

ACT Rugby Referee Association 2019 Annual Report

Rob Whyte – Secretary

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# Patron, Executive, Office Bearers and Officials

## Officers

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| PATRON | Peter Lawler OAM |
| PRESIDENT | Chad Burnell |
| VICE PRESIDENT | James Morris |
| SECRETARY | Rob Whyte |
| ASSISTANT SECRETARY | Nathan Mass |
| TREASURER | Robin Petersen |

## Appointed Officials

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| --- | --- |
| CHAIRMAN COACHING, GRADING AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE | Owen Keane |
| SENIOR APPOINTMENTS AND GRADING COORDINATOR | Owen Keane |
| U19 APPOINTMENTS AND GRADING COORDINATOR | Rob Boyes |
| REFEREE COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR | Greg Saphin |

## Brumbies Department Staff

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| REFEREE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER – RUGBY AUSTRALIA | Shane Barr |
| RUGBY SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR | Caitlin Bokor |

## Association Life Members

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 1972 | D. M. Blake |
| 1976 | P.J.Lawler |
| 1988 | P. M. Richards |
| 1991 | J. R. Smith |
| 1996 | P. J. Scholtens |
| 1996 | P. A. Larsen |
| 1996 | A. J. Casey |
| 2006 | K. Lees |
| 2007 | B. McCormick |
| 2008 | D. Fryer |
| 2011 | I. Schubert |
| 2015 | P. Janssens |
| 2016 | M. Keogh |
| 2017 | M. Cleary |
| 2017 | B. Bowden |
| 2018 | J. Cunningham |

## 2019 Award Winners

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Award | Recipient |
| BAR TROPHY | Dennis Beissner |
| JIM HEALY TROPHY | Rob Whyte |
| DAVID FRYER AWARD | Dennis Beissner |
| PETER LAWLER TROPHY | Matt Hogan |
| PRESIDENT'S TROPHY | Matt Hogan |
| LES RAMSEY (PATRON'S) TROPHY | James Morris |
| BRUCE HAWKE COLTS TROPHY | Brodie Ingram |
| AUSTRALIAN FORESTRY SCHOOL TROPHY | Not Awarded |
| HB (BARNEY) RAVENSCROFT TROPHY | Reece Henshaw |
| LIFE MEMBERS TROPHY | James Hagan |
| MONARO RUGBY TROPHY | Brett Bowden |
| WOMEN’S DIVISION GRAND FINAL | Dennis Beissner |
| OLD BOYS TROPHY | Rob Whyte |
| WILLIAM BOYLE MEMORIAL TROPHY | Hayden Pepper |
| REFEREEING WHISTLE | Jake Rath |
| JS WATERS WHISTLE | Hamish Innes |
| BRUCE PORTWAY WHISTLE | Matt Huggins |
| MEMBERS WHISTLE | Jacob Mead |

# Vale

Since the 2018 Annual General Meeting there have been at least five former members of the Association who have died. We remember those colleagues:

### Shane Madden 31 January 1945 - 23 November 2018

Shane was awarded his Members (Level 1) Referees Badge at the beginning of the 1989 season and during that season he refereed 13 ACTRU senior games.

When he retired at the end of the 2006 season Shane had refereed more than 300 games in the ACTRU and ACTJRU competitions. In addition, Shane was a very competent Touch Judge at the time when qualified referees were beginning to be routinely appointed as Touch Judges and a Level 1 certified Referee Coach.

During the 1995 season the Association trialled using four Touch Judges for First Grade games. This required planning, protocols and coaching for those likely to be involved. Shane was heavily involved in all phases of this trial.

Shane, who was a lawyer by profession, used his professional skills for the betterment of Rugby in a number of ways not the least being a Member, and later Chairman, of the ACTRU Judiciary from 1987 until 2009.

Shane was also Chairman of the Brumbies Disciplinary Committee from 1999 to 2009

Shane was granted Life Membership of the ACTRU in 2008 in recognition of his services to the Union.

### Ted Hancock 10 February 1927 - 25 December 2018

Ted Hancock’s name first appeared in the Associations records for his attendance at the 1957 AGM which was held in

February - at the beginning of the season.

Ted served the Association as its Secretary in 1959 and as the Vice-President in 1961 and 1962. He also served in a number of Executive and Committee positions during the period of his membership, some of which do not exist in the Association today.

Ted refereed the 3rd Grade Grand Final in 1959, 1964 and 1967, the Reserve (2nd) Grade Grand Final in 1971 and the First Grade Grand Final in 1969, 1972 and 1973.

Ted’s significant appointments during his career were:

* ACT v Victoria – 1965
* NSW Country v Fiji 1969
* ACT v Sydney 1973
* ACT v Barbarians 1974
* ACT v NZ All Blacks 1974

Ted achieved his 100th First Grade game in 1968 and his 150th in 1972.

Ted had interests in Rugby outside the Referees Association and served on the ACTRU management Committee in 1958 and on the ‘Player of the Year’ selection panel in 1980. Ted also served three terms on the Board of the ACT Rugby Union Club, 1972-78, 1986-88 and 1991-94.

Ted retired twice in his career. The first time was at the end of the 1969 season and he was immediately elected to the Appointments Board for the 1970 season. He resigned from the Appointments Board in July 1970 to return to active refereeing. His second retirement was in 1982 having refereed 190 First Grade games and more than 400

games altogether. Ted is fourth on the Association’s list of First Grade games refereed.

### Bill Poole 28 October 1927 - 24 May 2019

Bill joined the Association at the beginning of the 1962 season and the records indicate that he retired at the end of the 1978 season.

