



2017

# Annual Report



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We would also like to thank the countless volunteers at all the clubs and with us here at CRRL who enable the sport to be held every weekend throughout the season.



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## Chairman's Report

The 2017 season was highlighted by the Monaro Under 23 team winning the inaugural Under 23 Country Championships in an exciting victory over arch rivals Newcastle in Newcastle. What a wonderful achievement by coach Ash Barnes, the players and the management team.

This was an extraordinary achievement as it was only in December that we were advised of the changes in format and also in our team's composition. As a "Back to the Future" moment, Canberra Region Rugby League was once again paired with Group 16 and Monaro was reborn. Quickly bringing together the players and management teams, the success was truly satisfying. Victories over Western Division, Riverina, Illawarra and eventually Newcastle, were remarkable achievements. Then to have ten players initially selected in the Country team to play Samoa and Scotland in Rugby League World Cup matches was testament to the dominance of the Monaro team.

Congratulations must go to Tori Freeman-Quay from West Belconnen who was named Country Player of the Year and has signed with the Newcastle Knights. Also, Jack Hickson who is moving to the Mackay Cutters has graduated from our competition.

I would like to pay a great vote of thanks to the clubs, who although inconvenienced by the scheduling and the number of players and support staff committed to the cause, backed the concept and their people 100%. Thank you for your contribution and to the players for their dedication.



Unfortunately, the Monaro Ladies League Tag team bowed out to Western Division in the first round in a close and tense encounter.

The quality of the football continues to improve in both our Austbrokers Canberra, Canberra Raiders Cup and George Tooke Shield competitions. The return of Terry Campese to the Queanbeyan Blues as Captain-Coach, the signing of Justin Giteau to mentor Tuggeranong and former Raider, Scott Logan joining the coaching ranks as head coach at the Belconnen United Sharks saw a strong cohort of coaches leading their respective clubs. The Queanbeyan Kangaroos were keen to avenge last season's last minute Grand Final loss and Yass built impressively in the off season. Congratulations to the Queanbeyan Blues who defeated the Kangaroos in a tough Grand Final. West Belconnen defeated the Queanbeyan Blues in Reserve Grade and Woden were victorious over Goulburn in the Under 18s.

In the Russell Kennedy Lawyers Ladies League Tag, West Belconnen were too strong for Goulburn and this season also saw the reintroduction of the Open Women's tackle competition grand final to Seiffert Oval. The newly named Katrina Fanning Shield saw a very commanding performance by the Queanbeyan Blues over a gallant Goulburn.

The Raiders Cup Club Championship was taken out by West Belconnen and the George Tooke Club Championship by Harden.

The George Tooke Shield goes from strength to strength in the number of teams and calibre of the football. Harden defeated Crookwell in a great grand final at Crookwell. This was nothing like the semi final played at Crookwell which was played in snow that was settling on the ground. We had footballs on



the field and snowballs off it! The Russell Kennedy League Tag went to a dominant Bungendore team and the Youth League to Harden. The CRRL management is really pleased with how clubs host their finals and the great support they receive from the community. We were pleased to be able to have the Grand Final teams' logos painted on the ground and live streamed the grand finals for the first time. This will hopefully continue to promote bush footy and keep people engaged with the game.

The CRRL committee is appreciative of the efforts of Wendy Bennett and Mark Vergano in promoting this competition and the organisational work that goes into negotiating ground allocation and hire, competition draws and liaising with clubs for the best outcomes possible. Our strategic aim is to be acknowledged as the best competition outside of Sydney and we are beginning to see that fulfilled both administratively and on the playing field.

This season the CRRL committee, under the leadership of Steve Troth, undertook a task to reconnect with our history and in many ways, begin working towards recording the journey of rugby league from its inception in the region up to the establishment of the Raiders and beyond. After research, we decided to land on 1923 as our establishment year, where the first identifiable administration was put in place for rugby league although there were later iterations. This means we are only six years away from our centenary and we look to begin to work towards this celebration. Also, many of the awards in both the male and female competitions have been named after exceptional rugby league players and administrators and we think it past due to have these people recognised. You will find the names in awards section of the annual report.

Seiffert Oval provided the venue for the Junior Grand Finals this year due to GIO Stadium being used for the Rugby League World Cup. The spiritual home of the Canberra Raiders is a great venue for the grand finals and adds an intimate atmosphere to proceedings. On behalf of the CRRL committee I wish to extend our thanks to all clubs in organising your teams and also in promoting rugby league. We have our challenges in continuing to grow the game and ensure we have increasing numbers of children enjoying our sport. However, it is pleasing to see the organisation and commitment of club members, each Sunday, in what you provide for our youth.



I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of our two Junior rugby league administrators, Deb Ford and Deb Charman for their efforts in getting these competitions operating. Apart from dealing with the changes to the mini and mod football they have had an increase in the female competitions to also recruit and organise along with clubs. As a committee we are also aware of the need to keep promoting our game and also be open to new structures and formats to attract children to play our sport.

The Referees Association is once again to be congratulated on their efforts this season. The expansion in our game, especially at the senior level, has placed an increased workload on our referees in both appointments and travel. They have stepped up continually to ensure that matches have been officiated at all levels. We recruit strongly in the younger age groups but it is the responsibility of all of us; administrators, officials and supporters/parents to encourage and support our referees, not criticise and harass. Congratulations to Oliver Levido for being recognised as the most outstanding referee this season.

To my colleagues of the Canberra Region Rugby League committee along with members of the Judiciary and Disciplinary panels, I again thank you for your dedication and contribution to the success of rugby league in the region and your dedication in volunteering your own time to the game.

In closing, may I convey my best wishes to all for a successful 2018 and wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

It has been my pleasure to once again serve as your Chairman.

Noel Bissett  
CRRL Chairman

## 2017 Board Members

Noel Bissett - Chairman

Danny Roper - Junior's delegate

Gary Bergkotte - Junior's delegate

Tanya Klower - Junior's delegate

Tom Ebsworth - Canberra Raiders Cup delegate

Steve Troth - Canberra Raiders Cup delegate

Phillip Watts - Canberra Raiders Cup delegate

Yvette Croft - Canberra Women's Rugby League

Chris Nightingale - Canberra District Referees

Tony Rayner - George Tooke Shield delegate

Jon Tucker - Schools' delegate

## General Manager's Report

The 2017 rugby league season once again proved to be a great success in that over 5000 participants were on the playing fields each and every weekend. This season, the weather was a lot kinder to us and the scheduling was less disrupted.

To put 5000 participants on the field every weekend, I would like to pay tribute to our terrific volunteers and club officials who provide the backbone for the existence of clubs that organise our children and young men and women each for their involvement in our great sport. Thank you all for everything you do from First Aid and LeagueSafe duties to the canteens, ground marking and set up/pull down in all sorts of conditions across the region.

I wish to thank the clubs in particular as they work with us at CRRL to try and ensure superior behaviour and ethics from our supporters and parents, coaches and managers. It is a thankless and tough task and I appreciate the support we receive from the club officials. I cannot stress strongly enough that the league will be relentless to improve sideline behaviour until we can say that rugby league has the best behaved parents and supporters across all sports in Canberra and the surrounding region. All clubs need to remain vigilant in expecting and implementing high standards of behaviour.

Our participation numbers continue to tell a promising story but there is still a lot of work to do to get them to where we see growth across all our sectors.

YEAR	JUNIORS	SENIORS	TOTAL
2012	3589	766	4355
2013	3622	710	4332
2014	3575	667	4242
2015	3598	884	4482
2016	3454	1278	4732
2017	3402	1682	5084

Our overall numbers show an increase of 7.4% which is very commendable and the senior ranks have continued to grow. Much of this is due to the increased participation of women in our game across the League Tag and Tackle competitions. We have also been adding to the George Tooke competition as more players are attracted back to the game. In women's tackle rugby league we graduated from six Under 18 teams in 2016 to a new seven team Open Women's tackle competition which has become known as the Katrina Fanning Shield and now there are 19 teams in Ladies League Tag across both competitions.

The George Tooke competition saw the readmission of both Binalong and the University of Canberra Grizzlies which was welcomed and the expansion of the North Canberra senior club from one team to three. However, we did lose Braidwood after one season which was disappointing but the CRRL has maintained contact with the club and is looking at some alternate ways to keep rugby league present within that community.



The Youth League competition whilst competitive on the field still has its challenges in the number of teams we are able to get on the field. We are working on trying to get this competition to be more viable and accessible to young players or keeping them in the game longer.

Our junior competition started the season with one division from Under 13s to Under 16s. After four rounds we reverted the Under 13 and Under 14 grades to two divisions and Under 15 and Under 16s stayed as one division but two lots of semi finals as Division One and Division Two. These divisions will continue to be a challenge for administrators whilst ever there is movement between the divisions on previous year’s performance and clubs seeking to move to the most advantageous grades. Sometimes, this may be justified, sometimes not. It certainly makes it a challenging environment.

Although we maintained our spot as the fourth largest league in the NSW Junior Rugby League, we are on a continuing downward trend in our junior registrations. The changes to junior league in the Under 6-7 and Under 8 age groups were welcomed and certainly provided a game with more room and increased player involvement. However, as a sport we need to continually work at changing peoples’ perceptions of the way the game is played in the younger age groups with less emphasis on physicality and more on skills and involvement. The CRRL is looking at alternatives to get more children into the game and lessening peoples’ concerns on the physical nature of the game.

#### Female Participation

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>JUNIORS</b>	<b>SENIORS</b>
2012	24	0
2013	85	0
2014	129	0
2015	152	85
2016	193	200
2017	219	501

Apart from the obvious growth in female participation, the interesting statistic sits with the seniors. 501 female participants in a total senior participation number of 1682 is that nearly 30% of our participation are females. This is not a time to be complacent as we know many sports are competing for female athletes and many of our players are multi-skilled. We have to keep marketing our game as one that is inclusive and welcoming and looking to consolidate our growth.

There were two major changes this season, one in the junior program and one in the senior competition.

In the Junior competition the restructuring of the Under 6 to Under 8 programs with smaller field sizes, less players on the field and more emphasis on skill development was well received. Independent of our

game I received very positive feedback about the changes and the change in emphasis on it being a “different league” and less focus on the NRL itself for the junior age groups.

The senior competition saw the introduction of BarTV Sports’ services for our telecasts. This was a distinct change from simply filming matches for judiciary and referee development purposes to having a First Grade “Match of the Day” live streamed with highlights packages from all grades and post match interviews. We received improved coverage showing these on You Tube but then we were supercharged ten-fold by having the matches broadcast live on Facebook. The Grand Finals of both the Austbrokers Canberra, Canberra Raiders Cup and George Tooke Shield were live streamed; a first for our competition and especially the coverage of the George Tooke Grand Finals from Crookwell. The Raiders Cup Grand Final was also simulcast with Chris Coleman and Joe Provedello calling the match with the live stream and live on radio station 2CC.

I would like to thank our hardy and talented commentary team of Chris Coleman, Chris O’Brien, Geoff Koop, Joe Provedello and the versatile Jon Kroiter.

The CRRL and Raiders are looking to commercialise this opportunity going forward and increasing both our reach and viewership.

The coverage also enhanced our ability to engage with our members on-line in the different formats and our new Media Manager, Jon Kroiter, did an outstanding job in growing the media space. Whilst we have had issues around getting the new website functional, it was finally activated at the end of November.

Jon also provided an expanded Rugby League Record on-line and next season we will revert to the smaller format and get links with our stories on the new website. He also provided articles to the Canberra Times on women’s rugby league and increased our liaison with the regional newspapers which was greatly appreciated.

Here is a summary of the CRRL Media and Digital for 2017:

Social Media:

Facebook: 5147 Likes Increase 62% YOY

Twitter: 318 Followers Increase 60% YOY

Instagram: 419 Followers (New Platform for CRRL)

Highlights

- Most Popular Winter Code in the ACT on Facebook
- Huge traffic numbers for Live Streaming of finals matches (Average 11,040 Views)
- Facebook Highlights of all CRRL Matches across all four grades (Total 404,532 Views. Average 1,494 Views per Highlights video)
- Facebook Man of the Match Interviews (Average 2993 views)

The CRRL has continued to work with clubs, the ACT Government and local councils in supporting new developments or beginning to work strategically in gaining new assets. We were heartened to see approvals for the new pavilions and change rooms at both Boorowa and Crookwell. The Gowrie pavilion has been refurbished to accommodate both male and female athletes/players in their dressing room design and set up. The ACT Government will continue these types of refurbishment going forward. Also, we have been working on a program to find a new home for West Belconnen Juniors as a proposed expansion of Kippax Fair would take two ovals currently being used. There has been plenty of consultation and work on building a new pavilion and rehabilitating the Higgins Playing Fields as a future home for the Junior club.

