



**NEWCASTLE COALFIELDS
RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES
ANNUAL REPORT**

2023

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2023 OFFICE BEARERS



**Chairman
John Taylor**



**CEO
Nathan Hillier**



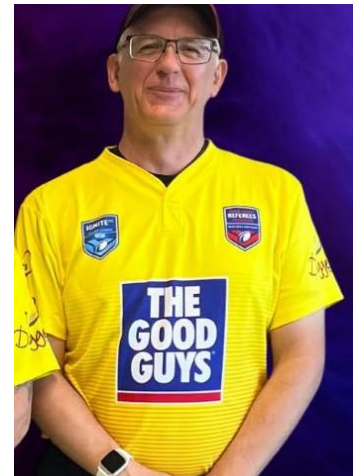
**Director of Finance
Tom Aylett**



**Coaching & Development
Brandon Vidler**



**Members Services
Kurt Grogan**



**Director of Affiliated Bodies
Rob Purss**



**Executive Assistant
Brody Barrie**



**Support & Welfare
Daniel Ebert**

PATRONS

Frank Kitcher

Peter Corcoran

VALE JOHN (BOOZER) BOWLES (01/03/1942—28/05/2023)

All members of the NCRLRA & the entire league community mourn the loss of our friend and life member John Bowles who passed away in May this year.

John was a long standing contributor to the game of Rugby League, initially as a player, then coach, into an administrator and later on a Referee and eventually a Judiciary Panel Member.

John is NCRLRA Life Member #004

Rest In Peace.



CHAIRMAN REPORT

JOHN TAYLOR-LIFE MEMBER

Another great season / year comes to an end, with the excitement of what 2024 may bring. 2023 has been my first year as Chairman of NCRLRA after serving several years in various roles on the Board of Management. I have been honoured to hold this position and hope I have done this Association proud. This also is the case for the entire Board of Management and we would like to acknowledge the previous BOM that had the Association moving forward.

With regards to the current BOM, I am extremely proud of all members efforts in their respective roles and in their efforts to band together as a team, assisting each other as needed.

To the membership. We have a range of members ageing between many first timers at 13 years of age to several in their 80's. In this lies as many as a 4 generational shift. The way all members rally together shows enormous teamwork and a willingness to pass on knowledge and experience as well as absorbing the same. All members played their role in ensuring the respective ROM's were able to suitably cover all games throughout the season. Both the on and off field performances showed why NCRLRA leads as an Association in NSW.

A massive welcome and thank you to all our new members of 2023. Taking the first step to become a Referee is the most daunting, so hopefully we will have you all return next season.

NCRLRA was again well appointed in the Representative scene, starting in early February with several members slogging out an arduous pre season.

To both the Senior and Junior ROM's, the BOM and the entire membership, thank you again for your tireless efforts ensuring everything to do with game day was ready to go.

Newcastle Rugby League, Newcastle Hunter Community Rugby League, Hunter Junior Rugby League, Newcastle Maitland Regional Competition. Thank you all for your continued support and understanding and the expectations of this remaining as we move forward.

On behalf of all members and Life Members, a huge congratulations to our newest Life Member, Brandon Vidler #153. Brandon has contributed enormously to our Association over his 10 years as a member, holding roles on the Board of Management for most of those years.

On a more tragic note, NCRLRA lost Life Member #4, John (Boozer) Bowles. John had an extensive alliance with our game, as a player, coach, administrator and later as a Referee into a Judiciary Panel Member. RIP.

CHAIRMAN REPORT

JOHN TAYLOR-LIFE MEMBER

Sponsors. This is what makes our Association so successful and able to give its members the opportunities within the sport.

Major Sponsor.

Good Guys. Our Major sponsor for 12 full seasons. A brand name synonymous with NCRLRA Referees. Massive thanks to both Andrew Robertson and Chantelle Fitzsimmons for their amazing support.

Minor Sponsors.

Wallsend Diggers. More than a meeting place.

Bentleys. Loyal and honest supporters.

THANK YOU

STOP PRESS

See Director of Finance report for most recent announcement of new Sponsors moving forward to 2024 and beyond.

Finally, I want to thank my wife, Gai. She is very supportive of me with my passion for the game of Rugby League and Officiating. Many evenings and most mid season weekends are spent at the football and she is always keen to know how it all went when I get home.

In closing, a very Merry Christmas to all and a big invitation to return in 2024 for another big season of footy.

Regards
John Taylor
Chairman NCRLRA



CEO REPORT

NATHAN HILLIER

Life Members, members, sponsors & supporters

2023 has been an enjoyable year on a number of levels both personally and as an association and one that has been highly successful.

Congratulations to all those who were award winners, grand final officials, made debuts or officiated this year, it takes all of you to keep our association going and service all our games

This year saw 200 members register on the database, which is a massive increase on previous years and was greatly needed with the increase in football we cover. Massive shout out to John Taylor, Brandon Vidler, Dan Ebert, Erica Locking, Kurt Grogan and everyone else involved in our retention and recruitment efforts for 2023

Thank you to the BOM and to the wider association for their support in my first year as CEO. I have been supported in every step and your work doing your roles or supporting the BOM have made my job easy. I have thoroughly enjoyed the year and hope I can continue into 2024..

I would like to acknowledge our main sponsors; The Good Guys, Bentleys Tax and Wallsend Diggers and ACD Trade. Without the support of our sponsors our association would not function. Thank you especially to the team at Wallsend Diggers for their support in organising meetings and rooms, especially last minute changes. Please remember to support the people who support us.

Congratulations to Adam Devcich and team at the Newcastle Rugby League, Nathan Errington and team at the Newcastle and Hunter Rugby League and Leanne Hayne and team at Newcastle and Maitland Region Rugby League highly successful seasons in their respective competitions. The quality of football and the competitions has allowed our members to enjoy and grow as officials. Thank you for your support of the association and myself during the season

CEO REPORT

NATHAN HILLIER

Thank you to Brandon, Dan, Tom and Erica for their work as ROMs during the 2023 season. It is often a thankless task and requires a large amount of work each week to get everyone on the field. The year would not have run as smoothly as it did without your hard work

Outside meetings and social events, I was fortunate to run with a large number of you on field during the season. I love running with each and every one of you and appreciate learning off you all. I have been able to achieve some personal milestones this season which would not have been the case without the support of the membership and especially those who give their time as coaches.