Bill served on the Association Committee in 1968 and 1969. He was described as a ‘reliable and dependable’ member

of the Association – the type of person the Association relies on to meet its weekly supply of referees. During his career Bill officiated in more than 300 games.

### Brian Cook 21 September 1925 - 11 June 2019

The Association records indicate that Brian joined the Association at the beginning of the 1952 season. He was awarded his Senior Badge (now known as Level 2) in 1955. He refereed the First Grade Grand Final in 1956 and the Reserve (2nd) Grade Grand Final in 1959 and 1961.

Brian served as the Association President in 1956, 1968 and 1969, as the Vice-President in 1957 and the Treasurer from 1953 till 1955.

Brian also was very supportive of the ACTRU and served as the Secretary of the Union in 1959, as the Assistant Secretary in 1961 and as the Vice-President for five years between 1965 and 1969. Brian refereed the ACT v Manly game in 1964.

The records are not clear when Brian retired but he achieved his 100th First Grade game in 1966 and retired having refereed more than 200 games of which 114 were in First Grade.

### Phil Donoghue 8 April 1938 - 15 June 2019

Phil joined the Association in time for the 1969 season and was awarded his Senior (now known as Level 2) Badge in 1970.

Phil was a fireman by profession and came to refereeing after playing for the Queanbeyan Whites.

Phil could pursue his involvement in Rugby as a referee, rather than as a member of a club grade team, as he could work it more easily around his fireman employment.

Phil retired after 14 years with the Association at the end of the 1983 and refereed more than 200 games during his career.

### Maj (Ret) John Phippen 1st July 1944 - 18th August 2019

John was based in Canberra in the mid-1960s and refereed with ACTRRA between 1965-67.

John was awarded his senior refereeing badge in 1965 and, according to *They Blew It,* was a member of the referee coaching committee for RMC cadets in 1966. John was an officer in the Royal Australian Army and spent time posted, amongst other locations, in Melbourne, Kapooka and the UK.

John was the proud grandfather of current ACTRRA member, Hamish Innes, who achieved his Level 1 accreditation in 2019.

### Peter Flanagan 18 October 2019

### Peter’s obituary will be included in the 2020 Annual Report.

**Vale Shane Madden, Ted Hancock, Bill Pole, Brian Cook, Phil Donoghoe, Maj (Ret) John Phippen and Peter Flanagan.**

# President’s Report

In my three years as a member of the ACTRRA Executive, I can confidently say that 2019 has been a year that has resulted in an unprecedented level of investment in our Members. This has seen a number of successes, exposed challenges and the Executive establishing, as best as possible, a secure financial foundation for the Association going forward which will allow for ongoing investment in the membership.

The 2019 Executive discharged their duties in the face of a number of personal circumstances and I would like to thank each member of the Executive for their time, commitment, professionalism and friendship provided to myself and the Association this year:

* James Morris (Vice President);
* Robin Petersen (Treasurer);
* Robert Whyte (Secretary); and
* Nathan Mass (Assistant Secretary).

The key challenge facing any volunteer community-sporting organisation is the return on investment for each hour of time committed to discharging our duties – we can spend it on strategic outcomes, operational matters or administration. The past three years spent on the Executive have taught me that this is not easy, there is no perfect answer and not everyone will believe that you have optimal mix. The ultimate health of the Association rests with the health of and support for the Executive in discharging its duties under the Objects & Rules, including providing for an environment where Members want to put up their hand to serve on the Executive or in one of the other roles supporting the Executive.

At this point in time, I would also like to thank the “on field” arm of the Association, the Coaching and Grading Committee, along with Shane Barr (Southern States Match Official Manager, Rugby Australia) for their continual and tireless work during the year to educate, develop, grade and appoint referees and referee coaches week in, week out during the year. The on-field success of our referees is, in no small part, due to the effort of this core group. On behalf of the Executive and all Members, I would like to thank the Coaching and Grading Committee and make specific mention of the following people:

* Owen Keane (Chairman of Coaching and Grading);
* Rob Boyes (Junior Appointments and Grading Officer); and
* Greg Saphin (Referee Coach Co-ordinator).

The Committee’s work this year was even more challenging than previous years with a significant reduction in active referees available for appointments as well as having to accommodate international and interstate exchanges and regional, interstate and national development opportunities for some of our high performing referees.

Notwithstanding the numerous achievements this year I would like to congratulate Reuben Keane for his debut in the National Rugby Championship and Brodie Ingram for his Shute Shield debut. The ACT is, yet again, punching above its weight.

I would also like to thank our Patron, Peter Lawler OAM for his understanding of rugby in the ACT and way you champion ACTRRA which is commendable. On behalf of our members – thank you.

I would like to thank our sponsors for the 2017 through 2019 seasons who, without their significant financial assistance and off field support, ACTRRA would not be able to provide the support and services to all our members:

* Canberra Consulting;
* Winning Appliances;
* National Pluming Services;
* Form Fitness; and
* McDonalds ACT.

I would also like to welcome on board and thank our sponsors for the 2020 through 2022 seasons who will enable the Executive to continue supporting and providing services to our members:

* Canberra Consulting;
* Aulich Lawyers;
* Keane Consulting;
* Waidt Services Australia; and
* McDonalds ACT.

To our community relationships – I would like to thank the ACT & Southern NSW Rugby Union (also colloquially known as “Brumbies Rugby”) for their financial and non-financial support. In particular Craig Lesberg (General Manager Community Rugby), Caitlin Aqulina (Rugby Services Administrator) and Matthew Vowles (Community Rugby).

