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# 2019 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

I am privileged to be able to present my first report as Chairman of the CRJRL since being elected to the role at the 2018 Annual General Meeting. Obviously, I had big shoes to fill in taking over from such a long serving and successful Chairman as Noel Bissett and I just want to thank him not only for his long and illustrious service to rugby league but his mentoring in my first year.

The season was very significant in that the Yass Magpies celebrated their Centenary. When one reflects on the personalities, the players and administrators that have maintained a club for a century in a regional town, it is a significant achievement. Congratulations to everyone involved in making the Centenary a success and also Ross Luff who did an outstanding job in the writing of *"Tales From The Nest – 100 Years of Yass Rugby League"*.



As I write this report, rugby league itself will undergo a significant transition with the merger of the NSWRL and the CRL being completed. We are all hopeful that the merger will strengthen rugby league in the state and especially that the regional areas will receive increased assistance for club development, facilities improvement and a flow of funds for the sustainability of clubs. There is already work being done on a common insurer to lessen premium costs and extension of the rebate scheme through apparel licensing to be returned to clubs. I would also like to acknowledge the work of our CRL/NSWRL delegate, Tom Ebsworth who represented the CRRL in what has been an exhausting but hopefully, ultimately, a successful outcome.

Mention must be made of our outstanding rugby league patron and pioneer Katrina Fanning. Katrina has been named ACT Australian of the Year which is just recognition for her tireless efforts as an Indigenous leader, a member of the Canberra Raiders Board and a role model for our young female rugby league players.

Congratulations to our Grand Final winners in their respective competitions in both the Canberra Raiders Cup competitions, George Tooke Shield competitions and the junior grades. Importantly, we must thank all the participants in all grades for playing rugby league and also the parents, administrators, trainers, first aid people and our referees for their involvement each and every weekend. Results for all competitions are available in this Annual Report.

The CRRL, in partnership with the clubs, undertook work with ASADA and a presentation from their Chief Executive David Sharpe and former Raider Leigh Woodbridge on how to educate our young athletes as to the issues involving drugs in sport and how to manage what they are exposed to. This was done in conjunction with Good Sports as clubs now try to formulate their Anti-Drug policies. I can confirm that the League will pursue this further with clubs into 2020.

Whilst the General Manager will speak in more detail about participation and retention numbers, it is gratifying that the CRRL is bucking the general trend in maintaining and growing its numbers. However,

the CRRL committee is very aware of the challenges that we face, especially in the key 14 to 19 year male age groups. We will persist with the Under 17 and Under 19 competitions but we are realistic in that there is still at least two years of pain to be had in this area, especially the Under 19s. However, there have been informal discussions in and around the regions that we may have to have broader co-operation amongst the groups to provide some meaningful matches for players in this group. As always, we will consistently monitor and review the competitions and also assess the outcomes from the Player Development Framework pilot by the NRL.

One thing that has become apparent to all is the importance of coaching and the providing of a good experience for players so that they return the following year to the game. The bench mark isn't necessarily the competitions you win but how many players stay in the game. The CRRL staff and the NRL Development staff are working closely to have a focus and emphasis on improving coaching standards both physically and philosophically.

The Canberra District Referees Association continue to supply referees for our competitions with many refereeing across the Friday night, Saturdays and Sundays. We are grateful for your efforts and also the Association hierarchy for developing young referees. This development is not only about their on-field decision-making but it is a compact between the referees, coaches, managers, parents and players in co-operating to assist the development of referees rather than be faced with criticism. The simple fact is that referees walk away due to the "white noise" they hear from the sidelines.



The Score Raiders program, in conjunction with the Disability Trust has proven to be an outstanding success. Yass player Eilish Winbank runs the program for players with an intellectual disability and they play two handed touch. Their season highlight was defeating the Score Dragons team on the SCG this season 16-14. They are beginning the process of being integrated into playing local junior teams on Sundays for next season. The CRRL received an innovation grant from the ACT Government to establish Wheelchair Rugby League. We already support a "Raiders" team in the Sydney based NSW competition but are looking to

creating a local competition as a regional hub and to play in the interstate series in time. We will ask all clubs to support us in this important program.

I must thank our two major sponsors Blumers Lawyers and Specsavers. Blumers took on the major sponsorship role of the Canberra Raiders Cup and have continued to work with the CRRL sponsorship and media teams to fully engage with our rugby league community. Specsavers took on the Junior competition sponsorship and as a supporter of our female rugby league program this partnership has been greatly appreciated.

The Raiders Group of licenced clubs and the Canberra District Rugby League continue to support both our senior and junior competitions and consistently assist us in keeping costs down for parents and clubs with their support. The Raiders Group of clubs have faced a great threat this year with the changes in the Community Contributions assessment by the ACT Government. This has seen the Government wish to re-distribute funds and classification of what is allowed to be claimed under this scheme. I would urge our parents and supporters to let their local member know that these changes could lead to cost

increases for parents although rugby league is one of the most cost effective sports with their fees. I must also thank the senior clubs for working with Raiders Group CFO, Warwick Burr in re-working how we operate and work within the community contributions scheme.

To my colleagues of the Canberra Region Rugby League committee as well as our Judiciary and Disciplinary panels, a big thank you for your dedication to the game and to the jobs you all undertake in your respective roles. There has been great continuity in both the CRRL committee and the Judiciary panel which has benefited the administration. The CRRL Committee is undertaking a review of our strategic plan being led by Greg Bell and Steve Troth as a history gathering committee to further the work done with the publication "Absolutely Bleeding Green".

Many thanks to our CRRL staff for their untiring efforts in delivering a quality competition and service to our clubs across a large region.

Finally, I wish you and your families a Very Merry Xmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

Gary Green  
December 2019

## Canberra Region Junior Rugby League Committee Report for 2019

### Committee Members

<b>Chairman</b>	Gary Green
<b>Executive Officer</b>	Mark Vergano (non-voting)
<b>Senior Club Representatives</b>	Tom Ebsworth Steven Troth Phillip Watts
<b>George Tooke Shield Representative</b>	Tony Rayner
<b>Junior Club Representatives</b>	Greg Bell Gary Bergkotte Danny Roper
<b>Appointed Members</b>	Chris Nightingale (CDRL Referees Association) Jon Tucker (ACT Schools RL Council) Yvette Croft (Canberra Womens Rugby League)

### CRJRL Committee

Attendance at 9 Committee Meetings held during the year

Committee Member	Meeting Attendance	Apologies
Greg Bell	8	1
Gary Bergkotte	5	4
Yvette Croft	7	2
Tom Ebsworth	8	1
Gary Green	9	0
Chris Nightingale	8	1
Tony Rayner	5	4
Danny Roper	9	0
Steve Troth	6	3
Jon Tucker	6	3
Mark Vergano	9	0
Phillip Watts	7	2

## General Manager's Report

The 2019 season, in hindsight, is the final time that from the CRRL perspective, the senior competition played under the Country Rugby League and the junior competitions were part of the New South Wales Rugby League. With the successful merger of the two organisations the CRRL looks forward to seeing benefits flow to our regional clubs and a more streamlined administration process. 2019 is also the end of the Sports TG Leaguesnet era as the NRL introduces the new Stagedge system that all clubs will migrate to using. Whilst with any changes in systems or with mergers, there will be issues, we believe that longer term there will be significant benefits for clubs.

The CRRL's major focus continues to be its participation numbers across both its tackle and league tag offerings. It is pleasing to note that once again the CRRL was able to record an increase in its overall participation. Allied to this, a churn rate of 27.8% is below the overall average which sits between 30-33% is an encouraging sign. The new League Stars program was launched by the NRL and is showing positive signs of gaining traction with its target audience. This program is administered by the NRL Development staff and I would like to thank the close co-operation between Matt O'Brien, Aaron Peat and Shane Read with the CRRL staff in designing an integrated strategy that is participant and club focused. Also, I would like to acknowledge the great work over many years by Adam Kyle who has moved on to Sport Australia.

### **PARTICIPATION NUMBERS 2012-2019**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>JUNIORS</b>	<b>SENIORS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>2012</b>	3589	766	4355
<b>2013</b>	3622	710	4332
<b>2014</b>	3575	667	4242
<b>2015</b>	3598	884	4482
<b>2016</b>	3454	1278	4732
<b>2017</b>	3402	1467	4869
<b>2018</b>	3517	1429	4946
<b>2019</b>	3675	1430	5105

It was pleasing to see the Boomanulla club return to playing in the George Tooke Shield but also teaming up with the Tuggeranong Buffaloes to enter a women's tackle team in the Katrina Fanning Shield. We lost ADFA this year from the competition and know that our regional teams have had struggles with recruiting and retention due to the drought conditions and also hard grounds. As mentioned previously, the Under 17 and Under 19 competitions have their issues currently and we need to keep working to rebuild these competitions along with finding the balance between talented players moving up the



grades to allowing a more social approach for many players. Having seven teams in the Under 19 competition was not ideal and the CRRL needs to assist the clubs in nurturing through the Under 17 cohort.

Club volunteers continue to administer their clubs efficiently and with great expertise. The size of this task is understood by the CRRL staff but we unfortunately do live in a more complex world that continues to ask more of all of us. Our thanks go to all the committees of the clubs, their supporters and volunteers and also the trainers, coaches, first aid officers, canteen helpers and those that mark their grounds for the athletes to play on. It is a truly community event running any club and/or competition. Thank you all.

There were some improvements with the on-field behaviour and although we understand we play a collision sport, undisciplined play too often leave teams short with striking and verbal abuse still far too prevalent for many coaches liking. The major concern is that there appears to be continual poor behaviour on the sidelines. This places our ground managers under unwanted pressure and I ask all parents and supporters to please remember their responsibilities to their clubs but also their children as role models.