Allied to this work, the CRRL has been working with north side clubs initially looking at the facilities available; where we require new facilities and how to lobby for them with new growth area opportunities in areas such as Bonner, Throsby, Taylor (Gungahlin); Ginninderry and Whitlam (West Belconnen); Development of the CSIRO and Arboretum areas (Belconnen) and the regeneration of inner north Canberra as areas we, as rugby league need to develop or re-engage with.

2017 saw the CRRL be admitted as a Tier One sport in the ACT Government Triennial funding agreements. This elevation to Tier One meant an increase in funding which has ostensibly gone towards upgrading our IT structures and improved media presence. This move to Tier One also means that we have more influence in being able to engage with ACT Government offices across sport and recreation, planning and health areas.

The CRRL was somewhat surprised with the decision of the Country Rugby League committee to, in effect, revisit the formation of the Monaro model for the Country Championships, which would now be an Under 23 competition. The bringing together of the Group 16 and Canberra Rugby League components for both the male and female teams presented many challenges, especially starting from scratch in December. I can only thank to outstanding work and co-operation between Allan Wilton and Tom Ebsworth, David Skinner and Kevin Felgate in assisting us in getting the teams outfitted, selected and training in what was to become an exciting journey.

The representative season, as noted in the Chairman's Report was highlighted by the win of the Monaro men's team in the Under 23 Country Championships. This was a validation of the development pathways of the local clubs and the work that the Raiders hierarchy also put in place with many of the players. The Monaro Ladies League Tag team played attractive football before falling to Western Division. I would like to thank Ben Wylie and Matt Pateman for once again preparing this team.



On the Open Women's tackle front, there was an exciting season. Two Rugby League Nines matches against Cronulla at GIO Stadium and Southern Cross Stadium proved to be experiential highlights for the

players involved. Although the Sharks were too strong in both matches, it was an invaluable insight for the team in to what we could aspire to. Also, we lost a close match to Illawarra at Bateman's Bay in a Country selection trial where Jennaya Ottaway and Samantha Wood went on to represent NSW Country. Many thanks to Open's coach, Sharleen Coomber, for her efforts with the team and also Olivia Boyd and Graeme Willard in assisting Sharleen.

The CRRL continues to work ever more closely with the Canberra Raiders organisation in aligning our mutual interests in rugby league and the development of the game in the region. The Raiders continued to supply match day corporate boxes, which allowed all clubs the opportunity of utilising two matches with which to entertain sponsors, thank volunteers or package them as part of a promotional or fund-raising activity. Signed Raiders jerseys and signed footballs were distributed for club fund-raising and player visits were organised. The CDRL continued to support the clubs with their referees for the junior grades and also ground hire on Friday nights.

I would like to highlight the outstanding contribution from our Raiders group of clubs at Gungahlin, Belconnen, Weston and Mawson who support local rugby league with their sponsorship. Also, we need to acknowledge the support of the Queanbeyan Leagues Club in being the financial driver for rugby league.

The referees once again did an outstanding job across both our juniors and seniors. This year was especially hectic as we have grown rather quickly in certain areas thus having more games to cover. The referees responded to this magnificently often moving between grounds two or three times in a day. The young crop of referees were quite impressive this year and we look forward to their development. We still need the assistance of the clubs in identifying touch judges and referees so that we can train them. We also need the clubs, with ourselves, to maintain and encourage the best behaviour so we don't discourage our officials with overt criticism and sideline abuse. This is a challenge for all of us and I can assure the rugby league community that the CRRL will relentlessly pursue the best behaviour outcomes possible. Congratulations to Dave Adams, Chris Nightingale and the Referees' Executive for their efforts.

The CRRL committee has been a great support and I am especially appreciative of their willingness to listen to new or alternate ideas and then judge these on their merits. It is a changing sporting market place we exist in and the challenge to remain relevant as a sport and have people play our game represents continual new challenges whether that be from other sports; changing social trends; costs or advocating for new facilities.

Finally, I would like to thank my wonderful staff for their hard work and engagement this season. To Deb Ford, Deb Charman, Wendy Bennett and Jon Kroiter, thank you for your wonderful dedication to not only administering the competition but for your leadership in developing new concepts and constantly seeking how we can make our game and competition more relevant to both youngsters and adults, females and males, and continue to grow the game.

Mark Vergano  
CRRL General Manager

## CRRL Announce Positive Participation Results



Canberra Region Rugby League is delighted to announce an overall increase in the number of registered rugby league participants in the Canberra region.

Having seen 4820 participants last year, CRRL has seen the number of people playing rugby league rise to 5192 in 2017 – an increase of 7.7%. In comparison, the growth rate nationwide was 1.4%.

One of the largest areas of growth was the number of female participants rising to 796 – a spectacular increase of 82%.

Encouragingly overall numbers for junior participants increased slightly with the introduction of Leaguestart Footy. Elsewhere, the number of male participants also enjoyed a slight increase.

CRRL General Manager, Mark Vergano said that the increase in participants across all forms of rugby league was highly encouraging.

“This year has seen CRRL juniors play Leaguestart Footy and new Mod League formats of the game,” Vergano said. “With kids becoming more involved in the game, it’s pleasing to see our junior numbers rising after a dip in previous years.

“The increase of female participation has also been a huge positive for the region with the introduction of an open women’s tackle competition and further league tag teams. The growth in the female game has been strong and this has also been a positive for our clubs as their ranks grow and more people are involved in rugby league.”

## 2017 CRRL Junior Competition Statistics

<b>Total Number of Clubs:</b>	15
<b>Total Number of Teams:</b>	222
<b>Total Number of Players:</b>	3402

<b>Competitions</b>	<b>2017 Teams</b>	<b>2017 Players</b>
Mini (U6–U9)*	105	1074
Mod (U10–U12)	65	1278
International (U13–U16)**	52	1050
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>222*</b>	<b>3402</b>

\*Numbers include the Goulburn Mini Competition, which was administered by CRRL, and run by Goulburn Stockmen Juniors.

\*\*Numbers include the 7 Girls Teams in 2017

<b>Breakdown</b>	<b>2017 Teams</b>	<b>Players</b>
Midgets	-	81
Under 5	-	190
Under 6	31	265
Under 7	33	315
Under 8	23	304
Under 9	18	321
Under 10	24	336
Under 11	23	314
Under 12	18	307
Under 13	13	240
Under 14	13	233
Under 15	10	218
Under 16	9	212
Under 17 Girls	7	52



The figures below have incorporated junior girls playing in the 2017 season.

Breakdown of Girls playing throughout the age groups are:

<b>Breakdown</b>	<b>No. of Female Participants</b>
Midgets	7
Under 5	14
Under 6	12
Under 7	9
Under 8	14
Under 9	10
Under 10	17
Under 11	5
Under 12	11
Under 13	14
Under 14	15
Under 15	34
Under 16	32
Under 17	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>219</b>

## McIntyre Medal

Brent Crisp has capped off a brilliant individual season by winning the 2017 Les McIntyre Medal as the Best and Fairest player in the Austbrokers Canberra, Canberra Raiders Cup.

Despite only playing ten of a possible 16 first grade matches, the Queanbeyan Kangaroos playmaker tallied 20 points as he held off Tuggeranong's Josh Mitchell (16 points) to the prestigious award.

Rounding out the award were Terry Campese (11 points – Queanbeyan Blues), Cleveland McGhie (10 points – Woden Valley Rams) and Ben Sione (10 points – Belconnen United Sharks).

Having played both at fullback and five-eighth throughout the season, Crisp finished the night with another two awards as he finished as the leading try scorer and leading points scorer.



## Full List of Award Winners

### Leading Try Scorers

#### George Tooke Shield

Youth League

**Wil Stanley, Nic Stephens & Patrick Smith** (13 tries)

Harden Hawks

Russell Kennedy Lawyers

**Brittany Thomas** (37 tries)

Bungendore Tigerettes

Ladies League Tag

Open Men's

**Kirk Patton** (17 tries)

North Canberra Bears

#### Katrina Fanning Shield

**Cailah Welch** (15 tries)

Queanbeyan Blues

#### Austbrokers Canberra CRC

U18s

**Kaine Pagura** (27 tries)

Queanbeyan Kangaroos

Russell Kennedy Lawyers

**Sophie Broadhead** (22 tries)

Yass Girl Pies

Ladies League Tag

Reserve Grade

**Nick Lawrence** (24 tries)

Queanbeyan Blues

First Grade

**Brent Crisp** (16 tries)

Queanbeyan Kangaroos

### Leading Point Scorers

#### George Tooke Shield

Youth League

**Ryan Daley** (1 try, 45 goals, 94 points)

Harden Hawks

Russell Kennedy Lawyers

**Brittany Thomas** (37 tries, 148 points)

Bungendore Tigerettes

Ladies League Tag

Open Men's

**Ben Picker** (11 tries, 63 goals, 170 points)

Crookwell Green Devils

#### Katrina Fanning Shield

**Lauren Kelly** (10 tries, 37 goals, 114 points)

Goulburn Stockmen

#### Austbrokers Canberra CRC

U18s

**Kristian Jansen** (14 tries, 71 goals, 198 points)

West Belconnen Warriors

Russell Kennedy Lawyers

**Sally Curry** (1 try, 53 goals, 110 points)

Goulburn Workers

Ladies League Tag

Bulldogs

Reserve Grade

**Nicolas Grant** (11 tries, 78 goals, 200 points)

Queanbeyan Kangaroos

First Grade

**Brent Crisp** (16 tries, 61 goals, 186 points)

Queanbeyan Kangaroos

## Coach of the Year

### George Tooke Shield

Russell Kennedy Lawyers Ladies  
League Tag  
Open Men's

***Patrick Lenane***

Crookwell She Devils

***Josh Burns***

Boorowa Rovers

### Katrina Fanning Shield

(Graham Willard Shield)

***Josh Baker & Jake Wheeler***

Queanbeyan Blues

### Austbrokers Canberra CRC

Russell Kennedy Lawyers Ladies  
League Tag  
First Grade  
(Don Furner Snr Shield)

***Darren Tredgold***

West Belconnen Warriors

***Steve Naughton & Scott  
Naughton***

Yass Magpies

### Representative Player of the Year

(Hewson/Stonham Shield)

***Mitchell Shaw***

Monaro

## Best and Fairest

### George Tooke Shield

Youth League  
(Colin York Shield)

***Nicolaas Stephens***

Harden Hawks

Russell Kennedy Lawyers Ladies  
League Tag

***Emma James***

Harden Hawks

Open Men's  
(Gavin Miller Shield)

***Ben Picker***

Crookwell Green Devils

### Katrina Fanning Shield

(Maree Bush Shield)

***Katie Glover***

West Belconnen Warriors

### Austbrokers Canberra CRC

U18s  
(David Sharpe Award)

***Lachlan Ingram***

Queanbeyan Kangaroos

Russell Kennedy Lawyers Ladies  
League Tag

***Alana Franks***

West Belconnen Warriors

Reserve Grade  
(Leedon Shield)

***Chris Rawlinson***

Yass Magpies

First Grade  
(Les McIntyre Medal)

***Brent Crisp***

Queanbeyan Kangaroos

## Outstanding Referee

(Noel Bissett Trophy)

***Oliver Levido***

## Rookie of the Year

(Don Elphick Medal)

***Nick Cotric***

## Naming of Awards

**Graham Willard Shield** – The Katrina Fanning Shield Coach of the Year award is named after inaugural Jillaroos coach Graham Willard. Willard won multiple premierships in women's rugby league in Canberra and enjoyed plenty of success at the Woden Valley Rams. Willard went on to coach the Jillaroos, the Australian Women's Rugby League Team, for their inaugural match in 1994.

**Don Furner Snr Shield** – The Canberra Raiders Cup First Grade Coach of the Year award is named after former Australian representative Don Furner Senior. During his playing years, Furner also represented Queensland before enjoying a successful coaching career. Furner coached Australia, the Queanbeyan Blues and was also the inaugural coach of the Canberra Raiders.

**Hewson/Stonham Shield** – The Representative Player of the Year Award is named after Steve Hewson and Phil Stonham. Steve Hewson represented Monaro, NSW Country and NSW and was named Country Player of the Year in 1975. He currently coaches the NSW Wheelchair Rugby League team. Phil Stonham enjoyed a long representative career with Monaro and was named Canberra Region as well as Country Player of the Year in 2004. Stonham played for the Queanbeyan Blues throughout the majority of his playing career.

**Colin York Shield** – The Youth League Best and Fairest award is named after former Australian prop Colin York. York played two tests for Australia and represented New South Wales on six occasions. York also represented Yass in the 1920's and 1930's.