Our relationship with Brumbies Rugby this year has exposed the mutual challenges that we face going forward as part of the administration of the game. A spotlight has been focused on club and player behaviour and attitudes towards match officials, judiciary processes and outcomes and the collective financial challenge facing rugby as a game. As uncomfortable as it is that these challenges have been exposed it also provides us, collectively, with an opportunity to focus, recalibrate and work towards continued improvement in achieving better outcomes for the game as a whole.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all of the above as well as each member of the Association and the wider ACT rugby community for providing me with an enjoyable, challenging, sometimes frustrating but overall rewarding nine years involved with rugby refereeing in the ACT. I am grateful for the friendships and the personal and professional relationships that I have developed over this time. I wish nothing but success for the incoming Executive and I sign off by knowing that I and each member of the current Executive have done all we can to leave the Association in a better position than what we inherited.

Thank You Chad Burnell 2019 President

# Coaching, Grading and Appointments Chairman’s Report

A new start for several members of the Appointments and Coaching Team. Shane, Caitlin and I all pulled on the boots this season for the first time in our roles. We all started with wide eyes and no preconceived ideas of how difficult this would be. I’m very happy to say that we reached the end of the regular season intact, both physically and emotionally.

Many thanks to the outgoing chairman, Mr Steve Peak. He provided many wise words and useful background information throughout the season. I can only imagine how horrible this job could be without an RDO. I tip my hat to you.

We started the season with a message of ‘teamwork’. Like the teams we officiate on the weekends, we are stronger if we unify our effort and concentrate on behaving and working like a team. I stressed the importance of this to every member of the Association: Teams of Three, Referee Coaches, Juniors and Seniors. We must support each other on and off the field. The feedback of this effort has been positive. Many referees have told me of a season where they felt included and informed. There is more that can be done; I will continue to emphasize this as we move into the 2020 season.

For me personally, the most frequently raised issue was dissent and abuse. In our Senior ranks, this most often came from team officials and support staff. In Juniors, this was mostly from players and spectators. During the season, I re- enforced on our senior referees that any action required a team response. Every member of our team should be looking after our referees in the middle. If anyone witnesses dissent then they should be reporting the incident, and if they are comfortable, attempt to manage the situation. I would like to think this could be done without a “policing” strategy. Unfortunately, I think the horse may have well and truly bolted on that option. This will continue to be a focus for next year.

Coaching was almost certainly the biggest success story of the 2019 season. Under direction of a new Rugby Australia policy, we made real improvements in the coaching we were able to provide to all our referees. The “Seen Twice” policy was undoubtedly a success. By mid-season, we had appointed a coach to every senior referee at least twice.

Even referees that aren’t focused on higher achievements really benefit from peer support and guiding words. In Juniors, we had more than 100 reports while Senior referees were seen more than 160 times. A big thank you to Greg Saphin, Dennis Beissner and all the senior coaches. Not only did Greg organise and appoint the coaches every

weekend but he also notched up 27 coaching reports. And while I’m acknowledging outstanding coaching

contributions, I can’t fail to mention the extraordinary effort from Rob Whyte who managed to submit 45 coaching

reports this season.

This year we had a new entrant to the Seniors A Panel: Mr Dennis Beissner. He made his Premier 1st Grade debut during Queanbeyan’s game against Gungahlin. Dennis has shown consistent effort and a thirst for feedback and self- improvement over many years. Well done, Dennis!

This year, Shane Barr and Rugby Australia made real improvements to the Referee Pathway. Our Junior, Senior and National Development Groups all had opportunities and experiences we haven’t seen for quite a while. We had representatives across all parts of our Association. Brodie Ingram and Reuben Keane were the standouts with NRC, national and international games on their appointment lists. Harry Fenton, Petrus van Aswegen, Kirra Burke, Rhianna Burke and Hayden Pepper representing our Association at national tournaments as referees or assistants. Sarah Corrigan represented us as a referee coach at the national level, too. Advancing as a referee can be a complex game of snakes and ladders but the more representation our referees have, the better chance we have of succeeding at elite levels. Congratulations everyone and a thanks to Shane Barr for pushing our referees at the highest levels.

I look forward to working with you all next year.

Owen Keane

Chair Coaching and Grading 2019

# U19 Coaching and Grading Coordinator’s Report

#### Summary

2019 was the year of the Referee Coach. The Junior Referee Coaches did an amazing job seeing over 100 games. Again, we suffered from a lack of experienced referees, with the 14s to 16s regularly missing out on a match official.

The number of new and junior referees was very good this season. The downside is the inability to appoint them every week as we did not have enough suitable games. I hope everyone stays around and moves up the panels next year.

#### Development

This year saw Shane Barr come in as RDO for the southern states. This definitely assisted our development. I thank Shane for his assistance.

Congratulations to Hayden Pepper who was awarded the Will Boyle trophy as the outstanding Rugby AU School Student Scholarship referee.

#### Finals:

This year we continued the tradition of using senior referees for the U18 and U16 games and pushing everyone down a few levels. This again was a success with very few complaints from the JRU or teams about the quality of the Referees. Thanks to all who participated in the Finals series, as either a Referee, AR or assisting at the fields.

#### The Team:

Thanks, must goes to Dennis Beissner who assisted me on a weekly basis, ensuring we put the right people on the right games and that the gradings were right.

Also, the entire Junior Coaching and Grading team who stepped out each week to assist all referees, young and old.

#### In Closing:

We need to ensure that referee numbers continue to increase. This can only be done by all parties supporting and developing our junior referee. The Executive need to put plans in place to ensure that the Brumbies and ACTJRU continue to support our Junior referees, be that increased match payments, travel allowances to ensure referees outside Canberra are looked after and referee abuse is continually monitored and reported. We need to be more transparent with the disciplinary process for Red Cards.