There were more sideline incidents in 2019 than for the previous three seasons and this did run counter to the recent promising trends. Again, clubs have the responsibility of having strong committees and strong ground managers to ensure we have a welcoming environment for spectators, players and referees. I am confident that clubs will improve their training and engagement of their members to reinforce the positive messages from our Blumers Good Sports program and the aspirations of Play By The Rules. We have a collective responsibility to get this right and improve standards.

**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	418
2018	320	423
2019	408	513

The female involvement in the game continues to grow with the establishing of the Under 15 female competition a highlight. We also welcomed the Bidgee Bulls this year to the competition and whilst logistically difficult, they provided another strong test for the local clubs as well as Harden. Unfortunately, due to differing circumstances, the competition lost Goulburn, the Queanbeyan Kangaroos and the South Tuggeranong Knights. It will take time for the teams to settle with their player numbers and our constant recruitment needs to be focused on developing players and building depth of squads.

The Katrina Fanning Shield Grand Final was played at GIO Stadium between Yass and the Valley Dragons in a tight match taken out by Yass. There were two other female matches played at GIO this season and we thank the Raiders for their support of the program.



The CRRL continues to actively assist clubs in pursuing ground improvements and developments. There has been some terrific headway made this season and into the near future with a number of grounds either having new facilities, having some being constructed or about to commence construction. The Boorowa upgrade has transformed the Showground and allowed Boorowa to hold a successful carnival day in a Pre-season tournament. Crookwell's new change rooms are nearly completed and Binalong has had an upgrade. Bungendore's new dressing rooms will be ready for 2020 and Harden will shortly commence building a new pavilion at McLean Oval. Gunning is currently exploring its options.

In Canberra and Queanbeyan, the Higgins Oval revamp is progressing and the first two grounds at Taylor have come on line whilst the usage of Gungahlin Enclosed should lessen thus making for a better playing surface for the Bulls going forward. Boomanulla Oval has also been refurbished by the ACT Government and will provide a much-needed home

ground for the club. Yass's Walker Park has new lights and a new referee's room will be a welcome addition to the ground plus rugby league posts will replace the old "gridiron" style posts that have given the ground a unique quality. Other grounds such as Phillip District, Wright Park, Freebody Oval are having exploratory discussions and a new training facility is being pursued for Tuggeranong. A new synthetic facility of two ovals is being developed at Stromlo as well.

Finally, James Eastes from the NRL has conducted an audit of all the grounds around Canberra and the NRL is looking to establish a facilities leveraging fund for the game into the future. This may be available to clubs to help make contributions to leveraging government grants for future developments. The CRRL has made representations to the ACT Government Sportsgrounds to try and have the March renovation period staggered to assist clubs with their pre-season training.

The issues around concussion will continue to dominate much of the discussion around player welfare and will be a significant challenge to the game. That is why the CRRL is engaging with the trainers directly and we need all clubs to ensure that they, and their coaches follow best practice in this area. We all understand the nature of the game we are involved in but we need to take all steps to mitigate against harm for our players as much as possible. The League has already received a letter from the Sports Minister highlighting the issue so we know that the society is watching what we do. The CRRL staff have met with their Brumbies and ACT Rugby Union equivalents and will enact an MOU for information sharing across the codes where young players could be at risk.

The reporting of injuries at all levels must be a priority as the effects of concussion will be a long-term issue and the more documentation we have recorded and stored, the more we can insulate the game but also reflects that we have done everything possible to mitigate against the harshest outcomes.

Our thanks again go to the trainers of the clubs and we look forward to continuing to work with you all in providing a safe game environment for our athletes.

Bar TV continued our coverage of the live streaming of our Match of the Round and putting together the highlights packages. The numbers in these areas remain strong and the innovation of the live links was greatly appreciated by all in the rugby league community with access to matches, highlights and analysis readily available. Our thanks to our three commentators who do a fantastic job in covering our matches; Chris Coleman, Chris O'Brien and Sunny Singh. Thank you for your contribution to our game. Another group to thank is the Player of the Match awards by Goodyear Autocare Phillip sponsored by Actew AGL and we are grateful for their support.

The CRRL would also like to acknowledge our media partners for their consistent coverage of rugby league. Channel 9, WIN TV, The Canberra Times, Queanbeyan Age, Riot ACT, ABC Radio and 2CC continue to engage with the CRRL and actively promote our game. Their relationship with CRRL Media Manager, Jon Kroiter, is exceptionally positive and the coverage greatly appreciated.

The website continues to grow in hits and content which is attracting ever more followers. This year we added podcasts to our media repertoire and I enjoyed the ability of being able to take questions on Facebook and respond to them through the podcast. Next season I am looking to do more “town hall style” engagements to let parents and supporters ask questions about what is happening in rugby league locally. The CRRL continued to be the leader in digital engagements of all sports in Canberra in the winter space. A terrific achievement by Jon Kroiter and the Raiders media team who also support our local game.

I will refer you to the Referees’ Report by Chris Nightingale in this publication who provides the detail of many of the outstanding achievements from our referees this season. From the administration side of things, I must thank Chris Nightingale, Mark Ryan and Jo West for their work in training and appointing the referees on a weekly basis across some 180 matches on any weekend. This is a major task and I also wish to acknowledge the number of referees who do multiple days and multiple grounds to ensure as close to a full coverage as possible.

An interesting development this year occurred with the North Canberra Bears senior club. Apart from opening their own bistro/club premises they have taken on a Touch Football club into their overall club. This led to an expansion of the Touch Football club from three to seven teams with further growth potential being explored. This may be a model for all clubs to take on a Touch Football club for summer with a sub-committee to administer to drive growth both through playing number but commercial growth as well.

Although the Monaro Under 23s fell at the final hurdle against an impressive Illawarra outfit, the team and the program now has an enviable reputation. A premiership and twice runners up in the last three years shows the strength of the program and the players being produced. Justin Giteau in his first season as coach once again demonstrated his outstanding coaching talent in getting the team, at times depleted by injury, to perform as a very competitive unit. Congratulations to Josh Stuckey and Tyson Greenwood for their selection in the Country team.

The introduction of the women’s tackle team to the Country Championships was an impressive innovation by the CRL. John Hawke coached this team and they performed credibly with a win and a loss which saw them miss out of the semifinals on for and against.

The Women’s League tag unfortunately was advised rather late by the head body and with competition matches locked in there was little time to assemble a Monaro team. However, the team performed well at a one-day carnival and we would hope that the League tag carnival may be extended into the weekend and has a permanent place on the calendar so trialling and selections could be arranged well in advance.

The Chairman alluded to the challenges for our licenced clubs through the ACT Government changes to the Community Contributions scheme. However, the Raiders Group of clubs at Belconnen, the Mawson Club, Raiders Gungahlin, Raiders Weston and the Queanbeyan Leagues Club have again been great supporters of rugby league and I ask that all clubs support the Raiders Group who help in keeping costs down for our young athletes.

Our Indigenous Sports Grants program, in conjunction with the ACT Government, expanded this year with over 120 players applying for funding which is up from the 80 last year. This funding is for fees assistance to ensure that indigenous players have access to playing the game. The Sport for All program has also been supported by the CRRL.

In keeping with normal governance practice, the CRRL is undertaking to prepare a new strategic plan for the organisation concentrating on the opportunities to grow the game and both recruit new players and also retaining them. As mentioned previously, the more work all sports do in these areas the more the vital role of coaching becomes increasingly apparent. Good coaches inspire athletes where winning is a bonus to a great social interaction and being able to imitate their heroes and foster their love of the game. Whilst we need to keep producing wonderful young athletes to play our great game at the top level, the sport re-generates with those players who simply “love” playing the game. We want them inspired to stay playing the game, whether male or female, and to become long term club people, match officials, coaches, trainers and volunteers.

Once again, I would like to thank my wonderful team of Deb Ford, Jon Kroiter, Deb Charman and Wendy Bennett for all their hard work and dedication to making the competition as good as it can be. They are dedicated to their roles and also to the people and clubs they serve. There will be changes in the staff for the 2020 season. Wendy has more responsibilities at the NRL level and can no longer marry both jobs. We thank Wendy for her great depth of knowledge of the senior competition and her efficiency which is unparalleled. Jon Kroiter, whilst still involved in the CRRL media will move more towards the Raiders media and the CRRL will have a new person to join us.

With change comes great opportunity and the merger of the NSWRL and CRL offers some initial challenges but also potentially great opportunities for clubs and the competition with a closer working environment and more streamlined procedures. We look forward together to take advantages of these whilst getting through the initial stage of embedding a new technology system. I look forward to the future.

Mark Vergano  
CRRL General Manager



## 2019 CRRL Junior Competition Statistics

<b>Total Number of Clubs:</b>	15
<b>Total Number of Teams:</b>	252
<b>Total Number of Players:</b>	3675

<b>Competitions</b>	<b>2019 Teams</b>	<b>2019 Players</b>
Midgets	-	111
Mini (U6–U9)*	129	1464
Mod (U10–U12)	64	988
International (U13–U16)**	59	1112
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>252*</b>	<b>3675</b>

\*Numbers include the Goulburn Mini Competition, which was administered by CRRL, and run by Goulburn Stockmen Juniors but does not include Midgets.

\*\*Numbers include the 8 U17 Girls Teams in 2019 but do not include the Open Women participants.

<b>Breakdown</b>	<b>2019 Teams</b>	<b>2019 Players</b>
Midgets	-	111
Under 5	-	196
Under 6	32	262
Under 7	34	329
Under 8	33	348
Under 9	30	329
Under 10	20	348
Under 11	26	306
Under 12	18	334
Under 13	15	289
Under 14	12	285
Under 15	8	184
Under 15 Girls	7	62
Under 16	11	193
Under 18 Girls	6	104

The figures below have incorporated junior girls playing in the 2019 season. Breakdown of Girls playing throughout the age groups are:

<b>Breakdown</b>	<b>No. of Female Participants</b>
Midgets	10
Under 5	20
Under 6	17
Under 7	32
Under 8	14
Under 9	15
Under 10	19
Under 11	17
Under 12	14
Under 13	32
Under 14	52
Under 15	57
Under 16	51
Under 17	39
Under 18	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>408</b>

## McIntyre Medal

Goulburn Workers Bulldogs five-eighth Mitchell Cornish has won the 2019 Les McIntyre Medal for the Best & Fairest Player in the Blumers Lawyers Canberra Raiders Cup.