**Gavin Miller Shield** – The George Tooke Shield Open Men's Best and Fairest Award is named after two time Dally M Medalist Gavin Miller. Miller played for a number of clubs but is best remembered for his stint with Cronulla where he was named as a club immortal. Miller also played for Goulburn during the late 1970's and early 1990's

**Maree Bush Shield** – The Katrina Fanning Shield Best and Fairest Award is named after influential administrator Maree Bush. Bush was a talented player who represented a number of clubs and helped establish new clubs in the women's competition.

**David Sharpe Award** – The Canberra Raiders Cup Under 18's Best and Fairest Award is named after David Sharpe. Sharpe was involved in rugby league in the Canberra Region as a player for the Queanbeyan Blues before helping establish senior rugby league in Tuggeranong with the Valley Dragons and Tuggeranong Bushrangers. Sharpe coached both of these sides. He was well known for his role as football manager with the Canberra Raiders where he implemented education, development and welfare programs for the NRL. Sharpe was also an Assistant Commissioner in the AFP and is currently the CEO of ASADA.

**Leedon Shield** – The Canberra Raiders Cup Reserve Grade Best and Fairest Award is named after Lee Donnelly who helped pave the way for the Raiders' entry to the NSWRL competition in 1982. He was heavily involved with the Woden Valley Rams and was also awarded life membership of the old Group 19 competition.

**Les McIntyre Medal** – The Canberra Raiders Cup First Grade Best and Fairest Award is named after Les McIntyre who was the founding father of the Canberra Raiders. McIntyre has been awarded life membership at the Canberra Raiders, Country Rugby League and New South Wales Rugby League.

**Noel Bissett Trophy** – The Outstanding Referee Award is named after former NSWRL referee and current CRRL Chairman, Noel Bissett. Bissett, who was awarded an Order of Australia in 2013, officiated in 275 Group

8 matches including 11 grand finals. Bissett is a life member of the Canberra Raiders and is also the current president of the Canberra/Monaro – Men of League charity.

**Don Elphick Medal** – The award for Outstanding Rookie from the Canberra Region at the Canberra Raiders is named after Don Elphick. Elphick played an instrumental role in the formation of the Canberra Raiders and is a life member at the club.

**Bradley Clyde Medal** – The medal awarded to the Player of the Match in the Canberra Raiders Cup First Grade Grand Final is named after former Canberra Raiders and Australian lock, Bradley Clyde. The two time Clive Churchill medalist played for the Belconnen United Sharks as a junior. Clyde was a part of the Raiders squad during their three premierships in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

**Doug McRitchie Medal** – The medal awarded to the Player of the Match in the Canberra Raiders Cup Reserve Grade Grand Final is named after former Queanbeyan United player Doug McRitchie. McRitchie played for the St George Dragons for eight years between 1942 and 1950. McRitchie also played six games each for Australia and NSW.

**Glenn Lazarus Medal** – The medal awarded to the Player of the Match in the Canberra Raiders Cup Under 18's Grand Final is named after former Canberra Raiders and Australia prop, Glenn Lazarus. Born in Queanbeyan, Lazarus went on to win two premierships with the Raiders before winning another three during his time with the Brisbane Broncos and Melbourne Storm. Lazarus also represented NSW on 19 occasions.

**Gary Marmont Medal** – The medal awarded to the Player of the Match in the George Tooke Shield Grand Final is named after Gary Marmont. In a long career in the local region, Marmont played for Captain's Flat and the Canberra Camels.

**Morgan/Quinn Medal** – The medal awarded to the Player of the Match in the Youth League Grand Final is named after Jim Morgan and Paul Quinn. Morgan was a prop who represented Queanbeyan United for four years in 1970s after an illustrious career with the South Sydney Rabbitohs and Eastern Suburb Roosters. Morgan also represented Australia on four occasions and NSW eight times. Quinn was also a prop who represented Australia and New South Wales. Born in Canberra, Quinn was well known for his stint with the Newtown Jets before finishing his career back in Canberra.

**Cath Welch Medal** – The medal awarded to the Player of the Match in the Katrina Fanning Shield Grand Final is named after former Woden Weston Rams player, Cath Welch. Welch, represented the ACT as captain during her playing days before founding the Australian Women's Rugby League Association. Welch was integral to the development of women's rugby league in Canberra.

**Tim Sheens Medal** – The medal awarded to the Premiership Winning Coach in First Grade of the Canberra Raiders Cup is named after Canberra Raiders Premiership winning coach, Tim Sheens. Sheens took the reins in Canberra in 1988 and during his eight year stint with the club, won three titles. Sheens also coached NSW and also coached Australia during a six year period.



## 2017 Competition Overview

### Austbrokers Canberra, Canberra Raiders Cup

#### First Grade

Position	Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Bye	For	Against	Difference	Points
1	Queanbeyan Blues	18	14	2	0	2	572	281	291	32
2	Queanbeyan Kangaroos	18	12	4	0	2	621	300	321	28
3	Yass Magpies	18	9	6	1	2	417	351	66	23
4	Tuggeranong Bushrangers	18	8	6	2	2	472	364	108	22
5	West Belconnen Warriors	18	9	7	0	2	393	368	25	22
6	Goulburn Workers Bulldogs	18	7	9	0	2	402	493	-91	18
7	Woden Valley Rams	18	5	8	3	2	353	419	-66	17
8	Gungahlin Bulls	18	4	12	0	2	350	516	-166	12
9	Belconnen United Sharks	18	1	15	0	2	242	730	-488	6

Major Semifinal: Queanbeyan Kangaroos 24 def. Queanbeyan Blues 24  
 Minor Semifinal: Yass Magpies 32 def. Tuggeranong Bushrangers 18  
 Preliminary Final: Queanbeyan Blues 30 def. Yass Magpies 0

## Grand Final

3:30pm, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017  
Seiffert Oval, Queanbeyan

### Queanbeyan Kangaroos

Simbiken, Jedidiah  
Aroha-Tuinauvai, Tolokana  
Cronan, Bryan  
Connolly, Mitchell  
Dumas, Luke  
Crisp, Brent  
Essex, Joshua  
Dunn, Steven  
Gorrell, Aaron  
Ayers, Joshua  
Ngere, Nukurua  
Whiley, Troy  
Taholo, Aisea  
Dent, Jesse  
Baxter, Jayden  
Woods, Aidan  
Spaander, Logan

### Queanbeyan Blues

1 Wheeler, Jake  
2 Taueki, Brendon  
3 Stevens, Tyler  
4 Ruediger, Thomas  
5 Fainifo, Francis  
6 Campese, Terry  
7 Misios, Adam  
8 O'Donnell, Kyle  
9 Ulrick, James  
10 Stein, Jake  
11 Cullen, Michael  
12 Baker, Joshua  
13 Rutland, Scott  
14 Nicoll, Ben  
15 Spears, Brendon  
16 Ngata, Ilaisa  
17 Mcinnes, Aaron

**Queanbeyan Blues 13** (Tries: A Misios, K O'Donnell; Goals: T Campese 2; Field Goal: T Campese) d  
**Queanbeyan Kangaroos 6** (Try: T Aroha-Tuinauvai; Goal: B Crisp)

**Player of the Match:** Terry Campese (Queanbeyan Blues)  
(Bradley Clyde Medal)



## Reserve Grade

Position	Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Bye	For	Against	Difference	Points
1	Queanbeyan Blues	18	13	2	1	2	594	172	422	31
2	West Belconnen Warriors	18	11	3	2	2	440	262	178	28
3	Queanbeyan Kangaroos	18	10	6	0	2	558	344	214	24
4	Yass Magpies	18	9	5	2	2	422	326	96	24
5	Tuggeranong Bushrangers	18	9	6	1	2	404	301	103	23
6	Gungahlin Bulls	18	9	6	1	2	367	366	1	23
7	Woden Valley Rams	18	5	10	1	2	392	342	50	15
8	Goulburn Workers Bulldogs	18	2	14	0	2	236	546	-310	8
9	Belconnen United Sharks	18	0	16	0	2	124	878	-754	4

## Finals Series

Major Semifinal:	Queanbeyan Blues	14	def.	West Belconnen Warriors	6
Minor Semifinal:	Queanbeyan Kangaroos	24	def.	Yass Magpies	16
Preliminary Final:	West Belconnen Warriors	12	def.	Queanbeyan Kangaroos	8

## Grand Final

1:40pm, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017  
Seiffert Oval, Queanbeyan

### Queanbeyan Blues

Murray, Reeion  
Agresta, Joe  
Lawrence, Nicholas  
Holstein, Simon  
Stewart, George  
Hunt, Peter  
McGlone, Jack  
Taholo, Samiuela  
Jamieson, Todd  
Day, Mitchell  
Ahosivi, Liuaki  
Stuckey, Joshua  
Kalsbeek, Scott  
Ahosivi, Dylan  
Brennan, Timothy  
Lotawa, Jeremaia  
Martin, Matt  
Taholo, Taulata  
Ta'ufo'ou Nutimeki, William  
Ahosivi, Sione

### West Belconnen Warriors

1 Barnes, Kalon  
2 McFarlane, Beau  
3 Ryan, Phillip  
4 Fulivai, Ricky  
5 Marsh, Blaise  
6 McDonnell, Jock  
7 Keeley, Lachlan  
8 Harvey, Fraser  
9 Graham, Bayley  
10 Berry, William  
11 Finnerty, Craig  
12 Whatman, Nicholas  
13 Middleton, Timothy  
14 Graham, Jacob  
15 Adams, Zachary  
16 Vardos, Michael  
17 Tredgold, Sam  
18 McGee, Mitchell  
19 Dorahy, James  
20/21 Litster, Dustin

**West Belconnen Warriors 18** (Tries: P Ryan, B Marsh, J McDonnell; Goals: J McDonnell 2, B Graham) d  
**Queanbeyan Blues 16** (Tries: S Holstein, J McGlone, L Ahosivi; Goals: S Taholo 2)

**Player of the Match:** Jock McDonnell (West Belconnen Warriors)  
(Doug McRitchie Medal)



## Under 18

Position	Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Bye	For	Against	Difference	Points
1	Queanbeyan Kangaroos	18	15	1	0	2	676	201	475	34
2	Woden Valley Rams	18	12	4	0	2	624	263	361	28
3	West Belconnen Warriors	18	12	4	0	2	637	288	349	28
4	Goulburn Workers Bulldogs	18	11	4	1	2	554	274	280	27
5	Tuggeranong Bushrangers	18	7	8	1	2	474	346	128	19
6	Gungahlin Bulls	18	7	9	0	2	420	532	-112	18
7	Yass Magpies	18	3	13	0	2	205	568	-363	10
8	Queanbeyan Blues	18	3	13	0	2	170	772	-602	10
9	Belconnen United Sharks	18	1	15	0	2	200	716	-516	6

## Finals Series

Major Semifinal:	Woden Valley Rams	22	def.	Queanbeyan Kangaroos	10
Minor Semifinal:	Goulburn Workers Bulldogs	36	def.	West Belconnen Warriors	14
Preliminary Final:	Goulburn Workers Bulldogs	24	def.	Queanbeyan Kangaroos	6

Grand Final

10:40 am, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017  
Seiffert Oval, Queanbeyan

**Woden Valley Rams**

Eveston, Lachlan  
Griffiths, Connor  
Mannion, Will  
Kavaliku-Skinner, Alexander  
Anderson, Benjamin  
Desmet, Daniel  
McMahon, Shane  
Robertson, Thomas  
Hepburn, Hayden  
Kaufusi, Solomon  
Swanson, Scott  
Ryan, Michael  
Leuluai, Canaan  
Smith, Bradley  
Evans, Alexander  
Jenvey, Shaun  
McLean, Jackson  
Sheehan, Matthew  
Velis, Deakin

**Goulburn Workers Bulldogs**

1 Boyt, Brayden  
2 Marks, Cameron  
3 Klower, Tristan  
4 Moss, Christian  
5 Chapman, Matthew  
6 Dodson, Ryan  
7 Roberts, Joe  
8 Atkinson, Mitchell  
9 Marshall, Angus  
10 Hazelton, Thomas  
11 Lanham, Isaac  
12 Granger, Justyn  
13 Whittaker, Tommy  
14 Menzies, Thomas  
15 Eaton, Joshua  
16 Higham, Daniel  
17 Clark, Brendan  
18 White, Mitchell  
19

**Woden Valley Rams 20** (A Kavaliku-Skinner, B Anderson, H Hepburn, S Kaufusi; Goals: S McMahon 2) d  
**Goulburn Workers Bulldogs 16** (Goals: C Marks, T Menzies 2; Goals: M Atkinson 2)