Thanks again to all who stepped up this year. See you all in 2020

Rob Boyes

# Brumbies Rugby - Referee Department Report

#### Introduction

This season saw many changes in the ACT Rugby Referee Association with the new president, Chad Burnell, taking the reins for 2019. We faced issues regarding referee numbers, especially in the senior ranks, and this was going to be tested through the introduction of a new Women’s 10s competition expanding the already growing area of the game. The start of the season came with a lot of enthusiasm. There were eight Refereeing Kids Rugby (RKR) courses, run by Caitlin Aquilina, and two Foundation Courses held in pre-season. As the Senior season moved on and the Junior competition started, it became harder to fill all games appropriately with many referees doubling up on games. There were also many opportunities for growth and development for referees through exchanges to other associations such as to SIRRA and VRRA. The ACTRRA also had some exchanges come from NSW Rugby Referees, VRRA, SIRRA and from Canterbury in New Zealand. ACT were also provided many opportunities to referee curtain raisers and half-time games at GIO stadium during the year as well. The incoming Southern States Referee Manager, Shane Barr, has been working hard with the Association in order to help educate and provide further opportunities to expand individual’s refereeing. ACTRRA gave many referees opportunities to referee many formats of the game with 10s, 7s and 15-a-side games all being played throughout the year as well as the traditional and new 7s tournament’s which include the Bowral 7s, Queanbeyan 7s, Super 7s and other 7s tournaments around the country. There were many opportunities for referees this year to referee representative rugby with ACT referees being well represented at most events.

#### Recruitment and Retention

In 2019, ACTRRA had a total of 122 ACTRRA members registered to ‘Rugby Xplorer’ (new registration system implemented in 2019) compared to 123 ACTRRA members registered in 2018. 112 ACTRRA members refereed one or more games in 2019 compared to the 102 members in 2018 (10% increase). This is due to the introduction of 29 new referees into the zone with 26 of these completing an RKR course in 2019 and 4 of these returning or coming from another zone. Further, two Foundation Courses were run in 2019, with one focussed on junior representative players. A total of 48 people attended the two courses, and now need to complete the final requirements to progress to their Level 1 Accreditation.

The retention rate from 2018 to 2019 was 81% where 83 referees who refereed one or more games in 2018 continued to referee one or more games in 2019 with a 28% influx of first-time referees and/or new referees to the zone.

60 referees referee juniors only and 52 referees refereed both Seniors and Juniors.

#### Education and Training

2019 also saw the continuation of monthly development nights throughout the 2019 season with a mixture of senior referees, players and coaches coming in to present. All events were held at Brumbies HQ starting with a group fitness session being run by an A or B Panel referee. These nights were fun and full of great information for all referees at all levels. Rugby Australia this year introduced four webinars concentrating on four different areas of the game again with a mixture of new referees, experienced referees, coaches and players all presenting. These webinars were held all over Australia with the first webinar being held here at Brumbies HQ. Blue card education and refreshers were also held through clubs and schools in order to create and keep awareness of the blue card going in the referee ranks as well as informing parents. 2020 will see this continue as Rugby Australia puts a larger emphasis on concussion education.

A Level 2 Referee Course was run in 2019, with 8 attendees from ACTRRA now working towards their Level 2 Accreditation.

#### Conclusion

A big thank you needs to go out to all referees in the ACTRRA and SIRRA associations who all worked hard in 2019 to fill all appointments. It was a hard year with an increase in games but a promising year with new and returning referees joining the ranks. In some younger age groups, some referees could not be appointed due to an overflow in that level. We hope that all referees will continue through to 2020 with more games expected especially through the growth of the women’s game.

Caitlin Aquilina

#### Representative Honours

Brumbies rugby would like to congratulate the following ACTRRA members who were selected by Rugby Australia to perform at a representative level:

**Brodie Ingram** – Referee/Assistant Referee Super W, NRC, URC

**Reuben Keane** – Referee/Assistant Referee Oceania 7s, Super W, URC

– Debut as a referee for NRC (RD 2 NRC Brisbane City v Sydney Rays)

**Harry Fenton** – Assistant referee Super W, JRC

**Caitlin Aquilina** – Referee/Assistant Referee Schoolgirls Nationals, URC, AON 7s

**Kirra Burke** – Referee/Assistant Referee Schoolgirls Nationals, AON 7s

**Rhianna Burke** – Referee/Assistant Referee Schoolgirls Nationals, URC, AON 7s, JRC

**Hayden Pepper** – School student Scholarship 2019

**Hayden Perkins** – Assistant Referee URC **Rob Whyte –** Assistant Referee, AON 7s **Hamish Innes –** Assistant Referee, AON 7s

**Petrus Van Aswegen** – Assistant Referee URC, U18s Championships

# Match Official Statistics, Appointments and Accreditations

## 2019 Accreditations

Refereeing Kids (Completed at least 1 game and pathway law exam)

Bailey Bouquiaux Jasper Brown Oscar Carr

James Charlton Noah Ellis Pierce Gourlay

Clair Greenwood Colin Hull Douglas Hull Alexander Keillor

Audrey Keillor Sebastian Laws Fraser Lehmann Craig Lynch Oliver Manders Benedict Milo Noah Park Henry Sides Cole Taylor Denis Hurley

Owen Thrum Sebastian Turner Angus Wheadon Jack Wunsch Campbell Wyche Sara Mooney

Level 1 / Level 2 Assistant Referee

Level 1 Referee (must be 15 or older)