The 26 year-old returned to his junior club this season after spending the last two years with the Sydney Roosters and has been rewarded for a season which has seen Goulburn return to finals football for the first time since 2015.

Tuggeranong Bushrangers hooker Josh Mitchell led the leaderboard entering the final round but didn't poll any votes while Cornish was awarded all three.

In the Specsavers Katrina Fanning Shield, Yass Magpies halfback Hollie Massey was rewarded for an excellent season as she won the Maree Bush Medal by eight votes.

Elsewhere, Emma James from the Harden Hawkettes won an incredible third consecutive Best and Fairest Award in the George Tooke Shield Ladies League Tag.

Evan Bayliss won the Noel Bissett Trophy for Referee of the Year, while Valley Dragons junior Seb Kris won the Don Elphick Medal for his outstanding rookie season which saw him debut for the Canberra Raiders.



McIntyre Medal Winner: Mitch Cornish



Maree Bush Medal Winner: Hollie Massey

## Full List of Award Winners

### Blumers Lawyers Canberra Raiders Cup First Grade

Leading Try Scorer	Steven Cummins – 19 tries	Goulburn Workers Bulldogs
Leading Points Scorer	Chris Hart – 184 points	Goulburn Workers Bulldogs
Don Furer Senior Shield (Coach of the Year)	Jarrad Teka	Tuggeranong Bushrangers
Les McIntyre Medal (Best & Fairest)	Mitchell Cornish – 21 points	Goulburn Workers Bulldogs

### Blumers Lawyers Canberra Raiders Cup Reserve Grade

Leading Try Scorer	Dominic Stephens – 17 tries	Goulburn Workers Bulldogs
Leading Points Scorer	Jesse Lacey – 158 points	Goulburn Workers Bulldogs
Leedon Shield (Best & Fairest)	Chris Rawlinson – 20 points	Yass Magpies

### Blumers Lawyers Under 19s

Leading Try Scorer	Mathew Parsons – 13 tries	Queanbeyan Blues
Leading Points Scorer	Max Flack - 148 points	Goulburn Workers Bulldogs
David Sharpe (Best & Fairest)	Max Flack - 22 points	Goulburn Workers Bulldogs

### Specsavers CRC Ladies League Tag

Leading Try Scorer	Tijana Zdravevska – 17 tries	Yass Magpies
Leading Points Scorer	Sarah Carter – 84 points	West Belconnen Warriors
Coach of the Year	Matthew Worboys	Goulburn Workers Bulldogs
Best & Fairest	Sarah Carter – 21 points	West Belconnen Warriors

### Specsavers Katrina Fanning Shield

Leading Try Scorer	Madeline Burton – 15 tries	Boomanulla Buffaloes
Leading Points Scorer	Shannon Wright & Hollie Massey – 74 points	Yass Magpies
Graham Willard Shield (Coach of the Year)	Ric Emanuel & Mick Kociolek	Boomanulla Buffaloes
Maree Bush Medal (Best & Fairest)	Hollie Massey – 22 points	Yass Magpies

## Blumers Lawyers George Tooke Shield

Leading Try Scorer	Chris Thorley – 15 tries	North Canberra Bears
Leading Points Scorer	Zach Smith – 163 points	Bungendore Tigers
Coach of the Year	Andrew Burns & Alex Stewart	Boorowa Rovers
Gavin Miller Medal (Best & Fairest)	Chris Thorley – 26 points	North Canberra Bears

## Specsavers GTS Ladies League Tag

Leading Try Scorer	Georgia Smith – 33 tries	Harden Hawkettes
Leading Points Scorer	Emma James – 216 points	Harden Hawkettes
Coach of the Year	Craig Phillis	Binalong Jersey Girls
Best & Fairest	Emma James – 31 points	Harden Hawkettes

## Specsavers Under 18 Girls

Leading Try Scorer	Klaudia Osztrenkovic – 21 tries	Gungahlin Bulls
Leading Points Scorer	Krystal Blackwell & Klaudia Osztrenkovic – 84 points	Goulburn & Gungahlin Bulls
Best & Fairest	Krystyana Haridemos	Gungahlin Bulls



Best & Fairest Winners

## Others Awards

Noel Bissett Trophy (Outstanding Referee)	Evan Bayliss
Don Elphick Medal (Rookie of the Year)	Seb Kris
Hewson/Stonham Shield (Representative Player of the Year)	Josh Stuckey (Monaro U23's)
Canberra Raiders Cup Club Champions	Goulburn Workers Bulldogs
George Tooke Shield Club Champions	North Canberra Bears



## 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 Australian 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 Bluebags 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 coached NSW and Australia during a six year period.

## 2019 Competition Overview

### Blumers Lawyers Canberra Raiders Cup First Grade

Position	Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Bye	For	Against	Difference	Points
1	Queanbeyan Blues	18	11	3	2	2	508	328	180	28
2	Tuggeranong Bushrangers	18	11	4	1	2	422	348	74	27
3	Goulburn Workers Bulldogs	18	11	5	0	2	667	274	393	26
4	Queanbeyan Kangaroos	18	10	5	1	2	478	303	175	25
5	West Belconnen Warriors	18	9	7	0	2	455	340	115	22
6	Woden Valley Rams	18	7	9	0	2	319	393	-74	18
7	Belconnen United Sharks	18	6	10	0	2	339	420	-81	16
8	Gungahlin Bulls	18	3	13	0	2	230	662	-432	10
9	Yass Magpies	18	2	14	0	2	210	560	-350	8

Major Semifinal: Queanbeyan Blues 32 def. Tuggeranong Bushrangers 18  
 Minor Semifinal: Goulburn Workers Bulldogs 42 def. Queanbeyan Kangaroos 12  
 Preliminary Final: Goulburn Workers Bulldogs 42 def. Tuggeranong Bushrangers 4



Grand Final

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September, Seiffert Oval Queanbeyan

Referee: Andrew Wheeler | Touch Judges: Luke Barrow & James Gould

<b>Queanbeyan Blues</b>		<b>Goulburn Workers Bulldogs</b>
Parsons, Mathew	1	Cornish, Tyler
Fainifo, Francis	19/2	Cummins, Steve
Cole, Matthew	3	Hart, Christopher
Wheeler, Jake (c)	4/18	Rota, Dillon
Monaghan, Joel	20/5	Tauoqooqo, Laberato
Campese, Terry	6	Cornish, Mitchell
Williams, Jordan	7	Cornish, Nicholas
Colovatti, Jack	8	Brebner, Connor
Patch, Zachary	9	Aubusson, James
Woods, Aidan	10	Greenwood, Tyson
Cullen, Michael	11	Tittor, Iziah
Stuckey, Joshua	12	Worboys, Matthew
Taholo, Aisea	13	Dodson, Michael
Fetuani, Sateki	14	Gray, Jason
Williams, Jack	15	Martin, Matt
Hitchins, Joshua	16	Fonoti, Raiden
McLean, Steve	17	McCallum, Shane
	18	
	19	Robens. Aritaku
	20	Stephens, Dominic
Holland, Trent		
Taholo, Samiuela		
Terry Campese	Coach	Adam Kyle
Mal Deasey	Manager	John Payne

**Queanbeyan Blues 34** (Tries: M Parsons, J Wheeler, J Stuckey, A Taholo, Z Patch, J Hitchins; Goals: T Campese 5) def. **Goulburn Workers Bulldogs 14** (Tries: N Cornish, I Tittor, S Cummins; Goals: C Hart)

**Player of the Match:** Josh Stuckey – Queanbeyan Blues (Bradley Clyde Medal)

## Match Report: Blues Claim 2019 Premiership

The Queanbeyan Blues have won the Canberra Raiders Cup First Grade grand final after beating the Goulburn Workers Bulldogs 34-14 at Seiffert Oval on Sunday.

The tight first half quickly turned into a harsh defeat for the Bulldogs in the second half after the Blues packed on four tries to win their fourth title in six years.

The Queanbeyan Blues were the first to score for the game after hooker Zachary Patch busted his way to the line to score under the post.

Goulburn came back with a try of their own to even up the early score after a Chris Hart flick pass set up Nic Cornish under the post.

A tired Queanbeyan side spilled the ball in their own 20 which set up an open Steve Cummins try, giving the Bulldogs their second for the day.

Within two minutes, Queanbeyan evened up the score after Josh Hitchins found his way to the try line giving the Blues the lead back.

With 30 seconds to go in the half, Terry Campese widened the score with a successful penalty goal, the Blues head into the sheds with 14-10 lead over the Bulldogs.



Goulburn came out of the break with all the momentum after Iziah Tittor barreled his way over the Queanbeyan defence to score his first try for the day.

The Blues didn't stay down for long after Josh Stuckey pushed his way over the try line giving Queanbeyan the lead back.

The home side kept up the scoring in the second half after the Blues skipper Jake Wheeler caught the short drop-out and ran his way around the Goulburn defence to score the fourth try for Queanbeyan.

A line break from Queanbeyan with a kick back on the inside from Jack Williams perfectly set up fullback Matthew Parsons for the Blues fifth try.

Queanbeyan sealed the game and the title after the Blues went the full field and Aisea Taholo scored in the corner.