Enjoy the offseason and the festive period and I look forward to seeing you a for the 2024 season!



DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT

TOM AYLETT – LIFE MEMBER

Life Members, Members, affiliates and our Sponsors,

It gives me great pleasure to present my twelfth report as your Director of Finance.

A year without on-field interruptions – no pandemic and predominantly good weather.

Whilst the weather was good on the field, there were dark clouds off the field, with The Good Guys sponsorship looking more difficult to continue. Unfortunately, The Good Guys partnership has come to an end. I signed The Good Guys as our Association Major Sponsor at the end of 2011 (with the formal agreement commencing 1st of January 2012). We debuted The Good Guys logo on our new pink jerseys on grand final day in 2011. We even had to get permission from the CRL Executive to have a ‘pink’ jersey. How times have changed. We were very lucky to have formed such a good partnership with Brad, Glen and Andrew, the respective store holders. We continued that with Chantelle when she took over the Kotara store. They were our major sponsor for 12 years. An amazing effort in the current business climate. Our sponsorship with The Good Guys has gone beyond superficial dealings, it has developed into a real partnership with Andrew Robertson and Chantelle Fitzsimmons. And, as the saying goes, when one door closes another one (or two) opens.

Earlier this year, ACD were announced as our flag sponsor for three years. Thanks to Andrew Robertson (who left The Good Guys to manage ACD) for continuing his relationship with our Association. The flags look great!

The work of finding a new major sponsor continued throughout the year. To that end, we announced on Presentation Night that Total Tools were our new major sponsor for the next three years (2024-2026). I am grateful for the commitment by Chantelle Fitzsimmons and Total Tools to our Association. It speaks volumes that two of our previous major sponsors go onto other businesses and then choose to continue in partnership with our Association. We are very lucky.



ACD **TRADE**

A **BEIJER REF** Company

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT

TOM AYLETT – LIFE MEMBER

It is also pertinent to thank our long-time sponsor Bentleys Newcastle. Chris Dumas and his team have been with our Association for a long time. Together with Wallsend Diggers, which through John Hume's leadership continue to support our Association under the ClubGRANTS program, we've secured funding which is vital to the Association.

We have finished the season in a sound financial position. We have a term deposit which has earned the Association income from interest payments (for the first time in many years). I plan to build that term deposit to ensure the enduring financial security of the Association.

I want to thank the Board of Management this season for all their work, dedication and effort to progress our Association. This years' Board was a cohesive group of volunteers, who brought varying views but with one common purpose, the betterment of our Association and its Members.

My last but most heartfelt thanks go to my wife Kylie and our Children (Mia, Lexi and Lucas) for their support and patience with the emails, phone calls and meetings that go with association duties.

Enjoy your time away from the footy field. Relax, recharge the batteries, and get ready for 2024.

Compliments of the season to you and your family.

Tom Aylett

Life Member

Director of Finance



FINANCIAL REPORTS

PROFIT & LOSS – OCTOBER 2022 THROUGH OCTOBER 2023

	Nov 22 - Oct 23	Nov 21 - Oct 22
Income		
Bank Interest	204.32	0.00
Grants	6,700.00	7,600.00
Match fees	142,971.10	115,755.00
Members income		
Gear	10,438.29	315.00
Registration fees	24,326.44	18,268.33
Social funds	4,673.80	5,589.85
Total Members income	39,438.53	24,173.18
Sponsorship	26,750.00	20,509.09
Total Income	\$ 216,063.95	\$ 168,037.27
Expense		
Administration costs		
Delegate expenses	1,009.69	0.00
Governance	292.41	0.00
Honorariums	5,900.00	3,350.00
Office supplies	0.00	578.98
Postage	0.00	369.00
Storage hire	1,890.00	1,920.00
Website and promotion	1,544.69	305.17
Administration costs - Other	47.35	0.00
Total Administration costs	10,684.14	6,523.15
Coaching and Development		
CMO Payments	12,555.00	13,430.00
Comms Gear	67.00	0.00
Development	185.20	0.00
Training	2,584.53	1,102.95
Total Coaching and Development	15,391.73	14,532.95
Gear supplies	27,273.87	11,183.59
Members		
Match fees	142,971.10	115,960.00
Total Members	142,971.10	115,960.00
Social Expenses		
Donations	105.00	124.95
Presentation Night	12,705.70	12,874.78
Social functions	6,557.65	6,630.49
Social Expenses - Other	0.00	1,640.00
Total Social Expenses	19,368.35	21,270.22
Total Expense	\$ 215,689.19	\$ 169,469.91
Net Income	\$ 374.76	\$ (1,432.64)

BALANCE SHEET AS OF OCTOBER 31st 2023

		Oct 31, 23
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Chequing/Savings		
	NAB Term Deposit	25,204.32
	National Australia Bank	93,601.26
	Total Chequing/Savings	118,805.58
Accounts Receivable		
	Accounts receivable	104,892.42
	Total Accounts Receivable	104,892.42
	Total Current Assets	223,698.00
	Fixed Assets	0.00
	TOTAL ASSETS	223,698.00
LIABILITIES and EQUITY		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
	Accounts Payable	11,869.70
	Total Accounts Payable	11,869.70
Other Current Liabilities		
	Members end of season payments	134,061.85
	Tax Payable	16,854.48
	Total Other Current Liabilities	150,916.33
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	162,786.03
EQUITY		
	Retained Earning	60,911.97
	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	223,698.00

DIRECTOR OF COACHING & DEVELOPMENT REPORT

BRANDON VIDLER – LIFE MEMBER

Life Members, members, sponsors & stakeholders,

First off, a heap of my gratitude must be directed to the BOM. You all did wonderfully executing your roles with passion and it showed through the quality of football games, our on-field presentation, the off-field friendships and through the array of systems used to grow and develop match officials this season. This all is directly related to the effort you put in for our members.

I would like to acknowledge our 2023 main sponsors; The Good Guys, Bentleys Tax and Wallsend Diggers. Without the support of our sponsors our association would not function. Please remember to support the people who support us.

To my counterparts in affiliated bodies; Steve Clapson, Gavin Badger and Stu Raper, your assistance in running the 2023 season was invaluable. It is reassuring knowing that our members as they progress through the pathway are supported and nurtured by the next level of coaching & development.

Congratulations and a job well done to our **NSWRL Development Squad** members: Brodie Barry, Sam Daley, Jack Fisher, Nathan Hillier, Tate Hoobin, Brayden Hunt & Tom Lidbury.