Level 2 Referee

Level 1 Referee Coach

Level 2 Referee Coach

Matt Hogan

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## 2019 Accolades

#### National Rugby Championship

**Referee**

*Reuben Keane\**

#### Assistant Referee

Brodie Ingram

#### NO.4 & NO.5

Steve Peak – 4/5 Harry Fenton – 4/5 Robert Whyte – 4/5 Brodie Ingram – AR Owen Keane – 4/5

#### Super Rugby (Trials and Season Proper) NO.4 & NO.5

Chad Burnell

James Hagan Reece Henshaw Brodie Ingram Reuben Keane James Morris Rob Whyte

#### Super W (Trials and Season Proper) Referee

Brodie Ingram

#### Assistant Referees

Chad Burnell Harry Fenton Reuben Keane Caitlin Aquilina Brodie Ingram

#### NO.4 & NO.5

Rob Whyte James Hagan Reece Henshaw

Petrus Van Aswegen Hayden Perkins

#### Academy, Runners, Provincial and Griffins Referee

Mitchell Tummers

Michael Clark Brodie Ingram Reuben Keane Harry Fenton

**Assistant Referee** Dennis Beissner Petrus Van Aswegen Jeff Favaloro

Steve Peak

#### NO.4 & NO.5

Rhianna Burke Kirra Burke Harry Fenton

#### National Schoolgirls Championships

Rhianna Burke Kirra Burke Caitlin Aquilina

#### U19 Championships (URC), U16 Championships (JRC)

**Referee** Brodie Ingram Reuben Keane

**Assistant Referee** Rhianna Burke Caitlin Aquilina Hayden Perkins Petrus Van Aswegen

#### NO.4 & NO.5

Ethan Gumbrell

#### Australian Schools & U18 Championships

Reuben Keane Petrus Van Aswegen

## ACTRRA 2019 Senior Grand Final Match Officials

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Division** | **Grade** | **Referee** | **AR1** | **AR2** | **No4** | **No5** |
| Premier | 1st | Matt Hogan | Brodie Ingram | Dennis Beissner |  |  |
| Premier | 2nd | James Morris | Mitchell Beissner | Steve Peak |  |  |
| Premier | Colts | Brodie Ingram | Rob Whyte | Mitchell Beissner |  |  |
| Monaro | 1st | Reece Henshaw | Damien McLachlan | Graeme Billett |  |  |
| Monaro | 2nd | James Hagan | Matt Huggins | Nathan Mass |  |  |
| Second | 1st | Brett Bowden | James Morris | Rob Boyes |  |  |
| Women’s | 1st | Dennis Beissner | Rob Whyte | Amy Kilmister |  |  |

## ACTRRA 2018 Junior Grand Final Match Officials

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Division | Division | Referee | AR1 | AR2 |
| Under 18 | Div. 1 | Rob Whyte | Dennis Beissner | Rob Boyes |
| Under 18 | Div. 2 | Mitch Beissner | Ben Reedy | Kirra Burke |
| Under 18 | Div. 3 | Ben Reedy | Nathan Mass | Mitch Beissner |
| Under 18 | Girls | Amy Kilmister | Kirra Burke | Jess McLeod |
| Under 16 | Div. 1 | Harry Fenton | Rob Boyes | Nathan Mass |
| Under 16 | Div. 2 | Kevin Cullen | Trevor Hancock | James Willemsen |
| Under 16 | Girls (1) | Kirra Burke | Jess McLeod | Craig Lynch |
| Under 15 | Div. 1 | Nathan Mass | Harry Fenton | Mark Dawes |
| Under 15 | Div. 2 | Hayden Perkins | Damien McGrath | Hayden Pepper |
| Under 15 | Div. 3 | Micheal Clark | Trevor Hancock | Ronan Booth |
| Under 14 | Div. 1 | Rob Boyes | Kevin Cullen | Ethan Gumbrell |
| Under 14 | Div. 2 | Chris Cousins | Jacob Beissner | Clair Greenwood |
| Under 14 | Div. 3 | James Willemsen | Mark Dawes | Josh Hancock |
| Under 14 | Girls | Jess McLeod | Jacob Mead | Jacob Beissner |
| Under 14 | Girls | Kirra Burke | Dillon Collier | Sara Mooney |
| Under 13 | Div. 1 | Jacob Mead | Damien McGrath | Cole Taylor |
| Under 13 | Div. 2 | Ronan Booth | James Charlton | Douglas Hull |
| Under 13 | Div. 3 | Hayden Pepper | Pierce Gourlay | Josh Hancock |
| Under 12 | Div. 1 | Jake Rath | Hayden Perkins | Mason Henderson |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Under 12 | Div. 2 | Jacob Beissner | Chris Cousins | Amy Kilmister |
| Under 12 | Div. 3 | Trevor Hancock | Josh Hancock | Rob Whyte |
| Under 11 | Div. 1 | Evan Nelson | Micheal Clark | Sam Waterman |
| Under 11 | Div. 2 | Ethan Gumbrell | Brayden Purvis-Smith | Jasper Brown |
| Under 11 | Div. 3 | Sam Waterman | Angus Wheadon | Clair Greenwood |
| Under 10 | Div. 1 | Dillion Collier | Douglas Hull | Liam Cook |
| Under 10 | Div. 2 | James Charlton | Campbell Wyche | Pierce Gourlay |
| Under 10 | Div. 3 | Mason Henderson | Campbell Wyche | Clair Greenwood |
| Under 9 | Div. 1 | Liam Cook | Rob Boyes | Cole Taylor |
| Under 9 | Div. 2 | Douglas Hull | Angus Wheadon | Campbell Wyche |

Many thanks to Rob Boyes, Geoff Palmer and James Willemsen for their assistance in coordinating the referees and grounds during the Junior Grand Finals

## Match Official Statistics

## 2019 Top 5

Total Games Refereed Total Match Involvement

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## Record of Matches Refereed

During 1991 it was agreed that referees should be given recognition for the total number of matches refereed. It was decided that this would be provided for members who reached milestones of 100, 200, 300 (etc.) games refereed in the ACTRU competitions (including junior, midweek, school and other association appointed matches)

The Association’s annual reports back to 1954 were used as the basis for the number of games refereed. Prior to 1954, details of games refereed cannot be located. The following is a listing of members who have reached milestones.