**Player of the Match:** Shane McMahon (Woden Valley Rams)  
(Glenn Lazarus Medal)





## Ladies League Tag

Position	Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Bye	For	Against	Difference	Points
1	West Belconnen Warriors	18	16	0	0	2	421	96	325	36
2	Yass Girl Pies	18	13	3	0	2	434	90	344	30
3	Goulburn Workers Bulldogs	18	12	4	0	2	400	126	274	28
4	Belconnen United Sharks	18	10	6	0	2	290	218	72	24
5	Gungahlin Bulls	18	5	10	1	2	200	418	-218	15
6	Tuggeranong Bushrangers	18	5	11	0	2	228	264	-36	14
7	Woden Valley Rams	18	5	11	0	2	198	363	-165	14
8	Bungendore Tigerettes CRC	18	3	13	0	2	120	488	-368	10
9	Queanbeyan Kangaroos	18	2	13	1	2	146	374	-228	9

## Finals Series

Major Semifinal:	West Belconnen Warriors	20	def.	Yass Girl Pies	18
Minor Semifinal:	Goulburn Workers Bulldogs	16	def.	Belconnen United Sharks	10
Preliminary Final:	Goulburn Workers Bulldogs	12	def.	Yass Girl Pies	4

## Grand Final

9:25am, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017

Seiffert Oval, Queanbeyan

<b>West Belconnen Warriors</b>		<b>Goulburn Workers Bulldogs</b>
Franks, Alana	1	Marmont, Amelia
Goss, Jessica	2	
Lang, Sara	3	Godkin, Laura
Williams, Renae	4	Day, Ellen
Bishop, Brigitte	5	
Tsakalos, Kayla	6	Curry, Sally
Watt, Courtney	7	Gann, Kayla
Posantzis, Maria	8	Hand, Jessica
Kapea, Keesha	9	
Tredgold, Georgia	10	Reid, Cassie
Hardie, Gabriella	11	Cranston, Maddison
Magyar, Tarni	12	Hately, Claire
Philpot, Molly	13	
Radovanov, Alannah	14	Day, Amy
Stewart, Georgia	15	
Kapea, Kahurangi	16	Economos, Samantha
Kris, Savannah	17/21	Zammit, Jessica
Magyar, Kristy	18/22	Hickey, Breanna

**West Belconnen Warriors 14** (Tries: A Franks, C Watt, T Magyar; Goal: T Magyar) d **Goulburn Workers Bulldogs 8** (Try: C Reid; Goals: S Curry 2)

**Player of the Match:** Tarni Magyar (West Belconnen Warriors)



## George Tooke Shield

### Open Men's

Position	Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Bye	For	Against	Difference	Points
1	Crookwell Green Devils	17	13	1	0	3	576	98	478	32
2	Harden Hawks	17	11	2	1	3	549	124	425	29
3	Boorowa Rovers	17	11	2	1	3	468	136	332	29
4	North Canberra Bears	17	9	5	0	3	440	298	142	24
5	Binalong Brahmans	17	7	6	1	3	278	316	-38	21
6	Bungendore Tigers	17	6	8	0	3	280	312	-32	18
7	UC Grizzlies	17	4	9	1	3	274	396	-122	15
8	Boomanulla Raiders	17	3	11	0	3	330	346	-16	12
9	ADFA Knights	17	3	11	0	3	130	607	-477	12
10	Gunning Roos	17	1	13	0	3	50	742	-692	8

### Finals Series

Qualifying Final:	Harden Hawks	42	def.	Boorowa Rovers	16
Elimination Final:	North Canberra Bears	26	def.	Binalong Brahmans	12
Major Semifinal:	Crookwell Green Devils	25	def.	Harden Hawks	24
Minor Semifinal:	North Canberra Bears	28	def.	Boorowa Rovers	16
Preliminary Final:	Harden Hawks	20	def.	North Canberra Bears	14

## Grand Final

2:45pm, Saturday 9th September 2017  
Crookwell Memorial Oval, Crookwell

<b>Crookwell Green Devils</b>		<b>Harden Hawks</b>
Knight, Daniel	1	Byrne, Adam
Walker, Isaac	2	Schofield, Nathan
Cummins, Steven	3	Pouono, Johnathan
Smith, Simon	4	Lafaele, Aufaga
Evans, Benjamin	5	Close, Nathan
McGeechan, Mitchell	6	McLay, Matthew
McGeechan, Charles	7	Jenkins, Edward
Rowles, Darnell	8	Stanton, Luke
Picker, Benjamin	9	Brown, Luke
Selmes, Kurt	10	McArthur, Nicholas
Leonard, Andy	11	Hogan, Jayke
Eddy, Jayden	12	Williams, Pere
Cummins, Joseph	13	Salway, Christopher
Aramoana, Dion	16/14	Rech, Dylan
Dawson, Jack	17/15	Snedden, Luke
Evans, Adam	18/16	Drew, Daniel
Day, Justin	19/17	Stephens, Nicolaos
Storrier, Nathan	20	Pouono, Junior
Brown, Michael	21	Naeata, Siope
McCallum, Shane	22/25	Gregory, William

**Harden Hawks 24** (Tries: A Byrne, N Schofield, J Pouono, N McArthur; Goals: N Schofield 4) d **Crookwell Green Devils 20** (Tries: B Picker 2, I Walker, D Aramoana; Goals: I Walker 2)

**Player of the Match:** Luke Brown (Harden Hawks)  
(Gary Marmont Medal)



## Ladies League Tag

Position	Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Bye	For	Against	Difference	Points
1	Bungendore Tigerettes	17	14	0	0	3	784	24	760	34
2	Harden Hawkettes	17	13	1	0	3	444	46	398	32
3	Boomanulla Raiderettes	17	11	3	0	3	334	128	206	28
4	Crookwell She Devils	17	10	4	0	3	326	204	122	26
5	Boorowa Roverettes	17	9	5	0	3	278	288	-10	24
6	Gunning Rooetts	17	5	9	0	3	162	242	-80	16
7	Binalong Jersey Girls	17	3	11	0	3	116	324	-208	12
8	UC Grizzlies	17	3	11	0	3	78	338	-260	12
9	North Canberra Bears	17	2	12	0	3	104	388	-284	10
10	ADFA Knights	17	0	14	0	3	26	670	-644	6

## Finals Series

Qualifying Final:	Harden Hawkettes	22	def.	Boomanulla Raiderettes	8
Elimination Final:	Crookwell She Devils	22	def.	Boorowa Roverettes	20
Major Semifinal:	Bungendore Tigerettes	26	def.	Harden Hawkettes	12
Minor Semifinal:	Crookwell She Devils	4	def.	Boomanulla Raiderettes	0
Preliminary Final:	Harden Hawkettes	26	def.	Crookwell She Devils	0

## Grand Final

1:30pm, Saturday 9th September 2017  
Crookwell Memorial Oval, Crookwell

### Bungendore Tigerettes

Grocott, Rachel	1
Stewart, Jamie	3/2
Pateman, Teagan	6/3
O'Rourke, Jessica	7/4
Cooper, Jessica	8/5
Fisher, Cassandra	9/6
Thomas, Brittany	10/7
Ward, Annie	12/8
Kay, Taylor	13/9
Hirst, Kody-Leigh	14/11
Orr, Madeleine	16/13
Brigden, Paige	18/15
Kooyman, Josephine	19/18
Shoobert, Ellen	24/21
Leach, Ashleigh	28/23
Harris, Tori	32/24
Turnbull, Caitlin	33
Melavirta, Brooke	36
Pryor, Lillie	39

### Harden Hawkettes

Smith, Grace
Quinn, Emilie
Smith, Clare
Smith, Georgia
Smith, Casey
James, Emma
Doolan, Jessica
Doolan, Samantha
Menz, Kate
Fredericks, Molly
Douglass, Maddison
Murray, Georgia
Chesworth, Lucy
Butt, Katie
Minehan, Marylouise
Howe, Olivia

**Bungendore Tigerettes 28** (Tries: R Grocott, T Pateman, B Thomas, E Schoobert, C Turnbull; Goals: A Leach 3) d **Harden Hawkettes 16** (Tries: C Smith, J Doolan, K Butt; Goals: E James 2)

**Player of the Match:** Teagan Pateman (Bungendore Tigers)



## Youth League

Position	Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Bye	For	Against	Difference	Points
1	Harden Hawks	16	12	0	0	4	476	94	382	32
2	Crookwell Green Devils	16	7	4	1	4	366	212	154	23
3	Tuggeranong Bushrangers	16	7	4	1	4	284	240	44	23
4	North Canberra Bears	16	3	9	0	4	190	332	-142	14
5	Bungendore Tigers	16	0	12	0	4	72	510	-438	8

## Finals Series

Qualifying Final:	Crookwell Green Devils	20	def.	Tuggeranong Bushrangers	6
Elimination Final:	North Canberra Bears	46	def.	Bungendore Tigers	4
Major Semifinal:	Harden Hawks	40	def.	Crookwell Green Devils	22
Minor Semifinal:	North Canberra Bears	40	def.	Tuggeranong Bushrangers	4
Preliminary Final:	North Canberra Bears	32	def.	Crookwell Green Devils	14



## Grand Final

12:00pm, Saturday 9th September 2017  
Crookwell Memorial Oval, Crookwell

### Harden Hawks

Davis, Samuel  
Daley, Ryan  
Forsyth, Oscar  
Veness, Mark  
Butt, Thomas  
Stephens, Nicoloas  
Stanley, Wil  
Shoard, Brent  
Smith, Patrick  
Quinn, William  
Hinds, Jack  
Stanley, Jack  
Davis, Ben  
McGrath, Blake  
Power, Chandler  
Bolger, Rory  
Jenkins, Benjamin  
Forsyth, Harrison  
Stewart, Joseph  
Coffey, Zachary

### North Canberra Bears

1 Pehara, Jeffery Jonben  
2 Leonard, James  
3 Bobola, Ezra  
4 Wilson, Riley  
5 Woods, Andrew  
6 Gaudie, Lane  
7 Thompson, Michael  
8 Smith, Robbie  
9 Hogan, Benjamin  
10 Yves, Joshua  
11 Best, Cameron  
12 Barker, Joshua  
13 Brown, Jeffery  
14 Tameo, Frank  
15 Brewer, Lachlan  
17/16 Taylor-Steele, William  
18/17 Taylor-Steele, Alexander  
19/18 Cuevas, Jose  
21/19 Cantlie, Andrew  
23/20 Towell, Dylan

**Harden Hawks 36** (Tries: P Smith 3, W Stanley, B Shoard, R Bolger, J Stewart; Goals: R Daley 4) d **North Canberra Bears 0**

**Player of the Match:** William Quinn (Harden Hawks)  
(Morgan/Quinn Medal)



## Katrina Fanning Shield

Position	Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Bye	For	Against	Difference	Points
1	Queanbeyan Blues	14	12	0	0	2	457	44	413	28
2	Goulburn Stockmen	14	9	3	0	2	344	186	158	22
3	Yass Magpies	14	7	5	0	2	288	148	140	18
4	Valley Dragons	14	6	6	0	2	240	189	51	16
5	Tuggeranong Buffaloes	14	3	9	0	2	126	326	-200	10
6	Queanbeyan Kangaroos	14	3	9	0	2	105	390	-285	10
7	West Belconnen	14	2	10	0	2	106	383	-277	8

### Finals Series

Major Semifinal: Queanbeyan Blues 34 def. Goulburn Stockmen 10  
 Minor Semifinal: Yass Magpies 12 def. Valley Dragons 10  
 Preliminary Final: Goulburn Stockmen 18 def. Yass Magpies 10

Grand Final

12:10pm, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017  
Seiffert Oval, Queanbeyan

<b>Queanbeyan Blues</b>		<b>Goulburn Stockmen</b>
Miners, Courtney	2/1	Hazelton, Elly
Welch, Cailah	3/2	Downs, Maggie
Leonard , Michaela	4/3	Deaton, Hollie
Kapea, Keesha	5/4	Selmes, Emily
Allan, Shaenice	6/5	Anable, Ellen
Cridland, Sophie	8/6	Rakete, Pearl
Wilton, Remi	9/7	Kelly, Lauren
Bink, Renee	10/8	O'Connor, Bridgette
White, Emma	11/9	Ottaway, Jennaya
Thorpe, Taylor	12/10	Granger, Kristina
Hart, Regan	14/11	Watterston, Leah
Wood, Samantha	15/12	Mills, Kylie
Stuckey, Chelsea	16/13	Baxter, Telisha
Robinson, Paris	17/16	Suggett, Maddison
Coleman, Cassie	21/18	Williams, Kristen
MacArthur, Irene	22/21	Whittick, MacCie
Carter, Sarah	23	
Meakes, Yasmin	24	
Thorne , Shikierra	25	

**Queanbeyan Blues 36** (Tries: K Kapea, R Wilton, R Hart, S Wood, I MacArthur, S Carter, Y Meakes; Goals: S Wood 4) d **Goulburn Stockmen 16** (Tries: P Rakete 2, J Ottaway; Goals: L Kelly 2)

