellent display of kicking off skills at North Sydney Oval in the final round of the NSW Cup. North Sydney had wished to honour a long-standing member of the junior league with the ceremonial kick off and there could be no more appropriate, upstanding or deserving member than Brian. Unconfirmed reports Brian penalised Mounties for being in front of him at the ceremonial kick off, but I can confirm that the ball went the required 10 m!
2. Our most esteemed patron Mrs Elizabeth Quailey was recognised by the Men of League Foundation as the club volunteer of the season for her outstanding efforts and support of the North Sydney District Rugby League Referees Association juniors. Well done Mrs Q!
3. The 100th season launch back in April at Magpies Waitara was a rousing success, with all in attendance stating that they enjoyed the evening immensely.
4. Our Association archivists were busy for the 100th season, compiling the history of the Association into a short book in time for the 100th anniversary celebratory dinner. Well done Wayne and Quails on compiling the member lists and apologies to anyone I've stitched up with an embarrassing photo!
5. On the field, our two resident junior representative squad members (Dylan and Nathan Guptill) once again represented Norths Referees and from all reports did a wonderful job on their appointments. Hopefully we shall see them progress further next season and possibly be joined by other North Sydney members. With several of our junior members making significant strides in development of their skills, I am confident that it won't be too long before several other members are pushing to join Dylan and Nathan in the squad.

6. Our NRL representative Jon Stone again outdid himself both on and off the field, with not only putting together a strong season but also taking the time to come and help out with the coaching and development of juniors during the year. Thank you Jon!
7. Awards-wise, Nick Hartgrove was a most worthy recipient of the Vince Smith Junior Encouragement Award for season 2022. Two new additional junior awards were added this season. The Michael Quailey Trophy, for the most outstanding contribution by a junior referee for this season, was awarded to Tyler Armstrong whose efforts and enthusiasm made him a most worthy winner. Additionally, the as-yet unnamed most improved junior referee award, was won by Sam Jones, who showed marked improvement in his on-field performances over 2022.

Once again to all our referees, coaches, members, wives / husbands, family and supporters I say a big thank you for your time and support over the season. We could not be the referees that we are without you standing with us!

Wishing everyone an excellent off season, a Merry Christmas and Happy 2023!

Michael Dumas
Executive Officer
North Sydney District Rugby League Referees

Office Bearers Season 2022

Chairman: Michael Quailey.

Executive Officer: Michael Dumas.

Director of Finance: James Leane.

Director of Referees Development: Steve Tulinsky.

Director of Member Services: Ilana Crawford.
Association.



DEVELOPMENT

SQUADS



NORTH SYDNEY BEARS 2022 WINTER DEVELOPMENT SQUADS

UNDER 13		UNDER 14		UNDER 15		UNDER 16	
NAME	CLUB	NAME	CLUB	NAME	CLUB	NAME	CLUB
Alexander Trent	Ku-ring-gai	Alex Kerr	North Sydney Brothers	Archie Tunks	Willoughby	Arthur Rogers-Pook	Berowra
Andre Guerin	Pennant Hills	Angus Aoutal	Pennant Hills	August Sapias	Willoughby	Beau Brennan	Lane Cove
Brayden Johns	Berowra	Bailey Dickson	North Sydney Brothers	Ben Davenport	Berowra	Byron Gaddes	Lane Cove
Calan Hahlos	Lane Cove	Brodie Dahlen	Pennant Hills	Ben Stringer	Hills	Daniel Cavric	Lane Cove
Caleb Hasrouni	Pennant Hills	Brody Rowley	Berowra	Brandon Zanoni	Berowra	Declan Lees	Asquith
Callum Lindsay	Berowra	Cooper Fradd	Pennant Hills	Cameron Gins	Pennant Hills	Izaya Ngatai-Mauri	Asquith
Cooper Clarkson	Lane Cove	Corey Kingston	North Sydney Brothers	Cash Daley	Pennant Hills	Jack Haynes	Lane Cove
Darby Rayner	Ku-ring-gai	Elijah Hamer	Asquith	Corey Marando	Berowra	Jack Stringer	Hills
Edward Lee	Lane Cove	Felix Shrestha	Asquith	Dean Gauslaa	Berowra	James Warner	Ku-ring-gai
Felix Brisot	Pennant Hills	Hunter Chan	North Sydney Brothers	Ethan Waite	Berowra	Jesse Burton	Hills
Flynn Commerford	Pennant Hills	Hunter Pollock	Pennant Hills	Finlay Ludlow	Berowra	Kai Reilly	Hills
Hayden Boyle	Berowra	Isaac Khoudair	Pennant Hills	Harrison Davies	Willoughby	Lachlan McCarthy	Asquith
Henry May	Ku-ring-gai	Jack Grofski	Asquith	Isaiah Morabito	Pennant Hills	Lennox Blume	Hills
James Wczesniak	Pennant Hills	Lachlan Green	Asquith	Jackson Carter	Berowra	Leo Herring	Lane Cove
Joseph Gilbert	Pennant Hills	Leon Burns	Asquith	Jacob Merlino	Berowra	Luca Pozzalungo	Ku-ring-gai
Kane Smith	Pennant Hills	Lucas Ward	Ku-ring-gai	Jai Tasi Satuala	Pennant Hills	Luke Haldane	Ku-ring-gai
Kieran Mark	Berowra	Max Prykiel	North Sydney Brothers	James Archer	Willoughby	Max Gowthorp	Asquith
Lucas Vawser	Ku-ring-gai	Nicholas Kotarac	North Sydney Brothers	Jaykob McKinnon	Willoughby	Noah Miller	Ku-ring-gai
Oscar Forsey	Lane Cove	Oliver Smith	North Sydney Brothers	Lachlan Buchanan	Pennant Hills	Oliver Mackellar	Ku-ring-gai
Peadar Lyons	Lane Cove	Patrick Withford	Pennant Hills	Lachlan Smith	Pennant Hills	Preston Scott	Ku-ring-gai
Tolli Irvine	Ku-ring-gai	Will Thompson	Ku-ring-gai	Lachlan Vella	Pennant Hills	Ronan Gennusa	Asquith
Zane Lavigne	Lane Cove	William Andrews	Berowra	Nathan Perkins	Willoughby	Thomas Kinnimont	Ku-ring-gai
		William Vella	Pennant Hills	Taj Mailei	Willoughby	Tom Gordon	Lane Cove

U13s - Development Squad



U14s - Development Squad



U15s - Development Squad



U16s - Development Squad



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