Current active members of the association are marked\*. Members reaching milestones this year:

#### 100 Games

Steve Peak

## 100 Games

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| Baker, John | Foster, Bob | Littlewood, Viv | Petersen, Robin\* |
| Beck, Damien | Foster, Louis | Logan, Gary | Piazza, Glen |
| Beissner, Dennis\* | French, Peter | Long, Nicholas | Peak, Steve\* |
| Beissner, Mitchell\* | Gane, Ron | Lonie, Michael | Quoyle, Chris |
| Billett, Graeme\* | Gentleman, Neville | Lulham, Brian | Reedy, Ben\* |
| Birss, John | Giffard, Peter | Lyons, Ray | Ridley, Andrew |
| Boorman, Clive | Gilks, David\* | Margules, Ray | Rush, Michael |
| Boyes, Robert\* | Gorrell, Bryce | Martin, John | Ryan, John |
| Boyle, William | Gregory, Bill | McCarthy, John | Saphin, Greg\* |
| Burnell, Chad\* | Gwynn-Jones, Brian | McGee, Dominic | Scholes, Gary |
| Burton, Michael | Hawkins, Brian | McGurk, Gordon | Sek, Michael |
| Buseski, Chris | Healey, Jim | Meszes, Jim | Shelley, Andrew\* |
| Caldwell, Keith | Hefren, John | Mills, Chris | Snell, Scott |
| Capon, Geoff | Henshaw, Reece \* | Moriarty, Len | Snow, Mark |
| Carlyon, Justin | Hogarth, Bob | Mould, Alastair | Spencer, Col |
| Carnahan, Michael | Howard, Warwick | Mrdak, Michael | Stone, Jeffrey\* |
| Carroll, Simon | Howden, Bruce | Murphy, Charles | Symonds, John |
| Carruthers, Ian | Hughes, Owen | Murray-Jones, Alan | Tanzer, Michael |
| Cassidy, Fred | Hurwitz, Steven | Nelson, Anne | Temby, Warwick |
| Coonan, John | Ingram, Brodie\* | Nelson, Benjamin | Thompson, Greg |

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| Corboy, Alan | Ireland, Rosh | Nixon, Peter | Todhunter, Paul |
| Cousin, Christopher\* | Jamieson, Michael | Norris, Max | Toirkens, Michael |
| Cousin, Jac | Jones, Irene\* | Nutt, Doug | Tonge, Alan |
| Cremer, Ron | Jones, Jennifer | O'Connell, Barry | Tummers, Mitchell\* |
| Crossman, Scott | Keane, Owen\* | O'Connor, Peter | Vallance, Gus |
| Daly, Grant | Kedge, Jerry | Ohlmus, Fritz | Vest, Wally |
| Daniels, James | King, Liam | Onus, Adam\* | Vincent, Rod |
| Darby, John | King, William | O'Reilly, M | Waddington, James |
| Davidson, Geoff | Knight, Ray | O'Shea, Tony | Walker, Ross |
| Dey, Ian | Leach, Tony | Owner, Tim | Whyte, Joseph |
| Dunsmore, John | Lee, Mal | Papas, Steve | Whyte, Robert\* |
| Dunstone, Chris | Lee, Trenton | Patterson, Patrick | Wickham, Glen |
| Dunstone, John | Leggoe, Ken | Payne, Eddie | Willemsen, James\* |
| Fleming, Graeme | Lehmann, Peter | Pearce, Bob | Williams, Geoff |
| Forsyth, Peter | Littleton, Jim |  | Wood, Ken |

200 Games

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| Agnew, Michael | Gibson, Alan | Kitchen, John | Peck, Mal |
| Bayliss, Chris | Glasgow, Ian | Louttit, John | Quinn, Joe |
| Buckley, Brian | Gorham, Robert | Matthew, Graeme | Richards, Peter |
| Burns, John | Hamlyn, Karl | McGrath, Damien\* | Rumble, Stephen |
| Cheetham, Carl | Hanley, Michael | McGurk, Gordon | Smith, Louise |
| Cook, Brian | Hibberson, Gary | McLachlan, Damien\* | Sylvian, Stephen |
| Corin, Greg\* | Hillsdon, Dick | McLennan, Bill | Thomas, Greg |
| Cunningham, Jack\* | Hosking, Peter | Morris, James\* | Thomas, Rodd |
| Dale, Brad | Hughes, Shane | Nelson, Adam | Vest, Bert |
| Davidson, Robert | Izod, Scott\* | Nelson, Robert | Wallace, Robert |
| Dodds, Cliff | James, Don | Nishantha, Rohan\* | Ward, Brian |
| Donoghoe, Phil | Johnson, Geoff | Norman, Barry | Whitfield, Ray |
| Dowsett, Mike\* | Jones, Doug | O'Keeffe, Michael | Whittle, Samuel\* |

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| Duffy, Tony (AD) | Kearns, Nathan\* | Overy, Stuart | Wilkinson, Kevin |
| Duffy, Tony (AJ) | Kirkland, John | Paloni, Robert | Woodfield, John |
| Edelman, Andrew |  |  |  |