## Blumers Lawyers Canberra Raiders Cup Reserve Grade

Position	Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Bye	For	Against	Difference	Points
1	Queanbeyan Kangaroos	18	12	4	0	2	507	214	293	28
2	Goulburn Workers Bulldogs	18	12	4	0	2	480	270	210	28
3	Queanbeyan Blues	18	10	4	2	2	423	251	172	26
4	West Belconnen Warriors	18	11	5	0	2	426	306	120	26
5	Woden Valley Rams	18	8	7	1	2	388	326	62	21
6	Yass Magpies	18	8	7	1	2	352	332	20	21
7	Gungahlin Bulls	18	3	11	2	2	322	440	-118	11
8	Tuggeranong Bushrangers	18	2	12	2	2	266	471	-205	10
9	Belconnen United Sharks	18	2	14	0	2	158	712	-554	8

### Finals Series

Major Semifinal:	Queanbeyan Kangaroos	28	def.	Goulburn Workers Bulldogs	22
Minor Semifinal:	West Belconnen Warriors	28	def.	Queanbeyan Blues	4
Preliminary Final:	West Belconnen Warriors	30	def.	Goulburn Workers Bulldogs	16



## Grand Final

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September, Seiffert Oval Queanbeyan

Referee: Andrew Nightingale | Touch Judges: Luke Barrow & Fatu Aiono-Fatu

<b>Queanbeyan Kangaroos</b>		<b>West Belconnen Warriors</b>
Grant, Nicolas	1	Graham, Bayley (c)
Tuckwell, Ryan	2	McFarlane, Beau
Robinson, Travis	3	O'Brien, Max
Sullivan, Mitchell	4	Tuionetoa, Leo
Murray. Reeion	5	Bethke, Thomas
Jones, Luke	6	Brown, Harry
Macey, Jordan (c)	7	Keeley, Lachlan
Dunn, Steven	8	Hill, Luc
Elton. Rhys	9	Graham, Jacob
Noble, Zachary	10	Sloman, Timothy
Turnbull, Jason	11	Gardner, James
Latu, Simone	12	Kalolo, Destiny
Latu, Jonah	13	Dorahy, James
Sauer, Charles	14	Lang, Harrison
Smallwood, Phillip	15	Adams, Zachary
Marmont, Luke	16	Flood, Benjamin
Sullivan, Zac	17	Dojchinov, John
Eljuga, Tomislav	18	Saipani, Jarnah
Barrett, Carson	19	Paton, Tom
Bakker, Aaron	20	Du Plessis, Johannes
	22	Robinson, Kurtis
Jones, Ryan		
Vause, Patrick		
Watt, Daniel		
Williams, Thomas		
Jordan Macey	Coach	Adrian Grayson & James Dorahy
Peter Sullivan	Manager	Kalon Barnes

**West Belconnen Warriors 20** (Tries: B Graham 2, B McFarlane, J Gardner; Goals: B Graham 2) def.

**Queanbeyan Kangaroos 16** (Tries: J Macey, M Sullivan, T Robinson; Goals: R Elton 2)

**Players of the Match:** Bayley Graham – West Belconnen Warriors (Doug McRitchie Medal)

## Blumers Lawyers Under 19s

Position	Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Bye	For	Against	Difference	Points
1	Queanbeyan Blues	17	11	1	1	4	520	118	402	31
2	Goulburn Workers Bulldogs	17	11	1	1	4	462	74	388	31
3	Woden Valley Rams	17	10	3	0	4	444	132	312	28
4	Yass Magpies	17	5	7	1	4	162	304	-142	19
5	Tuggeranong Bushrangers	17	3	9	1	4	192	366	-174	15
6	North Canberra Bears	17	3	9	1	4	162	424	-262	15
7	Crookwell Green Devils	17	1	11	1	4	108	500	-392	11
8	Harden Boorowa	10	2	5	0	3	96	228	-132	0

### Finals Series

#### Division One

Major Semifinal:	Queanbeyan Blues	22	def.	Goulburn Workers Bulldogs	6
Minor Semifinal:	Woden Valley Rams	42	def.	Yass Magpies	8
Preliminary Final:	Goulburn Workers Bulldogs	22	def.	Woden Valley Rams	18

#### Division Two

Major Semifinal:	Tuggeranong Bushrangers	18	def.	Yass Magpies	12
Minor Semifinal:	North Canberra Bears	30	def.	Crookwell Green Devils	14
Preliminary Final:	North Canberra Bears	22	def.	Yass Magpies	18



Grand Final – Division One

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September, Seiffert Oval Queanbeyan

Referee: Elijah Fernance | Touch Judges: Angus Blackman & Jack Black

<b>Queanbeyan Blues</b>		<b>Goulburn Workers Bulldogs</b>
Bradley, Linkin	1	Flack, Max
Naidu, Ashton	2	Tozer, Kody
Hitchins, Jarrod	3	O'Connor, Cooper
Barlow, Adam	4	Boyt, Brayden
Pehara, Earldric	5	Dial, Logan
Bradley, Hayden	6	Sasse, Jake
Williams, Connor	7	Douglass, Nicholas
Buckley, Bradley (c)	8	Eaton, Joshua
Woods, Sam	9	Marshall, Angus
Longhurst, Ryan	10	Lanham, Bailey
Delamere, Willie	11	Lanham, Isaac
Atonio, James	12	Peppernell, Jack
Tuifelasai, Soonafai	13	Greenwood, Lachlan (c)
Bradley, Jamie	14	Brown, Dylan
Williams, Jack	15	Moss, Christian
Pulvera, Jozhua	16	Greenwood, Liam
Morrison, Michael	17	Wood, Matthew
	18	Kristan, Harry
	19	Croker, Thomas
	20	Atkinson, Mitchell
	21	Klower, Dane
	22	Waters, Jacob
Neil Bijorac	Coach	Adam McLaurie
Taylor Thorpe	Manager	John Payne

**Queanbeyan Blues 26** (Tries: A Barlow 2, A Naidu, L Bardley, W Delamere; Goals: A Naidu 3) d  
**Goulburn Workers Bulldogs 10** (Tries: K Tozer 2; Goal: M Flack)

**Player of the Match:** Linkin Bradley – Queanbeyan Blues (Glenn Lazarus Medal)

Grand Final – Division Two

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September, Jamison Oval

Referee: Christopher Davis | Touch Judges: Liam Richardson & Michael Bayley

<b>Tuggeranong Bushrangers</b>		<b>North Canberra Bears</b>
Dalton, David	1	Matot, Ngor
Pope, Logan	2	Grainger, Dean
Fitzgerald, Connor	3	Zec, Mladen
Hazell, Reece	4	Lynch, David
Rhodes, Mitchell	5	Schoevers, Trent
Owen, Jackson	6	Chambers, Ryan
Cummings, Lachlan	7	Morschel, Blake
West, Bowen	8	Yves, Joshua
Newsome, Jayden	9	Hogan, Benjamin (c)
Lisson, Brodie	10	Skinner, Jarod
Peck, Nathan (c)	11	Towell, Dylan
Arranz, Jake	12	Morschel, Joshua
Tape, Josh	13	Flannery, Riley
Haywood-Whiley, Julian	14	Fretwell, Jack
Sikoulabout, Ling	15	Compton, Jacob
Po Dan, Saw	16	Dickason, Zachary
Buckle, Luke	17	Barry, Jordan
	18	Bessey, Stephen
Cameron, Nick	19	Kamara, Lamin
Beazley, Sha-Wha	20	Best, Cameron
		Priestly, Tyson
Michael Brophy	Coach	Leon Gray
Damien Cummings	Manager	William Curtis

**Tuggeranong Bushrangers 15** (Tries: M Rhodes 2, J Haywood-Whiley; Goal: J Owen; Field Goal: J Owen)  
def. **North Canberra Bears 12** (Tries: B Hogan. M Zec; Goals: B Morschel 2)

**Player of the Match:** Jake Arranz – Tuggeranong Bushrangers (Morgan/Quinn Medal)

## Specsavers CRC Ladies League Tag

Position	Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Bye	For	Against	Difference	Points
1	West Belconnen Warriors	18	13	1	0	4	332	100	232	34
2	Goulburn Workers Bulldogs	18	12	2	0	4	266	108	158	32
3	Yass Magpies	18	9	5	0	4	266	146	120	24
4	Gungahlin Bulls	18	7	6	1	4	220	148	72	23
5	Queanbeyan Blues	18	6	7	1	4	188	186	2	21
6	Belconnen United Sharks	18	4	9	1	4	116	264	-148	17
7	Woden Valley Rams	18	3	10	1	4	112	192	-80	15
8	Tuggeranong Bushrangers	18	0	14	0	4	44	400	-356	8

### Finals Series

Major Semifinal: West Belconnen Warriors 32 def. Goulburn Workers Bulldogs 0  
 Minor Semifinal: Gungahlin Bulls 12 def. Yass Magpies 10  
 Preliminary Final: Goulburn Workers Bulldogs 12 def. Gungahlin Bulls 6





Grand Final

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, Seiffert Oval Queanbeyan

Referee: Gage Miles | Touch Judges: Katherine Nightingale & Jack Black

<b>West Belconnen Warriors</b>		<b>Goulburn Workers Bulldogs</b>
Carter, Sarah (c)	1	
Slater, Katie	2	Thompson, Kate
Lang, Sara	3	Gould, Ashlee
Kapea, Kahurangi	4	Godkin, Laura
Stewart, Georgia	5	Naughton, Monique
Sliwinski, Elana	6	Hately, Claire
Watt, Courtney	7	Gann, Kayla
Tredgold, Georgia	8	Croker, Josie
Coker, Krystal	9	Marshall, Grace
Terry, Meg	10	Day, Ellen
Goss, Jessica	11	Antony, Jessica (c)
Hardie, Gabriella	12	Kent, Annie
Fleming, Renee	13	Brimmer, Brittany
Kapea, Keesha	14	Hazelton, Elly
	15	
Leach, Ashleigh	16	
Meredith-Brown, Kiara	17	Reid, Cassie
Manenica, Klara	18	Dodds, Mackenzie
	19	Economos, Samantha
	24	Day, Amy
	25	Eisenhuth, Clare
Darren Tredgold	Coach	Matt Worboys
Kellie Lang	Manager	Rachel Woodman