From this squad, a few went on to Representative Grand Finals as head Referees or Touch Judges;

Brayden Hunt- SG Ball Grand Final Head Referee

Nathan Hillier – Andrew Johns Cup Head Referee

Tate Hoobin – Country Championships Touch Judge

Brody Barrie – Andrew Johns Cup Touch Judge

Tom Lidbury – Laurie Daley Cup Touch Judge

These are quite prestigious appointments, and you all did the NCRLRA proud.

Further to this, Tate Hoobin was awarded a place in the NSW Grade Squad about a quarter of the way through the season and is Squad Member #1035

At the conclusion of the season, Brayden Hunt was announced as being given a place in the NSW Grade Squad for 2024, as Member #1036, along with winning the highly coveted award of Junior Representative Referee of the Year, which was presented at the NSW Brad Fittler Medal Awards Night.

Congratulations to both Tate and Brayden, and we know you will have success at the next level.

DIRECTOR OF COACHING & DEVELOPMENT REPORT

BRANDON VIDLER – LIFE MEMBER

In a first for a very long time, we were able to facilitate **Referee Exchanges**. Sam Daley, Brody Barrie and Tom Lidbury braved the cold in Canberra to officiate matches, whilst we hosted two Canberra officials who were given a taste of Newcastle Grade at the Graveyard in Kurri!

Later in the season, we also had Lachlan Lucas, Dom Picton & Mitch Piller travel to a few ovals around North Sydney to experience their Junior League and A Grade Competition. We also had three of their officials referee fixtures at Cessnock. From all reports, our 3 NCRLRA officials did a great job over a long day.

19 field practical **training sessions** were completed this season, starting with Pre season in February through to games night mid August. Thanks to Kurt Grogan for finding us a new COE at Wallsend Touch Fields and to Nathan Hillier for finding alternative venues when our COE was closed due to rain. As always a huge thanks to Graeme Jackson for his continued support of our weekly training sessions and being the keeper of the records. We had 50 members attend these sessions this year, however, only a core group participating on a weekly basis.

We also had 3 virtual training sessions late in the season on Wednesdays prior to the junior final series. This will be a more prominent program of education in 2024, as we leverage the power of technology to reach members more easily and provide alternative development options.

Adapting and reaching members will be particularly vital, as we conducted 6 **New Referee Courses** this season. Thanks to John Taylor, Dan Ebert, Erica Locking, Kurt Grogan and Brody Barrie who assisted in the facilitation of these courses. The outcome was that we have 80 new referees who started their journey with the NCRLRA this season, and we must endeavour to continue with education into their second season to build on the foundation learning they had in 2023.

Special congratulations to those appointed for Finals series games and those selected as 2023 award nominees and winners.

Lastly, thank you to you all our members who gave their time to **assist, coach, mentor and befriend** fellow members (especially our new and junior members) for the betterment of the Referee's game and the game itself. Peter Corcoran, Graeme Jackson, Geoff Whiddon, Daniel Ebert, John Fahey, Dave Chappell, Jackson James Walsh, Dennis Birch, Brodie Barry, Rob Purss, Matt James, Nathan Hillier, Rob Bowen, Sam Daley, Tom Lidbury, Kurt Grogan, Jack Fisher, Nathan Everleigh, Louis Matheson, Erica Locking, Greg Ryan, Craig Dick, Peter Digby, John Tanieliu, Ken Weatherall, Graeme Fitzgerald, Graham Stair, Ken Hunter Snr, Michael Cannon, Aleks Fitzgerald & John Taylor.

You volunteer your time and expend your energy, and without that dedication, none of this happens.

All the best for the festive season and I look forward to seeing you all next year and working towards a successful 2024 season.

- Brandon Vidler

DIRECTOR OF MEMBER SERVICES REPORT

KURT GROGAN

Dear Life Members, Members, Sponsors, and Supporters of the NCRLRA

A successful year from the social side of things in 2023.

Traditional Pre season BBQs and training session Pizza Nights were back again for 2023 and supported well by all members. Thank you to Graeme Jackson and others who supported the running of these events

We also looked to expand on social training nights, holding an event at Go Karts which was again well supported and something we will look to expand on in the future

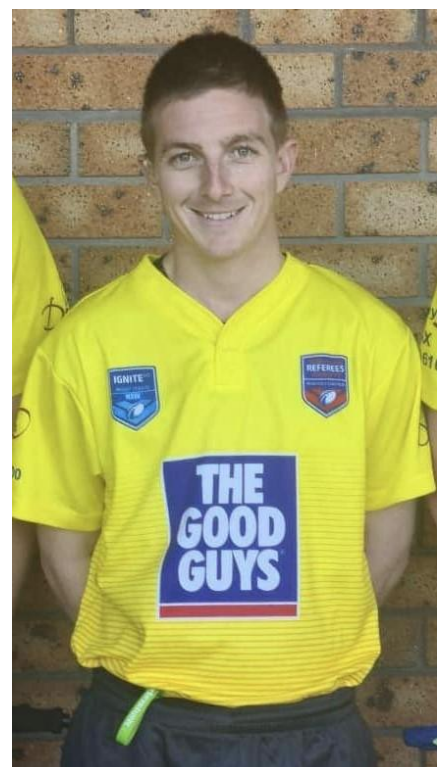
In a first for the association, we held grand final jersey presentations for all competitions, showing our support for members in all matches. This was amazingly received with the function room at Diggers filled each time.

Presentation night seen upwards of 140 people attending for the first time in a number of years.

I Look forward to what's to come in 2024!

Cheers

Kurt



DIRECTOR OF AFFILIATED BODIES REPORT

ROB PURSS

Well – what a season.

During the season, I attended multiple AGM's, League meetings, NSWRLRA meetings (via zoom) on behalf of members – along with countless number of judiciary meetings supporting members (as well as the odd couple of judiciary meetings on the back of reports I submitted).

I worked with NSWRL to identify the need to have a report in place to show the number of reports submitted weekly. This was in place for the back end of the season and proved to be very useful in managing workload and member expectations for judiciary hearings.

I found it extremely rewarding working with fellow members of the BOM – both professionally and personally. The skills that I have learnt within this role have been a benefit to myself within positions I have in other organisations. You are never too old to learn something new!

I strongly encourage any member who is thinking about nominating for a BOM position to do so – It is something that you would not regret.