300 Matches

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| Bowden, Brett\* | Davis, Neal | Jones, Brett | McPhillips, Peter |
| Casey, Allan\* | Fryer, David | Keogh, Michael | Nichols, Bede |
| Corrigan, Sarah – OAM\* | Gilmore, Len | Kimber, David | Pook, Eddie |
| Cowie, Rob | Hall, Michael | Lawler, Brian | Poole, Bill |
| Daniels, Tony | Heaney, Brian | Madden, Shane |  |

400 Matches

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| Blake, Doug | Curtis, Leigh | Hedley, Wilf\* | Langford, Peter\* |
| Buttsworth, Ian | Girdlestone, John | Hurley, Brian | Sheville, Bernie |
| Conway, Peter | Hancock, Ted | Jones, Paul | vanGelder, Malcolm |

500 Matches

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| Cleary, Michael | Lawler, Peter - OAM\* | Scholtens, Paul\* |
| Humphrey, Elton | Lees, Kim | Janssens, Peter\* |

600 Matches

Smith, Jim

Larsen, Paul

## Record of First Grade Matches Refereed

The following is a list of Association members who have refereed first grade matches in the ACTRU competition from 1953 to 2011. The list is based on Association Annual Reports. Prior to 1953 details of first grade matches refereed are not available. Current active first grade referees are marked\*. Referees on exchange to the QRU and NSW club competition (1st grade) have their matches accredited to their first grade total.

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| **Name** | **Total** | **Name** | **Total** | **Name** | **Total** |
| Agnew, Michael | 16 | Hall, Michael | 102 | Mitchelmore, Damien | 7 |
| Battle, Michael | 1 | Hamilton, Caleb | 1 | Morris, James\* | 57 |
| Blake, Doug | 202 | Hamlyn, Karl | 62 | Mould, Alastair | 5 |
| Bowden, Brett | 198 | Hancock, Ted | 190 | Nelson, Benjamin\* | 5 |
| Bower, Doug | 2 | Heaney, Brian | 95 | Nelson, John | 12 |
| Boyle, William | 11 | Henshaw, Reece\* | 15 | Nishantha, Rohan | 2 |
| Buckley, Brian | 65 | Hibberson, Gary | 40 | Nutt, Doug | 3 |
| Burnell, Chad\* | 1 | Hodda, Darryl | 2 | O'Connell, Barry | 2 |
| Caldwell, Keith | 3 | Hogan, Matthew\* | 48 | Paloni, Robert | 43 |
| Cardiff, Simon | 33 | Hogarth, Bob | 33 | Patterson, Don | 3 |
| Casey, Allan | 10 | Howse, Gavin | 3 | Paul, Chris | 1 |
| Cassidy, Fred | 100 | Hughes, Shane | 8 | Payne, Eddie | 6 |
| Cheetham, Carl | 21 | Humphrey, Elton | 17 | Pettit, Geoff | 27 |
| Christophersen, Sam | 9 | Hurley, Brian | 17 | Piazza, Glen | 10 |
| Cleary, Michael | 133 | Ingram, Brodie\* | 19 | Portway, Bruce | 1 |
| Collins, Tony | 2 | Izod, Scott\* | 34 | Pritchard, Julian | 15 |
| Conway, Peter | 12 | Janssens, Peter | 101 | Quinn, Joe | 1 |
| Cook, Brian | 114 | Johnson, John | 2 | Rahilly, Ben | 8 |
| Coonan, John | 20 | Jones, Doug | 10 | Richards, Peter | 60 |
| Corin, Greg\* | 4 | Jordan, Bill | 1 | Scholes, Gary | 1 |
| Corrigan, Sarah\* | 57 | Kearns, Nathan\* | 61 | Scholtens, James | 5 |
| Cowie, Rob | 25 | Keogh, Michael | 144 | Scholtens, Paul | 56 |
| Cremer, Ron | 61 | King, Liam | 3 | Sheville, Bernie | 117 |
| Crowley, Joe | 12 | Larsen, Paul | 50 | Shorney, Brian | 24 |
| Crozier, Andrew | 31 | Lawler, Brian | 63 | Siggee, Norm | 3 |

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| Curtis, Leigh | 38 | Lawler, Peter | 254 | Smith, James | 132 |
| Dale, Brad | 15 | Lees, Kim | 205 | Snow, Mark | 9 |
| Davis, Neal | 13 | Lehmann, Peter | 12 | Stevens, Ian | 2 |
| Davis, Patrick | 1 | Long, Nicholas | 33 | Tanzer, Michael | 14 |
| Dodds, Cliff | 50 | Lonie, Michael | 46 | Taylor, Blair | 29 |
| Duffy, Tony (A J) | 108 | Louttit, John | 71 | Thomas, Greg | 6 |
| Dunstone, John | 23 | MacPherson, Jim | 3 | Tierney, Arthur | 7 |
| Edelman, Andrew | 14 | Maher, Owen | 10 | Toirkens, Michael | 45 |
| Edwards, Graham | 3 | Margules, Ray | 1 | Toohey, Brian | 3 |
| Evatt, Frank | 6 | Martin, John | 15 | Turner, Bob | 18 |
| Foster, Bob | 25 | Matthew, Graeme | 12 | Vest, Bert | 67 |
| Fry, Eric | 21 | McCarthy, Dominic | 7 | Vest, Wally | 2 |
| Gibson, Alan | 1 | McCarthy, John | 43 | Wallace, Bob | 26 |
| Gilmore, Ian | 6 | McFarlane, Jim | 22 | Williams, Don | 24 |
| Girdlestone, John | 116 | McLennan, Bill | 30 | Wills, Timothy | 2 |
| Gwynn-Jones, Brian | 14 | McPhillips, Peter | 166 | Woodfield, John | 38 |
| Hagan, James\* | 19 | Middleton, John | 1 | Wright, Graham | 8 |