**West Belconnen Warriors 8** (Tries: C Watt, J Goss) d **Goulburn Workers Bulldogs 4** (Try: A Day)

**Player of the Match:** Krystal Coker - West Belconnen Warriors

## Blumers Lawyers George Tooke Shield

Position	Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Bye	For	Against	Difference	Points
1	North Canberra Bears	18	14	2	0	2	498	150	348	32
2	Bungendore Tigers	18	13	3	0	2	495	218	277	30
3	Harden Hawks	18	10	6	0	2	490	241	249	24
4	Boorowa Rovers	18	10	6	0	2	366	265	101	24
5	Crookwell Green Devils	18	9	7	0	2	432	244	188	22
6	Binalong Brahmans	18	9	7	0	2	343	289	54	22
7	Boomanulla Raiders	18	4	12	0	2	220	566	-346	12
8	UC Grizzlies	18	2	14	0	2	205	469	-264	8
9	Gunning Roos	18	1	15	0	2	83	690	-607	6

### Finals Series

Qualifying Final:	Bungendore Tigers	23	def.	Harden Hawks	6
Elimination Final:	Crookwell Green Devils	48	def.	Boorowa Rovers	12
Major Semifinal:	North Canberra Bears	22	def.	Bungendore Tigers	4
Minor Semifinal:	Crookwell Green Devils	26	def.	Harden Hawks	12
Preliminary Final:	Crookwell Green Devils	28	def.	Bungendore Tigers	10



Grand Final

Saturday 14th September, Jamison Oval

Referee: Garth Widdowson | Touch Judges: Jake McCook & Aidan Richardson

<b>North Canberra Bears</b>		<b>Crookwell Green Devils</b>
Thorley, Christopher (c)	1	Dawson, Charles
Brown, Trent	2	Walker, Isaac
Bink, Jacob	3	Cummins, Ben
Timbery-Thornton, Malcolm	4	Keller, Tyler
Page, Matthew	5	Plumb, Jake
Holgate, Daniel	6	Cummins, Joshua
Dunn, Peter	7	McGeechan, Charles
Holton, Lachlan	8	Aramoana, Dion
Quzag, Hamza	9	Picker, Benjamin (c)
Thompson, Bradley	10	Boothman, Jamie
Sanz, Jake	11	Weir, James
Jones, Anthony	12	Eddy, Jayden
Vickers, Dale	13	Cummins, Joseph
Reardon, Troy	14	Evans, Adam
Solomons, Joshua	15	McDonald, Dallas
Pollack, Craig	16	Selmes, Kurt
Brown, Kenny	17	Leonard, Andy
Dorrington, Jared	18	Davis, Kayne
Capello, Bradley	19	Croker, Lester
Sione, Tione	20	Hand, Thomas
	23	Dawson, Jack
Burnham, Mathew		Aramoana, Jayden
Brian Hogan	Coach	Simon Smith
Gudrun Porreca	Manager	Darnell Rowles

**North Canberra Bears 24** (Tries: M Timbery-Thornton 2, T Brown 2, K Brown; Goals: C Thorley 2) d **Crookwell Green Devils 16** (Tries: D Aramoana, J Weir, B Cummins; Goals: D Aramoana, I Walker)

**Player of the Match:** Dion Aramoana– Crookwell Green Devils (Gary Marmont Medal)

## Match Report: North Canberra Bears win George Tooke Shield

The North Canberra Bears have won the George Tooke Grand Final after defeating the Crookwell Green Devils 24-16 at Jamison Oval on Saturday.

A close first half turned harsh for Crookwell as doubles to Malcolm Timbery-Thornton and Trent Brown sealed the title for North Canberra.

The Green Devils got off to an early start with a try to Ben Cummins to give Crookwell a great start.

Crookwell's lead did not last long after Malcolm Timbery-Thornton jumped on the Chris Thorley grubber to score the Bears their first try.



The Green Devils took the lead back after second-rower James Weir barrelled his way over the Bears defence to score the try.

A back and forth game between the two teams was changed after winger Trent Brown scored for North Canberra off another Thorley grubber.

Just before the halftime siren Kenny Brown dove into the corner to score the try, as the Bears went into the sheds with a 14-10 lead over the Green Devils.

The Bears came out of the sheds hard and fast with a try within five minutes of the second half after Timbery-Thornton pushed his way over the try line to score his second for the day.

With North Canberra on the back of their heels defensively, Trent Brown intercepted the ball and ran the length of the field to score his second try.

Crookwell looked defeated but a bounce back try to Dion Aramoana closed the deficit to eight points. But it wasn't enough as North Canberra held on defensively to seal the game for them.

## Specsavers GTS Ladies League Tag

Position	Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Bye	For	Against	Difference	Points
1	Harden Hawkettes	18	14	0	0	4	632	12	620	36
2	Crookwell She Devils	18	11	3	0	4	326	114	212	30
3	North Canberra Bears	18	9	4	1	4	188	120	68	27
4	Bungendore Tigerettes	18	7	7	0	4	234	222	12	22
5	UC Grizzlies	18	5	8	1	4	150	270	-120	19
6	Boorowa Roverettes	18	4	9	1	4	174	326	-152	17
7	Binalong Jersey Girls	18	2	11	1	4	82	330	-248	13
8	Gunning Rooettes	18	1	11	2	4	68	460	-392	12

### Finals Series

Qualifying Final:	Crookwell She Devils	10	def.	North Canberra Bears	6
Elimination Final:	Bungendore Tigerettes	16	def.	UC Grizzlies	14
Major Semifinal:	Harden Hawkettes	26	def.	Crookwell She Devils	4
Minor Semifinal:	Bungendore Tigerettes	14	def.	North Canberra Bears	6
Preliminary Final:	Crookwell She Devils	10	def.	Bungendore Tigerettes	2



## Grand Final

Saturday 14th September, Jamison Oval

Referee: Aidan Richardson | Touch Judges: Liam Richardson & Michael Bayley

<b>Harden Hawkettes</b>		<b>Crookwell She Devils</b>
Smith, Grace	1	Chudleigh, Heidi
Boxsell, Erin	2	
Smith, Claire	3	Selmes, Emily
Smith, Georgia	4	Smith, Grace
Wade, Abbey	5	Picker, Annika
James, Emma (c)	6	Boothman, Rebecca (c)
Doolan, Jessica	7	Croker, Annie
Doolan, Samantha	8	Fletcher, Laura
Menz, Kate	9	Langford-Lenane, Tatum
McGrath-West, Tara	10	
	11	
Ebbott, Caitlin	12	McGeechan, Ellie
	13	Langford-Lenane, Danica
	14	Della, Jayde
Douglass, Maddison	15	Crain, Belinda
Doolan, Olivia	16	Chudleigh, Hunter
Butt, Georgie	17	Plumb, Hayley
Minehan, Marylouise	18	Broadbridge, Ashley
Butt, Katie	19	
	20	
Minehan, Bridie	23	
Jason Pollard	Coach	Chris Chudleigh & Patrick Lenane
Maryanne Fitzgerald	Manager	Wendy Lenane

**Harden Hawkettes 34** (Tries: Georgia Smith 2, Grace Smith 1, C Smith, M Douglass, E Boxsell; Goals: E James 5) d **Crookwell She Devils 6** (Try: G Smith; Goal: A Picker)

**Player of the Match:** Emma James – Harden Hawkettes



## Specsavers Katrina Fanning Shield

Position	Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Bye	For	Against	Difference	Points
1	Yass Magpies	13	11	0	0	2	396	52	344	26
2	Valley Dragons Womens	13	8	3	0	2	277	132	145	20
3	Queanbeyan Blues	13	7	4	0	2	390	130	260	18
4	Boomanulla Buffaloes	13	6	5	0	2	383	174	209	16
5	Bidgee Bulls	13	5	6	0	2	237	258	-21	14
6	Harden Hawks	14	2	10	0	1	98	516	-418	6
7	South Tuggeranong Knights	13	0	11	0	2	10	529	-519	4

## Finals Series

Major Semifinal:	Yass Magpies	42	def.	Valley Dragons	6
Minor Semifinal:	Queanbeyan Blues	12	def.	Boomanulla Buffaloes	10
Preliminary Final:	Valley Dragons	26	def.	Queanbeyan Blues	10



Grand Final

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September, GIO Stadium

Referee: Angus Blackman | Touch Judges: David Charman & Jessica Charman

<b>Yass Magpies</b>		<b>Valley Dragons</b>
Prosser, Lucy	1	Blowes, Elissa
Wright, Taylah	2	Madrid, Emily
Alley, Victoria	3	Braithwaite, Maddison
Cooke, Jenna	4	Fazey-Robinson, Caitlin
Huey, Kristy	5	
Winbank, Eilish	6	Ingram, Ahlivia
Massey, Hollie	7	Cowan, Alicia
Pasparne, Nicole	8	Ernst, Emily
Wright, Shannon	9	Podmore, Zoe (c)
Banks, Emily	10	Ngan-Woo, Nirvana
Afele, Samara (c)	11	Papalii, Crystal
Murphy, Jacinta	12	
Frost, Taylah	13	Phonsaya, Nirada
Davis, Gabbie	14	
Walls, Kylie	15	Palmer, Ashley
Suckling, Gabrielle	16	Smith, Chloe
Peace, Tessa	17	Aumale, Rosaline
Atallah, Farah	18	
Davis, Logan	19	Lodding, Katie
White, Jessica	20	
	21	Samoa, Livinia
	24	Marshall, Grade
Josh Hardy	Coach	Vili Ngan-Woo
Jacoba Wright	Manager	Melanie Pfeiffer

**Yass Magpies 18** (Tries: H Massey, G Suckling, J Cooke; Goals: S Wright 2, H Massey) d

**Valley Dragons 8** (Tries: A Ingram, C Papalii)

**Player of the Match:** Nirvana Ngan-Woo – Valley Dragons (Cath Welch Medal)

## Match Report: Yass Claim Maiden Premiership

The Yass Magpies have won the Katrina Fanning Shield Grand Final after defeating the Valley Dragon Womens 18-8 at GIO Stadium on Saturday.