**Player of the Match:** Yasmin Meakes (Queanbeyan Blues)  
(Cath Welch Medal)



## Club Championships

### Austbrokers Canberra, Canberra Raiders Cup

<b>Club Championship</b>	<b>Youth x 1.5</b>	<b>L Tag x 1.5</b>	<b>U18s x 2</b>	<b>Reserves x 3</b>	<b>Firsts x 4</b>	<b>Total</b>
West Belconnen Warriors	-	54	56	84	88	282
Queanbeyan Kangaroos	-	13.5	68	72	112	265.5
Tuggeranong Bushrangers	34.5	21	38	69	88	250.5
Queanbeyan Blues	-	-	20	93	128	241
Yass Magpies	-	45	20	72	92	229
Goulburn Workers Bulldogs	-	42	54	24	72	192
Woden Valley Rams	-	21	56	45	68	190
Gungahlin Bulls	-	22.5	36	69	48	175.5
Belconnen United Sharks	-	36	12	12	24	84

### George Tooke Shield

<b>Club Championship</b>	<b>Youth x 2</b>	<b>L Tag x 3</b>	<b>Tooke x 4</b>	<b>Total</b>
Harden Hawks	64	96	116	276
Crookwell Green Devils	46	78	128	252
Bungendore Tigers	16	102	72	190
Boorowa Rovers	-	72	116	188
North Canberra Bears	28	30	96	154
Boomanulla Raiders	-	78	48	126
Binalong Brahmans	-	36	84	120
UC Grizzlies	-	36	60	96
Gunning Roos	-	48	32	80
ADFA Knights	-	18	48	66

## Junior Grand Finals

### 2017 Junior League Finals Club Representations (including playoffs)

CLUB	TEAMS
Belconnen United Sharks	U10z3, U11z3, U11z2, U12z1, U13z2, U13z1
Bungendore Tigers	U10z3, U11z3
Cooma Colts	U11z2
Crookwell Green Devils	U10z2, U11z2, U15z2
Goulburn Stockmen	U10z2, U10z1, U11z1, U12z2, U12z1, U13z1, U14z1, U15z1, U16z1, U17Girls
Gungahlin Bulls	U10z2, U11z3, U11z2, U12z2, U13z2, U13z1, U15z2, U17Girls
North Canberra Bears	U13z1, U16z1
Queanbeyan Kangaroos	U10z3, U17 Girls
Queanbeyan United	U11z1, U12z2, U14z1, U15z1, U16z1
South Tuggeranong Knights	U10z1, U15z2, U16z2
Tuggeranong Buffaloes	U12z1, U13z2, U14z2
Valley Dragons	U11z1, U14z1, U15z1, U16z2
West Belconnen Warriors	U10z2, U10z1, U11z3, U11z1, U12z2, U13z2, U14z2, U14z1, U15z2, U16z2, U17 Girls
Woden Weston Rams	U10z1, U12z1, U14z2, U15z1, U16z1
Yass Magpies	U10z3, U14z2, U16z2

### Grand Final Articles

#### Under 10s

##### Zone 3

#### **Belconnen United Sharks 42 d Bungendore Orange 26**

Bungendore Orange shot out of the blocks with two quick tries, but the Belconnen United Sharks hit back emphatically with five of their own.

The Sharks continued to pile on the points with two quick tries in the second half, but Bungendore kept fighting hard and were rewarded with three tries.

However, the Sharks managed to seal the win with a late try.

Player of the Match: Blake Kemp (Belconnen United Sharks)

Zone 2

**Crookwell Green Devils 30 d West Belconnen Blue 28**

Both Crookwell and West Belconnen started strongly as the two traded tries within the opening minutes.

However, West Belconnen edged in front thanks to a pinpoint cross-field kick which was duly gathered and grounded in the in goal.

Crookwell started the second half strongly and managed to create a comfortable lead, but West Belconnen ensured a grandstand finish with two late tries.

Despite the nerves, Crookwell managed to hold on to claim a memorable two-point victory.

Player of the Match: Levi Woods (Crookwell Green Devils)

Zone 1

**Goulburn Stockmen Blue 32 d South Tuggeranong Red 24**

Goulburn got off to a flying start with an early try thanks to a powerful run, but South Tuggeranong managed to stay with them as the two teams traded tries.

With the scores locked at 12 all, the Stockmen managed to score on either side of halftime to seize the momentum.

South Tuggeranong managed to score in return, but it was not enough as Goulburn claimed the win.

Player of the Match: Jamie Cowling (Goulburn Stockmen)



## Under 11s

### Zone 3

#### **Bungendore Tigers Orange 40 d Belconnen United White 12**

Bungendore got off to the perfect start with a try in the first twenty seconds before adding their second try only minutes later.

The Tigers continued their try scoring form as they piled on the tries to race to a 28-0 halftime lead.

Belconnen United White returned to the field energised in the second half and managed two tries in an even second half.

However, Bungendore's strong first half showing was too much as they ran out 40-12 winners.

Player of the Match: Henry Meggit (Bungendore Tigers Orange)

### Zone 2

#### **Belconnen United Black 38 d Crookwell Green Devils 24**

Belconnen United Black and Crookwell Green Devils went toe to toe at the start of the match as both teams traded early tries.

Belconnen managed two tries to grab more momentum, but Crookwell managed to hit back before the break to move within one try.

However, Belconnen managed to keep their noses in front to secure a 38-24 win.

Player of the Match: Sam Chapman (Belconnen United Black)

### Zone 1

#### **Goulburn Stockmen Blue 32 d Valley Dragons Red 24**

The Goulburn Stockmen opened the scoring before the Valley Dragons hit back to level the scores.

However, the Dragons comeback was short-lived as Goulburn replied immediately before adding another try after halftime.

The Dragons kept persisting but couldn't close the gap as the sides traded tries.

Player of the Match: Mitchell Ezzy (Goulburn Stockmen Blue)



## Under 12s

### Zone 2

#### **West Belconnen Blue 24 d Queanbeyan United Blue 22**

West Belconnen started at blistering pace with two early tries, with the second coming courtesy of a pinpoint cross-field kick.

Queanbeyan United persevered and were rewarded with a try of their own, but West Belconnen hit back immediately and took the lead into halftime.

Queanbeyan started the stronger of the two sides after the break and levelled the scores at 18-18 with ten minutes remaining.

West Belconnen hit the front with five minutes remaining, but Queanbeyan scored a try to close the gap to two points.

However, the conversion went right of the posts which allowed West Belconnen to claim the premiership.

Player of the Match: Jamieson Norris (West Belconnen Blue)

### Zone 1

#### **Woden Weston Rams Blues 24 d Tuggeranong Buffaloes 22**

The battle between Tuggeranong and Woden Weston was hard fought with both sides trading tries in the first half.

However, Woden's proficiency with the boot gave them a two-point lead at halftime.

The two sides continued to trade tries after the break, but Tuggeranong managed to sneak ahead in the final few minutes.

That was not the end of the drama though as Woden Weston scored right on fulltime to clinch the match and the premiership.

Player of the Match: Grace Lyons (Woden Weston Rams Blue)

## U13s

### Zone 2

#### **Belconnen United Black 30 d Gungahlin Bulls Silver 6**

Belconnen United Black got off to an ideal start as they scored within the opening five minutes in the western corner.

Gungahlin ground their way back into the match but an error allowed Belconnen to capitalise and enter the break with a 10-0 lead.

Belconnen scored one minute after the restart to extend their lead before scoring another three tries later in the half.

The Bulls continued to toil away and were rewarded with a late try under the posts.

Player of the Match: Jye Smith (Belconnen United Black)

### Zone 1

#### **Belconnen United White 24 d Goulburn Stockmen 22**

Belconnen United White scored 20 unanswered points to complete a thrilling comeback to claim the U13s Zone 1 Premiership.

Belconnen got off to a fantastic start when they gathered the ball from a towering kick to cross the line and score.

However, the Goulburn Stockmen rose to the challenge and scored shortly afterwards on the back of a scrum before adding another three tries.

Belconnen kept fighting and scored two tries in a period where they placed immense pressure on the Goulburn defence before a length of the field try levelled the scores.

With the teams unable to be separated in normal time, an extra time penalty goal sealed the win for Belconnen.

Player of the Match: Harley Young (Belconnen United White)

## U14s

### Zone 2

#### **Woden Weston Rams 20 d Yass Magpies 10**

The Woden Weston Rams claimed the U14 Zone 2 Premiership in extra time as they managed to hold off a brave Yass Magpies outfit.

The Woden Weston Rams opened the scoring thanks to a dart from dummy half but the Yass Magpies took the lead into the break thanks to a converted try.

Both teams struggled to find an opening in the second half, but Yass were dealt a blow when they had a player sent to the sin bin 14 minutes from fulltime.

Woden Weston made their numerical advantage count when they latched onto the ball after it took a wicked bounce from the kick, but Yass were not deterred and hit back almost immediately to level the scores.

With the scores level at fulltime, the game went into extra time, and Woden Weston were the first to score as they took advantage of a Yass mistake from the kickoff before scoring a second try late on.

Player of the Match: Joshua Jenkins (Woden Weston Rams)

### Zone 1

#### **Valley Dragons Red 26 d Goulburn Stockmen Blue 12**

A brilliant second half saw the Valley Dragons Red beat Goulburn Stockmen Blue to claim the U14s Zone 1 Premiership.

The Valley Dragons got off to an ideal start as they scored in the opening moments, but Goulburn levelled the scores.

Both teams continued to threaten the scoreboard, but Goulburn came closest as they looked to have scored in the corner, but the player's foot was judged to be in touch.

The Dragons got their noses in front in the second half with a try in the opening 25 seconds before scoring a length of the field try shortly afterwards.

The Dragons continued to flex their muscles with another two tries, including another length of the field try.

The Goulburn Stockmen Blue were rewarded with a late try, but it was not enough as the Dragons claimed the win.

Player of the Match: Tyrel Kimori-Edmond (Valley Dragons Red)

## U15s

### Zone 2

#### **South Tuggeranong Knights 26 d West Belconnen Blue 22**

The South Tuggeranong Knights completed one of the most remarkable comebacks of the weekend as they turned around at 22 point deficit to claim the U15s Zone 1 Premiership.

West Belconnen Blue opened the scoring early on through a try after South Tuggeranong failed to deal with a grubber towards the in goal.

Having planted the loose ball for the first try, West Belconnen made easy meters up the field as they scored three more tries to make the score 22-0 at halftime.

However, South Tuggeranong started the second half strongly and scored thanks to a length of the field solo effort before adding a second try shortly afterwards.

South Tuggeranong continued their renaissance and remarkably hit the front with five minutes remaining.

Player of the Match: Kye Pearson (South Tuggeranong Knights)

### Zone 1

#### **Woden Weston Rams 38 d Queanbeyan United Blues 20**

The Woden Weston Rams turned on a fantastic attacking display as they romped to a 38-20 win over the Queanbeyan Blues.

The Queanbeyan United Blues wasted little time getting on the scoresheet with a try in their first visit upfield. However, Woden Weston hit back minutes later before starting a rampage of the Queanbeyan try line.

The Rams were relentless in attack and continued to make easy meters and scored another five tries to take a 34-4 lead into the halftime break.

Woden Weston rammed their way over the line to continue their try-scoring form in the second half, but the Blues kept toiling and were duly rewarded with three late tries.

Player of the Match: Junior Tupou

## U16s

### Zone 2

#### **Valley Dragons 40 d West Belconnen Warriors 24**

An impressive performance from the Valley Dragons has secured the U16s Zone 2 Premiership with a 40-24 win over West Belconnen.

The Valley Dragons started the match with an early try before adding a second from close range.

The Valley Dragons managed to score another two tries, including a spectacular 50m try but West Belconnen's determination paid off as they managed to score in the eastern corner.

However, the Valley Dragons managed to score another try to take a 22-6 lead into the halftime break.

The West Belconnen Warriors started the second half strongly scored two tries thanks to dazzling footwork but the Valley Dragons scored a try sandwiched between the two.

The Dragons scored another two tries to wrap up the game, although the Warriors did manage to nab a late consolation try.

Player of the Match: Tyson Kelly (Valley Dragons)

## **U16s**

### Zone 1

#### **Queanbeyan Blues 18 d North Canberra Bears 16**

The Queanbeyan Blues held on by the skin of their teeth to claim a nail-biting grand final win.

The North Canberra Bears started strongly, but the Blues scored against the run of play before adding another try to their tally.

The Bears clawed a try back on the stroke of halftime, but Queanbeyan took control once again with a length of the field try.

The match took a twist ten minutes from time when a Blues player was sent to the sin bin, and North Canberra capitalised with a try immediately.

However, the Bears missed the conversion and the Blues held on for victory.

Player of the Match: Jordan Williams (Queanbeyan Blues)



## U17s Girls

### **Gungahlin Bulls 42 d Goulburn Stockmen 20**

The Gungahlin Bulls claimed the U17s Girls Premiership with a well-earned 42-20 win over Goulburn.