# Treasurers Report

## Balance Sheet

As at 30th September 2019

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| **Assets** |  | **Liabilities** |  | **Equity** |  |
| Trading Account | $ 23,171.01 | Accounts Payable | $ 0.00 | Retained  Earnings | $ 58,789.95 |
| Cash Reserve | $20,396.25 |  |  | Current Year  Earnings | $29,720.67 |
| Will Boyle Fund | $ 6,882.12 |  |  |  |  |
| Peter Conway  Fund | $ 3,000.24 |  |  |  |  |
| Accounts  Receivable | $ 25,000.00 |  |  |  |  |
| Clothing Stock | $ 10,061.00 |  |  |  |  |
| ***Total Assets*** | ***$ 88,510.62*** | ***Net Assets*** | ***$ 88,510.62*** | ***Total Equity*** | ***$ 88,510.62*** |

\*Subject to confirmation with the Audited Financial Report at Appendix A.

## Donations

ACTTRA would like to acknowledge the following members who have kindly made donations during the year.

* Vic Amsteins
* Shane Barr
* Jacob Beissner
* Ronan Booth
* Bailey Bouquiaux
* Robert Boyes
* Jasper Brown
* Oscar Carr
* James Charlton
* Micheal Clark
* Dillon Collier
* John Cunningham
* Mark Dawes
* Michael Dowsett
* Noah Ellis
* Ian Filmer
* Bryce Gorrell
* Pierce Gourlay
* Cameron Grant
* Ethan Gumbrell
* Trevor Hancock
* Joshua Hancock
* Matthew Hannan
* Wilfred Hedley
* Mason Henderson
* Colin Hull
* Scott Izod
* Peter Janssens
* Irene Jones
* Grant Jones
* Nye Konig
* Sebastian Laws
* Kim Lees
* Fraser Lehmann
* Craig Lynch
* Brendan McCormick
* Damien Mclachlan
* Jacob Mead
* Benedict Milo
* Sara Mooney
* James Morris
* Ben Morrison
* Stuart Morrison
* Evan Nelson
* Geoffrey Palmer
* Hayden Pepper
* Hayden Perkins
* Elizabeth Petch-Hassett
* Robin Petersen
* Jack Preston
* Brayden Purvis-Smith
* Will Rath
* Gregory Saphin
* Paul Scholtens
* Ian Schubert
* Andrew Shelley
* Henry Sides
* James Richard Smith
* Sebastian Turner
* Tom Warren
* Angus Wheadon
* Sam Whittle
* James Willemsen
* Jack Wunsch
* Richard Wyche
* Campbell Wyche
* Glenn Zucchetto

## 2019 Budget and Subscriptions

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| Income | | |
| Sponsorships | Canberra Consulting | $15,000.00 |
|  | Aulich Lawyers | $7,500.00 |
|  | Waidt\* | $15,000.00 |
|  | Keane Consulting | $5,000.00 |
|  | PSC Insurance | $5,000.00 |
|  | Brumbies | $10,000.00 |
|  | McDonalds | $5,000.00 |
| Member's Subscriptions | Adults | $3,500.00 |
|  | Juniors | $0.00 |
| Grand Final Catering | GF Catering Day | $2,500.00 |
|  | GF Catering Bonus | $0.00 |
| Annual Presentation Dinner | Attendee Payments | $3,000.00 |
| Bank Interest |  | $75.00 |
| **Income Total** |  | **$71,575.00** |

\* Please note that Waidt have decided to pay their 3 years sponsorship payment up front.

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| 2018 ACTRRA Subscriptions |  |
| Renewing Adults Members | $70 |
| Renewing Full Time Students | $0 |
| New Referees - Adults | $35 |
| New Referees - Students | $0 |

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| Expenditure |  |  |
| Referee Coach Payments | Not to exceed | $4,500.00 |
| Training and Equipment | Grammar - Trainer | $450.00 |
|  | Grammar Hire | $225.00 |
|  | Other | $3,000.00 |
|  | Clothing | $30,000.00 |
|  | Communications Kit Provision | $1,000.00 |
| Catering | Development Nights Catering | $900.00 |
|  | Course catering | $200.00 |
|  | Preseason BBQs | $200.00 |
|  | Grand Final Snacks | $150.00 |
|  | Junior Grand Final BBQ | $200.00 |
|  | Referee Coach Finals Selection Function x 2 | $400.00 |
|  | Life Member Function | $500.00 |
| Exchanges | Darwin 7s Flights | $1,350.00 |
|  | NZ Outbound | $1,600.00 |
|  | NZ Inbound Provision | $1,000.00 |
|  | Newcastle (Travel Allowance | $55.00 |
|  | VRRA x 2 (Referee + Referee Coach) - Flights | $1,200.00 |
|  | Rugby Australia President's Meeting | $800.00 |
| Events | Annual Presentation Night | $8,000.00 |
|  | Annual Presentation Night Trophies | $1,500.00 |
|  | ACTRRA x 8 attendance | $800.00 |
|  | Recruitment Activities | $1,000.00 |
| Incidentals | MYOB Fees | $324.00 |
|  | Annual Return | $168.00 |
|  | PO Box Renewal | $132.00 |
|  | Website Fees | $158.00 |
| **Expenditure Total** |  | **$60,257.00** |
| **Project Profit/Loss Balance** |  | **$11,318.00** |

# Appendix A

## Audited Financial Report:

To be provided once received from the Associations’ auditor.