A dominant Crystal Papalii and Dragons attack weren't enough for the girls in red and white as Yass were able to hold on defensively to win their first title since the competition was introduced in 2017.

Both teams looked nervous to start the game, with both sides coming up with multiple errors in the first half.

Throughout the half, Valley Dragons' Crystal Papalii showed off her tackling ability with big hits forcing Yass to stay away from her side of the field.

After 29 mins of both teams being scoreless, Gabrielle Suckling busted through the Dragons defensive line giving the Magpies the first points of the day.



Both teams head into the sheds at halftime with Yass leading 6-0 over the Valley Dragons.

The Magpies continued the scoring straight out of the break with Hollie Massey breezing her way to the try line untouched to score the second try for Yass.

The Valley Dragons scored their first try for the match after the ball went through the hands to the left side to allow Crystal Papalii to barrel over the line.

With ten minutes to go, Jenna Cooke sealed the deal for Yass after a perfect ball from Eilish Winbank set the centre up for their third try.

A consolation try in the final minutes of the game for the Dragons after Ahlivia Ingram found her way to the line.



## Club Championships

### Blumers Lawyers Canberra Raiders Cup

<b>Club Championship</b>	<b>L Tag x 1.5</b>	<b>U19s x 2</b>	<b>Res x 3</b>	<b>Firsts x 4</b>	<b>Total</b>
Goulburn Workers Bulldogs	48	62	84	104	<b>298</b>
Queanbeyan Blues	31.5	62	78	112	<b>283.5</b>
West Belconnen Warriors	51	-	78	88	<b>217</b>
Woden Valley Rams	22.5	56	63	72	<b>213.5</b>
Queanbeyan Kangaroos	-	-	84	100	<b>184</b>
Tuggeranong Bushrangers	12	30	30	108	<b>180</b>
Yass Magpies	36	38	63	32	<b>169</b>
Belconnen United Sharks	25.5	-	24	64	<b>113.5</b>
Gungahlin Bulls	34	-	34	40	<b>110</b>

### Blumers Lawyers George Tooke Shield

<b>Club Championship</b>	<b>U19s x 2</b>	<b>L Tag x 3</b>	<b>Tooke x 4</b>	<b>Total</b>
North Canberra Bears	30	81	128	<b>239</b>
Harden Hawks	-	108	96	<b>204</b>
Crookwell Green Devils	22	90	88	<b>200</b>
Bungendore Tigers	-	66	120	<b>186</b>
Boorowa Rovers	-	51	96	<b>147</b>
Binalong Brahmans	-	39	88	<b>127</b>
UC Grizzlies	-	57	32	<b>89</b>
Gunning Roos	-	36	24	<b>60</b>
Boomanulla Raiders	-	-	48	<b>48</b>

## Junior Grand Finals

2019 Junior League Finals Club Representations (including playoffs)

CLUB	TEAMS
Belconnen United Sharks	11z3, 11z1, 12z3, 13z1, 15z1
Bungendore Tigers	10z3, 12z3,
Cooma Colts	14z1, 15 girls
Crookwell Green Devils	
Goulburn Stockmen	10z1, 11z2, 11z1, 12z2, 12z1, 13z1, 14z1, 15z1, 16z1, 18 girls
Gungahlin Bulls	10z3, 10z2, 11z2, 12z1, 15z2, 15z1, 16z1, 18 girls
Harden/Boorowa	16z2
North Canberra Bears	
Queanbeyan Kangaroos	10z3, 11z3, 12z3, 15 girls
Queanbeyan United	10z1, 11z3, 11z1, 12z2, 13z1, 14z2, 15z1, 16z2
South Tuggeranong Knights	12z2, 13z2
Tuggeranong Buffaloes	10z2, 11z1, 12z3, 14z1, 15z2, 18 girls
Valley Dragons	10z3, 10z1, 13z1, 14z2, 16z1
West Belconnen Warriors	10z2, 11z2, 12z2, 12z1, 12z1, 13z2, 14z2, 15z2, 16z2, 16z1
Woden Weston Rams	10z1, 13z2, 14z1, 15z2, 15 girls, 16z2
Yass Magpies	10z2, 11z3, 11z2, 13z2, 14z2, 15 girls, 18 girls

## Grand Final Results

### Under 10 Division Three

Queanbeyan Kangaroos White 40 d Valley Dragons White 22  
Player of the Match: Kristan Robertson (Queanbeyan Kangaroos White)

### Under 10 Division Two

Gungahlin Bulls Black 28 d Tuggeranong Buffaloes 22  
Player of the Match: Aaron Baker (Gungahlin Bulls Black)

### Under 10 Division One

Woden Weston Blue 24 d Queanbeyan Blues Blue 22  
Player of the Match: Joshua Svager (Queanbeyan Blues Blue)

### Under 11 Division Three

Queanbeyan Blues White 34 d Yass Magpies White 18  
Player of the Match: Slater Hollis-Millwood (Queanbeyan Blues White)

### Under 11 Division Two

West Belconnen Green 36 d Yass Magpies Black 18  
Player of the Match: Jamal Nazir (West Belconnen Green)

### Under 11 Division One

Tuggeranong Buffaloes 18 d Belconnen United Sharks Black 12  
Player of the Match: Jackson Ward-Rowley (Tuggeranong Buffaloes)

### Under 12 Division Three

Bungendore Tigers 24 drew Belconnen Sharks 24  
Player of the Match: Kye Hinchcliffe (Bungendore Tigers)

### Under 12 Division Two

Queanbeyan Blues 24 d South Tuggeranong Knights 22  
Player of the Match: Sisifa Tofuaipangai (South Tuggeranong Knights)

### Under 12 Division One

Goulburn Stockmen 22 d Gungahlin Bulls Yellow 6  
Player of the Match: Riley McClelland (Goulburn Stockmen)



### Under 13 Division Two

South Tuggeranong Knights Blue 22 d Yass Magpies 8  
Player of the Match: Jack Gee (South Tuggeranong Knights Blue)

### Under 13 Division One

Goulburn Stockmen 28 d Valley Dragons 6  
Player of the Match: Archie Duncombe (Goulburn Stockmen)

### Under 14 Division Two

Queanbeyan Blues 22 d Yass Magpies 16  
Player of the Match: Blake Hovi (Queanbeyan Blues)

### Under 14 Division One

Woden Weston 16 d Tuggeranong Buffaloes 10  
Player of the Match: Taula Fagataele (Woden Weston)

### Under 15 Division Two

Woden Weston 30 d West Belconnen Blue 12  
Player of the Match: Ethan Lawrence (Woden Weston)

### Under 15 Division One

Goulburn Stockmen 22 d Gungahlin Bulls Yellow 10  
Player of the Match: Ayden Waters (Goulburn Stockmen)

### Under 16 Division Two

Queanbeyan Blues 28 d Harden Boorowa 26  
Player of the Match: Corey Black (Queanbeyan Blues)

### Under 16 Division One

Valley Dragons 42 d West Belconnen Gold 14  
Player of the Match: Jack McDougall (Valley Dragons)

### Under 15 Girls

Woden Weston 24 d Cooma Colts 0  
Player of the Match: Rylee Cousins-Foster (Woden Weston)

### Under 18 Girls

Gungahlin Bulls 44 d Goulburn Stockmen 12  
Player of the Match: Taysha-Lee Campbell (Gungahlin Bulls)

## Representative Football

### Monaro Colts

#### Under 23 Men's

After finishing as runners-up last season, the Monaro Colts proved why they were once again among the favourites for the competition with two wins in the pool stage. The Monaro side qualified for the final for the third consecutive season with a 33-6 win over the North Coast Bulldogs where they faced the Illawarra South Coast Dragons. Unfortunately, the Colts went down 42-12 in the final.

Josh Stuckey (Queanbeyan Blues) and Tyson Greenwood (Goulburn Workers Bulldogs) were both selected in the Country NSW Under 23 side to tour New Zealand.

#### Squad

Adam Lucas, Bayley Loughhead, Cody Hodge, Harry Van Dartel, Isaiah Latu, Jayden Pollard, Joel Ambrose, Josh Stuckey, Lachlan Cooper, Mathew Parsons, Matthew Scott, Michael Geiger, Nick Cornish, Nicholas Halalilo, Nukurua Ngere, Sione Afemui, Tautalanoa Vanisi, Tre Williams, Tyson Greenwood, Zac Patch



## Open Women's

The Monaro Colts were extremely competitive in the inaugural season of the Women's Country Championships. The Colts won their first match 30-6 against the Western Rams but a 26-12 loss to the Central Coast Roosters meant that the Colts missed out on finals on for and against.

### Squad

Shaenice Allan, Shannon Wright, Pearl Rakete, Emylee Hawke, Regan Hart, Tayla Stanford, Elly Hazleton, Katie Glover, Emma Bayley, Paremo Marsh, Eilish Winbank, Nirada Phonsaya, Samara Afele, Paris Robinson, Samantha Economos, Jasmine Tooth, Taylah Frost, Kasey Dragisic, Jess Howard, Hollie Massey, Ahlivia Ingram, Zoe Podmore, Nora Lal, Remi Wilton, Jennaya Ottaway



## Ladies League Tag

The Monaro Colts played in the Southern Pool of the League Tag Championships. The side played three matches but ultimately finished bottom of the pool despite a narrow 12-10 loss to Western Rams in their second match.

### Squad

Krystal Croker, Kody-Leigh Hirst, Sara Lang, Keesha Kapea, Ebony Pointon, Beth Christensen, Elana Sliwinski, Jacinta Dummett, Tamika Millard, Meg Terry, Courtney Watt, Jess Connolly, Emma White, Kiarna Mitchell



### Laurie Daley Cup (Under 18's)

The Monaro Colts started the season with a defeat but a resounding 52-0 win over the GSR Wests Tigers got their season back on track. A Round 3 draw against the Riverina kept the Colts in the mix for finals but a loss to the Western Rams saw their finals hopes dashed. Monaro managed to finish their season with a 32-16 win over the Penrith Panthers as they finished fourth in the Southern Pool.