I thank members and the outgoing BOM for your support over the season just gone and wish in the incoming BOM all the best for 2024 and beyond!



WELFARE & SUPPORT OFFICER REPORT

DANIEL EBERT

I would firstly like to thank, acknowledge and honour all of the people who have supported me throughout 2023. A big thank you for my wife Janelle and daughter Hope. The support I have received from them in this challenging season has been invaluable. I would also like to thank Erica Locking, who has been a strong support and sounding board throughout the year. I also want to thank a number of people for their support. One unfortunate situation created by having a Welfare and Support Officer – is asking who supports the support officer? And that has been taken up by a number of members, affiliates and friends throughout the season. A big thank you in particular to John Taylor, Brandon Vidler, Michael Cannon, Rob Purss, Geoff Whiddon, Tony Hardy (NRL), Tony Archer (NRL), and the several members who regularly checked in, not only on me, but any member who appreciated a kind face and ear on occasion.

2023 has been a particularly challenging year for everyone in a number of different ways. Following on from an interrupted number of years due to COVID and el-ninà conditions, we have experienced a full season that has featured tough and challenging situations for members, new members facing the daunting task of refereeing for the first time along with some critical incidents in and around the game. In the face of these challenges, we have seen some magnificent resilience shown by all our members. This has been a highlight out of some pretty dark, dim and difficult times. Our members, over the past few years especially, have shown commitment, grit, determination and pure strength to meet the adversities that have been laid in front of us.

Being a match official in any sport is challenging at the best of times. Rugby League is no exception. In fact, it can be argued that it can be more difficult at the community level we work within, due to the lack of members, it means we are often to fend for ourselves on game day and meet difficult situations, overarching personalities and the passion that parents, spectators, players and club officials have for our game. This is why the role of welfare and support within our association is so important. The NCRLRA have shown strong, positive and proactive resolve to provide this role on our board of management to ensure our members are not only supported pastorally but also supported practically.

The nature of this position prevents me from giving specific statistics due to respecting the privacy of all our members, I can inform everyone, however, that a large number of members were supported in a number of direct, indirect and incidental ways throughout the year. This came in the form of a simple chat, to guiding members for resources and professional assistance. One thing that came out of my experiences working with our members this year is their amazing resilience and love for our game. The competitions, clubs, players and spectators are well and amazingly served by the role our members play within the game and, for that, a big congratulations goes out to everyone.

I encourage you to always remember that volunteering can be satisfying, uplifting, helpful with your self-esteem and feelings of being valued, and helpful to others. But can also be demanding and time consuming, expensive in time not spent on relationships with family and friends, sad and sometimes can leave you feeling depressed, and impact mental health - you may find that what you once enjoyed has become less enjoyable and a burden. So, the following are some strategies that you can use to avoid that happening, or if it has happened, to allow you time-out to restore your wellbeing:

- Have realistic expectations of your capacity to referee and contribute.
- Schedule “time out” from giving time to the game and association.
- Maintain interests away from refereeing.
- Understand when you are under stress and what to do to limit it.
- Build strong positive relationships with other members i.e. build each other up, don’t pull each other down – regardless of circumstance, beliefs or what happens with appointments
- Have a debrief system in place for your own relief and confirmation about your actions by speaking with the Director of Welfare and Support.

Due to my commitments with the NSWRL in 2024, I will not be re-contesting the position of Welfare and Support Officer in 2024. I have immensely enjoyed and valued connecting with you all, supporting you all and being supported by you. It is such an important role and the BOM has invested in this position for our members. It is a wonderful thing. I look forward to working with you all in, albeit a different capacity next year.

Thank you for a challenging but successful 2023 season. I look forward to 2024 and what it will bring.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT REPORT

BRODY BARRIE

Dearest Life members, Members, Sponsors and guests of NCRLRA,

2023 was an introduction for myself into the Board of Management in which I took the challenging role of Gear Steward on as well as the Executive Assistant which has handed me some very diverse range of tasks throughout the year.

The new yellow on field shirt was also distributed to all members this year which was a difficult challenge, and I cannot thank Craig at CSM for his help in pushing gear orders to as close to the top of the list as he could, to the many members that helped me distribute to grounds when I had my own commitments to adhere to.

This year we introduced a complete remodel of the off-field Training apparel which was a huge success based on correspondence by the members that ordered. I didn't do this all alone, many thanks has to go out to firstly to Craig and the team at CSM for their amazing work and the Board of management for allowing me to set up a long-term plan for training gear. Thank you to Nathan Hillier for receiving the gear and dropping it to my house. Also, Tom Lidbury and Kurt Grogan for helping me with the difficult task of bagging and tagging the gear which took us many hours to develop a system to get the job done.

ACD Trade have come onboard for season 2024 as a flag sponsor which also saw the design of 120 Flags be put together all thanks to the team at Oz Printz for their efficient and quality services that made my job easier.

In my role of Executive Assistant, I helped with many social events such as: Pizza Training nights, 3/3 Grand final announcement nights, State of Origin, Old Boys Day/NHRL Grand final day and Brodie Pearson Memorial 9s.

A special mention needs to go to my Partner Erin who throughout this season has supported me in this role on the board of management. With the late nights of sometimes multiple nights per week she has provided with ongoing support and even helped me with gear stocktake.

On a personal level I've achieved a lot this year which brought me to learn a lot about myself which includes my limitations and growth as an official.

Thank you all, I look forward to what year 2024 brings.



2023 AWARD WINNERS

JAYDEN MORRISSEY AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING NEW REFEREE