The Gungahlin Bulls started the match the stronger of the two sides as they scored three tries to Goulburn's two.

The Bulls continued to edge ahead in the third quarter with another two tries to Goulburn's one, to take a 32-14 lead.

The Stockmen continued to nip at Gungahlin's heels with a try early in the final quarter when they capitalised on Gungahlin's disorganised defence after a break downfield.

However, the Bulls halted Goulburn's comeback with a powerful run through the middle of the field that broke through the line to score.

The Bulls put the icing on the cake with a 50-meter try right on fulltime.

Player of the Match: Emily Hoffman (Gungahlin Bulls)

## Representative Football

### Country Championships

#### Under 23's Men's

In the first season since the Country Championships were restructured to be an Under 23's competition, the Monaro side, comprising of players from Canberra and Group 16, showcased their talent as they took out the title despite a gruelling travelling schedule.

With all but one player in the side registered in the Austbrokers Canberra CRC, the side coached by Woden's Ash Barnes got off to a great start as they defeated the Western Rams 62-0.

Progressing to Round 2, Monaro secured a 28-12 over the Riverina to set up a tantalising semi-final with the Illawarra South Coast Warriors.

In a game that see-sawed throughout, the Monaro side managed to claim a memorable 26-18 win to progress to the final against the Newcastle Rebels.

With Newcastle hosting the final, the Monaro side travelled north and raced out to an early lead. Although Newcastle fought back hard, it was not enough as Monaro claimed an 18-14 win to secure the title.

As a result, nine players from the Monaro side were picked to represent the Country Rugby League Under 23's Representative Side for matches against Samoa and Scotland. In addition to this, West Belconnen's Tori Freeman-Quay was named as the Country Rugby League Player of the Year.

The Country Under 23's side performed admirably against the two nations as they prepared for their World Cup matches. Although the side went down narrowly to Samoa, they did beat Scotland 50-14.





### *Monaro Squad*

Jake Wheeler (Queanbeyan Blues), Jedidiah Simbiken (Queanbeyan Kangaroos), Ryley Thomas (West Belconnen Warriors), Cleve McGhie (Woden Valley Rams), Tolokana Aroha-Tuinauvai (Queanbeyan Kangaroos), Ryan McQueen (West Belconnen Warriors), Jack Hickson (Woden Valley Rams), Brett Solomon (Tuggeranong Bushrangers), Tyson Greenwood (Goulburn Workers Bulldogs), Mitch Shaw (West Belconnen Warriors), Nukurua Ngere (Queanbeyan Kangaroos), Tori Freeman (West Belconnen Warriors), Josh Baker (Queanbeyan Blues), Kruz Topou (Yass Magpies), Luke Ingram (Bombala), Brad Prior (Woden Valley Rams), Luke Skidmore (Gungahlin Bulls), Rourke O'Sullivan (Gungahlin Bulls)

Coach: Ash Barnes (Woden Valley Rams)

### *Country U23's Squad*

Jamie Ghoulmieh (Lakes United), **Jake Wheeler (Queanbeyan United)**, **Ryley Thomas (West Belconnen Warriors)**, Jacob Gagai (Lakes United), Kyle Krisanski-Kennedy (Lakes United), Kauri Aupouri (Wyong Roos), **Jack Hickson (Woden Valley Rams)**, Roman Fepulea'i (South Newcastle), Jarrod Smith (Maitland Pickers), **Mitchell Shaw (West Belconnen Warriors)**, Jake Lawrence (South Newcastle), **Tori Freeman-Quay (West Belconnen Warriors)**, **Joshua Baker (Queanbeyan United)**, Lincoln Smith (Maitland Pickers), **Brett Solomon (Tuggeranong Bushrangers)**, Luke Higgins (South Newcastle), Brendan O'Hagan (Berkeley Vale), Samuel Keenan (Western Suburbs), **Cleveland McGhie (Woden Valley Rams)**, **Jedidiah Simbiken (Queanbeyan Kangaroos)**

Coach: Josh Cale

### Ladies League Tag

The Ladies League Tag side did not enjoy the same success as they travelled to Cowra to play the Western Rams in Round 1.

In a side consisting of players from the Austbrokers Canberra CRC, George Tooke Shield and Group 6, the side went down narrowly to the eventual semifinalists 18-14.

### *Monaro Squad*

Maddison Parbery, Emma James, Jessica Goss, Alana Franks, Rachel Grocott, Cassandra Fisher, Elana Sliwinski, Brittany Thomas, Eilish Winbank, Cailah Welch, Grace Smith, Ali Ringland, Madelyne Czubaca, Liana Wylie, Jess O'Rourke, Caitlin Turnbull, Michaela Leonard, Annie Ward, Jess Hand

Coach: Ben Wylie & Matt Pateman

## Rugby League World Cup



Italy five-eighth Terry Campese has revealed he ignored the pain of calf and ankle injuries to play 60 minutes of Friday night's Rugby League World Cup match against Fiji at Canberra because it was his last chance to represent his family heritage.

Having torn his calf in the lead up to Italy's opening match against Ireland, the Queanbeyan Blues captain-coach re-tore the calf the day before the Azzurri's second clash.

Although Campese's injury would normally take at least three weeks to recover from, the former Canberra Raiders captain did all he could to ensure he would get to play at Canberra Stadium in front of his friends and family.

"It's a six day turn around because I did it in last week's captain's run so to come out and play, it's almost impossible," Campese said. "Playing in the World Cup for your heritage country and seeing all your friends and family out there, you just don't want to let them down."

"I went out busted, but I still think I did them proud."

Having battled his way on to the playing surface at Canberra Stadium, Campese was dealt another blow when he injured his ankle in the first minute.

Despite his injuries accruing, Campese managed to stay on the field for 60 minutes to represent the country of his grandparents' birth.

During his time on the field, the playmaker controlled Italy's attack with aplomb according to his coach Cameron Ciraldo.

“He was under a bit of duress, but he managed the game really well,” Ciraldo said. “He did really well to guide us around, and we really missed him for those first two games.

“It was good for him to get out here today and play in his home ground, he did himself really proud.”

Although the five-eighth had already represented Australia at the 2008 World Cup, Campese believes pulling on the Azzurri jumper tonight meant more to him.

“I was young then, I didn’t really appreciate what I had,” Campese said. “I think now that I’m not a professional athlete and I have to work Monday to Friday, I appreciate what I had a lot more.

“It probably meant more to me to get out there today and say thanks.”

In Italy’s 38-10 loss to Fiji, Campese set up one try while Gungahlin Bulls junior Paul Vaughan ran for 99 meters and made 22 tackles.

## Raiders Women

The Canberra Raiders Women's side was launched for 2017, as the best female athletes from CRRL competitions were selected to play three matches.

Two of the Raiders Women's clashes were Nines matches against the Cronulla Sharks, while a 13-a-side match against Illawarra was also played.

This match against Illawarra also served as a trial match for the inaugural NSW's Women's City-Country Shield.



### *Squad*

Sarah Carter, Maddison Douven, Katie Glover, Bridget Horsley, Jess Howard, Irene MacArthur, Yolanda Maiava, Paremo Marsh, Grace Marshall, Hollie Massey, Yasmin Meakes, Jennaya Ottaway, Pearl Rakete, Paris Robinson, Sepa Salesa, Gabrielle Suckling, Talei Wilson, Remi Wilton, Samantha Wood, Jacinta Williams, Tayla Croker, Natalie Tanks

Coach: Sharleen Coomber

## NSW Women's City-Country Shield



The inaugural Harvey Norman NSW Women's City-Country Shield was played in Sydney in May as the City girls ran out 20-8 winners over Country.

Two girls from the Canberra Region were chosen to play for Country, Samantha Wood from the Queanbeyan Blues and Jennaya Ottaway from the Goulburn Stockmen.

Reflecting on the experience to play at such a high level, prop Jennaya Ottaway believes the clash was of a higher intensity than she is used to.

"It was really good, it was different playing a much faster and more physical game against the city girls," Ottaway said.

Ottaway believes that getting a taste of the City-Country game has left her wanting to play more representative football, with the future goal of making the New South Wales team.

"Hopefully the goal is next year to make the same side again and hopefully do really well and to potentially make the New South Wales side," she said.

Believing it was a massive surprise to be named in the team, Queanbeyan player Samantha Wood insists that it was great to be a part of the clash.

"To be honest from the beginning it was a very big surprise to get named in the team, I started on the bench but when I came I took the opportunity, and it was great to be a part of it", Wood said.

Wood, who only played rugby league occasionally as a kid was playing soccer before she decided to play league again. Her game for Country was her fifth rugby league match since coming back to the sport.

With both girls having known each other from the Open Women's Tackle competition and the Canberra Raiders Women's side, Ottaway insists it was good to have a familiar face around the team in Samantha.

"It was good, a lot of the other girls all knew each other and played against or with each other before, so it was good having one other person that didn't know anyone else, that I knew, so that made me feel comfortable," Ottaway said.

## Canberra Raiders Junior Representatives

S.G. Ball

Position: 10<sup>th</sup>

Wins/Losses/Draw: 4 – 4 – 0

Points For: 200

Points Against: 224

Finals Campaign: N/A

### *Squad*

Alexavier Punou, Ali Ngahe, Daine Spencer, Darren Caulton, Gideon Afemui, Harley Smith-Shields, Jahlon Governor, Jermayne Cook, Jesse Dent, Joel Ambrose, Joey Roberts, Josh Fattore, Kane Allan, Kristian Jensen, Lachlan Eveston, Lazarus Vaalepu, Lorenzo Leapai, Matthew Dragisic, Montel Le'afa, Ranapiri Tau, Tom Robertson, Tremayne Chatfield, William Canellis, Zane Wallace

Coach: Adam Kyle



## Harold Matthews Cup

Position: 7th

Wins/Losses/Draw: 5 – 3 – 0

Points For: 192

Points Against: 194

Finals Campaign:

Qualifying Final: Canberra 30 d South Sydney 16

Semi Final: Canberra 30 d Cronulla 22

Preliminary Final: Newcastle 50 d Canberra 16

### *Squad*

Adam Barlow, Aidan Gaffey, Blake Wood, Bradley Buckley, Clay Webb, Cooper O'Connor, Daryl Bailey, Fred Griffiths, Isimeli Vaili, Jack Williams, Jacob Church, Jesse Thompson, Jordan Williams, Junior Tupou, Mitchel Souter, Mladen Zec, Neueli (Willie) Mariner, Nic Hall, Ryan Longhurst, Thomas Croker, Thomas Mclean, Tristan Eldridge, Tyson Kelly, Wezley Alexander, William Hills

Coach: Billy Thomson

## Tarsha Gale Cup

Position: 6th

Wins/Losses/Draw: 2 – 5 – 0

Points For: 150

Points Against: 156

Finals Campaign:

Qualifying Final: Canberra 30 d South Sydney 18

Semi Final: Cronulla 30 d Canberra 12

### *Squad*

Emily Banks, Monique Bullock, Samantha Cross, Julia Day, Hollie Deaton, Alannah Fraser, Taylah Frost, Emylee Hawke, Ahlivia Ingram, Keesha Kapea, Hunter Machell, Nirvana Ngan Woo, Nirada Phonsaya, Zoe Podmore, Jana Teivonen

Coach: Matt Corkery



## Referee's Report

In 2017, the Referees Association was very active in recruitment running three courses during the year with 22 new members attaining their Level 1 qualifications. Whilst we have an Association with one of the highest number of members throughout NSW. Unfortunately this does not translate to having sufficient numbers on each weekend to fulfil all our appointments. During the year our members refereed just short of 2,000 competition games of Rugby League in the Canberra Region Rugby League. Including Touch Judge appointments, the number of match official appointments rose to over 3,000. This is a significant number of appointments across the Region and highlights the impact that our members have in the local league.

While some reading this report may disagree, 2017 saw some exceptionally high standard games refereed during the final series across all age groups. It is true that the ability of the players and coaches contributed to this, but without a match official to control the game, those games would not have been possible. During 2017 a number of our members continued to excel at the top level in Australia. Ben Cummins refereed at the NRL level, Phil Henderson was appointed to referee both the Australia vs New Zealand U20 test match and National Youth League (U20) Grand Final, while Martin Jones was appointed to NSW Cup and NYC games.

In 2018 these three will be joined in the pathways by another five local referees, giving our Association a good representation at the NSWRL and NRL level. We will also see new challenges with a new National Match Officials Structure introduced, revised Referees Accreditation courses and locally the implementation of a Referees Academy by NSWRL to support those in the pathways program. This highlights the possibilities that exist for other members that you do not need to be a player to participate at the highest levels of Rugby League in Australia.