Linkin Bradley (Queanbeyan Blues) and Jack Pepernell (Goulburn Stockmen) were both selected in the Country NSW Under 18 side to tour the United Kingdom.

#### Squad

Adam Barlow, Ashton Naidu, Blake Watson, Brad Buckley, Connor Williams, Earldric Pehara, Fred Griffiths, Hayden Bradley, Jack Godfrey, Jack Grant, Jack Pepernell, Kane Smith, Liam Sweeney, Linkin Bradley, Menker Lowah, Neueli Mariner, Noah Saddler, Ryan Dodson, Ryan Longhurst, Tristan Eldridge, Willie Delamere, Zane Bijorac, Zane Thompson

### Andrew Johns Cup (Under 16's)

The Monaro Colts finished third in the Southern Pool as they narrowly missed a top two place and therefore missed out on a semi-final berth.

The Colts started the season with a 16-16 draw against the Illawarra South Coast Dragons before back to back wins against the GSR Wests Tigers and Riverina Bulls saw the Colts well placed on the ladder. However, the Colts finished with back to back losses.

Keegan Kenny (Gungahlin Bulls) was selected in the Country NSW Under 16 side to tour the United Kingdom.

#### Squad

Bradley Terry, Connor Harrison, Damien Chamberlain, Elia Georgievski, Jake Boland, Jackson Boyt, Jackson Gilbert, Jacob Leahey, Jacob Steen, Joshua Latham, Keegan Kenny, Kurt Zideluns, Lachlan Cossart – McGrath, Lachlan Turner, Mitchell Evans, Nicholas Navarro, Reagan Hurley, Sam Azzopardi, Ty Dowdle

### Canberra Raiders Junior Representatives

#### S.G. Ball Cup (Under 18's)

The Canberra Raiders S.G. Ball Cup side enjoyed a solid season as they finished sixth on the ladder in what proved to be an incredibly tight competition. The Raiders were only three points between the Sea Eagles who were minor premiers, after they won five games and lost three.

After reaching the finals, the Raiders defeated the Balmain Tigers 34-10 in the first week of

finals but were knocked out the following week at the hands of the Central Coast Roosters.

### Squad

James Atonion, Brad Buckley, Jacob Church, Jack Colovatti, Thomas Croker, Harry Fitzpatrick, Aidan Gaffey, Thomas Gaffey, Nic Hall, Manase Kaho, Livai Kaloutolu, Viliami Lotoaniu, Jacob Lucas, Bryce Magnone, Ata Mariota, Cooper O'Connor, Jackson Owen, Brayden Robertson, Simote Sitauti, Kane Smith, Manny Snooks, Mitchell Souter, Faelseu Taleo, Soonafai Tuifelasai, Junior Tupou, Clay Webb, Jack Williams, Jordan Williams

### Tarsha Gale Cup (Under 18 Girls)

The Canberra Raiders Tarsha Gale Cup side reached the finals in 2019 as they finished eighth. The Raiders won two games across the season as they defeated the Indigenous Academy and the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs.

However, the Raiders were knocked out in the first week of finals as they suffered a 48-6 loss to the Parramatta Eels.

### Squad

Tarnayar Hinch, Gabbie Davis, Ashley Carter, Taysha-Lee Campbell, Kystal Blackwell, Samantha Small, Tara McGrath-West, Krystyana Haridemos, Sydney Harrison, Geena Elliott, Zali Waihape, Klaudia Osztrenkovic, Samantha Clegg, Grace Martin, Vanessa Harris, Madyson Tooth, Shanae Pope, Carly Wilkin, Taylah Johnston, Jada Olsen-Flanagan, Courtney-Lee Picker

### Harold Matthews Cup (Under 16's)

The Canberra Raiders Harold Matthews Cup side missed out on the finals as the side claimed two wins across the campaign. The side claimed an 18-10 win over the Balmain Tigers in Round 2 and 16-14 win over the Western Suburb Magpies in Round 7.

### Squad

Henry Alesi, Michael, Asomua, Thomas Carey, Joseph Delle, James Dyball, Ethan Gilchrist, Joshua Hanlon, Liam Henry, Corey Herrington, Jack Hillier, Jerad Jang, Joshua Jenkins, Eneseli Kamuta, Tyrel Kimori-Edmund, Ashton Kolinisau, Jahream Lole-Ngarima, Alan Malibe, Taulauniuotagaloa Mariota, Nlake Metcalfe, Mitchell Prest, Kane Rushton, Matthew Stewart, Tristan Wheeler, David White, Kaden Williams, Jordan Wilson, Brodie Mirtschin, Watasoni Waqanisavari



## International Rugby League

### Tests

There was a good representation of CRRL players on the international scene as Queanbeyan Kangaroos playmaker Reece Robinson represented Lebanon and Belconnen United Sharks second-rower Sam Mataora represented the Cook Islands in the mid-year tests.

Valley Dragons junior Nick Cotric also capped off a stellar year with the Canberra Raiders as he made his State of Origin debut for NSW before representing Australia in the end of year tests.

### World Cup Nines



The inaugural World Cup Nines took place at Parramatta's Bankwest Stadium and once again there was good representation from CRRL participants. Travis and Reece Robinson were amongst the tournament's best performers as Lebanon claimed a memorable win over England.

Sam Mataora was chosen for the Cook Islands, while returning Queanbeyan Kangaroos winger Jedidiah Simbiken was selected for Papua New Guinea.





## Referee's Report

The local Canberra Region Rugby League competition continues to grow stronger each year. Despite pressure from other sports and the general downturn in participation rates, the local league sustained another small percentage growth on year to year participation.

This can be linked to the success of the Canberra Raiders NRL team and the promotion of Rugby League through schools and general media outlets by both local Clubs and the CRRL . A major growth area has been in the female participation area with a number of dedicated female competitions in operation – U15 Girls Tackle, U18 Girls Tackle, Open Women's Tackle and Ladies League Tag across all senior clubs.

This sustained growth must be replicated in the Recruitment & Retention of Match Officials. We have been extremely lucky to have organisations such as the Canberra Raiders and Canberra Region Rugby League actively assist in recruitment and provision of training facilities to our Association. Any incidents involving unsavoury conduct by players, officials or spectators was swiftly dealt with by the League. The working relationship between our Association and the League continues to be strong with the League always consulting our Association before changes are made to competition rules or judiciary/disciplinary procedures.

Season 2019 has been another bumper year in the Nation's Capital and while we were sad to see some of our members leave us, we were thrilled to gain a number of new members from QLD and NSW.

Special mention to Ben Seppala who this year represented the association as a member of the NSWRLRA Junior Rep squad and came tantalisingly close to a berth in the SG Ball/Harold Matthews Grand Final.

Credit must also be paid to Aidan & Liam Richardson along with Gage Miles who assisted at the 2019 U18 Schoolboy Nationals that were held in Canberra. This was a great chance for them to be exposed to a higher level of football and we look forward to them representing the Association on the higher stages in years to come. Aidan was also selected to attend the U12 National Schoolboys Championships in Queensland. A number of our members also participated at the NSWRL All Schools Carnival and NSWRL Katrina Fanning Cup.



Our Association again hosted two members from Cronulla for an Exchange weekend, with three of our members experiencing games at Cronulla. Those members who participated in the exchanges benefited from the experience of refereeing in another District. At different times during the season, members from Group 16 also officiated in games within Canberra to broaden their exposure and experience.

On a local level, things were very competitive and every official represented CDRLRA very well. Many look forward to this point of the year where they can relax a little before pre Season kicks off once again.

Finally, a big thank you to NSWRLRA who provided financial assistance throughout the year, and NRL arranging for Ben Cummins and Phil Henderson to run a Combined Training Session. This was very much appreciated.

Our Association looks forward to continuing our strong relationships in 2020, especially with the challenges to be presented in the amalgamation of NSW and Country Rugby League bodies.

Chris Nightingale  
Executive Officer  
Canberra District Rugby League Referees Association



# Canberra Region Rugby League

## Judiciary Report for 2019

The last year has gone quick and here we are reporting again and another season over. Our send-off numbers were same this year as last at 96 but unfortunately the number of disciplinary offences were up.

It is unfortunate despite all the warnings about the behaviour of Officials, coaches, managers, on field personnel and spectator, that there has been an increase in the number of incidents reported to CRRL.

The main area of concern was verbal abuse of each other and match officials. We all love this game, but we must control ourselves when attending games otherwise we will destroy this great game of Rugby League. It is difficult for the CRRL due to the limited resources that we have to be able to completely educate everyone of their responsibilities under NRL Code of Conduct, the rules and By Laws of the CRL, NSWRL and the CRRL and we would ask the clubs assistance in educating the parents, players, officials coaches managers and supporters by pointing them right direction to find out this information even if it a phone call to the league for help.

As for previous years Striking was the main reason for send offs with 43 charges for striking being issued this year. Contrary Conduct was the second 19 charges.

Two charges were withdrawn by the Match Review Co-ordinator and 15 charges were dismissed compared to 2 and 11 for last year.

I would like to thank everyone for the acceptance of the point-based system there have been some teething problems which have been sorted out. It was good to see that we were called upon by the CRL to assist with Group 9 and 16 judiciaries.

This has been my first year as Chairman of the CRRL and was always going to be my last year as the Match Review Co-ordinator after 20 years on Judiciary. It has been a great honour for me to be Chairman of the Judiciary for last 9 years and as a member of the judiciary prior.

I would like to thank all members who have served with me on the judiciary over the last 20 years and to my current members John Cooper, Danny Roper, Geoff Milczuk, Johnathon Hanton, Bill Logan, Geoff Besgrove, John Tucker, Tony Rayner, Phil Stuart and Maree I thank you all for your assistance and help during the last 20 years.