LUKE DONOVAN

DENNIS BIRCH AWARD FOR MOST IMPROVED MINOR LEAGUE REFEREE



BRODY ELDERTON

2023 AWARD WINNERS

VINCE WOODMAN AWARD FOR MINOR LEAGUE REFEREE OF THE YEAR



TYRONE CLARKE

WAYNE WILSON AWARD FOR MOST IMPROVED JUNIOR LEAGUE REFEREE



LACHLAN LUCAS

2023 AWARD WINNERS

GERRY HINDS AWARD FOR JUNIOR LEAGUE REFEREE OF THE YEAR



ALEX LIDBURY

GRAEME JACKSON AWARD FOR TRAINER OF THE YEAR



MURRAY WILSON

2023 AWARD WINNERS

JOHN FAHEY AWARD FOR REFEREE COACH OF THE YEAR



GEOFF WHIDDON

ROB IRVINE AWARD FOR NHRL TOUCH JUDGE OF THE YEAR



GREG RICKETTS

2023 AWARD WINNERS

GEOFF WHIDDON AWARD FOR REAL NRL TOUCH JUDGE OF THE YEAR



KURT GROGAN

SANDRA RYAN AWARD FOR LADIES LEAGUE TAG REFEREE OF THE YEAR



IKE JARMAIN

2023 AWARD WINNERS

CRAIG DIEBERT AWARD FOR NHRL REFEREE OF THE YEAR



MITCH PILLER

ROSS WILLIAMS AWARD FOR REAL NRL REFEREE OF THE YEAR



JOEY BUTLER

2023 AWARD WINNERS

PAUL LOVETT AWARD FOR SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT



BRAYDEN HUNT

2023 AWARD WINNERS

FRANK KITCHER MEDAL FOR



JOHN TAYLOR

PAST REFEREE OF THE YEAR RECIPIENTS

John Taylor	2008
Drew Oultram	2009
Darren Smith	2010
Drew Oultram	2011
Drew Oultram	2012
John Taylor	2013
John Taylor	2014
John Taylor	2015
Tom Aylett	2016
Tom Aylett	2017
Louis Matheson	2018
Joey Butler	2019
Tom Taylor	2020
Tom Taylor	2021
Joey Butler	2022



2023 NCRLRA LIFE MEMBER INDUCTEE #153



NCRLRA LIFE MEMBER ROLL

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|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Ron Aurelius | 26. Scott Horne | 51. Col Russell Snr |
| 2. George Benson | 27. Keith Hudson | 52. Col Russell Jnr |
| 3. Dave Bolewski | 28. Bruce Humphries | 53. Charles Sheather |
| 4. John Bowles | 29. Bill Humphries | 54. Brian Schofield |
| 5. Ron Brownlee | 30. Frank Kitcher | 55. Neville Scottman |
| 6. William Campbell | 31. Jack Leonard | 56. Kevin Smith |
| 7. Robert Conley | 32. Jack Longbottom | 57. Owen Smith |
| 8. Neville Craig | 33. Terry Manning | 58. Noel Spohr |
| 9. David Crich | 34. Keith Marker | 59. Cyril Stow |
| 10. Terry Dalley | 35. John Martin | 60. Peter Streetfield |
| 11. Brett Davis | 36. Brian McIntyre | 61. Col Thomson |
| 12. Tony Davis | 37. Ray McLaren | 62. Doug Thornton |
| 13. Sid Delforce | 38. William Milton | 63. Graeme Turnbull |
| 14. Noel Digby | 39. Harry Nash | 64. John Wallace |
| 15. Max Eades | 40. Robert Newton | 65. Michael Walsh |
| 16. Cliffe Edwards | 41. Frank O'Hearn | 66. Dennis Wilson |
| 17. Phil Evans | 42. Ron Pascoe | 67. Art Wright |
| 18. John Geddes | 43. Wally Parrey | 68. Peter Watt |
| 19. Tom Gustard | 44. Warren Parrey | 69. Paul Lovett |
| 20. Wayne Guthrie | 45. Allan Parsons | 70. Glen O'Neill |
| 21. Ray Haines | 46. Glen Parsons | 71. Richard Reid |
| 22. Norm Halton | 47. John Phillips | 72. Vic Wyborn |
| 23. Warren Hardy | 48. Phil Riddell | 73. Steven Doherty |
| 24. Mick Harris | 49. Joe Robinson | 74. Brett Farrell |
| 25. David Hayman | 50. Les Rodway | 75. Neil Mitchell |

NCRLRA LIFE MEMBER ROLL



76. Garry Newman	102. Dennis Lawson	128. Michael Lethbridge
77. Tony Sutcliffe	103. Keith Purcell	129. Colin Jackson
78. Ross Williams	104. Warren Edwards	130. Leo Hudson
79. Wayne Wilson	105. William Morrissey	131. Ken Hunter Snr
80. Peter Digby	106. Sandra Ryan	132. Chris Longworth
81. Vince Woodman	107. Les Misson	133. Kylie Aylett
82. Tony Hardy	108. Scott Wyld	134. Michael Oultram
83. Gerry Hinds	109. Robin Hill	135. Drew Oultram
84. Perc Ryan	110. Graham Stair	136. Neale Genge
85. Norri Forest	111. John Stevens	137. Vince Lawson
86. Ted Skinner	112. Dennis Andrews	138. Ken Weatherall
87. George Thompson	113. John Fahey	139. Nick Beashel
88. Jim Watson	114. Anthony Hinds	140. Ashley Irvine
89. Bernie Sarroff	115. Robert Irvine	141. Gavin West
90. Neville Rooney	116. Graeme Jackson	142. Greg Ryan
91. Ray McGoldrick	117. Ken Nannes	143. Greg Ricketts
92. Alan Milton	118. Leigh Ridgeway	144. Tom Taylor
93. Tom Hughes	119. Dennis Birch	145. Greg Grabham
94. Des Martin	120. Geoff Whiddon	146. Matt Spohr
95. Keith Bailey	121. Craig Diebert	147. Kassandra McDonald
96. Trevor Finney	122. Craig Edwards	148. Tom Aylett
97. Gerrard Johns	123. John Taylor	149. Samantha Howard
98. Bruce Wilson	124. Tony Adams	150. John Tanielu
99. Trevor Holden	125. David Dyson	151. Richard Hinds
100. George Parry	126. Terry Skippen	152. Matt James
101. John Levett	127. Greg Payne	153. Brandon Vidler

10 YEARS SERVICE RECORDS NCRLRA

2017

Anthony Adams
Barry Allen
Kylie Aylett
Dennis Birch
Heath Davidson
Craig Diebert
Craig Edwards
Frank Kitcher
Greg Grabham
Robin Hill
Gerry Hinds
Ken Hunter Snr
Sean Hynes
Robert Irvine
Graeme Jackson
Wayne Wilson
Mathew James
Kassandra McDonald

Greg Ricketts
Greg Ryan
Owen Smith
Matthew Spohr
Graham Stair
Geoff Whiddon
Paul Summergreene
John Tanielu
John Taylor
Tom Taylor
Ken Weatherall