A challenge for all Referee Associations is to differentiate what you see on television to what is played at the grass roots level, whether that be Under 6's or First Grade. In the words of the NRL's new promotion, it is "A Different League", and players, coaches, parents & spectators need to take this on board. You do not get perfection from the players in that mistakes such as missed tackles, dropped balls, knock-ons, etc occur in every game, and are tolerated to a certain degree, but we see too many examples of referees or touch judges being verbally abused for making a mistake. At the NRL level, there are two Referees, two Touch Judges, a Video Coach, the Bunker and about a dozen camera angles which can be replayed dozens of times. The scrutiny of any decision is enormous. Locally we get a one split second look and have to make a decision – right or wrong. As Referees, our training concentrates on minimising the risk of a mistake.

An ongoing issue for all sports is the retention of match officials. We have a very high turnover rate of young referees. Traditionally 75% of new recruits each year have been under the age of 18. By the time they would have built up the confidence and competency to referee senior football only about 10% remain as match officials. There are numerous reasons for this reduction, such as abuse, school & work pressures, social interactions, part-time work requirements and we urge all clubs to actively promote to their players & members the benefits of becoming a match official. Without the support of clubs, the number of referees will continue to fall meaning that their players in which they have invested a lot of time and money in, will have no game to play.

I am very pleased to say that the cooperation and respect between the Canberra District Rugby League Referees Association and the Canberra Region Rugby League is, in my opinion, the best in CRL and NSWRL. Thank you to Mark Vergano, Deb Ford, Wendy Bennett, Deb Charman and many others within the CRRRL and Canberra Raiders who assist our Association each year.

Chris Nightingale

Executive Officer, Canberra District Rugby League Referees Association

## Judiciary Report – Gary Green

This year saw the introduction of the Points Based System for send-offs.

Overall I believe that it went well with some small teething problems at the beginning of the season but these we quickly fixed. Clubs had the opportunity of the early plea or appearing at the Judiciary.

During the course of the season, 39 players were dismissed, which was down from the 51 dismissals the previous year.

Over the season 24 players elected to take the early plea with 15 players opting to front the judiciary.

The new format of the Match Review Co-Ordinator presenting to the Judiciary panel worked well and made for quicker hearings for all concerned

It was also noticed that our appeal section required further review and enhancement which will be done and forwarded to clubs before the commencement of the 2018 season

The role of the Match Review Co-Ordinator was also expanded to incorporating presenting the CRRL case at the disciplinary hearing. This left the panel at arm's length of the league.

This gave consistency of procedures to the hearings and streamlined the hearings.

We are looking at reviewing the suspensions of the point system linking them to the length of the competitions a graded type system. That is for a shorter season in the juniors compared to a longer season in the seniors the time for the suspensions would prorated to make them consistent to each competition.

I would also like to thank all that have given their time up this year to sit on the Judiciary and Disciplinary Hearings, John Cooper, Danny Roper, Geoff Milczuk, Bill Logan, Phil Stuart, John Tucker, Tony Rayner, Chris Nightingale and Noel Bissett.

Yours in Rugby League

Gary Green JP

Match Review Co-Ordinator

## Community

### Ricky Stuart Foundation Round

Clubs within the Canberra region spent the end of May raising money for the Ricky Stuart Foundation to help raise awareness for autism wellbeing.

Canberra Region Rugby League General Manager, Mark Vergano said it was a special event for the local rugby league community to help the Ricky Stuart Foundation.



“Rugby League continues to look after their own and to have the opportunity to help the Ricky Stuart Foundation from our Under 6s to Raiders First Grade is a special event in the life of our football community,” Vergano said.

“The Ricky Stuart Foundation does tremendous work in the area of respite care for both the children with autism and their parents,” Vergano said. “For parents to have a safe and caring environment to put their children and give them a chance to regenerate is so important for parental well-being as well.”

One local player who has been fundraising for the foundation is 12-year-old Hudson Fogarty-Apps who has autism himself.

The Bungendore Tigers junior has been fundraising at his local school and has even started his own Facebook page to try and raise money for autism wellbeing.

When asked why he was going to so much effort, Hudson said he enjoys raising money for The Ricky Stuart Foundation.

“I’ve been doing it for everyone who has Autism and Ricky Stuart’s daughter,” Hudson said.

## NRL Referees Helping Junior Canberra Referees

Junior referees in Canberra were given a treat when NRL referee Henry Perenara visited local grounds to meet them for part of the NRL's Back to Junior's Round.

Perenara was joined by fellow NRL referees and touch judges Dave Munro, David Ryan and Russell Turner as the quartet gave advice to their junior counterparts.

One referee who got to learn from Perenara was 14-year-old Cameron Scott who couldn't believe it when he saw the NRL official watching his game.

"I was happy, but I couldn't believe it," Scott said. "I heard that he might come around, but I wasn't really looking for him. Then I saw him at halftime, and he was watching my game.

"After the match, he was giving me compliments and telling me things I should work on and what I do well. It made me feel really good about what I do."

Refereeing isn't Scott's only involvement with rugby league as he also plays for the Gungahlin Bulls. However, wanting to be involved in the sport even further, Scott decided to take up refereeing.

"I was looking to get a bit of money on the weekend and have some fun with the game I love," Scott said.

Canberra & District Rugby League Referees Association Executive Officer, Chris Nightingale believed it was important for young referees like Cameron to learn how to reach the highest level of officiating from people like Perenara.

"It's important because it can give them an idea of where their career can go in the future if they put the time and effort into their own refereeing career," Nightingale said. "They can see from the grassroots level that they can make it to the elite level."

## Alan Tongue Tackling Family Violence

The Boomanulla Raiders welcomed former Raiders captain Alan Tongue in June as he shared his “Stop. Think. Say No To Family Violence” program.

The 2017 ACT Australian of the Year took the time to speak to both the Boomanulla open men’s side and ladies league tag side during their mid-week training session.

Tongue took over the training session as he ran through plenty of training drills to help emphasise the statistics of family violence before taking the team into the sheds for a presentation.

Long time Boomanulla player, Peter Williams, was pleased to see the former Country representative teaching his side about the subject of family violence.

“I just think it was great,” Williams said. “It was a really good learning curve for some of the boys. There’s a lot of young fathers in our group, so we found it very rewarding.”

Boomanulla Ladies League Tag captain Amie Dekantios also believed that Tongue’s program was invaluable for the playing group.

“It was fantastic to have someone of that stature come and speak to us regarding such a high issue in society,” Dekantios said. “It’s important that everyone is aware of [family violence].”

“Until you see the actual statistics, nobody really talks about it, so it is important for Alan to come and speak to people - and to come to a local footy club, that’s great.”

With one in three women having experienced physical violence, Tongue, a father of three daughters, was convinced to start his program to help educate people on the subject.

“We have a huge problem in our country and across the world,” Tongue said. “Those statistics of one in three women being affected by physical violence is something that worries me as a father.”

“I don’t want my children growing up in a community like that, and I don’t want other people’s children growing up in a culture like that.”

Since retiring from rugby league in 2011, Tongue has gone on to deliver his program across a variety of schools and has also become an ambassador for the NRL’s Voice Against Violence Program.

“I have an opportunity though the values that the game has taught me, an opportunity to get in front of people and have these sessions with the use of movement, activity, sport and rugby league as a way of connecting with people,” Tongue said.

Having already delivered the program to the Gunning Roos, Tongue hopes to deliver the program to all of the rugby league clubs in the Canberra Region.

“I was fortunate that through the Canberra Raiders and Dixon Advisory, I was able to receive some funding to run the programs which I am really grateful for,” Tongue said. “It’s an opportunity where I would like to speak to all of the local football clubs.”





## Binalong Fighting Motor Neuron Disease

Welcome to Binalong. Population 543. Home of the Binalong Brahmans and the hub of a tight-knit community raising money for the NSW Motor Neuron Disease Association.

One year ago, Binalong Brahmans captain-coach Jason Brown felt the impact that MND can have when the girlfriend of his brother's best mate died from the disease aged only 23 leaving behind her 12-month-old child.

"Timmy's (Jason's brother) been mates with them for a long time and it's the same for myself," Brown said. "Personally for me with young children, I would hate for my kids to be in that situation.

"If we can contribute by raising some funds to try and stop the disease, that's the ultimate goal."

Having seen the devastation that MND can have first hand, Brown spoke to Binalong President Ben Spencer about what the club could do to raise money for the foundation.

When Brown raised his idea, he wasn't surprised to hear from Spencer that others within the Binalong community were affected by the disease, including the cousin of Binalong's League Tag coach, Johnathan Pack.

"Unfortunately, it's a disease that doesn't get much credit," Brown said. "Quite a few families are suffering from it. It's not real good, there's a lady in Binalong who's affected by it too."

Throughout the season, players from Binalong as well as their opposition in the George Tooke Shield have been donating money each home game towards the cause.

Binalong President Ben Spencer was pleased by the efforts of the community in getting behind the cause.

"We're a really tight-knit community," Spencer said. "Whatever is happening in town, they get involved with."

## Local Juniors Enjoy World Cup Experience

Junior players from the Yass Magpies and West Belconnen Warriors had the treat of a lifetime as they walked out on to GIO Stadium with the French and Lebanese teams for the Rugby League World Cup.

The two sides were named as mascots for the two international sides after Harrison Osburne and Charlie Jamieson were winners of the RLWC Design a Jersey competition.

“At first I didn’t think I had a chance of winning because it was out of all of Australia,” Harrison said. “Then mum got the text from the people who were doing the competition, and she said I came in the top five.



“I was really excited for the French team to run out with me.”

West Belconnen Juniors Secretary Lisa Syrek said the team, which included her son Cody, loved the experience.

“I think they were a little nervous because they thought they had to sing the French national anthem,” Syrek said. “They were really excited, but they were also really well behaved.

“It was really good to get them all together again during the off-season to still be doing stuff with rugby league.”

The South Tuggeranong Knights also won the chance to run out with players from Fiji and Italy for the final RLWC match in Canberra.

## West Belconnen Honour Bob Kinkade

The West Belconnen Warriors honoured club stalwart Bob Kinkade after they renamed the scoreboard after him.

Having been involved with the club since its foundation, Kinkade was well known for his role as a scorer, ground announcer, timekeeper and club historian for 42 years before his retirement this year due to ongoing health issues.



“When we found out how he was going with his health, we got together straight away and worked out what we could do for him,” said West Belconnen President Steve Kirby. “The scoreboard came to mind because he’s the ground announcer and scorer.

“We thought it was a good way of showing our thanks not just from the current committee and the club but everyone who has been involved over the last 42 years.”

CRRL General Manager Mark Vergano agreed that honouring Kinkade through the renaming of the scoreboard was just reward for Kinkade’s work at the club.

“Bob has done an incredible amount for rugby league in the Canberra Region and in particular the West Belconnen Warriors,” Vergano said. “It was great to see West Belconnen honour him in this way.”

## Cooper Recognised for 27 years of Voluntary Work

CRRL and Bungendore Tigers volunteer John Cooper was rewarded for 27 years of service as he was presented with a Monaro Service Award on behalf of Mr John Barilaro, MP.

Cooper has filled a number of roles during his time as a volunteer. He is currently a member of the CRRL judiciary and has served the Bungendore Tigers in a number of roles which include being a committee member, ground manager, timekeeper and canteen volunteer.



Despite all this, Cooper was surprised but pleased when he found out about the award.

“It was a surprise,” Cooper said. “I was trying to figure out who nominated me!”

In conjunction with volunteering for the rugby league community, Cooper also volunteers his time with the Bungendore Rotary Club, the Sutton Volunteer Rural Fire Brigade and the local OzTag competition.

CRRL General Manager Mark Vergano said that Cooper’s recognition was well deserved.

“John’s service to the Bungendore Tigers and rugby league in the Canberra Region has been invaluable,” Vergano said. “It’s great to see that all the work he has done as a volunteer be formally recognised by John Barilaro.

“Without volunteers like John, our game is unable to function.”

When asked why he chooses to volunteer so much of his time, Cooper’s response was simple.

“Probably the people,” Cooper said. “Over the years, I’ve made lots of great friends out there and not just through football.”

## Vale Lee Donnelly

Canberra Region Rugby League has paid tribute to Lee Donnelly who passed away in June this year.

Having come to Canberra in the mid-1970's from the south coast, Donnelly became a staple part of the Canberra rugby league community through his involvement with the Woden Valley Rams as a committeeman, club secretary and much later, having returned to the club, as sponsorship manager.

Lee was a senior figure in bringing together the Group 8 and group 19 competitions along with well-known administrators Les McIntyre and Don Elphick. This successful reuniting paved the way for the Raiders entry into the NSWRL competition in 1982. He then took his place on the committee of what has become the Canberra Region Rugby League for a number of years.

Donnelly also did plenty of work to promote rugby league within the Canberra Region through running a regular rugby league spot on community radio and sponsoring the Leedon Trophy for Best & Fairest in Canberra Raiders Cup Reserve Grade which continues to this day.