I wish Glen Sergeant my predecessor all the best for his inaugural year. Glen comes with over 20 years' experience in Rugby League within the local competition and the ACT schoolboy's competition.

Yours in Rugby League

Gary Green JP

Match Review Co-ordinator

## ACT Schools Rugby League

2019 was a very successful year for the ACTSRL with the highlight being our hosting of this year's ASSRL Under 18 Championships. Of significance was the influx of volunteers our council has seen post championship's - most of them teachers. We as an organisation have struggled for many years to recruit new and younger members to the council and this has been a focus to ensure our future. We are currently in the process of integrating these new members into active and worthwhile roles to strengthen our support programs for students in the Australian Capital Territory.

Our girl's rugby league program has made great strides over the past 6 months led by an all female teaching staff. We had a team selected and ready to play. Unfortunately, other states could not organise their team, which was disappointing after all the hard work our officials and the team have put in to their preparation. We were able to organize a game for them against Mt Ridley High School from Victoria. The team was successful and won 22 to 4. All the students had a great time.



### Representative Sides

#### Under 15's

Although not a successful championships in terms of results, our team played well and was mostly competitive throughout. At this level lack of numbers and player size, compared to other states, is always a significant factor and our team performed well despite this disadvantage. Trials were relatively well attended with 75 students attending from which a squad of 26 was chosen, training twice per week up until the championships.

Travel and accommodation was satisfactory and generally met the team's requirements. Nutrition was a focus on tour with staff providing high quality meals and snacks for the players. Training and recovery were also thoughtfully planned, maintaining a high level of professionalism throughout the tour. This was due to the quality staff associated with this team.

Owen Hromow of St John Paul II College was named as the ACT most valuable player.

#### Under 18's

Our trials were held at the end of term one with attendee numbers down on previous years.

Our lead-in game against CHS proved valuable for both players and coaching staff. Performance was great at times, but critical lapses cost games. We were competitive in our pool. Some players were unwell with a cold for most of the week. Our last game was played with minimal substitutions, but all in all the team played well.

Player behaviour was impressive. Our team was cohesive but playing at home does not provide the same team building opportunities as being on tour. Players were very mindful of their health and performance. They were very polite and they represented the team well on and off the field. Overall our results did not reach our high expectations, but our performances were pleasing overall.

Tristan Eldridge of Erindale College was named as ACT most valuable player.

Major Competition Champions

#### College

College 9's – Erindale College  
John Allen Cup – Gungahlin College  
College Female League Tag – St. Francis Xavier College

#### High School

Summer 7's Year 9/10 Male – Lyneham High School  
Summer 7's Year 7/8 Male – Karabar High School, Queanbeyan  
Summer 7's Female – Calwell High School  
Alan Tongue Cup 9's Year 9/10 Male – St. Edmund's College, Canberra  
Alan Tongue Cup 9's Year 7/8 Male – Mulwaree High School, Goulburn  
Alan Tongue Cup 9's Female – Kingsford Smith School  
The Rauter Shield Year 7/8 Male – Mulwaree High School, Goulburn  
The Rauter Shield Year 7/8 Female – St. Mary Mackillop College  
Bradley Clyde Shield Year 9/10 Male – Mulwaree High School, Goulburn  
Bradley Clyde Shield Year 9/10 Female – Campbell High School

#### Primary School

Sullivan Shield – Kingsford Smith School

The ACTSRL Council works very closely with NRL Game Development Officers Aaron Peat and Shane Read. Both Aaron and Shane along with previous GDO Adam Kyle have done an outstanding job working with both staff and students in ACT schools.

In the past year they have organised and run a total of 17 programs throughout 2019, with 235 registered participants. This number will continue to climb before the end of the year as some of these programs are still open for registration and are yet to commence.

A teacher's coaching course is scheduled to run prior to the end of the year. This course will be TQI accredited. Four coaching courses ran which attracted over 150 junior league coaches. Nine Sports Trainer courses were also held which saw over 100 participants.

Lastly we would like to acknowledge the invaluable support of Don Furner CEO of the Canberra Raiders, Max Mercer Chairman of the Raiders Club, Allison Stanhope GM of the Mawson Club, Craig Potts GM of Raiders Belconnen and Mark Vergano from the CRRL.



## News

### Well Deserved Premier's Award for Hudson



Hudson Fogarty-Apps, a young man from Bungendore received a top honour for his autism awareness work across the Monaro and Canberra regions.

The Member for Monaro, John Barilaro, joined Hudson, his family, classmates, teachers, teammates, friends and mentors, including Ricky Stuart of the Canberra Raiders, to present Hudson with a Premier's Award in recognition of his work.

"I first met Hudson at Huddy Day a few months ago and learnt more about him when he spoke at the recent Bungendore Tigers' presentation evening," Mr Barilaro said. "To say his story was touching is an understatement.

"While Hudson doesn't search for recognition for his work, it was made clear that something needed to be done in order to formally thank him and recognise what a huge impact he has had, particularly at such a young age.

"It was great to cross the border this morning to join Hudson at St Edmund's College and remind him that his efforts are making a difference, and he is appreciated by so many people."

At just 14 years of age, Hudson Fogarty-Apps has already achieved so much in the space of autism awareness, particularly through rugby league. Hudson describes the footy field as a place where he is at peace, accepted and included.

Hudson set to work on raising Autism Awareness in Sport, developing Huddy Day, which sees many clubs purchase Huddy Day socks to raise money for the Ricky Stuart Foundation. The foundation works to create awareness and understanding of autism as well as provide support for families.

In his speech at the award presentation, Hudson Fogarty-Apps thanked the people who had supported him in one way or another, and those who he said had made him the person he is today.

Hudson said that he wants to raise awareness so that those with autism can be supported, included, accepted and treated as equals.

"We just see things differently and react differently in situations, we only have autism and if you learn to accept that and understand people with autism, I can assure you, you will have a loyal friend for life," Hudson said.

## Gary Green Appointed as Chairman

The Canberra District Rugby League have appointment Gary Green as the new Chairman of Canberra Region Rugby League.

Mr Green said that he was excited and thankful for the opportunity to help grow rugby league within the area.

“It’s an exciting time for rugby league with the Canberra Region and I’m very proud to have been appointed as Chairman,” Mr Green said. “I also look forward to working closely with the General Manager, Mark Vergano, and assisting him in his work.”

Gary Green has been involved with rugby league in the Canberra Region in a variety of roles over the course of the last four decades.

During his playing career, Mr Green played the majority of his career in the Sydney lower grades and second division but moved to Canberra and represented the Dinsdale Knights in the old Canberra Second Division. He also represented the NSW Police Rugby League side during his 10 years with the Police Force, spending five of those years as a Police Prosecutor.

At the conclusion of his playing days, Mr Green refereed in both Canberra and Canterbury between 1985 – 1990.



After spending time coaching junior rugby league, Mr Green has been on the CRRL Judiciary for the last 18 years and has been the Judiciary Chairman since 2010.

Mr Green replaces Noel Bissett who officially retired as CRRL Chairman at the conclusion of the 2018 Annual General Meeting.



## Katrina Fanning Named ACT Australian of the Year



The Canberra Raiders and Canberra Region Rugby League would like to congratulate Katrina Fanning, after she was named ACT Australian of the Year.

Raiders CEO Don Furner said the award highlighted Ms Fanning's wonderful work in a number of areas and the club was proud of her achievements.

"Katrina thoroughly deserves this award and the Raiders would like to congratulate her on this wonderful recognition for all of her hard work,"

Mr Furner said. "Her work in the Indigenous and rugby league communities is the reason our board pushed hard to have her join the club as a board member and we get to witness first-hand the work she is doing which is a huge asset for the Raiders organisation."

The NRL has also congratulated Australian Rugby League Indigenous Council Chairwoman, Katrina Fanning, who was named the 2020 ACT Australian of the Year overnight.

The announcement adds to an impressive list of accolades for Ms Fanning, which includes being named Canberra Woman of the Year and ACT NAIDOC Person of the Year in 2014, and elected to the Canberra Raiders board earlier this year.

Ms Fanning was also named as an ACT Australian of the Year Finalist in 2017 – with the eventual winning recipient being former Canberra Raiders captain, Alan Tongue.

NRL Chief Executive, Todd Greenberg said Ms Fanning had been a valued member of the rugby league community for many years – as one of the highest capped Jillaroos, a mentor to Indigenous All Stars players and now as leader of the game's Indigenous Council.

"Along the way, Katrina has championed gender equity and Indigenous development across communities and I know I'm one of many delighted to see this honour bestowed on her," Mr Greenberg added.

"This is another significant achievement for someone in our game that so many look up to as a role model and I congratulate Katrina and her inspiration and work that has led to this announcement."

The Australian of the Year Awards celebrate the achievements and contribution of Australians from all walks of life.

## CRRL & Raiders Nominated for CBR Sport Awards

The Canberra Raiders have received multiple nominations for the 2019 CBR Sport Awards.

Finalists for this year's awards were announced at an event at the Canberra Glassworks, with the Raiders and CRRL receiving multiple nominations.

The Raiders have been nominated for team of the year for their feats in reaching the 2019 NRL Grand Final, with Josh Papalii nominated as Male athlete of the year.

Sia Soliola is also a finalist in the People's Sporting Champion award category, with the SCORE Raiders program also receiving a nomination for the Inclusiveness award.

The finalists are represented across 14 different sports and demonstrate a great passion and drive for their sport. More importantly, the finalists have contributed significantly to Canberra's local sporting community and make a great impact, not just in Canberra, but nationally and internationally.

Each year, winners receive a unique handmade trophy made at the Canberra Glassworks by local glassmaker Annette Blair. Recognising that 2019 is the United Nations International Year of Indigenous Languages, the trophies will now include a recognition of Country in Ngunnawal language.

The winners in each category will be announced at the Gala event held at the National Arboretum on 29 November 2019.



## 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  
Tom Ebsworth

\* deceased