2018

Tom Aylett
John Fahey
Samantha Howard
Tony Martin

2019

Greg Digby
Matthew Wilson

2020

Brad Carter

2021

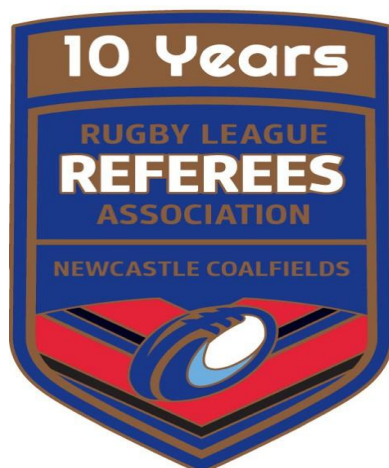
Brendan Callander
Cameron Smith

2022

Craig Dick
Brett Eyb
Ashley Irvine
Murray Wilson

2023

Shane Czemerys
Daniel Ebert
Nathan Eveleigh
Kurt Grogan
Geoffrey Keppie - Watson
Will Kirby
Louis Matheson
Mitchell Piller
Brandon Vidler
Jake White



2023 JUNIOR GRAND FINAL APPOINTMENTS

Age/Division	Referee	Touch Judge	Touch Judge
12	Brody Elderton		
12	Tyron Clark		
12	Lars Meskauskas		
12	Henry Batchelor		
12	Hudson Jolliffe		
12	Cailin Ngaheu		
13/1	Alex Mullholand	Luke Donovan	Taylor Adam
13/2	Oliver O'Brien	Cooper McKenzie	Taylor Adam
13/3	Luke Donovan	Robin Hill	Oliver O'Brien
13/4	Bernie Law	Lachlan Taliana	Evander Fahey
14/1	Liam Anderson	Mick Drummond	Jonathan Lee Doyle
14/2	Matt James	Liam Anderson	Graeme Malloy
14/3	Ike Jarman	Anthony Worth	Darcy Brennan
14/4	Anthony Worth	Jesse James	Jett James
15/1	Darren Whitborne	Isaac Motum	Jason Bland
15/2	Jason Bland	Darren Whitborne	Kayden Mahoney
15/3	Shane Czemerys	Barry Nicholls	Ken Halliday
15/4	Barry Nicholls	Shane Czemerys	Ken Halliday
16/1	Declan Fitzgerald	Murray Wilson	Tom Taylor
16/2	Wilson Hooper	Daniel Kozaczynski	Dave Scott
16/3	Murray Wilson	Wilson Hooper	Tom Taylor
17/1	Alex Lidbury	Lachlan Lucas	Aleks Fitzgerald
17/2	Lachlan Lucas	Alex Lidbury	Oscá Bonar
18.5	Aleks Fitzgerald	Graeme Fitzgerald	Declan Fitzgerald
13 WT	Ricky O'Connor	Emily Webb	Haylee Binnie
15 WT Blue	Michael Cannon	Sienna Purss	Lily Russell
15 WT Red	Rob Purss	Dan Ebert	Haylee Binnie
17 WT	Erica Locking	Lily Russell	Ava Imber

2023 SENIOR GRAND FINAL APPOINTMENTS

Grade	Head Referee	Touch Judge	Touch Judge	Ingoal	Ingoal
Denton Cup	Joey Butler	Cameron Smith	Kurt Grogan	Brody Barrie	Nathan Eveleigh
Reserve Grade	Brayden Hunt	Nathan Hillier	Chris Macpherson	Matt James	Jackson James Walsh
Under 19s	Sam Daley	Brody Barrie	Jack Fisher	Alex Lidbury	Aleks Fitzgerald
A Grade Men's	Tom Taylor	Geoff Whiddon	Greg Ricketts		
B Grade Men's	Ash Irvine	John Taylor	Murray Wilson		
C Grade Southern Men's	Sean Hynes	Declan Fitzgerald	Stephen Gallagher		
C Grade Northern Men's	Damian Callander	Simon Grabham	Brad Carter		
Men's Northern	Tom Lidbury	Lachlan Lucas	Sam Daley		
Men's Southern	Mitch Piller	Dan Ebert	Michael Cannon		
A Grade Women's Tackle	Ricky O'Connor	Dan Ebert	Rob Purss		
B Grade Women's Tackle	Wilson Hooper	Erica Locking	Ricky O'Connor		
A Grade Ladies League Tag	Graham Stair	Bernie Law	Alex Mullholland		
B Grade Ladies League Tag	Ike Jarmain	Dom Picton	Zane Codrington		
C Grade Ladies League Tag	Jason Bland	Erica Locking	Luke Donovan		

PREVIOUS OFFICE BEARERS

	Chair	Chief Executive Officer	Director of Finance	Director of Coaching & Development
2008	Geoff Whiddon	John Stevens	Neale Genge	Gerry Hinds
2009	Geoff Whiddon	John Stevens	Neale Genge	Gerry Hinds
2010	John Fahey	John Stevens	Neale Genge	Gerry Hinds
2011	Graeme Jackson	Vince Lawson	Tom Aylett	Gerry Hinds
2012	Graeme Jackson	Matt Spohr	Neale Genge	Gerry Hinds
2013	Vince Lawson	Matt Spohr/ Kylie Aylett	Brent Hardy/ Tom Aylett	Gerry Hinds
2014	John Stevens	Kylie Aylett	Tom Aylett	Gerry Hinds
2015	Craig Diebert	Kylie Aylett	Tom Aylett	Gerry Hinds
2016	Craig Diebert	Brandon Vidler	Tom Aylett	Ken Weatherall
2017	Craig Diebert	Brandon Vidler	Tom Aylett	John Taylor

PREVIOUS OFFICE BEARERS

	Chair	Chief Executive Officer	Director of Finance	Director of Coaching & Development
2018	Craig Diebert	Brandon Vidler	Tom Aylett	Ken Hunter Snr
2019	Craig Diebert	Jake White	Tom Aylett	Brandon Vidler
2020	Jake White	Kassandra McDonald	Tom Aylett	John Taylor
2021	Jake White / Brendan Callander	Kassandra McDonald	Tom Aylett	Chris MacPherson
2022	Brendan Callander	Brandon Vidler	Tom Aylett	John Taylor

2023 BOM MEETING ATTENDANCE

	17/11	19/01	23/02	23/03	20/04	17/05	22/06	19/07	17/08	26/09	19/10	2/11	BOM Attendance
John Taylor	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12
Nathan Hillier	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12
Tom Aylett	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	10
Brandon Vidler	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12
Kurt Grogan	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	11
Dan Ebert	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	10
Rob Purss	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	11
Brody Barrie	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	11