He had been awarded life membership of the old Group 19 competition.

Canberra Region Rugby League would like to offer our deepest sympathy to the family of Lee Donnelly in this difficult time. He will be sorely missed.

## CDRL Presented with Ministers Award for Inclusion

Canberra District Rugby League have been presented with the 2017 Ministers Award for Inclusion by Yvette Berry MLA, at Friday night's CBR Sport Awards.

The award is seen as recognition for the organisation's women's rugby league program which has seen 796 female's participate – an 82% increase from last year.



This year's addition of the Katrina Fanning Shield has allowed women from the Canberra Region to continue playing rugby league past the junior age groups.

CRRL have also seen the two Ladies League Tag competitions double in size during 2017.

In addition to this, the Canberra Raiders unveiled a representative women's side that played three exhibition matches during the year. The Raiders also fielded a team in the inaugural Tarsha Gale Cup.

CRRL General Manager Mark Vergano was pleased with Active Canberra's recognition of the work that CRRL and the Canberra Raiders are doing to ensure that rugby league is a sport for everyone.

"This recognition from Yvette Berry and Active Canberra is a special moment for everyone involved in rugby league in Canberra," Vergano said. "There have been a lot of people working behind the scenes to ensure that rugby league is a sport for all."



## Life Members

### **Canberra District Rugby League (Raiders)**

Les McIntyre\*  
George Tooke\*  
Bill Sullivan  
Don Furner Snr  
Gerry Edwards  
Mal Meninga  
Noel Bissett  
John McIntyre  
Tony Wood

### **Canberra Region Rugby League**

Michael Clarke  
Cliff Stevens  
Bob Gresham  
Graham Johnston  
Rhondda Carson  
Karen Ebsworth

\* deceased



# Financial Report

**CANBERRA REGION JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE  
INCORPORATED**

**ABN 18 860 858 942**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2017**

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**COMMITTEE'S REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2017**

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Your committee members submit the financial statements of Canberra Region Junior Rugby League Incorporated (the Association) for the financial year ended 31 October 2017.

**Committee Members**

The names of the committee members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Anthony Rayner	Peter McCook (Resigned 8/12/16)
Christopher Nightingale	Phillip Watts
Danny Roper	Steve Troth
Gary Bergkotte (Appointed 8/12/16)	Tanya Klower
Jon Tucker	Thomas Ebsworth
Noel Bissett (Chairman)	Yvette Croft (Appointed 15/02/17)

**Principal Activities**

The principal activities of the Association during the financial year were that of organising, encouragement and promotion of rugby league.

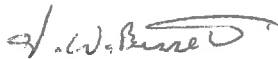
**Significant Changes**

No significant changes in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

**Operating Result**

The profit for the financial year ended 31 October 2017 amounted to \$593 (2016: loss \$5,114).

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the members of the committee.



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Committee Member



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Committee Member

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of NOVEMBER 2017

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**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2017**

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
Revenue	2	599,984	472,087
Employee benefits expense		(127,071)	(104,284)
Depreciation expense		(3,556)	(2,840)
Administration expenses		(468,764)	(370,077)
Surplus / (deficit) for the period		593	(5,114)
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income attributable to members of the entity		593	(5,114)

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2017**

	Retained Surplus Total \$
<b>Balance at 1 November 2015</b>	19,751
(Deficit) attributable to members	(5,114)
<b>Balance at 31 October 2016</b>	14,637
<b>Balance at 1 November 2016</b>	14,637
Surplus attributable to members	593
<b>Balance at 31 October 2017</b>	15,230

The accompanying notes form part of and should be read in conjunction with these financial statements.

**CANBERRA REGION JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE INCORPORATED**

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

**AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2017**

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	15,804	26,723
Trade and other receivables	4	6,677	48,453
Inventories		3,290	3,607
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>25,771</u>	<u>78,783</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Plant and equipment	5	16,265	5,043
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>16,265</u>	<u>5,043</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>42,036</u>	<u>83,826</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and other payables	6	15,218	62,501
Provisions	7	11,588	6,688
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>26,806</u>	<u>69,189</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>26,806</u>	<u>69,189</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>15,230</u>	<u>14,637</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Retained surplus		15,230	14,637
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<u>15,230</u>	<u>14,637</u>

The accompanying notes form part of and should be read in conjunction with these financial statements.

**CANBERRA REGION JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE INCORPORATED**  
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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2017**

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Receipts from customers		703,764	499,674
Payments to suppliers & employees		(700,448)	(484,353)
Interest received		543	673
Net cash flows from operating activities		<u>3,859</u>	<u>15,994</u>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		<u>(14,778)</u>	<u>(900)</u>
Net cash (used in) investing activities		<u>(14,778)</u>	<u>(900)</u>
Net (decrease) / increase in cash equivalents		(10,919)	15,094
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year		<u>26,723</u>	<u>11,629</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	3	<u><u>15,804</u></u>	<u><u>26,723</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of and should be read in conjunction with these financial statements.



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**Corporate Information**

The financial statements cover Canberra Region Junior Rugby League Incorporated (the Association) as an individual not-for-profit entity. Canberra Region Junior Rugby League Incorporated is an association incorporated in the ACT under the *Associations Incorporation Act 1991 (ACT)*.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

**Note 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies**

**Basis of Preparation**

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the *Associations Incorporation Act 1991 (ACT)*.

The financial statements except for cashflow information have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs.

The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars and all values are rounded to the nearest dollar unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements were authorised for issue on 30 November 2017 by the Committee.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. With the agreement that Canberra District Rugby League Football Club Limited will continue to provide financial support as disclosed in Note 10, the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

**Accounting Policies**

**a) Income Tax**

The Association is exempt from income tax under Section 50-45 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

**b) Inventories**

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

**c) Plant and Equipment**

Each class of plant and equipment is carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses.

In the event the carrying amount of plant and equipment is greater than its estimated recoverable amount, the carrying amount is written down immediately to its estimated recoverable amount and impairment losses recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

**Depreciation**

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's useful life commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

**Class of fixed asset**

**Depreciation rate**

Plant & Equipment

20% - 50%

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are included in the statement of comprehensive income.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**Note 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**d) Financial Instruments**

The Association's financial instruments comprise cash and cash equivalents, trade and other receivables and trade and other payables and are classified as either 'loans and receivables' or 'financial liabilities at amortised cost'.

**Initial Recognition and Measurement**

Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value, when the related contractual rights or obligations exist. Subsequent to initial recognition these instruments are measured as set out below.

**Classification and Subsequent Measurement**

Financial instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate. Amortised cost is calculated as:

- (i) the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured at initial recognition;
- (ii) less principal repayments;
- (iii) plus or minus the cumulative amortisation of the difference, if any, between the amount initially recognised and the maturity amount calculated using the effective interest method; and
- (iv) less any reduction for impairment.

**Derecognition**

Financial assets are derecognised where the contractual rights to receive or cash flows expires or the asset is transferred to another party whereby the Association no longer has any significant continuing involvement in the risks and benefits associated with the asset. Financial liabilities are derecognised where the related obligations are either discharged, cancelled or expired. The difference between the carrying value of the financial liability extinguished or transferred to another party and the fair value of consideration paid, including the transfer of non-cash assets or liabilities assumed is recognised in profit or loss.

**e) Impairment of assets**

At each reporting date, the Association reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the statement of comprehensive income.

**f) Employee Benefits**

Provision is made for the Association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled. Employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at the net present value of the estimated future cash flows to be made for those benefits. In determining the liability, consideration is given to employee wage increases and the probability that the employee may not satisfy vesting requirements. Those cash outflows are discounted using market yields on national government bonds with terms to maturity that match the expected timing of cash flows.

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**Note 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**g) Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and deposits held at call with banks with a maturity of three months or less.

**h) Revenue and Other Income**

Revenue from the rendering of services is recognised at the point of delivery and incorporates revenue from playing fees, finals series, merchandise sales, player insurance recoveries and sponsorships.

Grant income is recognised on receipt of the funds. All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

**i) Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are presented as operating cash flows included in receipts from customers or payments to suppliers.

**j) Comparative Figures**

Where required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

**k) Trade and Other Payables**

Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the company during the reporting period. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

**l) Critical accounting estimates and judgments**

The Committee Members' estimates and judgments, where appropriate, are incorporated into the financial statements based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the association.

**m) New Accounting Standards and Interpretations**

**(i) Changes in accounting policies and disclosures**

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year. Of the new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Board that are applicable to the current reporting period, none have had a material impact on the entity.

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		2017	2016
		\$	\$
<b>Note 2. Revenue and Other Income</b>			
<b>Operating Activities</b>			
		399,441	306,414
Revenue from rendering of services		200,000	165,000
Grant income	12	<u>599,441</u>	<u>471,414</u>
<b>Other Income</b>			
Interest received		<u>543</u>	<u>673</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<u><u>599,984</u></u>	<u><u>472,087</u></u>
<b>Note 3. Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>			
Cash at bank and on hand		<u><u>15,804</u></u>	<u><u>26,723</u></u>
<b>Note 4. Trade and Other Receivables</b>			
<b>Current</b>			
Trade receivables		1,321	44,143
GST receivable		<u>5,356</u>	<u>4,310</u>
		<u><u>6,677</u></u>	<u><u>48,453</u></u>

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	2017 \$	2016 \$
<b>Note 5. Plant and Equipment</b>		
Plant and Equipment - at cost	45,462	30,684
Accumulated depreciation	(29,197)	(25,641)
	<u>16,265</u>	<u>5,043</u>

**Movements in carrying amounts**

Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of plant and equipment between the beginning and end of the current financial year:

	Plant & Equipment	Total
Balance at 1 November 2015		
Additions	6,983	6,983
Depreciation expense	900	900
	<u>(2,840)</u>	<u>(2,840)</u>
Carrying amount at 31 October 2016	<u>5,043</u>	<u>5,043</u>
Balance at 1 November 2016		
Additions	5,043	5,043
Depreciation expense	14,778	14,778
	<u>(3,556)</u>	<u>(3,556)</u>
Carrying amount at 31 October 2017	<u>16,265</u>	<u>16,265</u>

**Note 6. Trade and Other Payables**

Trade payables	5,770	42,810
Accrued expenses	9,448	19,691
	<u>15,218</u>	<u>62,501</u>

No assets have been pledged as security for any of the trade and other payable balances.

**Note 7. Provisions**

*Employee benefits*

Opening balance	6,688	7,068
Increase/(Decrease) in provisions during the year	4,900	(380)
Closing Balance	<u>11,588</u>	<u>6,688</u>

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**Note 8. Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets**

As at balance sheet date the Association has no known contingent liabilities or contingent assets.

**Note 9. Events after Balance Sheet Date**

There have been no events subsequent to reporting date which require disclosure in the financial statements.

**Note 10. Economic Dependency**

The Association is reliant on funding from Canberra District Rugby League Football Club Limited to assist with its continuing operations. Canberra District Rugby League Football Club Limited has committed to the continuing financial support for the Association.

**Note 11. Key Management Personnel Compensation**

The totals of remuneration paid to key management personnel of the Association during the year are as follows:

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	\$	\$
Key management personnel compensation	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>

**Note 12. Related Party Transactions**

**a) Transactions with Related Parties**

During the year ended 31 October 2017, the Association received grants totalling \$200,000 from Canberra District Rugby League Football Club Limited (2016: \$165,000). The Association is dependent on these grants which were made to allow the Association to continue to operate as a going concern.

During the year ended 31 October 2017, the Association also made purchases from Canberra District Rugby League Football Club Limited totalling \$17,631 (2016: \$68,231).

The controlling entity of the Association is Canberra District Rugby League Football Club Limited.

**Note 13. Association Details**

The principal place of business and the registered office of business of the association is:  
Canberra Region Junior Rugby League Incorporated  
164 Monaro Street  
QUEANBEYAN NSW 2620

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**STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

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In the opinion of the Committee the financial statements as set out on pages 3 to 11:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Canberra Region Junior Rugby League as at 31 October 2017 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (Including Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the *Associations Incorporations Act 1991 (ACT)*.
2. At the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:



\_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Member



\_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Member

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 2017



## Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Canberra Region Junior Rugby League Incorporated

### Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Canberra Region Junior Rugby League Incorporated (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 October 2017, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory information and the Statement by Members of the Committee.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at 31 October 2017, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the *Associations Incorporations Act 1991 (ACT)*.

### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in *the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Information Other than the Financial Report and Auditor's Report Thereon

The Members are responsible for the other information. The other information is the Committee's report accompanying the financial report.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

## **Responsibilities of the Members for the Financial Report**

The members of the Association are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and for such internal control as the members determine is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the members are responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

## **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the members.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the members' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.



We communicate with the members regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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