2023 GENERAL MEETING ATTENDANCE

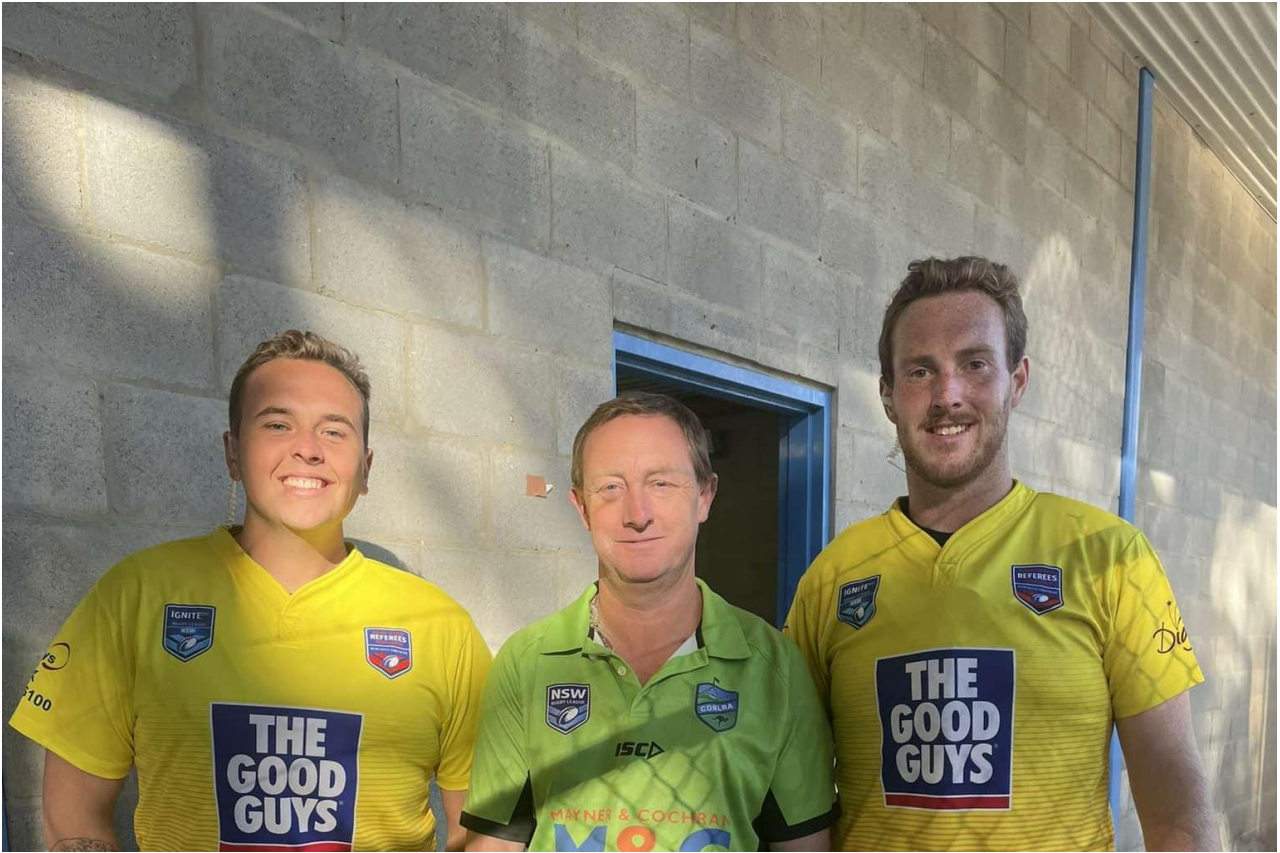
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Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total / 9
Aiden Wood	Y	A	Y	A	A	N	A	N	Y	3
Aleksandr Fitzgerald	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	4
Alex Mulholand	Y	Y	N	A	N	N	N	A	A	2
Bernie Law	A	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	6
Brandon Vidler	Y	Y	Y	A	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	7
Brayden Hunt	A	N	A	N	N	A	N	Y	N	1
Brendan Callander	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	2
Brody Barrie	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	9
Chris Macpherson	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	A	N	1
Craig Dick	A	A	A	A	A	Y	A	A	A	1
Craig Diebert	A	A	A	Y	A	A	Y	A	Y	3
Dan Ebert	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	7
Declan Fitzgerald	N	A	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	4
Dennis Birch	Y	A	A	A	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	5
Dom Picton	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	5
Erica Locking	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	8
Frank Kitcher	A	Y	N	N	N	Y	A	N	N	2
Geoff Whiddon	Y	Y	Y	A	A	Y	A	Y	Y	6
Graeme Fitzgerald	N	Y	N	N	A	N	N	Y	N	2
Graeme Jackson	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	9
Graham Stair	Y	N	A	Y	Y	Y	N	A	Y	5
Greg Grabham	Y	A	Y	A	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	6
Greg Ricketts	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	2
Greg Ryan	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	7
Isaac Motum	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	1
Isla Finnerty	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	1
Jack Fisher	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	3
Jackson James Walsh	N	Y	A	N	A	Y	A	N	N	2
James Reimer	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	2
John Fahey	Y	A	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	6
John Tanielu	A	A	N	A	N	Y	A	Y	Y	3
John Taylor	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	8

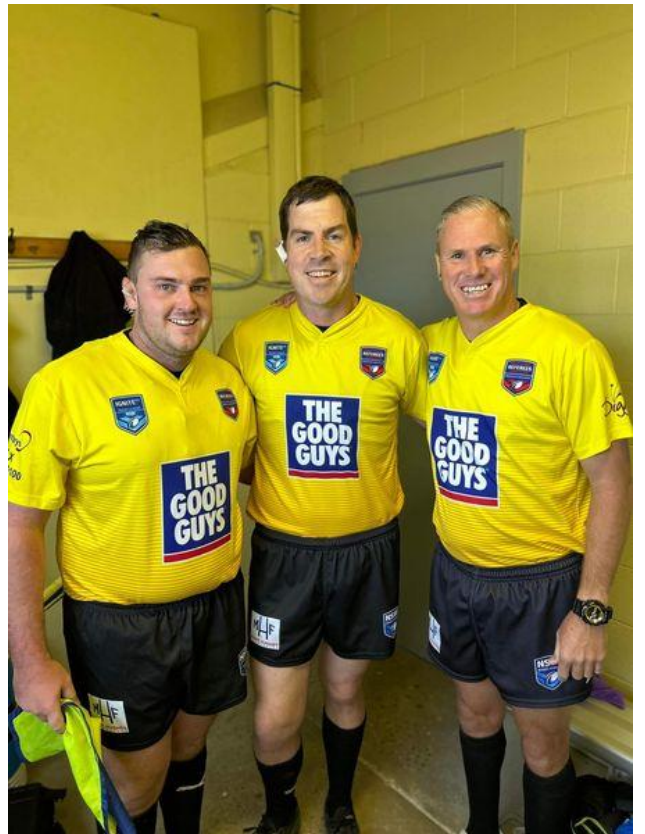
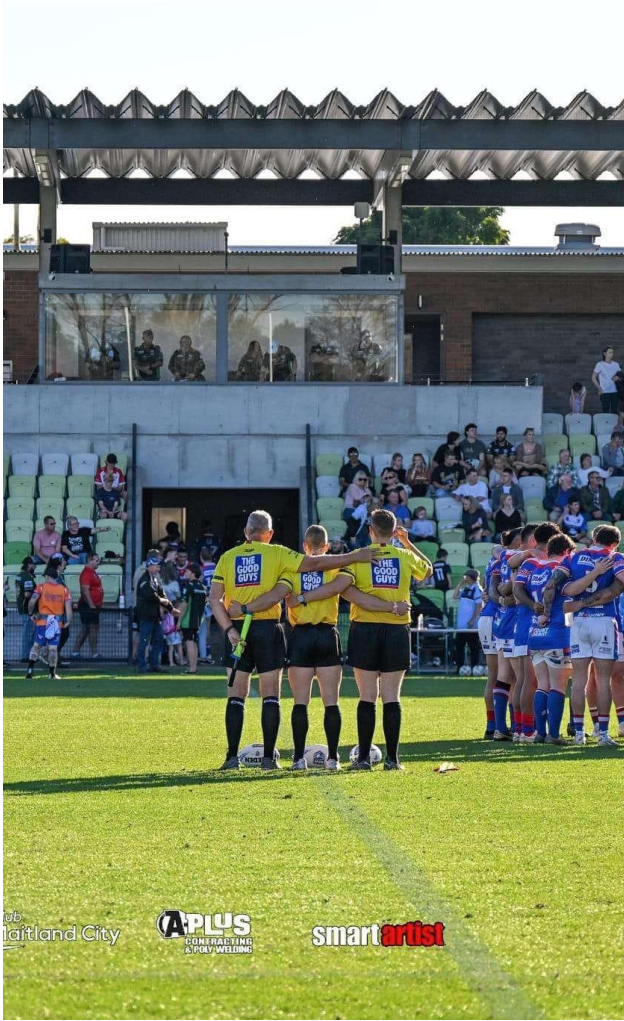
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Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total / 9
Karlen Putney	A	A	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	1
Ken Haliday	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	1
Ken Weatherall	Y	A	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	A	6
Kurt Grogan	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	7
Kylie Aylett	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	1
Kyuan Schmidt	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	1
Lachlan Sazdanoff	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	2
Louis Matheson	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	A	A	1
Luke Donovan	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	A	N	1
Matt James	Y	Y	A	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	6
Matt Wilson	N	Y	N	A	A	A	N	N	N	1
Matthew Wallace	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	1
Michael Cannon	Y	Y	Y	A	N	N	N	N	N	3
Mitchell Piller	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	1
Murray Wilson	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	A	N	N	N	4
Nathan Errington	Y	A	Y	N	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	6
Nathan Hillier	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	9
Oscar Bona	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	1
Owen Smith	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	4
Paul Lovett							Y	N	Y	2
Peter Corcoran	Y	Y	A	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	7
Ricky Oconnor	N	Y	A	N	Y	N	N	N	N	2
Rob Purss	A	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	7
Robin Hill	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	1
Rochelle Manning	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	3
Sam Daley	A	Y	N	N	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	5
Sandra Ryan							Y	N	Y	2
Simon Grabham	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	1
Stephen Gallagher	N	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	A	A	5
Taylor Adam	N	N	A	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	2
Tom Aylett	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	Y	1
Tom Lidbury	A	A	A	N	N	Y	Y	Y	A	3
Tom Taylor	Y	A	A	N	A	N	N	N	N	1
Wayne Wilson	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	A	3
Zane Codrington	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	5

2023 SEASON – GALLERY

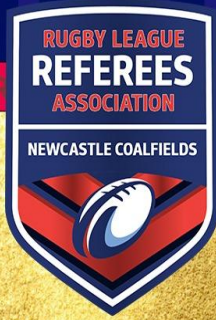






CONGRATULATIONS

Junior Reps Grand Finals Junior Reps Grand Finals Junior Reps Grand Finals



Nathan Hillier
Andrew Johns Cup
Centre



Brody Barrie
Andrew Johns Cup
Touch Judge



Tate Hoobin
Country Championship
Touch Judge



Tom Lidbury
Country Championship
In Goal Judge



Jack Fisher
Andrew Johns Cup
In Goal Judge



Sam Daley
Andrew Johns Cup
In Goal Judge



Tom Lidbury
Laurie Daley Cup
Touch Judge



Brody Barrie
Laurie Daley Cup
In Goal Judge

























2024 MEETING DATES

Date	Start	Type	Venue
Tuesday 23rd January 2024	6:30pm	General Meeting	Wallsend Diggers
Tuesday 27th February 2024	6:30pm	General Meeting	Wallsend Diggers
Tuesday 26th March 2024	6:30pm	General Meeting	Wallsend Diggers
Tuesday 23rd April 2024	6:30pm	General Meeting	Wallsend Diggers
Tuesday 28th May 2024	6:30pm	General Meeting	Wallsend Diggers
Tuesday 25th June 2024	6:30pm	General Meeting	Wallsend Diggers
Tuesday 23rd July 2024	6:30pm	General Meeting	Wallsend Diggers
Tuesday 27th August 2024	6:30pm	General Meeting	Wallsend Diggers
Tuesday 17th September 2024	6:30pm	Life Members	Wallsend Diggers
Tuesday 24th September 2024	6:30pm	General Meeting	Wallsend Diggers
Tuesday 12th November 2024	6:30pm	AGM	Wallsend Diggers

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